

St. Michael Cemetery

Information Booklet



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**SAINT MICHAEL CEMETERY
BOARD OF MANAGERS**

The Board of Managers has the right to enforce all Rules and Regulations, to care for and maintain the Cemetery in accordance with the Rules and Regulations, to open and close all graves, to put in all foundations for monuments and markers, to maintain all fences, equipment, buildings, and to landscape and beautify the grounds.

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SAINT MICHAEL CEMETERY GENERAL INFORMATION

St. Michael Parish Cemetery is located at the end of Durrell Street from West Main Cross Street near the I-75/SR12 (West Main Cross Street) interchange in Findlay, Ohio. It holds the earthly remains of our family members and friends who have shared their love, fellowship and faith with us and is a sign of hope in God and His promise of everlasting life.

Cemetery maintenance and improvement donations are ongoing so that our Cemetery is properly cared for into the future. Any donations, memorials or bequests can be made to St. Michael Cemetery at any time to assist with the continued development of the Cemetery and are greatly appreciated. Specific ways of making donations are as follows:

- † Cemetery envelopes are included with April and October packets
- † Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT)
- † Cemetery envelopes provided at the back of both churches
- † Memorial envelopes at local funeral homes

Two types of interments:

- † Casket with vault – Traditional Grave Sites are for casket with vault burials
- † Cremains – Columbarium contains niches which are for cremains. There are currently two Columbariums for the purpose of extending the life of the Cemetery. Additional Columbariums may be added as needed.

Note:

Cremains are permitted in Traditional Grave Sites as described in items (2) and (3) of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations. Cremains interred in Traditional Grave Sites may involve future significant additional costs since they continue to change and are assessed at the time of interment.

Pre-Arrangements:

Similar to preparing a will, it is a wise, compassionate and responsible act to pre-arrange your cemetery needs. There are many advantages to pre-arrangement:

- † Relief to loved ones in midst of their grief giving them peace of mind
- † Make own decisions
- † More choices with respect to availability of grave sites and Columbarium niches

To pre-arrange contact the Cemetery Superintendent to choose grave site(s) or Columbarium niche(s).

Headstones are available through area dealers. A good reference for these dealers can be found in the St. Michael the Archangel Parish bulletin.

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In Memory of Babies Born into Heaven:

The Human Life Committee understands that for varied reasons not every miscarried infant has received a burial. In order to allow families the opportunity to honor their lost infant and gain some measure of closure, a monument engraved "In Memory of Babies Born into Heaven" has been erected in St. Michael Cemetery next to the Memorial for the Unborn. This memorial is for any parish family who has suffered a pregnancy loss – no matter at what stage or how long ago it occurred. For more information, please visit the "Infant Memorial" section on the cemetery page of the parish website or contact the parish office.

SAINT MICHAEL CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Purpose:

These Rules and Regulations are based upon diocesan rules and principles of sound management. Your cooperation is asked in abiding by them so the grounds will be preserved as a respectable and attractive resting place for members of your family and friends.

- 1) The Pastor of St. Michael Parish is Ex-officio Manager of St. Michael Cemetery
- 2) The Board regularly monitors the usage of Traditional Graves Sites to:
 - a) Maximize the availability of the limited amount of land for casket with vault burials
 - b) Encourage the utilization of the Columbarium Niches for the intended purpose of cremains

NOTE: AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM (3), THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ASSESS ADDITIONAL CHARGES IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF INTERMENT OF CREMAINS AT A TRADITIONAL GRAVE SITE.

- 3) For Traditional Grave Sites purchased AFTER January 13, 2015
 - a) ONE cremains burial will be permitted per grave site at no additional charge
 - b) After one cremains burial in a Traditional Grave Site purchased AFTER January 13, 2015 an additional purchase cost of \$575 assessed at the time of additional cremains burial
 - c) Board reserves the right to change this cost structure at any time and apply such change retroactively to Traditional Grave Sites purchased AFTER January 13, 2015
- 4) Cemetery Board will provide a current value credit for any unused grave (old or new) traded in to the cemetery for a Columbarium niche
 - a) Credit would be applied to the cost of a Columbarium niche
 - b) In no event shall the trade in of multiple unused graves result in the sum of credits exceeding the then actual purchase cost(s) of a Columbarium niche(s)
 - c) Current credit is \$575 per unused grave plot
- 5) Board of Managers consists of the following officers:
 - a) President
 - b) Vice-President
 - c) Superintendent
 - d) Assistant Superintendent(s)
 - e) Secretary/Treasurer
 - f) Six Managers
 - g) One Legal Advisor

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- 6) St. Michael Cemetery is designed, graded and ornamented under direction of the Board of Managers
 - 7) Superintendent, along with the assistance of the Board of Managers shall:
 - a) Keep in order fences and roadways
 - b) Maintain in general good conditions all burial lots already sold as well as all sections opened for interment
 - c) Plant trees, shrubs and flowers on sites not usable for graves whenever it may be deemed advisable
 - 8) Grave decorations and landscape
 - a) No alteration of grades of lots shall be permitted
 - b) Potted flowers are permitted on graves but must be removed during fall and spring cleanup
 - c) Flower vases of iron and stone are acceptable, but no glass containers are permitted
 - d) The removal of sod from the tops of graves, and the planting of flowers, trees, shrubbery, or vines of any kind are not permitted
 - e) Trellises of wire with hanging baskets may be placed on burial lots, provided they are movable
 - f) No fences, hedges, posts, or enclosures of any kind are to be placed around lots
 - g) No footstones allowed
 - h) Lot marks will be set by, and at the expense of, the Board of Managers
- NOTE: IN NO EVENT WILL DECORATIONS OR LANDSCAPING INTERFERE WITH FUNERAL RITES, CEMETERY MOWING AND TRIMMING, OR ANY OTHER ACCESS/MOBILITY NEEDS THROUGHOUT THE CEMETERY. THE BOARD OF MANAGERS HAS THE RIGHT TO IMMEDIATELY MODIFY OR REMOVE DECORATIONS OR LANDSCAPING THAT INTERFERE WITH THE OPERATION OF THE CEMETERY.**
- 9) All full-size casket burials require a vault
 - 10) Gravesite Certificate
 - a) Received upon payment-in-full for the lot
 - b) Provides for the perpetual holding and use of said lots for the burial of human remains, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery, the Discipline of the Catholic Church, and the Laws of the Diocese of Toledo, now in force or that may hereafter be adopted regarding burials and funerals
 - c) Catholic adults not members of St. Michael Parish will incur an additional cost for a grave site per the price schedule in effect at the time of purchase
 - 11) Upon death of lot-holder
 - a) Rights pass to whosoever shall be entitled, in a lawful manner, to hold such lot
 - b) If several persons are equally entitled to such rights, consent of each (in writing) must be obtained before any further transfer of rights will be permitted

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- 12) Monument and headstone
 - a) Any inscription stating more than names and dates must be submitted to the Board of Managers for approval
 - b) May be of any desired size, must be placed at head of lot only, and must not over extend lot size
 - c) Must be placed on foundation installed by the Board of Managers
 - d) Any marker outside the monument or headstone must be flush with the ground and not impede mowing or continual movement of vehicles

- 13) Foundations
 - a) Poured under the supervision of the Board of Managers
 - b) Charged to the company placing the monument or marker
 - c) All charges will be at current prevailing rates

- 14) All persons employed by the Cemetery
 - a) Subject to the control and direction of the Board of Managers
 - b) If they fail or refuse to comply with Regulations of the Cemetery, they shall not be permitted to again work in the Cemetery under any pretext whatsoever

- 15) Transfers, changes, and alienation of lots and graves (if ever advisable or necessary)
 - a) May be made only through the Board of Managers, with their consent and under their control
 - b) Cash refund for released lot (or portion thereof) shall be determined by the Board of Managers in keeping with the original purchase price of said lot

- 16) It shall not be permitted to inter in a lot anyone not an immediate relative of the lot-holder
 - a) Lot-holder shall not receive compensation for an interment in his lot
 - b) No removal from a lot or single grave shall take place without the written consent of the Board of Managers

- 17) All work in the Cemetery must be done by the Superintendent under the direction of the Board of Managers

- 18) Superintendent
 - a) Responsible for sale of lots and perpetual care of said lots
 - b) Current prices are available from Board of Managers, St. Michael Parish website, or local funeral directors

- 19) Lot-holders
 - a) Agree to accept, observe and abide by the Rules of the Cemetery now in effect
 - b) The right is reserved by the Board of Managers to modify these regulations whenever and inasmuch as it shall be deemed expedient or necessary
 - c) Any modifications shall have the same binding effect upon present and future lot-holders
 - d) Certain modifications as described in item (3) of the Rules and Regulations shall have a retroactive effective date

**SAINT MICHAEL CEMETERY
PRICE SCHEDULES – Effective January 1, 2017**

Traditional Grave Site						
	Traditional Adult Vault			Traditional Infant Vault		
Time of Day	Grave Site	Opening & Closing of Site*	Total	Grave Site	Opening & Closing of Site	Total
Monday-Friday Before 4pm	\$575	\$500	\$1075	\$300	\$300	\$600
Monday-Friday After 4pm	\$575	\$500 plus \$50 per half-hour	\$1125 Minimum	\$300	\$300 plus \$50 per half-hour	\$650 Minimum
Saturday	\$575	\$600	\$1175	\$300	\$400	\$700

Cost of Removal of a Vault = \$1550

Non-parishioner adult grave price is \$675 and infant grave site price is \$300

Effective for Graves purchased after January 13, 2015 - After one Creains burial in a traditional grave, there will be an additional purchase cost charged per Creains burial. The current additional purchase cost per Creains burial in excess of one per grave is \$575.

*NOTE: All creains buried in a traditional grave site are charged an opening and closing fee of \$300, adjusted by an additional \$50 per half-hour after 4PM on weekdays. Saturday burials of all creains are charged an opening and closing fee of \$400.

Cremation Columbarium Interment				
	Columbarium Site Niche*	Opening & Closing of Site	Niche Plate**	Total
Top Row	\$1200	\$100	\$300	\$1600
Bottom Row	\$1200	\$100	\$300	\$1600
Other Rows	\$1200	\$100	\$300	\$1600

The size of a single niche is 10" H x 10" W x 10" D
The size of a double niche is 10" H x 10" W x 20" D

Non-parishioner Columbarium Niche is the above listed price plus \$100

*NOTE: Double Niches are 2X the above price plus \$100 for O/C & \$300 for Niche Plate

**NOTE: One Niche Plate is REQUIRED per Niche (double or single)

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COMPARE PRICING – Effective January 1, 2017
In Ground Casket Burial vs. Columbarium Interment in Niche

Compare Pricing

In Ground Casket Burial for a Couple	Columbarium/Cremation for a Couple
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	First to Die	Spouse		First to Die	Spouse
Grave Site	\$ 575	\$ 575	Niche	\$1,200	\$1,200
Opening/Closing	\$ 500	\$ 500	Opening/Closing	\$ 100	\$ 100
Grave Marker* (Headstone)	\$ 2,650		Niche Plate	\$ 300	
Vault*	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	Urn	\$ 200	\$ 200
Casket*	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,200	Funeral Home**	\$3,000	\$3,000
Funeral Home	\$ 4,480	\$ 4,480			
Total	\$13,205	\$10,555	Total	\$4,800	\$4,500

Total for Couple = \$23,760	Total for Couple = \$9,300
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* The cost used for the grave marker, vault, and casket is the low to middle cost range.

**Included in this cost is the cost of a rental casket that would permit viewing at the wake prior to cremation.