

Annual St. Mary and St. John the Baptist Cemetery Prayer Walk

Saturday, September 23 – Wednesday, November 1

The Revitalization Team is happy to announce that we will be conducting our annual Cemetery Prayer Walk to honor ***All the Faithful Departed*** of St. Mary's and St. John the Baptist's parishes beginning Saturday, September 23 through Wednesday, November 1. Our mission is to pray for every soul laid to rest at all three of our cemetery locations. Instructions for how to participate in the Prayer Walk are located at the main entrances of each cemetery in specially marked pamphlet holders.

At each cemetery site, the rows of head stones have been marked by flags. A **red/orange** flag identifies the **end** of every row of head stones. The opposite end of each row is marked by a **yellow** flag. Participants in the Prayer Walk will pray over each headstone/grave marker. Any prayer may be used, but specifically call to mind the particular individual paused before in prayer. To assist our "prayer walkers," proposed prayers are printed and available at each cemetery location in the pamphlet holders.

As your prayer is said, move the **yellow** flag marker down the row of headstones to signify who has been prayed for. When the **yellow** flag has been joined at the end of the row with the **red/orange** flag, it will signify that prayers have been said for all of the faithfully departed in that row of head stones. These flags will remain at all of our cemetery locations until Wednesday, November 1. Between Saturday, September 23 and Wednesday, November 1, individuals may go to any cemetery location at their convenience and offer prayers for the faithful departed. ***Please invite your neighbors, prayer groups, friends, and family members to join in this beautiful act of mercy.***

The Catholic Church has outlined seven spiritual works of mercy so that we will not become poor of spirit. One of those seven works is praying for the living and the dead. Works of mercy connect the love we are to have of our neighbor with our love of God.

By participating in this Prayer Walk, you are performing a spiritual work of mercy and extending the love of Jesus to your spiritual brothers and sisters.

By participating in this Prayer Walk, you are serving Jesus!

Thank You!

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