

## *Prayer for the Faithful Departed*

*Heavenly Father, by raising Your Son from the dead, You have given us faith. Strengthen our hope that You will bring forth with Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.*

*Amen*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and  
let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace.*

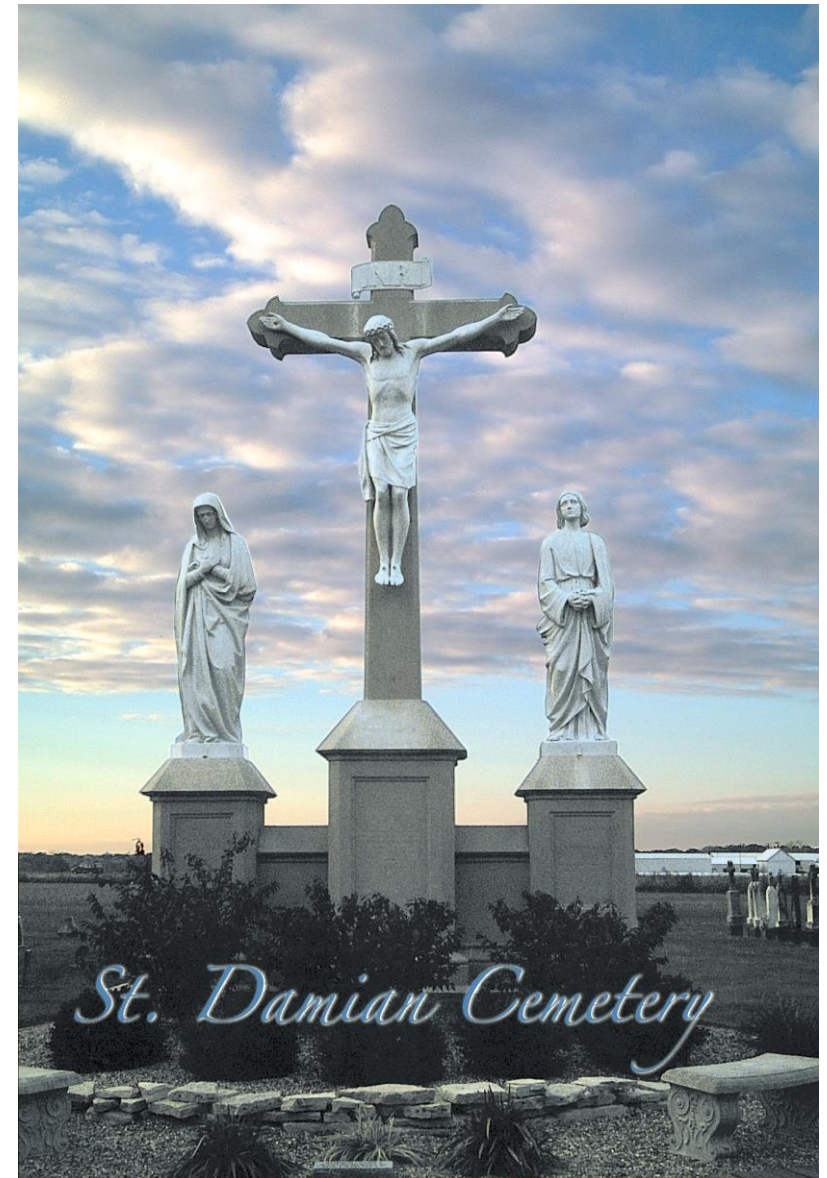


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## *CEMETERY GUIDELINES*

In compiling a policy, the parish has in mind only the better care and upkeep of the Cemetery, safeguarding to each and every grave space user alike the same privileges and services from the parish. Experience has proven that rules are necessary and must be enforced if the Cemetery is to be cared for as all grave space users would wish. We trust, therefore, that all parish members will be interested in the successful enforcement of these rules to help ensure the desires of the parish.

The parish owns the Cemetery. When one purchases a gravesite, that person **purchases ONLY the right to be buried there.** The purchase of a grave space does not have the same meaning as purchasing real estate commonly understood in the world of business.

The words "OWNERS" and "PROPRIETORS" are used in the foregoing rules simply for convenience in designating the person holding licenses and are not intended to enlarge said license or in any manner affect the construction thereof. A license of burial does not transfer ownership of the ground.

**ANYONE WHO INFRINGES ON THE FOLLOWING RULES SHALL LOSE ALL RIGHT TO BURY ON SAID GRAVE SPACE, AND, IF EXPEDIENT, SHALL BE PROSECUTED BY THE LAW. THE RIGHT IS HEREBY RESERVED TO MAKE SUCH REASONABLE ADDITIONAL RULES AND CHANGES TO EXISTING RULES FROM TIME TO TIME AS ARE CALCULATED TO WORK FOR THE BENEFITS OF THE CEMETERY WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.**

## *DECORATIONS*

- ❌ **NO hills or flowerbeds are allowed on the graves or between the grave markers. ALL DIGGING AND PLANTING IS FORBIDDEN.** No shrubs or trees are allowed to be planted on any grave space.
- ❌ Flowers and wreaths shall be placed on the headstone.
- ❌ **During mowing season,** flowers are allowed on the graves for seven (7) days. After seven (7) days the Sexton has the right to remove them. After a funeral, the flowers will be allowed to remain on the grave for seven (7) to ten (10) days. After the tenth day, they will be removed by the Sexton.
- ❌ Flowers and containers should be placed so as not to interfere with mowing and trimming with the exception of recent burials.
- ❌ Christmas blankets will be removed the first week of February. All other Christmas flowers not in a permanently mounted vase or secured to a stone will be removed during the first week of March.
- ❌ Easter decorations shall be removed by the first week of May.
- ❌ Memorial Day decorations shall be removed by June 15.
- ❌ All decorations remaining after the indicated dates will be moved by the Sexton.
- ❌ No herbicides, or other chemicals may be used, except as authorized by the parish or Sexton.

- ⌘ No Right of Bury or burial shall take place without permission granted by the Pastor of St. Damian Church or his representative.
- ⌘ Traditional burials may not be placed on top of each other. All traditional burials shall have an outside container /vault concrete, steel or material of equal strength with cover. Cremains do not need an outside container.
- ⌘ All vaults or concrete boxes shall be covered by at least 18 inches of soil. Cremains shall be covered by at least 8 inches of soil.
- ⌘ No grave space shall be used for any other purpose than a place of burial for human remains.
- ⌘ All grave spaces purchased shall have a designated name of the individual to be buried therein. If such individual is buried elsewhere, the Right to Bury reverts back to St. Damian Catholic Cemetery.
- ⌘ After an interment has been made, no grave space or any part thereof shall be sold or conveyed by the owner, nor shall such owner permit interments in such grave space for remuneration, without written consent of the Cemetery Committee and must be in accord with the laws of the State of Illinois.
- ⌘ No receipt of Right to Bury shall be given for a grave space until payment has been made in full. After the first interment, no further interment shall be allowed on any grave space against which there are **unpaid charges**. If **one year** after the purchase of the grave space the cost is not paid in full, the purchaser forfeits his rights and such grave space shall revert to St. Damian Catholic Cemetery. Unoccupied fractions of grave spaces will, after the death of owners and heirs be taken care of by the Cemetery Committee.
- ⌘ Proprietors of grave spaces that have been blessed will be entitled to bury in the grave spaces owned by them all and only those members of their families, or other bodies as shall be entitled to the Rites of Christian burial, according to the discipline and canons of the Roman Catholic Church, and such proprietors themselves shall be entitled to be buried in such grave spaces, only when entitled to said Rites of Christian burial.

**EACH PRICE IS A SINGLE RIGHT TO BURY**

**For Parishioners:**

- Children (0-6 years of age) - **\$125.00**
- Children (7 years & up) & Adults - **\$400.00**
- Cremains Burial (3 per grave space) - **\$400.00**
- Former parishioners who moved away - **\$700.00**

**For Non-Parishioners:**

- Children (0-6 years of age) - **\$400.00**
- Children (7 years & up) & Adults - **\$1,000.00**
- Cremains Burial (3 per grave space) - **\$1,000.00**

Definition of “**Parishioners**” is a person who must meet Criteria **A** in addition to **B** and/or **C** as follows:

- A.** A person officially registered as a member of St. Damian Parish/Church.
- B.** Supports the well-being of the parish, but are not limited to: attending mass; participating/working/assisting at various parish functions/events; joining or leading various parish/church committees, councils, groups, boards, teams or associated memberships; providing monetary or in-kind donations; assisting with a variety of other opportunities associated with upkeep and functionality associated with operating and maintaining St. Damian as a viable parish/church; and/or by any other actions/ways/means that support the parish in order to keep it viable into the future.
- C.** Persons who were active parishioners up until they moved into a nursing home or with relatives because of aging or infirmity.

**NOTE:** Persons who do not meet criteria **A**, in addition to **B** and/or **C**, will be considered “**non-parishioners**” for cemetery purposes ONLY.

# *Rules and Regulations*

## TOMBSTONES / MONUMENTS

- Tombstones or monuments must be in place, by the grave, **within one year of purchase of the Right to Bury.**
- Heavy loads shall not be allowed to enter the cemetery without permission of the Sexton.
- Permission must be obtained from St. Damian's parish prior to the installation of a tombstone, monument, footing or any military markers. Total marker or monument height may not exceed 34 inches. Total base may not exceed 8 inches; total height may not exceed 42 inches. Monument stones must be no larger than 75% of the width of the burial area for single or double grave. (**Double graves:** width 72 inches; **Single/Cremains:** width 42 inches.) No concrete or stone is allowed on top of graves other than immediately under the headstone. No above ground burials are permitted.
- All grave monuments and markers require a foundation and need to be anchored to the existing foundation/concrete slab. Foundations will be constructed as to allow a four (4) inch grass border on all sides of the stone. All foundations will be placed into the ground to a minimum depth of two (2) feet and level with the ground. Footstones are not permitted. All temporary stone markers must be a stone product and anchored to the foundation/concrete slab. **WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY STONE WHICH WE FEEL IS NOT PROPER.**  
**Iron crosses, wooden crosses, concrete, stone or iron enclosures of graves or grave spaces, footstones, knee benches, statues, benches, etc. are not allowed in the cemetery.**
- All workmen employed in the construction of vaults, monuments, etc. are subject to the control and direction of the cemetery committee. Any workman failing to comply with this rule will not be permitted to work on the grounds, and shall be refused admission to the cemetery.

- All graves shall be dug and all excavations for foundations and masonry work for same shall be executed by the Sexton of the cemetery and/or his employees.
- All fillings, seeding and fertilizing will be done by the cemetery maintenance crew.
- Any planting of shrubbery, flowers, trees, grass or other permanent improvements will be only by authority of the parish or Sexton.
- Tombstones or monuments shall not be erected on any grave space until payment has been made in full. Proprietors of grave spaces shall have the right to erect tombstones, monuments, or other structures (except footstones) on their respective grave spaces, all of which shall be properly set on a masonry foundation. Should any inscription, effigy, or structure be deemed unfitting or incompatible with the Catholic character of the cemetery, it shall be lawful for the cemetery management to prohibit the erection of such a monument, or if erected, to order same removed at the expense of the owner.
- Veterans' markers must be attached to the headstone (front or back), or can be placed as the headstone on a foundation at the head of the grave. **It may not be placed at the foot of the grave.**
- It shall be up to the family and/or relatives to maintain the headstones.

## GRAVE SPACES

- The Right to Bury refers to a single space per grave space. Cremains are allowed three (3) burials per grave space. It is understood that **EACH** Cremains is considered a single Right to Bury. **NOTE only one tombstone/monument is allowed for all three burials.**