

ST. JOSEPH - HONEY CREEK

150th Anniversary Challenge

Have you visited all the historical and spiritual sites our campus has to offer?

Challenge yourself to take a pilgrimage to each location as we celebrate our 150th anniversary!

Take a picture of yourself and post to socials tagging St. Joseph!

Garden of Gethsemane



The Garden of Gethsemane is a bit off the beaten path but should not be missed. Built in 2020 as an Eagle Scout project, the Garden of Gethsemane offers a quiet area to reflect and pray.

Immaculate Conception Chapel



During construction of the Day Chapel, Fr. Draessler took a trip to Europe and prayed fervently to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception to help him make the right choices for our parish. When he returned home, he had the Immaculate Conception Chapel built to honor Mary. Construction was completed in 1905.

Hill of the Cross



The Hill of the Cross is our beautiful outdoor Stations of the Cross. Built in 1985 at the top of the hill, the Hill of the Cross is the perfect spot to pray. It was just updated in 2024 with new wooden plaques.

Labyrinth



Nestled within the Hill of the Cross, the Labyrinth offers meditative prayer space. Built in 2012 in memory of Deacon Ken Nickels' grandson who died tragically at a young age.

Cemetery



Our cemetery on campus was not the first cemetery for our parish but it has graves dating back to the mid 1800s. Many of the early headstones are in German. The mausoleum was added in 2015.

Day Chapel



Completed in 1910 under Fr. Draessler, our Day Chapel is a decorative, painted church. Restoration work began in 2014 to return it to its historical beauty. Altars were added back and original statues restored.

Broken Cross



This cross was originally on the steeple of the Day Chapel until it was struck by lightning and fell in the 1980s. The cross now sits in front of the Main Church.

St. Joseph Statue



This statue of St. Joseph is from Mexico and was donated to help keep the space sacred. Before our parking lot had gates, truckers would park overnight between the Day Chapel and the Cemetery. Their engines would rattle all night keeping Fr. Janish awake in the rectory, which was located next to the office. They hoped that the presence of the statue would help remind truckers that they were on holy ground.

Walk with Mary Rosary Garden



Located to the right of the Immaculate Conception Chapel, the Walk with Mary Rosary Garden is a walk-able Rosary path. Built in 2023 with the support of the Respect Life Ministry, enjoy the view of the Hill Country while reciting the Rosary.



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Bonus:

Located in the Day Chapel is the resting place of Fr. Draessler. He requested to be buried in the aisle of the church he built for St. Joseph - Honey Creek. Try to find the plaque located on the end of the pew with his name on it.