



Our Lady of Lourdes - Cemetery Regulations

Management

The cemetery is owned and operated by Our Lady of Lourdes parish (OLOL).

The cemetery director shall have general supervision and control of the cemetery, including all private plots subject to the direction and approval of the cemetery board.

OLOL is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the cemetery, including, but not limited to, the selling of all plots and graves, maintaining accurate records of all sales, and orders for work on all private plots.

All business shall be transacted through the parish office including, but not limited to, orders for work, bills paid, complaints, and lost and found articles.



Plots and Plot Sales

No plot shall be used for any other purpose than the burial of the human dead and the placing of appropriate markers as memorials.

Persons desiring to purchase a plot or grave shall call the OLOL parish office or designated cemetery official to make an appointment. The director or staff will assist those people interested in making a grave selection.

When the plot or grave is paid in full, a deed for the plot will be issued to the purchaser by OLOL.

The transfer of plots, or parts thereof, to another party must be approved by the parish office before said party will be allowed to use the transferred property. A new deed will be issued. No person shall be recognized as owner or part owner of a plot unless his or her name appears on the records, or they have proof that they are legal heirs.

The purchase of plots for the purpose of erecting a mausoleum or any above ground structure must be

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approved by the cemetery board.

OLOL will re-purchase deeds at the original cost of the burial plot if the need arises.

Rates as of October 2023

Single Graves

Parishioner \$300

Non parishioner \$500

Cremains

Up to four per grave space

Parishioner \$300

Non parishioner \$500

Monument Rules

No monument, foundation, or marker will be allowed to be placed on the plot unless the grave site is paid in full.

Monuments, grave markers, and foundations will be set only by reputable monument companies according to the rules specified in these regulations.

All permanent headstones or footstones must have at least a 4" mow margin around the base of said stone.

All monuments must be set in line with other monuments so far as possible as directed by the cemetery official or agents.

Stones or monuments once placed on their foundations shall not be removed except by permission of the cemetery official or agents.

All markers placed on the south end (foot end) of the grave must be flush to the nominal ground level.

At no time will above ground markers be allowed on the south end of the grave.

All monuments shall be of good grade marble, granite, or bronze materials built by reputable companies. No vertical joints will be permitted as part of the monument structure.

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All foundations for monuments and other structures must be of sufficient depth into the ground in order to support it.

No monument or marker shall be erected until the foundation has been approved by the cemetery maintenance superintendent or designated official.

OLOL reserves the right to refuse permission for the erection of any monument work not in keeping with the good appearance of the grounds.

Persons engaged in placing vaults, monuments, or other structures are prohibited from attaching ropes, cables, or chains to trees, shrubs, or other structures within the cemetery.

Workmen engaged in placing stones or monuments shall provide suitable boards on the ground for the truck to drive over. Immediately after the job is finished, all boards, rubbish, and excess dirt must be removed, and the grounds left in good, clean condition comparable to the site's prior condition when the work had begun at the grave site.

While reasonable care will be given to protect monuments and markers, OLOL will not be responsible for loss or damage to said markers or monuments erected within the cemetery.

Single graves may have a monument, but not to exceed 36" in length or 32" in height.

Two contiguous graves may have a monument which does not exceed 32" in height and 72" in length.

Four contiguous graves may have a monument which does not exceed 42" in height (plus a cross, if desired) and 72" in length. Foot markers flush with the ground are also allowed.

An entire platted plot may have individual foot markers and a monument which does not exceed 48" in height, plus a cross, if desired.

Monuments are required to have either a poured concrete foundation or a precast slab which meets state codes and standards. A standard pad design will be issued for all monuments.

Exceptions to the monument rules must be appealed to the cemetery board for consideration.

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Privileges and Restrictions

Cemetery employees will provide perpetual care which covers mowing, tree trimming, spring raking, and noxious weed trimming.

No persons, except cemetery employees or OLOL authorized contractors, will be allowed to disturb any grave marker or sod on any plot or grave.

All plot or grave owners wishing to make improvements must consult the director or cemetery official before any improvements are made.

The cemetery maintenance superintendent or designated official reserves the right to enter upon any plot for the purpose of trimming or removing any tree or shrub as to its affect upon the natural appearance of the cemetery. Trees will be removed when they are deemed dead, diseased, or detrimental to the adjacent lot, monument, walk- way, or driveway.

No tree or shrub shall be planted, removed, cut down, or trimmed within the border of any plot or grave without the permission of the cemetery maintenance superintendent or designated official.

All newly placed flowers, whether real or artificial, must be in above ground pot stands approved by a cemetery official.

At no time will jars, tin cans, unsightly plastic containers, or wire stands be constructed as permanent decorations and allowed in the cemetery.

Decorations are allowed if attached directly to headstone or mounted on monument slab. Summer decorations will be allowed two weeks prior to Memorial Day and one week following Labor Day. Following the final allowed date, cemetery officials will remove and dispose of those that are not in approved pot stands. People wishing to save decorations must remove them by that date. Cemetery officials are not responsible for any items placed on any grave.

Winter decorations will be allowed only if attached directly to the headstone. All winter decorations will be removed by cemetery officials on April 1 annually or shortly thereafter.

Small eternal/solar lights must be low lumen and mounted on the monument pad and emit no sound. Lights will be removed with summer decorations. Fences, barriers, retaining walls, or any other obstructions are prohibited.

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Come to the Cemetery Board for special requests understanding our church community's desire for a sacred place.

Burial Rules

No grave will be laid out or dug by anyone other than a designated cemetery official.

No interment shall take place without a cemetery deed, a burial permit, and proper papers in place in compliance with all laws.

Two adult vault interments in one grave will not be permitted. An infant child or cremains will be allowed at the foot end of an adult grave if space allows. Not more than four cremated remains are permitted in one grave space.

Interment will not be allowed unless in a cement or steel vault, excluding cremations.

No cremains shall be scattered on any plot or cemetery property at any time. Cremains must be buried.

For convenience, safety, and appearance, OLOL will not allow any other equipment but its own or that of a vault company to be used for grave service.

The director or designated official is required to be in attendance at every interment.

Any structure, display, or inscription placed on any plot deemed by the director or maintenance superintendent to be offensive, improper, or injurious to the appearance of the plot or grounds will be removed.

Cemetery officials would appreciate as much notice as possible for interment orders. Minimum notice should be 48 hours prior to interment.

Fresh floral arrangements and floral pieces will be removed as soon as they become unsightly.

Any persons engaging in work while in the vicinity of a burial must suspend their labor during the religious service at the grave.

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Disinterment of a body will not be made without proper authority in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin. All permits must be presented to cemetery officials prior to disinterment so that proper arrangements can be made.

Visitor Rules

Cemetery visitors will be allowed in the cemetery from sunrise to sunset. Any person found loitering on the grounds during closed hours will be subject to arrest.

All visitors are reminded that the cemetery is considered to be sacred ground for the dead.

Any persons disturbing the tranquility of the cemetery by noise or other improper conduct will be asked to leave the grounds or be subject to arrest.

No animals (pets) will be allowed in the cemetery at any time. The only exception will be dogs solely used by the visually impaired.

No motor vehicles shall be operated in the cemetery in excess of 10 miles per hour.

No motor vehicles other than street legal vehicles will be allowed in the cemetery at any time.

No motor vehicles will be allowed off designated roadways at any time with the exception of cemetery officials, monument setters, and vault company employees.

No picnics, parties, or other similar gatherings will be allowed in the cemetery at any time.

OLOL or its employees assume no liability for property damage or acts beyond its ability to reasonably control during normal business hours.

The throwing of rubbish on driveways or plotted areas is strictly prohibited.

Law enforcement authorities and military personnel on official duty shall be the only persons allowed to possess weapons on cemetery property.

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Some prayers . . .

Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies. Grant that **N** may sleep here in peace until awoken name to glory, for you are the resurrection and the life. Then **N** will see you face to face and in your light will see light and know the splendor of God, for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.

In green pastures you let me graze;
to safe waters you lead me;
you restore my strength.
You guide me along the right path
for the sake of your name.
Even when I walk through a dark valley,
I fear no harm for you are at my side;
your rod and staff
give me courage.
You set a table before me
as my enemies watch;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Only goodness and love will pursue me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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Almighty God, through the death of your Son on the cross you destroyed death; through His rest in the tomb you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you; and through His rising again you restored us to eternal life. God of the living and of the dead, accept our prayers for those who have died in Christ and are buried with Him in the hope of rising again. Since they were true to your name on earth, let them praise you for ever in the joy of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.*

*Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.*

*Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

*Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.*

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

A reading from the book of Revelation

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.

*The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.*

*I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

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I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.
He will dwell with them and they will be his
people and God himself will always be with
them as their God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning,
wailing or pain,
for the old order has passed away.”

The one who sat on the throne said,
“Behold, I make all things new.”
I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give a gift
from the spring of life-giving water.
The victor will inherit these gifts,
and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.

We ask for God’s blessing:

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Merciful Lord, you know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of the humble. Hear your people who cry out to you in their need, and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto **N**, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon name.

May **N** rest in peace. Amen

May **N**’s soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ bless and console us and gently wipe every tear from our eyes: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Dear Friends:

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We invite you to come visit your loved ones often. It is our faith that we continue to pray for them knowing God will put to best use our prayers. This space is provided for you to list their names and locations in this beautiful cemetery. Remember, a mass can be celebrated in their memory. Please call the cluster office to make the arrangement.

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