



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

June 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 other name, whether the infant was buried prior to that month (even decades ago) or in another cemetery, can also be mentioned at the request of the families or friends. Holy water is sprinkled on the graves of those babies buried that month in the Holy Innocents Section. Severe weather will cancel.

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

Any who have been affected by the loss of an infant are invited to attend and pray with us for their baby and all others.

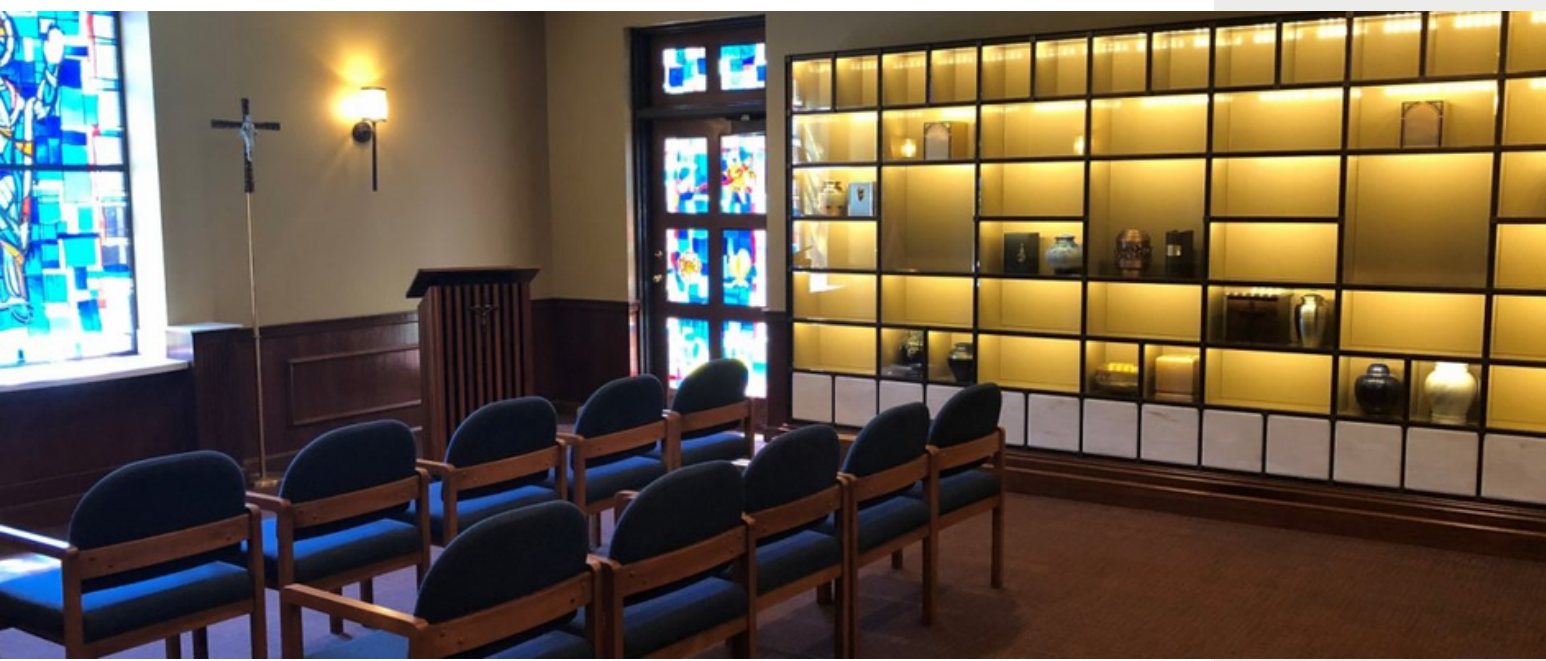
July 26th

Infant Prayer Service

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

About the Committal Prayer Service

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We often have families and even funeral homes unsure of what we offer in terms of burial services. We provide the option for families to choose between an indoor committal prayer service at one of our indoor chapels located in Calvary Cemetery, or at the graveside. There is no additional charge for this committal prayer service, as it is included in the price of burial. Graveside services are relatively self-explanatory, and take place at the site of burial under a tent with chairs (weather permitting).

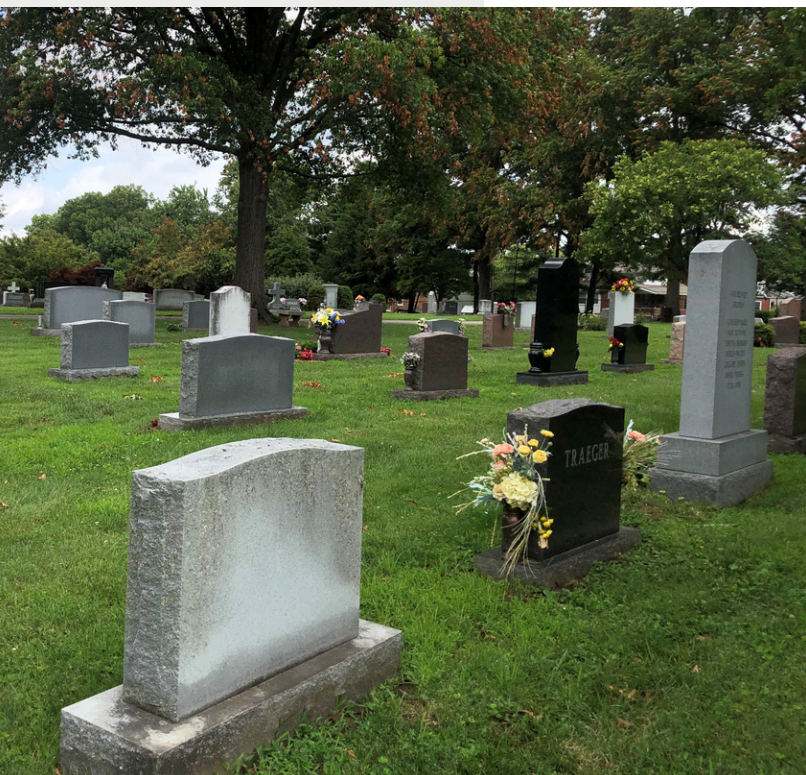
However please note that we do have some guidelines for how we have to run these services, most notable those that take place in a chapel. Committal prayers last approximately 15 to 20 minutes, and include a short Scriptural verse, the prayer of committal, intercessions, Lord's Prayer and a blessing. It is the responsibility of the family to make arrangements and schedule a priest or deacon to preside over the service; we do not have any onsite available to do so. Services taking place in the chapel are not a visitation or a replacement for a longer service. Our facilities are not to be used as a gathering place for visitation. There is not a family lounge or other meeting space available.

Due to the time constraints we do not recommend music, decorations, etc. that cannot be quickly set up and taken down. If you need more chairs, please request them from our staff ahead of time if possible; do not take them from the other chapel, as we sometimes have prayer services back-to-back or even at the same time.

Please call our office at 502-451-7710 if you have any further questions on what is entailed at a committal prayer service.

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Common Headstone Questions



Q: Are there restrictions on monuments or markers?

A: Yes. Each grave or lot (2 or more graves) has a specific type and size range for the memorial. These decisions are made to help us control future maintenance costs, access for equipment, and the overall visual design of each area.

Q: When will the foundation be poured for the memorial marker I ordered through Catholic Cemeteries?

A: Every effort is made to install foundations within a ninety-day time frame. However, inclement weather and/or certain seasons must be taken into consideration which may cause delays.

Q: When will the date of death be added to my loved one's marker after they have passed away?

A: It is the family's responsibility to request this work be done through the cemetery office or other company of their choice. Proper authorization must be made, and any applicable fees must be paid prior to adding a date of death or any other inscriptions.

Q: How do I order a marker?

A: We have an in-house memorial department in order to assist families with choosing, designing, and purchasing a monument or marker. None of our staff works on commission for any sales made. There are also monument dealers that operate locally and are familiar with our rules and regulations. We do not recommend purchasing a marker online as these websites may not offer markers that comply with our rules.

Q: How do I know what my options are when it comes to marking a grave I own?

A: The marker privilege can be found on every burial rights agreement which is provided to lot owners at the time the grave is paid in full. If you do not have a copy or need a reminder, feel free to call our office and we can retrieve that information for you.

Lindsey Jones, Burial Coordinator

OUR
STAFF

Lindsey is the Catholic Cemeteries office's newest hire! She began in August of 2022 and has been a rock star ever since. As the Burial Coordinator, she affects much of what happens here in our office, and her role acts as a liaison between our office, funeral homes, and the families we serve.

An average day for her depends on the season and the amount of burials taking place, but in general, she receives forms or calls from funeral homes regarding families who are working with them to bury a loved one who has passed away. Once the funeral home lets us know there is a death that has occurred, we check to see if the deceased owned or was assigned property in one of our cemeteries. If they do, we advise the funeral home on the grave information and what else the family may or may not have paid for. She also can work directly with families.

"We often get calls from families of someone who just passed away that just start with the question, 'So what do I do now?' A lot of people don't make plans for what happens after they die and then it's too late; families aren't even sure where to begin."

She also assists our accounting department with various tasks as needed, including coordinating weekly cash deposits, transferring information between systems, and more.



"Working with the Holy Innocents is such a sad situation, but it's nice to know that I'm helping bring peace to a family, and that I'm helping to care for those babies by making sure they have a proper resting place."

Lindsey is a Louisville native who attended Western Kentucky University and Ballard High School. She lives at home with a multitude of pets — five cats, one dog, and a bearded dragon named Citrus. When not at work, she enjoys music and attending concerts, watching films, and anything outdoors.

Gobble Up the Sight of Wild Turkeys

Although you may have seen them in rural parts of Kentucky, have you ever spotted a wild turkey in an urban area? Well, our Executive Director spotted one here in Calvary just a few weeks ago! Watch the video below to see for yourself.

Typically, wild turkeys prefer to live in wooded areas, usually near oak trees as acorns are a favorite food of theirs. They are omnivorous and aside from acorns, they enjoy berries, seeds, insects, snails, and even frogs and lizards.

It is unusual to see a single turkey; typically they travel in flocks and have a "pecking order" to establish dominance within the group. The average lifespan of a wild turkey is between 3 and 5 years.

Although they are usually afraid of humans, sometimes if they are used to being fed by people they will act aggressive and approach humans in search of food. For this reason we recommend you observe from afar only and never feed wild turkeys.



Learn more about burial options
at any of our cemeteries

Call (502) 451-7710

or visit

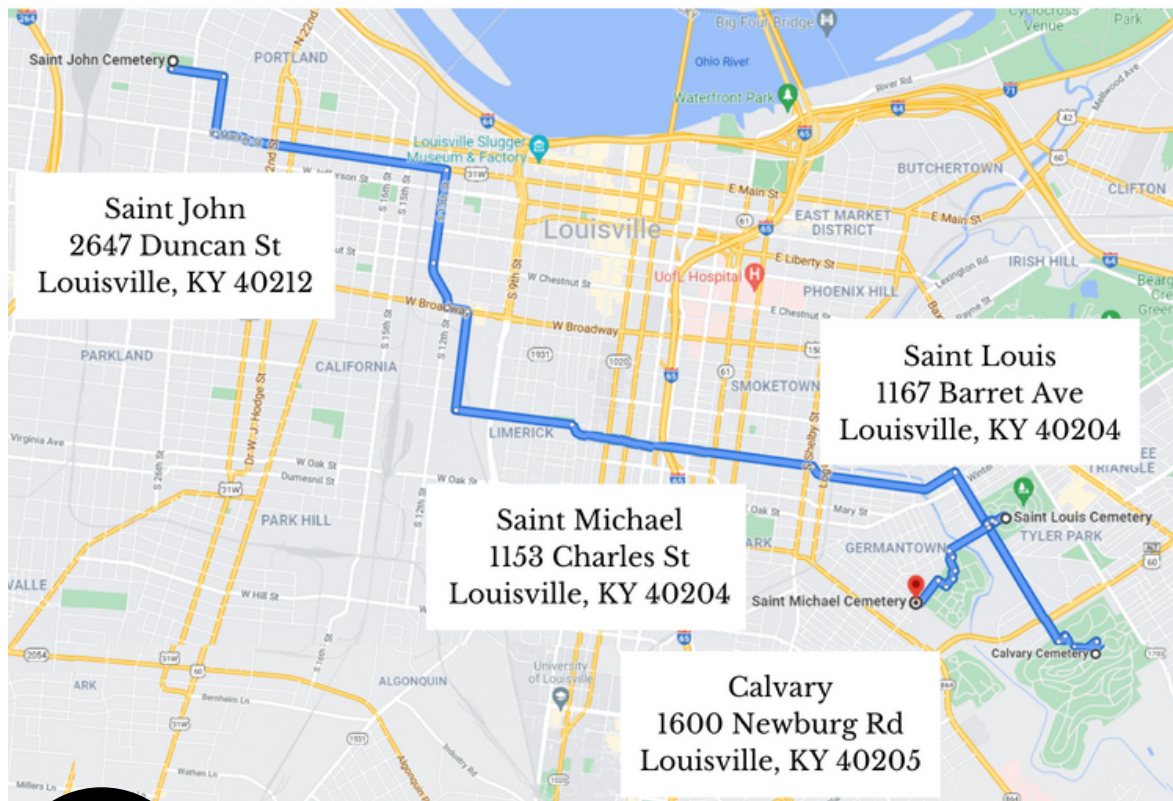
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*God of the living and
the dead accept our
prayers for those who
have died in Christ and
are buried with him in
the hope of rising again.
In your mercy grant
them eternal rest.*

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Visit Our Grounds



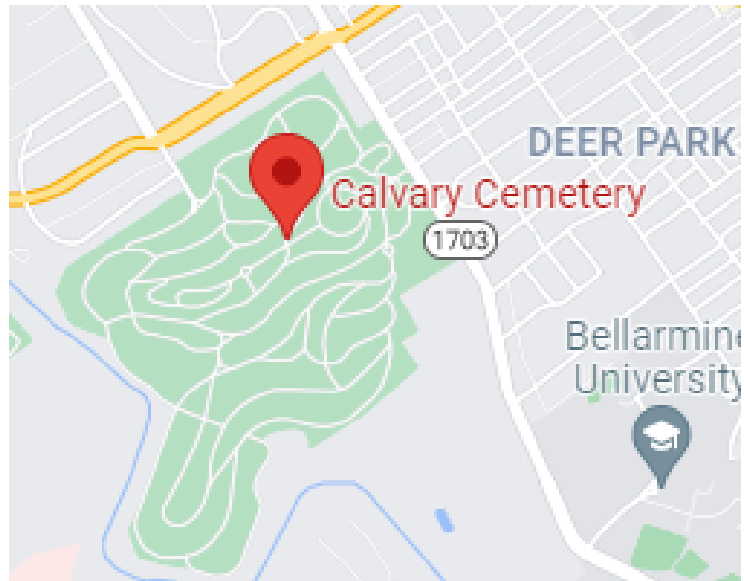
Open April-September: 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
October-March: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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

