

**St. Joseph Parish, Pewamo, MI**  
**Mt. Calvary-St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery**

**I. About Mt. Calvary-St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery**

- Mt. Calvary-St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery is operated by the Cemetery Committee at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pewamo, Michigan. It is a not-for-profit organization operating under the authority of the Diocese of Grand Rapids.
- For a Catholic, burial in a Catholic cemetery is a final act of faith, a public witness to one's membership in a community of faith, to one's belief in the resurrection of the body and everlasting life. The Catholic cemetery is a sacred place set aside by the Church for the burial of the faithful and it reflects the Church's teaching and traditions. The Catholic cemetery is an extension of the parish community where those who have worshipped together in life now rest together in peace, awaiting Christ's return in glory.
- Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery is dedicated to the perpetual care and maintenance of its properties. ***All money we receive is invested back into the organization for maintenance and development of cemetery property. A percentage of funds from all purchases is set aside strictly for perpetual care.***

**II. Types of Burials**

- Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery allows traditional burial or burial of cremains only.
- We will bury one full-body and one cremation, or two cremations in a single grave. Please see fees section for cost of interment of second deceased.
- Catholics, Non-Catholic spouses or relatives of Catholics who purchase the right of burial in a Catholic cemetery can also be buried there. Catholic cemeteries have a long tradition of dedicated service to the Catholic community including non-Catholic's spouses, children, parents, and other relatives. Christians with a connection to the Catholic community may also be buried in the Catholic cemeteries.
- It is recognized that those who die from the act of suicide deserve understanding and compassion. The deceased may have been suffering from a serious psychological issue or overwhelming fear and confusion. Therefore, the Church offers funeral and burial rites for those who have died as a result of suicide. The American edition of the Catholic ritual includes prayers for this specific situation.

**III. Lot Sizes, Rates and Availability**

Lot Sizes

- Full Lot, 8 sites: 14ft x 18ft
- Half Lot, 4 sites: 14ft x 9 ft
- Quarter Lot, 2 sites: 7ft x 9 ft
- Grave Opening: 40 in. x 100 in.

No charge for Chapel when used in coordination with a burial.

Cost of Grave Sites

- Parishioners: \$250
- Non-Parishioners: \$350

Opening & Closing of Graves

- Traditional Burial: \$600  
(Payable through your funeral home)
- Cremation Burial: \$450  
(Payable to St. Joseph Parish or funeral home (if one is used).)