



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEWTON COUNCIL 1704

NEWSLETTER
December 2024



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Council 1704: Tuesday, December 10 @ 7 p.m. 4th Degree: Tuesday, December 17 @ 6 p.m.

FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF MARY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
8:30 A.M. ALL-SCHOOL ST. THOMAS
12:10 P.M. ST. THOMAS - NEWTON
6:00 P.M. ST. MARY'S - STE. MARIE

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
1:45 P.M. ST. THOMAS SCHOOL
3:00 - 5:00 P.M. ST. THOMAS
6:30 P.M. - ST. MARY'S



COME, LORD JESUS!

The Latin word adventus means "coming." The last words in Scripture (Book of Revelations) are "Come, Lord Jesus!" Thus, the season of Advent begins with the end in mind. We enter a new Church Year with our eyes fixed on the End-capital "E"-when Jesus Christ will come and destroy this sin-broken world.

If that is what Jesus and his angels are coming to do-destroy the universe with fire (2 Peter 3)-why would we cry out, "Come, Lord Jesus"? Because we know that Jesus has come into our world once before. The Son of God became the Son of Man. From the manger to the cross, Jesus did everything necessary to redeem mankind. As this new Church Year walks us through the entire life of Christ, we see God's promises of deliverance fulfilled...God's plan of salvation completed. And so, when Christ comes again, while the universe will be destroyed, we know God's people will be ushered into a new, glorious, everlasting kingdom.



DECEMBER
KC CHRISTMAS STAG
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17
7:00 P.M. KC HALL
MEAL BY
BRANDON SCOTT
All are Welcome!

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS
AREA CHRISTMAS
MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE DEC. 24TH
4:00 P.M. HOLY CROSS - WENDELIN
4:30 P.M. OUR LADY - OBLONG
5:00 P.M. ST. THOMAS - NEWTON
7:00 P.M. ST. MARY'S - STE. MARIE
7:00 P.M. ST. JOSEPH - ISLAND GROVE
8:00 P.M. ST. ELIZABETH - ROBINSON
11:00 P.M. ST. THOMAS - NEWTON
12:00 A.M. ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN

CHRISTMAS DEC. 25TH
8:00 A.M. ST. ELIZABETH - ROBINSON
8:30 A.M. ST. THOMAS - NEWTON
10:00 A.M. ST. JOSEPH - ISLAND GROVE



Advent is necessary to prepare us for Christmas. It enables us to understand the true significance of Christmas. For Advent allows us to see that because of what Christ did when he came the first time, believers need not fear when he comes again. Instead, we yearn for it. Come, Lord Jesus!

Wishing you all the Joy and Blessings of this Season!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS NEWTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Jud Cochran – December 1
Pete Pasero – December 1
Mark Smithenry – December 1
Wayne Bergbower – December 3
Kent Benefiel – December 7
Tyler McClure – December 7
Todd Shamhart – December 10
Mark Benefiel – December 11
Michael McCreery – December 14
Francis Kaufmann – December 15
Nicholas Shamhart – December 15
David Kistner – December 16
Gerald Ochs – December 16
Thomas Rubsam – December 17
Jacob Pilman – December 19
Jeffrey Higgs – December 20
Craig Zumbahlen – December 21
Jerome Probst – December 24
Ryan Probst – December 26
Robert Keller – December 28

Jerome Kocher – December 1
Anthony Reis – December 1
Kevin Lidy – December 2
Brian Dhom – December 3
Jordan Hemrich – December 7
Bruce Ochs – December 9
Lucas Zuber – December 10
Justin Guenin – December 12
David Zuber – December 14
Bruce Rauch – December 15
Everett Beucherie – December 16
Ethan Marshall – December 16
Norman Bergbower – December 17
Paul Ochs – December 19
Mark Bergbower – December 20
Robert Smithenry – December 21
David Frichtl – December 22
Michael Murbarger – December 25
Tyler Weber – December 27
Jason Pitcher – December 28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY KNIGHTS!

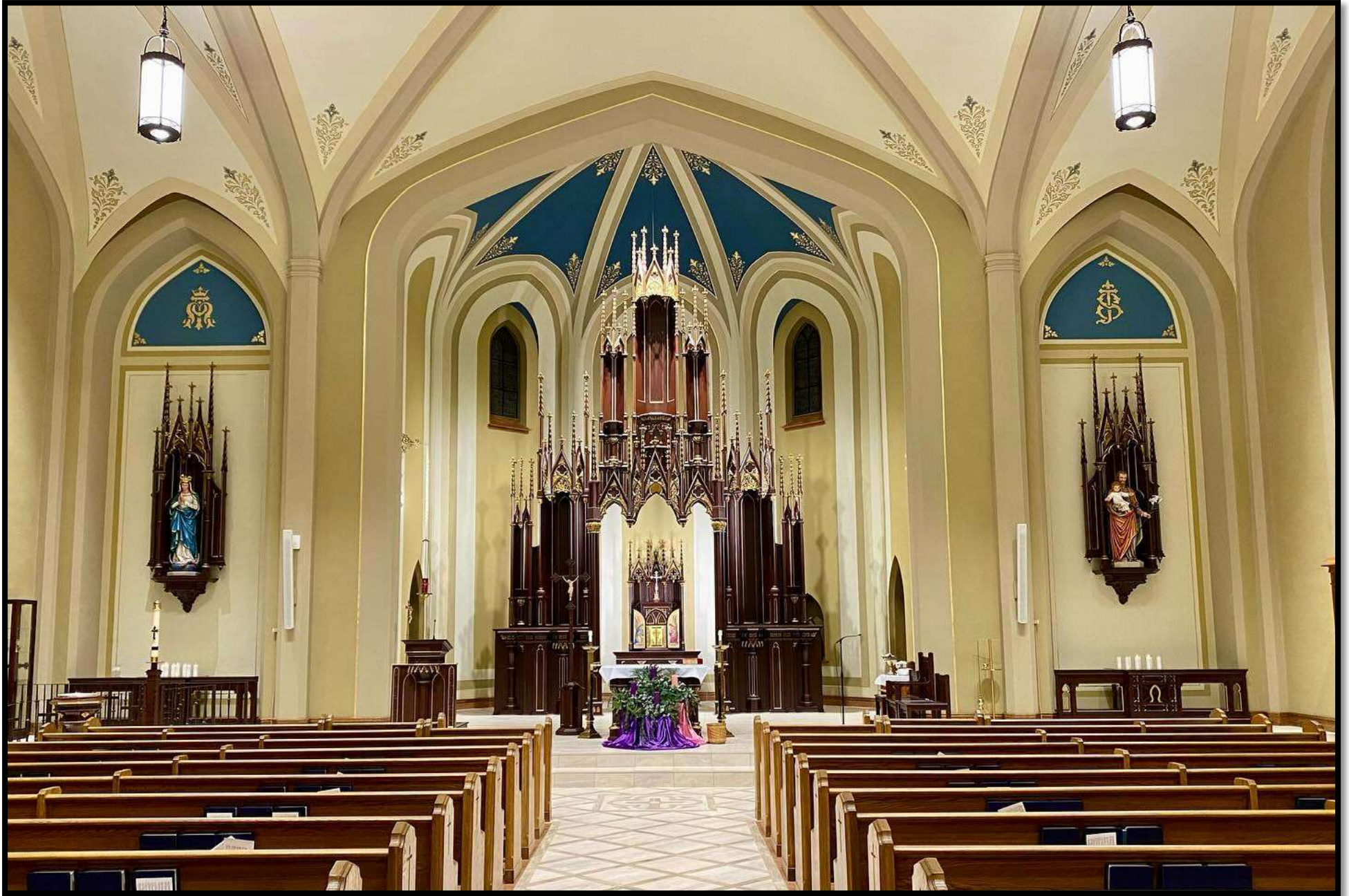
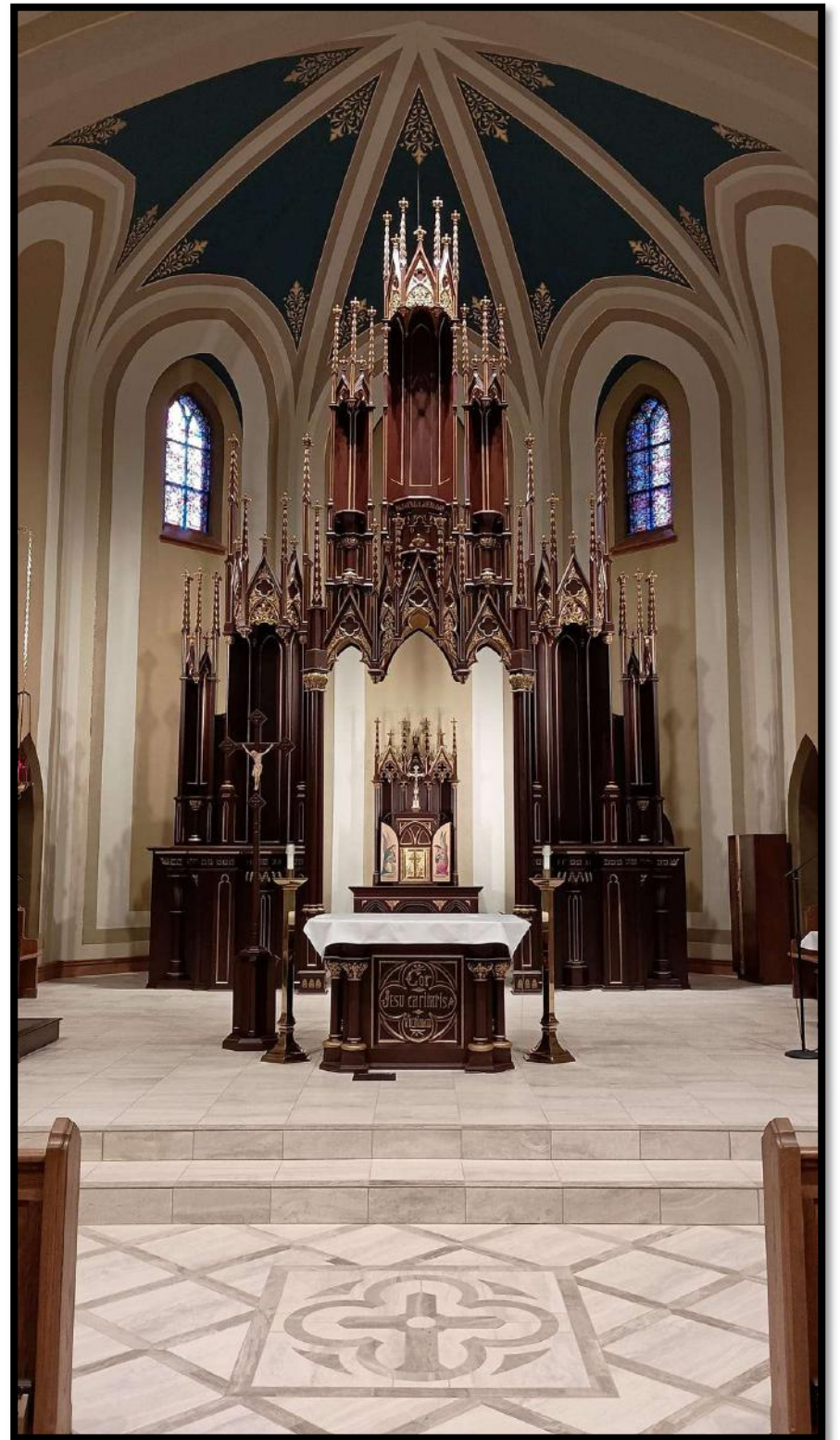
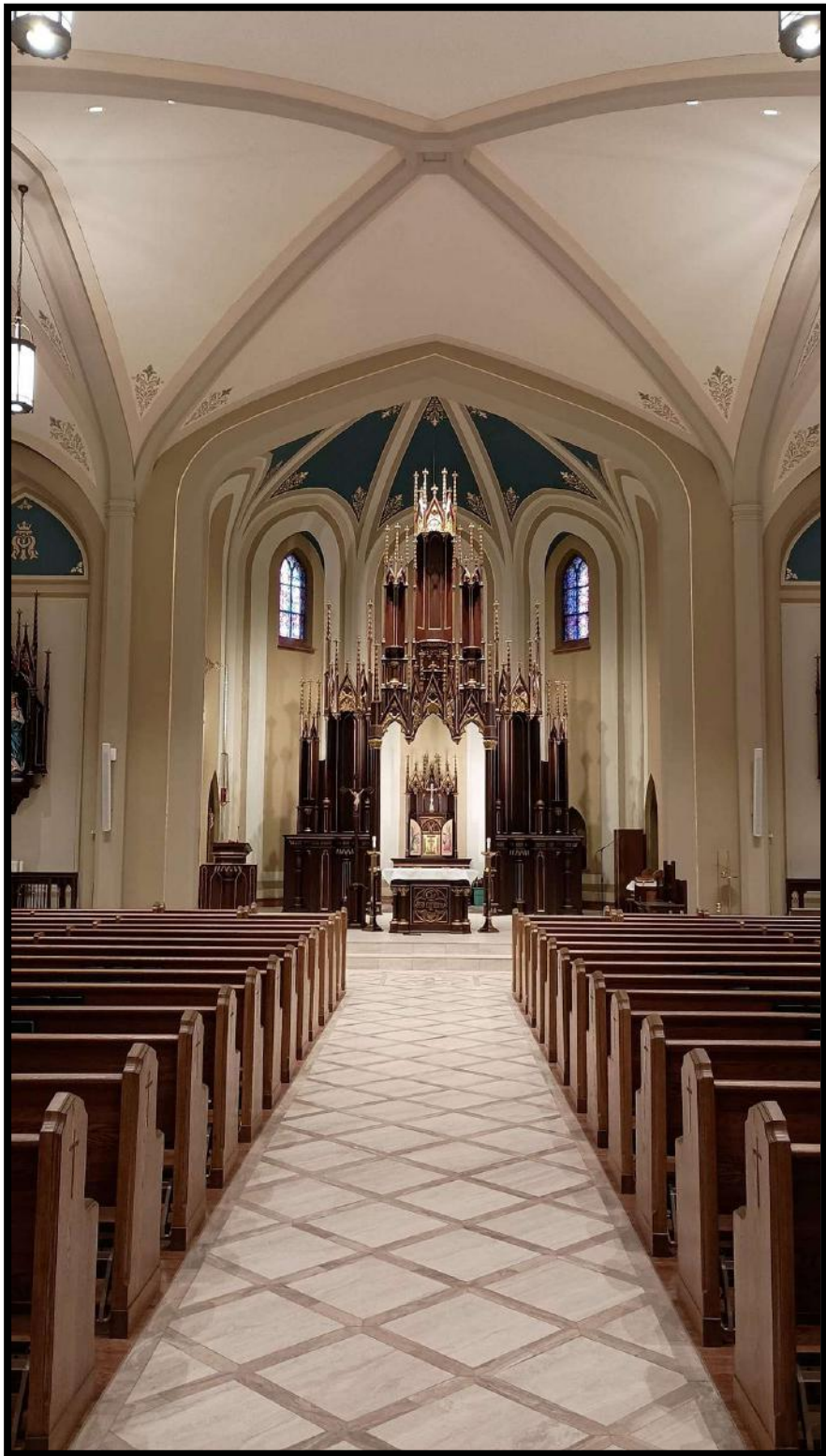
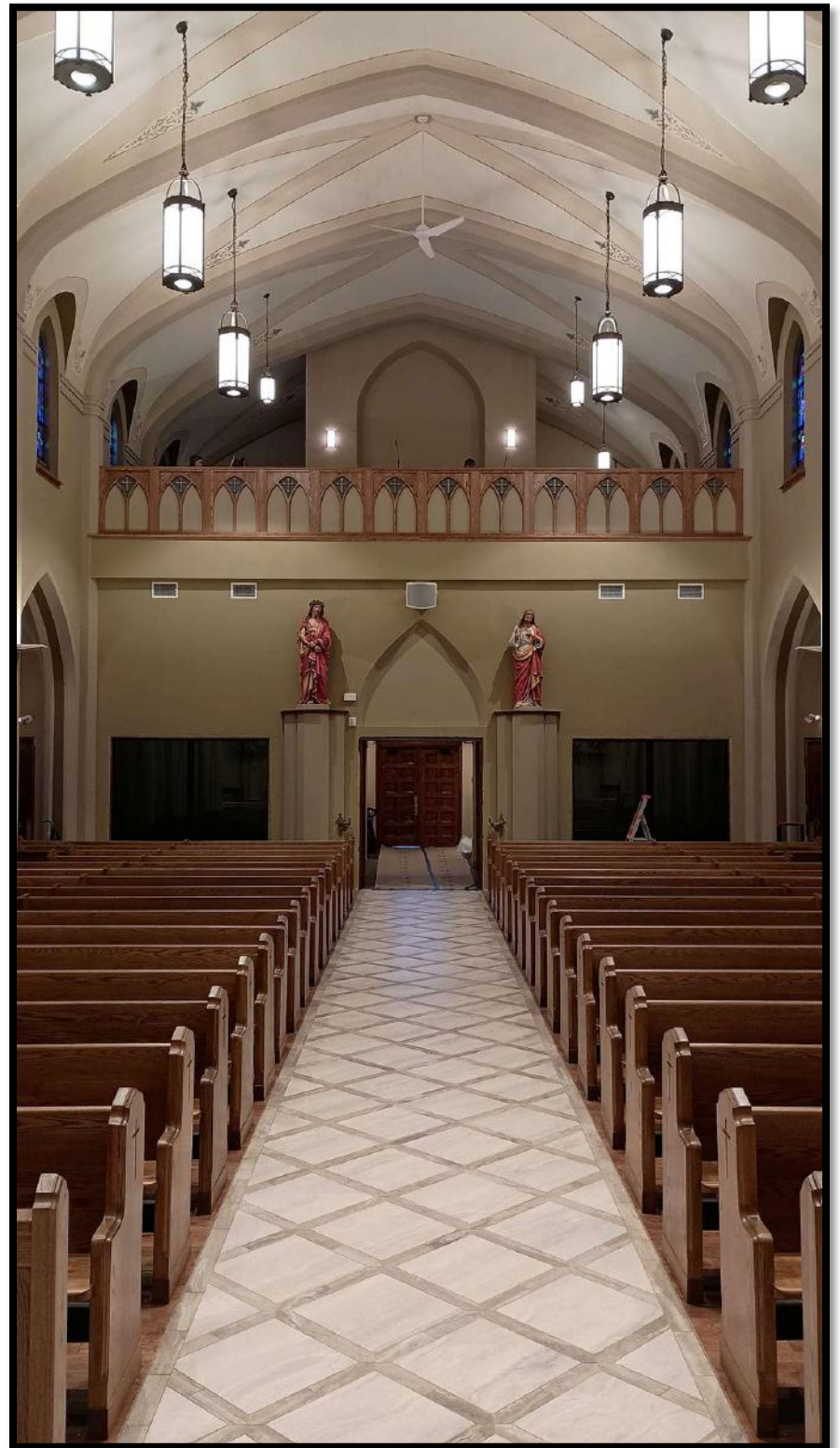
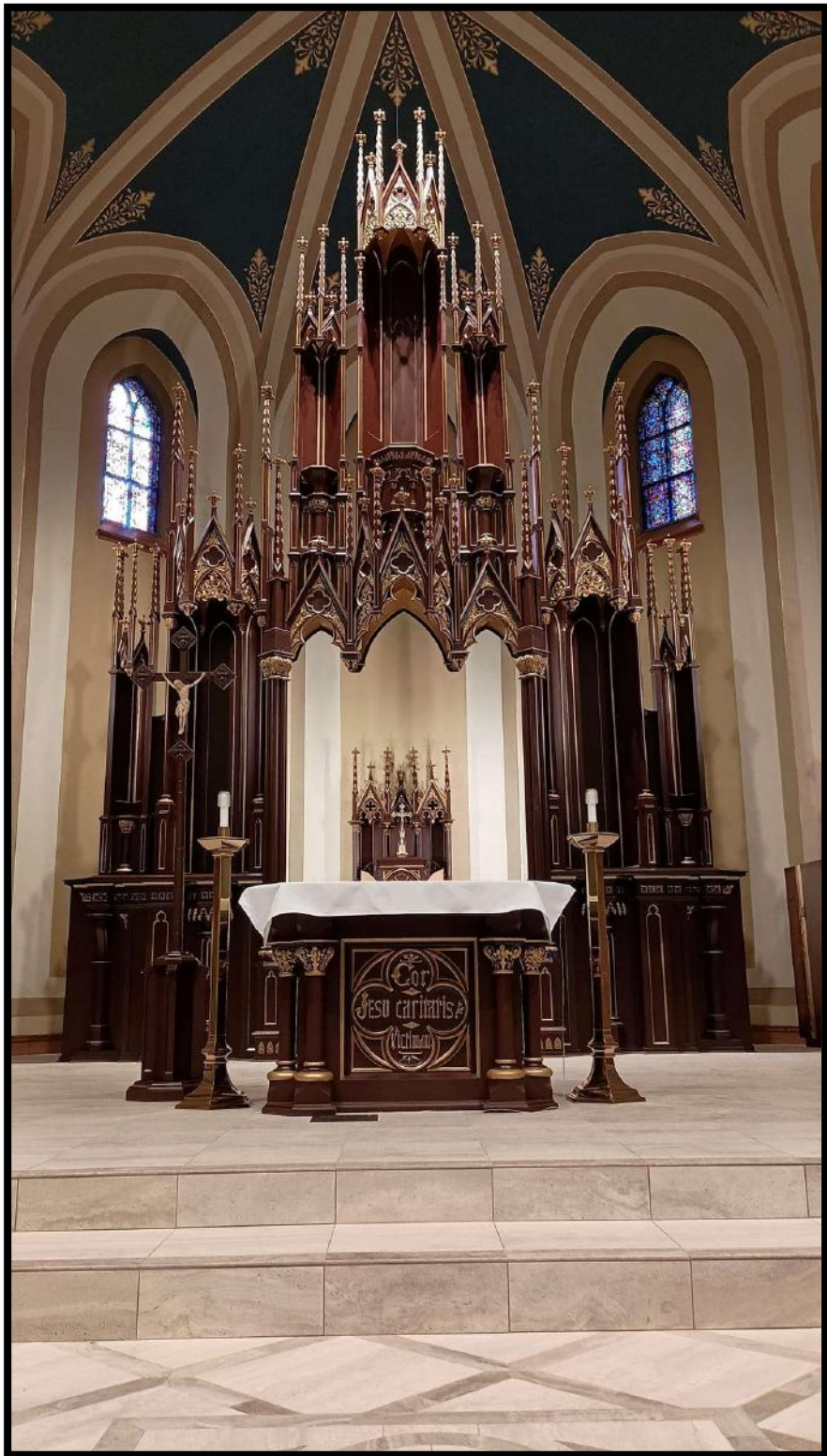


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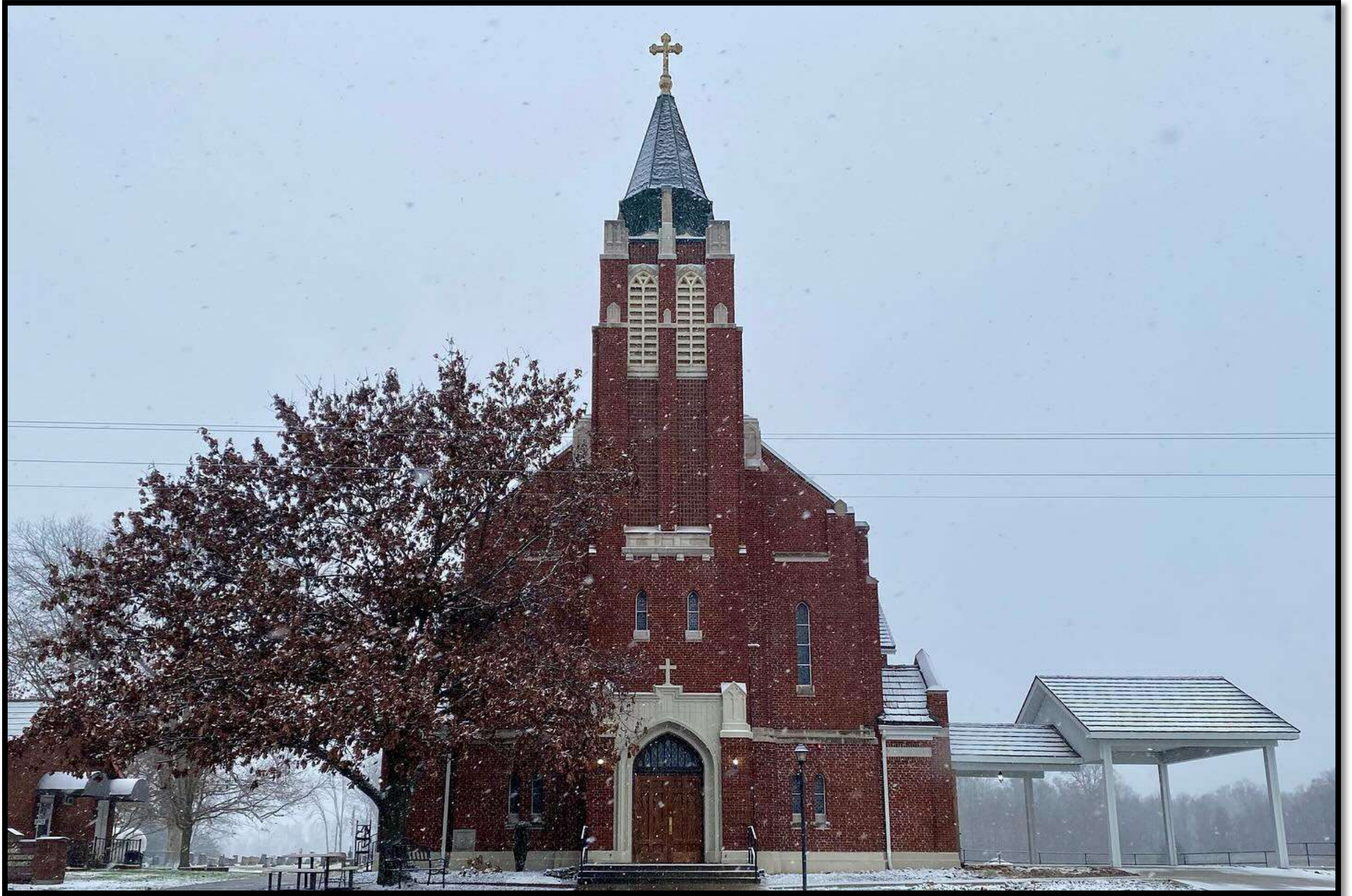


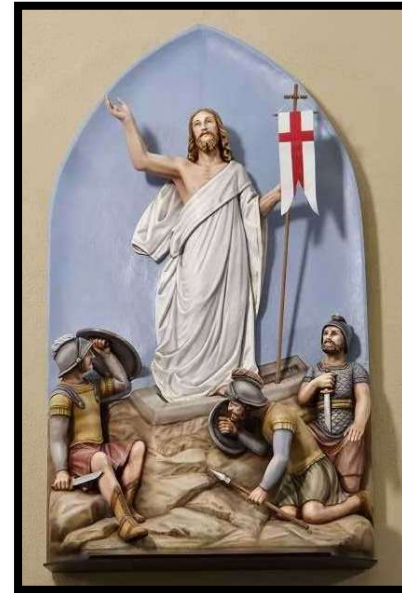
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As parishioners and visitors marvel at the beauty of this Church, there will be some new/old items that will adorn the recently renovated areas.

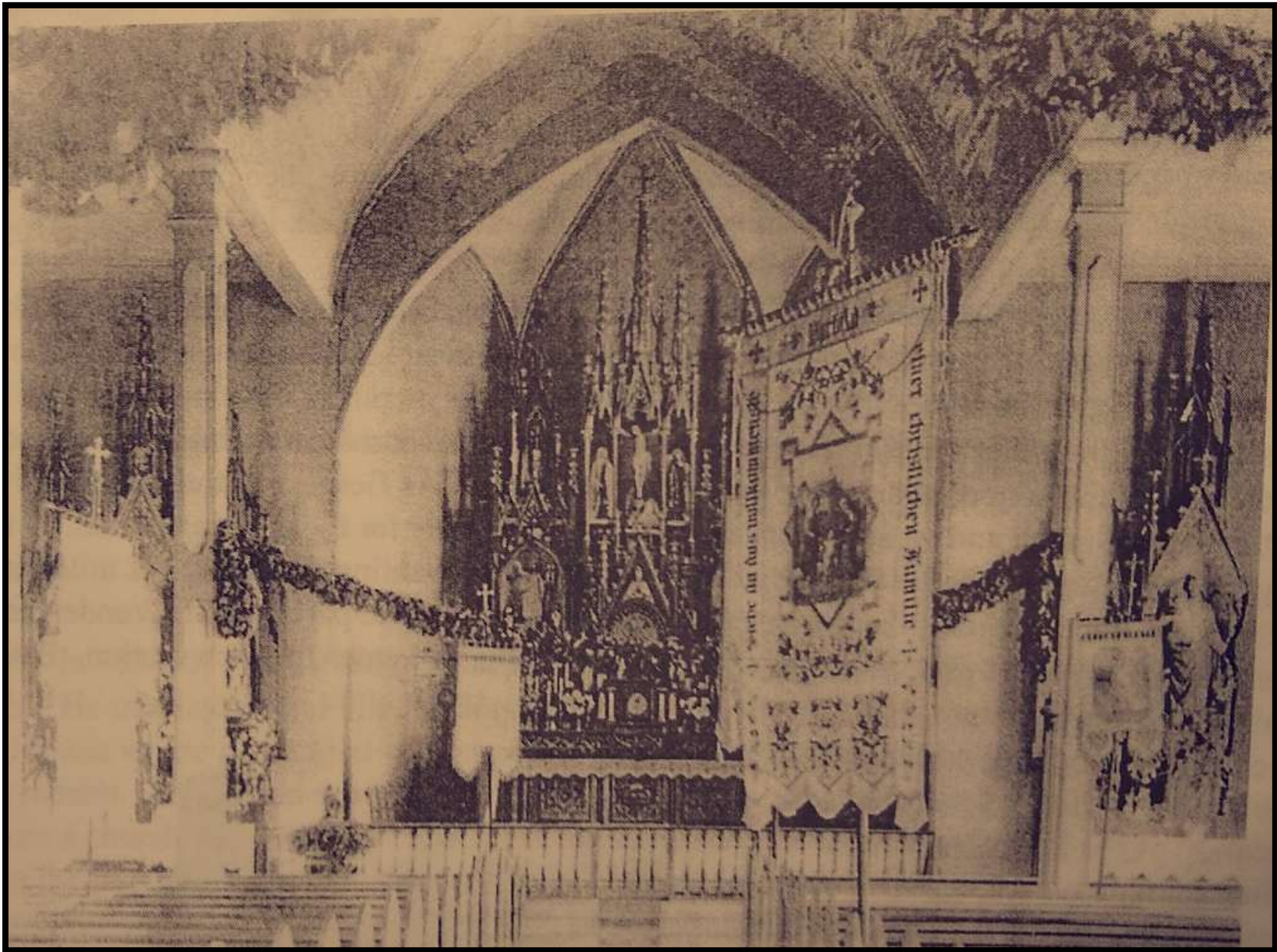
ALTAR PLAQUES

Two altar plaques that once adorned the old High Altar at Holy Cross have been restored. These plaques were removed from the old High Altar and were installed on the back wall of the church in the 1970s & 1980s before they were removed and placed in the basement.

These two plaques (an Angel of the Lord handing Jesus the Chalice) & (Jesus Christ after his Resurrection) will once again adorn the back wall in the gathering space where they were 40 years ago. The "Risen Christ" is placed on the East side. The east is considered the direction of the rising sun, representing the new life brought by Christ's resurrection.



Old High Altar in Original Holy Cross Church (1871-1930)
Altar Plaque of Jesus Christ after his Resurrection visible (other is obstructed by the banner).



Old High Altar in Current Holy Cross Church (1931-1960s)
Altar Plaques Visible on each side



Altar Plaques were moved to the back wall of the Church after renovations in the 1970s and were eventually removed in the 1980s.



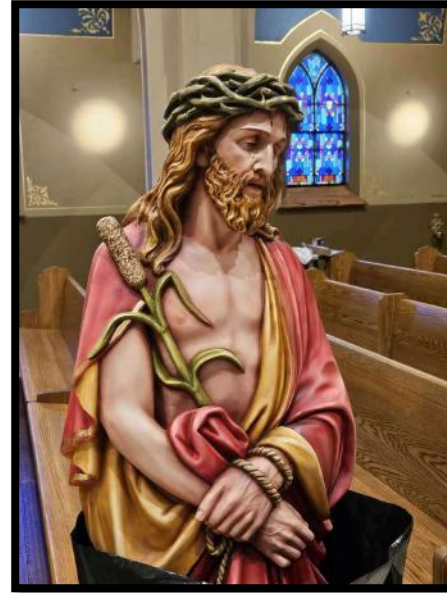
STATUES OF JESUS

In addition to the altar plaques, two Jesus statues were also restored. These two Jesus statues adorned the sanctuary area of Holy Cross in the early years of the Church. After the High Altar was removed, the statues were relocated and eventually moved to the basement of the church along with the altar plaques.



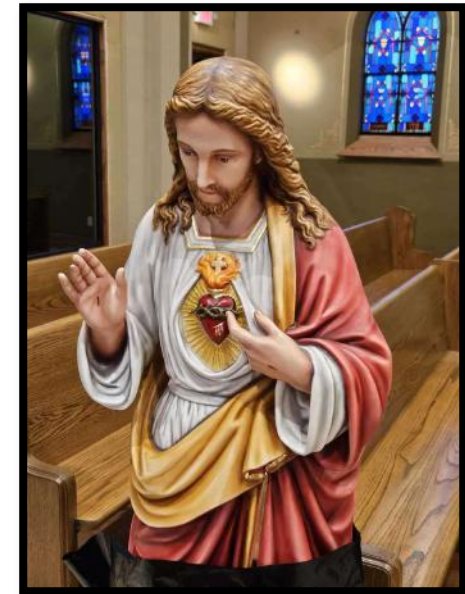
Statue of Jesus with Crown of thorns & reed in hand.

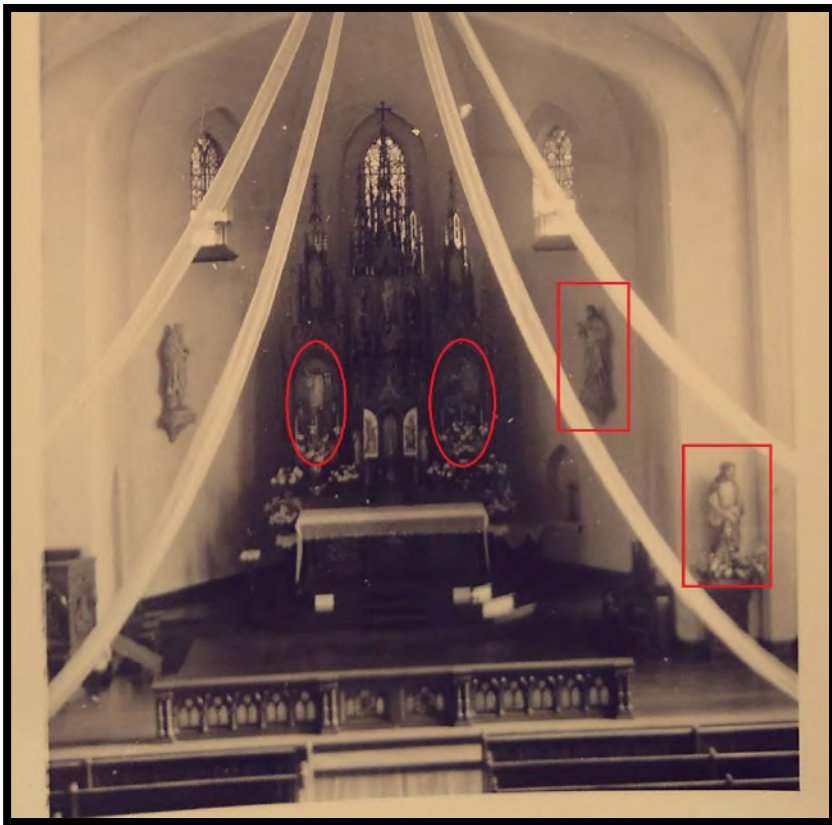
The crown of thorns symbolized the royalty and majesty of a king and served as their futile attempt to humiliate Jesus and make fun of his rights to kingship. They put a reed in Jesus' hand to represent a royal scepter to complete the look. The point of the entire cruel joke was to mock Jesus for His "crime" of claiming to be "king of the Jews" (Matthew 27:11)



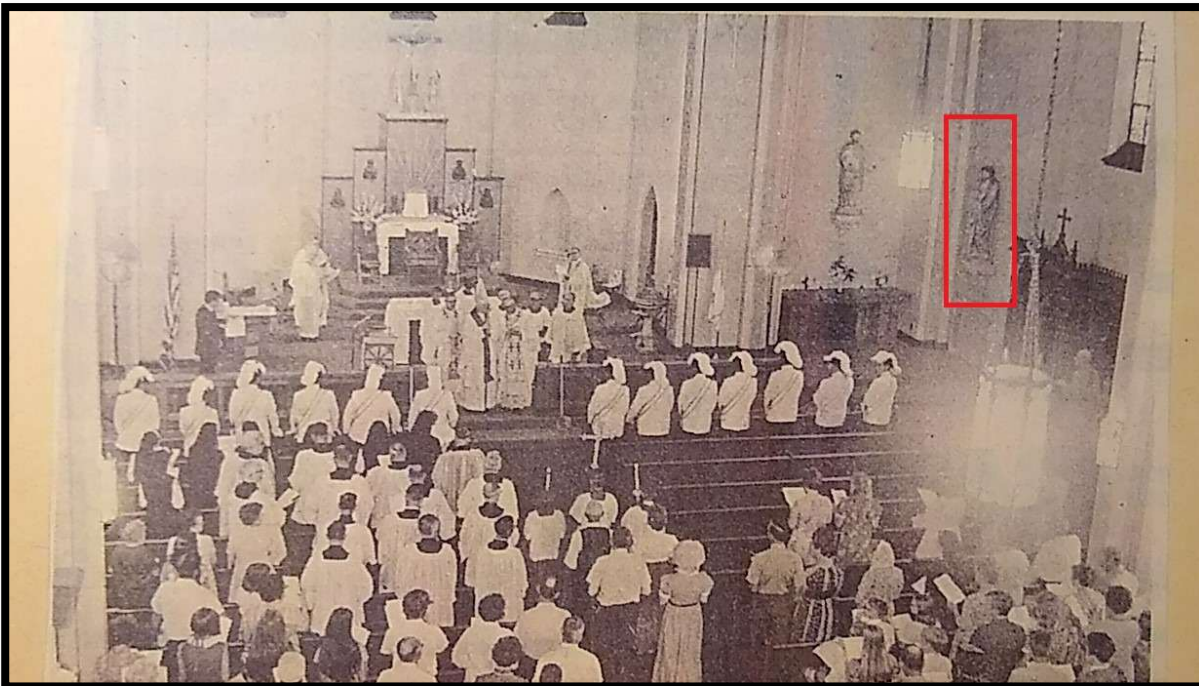
Statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Sacred Heart is a symbol of God's love, which is revealed in the pierced heart of Jesus. It also represents Jesus' humility and meekness, and the idea that love can conquer sin and death.

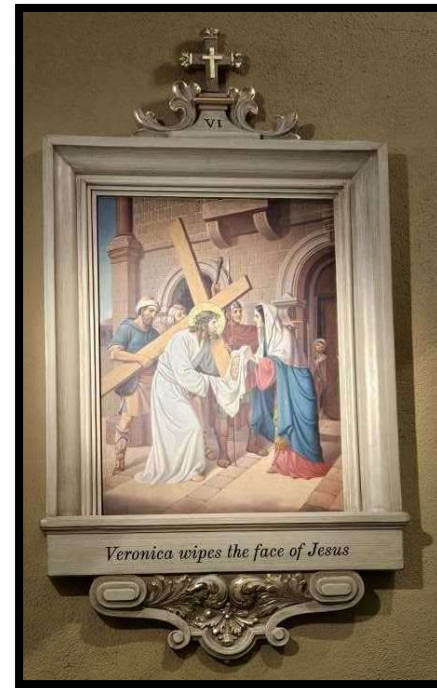




Old High Altar in Current Holy Cross Church. Circles represent the Altar Plaques and the Rectangles represent the two Jesus Statues



Jesus Statues with a crown of thorns and holding a reed moved to the west wall after renovations in the early 1970s. This statue was eventually taken down by the 1980s..



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All 14 Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross have been restored as well. The Stations of the Cross are a devotional practice that involves visiting and praying at each of the 14 stations, while meditating on the Passion of Christ. The practice originated with early Christian pilgrims who would visit the sites of the events in Jerusalem and walk the traditional route from Pilate's house to Calvary.

The Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross are "Emmerich Stations of the Cross" and are named after Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich, a German nun and mystic who wrote the Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. According to an ancient tradition, the Blessed Mother is credited with creating the first Way of the Cross. Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich is said to have received details about the devotion's origins from the Blessed Mother.

The Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross Wendelin are believed to date back to the late 1800s.