

**SAINT PATRICK'S CEMETERY  
HUDSON, WISCONSIN  
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Saint Patrick's Cemetery was created as a final resting place for the faithful departed of our parish. It is our sacred duty to preserve this final resting place in perpetuity until that time when Jesus comes again to bring all to be with Him.

Saint Patrick's Cemetery is part and parcel of the corporate structure of Saint Patrick's Parish, Hudson, Wisconsin. The Parish Cemetery Committee is immediately responsible for the operation and management of the cemetery. Any questions regarding the operation of the cemetery or for arranging burials or purchasing burial rights shall be directed to the Parish office at 715 – 381 – 5120.

**DEFINITIONS**

“Space”, “plot” or “grave” is a single burial space for the remains of one person.

“Lot” is a group of graves, plots or spaces held under one title.

“Cemetery” refers to Saint Patrick's Cemetery, Hudson, Wisconsin

“Entombment” is a burial in an above ground mausoleum crypt or tomb.

“Inurnment” is the burial of cremated remains whether in the ground or an aboveground mausoleum niche or tomb.

“Interment” is the permanent disposition of the remains of a deceased person by burial in the ground.

“Memorial” includes a monument, tombstone, marker, or tablet headstone.

“Permanent care” includes lawn, roadway and fence maintenance and snow removal.

## GENERAL RULES

### Rule 1

Religious ceremonies other than those of the Roman Catholic Church are permitted within the Cemetery with the permission of the Pastor of Saint Patrick's Parish.

### Rule 2

Picking flowers, wild or cultivated; breaking or injuring any tree, shrub, or plant; and writing upon, defacing or injuring any memorial, fence, or other structure within the Cemetery grounds is prohibited.

### Rule 3

The speed limit within the gates of a Cemetery is 15 miles per hour.

### Rule 4

Vehicles (including bicycles, recreational vehicles or motorcycles) may not be driven across or upon any grave, lot or lawn; parked or left thereon, unless necessary for burial or maintenance.

### Rule 5

Receptacles for waste material are located at convenient places. Leaving rubbish on any part of the grounds or in the buildings is prohibited.

### Rule 6

Non-permanent memorials or materials are not permitted. Cemetery staff reserves the right to remove and dispose of them.

### Rule 7

All persons in the cemetery should conduct themselves in a manner becoming to a sacred place. The following are expressly prohibited:

- Loud or boisterous talking.
- Idling or loafing on the grounds or in any of the buildings.
- Peddling or soliciting the sale of any commodity or service within the Cemetery.
- Placing signs, notices or advertisements of any kind within the Cemetery.
- Firearms are prohibited in the Cemetery except by a military escort accompanying a veteran's funeral or attending a memorial service, or when expressly allowed by law

### Rule 8

Temporary exceptions, suspensions or modifications of these Rules and Regulations shall not affect their general application.

### Rule 9

St. Patrick's Cemetery hereby expressly reserves the right to adopt additional Rules and Regulations or to amend, alter or repeal any rule, regulation, article, section, paragraph or sentence in these Rules and Regulations, at any time, and without notice.

Rule 10

All rules formerly adopted which are contrary to these Rules and Regulations are hereby repealed and declared to be no longer effective.

**LOTS AND LOT OWNERS**

Rule 11

Persons desiring to purchase lots should contact the Parish Office and complete the appropriate paperwork.

Rule 12

No lots will be sold in common ownership or joint ownership. Title must stand in one name.

Rule 13

No lot shall be used for any other purpose than for the burial of the human dead.

Rule 14

No easement or right of interment is granted to any lot owner in any road, drive, alley or walk within the Cemetery, but such road, drive, alley or walk may be used as a means of access to the Cemetery or buildings, as long as the Cemetery devotes it to that purpose.

Rule 15

The right to enlarge, reduce, re-plat or change the boundaries or grading of the Cemetery, or of a section or sections, from time to time, including the right to modify or change the locations of or remove or re-grade roads, drives or walks, or any part thereof or change pipe lines or gutters for sprinkling systems, drainage, et cetera, is also expressly reserved, as well as is the right to use cemetery property not sold to individual lot owners for cemetery purposes, including interment of the dead, or for anything necessary, incidental or convenient thereto. St. Patrick's reserves to itself and to those lawfully entitled thereto a perpetual right to ingress and egress over lots for the purpose of passing to and from other lots.

Rule 16

Description of lots will be in accordance with the Cemetery plats that are kept on file in the Parish office.

Rule 17

The Cemetery will take all reasonable precautions to protect lot owners, and the property rights of lot owners, within the Cemetery, from loss or damage; but St. Patrick's distinctly disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control.

Rule 18

It is the duty of the lot owner to notify St. Patrick's of any changes in his/her mailing address. Notice sent to a lot owner at the last address on file in the Parish Office shall be sufficient and proper legal notification.

Rule            19

The purchase agreement and these Rules and Regulations and any amendments thereto constitute the sole agreement between St. Patrick's and the lot owner. The statement of any employee or agent, unless confirmed in writing, shall in no way bind St. Patrick's.

Rule            20

Only lot owners are permitted to grant the right of interment on their lot(s). No interment, other than that of an immediate relative or heir of the lot owner, may be made in any lot without the written consent of the lot owner. The St. Patrick's Cemetery reserves the right to refuse to permit the interment of anyone who was not at the time of death the owner of the lot or a relative of the owner by blood or marriage.

### **CORRECTION OF ERRORS**

Rule            21

In accord with Wisconsin State statutes, St. Patrick's Cemetery reserves, and shall have, the right to correct any errors that may be made by it either in making interments, disinterments or removals, or in making description, transfer or conveyance of any interment property, either by canceling such conveyance and substituting and conveying in lieu thereof other interment property of equal value and similar location as far as possible, or as may be selected by St. Patrick's, or in the sole discretion of the St. Patrick's, by refunding the amount of money paid on account of said purchase. In the event such error shall involve the interment of the remains of any said person in such property, St. Patrick's Cemetery reserves, and shall have the right to remove or transfer such remains so interred to such other property of equal value and similar location as may be substituted and conveyed in lieu thereof.

### **CARE OF LOTS**

Rule            22

The general care assumed by St. Patrick's Cemetery shall in no case mean the maintenance, repair or replacement of any memorial item placed or erected upon lots.

Rule            23

Any lot owner or person(s) engaged to do work-for-hire shall operate as independent contractors, but must do so under permission from the Parish Office. These persons shall provide or perform:

- Written authorization from the lot owner
- Proof of indemnification
- Waiver of liability for personal and property damage
- Agreement to abide by all St. Patrick's Cemetery Rules and Regulations

## TRANSFERS AND ASSIGNMENTS

### Rule 24

No transfer or assignment by a lot owner of any interest in his lot will be valid without securing the written consent of St. Patrick's Cemetery.

### Rule 25

There shall be filed with the cemetery a copy of an agreement of sale signed and acknowledged by such owner (and spouse, if any) and the proposed purchaser, transferring and releasing title to the cemetery and requesting that the cemetery issue a new conveyance of such lot or space directly to such purchaser in consideration of the payment by purchaser to such owner of a specified price, which price shall not be more than the price which would be charged by the cemetery in a sale by it of any similar lot or space.

### Rule 26

Any conveyance by a lot owner contrary to the rules which are stated above, or any attempt to sell or give away all or part of a burial lot in any other manner, shall be void and of no effect.

### Rule 27

When a transfer has been made in conformity with these rules, and the consent of St. Patrick's has been obtained, St. Patrick's will issue a Cemetery Easement to the new owner upon surrender of the Cemetery Easement of the former owner or the execution of a "Lost Deed Statement". The surrendered deed or certificate will then be canceled.

### Rule 28

The Cemetery Easement does not prove ownership. The name of record at the Parish Office will be the official owner.

## INTERMENTS

### Rule 29

Where immediate burial is required by the laws of the State of Wisconsin, or under the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Health, interments may be made on Sundays and Holidays, but an additional fee may be added to the regular interment charge.

### Rule 30

Funerals will not be admitted to the Cemetery when escorted or accompanied by regalia and banners of societies not allowed by the rules and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church.

### Rule 31

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.

Rule 32

Lot owners may purchase an additional right of burial for a full size grave. This right allows the burial of the cremated remains of one individual and the full body of one individual in one grave space. Alternatively, the right allows for the burial of the cremated remains of two persons in one full size grave.

Rule 33

When an interment is to be made in a lot, the lot owner shall designate the location of such interment. Should the lot owner fail or neglect to make such designation, St. Patrick's Cemetery reserves the right to make the interment in the location it designates.

Rule 34

No interment may be made unless the body is contained in a casket or outside box.

Rule 35

In order to maintain a high standard of care and to eliminate sunken graves caused by collapse of wooden boxes it is required that all burials must be made in an approved outer burial container.

Rule 36

Burial of the destitute must be arranged with the Pastor.

Rule 37

St. Patrick's Cemetery reserves the right to insist upon adequate and reasonable notice prior to any interment.

Rule 38

The appropriate disposition of cremated remains is inurnment or entombment within an established cemetery. The scattering of cremated remains is prohibited. Other practices, such as division of cremated remains, are not in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Rule 39

Besides being subject to these Rules and Regulations, all interments, inurnments, disinterments and removals are subject to the orders and laws of the properly constituted authorities of the City, County and State.

## **REMOVALS**

Rule 40

Persons desiring to arrange for removals must make such arrangements at the Parish Office. Authority to make the removal must be signed by the owner of the lot from which the removal is to be made, and by the next of kin of the decedent, in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin. When such authority is filed with the Parish Office, and the cost of removal is paid, arrangements may be completed for the time of removal.

## PLANTS ON LOTS

Rule 41

All rules in this section are of a general nature except as noted.

Rule 42

The planting of plants, shrubs or trees on graves will not be permitted.

Rule 43

Hanging baskets, urns, shepherd's hooks, and plant stands or flower boxes may be placed provided they are no further than one foot (1') from the side of monument. Any item not properly maintained or not planted by Memorial Day will be removed.

Rule 44

St. Patrick's Cemetery will not be liable for items left at the grave.

## MEMORIAL WORK

### Introduction

Due to the nature of memorial work, the rules governing it can be technical. Care should be used in selecting a vendor who understands the rules and regulations and agrees to abide by them.

Rule 45

Lot owners may erect memorial work on their respective lots subject to the Rules and regulations. All monuments shall be set on foundations.

Rule 46

All signs, symbols and expressions that savor of anti-Catholicism, irreligion, Satanism, or paganism are prohibited.

Rule 47

When memorial work has been set in place, it shall not be removed without due process of law, or written permission of the lot owner. Dealers are required to contact the Parish office before attempting to make a removal. However, when memorial work has been placed in violation of any of these rules, St. Patrick's Cemetery reserves the right to remove it or to have it removed.

Rule 48

All stone work shall have the surface next to the foundation bedded off true and level to allow every part to be in contact with the foundation.

Rule 49

If a monument is placed in the center of the lot, then the family name, or names, may be carved on both sides if desired. However, if the monument is placed at the rear of the lot, then no name or inscription may be carved on the reserve side, unless the adjoining lot belongs to the owner of the lot on which the monument is to be placed.

Rule 50

The size of a monument is governed by the size of the lot on which it is to be placed, and it is to be determined as follows:

If a single lot, or combination of lots in a row, contain(s) **five (5) or less graves**, the allowable maximum width for a monument base will be the following:

1 grave	base 2 ft. 0 in.
2 graves	base 3 ft. 6 in.
3 graves	base 4 ft. 6 in.
4 graves	base 5 ft. 0 in.
5 graves	base 6 ft. 0 in.

If a single lot contains **six (6) or more graves**, the width of the base shall not exceed one-half the width of the lot.

Rule 51

The width of the base shall not exceed the depth of the monument space available on the lot, and in no case may the base extend over a grave.

Rule 52

All die stones shall be at least six inches thick

Rule 53

When dowel pins are used between base and die, they shall be of bronze, brass or other non-corrosive metal.

Rule 54

Monuments that include granite or bronze flower vases as an integral part of the die or base are permitted provided they have a drainage hole. St. Patrick's assumes no responsibility for monument flower vases not made of granite or bronze and/or not integral to the die or base and/or not having a drainage hole.

Rule 55

Only one marker is permitted per grave. Double markers embracing two adjoining graves are permitted. The base size of a companion marker is limited to forty-two (42) inches by fifteen (15) inches.

Rule 56

Markers must be placed in the space designated by the Cemetery Committee, and all inscriptions shall read from the front of the lot.

Rule 57

All granite markers are to be set level with the ground. Thickness shall not be less than four (4) inches nor more than six (6) inches in thickness, with a level or sawed bottom. Bronze markers may be placed on a granite base with a minimum thickness of 4" and a 2" border.

Rule 58

Permission may be granted to memorialize an individual who is not interred in the lot.

Rule 59

St. Patrick's Cemetery will approve outside vendors to provide memorial work if they agree to:

- Use only first grade workmanship
- Use only first grade, clear stone
- Guarantee the stone is free from sap or any other material which may cause rust
- Guarantee the stone will not chip or crack
- Not use any artificial stone
- Replace, at no cost to the cemetery or lot owner, any memorial that is found to be faulty in the first five years

Rule 60

Any lot owner or person(s) engaged to do memorial work-for-hire shall operate, as to St. Patrick's Cemetery, as independent contractors, but must do so under permission from St. Patrick's, and must be under the general supervision of the Cemetery Management. These persons shall provide or perform:

- Written authorization from the lot owner
- Proof of indemnification
- Waiver of liability for personal and property damage
- Agreement to abide by all St. Patrick's Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Rule 61

Material, machinery and equipment used in the construction of memorials may be brought into the cemetery when required and when the following conditions are met:

- All material and equipment can only be placed on the lot where the work is being performed.
- No material or equipment may be brought in when a funeral is in process.
- No material or equipment may be brought in on Saturday or the day proceeding a holiday.
- As conditions require, planks must be laid when moving heavy machinery or materials over non-paved areas.
- All work with the cemetery is subject to the supervision and control of the Cemetery management.

- All work shall be completed and rubbish removed by noon on Saturday or any day proceeding a holiday.
- All work will cease when a funeral is being conducted nearby.
- Any variation from these regulations requires written authorization from St. Patrick's.

Rule 62

No memorials may be delivered or installed between November 1 and April 15 without permission.

Rule 63

Property damage by individual lot owners, dealers or contractors, or their agents, will be repaired by the Cemetery. The cost of repairs will be charged to the individual lot owner, dealer or contractor, or to his principal.

Rule 64

St. Patrick's reserves the right to stop all work of any nature that violates any rule of the cemetery.

Rule 65

Approaching the bereaved and soliciting memorial business within the Cemetery is not permitted.

Rule 66

No vendor advertising of any description is permitted within the Cemetery.

Rule 67

Vendors' cards or advertisements shall not be cut nor marked on any stone, nor placed anywhere within the Cemetery. This rule does not apply to copyright notices, but such notices must be small, and must be engraved inconspicuously on the memorial.

Rule 68

Any vendor who violates the rules of the Cemetery shall be removed from the list of approved producers and retail dealers.

Rule 69

No coping, curbing, fencing, hedging, borders, or enclosures of any kind, shall be allowed around any lot, grave or memorial; and no walks of brick, cinders, tile, terra cotta, sand, cement, gravel, or wood shall be allowed on any lot. St. Patrick's Cemetery reserves the right to remove the same if so erected, planted or placed.

Rule 70

Ledger stone, a flat memorial placed full length on a grave, may not be placed on any lot of less than ten graves. Management must approve the design and placement of a ledger stone

## FOUNDATIONS

Rule 71

Monument foundations shall be set on the space designated by the Management

Rule 72

As a guarantee of good work and as a protection to all lot owners, St. Patrick's Cemetery reserves the right to regulate all work done in the Cemetery.

Rule 73

No monument foundation will be built when the weather or soil conditions are not suited to construction.

Rule 74

St. Patrick's reserves the right to stop all memorial work between November 1<sup>st</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>. However, these dates are not absolute and may be varied if conditions warrant.

Rule 75

Foundations will be made at least as large as the bottom of the base, or first masonry course above the ground, but St. Patrick's Cemetery reserves the right to require a larger foundation in designated sections or as conditions may warrant.

Rule 76

Foundations for stone work projecting above the ground will be finished true and level.

## MAUSOLEUMS

Rule 77

All entombments to be made in a mausoleum must conform to the rules of interments and inurnments outlined within the Rules and Regulations of St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Rule 78

Mausoleum niches provide limited space. The Parish Office can provide exact dimensions so appropriately sized urns are used.

Rule 79

Only cemetery-approved name plates may be placed on niche shutter fronts.

Rule 80

To protect the polished granite surface of each crypt or niche, no objects may be attached to or hung onto the vase or shutter front. The use of tape, wire or glue is prohibited.

Rule 81

The Cemetery does not accept any liability for decorations placed at the mausoleum that are not in compliance with the rules.