

ST. JOSEPH'S/ ST. MARY'S CEMETERY
RED LAKE FALLS, MINNESOTA
MISSION STATEMENT

The St. Joseph's Cemetery Board is set apart from other cemeteries, for we are part of the ministry of the Church. We minister to the deceased, the bereaved, and the poor.

The St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery Board seeks to help people face the hard reality of death in a context of faith in the promise of eternal life. Our facilities and services include a place to be buried, an environment designed to meet the needs of the Catholic liturgy for burial, a facility which encourages frequent visitation with attendant prayer for the dead, an environment in which love is remembered, hope is rekindled, and faith is awakened and strengthened.

Our cemetery:

- Meets the needs of individuals and our parish community in preparation for, at the time of, and following death
- Ministers in liturgy, prayer, comfort instruction and evangelization
- Proclaims the reality of the human person as sacred and deserving of dignity and respect both in life and death
- Provides sacred space where remembering can be fostered and centered, and is a place for liturgical celebration
- Serves as a symbol of the extended community of the Church

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
ST. JOSEPH'S/ ST. MARY'S CEMETERY OF RED LAKE FALLS

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Effective Date: January 1, 2000

1. The Church of St. Joseph of Red Lake Falls is a part of the Diocese of Crookston and is a religious organization organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Minnesota. The Cemetery is owned by St. Joseph's Church and operated by St. Joseph's Cemetery Board of Red Lake Falls, in accordance with the rules and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church, the Statutes of the Diocese of Crookston, and the laws of the State of Minnesota. The St. Joseph's Cemetery Board shall be the agent of the parish for the administration of the business of St. Joseph's/St. Mary's Cemetery it reserves the right to refuse admission to the Cemetery and to refuse the use of the Cemetery's facilities, at anytime, to any persons whom the Cemetery Board may deem objectionable to the best interests of the Cemetery
2. St. Joseph's/St. Mary's Cemetery is intended for the burial of Catholics who are entitled to Christian burial according to the rules and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church. Any question of the burial of a non-Catholic member of the family of the Holder of Burial Rights shall be directed to the local pastor.

3. Religious ceremonies other than those of the Catholic Church shall not be permitted within the Cemetery without permission from the Pastor. The burial of a non-Catholic may occur in the cemetery
4. Employees of the Cemetery shall not be permitted to do any work for Holders of Burial Rights except upon the order of the Cemetery Board. They shall at all times be civil and courteous to all visitors. The Cemetery Board shall at all times appreciate receiving a prompt report of any incivility on the part of any employee.
5. All fees or charges of any kind shall be payable to the Cemetery Board secretary or treasurer. Patrons of the Cemetery shall not pay any fee or gratuity to any employee.
6. A receptacle for waste material shall be located at a convenient place. The throwing of rubbish on the drives and walks or in any part of the Cemetery or in the building shall be prohibited.
7. The placing of boxes, shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, chairs, settees, vases, glass, wood, or iron cases, and similar articles on plots shall not be permitted. If so placed, the Cemetery Board shall have the right to have them removed. Vases permanently attached to monuments or gravestones are permitted. Watering cans or other utensils shall not be left on the plots.
8. Pet burials shall not be allowed in the Cemetery
9. Special cases may arise where the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardship. The St. Joseph's Cemetery Board shall reserve the right to make exceptions, suspensions, or modifications of any of these Rules and Regulations, without notice, whenever it appears to be necessary and such temporary exception, suspension, or modification shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of these Rules and Regulations.
10. The St. Joseph's Cemetery Board hereby expressly reserves the right to adopt additional Rules and Regulations, to amend, alter, or repeal any rule, regulation, article, section, paragraph, or sentence of these General Rules and Regulations at any time, and without notice.
11. All rules formerly adopted by the St. Josephs Cemetery Board which are contrary to these Rules and Regulations shall hereby be repealed and shall be declared to be no longer effective.

LOTS AND HOLPERS OF BURIAL RIGHTS

12. The rules and regulations of the Catholic Church governing cemeteries prescribe that the title to the land used for cemetery purposes shall remain vested in the Parish. Title to the land in any lot in St. Josephs/St. Mary's Cemetery shall always remain in the Diocese of Crookston. Burial Rights alone shall be purchased in the lots in accordance with the schedule hereto attached.
13. Persons desiring to purchase Burial Rights shall contact the Secretary of the St. Joseph's Cemetery Board.
14. Persons desiring to purchase Burial Rights on the installment plan shall make all such arrangements in writing. Terms shall be arranged to meet purchaser's requirements as far as possible. Prearrangement for payment shall be made before an interment shall be made in the lot or improvement placed upon it.

15. No Burial Rights shall be sold in common or joint ownership. Title shall stand in one name. Upon the death of the Holder of Burial Rights, their immediate heirs shall decide in whose name the title of Burial Rights shall stand.
16. The Association shall have the right to enlarge, reduce, re-plot, or change boundaries of the Cemetery. or a section or sections of the Cemetery: to change locations of roads, gutters, pipe lines, etcetera, without notice to holders of Burial Rights, and without prejudice to said Rights.
17. Description of any and all lots shall be in accordance with the Cemetery plots which shall be kept on file with the St. Joseph's Cemetery Board.
18. Lots in the new section of the Cemetery, which is east of the north/south cemetery road, will be four feet by ten feet in size.
19. The St. Joseph's Cemetery Board shall take all reasonable precautions to protect the interests of the Holders of Burial Rights within the Cemetery from loss or damage. The St. Joseph's Cemetery Board shall not be responsible for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control.
20. The Holder of Burial Rights shall notify the Cemetery Board of any change of address. Notice sent to the last address on file in the parish office shall be sufficient and proper legal notification.
21. The instrument of conveyance of Burial Rights, General Care Agreement, and these Rules and Regulations shall constitute the sole agreement between the St. Joseph's/St. Mary's Cemetery and the Holder of Burial Rights.
22. The statement of any employee, unless confirmed in writing by the parish or Cemetery Board shall in no way bind the Board.
23. The right to interment in a specific lot shall be granted only to the Holder of Burial Rights for that lot. The Cemetery Board reserves the right to refuse to permit the interment of anyone who was not at the time of death the Holder of Burial Rights or a relative of the Holder by blood or marriage. In all other cases, written permission of the Holder of Burial Rights shall be required by the Cemetery Board before interment shall be made.
24. Issues, concerns, or correspondence on the part of the Holder of Burial Rights shall be submitted in writing to the St. Joseph's Cemetery Board and shall be acted upon at a regular meeting of the Board.
25. The Board shall have the right to correct any error whatsoever made by one of its employees in the interment, disinterment, or removal of a body. It shall have the right either to cancel Burial Rights, or substitute for same in another lot of equal value, or refund the money advanced for the purchase of Burial Rights

CARE OF LOTS

26. The perpetual care of the Cemetery shall be assumed by the St. Joseph's Cemetery Board.
27. The term 'perpetual care' shall be construed to mean the cutting of grass at reasonable intervals, the cleaning of grounds, the planting and pruning of shrubs and trees which may be placed by the Board, and the general preservation of the grounds and property of the Cemetery as long as it shall be used as a Cemetery.

28. The perpetual care assumed by the board shall in no way include repair of normal weathering of the faces of stone monuments or markers, or repair of markers that are damaged (including chipping and cracking) caused by vandalism or inclement weather. Perpetual care shall include righting (to the best of the Cemetery Board's abilities) any monument or marker that has been tipped over by vandalism or inclement weather.
29. Initial cement work on a marker or monument shall be the responsibility of the Holder of Burial Rights or their family. The perpetual care assumed by the Cemetery Board shall include reasonable efforts in keeping monuments and markers level and above ground.

INTERMENTS

30. The Cemetery shall be open for interments at reasonable hours every day of the year. Whenever possible, interments on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation or the Legal holidays, shall be avoided.
31. Winter burials may be done at the request of the family of the Holder of Burial Rights. Burials done after November 1st will be charged a higher fee for grave opening depending upon weather conditions and backhoe access. All additional costs are the responsibility of the family.
32. Holders of Burial Rights shall not allow interments in their lots in return for remuneration of any kind.
33. No interment of two or more bodies shall be made in one grave except in the case of mother and child or two infants buried in one casket.
34. The burial of an infant may take place on the top of a grave of a deceased relative, if space permits.
35. The burial of an infant may also occur in the Holy Angels section plot (Baby Section) of the Cemetery
36. There will be no burial of infants between graves in the cemetery. Infants must be buried in a plotted gravesite.
37. If two burials are placed in one gravesite, the normal interment fee and perpetual care fees will be required for each burial.
38. Contracted employees of the Cemetery shall be the only persons who shall be permitted to open graves.
39. The family of a deceased Holder of Burial Rights shall have the option to dig the grave for that family member, whether it be for a casket or an urn, under the supervision of a person designated by the Cemetery Board, at the family's expense.
40. All charges for interment shall be paid to the Cemetery Board. Prepayment for grave openings will not be allowed.
41. Arrangements for payment of any and all indebtedness due the Board shall be made before interment shall be permitted in any lot. Financial payment may be made through the funeral director, if desired.
42. All interments shall be made at a time and in a manner, and upon charges fixed by the Board.

43. If, for any reason, these Rules and Regulations cannot be complied with at the time of interment, the Board shall have the right to place the body in the mausoleum until full compliance shall have been satisfied.
44. Only such tents, artificial grass, lowering devices, and other equipment as are approved by the board shall be used in making interments.

CREMAINS

45. Cremains may be buried in the Cemetery. Only 2 burials are allowed per gravesite and the normal interment fee will be paid for each burial.

VAULTS

46. All burials are required to use a minimum of a concrete vault. Cremains must be in a sealed container covered with a vault.

REMOVALS

47. Bodies shall not be removed from St. Joseph's/St. Mary's Cemetery and moved to another cemetery without the permission of the Pastor.
48. No arrangements for removals from the Cemetery shall be made without the permission of the Board.
49. All removals shall be made in accordance with the Laws of the Roman Catholic Church and the Laws of the State of Minnesota.
50. The Board shall exercise reasonable care in making removals, but it shall assume no liability for damage to any casket or burial case in making the removal.
51. When a new outside box is needed at the time of removal, it shall be provided by the person or persons arranging for the removal.

PLANTINGS ON LOTS

52. Plantings of trees shall be made with the Board's approval.
53. Holders of Burial Rights shall not be permitted to plant and cultivate on the lots.
54. No trees; shrubs, or plants growing on any lot, or near the border thereof, shall be cut or destroyed without the consent of the Board.
55. Trees, shrubs, or plants situated on any lot which become detrimental to the proper landscaping of the Cemetery shall be removed on the direction of the Board.
56. When an interment or removal has been completed, the Board shall instruct a cemetery employee to sod the grave or plant grass unless advised otherwise by the Holder of Burial Rights.
57. All grading, landscape work, improvements, or remodeling of any kind shall be done by Cemetery employees under the direction of the Board.
58. The Board shall have the right to remove without notice all plantings, emblems, floral designs, frame baskets, and any and all other objects as soon as they become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental or diseased.

59. The Board shall have the right to regulate the method of decoration of plots so that a uniform beauty shall be maintained.
60. All artificial flowers and decorations must be removed from graves by October 1st of each year.

MEMORIAL WORK

61. All graves must be identified after burial with a minimum of a permanent flat foot marker.
62. One central or family memorial may be allowed on any lot.
63. Designs of all monumental works shall be tasteful and respect the dignity of the deceased.
64. All monument companies and their employees shall be required to get a permit from the Secretary of the Board before any work shall be done by them in the Cemetery.
65. No coping, curbing, fencing, borders, or enclosures of any kind shall be allowed around any lot. The Board shall be empowered to remove the same if so erected.
66. No monumental work of any kind shall be placed on any lot unless the Burial Rights have been paid, and proper provision made for the care of the lot.
67. In addition to the monument permitted by Section 61 above, one marker shall be permitted on each grave. All markers shall be in accordance with the specifications laid down by the Board.
68. Crosses or other grave markers of wood, iron, bronze, cement, or any like material shall be prohibited, except with the approval of the Board.
69. All monuments and markers must be placed on a concrete pad, which shall be at a minimum, 4 or larger than the size of the actual monument. This concrete pad must be at least 3 1/2" thick and include reinforcing rods (rebar). This pad assures stability of the monument.