



West Columbarium Photo by Carly Flanagan

What is a Columbarium?

A permanent structure with niches or compartments designed to hold the urns containing the ashes of loved ones. The word is derived from the Latin word *Columba*, which means the dwelling place of a dove. When Christians, relegated to Rome's catacombs, began using cliff-side niches to seal away the ashes of the faithful who died, the term "Columbarium" took on its current meaning.

Columbarium Niches

Single inurnment - \$2,500
(Includes 1 open/close)

Niche for two inurnments - \$4,000*

Companion inurnment after initial purchase- additional \$2,000*
(Includes open/close fee and new niche plate engraving)

**Companion inurnment must be a family member.*

**Maximum of two inurnments per niche is allowed. (subject to size of urns)*

The Columbarium is open daily
from
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Contact Us

For more information on
Columbarium niches,
or to make an appointment,
please contact the office
by phone at 479-783-4147
or by email at
monastery@stscho.org

www.stscho.org

Search for Loved Ones in the Virtual Cemetery

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**Saint
Scholastica
Monastery
Columbarium**



St. Benedict Statue (Front of Monastery) Photo by Jennifer Burchett

Who oversees the continuing operations of the St. Scholastica Monastery Columbarium?

The Benedictine Sisters
of
St. Scholastica Monastery

Who may be inurned in the Columbarium?

All applications are subject to approval
by St. Scholastica Monastery.

What is included and not included?

Included:

Opening/Closing Fees

Perpetual Care of the Columbarium

The cost of the niche plate is included in the niche fee. (Any additional engraving or replacement of plate - \$250)

Not included:

Cost of cremation, cost of funeral home staff, embalming, if necessary, funeral liturgies; urns, death notices; certificates, etc.

How will the niches be marked?

For each person inurned in a niche, the niche plate can be engraved with up to four lines including:

Legal Name (can include nick name)
Date of Birth
Date of Death
Another date of significance such as date of marriage, ordination, etc.

St. Scholastica Monastery will arrange for the niche plate.

Selection of Niche

First come, first served.

Permanently reserved only upon full payment.

No requests to “save spaces” will be honored.

St. Scholastica Monastery will assign a niche if location is not selected by the purchaser.



Columbarium view from South looking North. Photo by Carly Flanagan

Payments

Full payment must be made within a year. The niche location is selected when payment is completed.

Payments can be made by check, credit card, or bank draft.

A Payment Plan is available:

Monthly or quarterly installments up to a 12 month period only.

No agreements for payment at time of death can be made.

Once contracted, price for niche is set.

Prices for future niche sales are subject to change at discretion of St. Scholastica Monastery.

Transfer of Ownership

May be sold back only to the St. Scholastica Monastery Columbarium.

Right to inurnment is non-transferrable.

Return Purchase Price is 75% of original price.

Once cremains are placed in the niche, no refunds if cremains are removed.

If unused 5 years after person’s death, niche will return to St. Scholastica Monastery Columbarium with no refund to person’s estate or family.

Purchase of a niche conveys only the right of inurnment of cremains for that space, and does not convey any property ownership rights to the Columbarium.