

## Merry Christmas!

Later this week we will celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I am sure that many of you have been caught up in the preparations for family gatherings, buying gifts, decorating, etc. etc. But what about a birthday gift for Jesus. Isn't it **His** birthday that we celebrate? But what can we give God?

The lyrics of the song "Little Drummer Boy" come to mind. "I have no gifts to bring"--- "to fit a King" "I played my drum for him" ---"I gave my best for him" ---" Then he smiled at me" ---"Me and my drum"

Maybe a gift from our heart of our time, talent or treasure would cause Jesus to smile at us also.

## Liturgical Ministry Training

Thank you to all of you who participated in training sessions the last two weekends. Those of you attending Mass this weekend maybe noticed some of the changes that were introduced during those sessions.

## Cemetery Committee

*(Excerpts from the Sacred heart Cemetery Committee Charter)*

### **Purpose:**

The Cemetery Committee oversees the care and maintenance of the Parish Cemetery.

### **Members**

There are seven lay volunteer members of the Cemetery Committee  
Msgr. David Baumgartner - Pastor  
Bud Hensel - Chair  
Paul Trimbo – Recorder/Finance  
Dick Reiwer - Custodian  
Keith Adams  
Nancy Christensen  
Ed Jutz  
Tim Stenger  
Norm Adams – Grounds Keeper (non voting)

### **Responsibilities**

1. The committee will continuously monitor the condition of the cemetery and all the associated stones, grottoes, landscaping and building.
2. The committee will make recommendations on upgrades and improvements to the Parish cemetery to the Pastor.
3. The committee will monitor the finances associated with the upkeep and upgrades to the cemetery and recommend an annual budget to the Diocese of Crookston.
4. The committee will review yearly, the contracts associated with the upkeep and upgrades to the Parish cemetery and make recommendations of changes to the contracts to the Pastor.

### **Meetings**

There will be a minimum of two meetings yearly.

1. April:
  - a. Hold elections if required.
  - b. Make recommendations and preparations prior to Memorial Day.
  - c. Review Charter and make recommendations for changes to the Pastor.
2. September.
  - a. Review issues associated with the summer's upkeep or upgrades
  - b. Make recommendations to contract changes
  - c. Prepare annual financial statement
  - d. Prepare a budget for the following year.
  - e. Review Cemetery Policies and make change recommendations to the Pastor.
3. Supplemental meetings may be called as needed.

The current Sacred Heart Cemetery Policies Follow

# **SACRED HEART CEMETERY**

## **FRAZEE, MINNESOTA**

Whereas the Sacred Heart Cemetery is the property of Sacred Heart Church and all funds collected for burial plots are for the perpetual care of the burial plot, which does not constitute ownership, the cemetery board of the parish has adopted this policy.

1. The Frazee Sacred Heart Church Board and Sacred Heart Cemetery Committee shall have the supervision over the Sacred Heart Cemetery. The Sacred Heart Cemetery Committee shall be responsible for the care and appearance of the Cemetery.
2. The charge per interment is \$300.00.
3. The old part of the cemetery is full and no plots are for sale.
4. NO more than two interments (full burial or urn) may be placed in a single gravesite unless prior approval is obtained from the Sacred Heart Cemetery Committee.
5. Before any grave is dug or any marker placed, the correct location must be verified. For location staking, contact: Keith Adams at 218.334.2405. A fee of \$20.00 and 24-hour notice is required for each of these staking services.
6. When purchasing a monument, please make sure the monument fits on the space allowed. For allowable sizes and location staking, contact: Keith Adams at 218.334.2405.
7. Persons wishing to have a winter burial will pay the cost of regular burial plus any additional costs because of frozen ground or snow removal. This additional expense will be the actual incurred expense.
8. There is NO planting of trees, bushes or permanent plants. Also NO benches or other bulky items are permitted without permission from the Sacred Heart Cemetery Committee.
9. Any alterations or renovations must have prior approval of the Cemetery Committee.
10. NO individual mowing or watering with sprinkler of grass is to be done.
11. All artificial plants need to be removed by July 5. Potted plants that are connected to the gravestone or on raised holders may remain on the plot as long as they are in good condition and well maintained.
12. On the gravestones placed in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, epitaphs and symbols engraved on gravestones cannot be contrary to the Christian faith.

These policies were adopted from the "Minnesota Catholic Cemetery Rule & Regulations" that govern Cemeteries in the State of Minnesota and the Diocese.