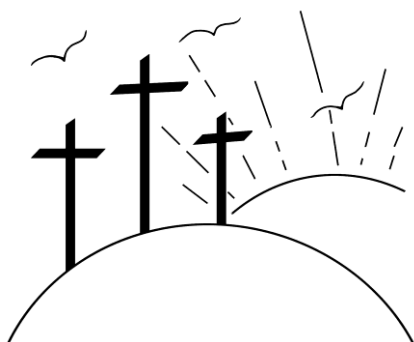


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Pray the Rosary



An Arbor framing the statue of "Jesus and the Children" has been designed and placed as a welcome to the Holy Innocents Garden and the Way of the Saints thanks to a generous donation by Ron and Lee Barkley who believe LIFE is important!! Enter the Garden, and find treasures to behold.

The First Feast of the Holy Innocents Prayer Vigil in Yankton was held on December 28, 1973. It was organized by an ecumenical group of Yankton citizens in response to the Roe vs Wade supreme court decision legalizing abortion. This group was determined to educate young people and anyone who would listen to the realities of abortion. Originally the Vigil was hosted by a different Church each year, finding its home in 1982 in the St. Joseph Chapel at the House of Mary Shrine. People have faithfully gathered ever since on December 28th to pray in reparation for abortion, excluding two weather-related cancelations.

*All you Holy Innocents, Guardian Angels and Saints,
pray for us.*

Donation Opportunities

(Please Complete and Return the Enclosed Card for the Following Donations)

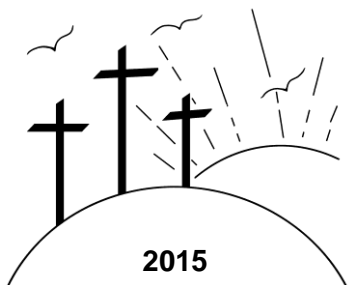
- Pillar on "The Way of the Saints":** \$500.00—Your Choice of Saint Subject to Approval
- Engraved Brick:** \$ 30.00—Two Lines of 13 Characters Each (Spaces Count as Characters)
Locations for the Bricks Are:
St. Isidore St. Francis St. Anne St. Therese Pieta
- Perpetual Care:** Discretionary
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Please remember us as generously as possible—remembering your Parish first.
Remember us in your Last Will and Testament if the Spirit so inspires you.

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Two Pilgrimages Last Fall



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas in South Dakota held a retreat at the Shrine in October. The State Chaplin, Fr. Russell Homic, led the retreat with the title "Lead Me Lord Through Your Blessed Mother." Much time was allowed for quiet meditation, encouraging attendees to tour the grounds and be alone with Jesus and His Mother. The beautiful fall day was truly a blessing from Heaven.

THE REAL PRESENCE RADIO STATION of Grand Forks, North Dakota, visited in September.



Seventy+ pilgrims prayed the Rosary, attended Mass, and toured the Shrine. What a beautiful time to praise God and honor Mary.

Rocks have found a place in many situations in early Christian life. Saint Stephen, the first Martyr, was stoned to death; David slew Goliath with a stone; and so on.



At the Shrine rocks have been used for much of the landscape. So when a retaining wall was needed, we turned to Steve Schweitzer who engineered the walls we had. Soon



after the commitment was made, Steve informed us that he had been diagnosed with pancreatic

cancer; but, wanted to proceed with the plans for the wall. Stones were gathered by many people, and the piles grew. On the 4th of July weekend, family from across the country and volunteers erected a wall. It was a labor of love and support as Steve and wife Mary watched and guided the whole process. Steve completed his work on Earth soon after, and joined our Heavenly Father. May he rest in peace.

The 42ND Rosary Rally

at the Shrine is held the first Sunday in October. The Rosary is prayed with lighted candles around the Rosary Pond. Each person is invited to pray a Hail Mary as the meditation continues around the pond. The fourth graders from Sacred Heart School served as hosts with refreshments afterwards.



+++++ Upcoming Events +++++

- April 5 — Sunrise Service at 6:40 AM**
- May 2 — May Crowning**
- TBA — Volunteers Outdoor Mass**
- Masses — Saturdays at 9:00 AM**
- Mondays (Summer) at 9:00 AM**
- Rosary — Before Masses and**
- Sundays at 4:00 PM**

Thanks to the Founders of The House of Mary Shrine, many of the traditional devotions such as the Rosary, Adoration, May Crowning, and the Stations of the Cross were kept active at a time when there was less emphasis placed on them. These special events have been a part of the Shrine since the beginning.

Update on the "Way of the Saints"

There are 36 pillars on the Way of the Saints. It starts with an introduction to the Saints followed by 28 Saint stories with pictures: John Paul II, Philomena, Benedict, Andrew, Matthew, Peter, Paul of Tarsus, Jude Thaddeus, Therese of Lisieux, Elizabeth of Hungary, James the Greater, John the Evangelist, Mother Teresa, Thomas Aquinas, Padre Pio, Anthony of Padua, Andre Bessette, Joseph, Peregrine, Isidore, Michael the Archangel, and Anne. Saints Aloysius, John Bosco, Christopher, Wenceslaus, Faustina, and Gertrude the Great are works in progress. If you have a favorite Saint you would like to sponsor, we do have seven pillars left awaiting those special Saints.

An Eagle Scout took on the project of redoing the deck on the porch of the Chapel. Much time and cooperation of his family has brought the project to completion. Thanks Austin!



The Guardian Angel and Children crossing a bridge in the Holy Innocents Garden reminds us of Angelic presence.

**Angel of God,
My Guardian dear,
To whom God's love
Commits me here;
Ever this day,
Be at my side
To light and guard
To rule and guide.
Amen**