
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CEMETERY



~ cemetery location ~

2528 Baker Road
Dexter MI 48130

~ office location ~

3430 Dover Street
Dexter MI 48130
734.426.8483

Fall 2023

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph,

Enclosed in this booklet are the Cemetery Guidelines and Regulations of St. Joseph Cemetery, along with an overhead map indicating the layout of the cemetery, and a schedule of current prices.

Our parish cemetery is located at 2528 Baker Road in Dexter. The five acres were donated by a nineteenth century parishioner, John Costello, and the faithful departed of the parish have been laid to rest in our grounds since the 1850s.

Our cemetery is a sacred place for us to remember the faithful departed. These principles give guidance on how we ask people to care for the cemetery graves of their loved ones, or the sites they have purchased for themselves. Out of an abundance of love and respect, these guidelines have been developed to help us care for the grounds and graves where our faithful departed rest.

It is the hope of the parish Cemetery Committee that you find these guidelines helpful, practical and useful, reminding us to care for our graves and to be respectful of the final resting place of those buried in our cemetery.

Our two annual cemetery collections in May and in November help subsidize the ongoing costs of cemetery maintenance and care. Your contributions are gratefully appreciated.

Thank you for allowing us to care for your loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. We trust that having your loved ones buried in a sacred and holy place brings you comfort and peace.

May your loved ones rest in eternal peace.

Shalom,

Fr. Brendan J. Walsh

Pastor

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the

perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed,

through the mercy of God,

Rest in Peace.

Amen.

I. General Cemetery Guidelines

1. Catholics, whether active or inactive, and non-Catholic members of Catholic families may be buried in St. Joseph Cemetery. In the spirit of Christian unity, exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by the pastor.
2. Visitation hours are observed between sunrise and sunset.
3. All visitors to the cemetery are to show common respect and courtesy, honoring the sacred ground and final resting place of the faithful departed.
4. Graves may be used for the burial of human remains only. A maximum of one interment and one inurnment (cremated remains), or one adult interment and one infant/child interment, or two inurnments will be permitted in a single grave.
5. Each *Burial Rights* holder is responsible for notifying the cemetery of any change of address. Notices sent to a Burial Rights holder at the last address on cemetery records shall be deemed to have been received when in the ordinary course of post, it would have reached the holder at the most current address in the cemetery records.
6. Only by the following means may the grave holder resell, transfer or exchange a grave:
 - Burial rights may only be resold to St. Joseph Cemetery at the original purchase price, with proof of ownership (i.e., Rights of Burial certificate.)

- All transfers of burial rights must be made through St. Joseph Cemetery at the St. Joseph Parish office, with proof of ownership (i.e., Rights of Burial certificate.)
 - In the event of the death of the Burial Rights holder, St. Joseph Cemetery will record the successor in ownership of any unused graves as the new Burial Rights holder upon the written application of the Personal Representative of the deceased Burial Rights holder. No new deed will be issued.
 - In the event the Burial Rights are recorded in the names of more than one person, the person(s) so named shall be deemed to be joint tenant(s) of the same with full rights of survivorship and the interest of the deceased person shall pass to the other joint owner(s) automatically.
7. Vandalism in the cemetery shall be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. The parish office is to be contacted first. Parish personnel will then notify the police and the family of damage or desecration of graves or monuments. Those found responsible for any damage are liable for the cost of repairs to or replacement of the monument or grounds damaged. St. Joseph Cemetery is not responsible for the replacement of monuments or memorials destroyed by vandalism. The cost of repair or replacement is the responsibility of the grave owner if the costs to repair the vandalism are not recovered. In the event the family cannot be located St. Joseph Cemetery may, but is not required to, assume financial responsibility.

8. Financial responsibility for damage caused by acts of nature or age of monuments will be determined at the discretion of the cemetery. Damage caused by cemetery maintenance personnel employed by the cemetery will be covered by St. Joseph Cemetery. It is recommended that owners confirm coverage of headstones with their homeowner insurance carrier.
9. St. Joseph Cemetery / Parish is responsible for all general cemetery maintenance and improvements, including but not limited to roadways, common grounds landscaping, etc.
10. Cars are to be parked courteously so that other cars can pass easily.
11. No alcoholic beverage, marijuana, or illegal drugs shall be consumed on the cemetery property.
12. Any new rule that St. Joseph Cemetery adopts will become effective immediately and must be complied with.

II. Plot and Interment Provisions

1. Each grave is limited to a maximum of one interment (casket burial with vault) and one inurnment (burial of cremains), or two inurnments, or one adult interment and one infant/small child interment, or two infant/toddler interments if vault size will permit.
2. Vaults are required for all casket interments with the exception of “green burials” [see section III.]

3. Vaults are not required for inurnments.
4. In the event of an interment after an inurnment, the cremains will be removed, the casket buried, and the cremains reinterred.
5. The first burial of cremains in a gravesite will be 2' from the head of the grave, the second, 6' from the head of the grave.

III. Green Burials

1. The burial must be in a completely biodegradable container; something that can break down easily and relatively quickly upon burial. Examples include paper, cardboard, soft woods such as pine or basswood, natural fabrics, or dissolvable materials.
2. Headstones and footstones may be placed no sooner than six months following burial.

IV. Memorials

1. No headstones may be placed within six months of burial to allow for settling of the ground.
2. In consideration of permanence and overall cemetery appearance, grave holders are encouraged to use first-grade materials, high quality craftsmanship, and good taste in design and construction of memorials.
3. The grave holder or memorial dealer must notify cemetery administration before any memorial work is done in the cemetery. All monuments must be placed by authorized personnel only.

4. Grave site improvements that are not in compliance with cemetery guidelines must be corrected by the grave owner. Any memorial work deemed inappropriate may be removed by cemetery or parish personnel. The Cemetery Commission reserves the right to pass the cost of removal on to the grave owner or heirs.
5. Headstones are to be centered on the gravesite(s). Maximum sizes are as follows:
 - Single grave (42" total width of grave) – 30"L x 12"W
 - Two graves (84" total width of graves) – 60"L x 12"W
 - Three graves (126" total width of graves) – 90"L x 12"W
 - Four graves (168" total width of graves) – 120"L x 12"W
6. Footstones are to be flush with the ground. Cemetery personnel will pour foundations unless other arrangements are made with St. Joseph Cemetery.
7. Bronze military plaques are to be either mounted on a foundation flush with the ground or mounted on a headstone.

V. Grave Care and Maintenance

1. The parish leadership has the right to regulate the method of decoration of graves so that the overall beauty of the cemetery may be maintained.
 - Flowers may not extend out more than 12" from the front or back of monument in blocks 1 through 6. In blocks 7 and 8, flowers may not extend more than 12" from the east side of the monument.

- Grave holders are not permitted to plant trees, shrubs, evergreens, rose bushes, or invasive plants.
 - Please contact the cemetery office with any concerns on this.
2. No person other than cemetery maintenance staff shall pick or destroy any flowers, either wild or domestic, nor shall they destroy or disturb any tree or shrub.
 3. The cemetery staff is not responsible for maintaining plantings around graves.
 4. Decorations will be removed from the grave when they are damaged, soiled, or unsightly.
 5. Winter decorations are permitted from November 1 – April 1. Winter decorations not removed by the mid-May clean up day will be removed at that time.
 6. No curbing, fencing, hedging, borders, or enclosures shall be allowed on any grave, nor shall brick, cinder, sand, cement, gravel or wood be allowed on any grave. If so erected, the cemetery has the right to remove it.
 7. Neither cemetery personnel nor St. Joseph Parish are responsible for the loss of grave decorations.



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CEMETERY
DEXTER, MICHIGAN

NEW GRAVE & PERPETUAL CARE PRICING

Effective immediately

Cost of Grave: \$700.00

^{1,2}Perpetual Care: \$300.00

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For more information on purchasing a grave or handling the transfer of a deed to a family member or heir, please contact the St. Joseph Parish office at 734.426.8483 or info@stjos.com.

Fr. Brendan J. Walsh, pastor

Liz Neil, cemetery manager

NOTES:

¹If perpetual care was previously paid at the time of the purchase of a grave, there is no additional charge.

²If a grave was previously purchased without having paid perpetual care at the time of purchase, the current rate is to be paid at the time of burial.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY
Dexter MI

NEW FOUNDATION PRICING
Effective August 1, 2023

| UP TO LENGTH | CHARGE |
|--------------|----------|
| 24" | \$190.00 |
| 30" | \$225.00 |
| 36" | \$260.00 |
| 42" | \$300.00 |
| 48" | \$325.00 |
| 54" | \$365.00 |
| 60" | \$400.00 |
| 66" | \$430.00 |
| 72" | \$520.00 |

St. Joseph Cemetery has not increased its charge for foundations since the late 1990s – early 2000s. The above prices will be in effect as of August 1, 2023.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the cemetery office at 734.426.8483, extension 215.

Fr. Brendan J. Walsh, Pastor

Liz Neil, Cemetery Manager

† LOCAL VENDORS

Contact Information

FUNERAL HOMES

| NAME | LOCATION | PHONE |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Hosmer Muehlig Funeral Chapel | Dexter | (734) 426-4661 |
| Muehlig Funeral Chapel | Ann Arbor | (734) 663-3375 |
| Nie Funeral Home | Liberty Rd, Ann Arbor | (734) 302-1000 |
| Nie Funeral Home | Carpenter Rd, Ann Arbor | (734) 971-2345 |
| Cole Funeral Chapel | Chelsea | (734) 475-1551 |
| Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home | Chelsea | (734) 475-1444 |
| Borek Jennings Funeral Home | Pinckney | (734) 878-3172 |

GRAVE OPENING & CLOSING COSTS

| NAME | DATES | WEEKDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | after 2:30p |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------|------------------|
| Bollinger's* 734.433.1831 | Mar 21 - Dec 14: FULL BURIAL | \$650.00 | \$750.00 | \$950.00 | additional \$100 |
| | Mar 21 - Dec 14: CREMATION | \$300.00 | \$350.00 | \$400.00 | additional \$100 |
| St. Joseph** | Mar 21 - Dec 14: CREMATION | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | - |
| Bollinger's*** | Dec 15 - Mar 20: FULL BURIAL | \$850.00 | \$950.00 | \$1,150.00 | additional \$100 |
| St. Joseph | Dec 15 - Mar 20: CREMATION | - | - | - | - |

*Arrival at cemetery at 2:30pm or later, add \$100 overtime fee

**if personnel are available

***if defrosting of the grave is necessary, an additional fee of \$300 is added to the total cost.

MONUMENT VENDORS*

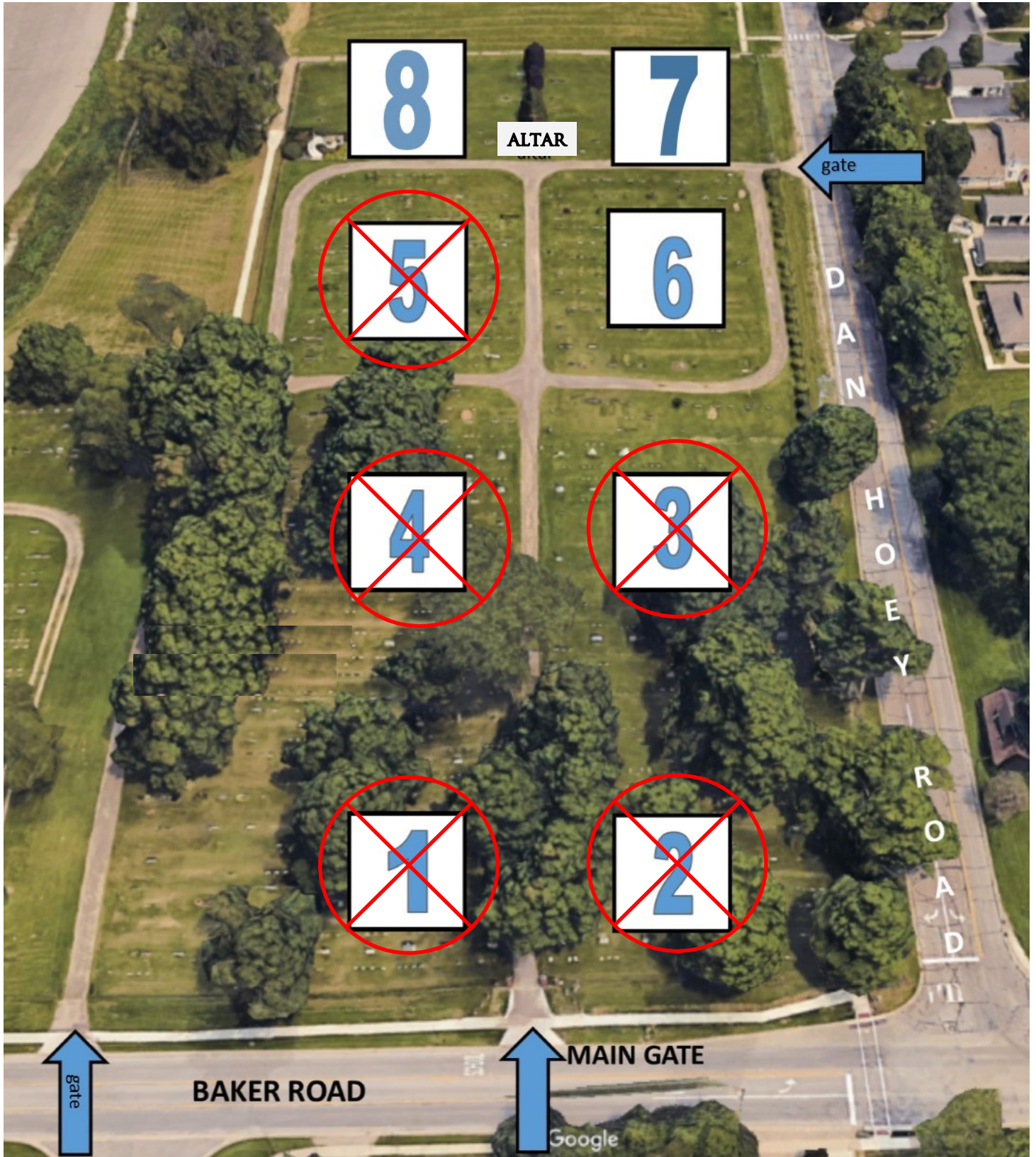
| NAME | LOCATION | PHONE |
|------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Arnet's Monuments | Ann Arbor | (734) 665-3658 |
| Arnet's Monuments | Ypsilanti | (734) 482-3394 |
| Jackson Monument Works | Jackson | (517) 782-3116 |

*Some funeral homes also provide monument services - please contact the above chapels for information.

† Please note, this information is provided for your convenience, without any implied recommendation or endorsement of their services.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY - BLOCK LAYOUT

GRAVES AVAILABLE ONLY IN BLOCKS 6 - 7 - 8



to downtown Dexter

to I-94

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
3430 Dover
Dexter, MI 48130

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*Eternal rest grant unto them. O Lord, and
let the perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and all the souls of the
faithful departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace.*

Amen.

