

CEMETERY REGULATIONS FOR HOLY CROSS PARISH OF WENDELIN, IL

To promote beauty, order and economy, we, the Pastoral Council of Holy Cross Parish, have established the following rules and regulations governing burials and maintenance in our church cemetery.

ARTICLE 1-POLICY

- A. The Pastoral Council shall appoint a cemetery committee consisting of the Pastor and three regular members.
- B. We shall abide by all civil, state, and diocesan regulations.
- C. The management of the cemetery, the reserving of grave sites, and the approval of headstones, etc., shall be conducted by the Pastor and/or the cemetery committee.

ARTICLE II-GRAVE SITES

- A. There will be a \$75.00/single or \$150.00/double (this will be updated before lots are sold on the east side of the road) charge for registered parish members to be buried in our parish cemetery.
- B. We will accept persons who have connections to our parish through birth or sacrament(s). The fee for such persons will be \$750.00 per gravesite, or \$1,500.00 for lot of (2) graves, payable at time of reservation, selection, or time of burial, whichever occurs first.
- C. When purchasing a grave site, you must designate the name of person to be buried in this space.
- D. All veteran memorial markers or ornaments shall be attached to headstones or in the row with headstones.

ARTICLE III-GRAVE SITE RESERVATIONS

- A. Grave sites may be reserved, and headstones placed before burial with the following stipulations:
 - a. Only two grave sites may be reserved per married couple or one grave site per single adult.
 - b. Grave sites must be next in line in the current burial area-there will be no picking certain areas for grave sites.
- B. Grave sites may be reserved by a person or married couple living outside of our parish but having connections to our parish through birth or sacrament(s) however, Section A of this Article will apply to any such reservations.
- C. Any grave sites previously purchased or reserved will continue to be reserved until the reservation is either cancelled by the primary person or the family. Cancellation

- would also occur if the person for whom it was purchased or reserved is buried elsewhere. At that time, the site would once again be available for general burial.
- D. No license, right or privilege of burial shall, in any manner, be assignable or transferable, in whole or in part without the written consent of the cemetery committee.

ARTICLE IV-DIGGING OF GRAVES

- A. The cemetery committee is to be contacted by the family concerning the burial site before digging any grave.
- B. The responsibility of paying for digging of the grave will be that of the person or persons authorizing it and will be payable to the funeral director in charge of the funeral arrangements, who will in turn pay the digging contractor.
- C. After a grave is dug, the area must be left in a manner agreeable to the cemetery committee.

ARTICLE V-VAULTS

- A. Full body burials must be made in concrete or metal vaults. Wooden boxes will not be permitted.

ARTICLE VI-GRAVE MARKERS

- A. The foundation for the headstone must be:
- a. Level with the ground
 - b. Extend six (6) inches beyond its outside edge on all sides.
 - c. Three (3) feet deep
- B. Headstones shall be:
- a. Maximum of 48 inches high. The overall height of the stone may be increased if a cross is added to the top of the stone.
 - b. Maximum of 48 inches long
 - c. Maximum of 18 inches in width
- C. A full vault length grave marker (a gray granite ledger stone) is not allowed.
- D. No unsightly statues or ornaments will be permitted.
- E. All veteran memorial markers or ornaments shall be attached to headstones or in the row with headstones.

ARTICLE VII-PLANTING AND UPKEEP

- A. No planting of trees or shrubs or flowers will be permitted. (See: "Seeding Grave Site" below)
- B. Seeding grave site-Family members should take care of new grave sites, filling in, leveling of ground, and plating of grass seed. Dirt is available at the outer edge of the cemetery by the south wooded area.

- C. All floral arrangements or other decorations must be placed on the headstone or on the base of the headstone. All "shepherd hooks" must be placed next to the foundation. No floral decorations are allowed on the ground due to their interference with mowing and maintenance. "Grave blankets" may only be placed on graves from December 15-February 1. Floral arrangements should be removed after a reasonable time. Faded and ragged artificial arrangements will be removed.
- D. It is highly recommended that anyone having a reservation or burial of family members donate annually to the Holy Cross Cemetery Fund for the upkeep of the premises.

ARTICLE VII-AUTHORIZATION

- A. Friends or relatives of the deceased have the right to appeal to the cemetery committee any of the existing rules with good cause.
- B. The cemetery committee is not liable for any vandalism or damage done to graves, markers or flowers in the cemetery.
- C. The cemetery committee has the right to change or amend any existing regulations.

ARTICLE IX-BURIAL OF NON-CATHOLICS

- A. When the deceased shall not be entitled to the rites of Christian burial, according to the discipline of the Roman Catholic Church, a simple interment will be allowed, provided that no religious ceremony foreign to the Catholic Church take place on the occasion within the precincts of said lot or of the cemetery. Also, no funeral which shall be accompanied by the members of any secret society wearing their regalia, or carrying banners, will be admitted to the cemetery.

ARTICLE X-DISINTERMENT

No disinterment shall be allowed without the written permit of the Holy Cross cemetery committee.

ARTICLE XI-EFFECTIVE DATE

- A. The above regulations become effective 10/20/2023.