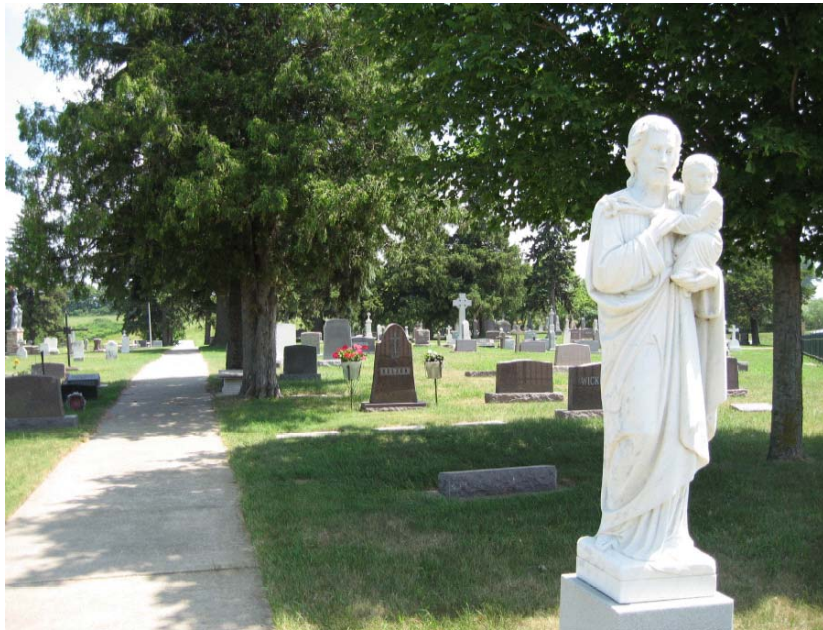


*ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC CEMETERY*

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St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

History

On March 14, 1863, Katharina Kohler sold two acres of land in the SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 24, T116N, R25W, to Rt. Rev. Thomas L. Grace, Bishop of St. Paul, for cemetery purposes for \$8.50.

The earliest recorded burial on this parcel of land is that of John P. Fischer (1807-1861). His grave is southwest of the Crucifix.

Samuel Moy homesteaded the land west of this new cemetery and received a U.S. grant on January 21, 1859. The Moy's used the land for burials. The earliest recorded burial is Ehram Moy (1831-1862) but there may have been earlier burials. On June 11, 1897, August and Mary Moy and Joseph and Mary Straus (Moy) deeded a gift to Rev. P. Otho OSF for cemetery purposes from the estate of Samuel Moy. This is the west point of the cemetery containing about 2/3 of an acre. August Moy, wife Mary, and son Fred were killed by a tornado on August 20, 1904.

On June 30, 1926, a 10 foot strip of land along the east side was purchased from Joseph Hartmann for \$50.

On November 27, 1945 an acre of land on the east side was purchased from Anton J. Hartmann, this is the area between the old cemetery and the present gravel driveway.

On September 20, 1974 an additional two acres of land along Airport Road was acquired from Ben and Alice Hartmann.

On November 20, 1995 another two acres of land joining the above, along Airport Road, was acquired from Michael and Patricia Hartmann. These four acres were graded in 1997.

By studying the burial records of St. Joseph Cemetery, it is evident that the following three years had some bad disease or other catastrophe.

1884 - 28 burials, 20 under the age of 16
1886 - 27 burials, 17 under the age of 16
1899 - 22 burials, 12 under the age of 16

The average burials of all the years around these deaths was about 10. It wasn't until 1983 that we had over 20 burials again. This is about normal due to the size of the Parish.

As of October 5, 1998 we have had 1,594 burials at St. Joseph's Cemetery, including 19 cremations. There are enough platted grave sites at this time for the next 25 years, the un-platted 4 acres of land should provide burials for an additional 75 years.

In the past, all the cemetery listing information came from the in-place headstones. The death record books do not show everyone buried at the cemetery, as different Priests used many ways of recording, some only showed those dying from the Parish and others listed anyone buried at the cemetery.

Cemetery Records prior to 1940 are very poor or non-existent. Most of the old records for St. Joseph are in Latin or German script which makes for difficult reading.

The oldest part of St. Joseph cemetery never had a formal plat until Allen Schmitz surveyed one to fit the existing monuments in about 1988. During the depression, it was common that monuments were not erected on graves. Today, it would be impossible to locate exactly the site of burial without a monument in place.

Archdiocesan Guidelines for Cremation

Remains of cremated bodies should be treated with the same respect given to the corporal remains of a human body. The cremated remains of a body should be buried in a grave in a cemetery or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. (A columbarium is a monument for the disposition of cremains.) The practice of scattering cremated remains in the sea, from the air or on the ground or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased is not the reverent disposition that the church requires. Whenever possible, appropriate means of memorialization should be utilized.

CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Chapter I

Cemetery Lots and Their Care

The Cemetery Committee referred to herein is the Cemetery Committee of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Waconia, Minnesota.

Section 1. **Grades of Lots.**

The grades of all lots and grounds are established by the Cemetery Committee.

Section 2. **Enclosure of Lots.**

Stone enclosures or fences are detrimental to the appearance of the cemetery as a whole. They are unnecessary and therefore prohibited.

Section 3. **General Care.**

The general care of the entire grounds and lots is assumed by the Cemetery Committee. It does not provide for special care or watering of plants.

Section 4. **Removal of Unsightly Trees and Shrubs.**

The Cemetery Committee shall have the right to remove any tree, shrub, or any structure upon any lot which has or shall become, by reason of age or otherwise, unsightly or detrimental to the lot upon which it is situated or any adjoining lot or avenue. If, by reason of the absence or neglect of a responsible party, any plant or structure thereon shall become unsightly, hazardous, or otherwise detrimental, the Cemetery Committee shall have the right to cause the same to be put in proper condition, and to make a reasonable charge for the same.

Section 5. **Seats and Iron objects.**

Iron objects, wire work and stone seats will not be allowed upon lots without written approval of the Cemetery Committee.

Section 6. **Removal of Grave Decorations.**

Flags, flag holders and decorations of similar nature, placed on lots or graves, will be removed by the Cemetery Committee within ten days after Memorial Day.

It is the responsibility of the families to remove all types of grave decorations by the week following Labor Day for the winter. Those items not removed will be discarded by the Cemetery Committee.

Chapter II Planting in Cemetery

Section 1. **Trees and Shrubs.**

All trees, shrubs, and flowers, not on burial lots shall be planted only by the Cemetery Committee.

Section 2. **Planting on Lots.**

Flowers may be planted in an area which does not extend more than 18 inches beyond the front of the grave marker. No plants shall be planted that will grow taller than 30 inches. However, no tree or shrub within the border of any lot or lots shall be planted, removed, or destroyed without the consent of the Cemetery Committee. Planting within the narrow limits of a cemetery lot as to avoid overcrowding and encroachment on adjoining lots, requires an intimate knowledge of the habits of trees and shrubs, and the size which they attain, and it may be done only with the approval and under the direction of the Cemetery Committee.

Section 3. **Removal of Unfilled Vases and Urns.**

It is the responsibility of the families to remove all grave decorations by the week following Labor Day for the winter. Those items not removed will be discarded by the Cemetery Committee.

Section 4. **Sodding or Seeding of Lots.**

It shall be the responsibility of the Cemetery Committee to either sod or seed the area of the grave not reserved for plants. New graves need to be soaked and left to settle twice. Seeding takes place in the Spring and Fall.

Chapter III Interments

Section 1. **Arrangements.**

Arrangements for an interment should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the time set for the funeral service. It shall be incumbent on the undertaker to notify the Cemetery Committee before any grave is opened, including those for premature or still-born infants.

Section 2. **Purchase of Lots by Members.**

Lots are purchased through the Parish Office at a rate determined by Church leadership. The lots are sold in order. Deviation from this results in substantial additional fees. The right to burial is the only title the owner acquires when a lot is conveyed to them. Twenty percent of the lot purchase price is earmarked for perpetual care as recommended by the Archdiocese.

Section 3. **Persons Interred.**

St. Joseph Parish has a policy to only bury parishioners. Church leadership reserves the right to determine the eligibility of a non-member to burial rights. We have made a few exceptions in the past for burials of non-parishioners if there is a family connection to our church, however we have limited these exceptions on a case-by-case basis. We are very limited to the amount of land in our cemetery and need to keep it for the final resting place for our own parishioners.

The wife is buried to the left of the husband.

Section 4. **Messages.**

The Cemetery Committee will not be responsible for any mistake or error in the transmission or reception of messages by telephone, every such message should be immediately confirmed in writing by mail or personal delivery.

Section 5. **Laws and Ordinances Regarding Burial.**

No burial will be permitted in any lot in the cemetery unless in compliance with the laws and ordinances as enforced by the State of Minnesota, St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Section 6. **Number in Grave.**

Double burials are permitted in one lot. The lot fee is assessed per person buried. (Two persons buried in the same lot results in double the lot price.)

Chapter IV
Markers

Section 7. Charge of Funerals.

Funerals will be subject to the charge and control of the Cemetery Committee or someone designated by them. All persons shall conduct themselves quietly in a manner becoming the place and occasion.

Section 8. Damage to Cemetery.

Persons engaged in the preparation for, or burial of, any person are prohibited from attaching ropes or cables to monuments, trees, or shrubs or scattering material over adjoining lots or parking roads or paths. All such persons and concerns, be it truck, grave diggers, or otherwise, must do as little injury to grass, trees or shrubs as possible. Any damage done by such a person, dealer, contractor, or their agents, shall be repaired by them, and if such is not done satisfactorily and it proves necessary for the Cemetery Committee to do so, the cost of such repair shall be charged to such person, dealer, contractor, his agent or his principal.

Section 9. Snow Removal.

In the event of a snowstorm, after a grave site has been opened, and before the burial has taken place, the costs for additional removal of snow is the responsibility of the family.

Section 10. Permanent Container.

All caskets or burials shall be in a permanent container (vault / liner), including cremations.

Section 11. Cremations.

Cremation burials are handled in same way as casket burials.

Section 1. Permanent marker.

All graves shall have a permanent marker to identify the grave. However, no grave shall be marked with more than one permanent monument - except for a flat marker for VETS or a flat marker for a secondary burial to the grave. Secondary Markers are placed at the foot of the grave. (1' x 2') The marker must be so placed as to be centered equidistant between the outer edges of the lot and 6" from the foot and flush to the ground. *(See diagram on the inside back cover)*

Section 2. Concrete Base.

No marker shall be set except on a concrete base that extends to 4-5" beyond the edge of the marker. There must be 12" between graves.

Section 3. Staking and Placing the Marker.

It is the responsibility of the purchaser to inform the Parish Office at least 48 hours before a marker is to be installed to arrange for the grave to be staked. There is a staking fee. You will need to provide the size of the Marker. Markers need to be centered at the stake and flush with the ground. No marker may be installed between 6:00 pm and 7:00 am or on Sundays or holidays. Markers are usually set into place by the company that they are purchased from. Family members may also do this, provided the grave is staked in advance. Keep in mind that you will be asked to re-place the marker if it is not laid properly.

Section 4. Maintain Marker.

It shall be the responsibility of the family of the deceased to maintain markers so that they are safe and neat looking.

Section 5. Unacceptable Markers.

The Cemetery Committee reserves the right to reject any marker by reason of failure to abide by the Rules and Regulations governing memorial work and also if any monument or other memorial is considered not of first class quality of material and design. The committee also reserves the right to correct any error made by its employees or other persons in the location or placement of any marker, monument, or other memorial.

Section 6. Stone Maintenance.

While the Cemetery Committee will exercise all possible care to protect all memorials and the finish and lettering and other permanent objects, it disclaims responsibility for any damage done by persons other than employees, or by Act of God, War, insurrection or vandalism. Should any marker, monument, tomb, vault, or other memorial become unsightly, dilapidated, or a menace to visitors or employees, the Cemetery Committee shall have the right to repair or remove same. Any repair shall be at the expense of the family of the person buried in the lot.

Chapter V
Rules for Visitors

Section 1. Automobiles.

Automobiles may not be driven within the Cemetery at a greater speed than ten miles per hour, and they shall not be turned around on any roadway or driven upon any platted section of the cemetery. No car shall be driven so that an audible signal is necessary and no car may pass a funeral proceeding in the same direction, or at a point where a burial is in progress. When a car stops, the motor must also be stopped and the machine parked on the right hand side of the road.

Section 2. Who Admitted.

The grounds will be open from 7:00 am until sunset, and any orderly person may visit them.

Section 3. Children.

Children under ten years of age will not be admitted to the Cemetery unless accompanied by an adult.

Section 4. Refreshments.

Refreshments may not be eaten in the cemetery and no person with refreshments will be admitted to the grounds.

Section 5. Fire-Arms.

No fire-arms will be allowed in the grounds except at military funerals and on Memorial Day.

Section 6. Picking Flowers.

All persons are prohibited, under penalty of the law from picking flowers, either wild or cultivated, or breaking any tree, shrub, or plant, or marring or defacing any monument or stone, or any structure within the cemetery.

Section 7. Omnibuses, Schools, etc.

Omnibuses will not be admitted to the grounds, nor schools, nor large assemblies or persons except at funerals and on Memorial Day.

Section 8. Animals.

No animal of any kind will be allowed in or admitted to the cemetery.

Section 9. Fees.

No money shall be paid to any workman or attendant on the grounds.

Section 10. Your Help.

The Cemetery Committee earnestly requests everyone to aid them in enforcing these rules. Everyone is asked to please report to the Cemetery Committee any violation, with names of offenders if known.

Chapter VI
General

St. Joseph Catholic Church of Waconia, Minnesota, hereby expressly reserves the right, at any time or times, to adopt new Rules and Regulations, or to amend, alter, or repeal any rule, regulation, article, section, paragraph, or sentence, in these Rules and Regulations.

However, special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardship. St. Joseph Catholic Church reserves the right, without notice, to make exceptions, suspensions, or modifications in any of these Rules and Regulations, when, in its judgment, the same appear advisable, and such temporary exception, suspension, or modification shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of such rule.

