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# ST. MARY'S VISITATION

Catholic Parish † Elm Grove, WI



## Saint Mary's Visitation Parish Cemetery

### Our Mission:

To provide a private and peaceful environment  
maintained for our past loved ones.

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1260 Church Street  
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### History:

St. Mary's Visitation Cemetery is located at 13205 Watertown Plank Road in Elm Grove. The cemetery was established near the School Sisters of Notre Dame Cemetery in 1868, and was deeded to the Parish in 1870. Our cemetery is a holy place for prayer and remembrance.

### Cemetery Plots:

- Cemetery plots are available to active St. Mary's Visitation parishioners; each active member may purchase one gravesite.
- Members' children, adults 21 and older, may purchase gravesites only if they become active members themselves. Gravesites cannot be bought in advance for one's children.
- The cost per individual gravesite is \$2,500. This fee does not include the cost related to internments. This fee is discussed with the funeral director and assessed at the time of internment.
- Plot Sales: It is our policy that previously sold but empty gravesites may be sold back to the parish if the owners or heirs do not intend to use them. The refunded amount will be the cost of the original purchase price. Owners or heirs may donate cemetery plots back to the parish as well. Sales of unused gravesites to other individuals are forbidden.

### Perpetual Care:

- Perpetual care is provided and is limited to grass cutting and trimming around monuments. Road maintenance and snow removal is provided by the parish. Perpetual care does not include tree, bush or plant trimming around the monuments. Tree trimming is provided for the trees that line the roadway and fence line.
- Trees & shrubs: We do not allow the planting of trees or shrubs; too often they grow too large and may not be properly maintained. Potted or unpotted plants are preferred. If a plant is not maintained by the family and becomes too large, it will be removed. Water is available on site for visitors' use to care for plantings.

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### Monuments and Plaques:

- One monument is allowed per gravesite. The monument size, shape and design must be in keeping with industry standards and approved by the parish. The monument cannot overshadow adjacent sites. The monument must be constructed as to assure the utmost safety to other visitors. The church has the authority to deny any monument that it deems too ostentatious or too large for the site. One additional flush marker is allowed per site. We encourage monuments that are professionally installed with a concrete footing. All footings are installed by the cemetery's selected vendor.
- Monument decorations such as wind chimes, shepherd's hooks, veteran plaques, flags, standing wreaths and crosses may be placed by a gravesite. The church announces twice per year when relatives should remove any old and unsightly decorations.

### Internments:

- Each site can accommodate one full body burial and one cremains. This number may change if a concrete vault is chosen for any of the cremains. Multiple burials must be approved by the Parish Office.
- Vaults can be purchased through the funeral directors.

### Cemetery Hours:

St. Mary's Visitation Cemetery is open every day from dawn to dusk.

### For More Information:

Heidi Steigerwald is the St. Mary's Visitation Cemetery Sexton. Heidi can help with any cemetery needs you may have, including but not limited to, plot sales, funeral internments, monument needs, burial right transfers and any other questions. Heidi can be reached through the Parish Office at 262-782-4575 or via email, [hsteigerwald@stmaryeg.org](mailto:hsteigerwald@stmaryeg.org).

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."*

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