

St. Mary Parish
Columbarium
A Sacred Place
of
Remembrance



For centuries, Christians have honored the faithful departed with reverence and prayer, trusting in the promise of the Resurrection.

While the Catholic Church permits cremation, cremated human remains are to be placed in a permanent, sacred resting place where loved ones may gather to pray and remember.

The St. Mary Parish Columbarium offers a consecrated place of peace and dignity where family and friends can visit and pray throughout the year. Located on parish grounds, it is near the faith community that supported the departed through life and now commends them to God's care.

Many families find comfort in knowing their loved one rests close to the Church they called home. It becomes a lasting legacy and a space where future generations can honor those who helped shape their lives.

In prayer and remembrance, we remain united in Christ, trusting in the promise of eternal life.

Common Questions

What is a columbarium?

A columbarium is a vault with niches (compartments) for urns containing cremated human remains.

Does the Catholic Church approve of cremation?

Yes. Cremation has been allowed by the Church since 1963. For further information on Catholic burial traditions, please see our website.

Why did the Parish build a columbarium?

There are no plots available in the Parish Cemetery and many parish members have expressed an interest in being laid to rest at St. Mary Parish.

Where is the Columbarium located?

The columbarium is located inside the Parish Cemetery, along the Edgerton Avenue cemetery perimeter. The niches face the cemetery, not the street.

How many urns can one niche hold?

Two urns can be placed in one niche, one person per urn.

What if only one person will use the niche?

Niches have room for two urns but are sold as a complete unit. There are no half niche sales.



*Blessed are those
who mourn, for
they will be
comforted.*

Matthew 5:4





Additional Information

How is the cost of a niche determined?

The cost of a niche - and related services like internment and disinternment - will be comparable to the prices charged by other Catholic cemeteries in Milwaukee. For current pricing information, please see the Fee Schedule.

How do I purchase a niche?

To schedule an appointment, call the Parish Office Monday-Thursday from 8:00am to 4:00pm or Friday from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Niches must be purchased in full at the time of purchase. Payment may be made by cash or check. Installment payment plans are not available.

St. Mary Parish Columbarium *Fee Schedule*

Base Niche \$3,100

Bottom three rows of columbarium located below 4 feet and the top two rows of columbarium located above 7 feet, excluding the cross niches.

Premium Niche \$3,300

Center rows of columbarium located above 4 feet and below 7 feet, excluding the cross niches.

Cross Niche \$3,800

Niches that comprise the cross pattern in the columbarium.

Internment, per Person \$430

Memorialized facing stone, polished bronze urn, identification plate, and shipping and handling.

Disinternment, per Person \$150

Niche opening and urn removal.

Notes:

1. Niche purchase must be completed (5) business days prior to internment.
2. Prices subject to change 12/31/26.



Learn More About the Columbarium

Additional information about the St. Mary Parish Columbarium is available on our website. Please visit: stmaryhc.org/columbarium

Questions? We're Here to Help.

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*I give thanks to my God
at every remembrance of you.*

Philippians 1:3

