

GRAVES

Burial Options for the Catholic Community



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CEMETERY

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Planning in Advance

By making arrangements in advance, families can avoid confusion and unexpected costs at the time of loss. Additionally, you can be sure that your wishes will be honored and that you can choose the type of services and memorialization that are most appropriate for you and comforting to your family.

Services

The Committal Service, the final opportunity to pay tribute and say goodbye, may be held at the gravesite or in one of our beautiful chapels.

It is the time to share a few final thoughts in the comfort of family and friends while gathered together for a brief service. Rituals are a healthy way of moving through times of transition.

The Catholic Church has a Rite of Committal that allows for prayer and reflection before the body is entrusted to the care of the Cemetery.

Catholic Cemeteries

Catholic Cemeteries are a reminder that death is a part of the journey that leads to a new life. Catholic Cemeteries are sacred places that create a spiritual environment conducive to prayer, reflection, and remembrance.

By choosing a Catholic Cemetery, you select a final resting place that reflects the beliefs and values of life's personal journey.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28



A Tradition of Faith Throughout Our Lives.

Life is Worth Remembering

Legacy:

Large, unique family plots; heritage sites and historic sections; an opportunity to share the family stories and unite loved ones in memory.

Traditional:

In-ground burial in landscaped sections, burial spots near religious statues and shrines; marked by a headstone designed to commemorate a life well-lived.

Tribute:

Dedicated to the valiant men and women who have served in the armed forces; In the shadow of the flags of the military branches; reserved for veterans and their spouses; site of the annual Veterans Day service.

Memorial:

Memorial options include: designing a personalized headstone, dedicating a Memorial Bench, inscribing a name on a Memory Tree, lighting a Memorial Candle or donating one of the Stations of the Cross.

What You Need to Know

If you are planning for a burial, it is important to know and understand all of the choices available to you.

Our Family Service Advisors can help you personalize your services and select a site of lasting beauty. Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery offers many options to celebrate and remember a life. Single and double traditional graves, as well as cremation graves are available.



Questions and Answers

Q. What costs are involved?

A. Please see a Family Services advisor for details. Price lists are available through the Cemetery.

These are the general categories of costs:

Grave – this cost varies depending upon the location

Endowment Care – a one-time charge entrusted for the care and maintenance of the Cemetery

Interment – the labor to open and close the grave and make the casket placement

Recordation – an administrative fee

Burial Box – concrete box or protective vault (may require installation charge)

Memorialization – an upright headstone or flush marker plus a setting a fee to install the monument

Other charges – may include headstone and installation fees

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Q. What kind of headstone can I put on a grave?

A. Each section at Holy Cross features different options. Some sections have been designed in a Memorial Park setting and offer flat headstones. Other sections feature a combination of flat and upright stones. Headstones may be purchased through the cemetery. Please see a Family Services Advisor to design a personalized memorial.

Q. How many people can be buried in a grave?

A. Holy Cross offers both single and double depth graves for the interment of either one or two caskets. Family plots are larger and can accommodate several caskets, depending upon the size of the plot.

Q. My family has a plot at Holy Cross. Can I be cremated and placed there?

A. Usually cremated remains can be placed in a grave, space permitting. Holy Cross includes the right of Interment for one urn, in addition to a casket, in each grave. Please see a Family Services Advisor for specific information about your family plot.

Q. What is the difference between a burial box and burial vault?

A. A concrete burial box is the minimum required by the Cemetery to support the weight of the earth above the casket and is often pre-installed in large sections. A protective vault is lined and sealed. It is designed to protect the casket from the elements of the grave. Some vaults feature bronze, copper, or stainless steel reinforcement; both can be personalized. Protective vaults are available in select areas of the Cemetery.

"Whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:15

