



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

Feb 22nd

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.

**Feb &
March**

Stations of the Cross

Calvary Cemetery
Saint Louis Cemetery
Saint Michael Cemetery
Saint John Cemetery

We are pleased to announce that every Friday during the Lenten season, we will be hosting a Stations of the Cross event. Read below for more info, and stay tuned to our social media for specifics regarding times and meeting locations.

March 1st

Annual Spring Clean Up

Calvary Cemetery
Saint Louis Cemetery
Saint Michael Cemetery
Saint John Cemetery

This date begins preparation for our mowing season. Please collect all items that are at ground level prior to this date, so that they are not removed and discarded by our grounds personnel. Artificial decorations at ground level are only permitted from November 15th through February.

Stations of the Cross



Each year, the Catholic Cemeteries hosts Stations of the Cross which take place throughout the season of Lent at a rotation of our four cemeteries (Saint John, Saint Louis, Saint Michael, and Calvary).

Students from local Catholic schools lead attendants through the stations, which are set up throughout the hosting cemetery, which changes each week. Total walking distance is typically about 300-400 yards.

Stations of the Cross, 2022

Alternatively, one could make the trip on their own either via car — the Stations are visible from the main roads — or walking at their own pace; crosses are usually set up around 10 or 11 AM on the day of the event, and taken down by 3 PM.

This year, the dates for each Station of the Cross events are as follows:

- **February 24th** - Calvary Cemetery hosted by St. Agnes School
- **March 3rd** - Saint Louis Cemetery hosted by Holy Trinity School
- **March 10th** - Saint Michael Cemetery hosted by St. Martha School
- **March 17th** - Saint John Cemetery hosted by TBD
- **March 24th** - Calvary Cemetery hosted by St. Thomas Aquinas Home School Group - **This date Archbishop Fabre will join us.**
- **March 31st** - Saint Michael Cemetery hosted by TBD

We hope to see you there!

Reminder of Annual Spring Clean Up

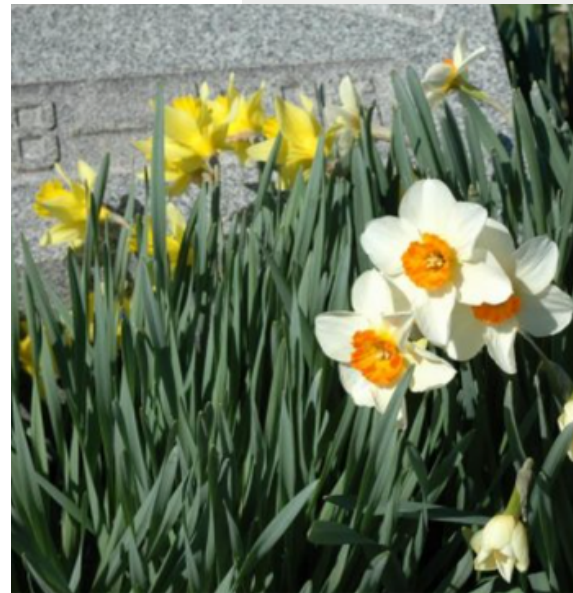
March 1st begins the preparation for our mowing season, which lasts through the summer and ends on November 15th. With the mowers in use, stray items around graves become a safety hazard to our grounds crew — anything caught up in a mower could be spit out and strike someone, cause a mower to malfunction or break, etc. Because of this, February 28th is the last day we allow artificial decorations at ground level until November.

Artificial decorations are permitted in attached vases or saddles on above-ground markers and monuments year-round. Examples of artificial decorations that need to be removed from the ground include but are not limited to flower baskets, wreaths, votive candles (solar-powered only are allowed to begin with), flags, and shepherd hooks.

Please collect all ground-level items prior to March 1st or they will be removed and discarded.

Below we have compiled a quick overview of our decoration rules:

- Fresh flowers are allowed year-round. They may be placed in temporary metal or plastic containers or in permanent in-ground vases (where permitted).
- Glass vases or bottles are not permitted and containers cannot be buried in the ground.
- On Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Father's Day, potted plants are permitted from the Friday afternoon before the holiday through the following Sunday after (approximately one week).
- American Flags are permitted only on Memorial Day and Veterans Day from the Friday before the holiday to the following Sunday after (approximately one week). Flags must be small and made of wood and cloth. No metal or plastic is allowed.
- Community Mausoleums and Columbaria have designated decoration areas. Decorations may not be attached to the crypt or niche fronts or left on the sidewalks. On Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Father's Day, potted plants are permitted in the designated areas from the Friday afternoon before the holiday through the following Sunday after (approximately one week).



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Saint Edward Cemetery

Located approximately 11 miles Southeast of Calvary Cemetery, Saint Edward Catholic Church has been a staple in Jeffersontown, Kentucky since 1884. Although it is not an Archdiocesan-run cemetery, the parish has a historic and consecrated cemetery on Billtown Road.



Source: *FindAGrave.com*



Source: *Google Maps*

According to their website, lots are "available only to our parishioners at this time. With the assistance of the Knights of Columbus, this group oversees the maintenance and beautification of our cemetery. On the weekend nearest All Souls' Day, a prayer service and blessing of graves is held at the cemetery for the families of our faithfully departed parishioners."

To learn more about St. Edward Cemetery, contact Mrs. Susan Carter at 502-267-7494, ext. 13.

Visit St. Edward Cemetery in person near the corner of Ruckriegel Parkway and Billtown road.

Harry Straney, Ground Crew Veteran

OUR
STAFF

Harry Straney began working with Catholic Cemeteries in 1978 as a part time crew member. He was hired on full time shortly afterwards (as “a wedding gift,” he joked) and has been with Catholic Cemeteries, and his wife Lana, ever since.

His primary duties are to set memorials, vases, and medallions. On a daily basis he and his partner Evan could set several single markers in a day, or as many as 15 vases or medallions, across our cemeteries. The process for setting a marker starts with the stone being delivered from the manufacturer in Georgia.



The grounds crew coordinates with the office memorial staff to ensure the accuracy and quality of the items, then separates the items into groups based on where and in which cemetery they will be going.

One big factor that affects monument setting is the weather. Icy or below freezing conditions can cause the epoxy not to stick, rain or snow can make the ground to become muddy and uneven, which the equipment cannot traverse. Of course it's impossible to tell ahead of time just what the weather will be, so it's difficult to know how much it will “cooperate” with Harry.

"For so many families, it's the first time they've gone through this process and they're relying on us to fulfill their needs. It makes me feel good when families pull up and look at a marker that they might have purchased sight unseen while grieving, and they're really pleased and satisfied with what they've got. "

Outside of work, Harry enjoys spending time with his wife Lana, daughter Ashley, and two granddaughters. “I’m very blessed to have my family and to be working here. Throughout my career here it’s been like a big family... Working under Javier Fajardo, Harold Collins, and Kenny Popp, it’s all been a blessing.”

A Spring Bloomer: The Lenten Rose

The plant pictured below is commonly called a hellebore. Scientifically it a *Helleborus x hybridus*, as it is a hybrid made from crossing *Helleborus orientalis* with other species. However, they have yet another name you may hear just as often: Lenten rose.

They are called so because of the rose-like flowerbuds that appear in early spring, around the usual observance of Lent. (The name is somewhat of a misnomer, however, as hellebores are not a type of rose but belong to the buttercup family.) The flowers bloom during the spring season and typically die off in May, when the weather begins to get hot. The foliage is evergreen in all but the coldest regions. Bloom colors vary from white to pink to purple.

Although tolerant of a wide range of growing conditions, these hellebores grow best when planted in partial shade in rich, moist, but well-draining soil. Hellebores are quite easy to grow, and since they are perennials, will continue to return and bloom years after planting.

One important thing to note about the Lenten Rose is that it is poisonous to humans, dogs, cats, and horses when ingested. Because of this, it is also usually bypassed by deer, so it can be a great choice for a spring planting that is deer resistant.



Source: www.hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/lenten-rose-helleborus-x-hybridus/

Learn more about burial options
at any of our cemeteries

Call (502) 451-7710

or visit

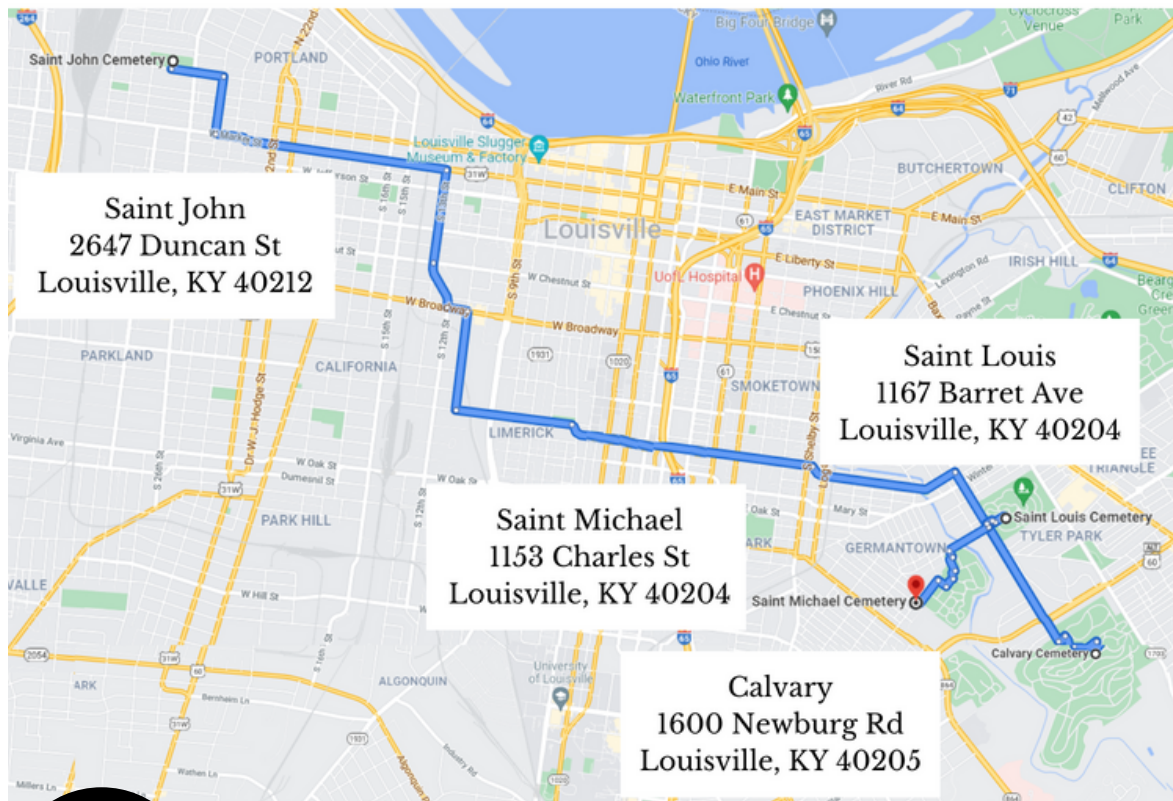
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*God of the living and
the dead accept our
prayers for those who
have died in Christ and
are buried with him in
the hope of rising again.
In your mercy grant
them eternal rest.*

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Visit Our Grounds



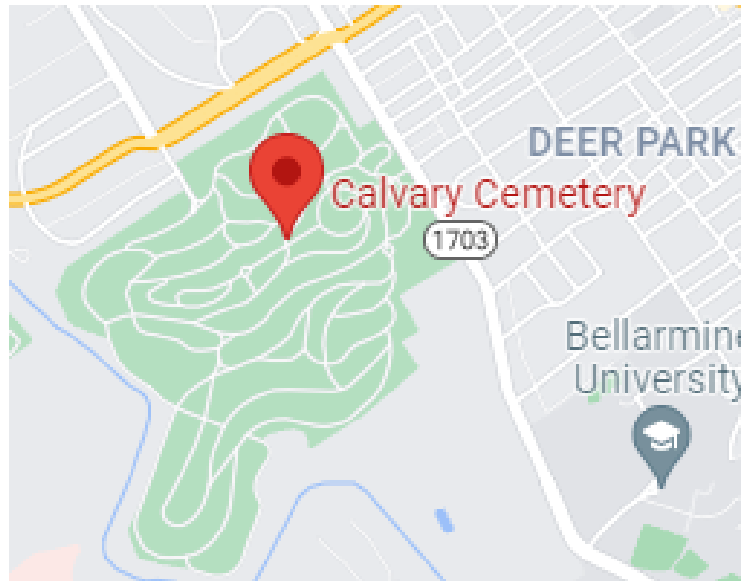
Open April-September: 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
October-March: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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

