

Rules
St. Mary's Parish Cemetery
St. Benedict, Kansas

Adopted October 22, 2020

The maintenance of the St. Mary's Parish Cemetery is very important. Cemetery maintenance personnel are responsible for creating and maintaining a unique space and one that is welcoming, clean, and organized.

The following rules were adopted by the St. Mary's Parish Cemetery Committee on October 22, 2020 in an effort to allow as efficient maintenance of the cemetery as possible.

1. Flowers and shrubs may NOT be planted in the cemetery. Any existing flowers from this date must be maintained. If not properly maintained, they will be removed. No rocks, balloons, golf balls or weights should be placed in flower pots. Often, they tip onto the lawn and create a hazard for the lawn mower. Flags shall be military or state flags only.
2. Shepherd hooks are to be in the cement foundation, with only one per grave and no more than three feet (36 inches) tall.
3. Solar lights cannot be attached to the monument in any way. Solar lights are only allowed on the base and foundation.
4. Flags, metal stakes, shepherd hooks and solar lights are only allowed to be placed around the graves during six major holidays: Easter, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, All Souls Day, and Christmas.
5. Imitation flowers, wreaths and tripods to hold flowers should be removed within two weeks following the six major holidays.
6. Flowers left over a longer period of time must be firmly attached to the tombstones so as not to interfere with maintaining the cemetery.
7. Pets must be kept on a leash. Owners are responsible for cleanup.
8. In cases of cremation, St. Mary's Parish Cemetery requires each cremated remains to be placed in a separate grave.
9. No curbing, fence, bench, urn, or statue or other similar object, independent of the monument or marker, will be permitted on any plot or grave.
10. The Parish Cemetery Committee assumes responsibility to see that any settlement of a grave and necessary reseeding is attended to.