



St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Serving the Catholic Community
of Evansville since 1841
Fall—2008



PLANNING AHEAD

Fr. Gene Schroeder

President St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Over the years that I have served as a priest, I have spent a lot of time at funeral homes and cemeteries. It has been a great privilege for me to be able to pray with families at the time of a death and burial. It is truly a sacred and holy time. Because I am often in this environment, it is a comfortable and familiar place for me. I know this is not the case for most people. After all, when was the last time you were in a cemetery or a funeral home for that matter. If we find ourselves at a funeral home or cemetery, it is quite likely to be at a time of stress and emotional vulnerability. A family member or friend has died. Perhaps the circumstances of the death were sudden and unexpected. This makes it an even more vulnerable time.

We live in a world where we like to believe that we will live forever. Of course we know we won't, but who likes to think about death anyway. When we are faced with the death of a loved one we can find ourselves feeling overwhelmed and unsure as to what to do. That's pretty normal. Even when the circumstances are not unexpected, we may still find ourselves not really knowing what to do, what kind of questions to ask, or what planning has to be done. That's pretty normal too.

When we find ourselves in these vulnerable situations, we can sometimes make decisions, especially financial ones, that are not always so well thought through. Because it's a whole new territory for us, we can find ourselves just doing what other people tell us simply because we don't know anything else. Fortunately most of our funeral home and cemetery personnel are sensitive and caring people who treat people fairly and honestly.

A really good thing to do is to meet with funeral and cemetery personnel beforehand. This way, choices can be made without the pressure of time and free from the emotionally charged energy that often accompanies

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All Souls Day Mass, Sunday, November. 2 at 2 pm

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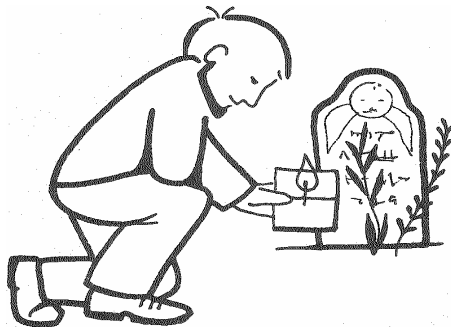
invites you to join in praying for all the faithful departed at our annual

ALL SOULS DAY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, November 2, 2008

2:00 PM in the

Mausoleum Chapel



*Grant eternal rest
to all of our loved ones,
and may your perpetual
light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.*

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SAY HELLO TO OUR CEMETERY BOARD MEMBERS

St. Joseph Cemetery belongs to all the parishioners of the eighteen parishes in the Evansville area. Representatives from these parishes serve as members of the Board of Directors for St. Joseph Cemetery and help to oversee the good operation of the cemetery. Board members are nominated by their parish and serve a three to six year term on the board.

Board meetings are held every other month on the third Monday at 4 pm. These meetings are held in the conference room of the cemetery office and are open to all lot owners. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 17th.

We'd like to introduce our board members to you.

CHARLES J. ALLES has been a long-time member of our board. Many people will know him from the years he worked at Alexander Funeral Home. He and his wife, Mary are members of Sacred Heart Parish. Charlie grew up in Mt. Vernon and has lived on the Westside of Evansville for many years. Charlie brings a wealth of lived experience with funerals and burials to his work on our board.



JIM FLYNN is a member of St. Benedict Parish. Jim was ordained as a Deacon and currently serves as the parish manager of St. Benedict. Many people will know Jim from his work as a lawyer and from his work at Holy Rosary Parish where he and his first wife, Kathy were members. Before her death, Kathy was one of the original owner/operators of the Cornerstone Religious Bookstore. Jim is now married to Betsy, who teaches school at Resurrection Parish. Jim's legal expertise and his work as a Parish Manager are great gifts for our board.



JOHN HABERMEL is married to Louise and they are members of St. Mary Parish. Before his retirement, John owned and operated his own pharmacy. John wanted to be on the Board because he always enjoyed visiting the cemetery and thought he had something to bring to the Board to help run the cemetery. He believes the Board is very dedicated to the upkeep and care of the cemetery and he wanted to be part of that.



CHECK OUT OUR CEMETERY WEBSITE
www.stjosephcemetery.org

LISA COVINGTON is married to Robert and they are members of St. Anthony Parish where she serves as a Pastoral Associate. Lisa comes to us by way of Clearfield, Pennsylvania. Lisa just recently joined our cemetery board. She brings us fresh perspective to her work as a board member, not only from her work in the parish but also from her experiences outside of Evansville. She is looking forward to helping people learn more about the cemetery and its history.



PAT BARNES is also a new member of our cemetery board. She is a member of St. Mary Parish. She served for many years in the field of education with the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation. Pat has a keen interest in the preserving the beauty and dignity of the cemetery and wants to see that the cemetery continues to be well maintained and on a sound financial footing.



ERNIE BRADLEY and his wife, Mary Jane, are long time members of Resurrection Parish. Ernie grew up in Montgomery, Indiana before moving to the west side of Evansville. Prior to his retirement he served as a pharmacist at Welborn Clinic. Ernie just recently became a member of Cemetery Board. His long time work as a member of the Catholic community here in Evansville gives him a unique perspective as a board member. He believes the cemetery is an interesting place and wants to help promote it to the Catholic community.



TOM ANSLINGER is also a new member of cemetery board. He and his wife Brenda are members of Resurrection Parish. Tom grew up in St. Joseph (city) Parish and later graduated from Memorial High School and the University of Evansville. He worked for Bristol-Meyers Squibb until his retirement. Tom has always had an interest in family genealogy which has led him to often visit our cemetery. He believes the cemetery is very well maintained and wants to offer his time and energy in continuing this cemetery tradition.



HUGH AHLERING has served as a member of our board for a number of years. He and his wife, Carol, are members of Christ The King Parish. Some of you may remember Hugh from his days as an all-star basketball player for the University of Evansville. Hugh works at Peyronnin Construction. His construction expertise has been an invaluable asset to the cemetery board in its efforts to maintain buildings and grounds of the cemetery.



DANIEL ZIEMER has also served as member of our cemetery board for a number of years. He and his wife, Jennifer, are members of Holy Redeemer Parish. Many of you will know Daniel from his work at Ziemer Funeral Home. Daniel's background in the funeral home business gives him great insight into the work of our cemetery. His expertise in the world of finances and personnel are great gifts to our board.



CLARITA ELLERT has also been a member of the board for many years. She is a member of St. Agnes Parish. Her years of service with the board give her the unique position of being one of the keepers of our cemetery history. She has a great love for the work being done in our cemetery and has worked to ensure that the beauty, dignity and financial stability of the cemetery has been maintained.



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the death of loved ones.

There is no better time than now to make plans. I invite you to meet with Larry Strawn, our cemetery manager, or Bob Springer, our office manager. They will be happy to share with you information about burials and answer any questions you may have. Another good place to check out is our cemetery website www.stjoecemetery.org. There you will find answers to some of the most frequently asked questions as well as information about costs.

Planning ahead is a good way to ensure that your wishes are respected. Our mission at St. Joseph Cemetery is to provide a sacred burial place for all parishioners of the Catholic parishes in Evansville. Because we are not a "for profit" entity, as many of our other local cemeteries are, we do not face the pressure of having to make a profit for our stockholders. As a result, our prices are much lower than in other cemeteries. Come, check us out and let us help you to plan ahead.

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IT'S BEEN A BUSY SUMMER AND FALL

*Larry Strawn Superintendent
St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery*

Greetings from St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Well, summer is over and fall has started creeping into the weather. It was an eventful summer here at the cemetery. We started out by having floods and too much rain in March, April and May. We could not get into the sections with tractors, the backhoe or lawn mowers because of the saturated ground. The grass and weeds got way ahead of us, but we kept trying. Finally, summer came and then it got hot and dry. Just moving from one extreme to the other. June, July, August and September were so dry the grass and weeds stopped growing. We were running out of work for the part timers. The guys digging the graves said the ground was so hard it was difficult to dig even with the backhoe. When we refilled the graves there was no sod to put back on top so we had to spread grass seed and straw on each one of the graves. When the rains do come, the graves will sink and we will have to go back to refill and seed them again. Oh well, just means the guys and gals have some work to look forward to.

We finally got the work started on the roof of the mausoleum. The roofing company had to tear off the entire roof before they could put down a new one because it had been patched so many times it was too thick to just put a new roof over the old one. The roofers also decided to spray a rubber compound on the ductwork on the roof to keep the water from coming into the mausoleum through the heat and air conditioning ductwork and ruining the ceiling. They have been working on and off for over a month and are nearing the end. We hope to have it completed sometime in October.

Then came the big "BLOW". On, Sunday September 14th, while Mary Ann and I were getting ready to go to Mass around 10:00, we heard a loud

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**REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC
CEMETERY IN YOUR FINANCIAL PLANNING**

Remembering St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in your will is one of the ways you can ensure that our cemetery will continue to be a well maintained and holy resting place for your loved ones. There are many ways you can remember St. Joseph Cemetery in your financial planning—through an outright gift of money, through the sale of stocks and bonds or through the gift of property. We welcome the opportunity to talk with you about all these opportunities.

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crack and boom outside. We looked out the front window of the house across the road at the cemetery. The wind was blowing very strongly. We found out later that there were gusts of 60-65 miles per hour! We saw there was a big tree just to the south of the entrance gate that had blown over. It fell directly on the fence and main gate. The gate was blocked and there were lines down in the branches of the tree. We noticed that there was a telephone pole broken off on the north side of the gate and our electricity was out at the house. The tree had fallen completely across the road and Mesker Park Drive was blocked. Later that day the county moved some of the tree off the road to make one lane open. Wednesday night we finally got our electricity back in the office and the house and the next day we got all the debris cleaned up at the gate and got the cemetery open again.

Unfortunately the falling tree limb destroyed a couple of sections of our gated fence at the cemetery entrance. We have been in touch with folks to get these sections repaired. The iron fence work is something that only a few folks in the area are capable of doing. We have been in touch with these folks as well and hope to have this work completed in the next couple of months.

We still have two trees that have fallen down in the cemetery and two more that need to be taken down because they are split and a danger to visitors and workers. We've been in touch with our tree removal folks about taking care of this. As you might imagine, they have been swamped with calls to take care of storm damage. As soon as they are able, they will remove the damaged trees we have. Fortunately, none of these fallen trees are preventing the daily operation of our cemetery. Over the years, we have lost a number of trees, some from storm damage and some from disease and age. Each time we lose a tree, we try to replace it with a new tree and that's what we'll be doing here as well.

We appreciate your patience during the couple of days when we had to close the cemetery because of the debris at the cemetery entrance. We've also had hundreds of flower arrangements blown all over the cemetery. If you happen to visit the graves of your loved ones and notice that some floral arrangements are missing, check with us at the office. We've saved most of these floral arrangements so perhaps yours can be found among them.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CEMETERY OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday 7:30 am 12 noon and 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
Saturday: 7:30am to 12:00 noon
The cemetery grounds are open daily
SUMMER: 6:30 am to dusk WINTER: 6:30 am to 5:00 pm

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