

St. John the Baptist Cemetery

Centralia, Iowa 52068

Additional guidelines and regulations for easement cost, foundation preparation, and monument/marker specifications:
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Purchasing an easement does not give you ownership of that section of land. It does give you the rights to be buried in that plot. The St. John the Baptist Cemetery owns and maintains the property.

*Contact the St. Elizabeth Pastorate office in Epworth to be directed to a cemetery board member:
563-876-5540 or email: office@stelizabethpastorate.com.

Foundation: However tall the monument is how deep the foundation needs to be. A 36 inch monument will have a 36 inch foundation and post holes from there down to 4 feet on both ends. No tapers to the foundation, the bottom will be square like the top. There will be a wash of 4 inches on all 4 sides. (example: a 24" long X 12" wide stone will have a foundation of 32" X 20").

Grass Marker: A grass marker needs to lay flush with the ground. A cement foundation for a grass marker should go 12 inches deep and no post holes are needed. No tapers to the foundation, the bottom will be square like the top. We will allow a minimum of 8" X 16" for a single marker, and up to 12" X 24" for a double marker.

Double Monument: The combined height of the base and headstone cannot exceed 36 inches in height at the highest point. The base is not to exceed 14 inches in width and 68 inches in length.

Single Monument: The combined height of the base and headstone cannot exceed 36 inches in height at the highest point. The base is not to exceed 14 inches in width and 34 inches in length.

Cremains: There will be up to 3 cremains allowed on one regular grave space, or 2 may be placed on top of an existing casket. Up to two flat stones (grass markers) are allowed if the names are unable to be added to the Single or Double monument.

Before a monument or foundation can be installed, the monument company and/or cement company must have the monument order approved or foundation preparation inspected by a member of the Cemetery Board.

Cost for Easement:

Single plot – for Member of parish or relatives in parish

\$400.00

Single plot – for Non-Members

\$600.00

Cremation – if being buried over existing easement (an above cost must first be charged for the plot):

\$150.00