

ST. MALACHY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
Information and Regulations

Burial Spaces

- Burial space in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery is sold for burial of human remains only.
- No grave, plot, lot or lots will be sold or held by a purchaser for resale.
- The Pastor or Parish Administrator of St. Malachy R.C. Church, Rantoul, IL and the Cemetery Commission shall set the price of lots.
- As of 2002, the cost per grave space in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery is \$500.00. Contact St. Malachy Parish Business Office.
- Grave openings are an additional cost and will be handled through the funeral home.
- Three (3) interments will be allowed in a grave: a casket and up to two (2) urns. An exception can be made for a newborn casket, which may be in the space between two headstones.
- An urn will contain the ashes of only one body.

Foundations

- A registered dealer of monuments or memorials must put in all foundations.
- No foundations will be placed after ground becomes frozen or until spring.
- Foundations must be filled entirely to ground level with concrete.

Headstones

- The site owner will bear the entire cost and responsibility of the headstone, placement (foundation and location), maintenance, and damage.
- Contractors for headstones, together with the lot owner who is having the headstone placed, will be held responsible for any damage done on the cemetery driveways, surrounding lots, and headstones.

- The parish office needs to be notified when there are alterations being made to the gravesite.
- St. Malachy Section (section A) and St. Patrick Section (section D) may have above the ground headstones.
- St. Anthony Section (section B) and Sacred Heart Section (section C) will have only flat headstones measuring no more than two feet long and one foot wide.
- A double headstone may be placed for two graves measuring no more than four feet long and one foot wide.

Decorations

- There should be no excessive decorating of the graves. Decorations will be discarded at the discretion of the caretaker on heavily decorated graves. Simplicity is best.
- After a reasonable length of time, a representative of the Pastor will remove all withered, dried or decomposed flowers, wreaths, and /or similar items that are unsightly or detrimental to the beauty of the cemetery.
- No corner posts, coping, fence, railing, curbing, steps, hedge, wood, iron, or other enclosure will be permitted.
- There will be no planting of trees, shrubs and other plants.
- Permanent above the ground objects will not be allowed.
- There should be no glass objects, statues, urns, candleholders, or vases on the lots.
- Temporary decorations, for example, following a funeral, will be removed within three (3) weeks or at the discretion of the caretaker. ***Holiday decorations are allowed on: Memorial Day Decorations from May 15th through June 15th; and Thanksgiving-Christmas Season Decorations from November 15th through February 15th.*** Following these dates posted in this brochure, decorations will be removed at the discretion of the caretaker.
- Flowers, decorations, etc. are the responsibility of the lot owner, and are put out at their own risk.
- St. Malachy Church, Rantoul, IL and the employees are not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken articles.

● **Memorial markers must be approved by the Pastor and Cemetery Commission.**

● **Military markers furnished by the United States may be placed upon any Soldier's grave in any block. Military Markers must be flat. The Pastor reserves the right to present or remove any inscription, enclosure, structure or object which shall be improper or injurious to the immediate locality or prejudicial to the general good appearance of the grounds. Notify the parish office prior to making any alterations to the gravesite.**

Rules & Regulations are posted at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

St. Malachy's Parish along with the caretakers of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery appreciates your help and cooperation of these Rules & Regulations in maintaining the neatness and upkeep appearance of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Rules & Regulations of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery may change at any time, at the discretion of the Pastor of St. Malachy Church or the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peoria, IL. Without prior notice.

Facts Concerning Your Cemetery Plot

Information about Headstones and Lots

The St. Malachy section (A), St. Anthony section (B), and St. Patrick section (D) have 8 foot lot lines. Therefore to properly open gravesites it may be necessary to move surrounding headstones.

The grave digger's responsibilities are: ● to dig the site ● if necessary, to move the stone

The family is responsible for any damage that is done to their stone or a neighboring stone. If surrounding grave stones need to be moved or are damaged in order to open a new grave site, the family contracting to have the new grave site opened bears all responsibility for repair, and/or replacement of the stone.

To avoid damage to the stone and enhance ease of movement to the stone, it is strongly recommended that no foundation be poured until the family member is buried.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the business office at (217) 892-2023.

Cemetery Commission Members

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