

Holy Cross Cemetery
PO Box 145
Beaver Island, Michigan 49782

Dear Friends and Family;

Holy Cross Church began over 150 years ago, and the cemetery has been the final resting place of our loved ones for almost as many years. Our annual appeal goes out today to help continue the cemetery's beautiful legacy for years to come. Our historic cemetery depends primarily on the financial support of remaining lot owners, family members, heirs and friends. Voluntary donations in any form helps with the cemetery's daily upkeep, expenses, and improvements.

The cemetery committee has been looking into having Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) performed to help locate remnants of remains in unmarked graves. The older part of the cemetery in particular has many of our family buried with no headstones. Over the years, many could not afford headstones and any wooden crosses are long gone. We have people wanting to be buried in plots a family member purchased as far back as the late 1800's or near someone dear to them. There are plots where we have to "prod" to make sure a site is clear of any previous burial. GPR could significantly clear up many burial site questions. Delay into a final proposal from the company who performs GPR has been due to the COVID-19 executive orders in place for the past year.

Mary Beth (Greene) Nelson has nearly completed the new map and guide of burials. This guide will provide names and location of burials, as well as birth and death dates and parent/spouse information. The map will help identify and locate our friends and family.

There are three items Susan McDermott has requested this year. New wire trash receptacles (535.00) Monument Jack and Block (707.00) and a new drape for the lowering device (190.00) for a total of 1582.00 including shipping.

We realize this has been a tough year for everyone, but are hoping that your donation will help us with our special projects and the maintenance of our beloved cemetery.

Our fiscal year ends in June. Year to date, we have income of \$5989, expenses \$9345, most of the expense for the year so far, was spent in maintenance of the grounds. Thank you in advance for your continued support and God Bless all of you !!

Pam O'Brien
Paul Cole
Mary Beth Nelson
Marie LaFreniere

