# ST. LADISLAUS PARISH

### Bevent, Wisconsin

# CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS

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*All Cemetery Rules and Regulations are subject to periodic review and change, to ensure that they are current and reflect any legal or regulatory changes. The Cemetery Board reserves the right to make exceptions to any of the cemetery rules and bylaws.*

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CATHOLIC CEMETERY

RULES & REGULATIONS

St. Ladislaus Cemetery is a Catholic Cemetery, intended for the burial of the remains of deceased Roman Catholics and of members of their families who may not have been Catholic.

**Pre-Need for Cemetery Lots and Funeral Services:** At the time of death, many arrangements and details have to be made in a limited amount of time. The responsibility of making funeral arrangements by the survivors are greatly eased by purchasing burial rights and making pre-need funeral arrangements. By purchasing burial rights in advance, you pay for them at today’s prices for future use. You are assured of a burial plot. You have the privilege to bury other members of the family. The interest or dividends on your pre-need funeral services increase to take care of inflation.

**Certificate of Burial:** When a grave lot is purchased, the owner is issued a “Certificate of Burial” for a specific grave lot. The owner of a certificate has the right or privilege of burial, but does not own the real estate. Only Catholics may purchase burial rights, but the owner may have members of his or her family (whether Catholic or non-Catholic) buried on the plot.

The holder of burial rights is known as the lot holder. The lot holder has title only to the burial rights on a given lot, but not to the land itself. The title to all cemetery land remains with the Diocese of La Crosse.

**Transfer of Certificates**: Only the Parish has the right to sell, buy, or transfer grave lots. Anyone wishing to give up their “Certificate of Burial” should contact the Parish Office. A refund for the amount originally paid for the lot, less perpetual care, may be made.

**Price of Grave Lots:** (Cost of lots reviewed periodically). Lot must be paid for before it can be reserved for an individual.

Parishioners: $500 per individual grave lot for those who have been parishioners for minimum of 1 year.

Non-Parishioners: $1000 per individual grave lot for non-parishioners or those with parish membership less than 1 year.

A limit of four cremation burials is permitted on a regular size lot or up to three cremated remains may be buried on top of a casket. Names must be put on marker. When more than one person is buried in a lot, $200 (double for non-parishioners) will be payable to the parish for each additional person.

**Cemetery Funds:** All monies paid into the cemetery fund include perpetual care for all lots. Perpetual care includes removing excess dirt after burial, filling with top soil, seeding of grass, mowing and trimming of grass, and trimming of trees and shrubs on cemetery property (but not on individual graves). Cemetery Funds may also be used for the operation and development of the cemetery, and improvements such as fencing, roadways, sidewalks, shrines, trees, and shrubs.

**Endowment Care Fund**: A percentage of the cost of lots (as required by state law and Diocesan policy) is invested into an Endowment Care Fund to ensure future maintenance of the cemetery. Interest income that is generated by the Endowment Care Fund may be used for cemetery maintenance, with the principal remaining intact.

**Cremation:** Cremation is permitted in the Catholic Church. The cremated remains should be placed in a durable container for burial in the cemetery or placed in a crypt in a mausoleum. It is not permitted to scatter cremated remains over a favorite place, nor is it permitted to keep cremated remains in one’s home or place other than a cemetery.

**Winter Burials**: St. Ladislaus will continue winter burials. Extraordinary digging expenses will be billed according to cost.

**Artificial Flowers**: Artificial flowers, ornaments, statues, etc. must be securely fastened to the monument. If not fastened, they will be removed. Real flowers are not advised due to lawn cutting problems.

No trees, shrubs, or flowers are to be planted on individual grave lots. No bird feeders are to be set up next to monuments. Any existing shrubs should be trimmed and removed if too large. The parish does not maintain plants, shrubs, or trees. This is the responsibility of the family. If existing shrubs or plants get too large or need removing, the family will be contacted to remove them; otherwise the Parish will remove them.

Christmas wreaths are to be removed by April 1.

**Financial Burden**: In keeping with the mission of Catholic cemeteries, a family in need will never be turned away from our cemetery, even if financial hardship is imposed upon the cemetery.

**Monuments:** No monument may be placed on any grave or lot without the permission of the Cemetery Board or Parish. All footings and monuments must be erected according to the specifications of the parish.

The monument is not to be installed until the full purchase price of the lot is paid. All monuments must be upright.

No beveled, slanted, or flat monuments are allowed. Veteran’s plaques alone cannot be used as the monument.

The concrete foundation of the monument may not be larger than the width of the lot size (5’). The height of the upright portion of the monument shall be limited to 34”-36” with a granite base not to exceed 8”. Overall height of the monument is not to exceed 44”.

A monument must be erected within one year from the time of purchase of the lot. If this rule is not followed, the person may forfeit their lot and be assigned another lot, per the Cemetery Board’s discretion.

St. Ladislaus Cemetery has been blessed and is considered a Sacred place as a Catholic Cemetery. Any ornamentation on monuments and markers must be in keeping with the Sacred character of the cemetery, in line with Christian dignity, and in good taste.

The names of all persons buried in a lot must be on the monument.

Monuments are the personal property and responsibility of the family. The family or lot holder will be notified if a monument needs care. Care of monuments is the responsibility of the owner or family. It is not included in perpetual care.

**Cremation Garden**

The cremation garden is located directly adjacent to the Memorial to the Unborn. This area is exclusively for the burial of cremains. Lots in this area will be 4’ x 5’ and will accommodate up to four cremated remains.

The grave space for burial in the Cremains Garden is $400 for the purchase of the lot (double for non-parishioners). Up to three additional cremains are allowed per lot for an additional cost of $200 for each additional person. All fees are double for non-parishioners. Monuments must be erected within one year of lot purchase and must contain all of the names on the marker.

**Cremains Garden Monument Guidelines:**

* Monuments shall be placed on a flush concrete foundation with a depth of no more than 24”.
* All monuments must be upright. The following markers CAN NOT be placed in the cremation garden:
  + Beveled
  + Slants
  + Flats
  + VA marker as the monument
  + Benches
* Each monument must be placed on a granite base not to exceed 8” with the overall monument height not to exceed 30”.
* The width of each upright portion of the monument is limited to 2’6” (30”) with the granite base not to exceed 3’ 4´(40”).
* Veteran’s plaques may be placed either on the back of the monument or in the ground.
* Should you purchase two grave spaces, this will accommodate up to eight cremated remains. The monument guidelines are as stated above, however; width of a double monument is as follows: upright portion not to exceed 5’ and the granite base not to exceed 6’ 8” (80”), with a total overall height not to exceed 30”.

**Columbarium Garden**

The columbarium garden is located directly adjacent to the Memorial to the Unborn, towards the East, behind the Cremation Garden. This area is exclusively for cremated remains to be placed in a private columbarium. Lots in this area will be 4’ x 5’ and will accommodate up to four cremated remains.

The grave space for burials in the Columbarium Garden is $400 for the purchase of the lot (double for non-parishioners). Up to three additional cremains are allowed per lot for an additional cost of $200 for each additional person. All fees are double for non-parishioners. Columbarium’s must be erected within one year of lot purchase and must contain all of the names on the columbarium.

**Columbarium Garden Guidelines:**

* Columbariums shall be placed on a flush concrete foundation with a depth of no more than 30”.
* All Columbarium’s must be upright.
* Each columbarium must be placed on a granite base, not to exceed 8”, with the overall height of the columbarium not to exceed 40”.
* The width of each columbarium is not to exceed 3’4” (40”).
* Veteran’s plaques may be placed either on the back of the columbarium or in the ground.
* Should you purchase two grave spaces, this will accommodate eight cremated remains. The monument guidelines are as above but the width of each columbarium may not exceed 6’ 8” (80”), total height is not to exceed 3’4” (40”).

**Cremation Garden**

**Single Monument for up to four cremated remains on one lot**

Total height not to exceed 30”

Total width not to exceed 2’6”

Total base length not to exceed 3’4”

Total base height not to exceed 8”

**Cremation Garden**

**Single Monument for up to eight cremated remains on two grave spaces**

Total height not to exceed 30”

Total width not to exceed 5’ (60”)

Total base length not to exceed 6’8”

Total base height not to exceed 8”

**Columbarium Garden**

**Single Columbarium for up to four cremated remains on one grave space**

Total height not to exceed 40”

Total width not to exceed 3’4” (40”)

Total base height not to exceed 8”

Total base length not to exceed 3’4”

**Columbarium Garden**

**Single Columbarium for up to eight cremated remains on two grave spaces**

Total height not to exceed 40”

Total width not to exceed 6’8” (80”)

Total base height not to exceed 8”

Total base length not to exceed 6’8” (80)