



Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis

Catholic Cemeteries' policy of two decorations per grave, first enacted in 2005, will have stricter enforcement beginning in 2024. This enforcement will go into effect on February 22nd, 2024, and signs will be placed at all Catholic Cemeteries' locations. Please note the following about this policy enforcement:

- If a Catholic Cemeteries' groundsman comes across a grave with more than two decorations, the groundsman will choose at that time which excess decorations to remove. If the items are of a religious nature or are American flags, they will be immediately buried. All other items will be disposed of without opportunity to recover them. All visitors are urged not to leave items of significant financial or sentimental value at a gravesite.
- Catholic Cemeteries' policy regarding decorations atop monuments and in vases affixed to monuments remains unchanged, those decorations will not be touched by Catholic Cemeteries' personnel, but please note that the number of decorations atop a monument count toward the total number of decorations for graves. For example, if a monument that stands over two graves has three decorations on it, only one more decoration is permitted to be placed directly on one of the graves.
- Groundsmen will enforce this policy as they come across graves with excess decorations.

For more information regarding Catholic Cemeteries decoration policies, you can find our Guest Resource Manual at <https://awaittheblessedhope.org/guidelines-guests>.