

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:

Welcome to one of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Cemeteries. St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church is dedicated to providing a beautiful and peaceful resting place for the faithfully departed for St. Casimir Cemetery, St. Fidelis Cemetery, St. George Cemetery, St. Isidore Cemetery, St. Joseph Cemetery, St. Thomas Cemetery, and St. Wendel Cemetery. You can help St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Cemetery make a difference by donating \$10 - \$20 or more to the Cemetery of your choice to help and continue to maintain a beautiful cemetery for your loved ones. Please mail your donation to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church 8100 Brunner Road, Newton, WI. 53063 (attention cemetery maintenance.) Thank You.

Decoration Rules

Effective May 1, 2020

These decoration rules are for the following cemeteries, St. Casimir Cemetery, St. Fidelis Cemetery, St. George Cemetery, St. Isidore Cemetery, St. Joseph Cemetery, St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery and St. Wendel Cemetery.

Visitation Policy

Assume the good intent of everyone on the cemetery grounds and presume their respect of sacredness of these premises.

- The Cemeteries are open daily to visitors from sunrise to sunset.
- Pets are not permitted. This prohibition does not apply to service animals.

Decorations

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED FROM CEMETERY PROPERTY AND WILL BE REMOVED

- ALL HOOKS INCLUDING SHEPHERD HOOKS AND HEART SHAPED HOOKS.
- Trellis – Banners – Garden and Decorative Flags – Balloons – Pictures – Water Containers.
- Benches – Birdhouses – Birdfeeders – Birdbaths – Glass, Plastic or Styrofoam Decor, Vases or Urns – Tripods – Gnomes - hollow or unauthorized statuary – Plastic, Wood or Metal planters .
- Glass or Plastic Lights – Statues – Candles – Hanging Plants – Trees – Shrubs / Vines.
- Planting any Perennials - Food Plants – Rocks – Borders – Fences – Bricks – Stones.
- Taping, Wiring, Gluing or attaching anything to a marker or monument, in any manner is prohibited.
- Decorations of any kind are **NOT** allowed at niches except the day of the funeral.
- Leaving any food on the grave.
- No Spreading of human or pet cremations or ashes.

Permitted

- Veterans Flag holder and flag are permitted. Faded / worn flags will be removed.
- Small floral saddles are allowed on top of the monument / marker as long as they are maintained (no faded decorations) stable and do not interfere with the maintenance of the cemetery. Floral saddles that are not being used must be removed

- Flowers in the cemeteries are allowed at the front of the grave only and shall not exceed the width of the monument, /marker nor more than 12 inches in front of the monument, /marker. **Planting perennials is not permitted.** Live plants and flowers that become unsightly will be cut down. Any perennials found shall be cut down.
- Funeral flowers will be removed from the grave site when they become unsightly or after 5 days.
- The management is not responsible for loss of, or damage to, any item placed or planted on any lot.

Spring and summer decorations may **NOT** be placed on the graves before May 15th. And removed by October 15th.

Fall clean up October 15, at which point **all decorations / Statute must be removed** from the cemetery.

Winter decorations may be in placed starting November 15th and removed April 1st.

Winter decorations, such as a wreath, no more than 36", on an approved 3 – point stand or strung to a monument or marker, may be permitted after fall clean up. **Do not drive stakes or posts into the ground.**

Winter decorations must be removed by April 1st.

People wishing to save decorations – please remove them by **April 1st**. and **October 15th**. Decorations not removed by these dates will be removed by the grounds crew and discarded.

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Cemeteries reserve the right to remove and discard anything placed with in the cemetery that deem not to conform to the rules of the cemetery. Any decoration or item that the cemetery deems as unsafe, or faded or weathered or outdated will be removed and discarded.

Any questions please consult the parish office 920/726-4228 or check St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church website www.stthomasnewton.org for the latest version of the Decoration Rules.