



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.

**October 29,
November 26, and
December 31**

Infant Prayer Services

Each month, the Catholic Cemeteries holds a brief prayer service to remember those infants who passed prior to birth, 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 prayer service will take place around the “In God’s Hand” statue (see photo below).

This statue is located in Section 20 of Calvary Cemetery.

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.



**Monday, November 3
at 11:00 AM**

All Souls' Day Mass

Join Most Reverend Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre and Catholic Cemeteries of Louisville in celebrating a mass of remembrance at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 3 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.

Following the All Souls' Day Mass at Calvary Cemetery, Archbishop Fabre greeted Kelly Osting, a member of St. Martin of Tours Church, and her young sons Benedict and Fulton, held by the archbishop. (Record Photo by Ruby Thomas)



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.

**Friday, December 5 at
6:30 PM**

Lighting of the Tree of Remembrance



*Attendees listening to
Archbishop Fabre's blessing
and admiring the
illuminated Nordmann Fir.*

Join Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre on Friday, December 5 at 6:30 PM for the blessing and the lighting of the Tree of Remembrance, located by the Newburg Road entrance at Calvary Cemetery. Complimentary personalized ornaments, hot drinks, and pastries will be available. Participants are encouraged to hang ornaments —either one brought from home or provided by us— on the tree in memory of loved ones. This event is open to all people, regardless of where their loved one is buried or how long ago. It is our hope that these prayers and token of remembrance will honor the deceased and alleviate the pain of those mourning.

****No entry will be allowed during the blessing ceremony – the gates will close at 6:25 PM****

Ornaments may remain on the tree until January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany. Remaining ornaments that are unclaimed after that date will be reverently buried on our grounds.

Burying the dead, a Corporal Work of Mercy

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Burying the dead is one of the seven corporal works of mercy that gives us the opportunity to grieve and show others support during difficult times. Through our prayers and actions during these times, we show our respect for life, which is always a gift from God, and comfort to those who mourn.

Burying the dead is considered a fundamental expression of respect for the human body and a gesture of compassion towards the deceased and their loved ones. The human body is sacred, created in God's image, and destined for resurrection. Burying the dead honors this sacredness and provides a place for remembrance and prayer.

Burying the dead is a reminder of the Christian hope for the resurrection of the body and eternal life with God. The Roman Catholic Funeral Rites, which include the vigil for the deceased, the funeral mass, and the rite of committal and burial, provide a structured way for the community to acknowledge death, offer prayers, and begin the healing process.

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Saint Augustine Cemetery

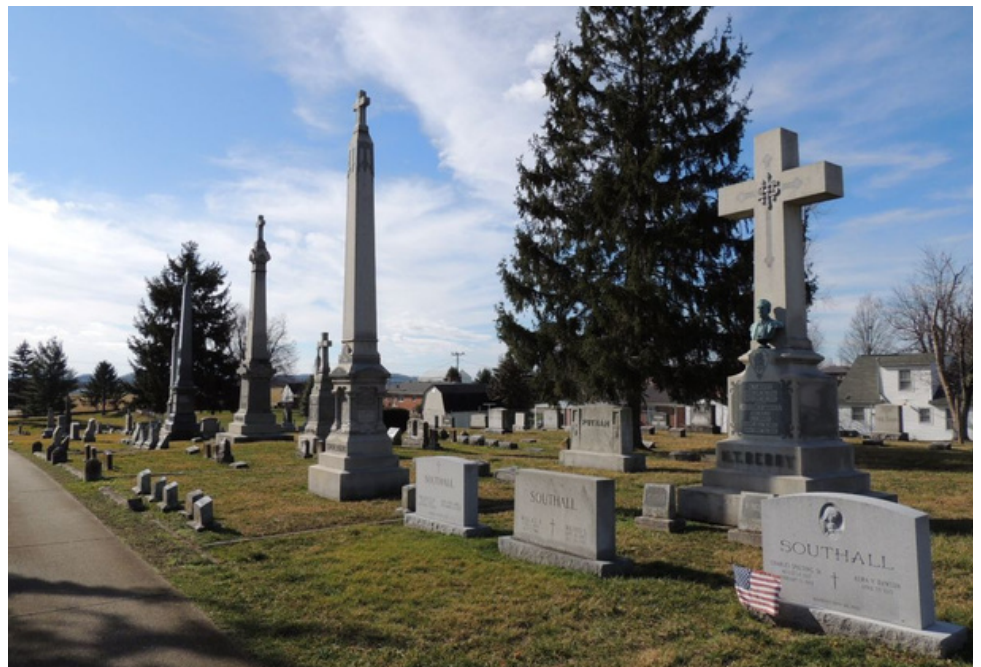
Saint Augustine Church Cemetery, located in Lebanon, Kentucky, is a historical cemetery that serves as a key piece of the local community's history, deeply intertwined with the development of both the church and the town of Lebanon itself. Established in the early 19th century, the cemetery is associated with Saint Augustine Catholic Church, one of the oldest Catholic institutions in the region.

The cemetery contains numerous gravestones and markers that reflect the diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds of the area's early Catholic population. The cemetery also holds historical significance due to its association with important figures in the religious and social history of the area.

Today, the Saint Augustine Church Cemetery is not only a religious site but also an important historical landmark. It reflects the heritage and traditions of Lebanon, Kentucky, preserving the memory of the generations who helped shape the town. It is a testament to the enduring presence of Catholicism in the region and stands as a symbol of the local community's commitment to both faith and heritage.



Fun fact: The cemetery was founded in 1813, five years before the church.



OUR STAFF

MICHAEL CAMPBELL - INTERMENT CREW

In this edition, we're proud to feature a member of our Interment Crew. Michael Campbell has been a part of the Catholic Cemeteries since November 2023. He was born in Columbus, Ohio and raised in Louisville. His role in the Interment (burial) Crew is imperative for Catholic Cemeteries.

A typical day for Michael starts by inspecting the graves for burials taking place that day. After ensuring everything is satisfactory, he will begin preparing graves for upcoming burials. This includes locating the grave within the section, measuring to make sure the dimensions are correct, and opening (excavating) the grave. This process is used for both casket and cremation burials.

One of the most rewarding aspects of Michael's job is working with his colleagues. He also says he takes pride in his role because of how important the ministry that Catholic Cemeteries provides is for the community. He strives to do his job at the highest level possible to ensure Catholic Cemeteries is providing the highest level of service possible.

Outside of work, you will find Michael hiking, camping, or participating in a variety of extreme sports. He also has three cats and one dog to keep him on his toes.



Michael with one of our backhoes that is used to excavate graves.

Sandhill Cranes

Sandhill cranes (*grus canadensis*) are more than three feet tall, gray-bodied, crimson-capped birds that live in open habitats. With a wingspan of about six feet, they migrate through Kentucky during the winter as they travel from northern breeding grounds to warmer areas for the winter, such as Florida and Georgia. Sandhill cranes use our state as a stopover site during their journey south. They are typically seen in large flocks, roosting on lakes and feeding in nearby fields.



Their bugling calls are unique and can be heard from miles away.

Their peak migration through Kentucky usually occurs in the fall, typically from October through December. In the spring, you will see them from February through April. Their bugling calls are unique and can be heard from miles away, particularly as they pass overhead while migrating. Large formations of sandhill cranes can be spotted flying over our cemeteries on their journey south this time of year. Be sure to look up!

Learn more about burial options
at any of our cemeteries

Call (502) 451-7710

or visit

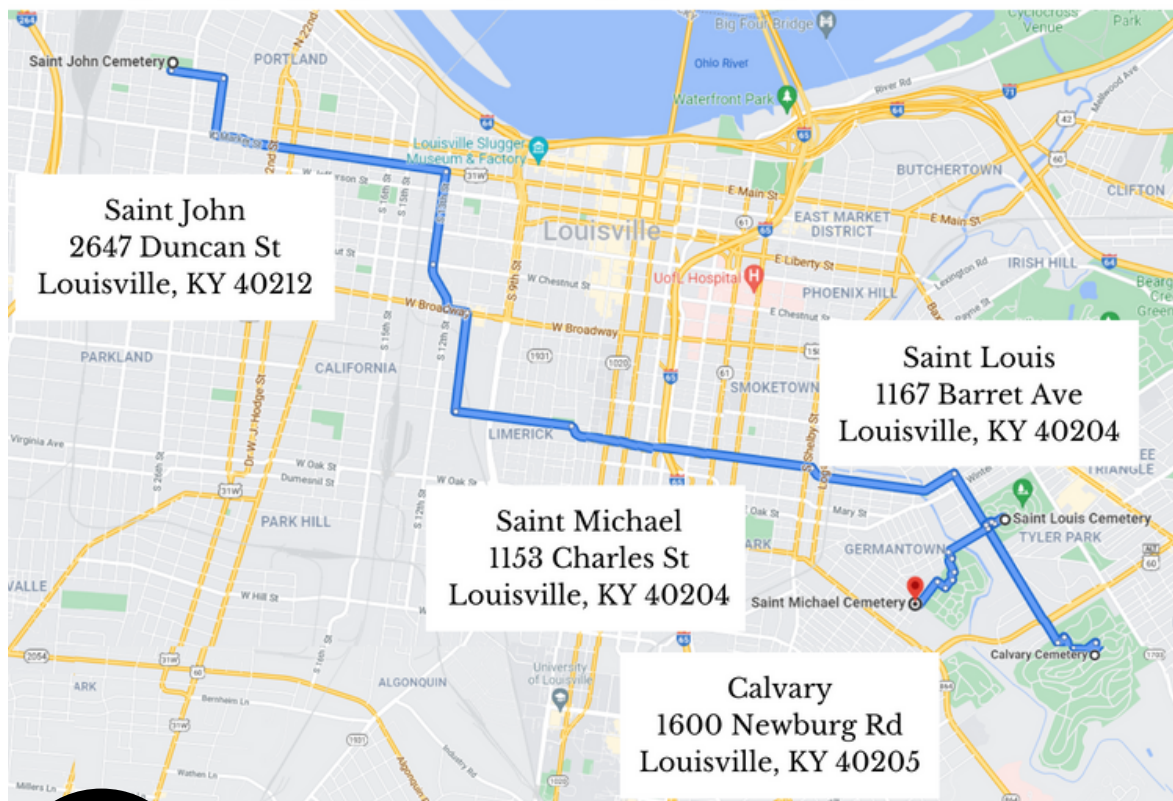
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*God of the living and
the dead accept our
prayers for those who
have died in Christ and
are buried with him in
the hope of rising again.
In your mercy grant
them eternal rest.*

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Visit Our Grounds



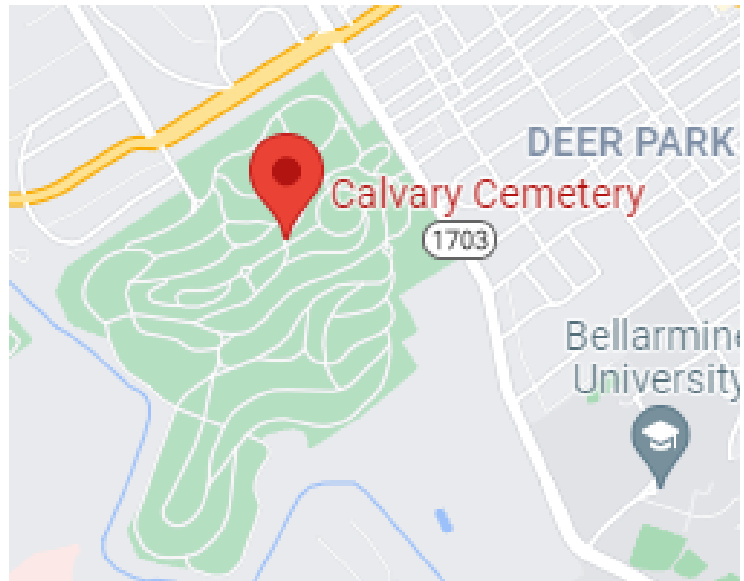
Open April-September: 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
October-March: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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

