

Columbarium at the

at the Prayer Gardens of St. Dominic



E. Zale 2020

St Dominic Catholic Cemetery

A brief History lesson



- Oldest known burial- 1812
- 4 parishes have been the caretakers
 - St James-Menomonee Falls
 - Cathedral of St Francis
 - St Agnes-Butler
 - St Dominic (1956)
- Currently not accepting any burials
- Cemetery Committee Recent Efforts
 - Identification
 - Clean-up

What is a columbarium?

- In Latin, “Columba” means a dwelling place of a dove
- Above ground structure
- Holds cremated human remains
- Consists of niches
 - Niche is 12 x 12 x 12
 - 50 niches per side (5 high and 10 wide)



Approximate dimensions
6 ½ H x 11 ½ W x 3' D

Why consider cremation ?

- Supported by the Catholic Church
 - Currently almost 50% of US Catholics are cremated
 - Estimates: 70% cremation within the next 10 years
- Eliminates the need to purchase casket, vault, memorial stone, and burial site.
- Cremation and inurnment in a columbarium is substantially less expensive than traditional in-ground burial



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- Aligns with the Corporal Works of Mercy
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- Year-round visitation
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Potential Timeline

- Gain Archdiocesan and City Approvals-**completed**
- Information Sessions-**early March**
- Pre-construction commit period-**March, 2020**
- Selection of niches-**Spring 2020**
- Vendor/Partner final review/selection-**March 2020**
- Foundations-**Late spring 2020**
- Set the columbaria-**Summer 2020**
- Add engraved face plates-**Summer 2020**
- First inurnments-**Fall 2020**



Selection of niche(s) Spring 2020

- Choose rows: top 3 or bottom 2
- Sunset or sunrise side
- Based on date of purchase
- Selection date to be set



Example

Example of face plate

Single units

ROBINSON	Jones
Mary S.	Robert T.
1933-2020	1972-

Double unit

ROBINSON	
Mary S.	John R.
1933-2020	1930-



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