



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE

Calvary
1921

St. Louis
1867

St. Michael
1851

St. John
1849



A Guiding Light

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Our Mission

The services of Catholic Cemeteries are a ministry of the Archdiocese of Louisville. We offer the rite of burial to the Catholic Community and all of God's people. We commit ourselves to the Gospel and Catholic tradition. We affirm the sacredness of human life and profess the resurrection of the body and everlasting life.

Upcoming Events

Dec 2nd

Lighting of the Tree of Remembrance

Calvary Cemetery
By the Newburg Rd
gate

Read more on the next page!



*Merry Christmas
and Happy Holidays!*



Dec 28th

Infant Prayer Service

Calvary Cemetery
Holy Innocents Section
(Section 20)
1:30-2:30 PM

Each month, Catholic Cemeteries holds a brief prayer service to remember those infants who were stillborn or who lived any length of time. The names of all of the infants buried during the month in any of the archdiocesan Catholic cemeteries will be honored during the service. Any who have lost an infant are invited to attend and pray with us for their baby and all others.

If you would like a name to be included on the prayer list, please give us a call at (502) 451-7710.

Lighting of the Tree of Remembrance



Lighting of the Tree, 2021

The Archdiocese of Louisville's Catholic Cemeteries has found a meaningful way to bring the warmth of Advent and Christmas to the cemetery with the Tree of Remembrance. Since 2016, about 400 people have gathered each year for the tree lighting and blessing ceremony.

This year's event will take place on Friday, December 2nd. Join us for Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre's blessing of the live tree, which will be ceremonially lit as a Christmas tree. Participants are invited to hang complimentary personalized glass ornaments on the tree in memory of loved ones, or bring their own to hang. Hot drinks and pastries will be available.

This event extends to all people, regardless of where their loved one is buried or how long ago. It is our hope that these prayers and ornaments will honor the deceased and alleviate the pain and sadness of those mourning.

The event will begin at 6:30, with the cemetery gates open for entry until 6:25 PM. No entry will be allowed during the service. Please plan accordingly!

Ornaments will be allowed to remain on the tree until January 6th, 2023.



Archbishop Fabre's Message of Hope

Adapted from The Record Newspaper, Nov. 3, 2022

Written by Ruby Thomas

Under a tent in Calvary Cemetery, Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre celebrated his first Mass to commemorate the feast of All Souls in the Archdiocese of Louisville Nov. 2.

As close to 200 people gathered with him to remember deceased loved ones, the archbishop pointed to the hope found in the church's teachings on purgatory. The church, he said, is often ridiculed for this teaching, or sometimes the doctrine is forgotten.

Visiting a cemetery is not the only way to remember and pray for the dead, the archbishop noted, but it is a "beautiful way."



"[The doctrine of purgatory] is a hopeful doctrine, saying that God gives us every single opportunity to live eternally with him. And because of the bonds of love and friendship that knit us together, our loved ones do benefit from our prayers and our memories and that's what brings us here today."

"To come to that place where their bodies rest, to utter a prayer for them and to remember that, one day, I will make my bed in this place as well, but until that day let me do all that I can to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ," he said. "So that upon my death, my purging might occur as rapidly as possible so that I might enter into that union with Jesus Christ like the saints."

Read the rest of the article at the link below.

OUR ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Maps

BASIC OVERVIEW MAP



DETAILED OVERVIEW
MAP



– Individual Section
Maps

Blocks 9-13

Blocks 14-16

Chapel Section

Section 1

Section 1 Addition

Section 2

Section 3

Section 6

Understanding Our Online Maps

Did you know that we have downloadable PDF maps of our cemeteries available on our website?

If you've ever wanted to visit a loved one in Calvary, Saint Michael, Saint Louis, or Saint John, and known their general location but been unsure about how to find it — this information is for you!

Go to our website (www.catholiccemeterieslouisville.org) and from the menu bar at the top of the page, hover your mouse over or click on "Our Cemeteries." From there, you can choose which of our Archdiocesan cemeteries you are looking for, you can choose which of our Archdiocesan cemeteries you are looking for. A new webpage should open up.

On that webpage will be general information about that cemetery and a Google map link, but if you scroll down you will see Maps (as pictured to the left). Each cemetery has at least a basic overview map online. Saint Michael and Calvary each have maps of individual sections as well. If you click on which section you are looking for, a PDF map will open up in a new tab. You can download or print this out from your computer or phone. If you are able to, it helps to keep the webpage with all of the map options open on your phone while you are in the cemetery, in case you get turned around and need to consult a map.

The section maps are particularly helpful if you know your loved one's lot number, as each individual lot is labelled so you will be able to pinpoint the exact location you are looking for.

At some point in the future, we hope to have comprehensive Google maps which can be broken down to the individual graves within the lots, where you could actually see on your own if a grave is occupied, for sale, etc. and will provide exact walking directions to that location. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office! We are happy to help.

Christie Atkinson, Lead Family Counselor

OUR
STAFF

Christie Atkinson, the lead counselor of our Family Services Department, has been with the Catholic Cemeteries since 2019.

In that time, she has met with thousands of families assisting them with the purchase of burial rights, and the design of their memorial, showing them their options and walking them through the selection process — but that's just the tip of the iceberg of what her daily work routine consists.

While each meeting with a family typically lasts about 30 minutes, there's work behind the scenes in order to make things move: She processes the requests, coordinates with our manufacturer based in Georgia, Southern Granite, to get mock-ups of the design before it is finalized. It can take weeks to get a proof back from Southern Granite, and when those come in, she will send them to the family to review. Sometimes this process is a straightforward approval, and sometimes it necessitates acting as a mediator back and forth between the family and the manufacturer to make changes or corrections.

Only once the design has been approved by the family are there any contracts signed. Right now she is working with about 80 families, either waiting for a proof from the manufacturer or approval from the family. She is also the backup for colleagues conducting lot sales, and an expert plant cultivator with many African violet and spider plant babies.

Outside of work, she spends time with her husband Brian, and her three daughters, Lauren, Olivia, and Miranda, as well as her extended family and dogs, Boomer, Patty, and Shirley. She is reading her way through Reese Witherspoon's book club and admits to enjoying what some may label as "guilty pleasure" TV shows.



The Resident Red-Tailed Hawk



If you've visited Calvary Cemetery often enough, you might have spotted a frequent visitor: a red-tailed hawk, scientific name *Buteo jamaicensis*.

This is probably the most common hawk in North America, but they are still somewhat rare to see out in the open. Typically, red-tailed hawks can be sighted flying in circles above open fields or perched on telephone poles.

The particular hawk (or several hawks) who visit us enjoy settling onto taller monuments, surveying the grounds around them.

Red-tailed hawks eat small mammals, birds, and even reptiles — their diet varies with location and season. Mammals such as voles, rats, rabbits, and ground squirrels are often major prey; it is very rare but not unheard of that they may eat cats or small dogs.

DID YOU KNOW? Red-tailed hawks can spot a mouse from 100 feet away.

Adult birds are recognizable by their signature red tails and dark feathers across their stomach, which is white. Meanwhile, younger birds have black band of feathers and their tail is brown.

Have you ever seen our resident hawk? Post a photo if you have and don't forget to tag us in it!

Learn more about burial options
at any of our cemeteries

Call (502) 451-7710

or visit

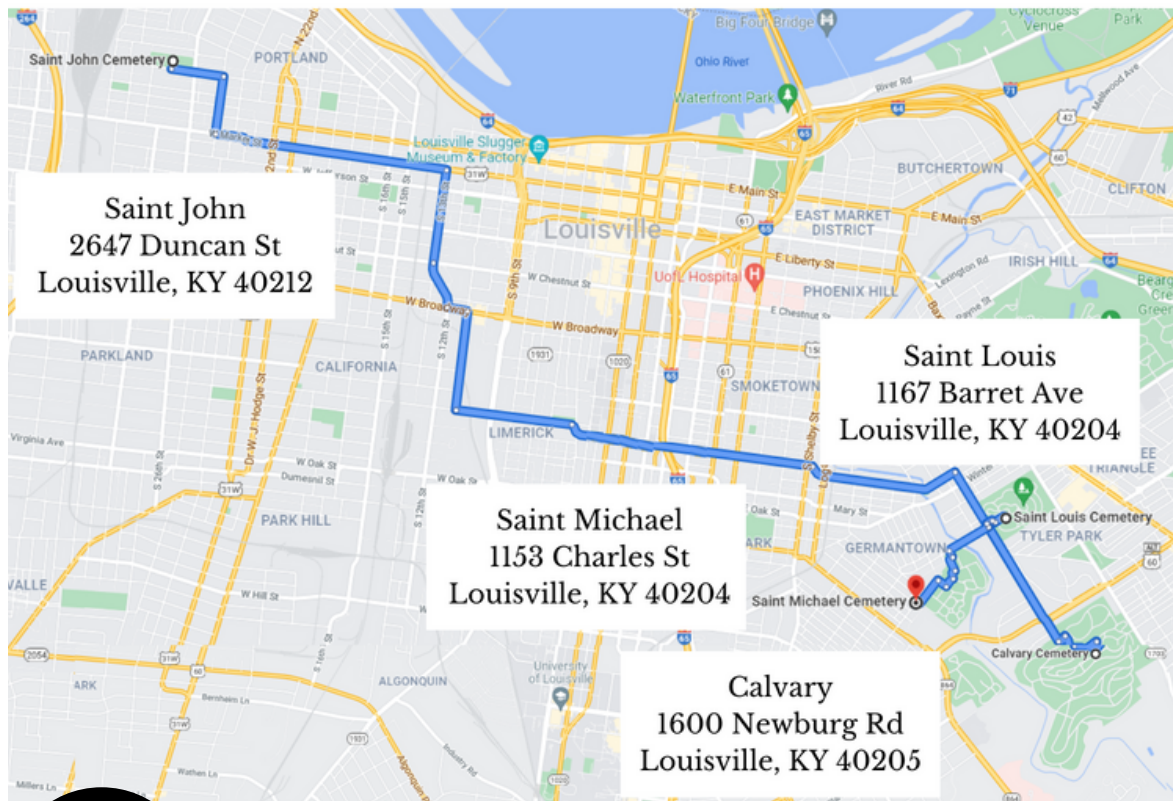
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*God of the living and
the dead accept our
prayers for those who
have died in Christ and
are buried with him in
the hope of rising again.
In your mercy grant
them eternal rest.*

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Visit Our Grounds



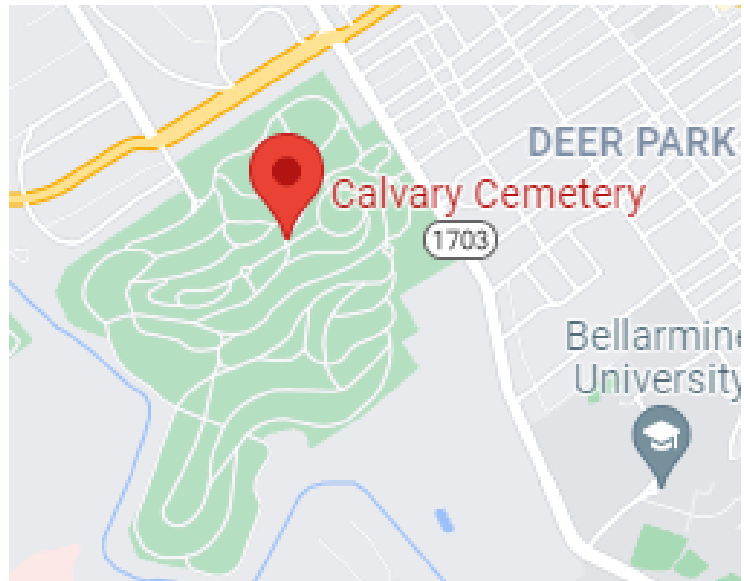
Open April-September: 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
October-March: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Visit Our Office

Located inside
Calvary Cemetery

1600 Newburg Rd
Louisville, KY 40205

There is a blue line
on the road from
the gates leading to
the office



Questions? Call us
(502) 451-7710

Open Monday-Friday:
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Saturday:
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

