

## CEMETERY NEWS



In an effort to make it as easy as possible for our Sextons to maintain both of our beautiful and sacred cemetery grounds, St. Michael's and St. Stanislaus Cemeteries, we ask that you help us this fall with a Cemetery Cleanup. We are planning to have dumpster/garbage bins available in each, St. Michael's and St. Stan's Cemetery, starting **September 1st through September 15th, 2021** for Cemetery Cleanup. During this 2-week time frame we ask that all go to their loved ones gravesites and help us with the following to get our sacred grounds orderly.

The following rules are listed in the cemetery rules and regulations. If anyone should like to receive the entire document, you may also find it on our website: <https://allsaintsberlin.org/cemeteries/>

### **PLANTINGS AND DECORATIONS:**

1. **FORBIDDEN:** NO trees or shrubs on or near the grave.
2. All containers, statues, metal posts, veteran's markers must be secured **on the foundation**. Perennials must be planted in pots or containers secured and placed only **on the foundation**. No separate flower or wreath stands are permitted.
3. **FORBIDDEN:** NO GLASS CONTAINERS OR VASES ARE ALLOWED AND WILL BE REMOVED BY THE GROUNDSKEEPER AS NEEDED.
4. One Shepherd's hook per gravesite. Shepherd hooks not able to mount on the foundation must be placed in the ground **as close as possible to either side of the foundation (not behind or in front of the headstone)**.
5. Any plantings or decorations will be trimmed, removed, etc if in the judgment of the cemetery association this is warranted due to conditions or appearances of the cemetery. Also, the use of gravel, or stone (crushed or pea type) around the monument/grave is expressly **FORBIDDEN**.
6. Plastic flowers must be in plastic vases or containers on the foundation only. No other plastic or faux flowers arrangements are allowed.
7. **Statues:** Each gravesite is permitted concrete statues only. No porcelain or plastic statues are allowed. Statues that are allowed: Blessed Mother, Jesus, or an Angel. No animal lawn ornaments will be allowed. All Statues must be attached to the concrete foundation on either side of the headstone. All statues placed are the responsibility of the family or person who placed them there and should be maintained. All discolored or broken statues will be removed and disposed of by the groundskeeper as needed.
8. Spring clean-up in the cemeteries must be done by April 30th each year. Any old flowers, decorations, etc. not removed by this date that interfere with the mowing or general grounds upkeep will be removed and disposed of.