

Updates on the Holy Cross Cemetery September 2022

- * A proper survey is being conducted in the two newer sections of the property. One is the Bronze section and the other is the Blessed Virgin Mothers(BVM)section. Both of these sections have plots still available for procuring and therefore represent the most available for growth in the Cemetery.
- * Following published Guidelines from the Diocese, the ministry will produce a revised set of Rules and Policies for the purchase of plots and guidelines for cemetery management. The Cemetery falls directly under the guidelines of the Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services (CFCS), again, the property owners.
- * Along with new rules and policies, the Ministry has been challenged to keep up with current activity at the cemetery like funerals and family burials. As well, we have been answering many questions about existing family plots and headstone locations. This has been accomplished by hours of card file and contract research to properly answer and fulfill our obligations to families.
- * We are developing a comprehensive data base, which does not exist at this time, to improve all aspect of managing the cemetery. Tony Lexa has been extremely invested in this process and we thank Tony for all of his timeless effort with this endeavor.
- * One of the major challenges has been to develop and implement a new set of guidelines for the proper activity at the property itself. Basically, we need better rules for better maintenance. Better maintenance will improve and beautify the sacred property.
- * The Helbling family has been handling the maintenance of the property for years and we owe Art and his people a great deal of thanks for doing the job of upkeep. We are blessed to have his team and organization involved. Art also serves on the Ministry team and has provided needed guidance in helping make the changes necessary to accomplish this challenge.
- * From the Diocesan viewpoint, their concerns are simple. We are instructed to keep and maintain a plan in place to provide Perpetual Care for the cemetery into Perpetuity. It may be easy in concept but it will prove to be a long term challenge to our parish into the future.
- * Finally, it is appropriate to give the dedicated folks of the ministry a huge and blessed THANK YOU for all the work and input they have provided and will continue to provide going forward with our ministry.

If parishioners have questions about the cemetery or interest in knowing more about procuring a plot or plots, please contact Annette Flag in the Office at church.

Please look for recent updates with the Holy Cross website and new Cemetery information.

