



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.

**June 24, July 29, and
August 26**

Infant Prayer Services

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.

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 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.



Upcoming Events (cont.)

Saturday, July 4, 2026

Holiday Reminders



A friendly reminder that July 4 falls on a Saturday this year. Our office will be closed for the holiday and no burials will be performed on this day. However, our gate hours will stay the same from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. We hope you and your family have a safe and fun Independence Day this year!



What types of memorials are allowed in the four Catholic Cemeteries?

One of the first things you notice when entering one of the Catholic Cemeteries is the vast number of headstones. These headstones are sometimes referred to as memorials, markers, or tombstones. Every grave has a specific memorial privilege that determines what type of headstone is permitted on that grave. Catholic Cemeteries allows four distinct memorials. All of the options listed below are available for both cremation graves and casket graves.

The first is called a level marker. These are also called flush or flat markers because they lay flush to the ground. These markers can be difficult to find because you have to be standing directly over the marker to read it. They are the most economical option for purchasing a grave.

The second is a bevel marker. Sometimes they are called hickey or pillow markers. They can be anywhere from eight to twelve inches tall in the back. The front of the marker is usually two to four inches shorter than the back, which causes the marker to have an angled appearance. Many times, this type of marker is used in hilly sections.

The third option ... (scroll down to continue reading this section)



Left is level and right is bevel



Link to our current Rules and Regulations:
<https://catholiccemeterieslouisville.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Rules-Regulations-2024.pdf>

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The third option are slant markers. These markers are sixteen to eighteen inches tall and have a pronounced “slant” appearance, almost like a wedge of cheese. Because of this, they are easy to locate in their respective section. These markers are not permitted in hilly sections.

The fourth and final option are called monuments. The majority of monuments are a tablet that sits upright on a base but there are other variations. Some families will use a statue, bench, or other elaborate design on top of the base instead of the tablet. The design options for monuments are endless... they can be as simple or intricate as you wish! There is not a height restriction on monuments as long as they have a large enough base to support the vertical component.

The next time you’re in one of our cemeteries, pause for a moment to admire the beauty of the memorials that surround you. Each serves as a meaningful reminder of the loved ones we hold in our hearts and the memories that continue to live on.

The marker to the far left is a slant and the other two are monuments



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OUR ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Saint Edward Cemetery (Jeffersontown)

The cemetery featured in this issue is Saint Edward Cemetery. This cemetery is located in the Jeffersontown neighborhood of Louisville at 3811 Billtown Road.

There are conflicting reports regarding the history of the cemetery. The Greater Jeffersontown Historical Society claims the cemetery was established in the fall of 1907 after a local family donated a small plot of land. The Encyclopedia of Louisville, published by the University Press of Kentucky, states that the cemetery opened in 1903.

The cemetery is managed by the Saint Edward parish. The parish is about a mile and a half away from the cemetery. Their website (<https://shorturl.at/llFpq>) states that burial is “only available to parishioners” and that the Knights of Columbus “help maintain and beautify” the cemetery. They also have an All Souls’ Day prayer service and blessing of the graves.

For more than a century, this cemetery has served as the final resting place for members of Saint Edward. The continued care by the parish and volunteers will ensure that this cemetery remains a beautiful and important place of remembrance for years to come.



Above: Entrance to cemetery

Right: Aerial view of Saint Joseph Cemetery



MICHELLE HEIL (HUMAN RESOURCES COORDINATOR/ACCOUNTING)

OUR STAFF

In this edition we are featuring Michelle Heil. Michelle plays a dual role supporting both Human Resources and Accounting. Since joining the team, she has brought dedication and detail-oriented expertise to her work, quickly becoming a reliable resource across the office.

In her day-to-day responsibilities, Michelle manages key HR and payroll functions, including time and attendance tracking, payroll processing, benefits administration, and new hire onboarding. On the accounting side, she processes and reconciles payments, prepares and posts monthly journal entries, and ensures accurate monthly inventory reconciliation.

One of Michelle's favorite parts of her role is processing payroll and being a trusted resource for employees. She also finds great fulfillment in providing accounting support that helps keep operations running smoothly.

Outside of work, Michelle enjoys spending quality time with her husband Bob of 34 years and her daughter Deb, who recently earned her master's degree from Bellarmine University. Her home is lively with her three cats—Muriel, Jake, and Jessup—and her dog HayHay (Nickname for Haley). In her free time, Michelle loves camping with her family and relaxing by the fire.



NATURE & WILDLIFE

Increasing temperatures lead to rise in wildlife sightings

One constant that comes with the spring and summer seasons is rising temperatures and longer days. With this also comes an increase in the amount of wildlife that can be sighted in our cemeteries. Everything from birds, turtles, deer, hawks, and even coyotes can be spotted. We have included some photos on this page of just some of the wildlife that have been spotted on our grounds. Have a cool photo you want to have featured? Send it to us and we will share it with our social media followers and newsletters subscribers!



Learn more about burial options
at any of our cemeteries

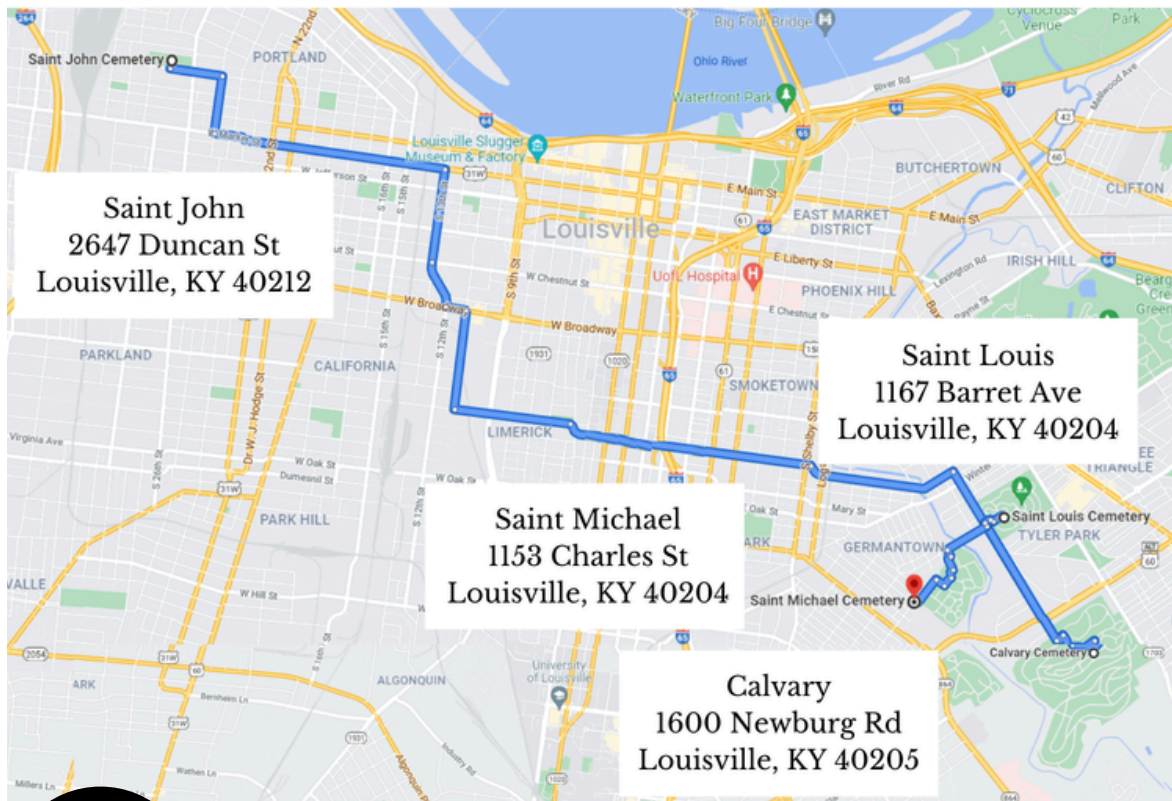
Call (502) 451-7710

or visit

CatholicCemeteriesLouisville.Org

“
*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



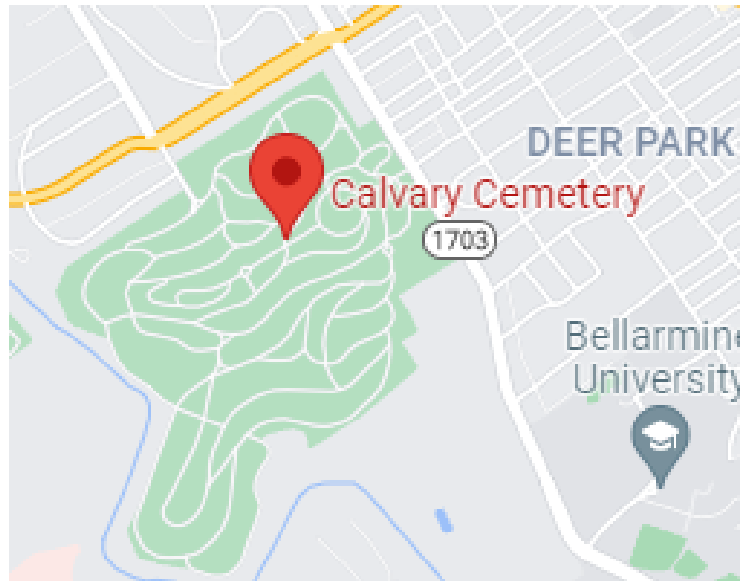
Open April-September: 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
October-March: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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

