



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

**October
1st**

Gate Hours Change

Calvary Cemetery
St. Michael Cemetery
St. Louis Cemetery
St. John Cemetery

The gate hours for our cemeteries have changed for the fall and winter season. On October 1st, our cemeteries gates open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and will remain on this schedule until April 1st. Please note that this does not apply to parish cemeteries.

**Oct. 30th and
Nov. 27th**

Infant Prayer Service

Calvary Cemetery
Holy Innocents Section
(Section 20)
1:30-2:00 PM

Each month, the Catholic Cemeteries holds a brief prayer service to remember those infants who were stillborn or who lived any length of time. Those who have lost an infant are invited to attend the service and pray with us for their baby and the others on the last Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. The service is held in Calvary Cemetery in the “Holy Innocents Section” (Section 20). The names of all of the infants buried during the month in any of the archdiocesan Catholic cemeteries will be mentioned during the service. Any other name, whether the infant was buried in a prior month 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.

Please call (502) 451-7710 if you would like to add an infant’s name to be prayed for.

All Souls' Day Mass



Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Archbishop of Louisville, cordially invites everyone to join him in celebrating All Souls' Day Mass at 11:00 AM on November 2nd in Calvary Cemetery. The service will take place outdoors, under a tent with seating provided. Upon arrival at the front gate, please follow the guidance of our crew who will be directing traffic.

All Souls' Day purposely follows All Saints' Day in order to shift the focus from those in heaven to those in purgatory. The theological basis for the feast is the doctrine that the souls who, on departing the body, are not perfectly cleansed from venial sins or have not fully atoned for past transgressions are debarred from the Beatific Vision, and that the faithful on earth can help them by prayers, alms deeds and especially by the sacrifice of the Mass.

Fall and Winter Decoration Guidelines

Artificial decorations including flower baskets, wreaths, shepherd's hooks or flags are only permitted on the ground from November 15 through March 1. No artificial decorations are permitted on the ground from March 1 through November 15. Please remember that the cemetery is not responsible for the items removed from the graves for not complying with our rules. Artificial decorations in attached vases or saddles placed on above-ground markers are permitted any time. The use of wires or stakes to attach decorations is not permitted.

Have questions about decoration guidelines? Feel free to view our Rules and Regulations on our website or call our office at 502.451.7710.

Veteran's Day Reminders

On Veteran's Day, potted plants and American flags are permitted from the Friday afternoon before the holiday through the Sunday after. Flags must be all wood and cloth. Flags with metal or plastic parts are not permitted. They must be placed in the front of the memorial and as close as possible to it, and always within 6" from it.



OUR STAFF

Mike Bartimus, Interment Department

Performing burials is typically a daily task in our cemeteries, especially Calvary. Mike Bartimus is a member of the Interment Department. Hired in 2019, Mike oversees preparing graves, niches, and crypts for the final resting place.

Everyone handles the emotions that come with death differently. Mike has a tremendous amount of empathy, as he understands that it can be extremely difficult for people to lay their loved ones to rest. He says that “being there for a family in a tough situation and making it as peaceful as possible” for them is the most rewarding aspect of his position.

Every marker in our cemeteries sits on a concrete foundation. Mike is also responsible for measuring, flagging, and preparing the marker area for the concrete foundation. This allows for the concrete foundation to be poured efficiently and accurately.

Most of our employees have a section they favor, whether that be due to family members being buried there, interesting monuments, or the park like feel. Mike’s favorite section in Calvary is Section 36. He has family members buried this section and it also has a gorgeous view, especially if you are facing west/northwest.

Mike is an avid angler outside of work, so you might see him fishing in the Louisville area. If you do, be sure to say hello!



*Mike preparing an area
for a concrete
foundation to be poured
in Section 12 of Calvary
Cemetery.*

NATURE & WILDLIFE

“A bird does not sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song.”

— Maya Angelou



One of the benefits of a park-like cemetery is the amount of wildlife that is attracted, especially birds. We see a variety of different birds on a consistent basis. One that was recently observed was this (see left) American Goldfinch. They are simple to distinguish due to their bright yellow color. Goldfinches are nomadic, so the same Goldfinch you see in your garden might be a frequent visitor of our cemeteries as well!

American Goldfinch
(*Carduelis Tristis*)



Blue Jay
(*Cyanocitta cristata*)

Another recently observed bird was this (see left) Blue Jay. Easily distinguishable due to their bright blue color, they are native to eastern North America. They have been known to mimic hawk calls. This is believed to be two-fold: to potentially warn other Blue Jays of a hawk's presence or to scare other birds away. They are quite boisterous in the fall because they are gathering food for the winter, so keep your ears open when visiting this autumn.

Learn more about burial options
at any of our cemeteries

Call (502) 451-7710

or visit

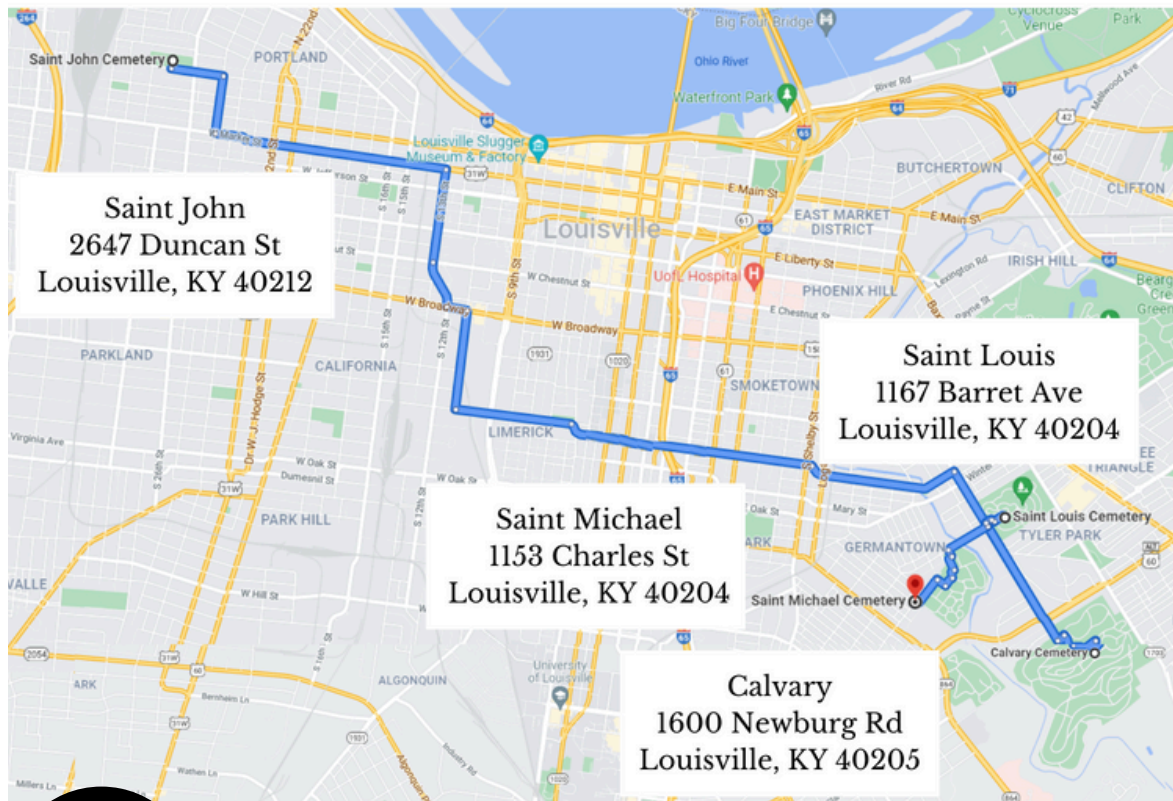
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*God of the living and
the dead accept our
prayers for those who
have died in Christ and
are buried with him in
the hope of rising again.
In your mercy grant
them eternal rest.*

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Visit Our Grounds



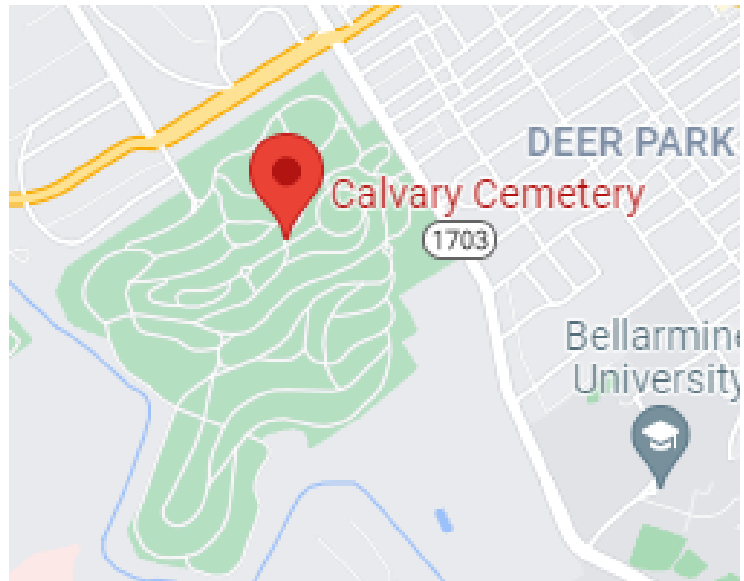
Open April-September: 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
October-March: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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

