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Reverend Father:

Thank you for your letter of July 11.

Since you are not reproducing the coloring book as a coloring book, but as an outdoor Way of the Cross, we are pleased to grant permission to copy and enlarge our 14 Stations pictures.

Thank you for asking, Father. We would be grateful for a remembrance of our apostolate in your Mass.

Respectfully in St. Paul,
Daughters of St. Paul

Sr. Mary, DSP

Sister Mary, D.S.P.
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June 27, 1985

Rev. Msgr. Bernard C. Mullaney
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Reverend Monsignor:

Thank you for the photos of the very nice stations of the cross which your parish prepared based on our coloring book.

Now it is our turn to ask your permission: May we reproduce these photos in our publications? Naturally, we would credit St. Joseph's Church.

Looking forward to your reply, we are,

Respectfully in St. Paul,
Daughters of St. Paul

Sr. M. Anne, DSP

Sister Mary Anne, D.S.P.
Editorial Department

ed + dear Sister:

Sorry for the delay, I have just returned from

vacation.

How exciting! We are honored! You

ay use the pictures at anytime. We would like a copy

our files on the Will of the Lord.

Love + Blessing

Rev. Msgr. Bernard C Mullaney

Bernard,
FYI! Really enjoyed the visit to Honeycreek, Turned out it was!
Larry

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Dear Martha:

What a delightful surprise! I'm writing about the outdoors Stations of the Cross which is located at St. Joseph's Church in Honeycreek, Texas. It was worth driving the 25 miles from San Antonio just to see what Monsignor Mullaney and the people of the Honeycreek Parish have done. To ponder the Lord's sufferings and God's love in the midst of the magnificent scenery visible at each of the fourteen stations was way beyond anything I had anticipated.

The monthly meeting of the Assumption Seminary Associates (some of the members belong to the Honeycreek Parish) turned out to be an experience that I will never forget. I'm writing this letter to publicly thank the Faith Community of St. Joseph's Parish in Honeycreek for their efforts to create this magnificent outdoor Way of the Cross. I'm also writing this letter to recommend a rare opportunity to Today's Catholic's readers. Treat yourself to a drive out San Pedro to Highway 46. Turn left to the Honeycreek Church. Climb the hillside and be renewed as you ponder his mercy and the magnificence of his Creation.

Faith Larry Stuebben

Father Larry Stuebben
Assumption Seminary



One of three Groups making the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday

Fr. Mullaney making the final inspection before his ascent





unloading the rock dug up from Quarry

Lifting stone to be Put on top of tomb







Easy does it

Putting on the finishing touches





Deacon Jim Legendre
Arlene H. Legendre – Art – Drawing
Joyce Gass – Ecology – Recreation – 439-7459
Arthur Schmidt – PR – 438-2906
Rosalie Bushick – Ecology – 435-2937
~~Steven Golsch – Youth.~~
Joe Kaisen – 438-7581

~~IDEAS~~. STATIONS of the Cross
ANIMAL SANCTUARY.

Tues.

Project Land.

1) Ideas on how to use the land
   a) Church area
   b) Sports area.
   c) (?) area approximately ~~35~~ 54 acres.
      (1) What to use it for – project – consider all input.
      (2) How much of it to use for a project.
      (3) When to begin the project
      (4) How to finance the project
      ✓ (5) Doctrine necessary – Gather DATA. Look at examples / Samples of others. Decide on a project / example – clear it!
2. Look over the area
   ✓ Set date to walk thru the area.

Who will do the work
When will it be done

Present artists concept of the project
Present To: 1) Fr Mullaney
2) Parish Board
3) (?)

How will it benefit the parish?
" " " others?


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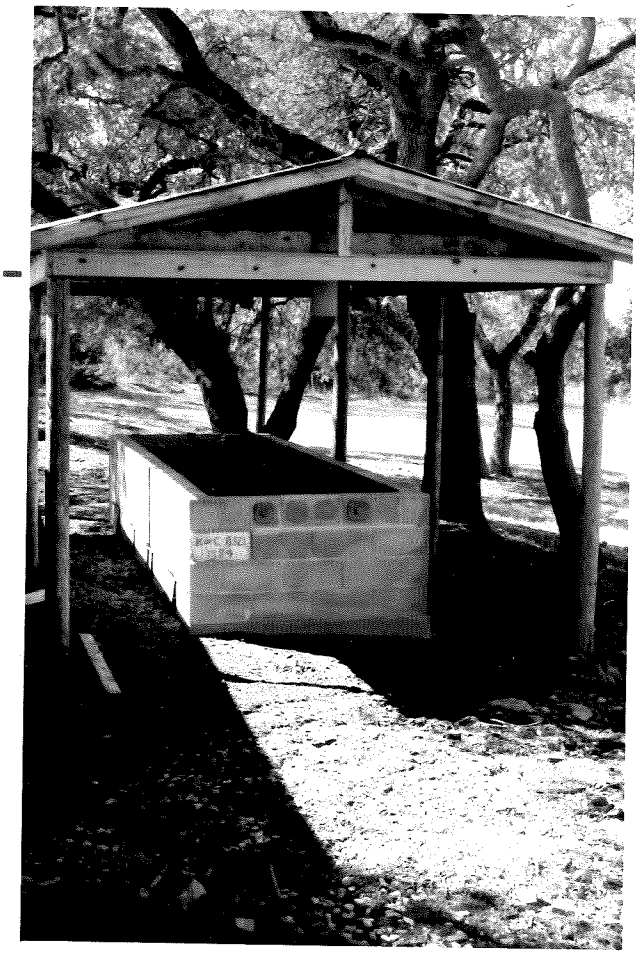

Deacon Jim.

Planning Committee 5-14-84

Looked over Church property for project "Stations of the Cross".
After looking come up with 2 possible projects.
Deacon Legendre
Kim Legendre
Joyce Gass
Arthur Schmidt
Rosalie Buskirk
Joe Kaigen

Area #1 - Project Stations of the Cross Project #1
3/4 way up to chapel (L) across from Cemetery

Area #2 - on back of the Chapel going back to Mrs Laubachs property. Project Grotto - "Garden Of Meditation" 2nd project

Members has looked over Area #1 Stations of the Cross

A. 1) After several trips + discussions we have tentative rough sites for the 14/15 Stations

2) We still seek info from other areas in the country that have the walk these stations

3) We will meet next sat to look again and settle more specifically on the 14/15 ~~sights~~ sites

B. 1) We need to plan around the 14 sites

B 2. Prime concern is to make project accessible to <u>all</u> & include wheelchair bound people.

3.) We need further discussion on making / purchasing stations, crosses, etc.
Aim is to remain rustic.

4.) Have the talent to protect trees, etc that we find in the area.
So we are proceeding at a slow but sure pace

The Committe is excited and anxious to develop something of "Spiritual Value" for the parishioners of St Joseph's + visitors.

Stop cutting trees accept in level #1.

Arthur:

Hill of the Cross

A Labor of Love

Early Notes
Committee
etc
where things come from +
how we made them
Crosses + ady
slices from cypress = station -
pictures from coloring book - stations
Wood from river - Mrs Lock's place
benches
dinamite holes on hill
tomb - etc,
etc.

Story of a labor of love to complete the Hill of the Cross.... no one could foresee what finally took shape - the hill has waited for us to do just what we did.


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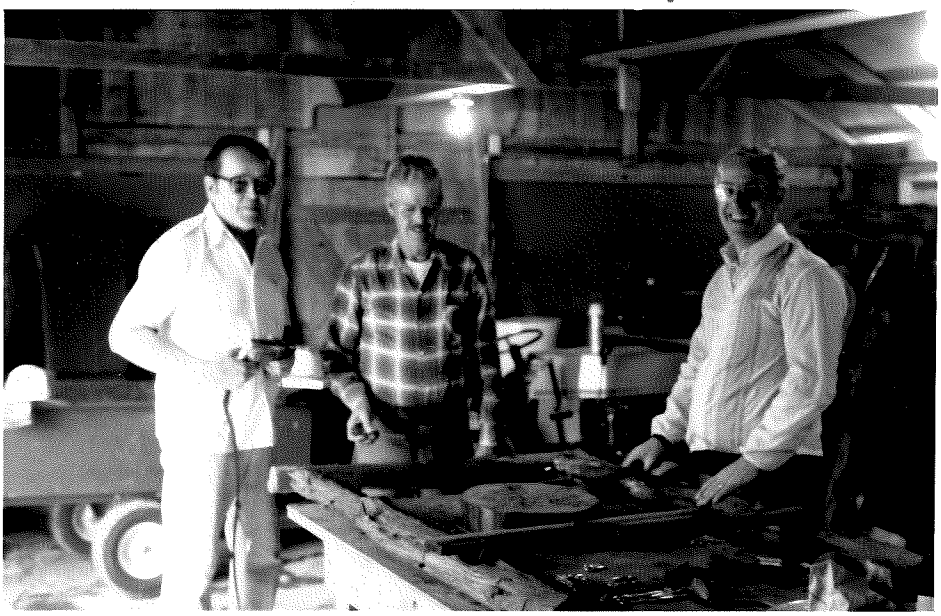





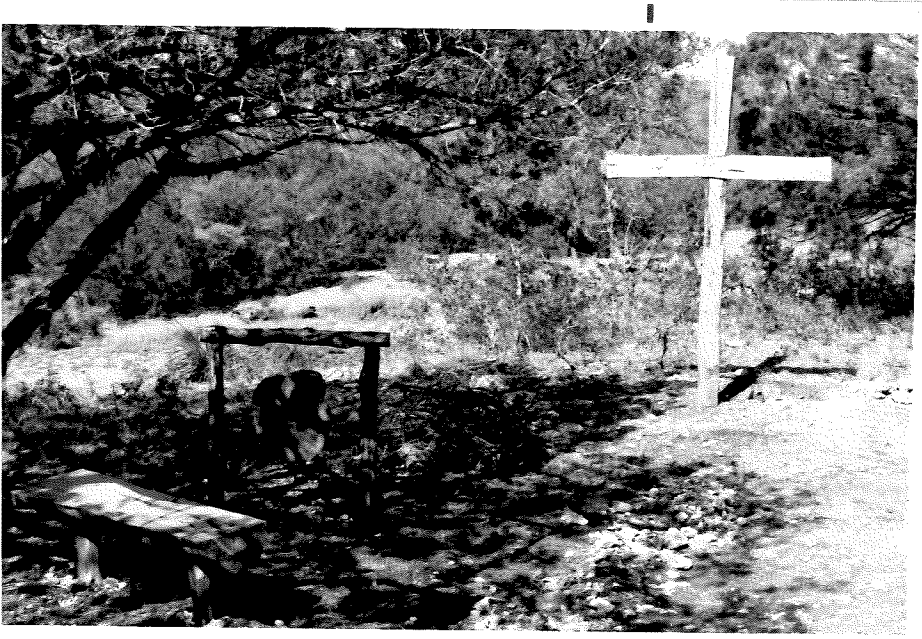

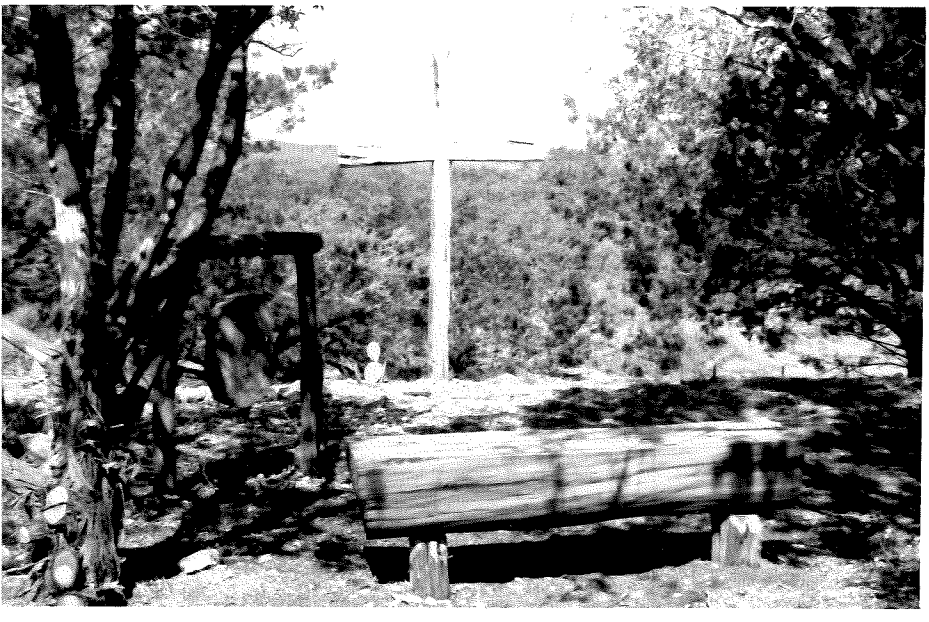








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Church welcomes all who wish to walk Way of the Cross

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the Way of the Cross, originated in the mind of former church pastor Monsignor Bernard C. Mullaney.

"I woke up with the idea one morning, and I thought we had a lot of land and we ought to do something with it," he said.

On April 17, 1984, Deacon Jim Legendre along with his wife Arlene and four parishoners formed a committee. The committee members – Joyce Gaas, Rosalie Bushick, Arthur J. Schmidt and Joe Kaizen – studied the original survey of Church property. Legendre remembers being drawn toward two hills located east of the church and the two cemeteries. The committee decided to place the Way of the Cross in a natural setting, amid juniper, cedars and oak.

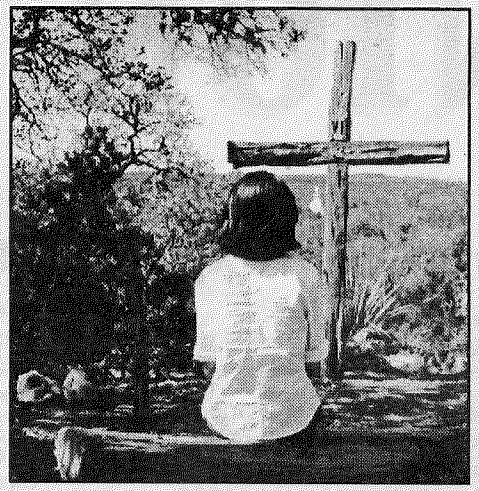
After the committee completed its plans, it enlisted the help of Allen Klar and Henry Taylor, who gathered the cypress logs. Parishioner Margaret J. Locke contributed the cedar from her property, the Owl Spring Ranch, 2 1/2 miles in on FM 3351. The flood of June 1978 uprooted the trees and washed them Guadalupe Riverbank.

Locke can still recall the day Legendre and Bushick came to her door, asking her to donate the wood.

"I'm very proud that the wood came from our Ranch," said Locke, who has been a parishioner since 1962. "I saw it as my donation to the church."

Charles Bushick and Edmund Scheffler helped Legendre slice and sand the logs. Charles Willms, Ronald French and Jack Murray helped cut the logs in half to make the benches used at each station.

The scenes on each cypress slice were taken from a coloring book written and illustrated by the Daughters of Saint Paul, according to church records. The book's publishers gave the Church permission to use the drawings.



Elizabeth Kelly-Klay/ Bulverde Community News Photo

The Hill of the Cross has a bench at each station, and the Hill overlooks St. Joseph's Church and cemetery.

ting wood, to square cedar trunks and make the 8-foot-tall crosses.

All stations but 12 have lone wooden crosses. The 12th station has a crucifix, a sculpture of Jesus hanging from the cross. Charles and Hattie Grohman donated the corpus for the 12th station, which was purchased from Holy Land Art Company in New York.

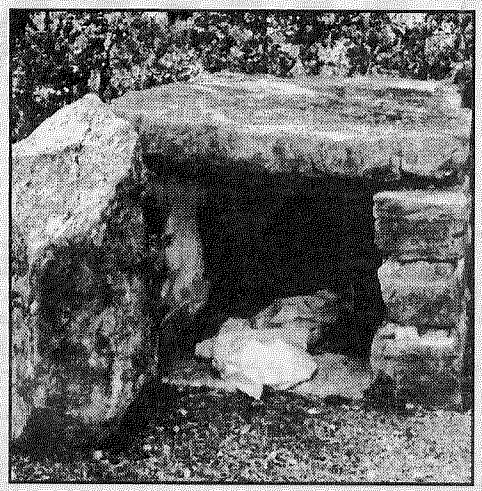
The project drew many youth, who now attend the church as adults, Legendre said.

Children from the Catholic Youth Organization laid wood chips down and lined the trail with honeycomb rock, which came from the Honey Creek Ranch.

The Hill's final touch was a rock tomb, located at the end of the trail. The tomb is filled with a white sheet, representing Jesus rising from the dead. A 3,000-pound rock slab makes the tomb's roof.

The Way of the Cross stood amid lush vegetation, so visitors encounter one scene at a time.

"In some places we want-



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The empty tomb is at the end of the Hill of the Cross. A 3,000 pound rock was used to seal the top of the tomb.

on weekends, Legendre said.

"It's to put you in touch with what Jesus did for us," Mullaney said. "It tells the whole story of Good Friday and gives it meaning. It's visual , so even little kids can understand."

On June 1, 1985, Archbishop Patrick Flores dedicated the Hill of the Cross. Mullaney joined Flores for Mass, which included an appearance by the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, a Catholic men's organization.

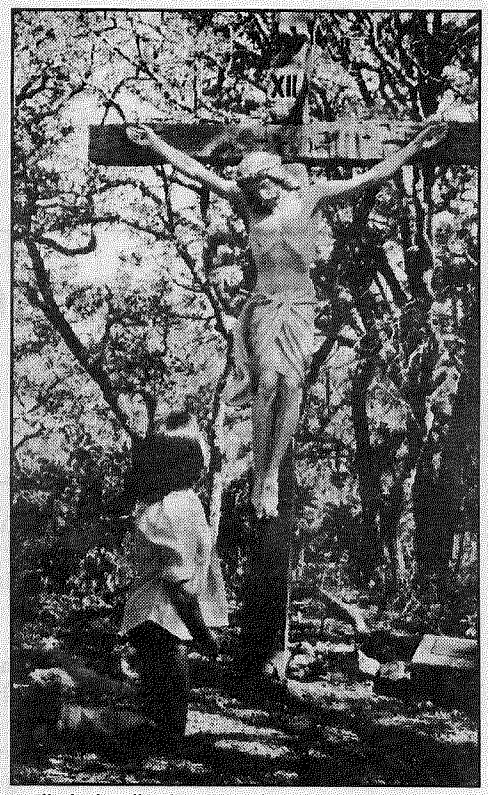
Flores and church leaders went to the hill for a dedication and a blessing, Legendre said.

OPEN INVITATION

St. Joseph's and other Catholic organizations have sponsored several retreats where parishioners and retreat attendees walked through the Hill of the Cross, Legendre recalls.

The hill has a simple and clear trail, built so anyone can make his or her way through, he said.

Many groups from San Antonio visit



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The crucifix above sits at Station 12 and depicts Christ's death on the cross.

the hill behind St. Joseph's yearly, Janish said.

The Hill of the Cross is open to any individual or group, regardless of their religious denomination, Janish added.

"It's open to everyone to come and walk through or for private prayer," he said.

Each year, St. Joseph's invites area congregations and their pastors to attend the Good Friday Stations of the Cross. More than 150 people attend the annual event, Legendre said.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be noon April 21.

Religion

Trail depicts Jesus' last day

Hill of the Cross

By Elizabeth Kelly-Klay
Editor

Tucked away in the sloping landscape of the Texas Hill Country sits a place of solace, prayer and reflection. High on a hill behind St. Joseph's-Honey Creek Catholic Church, five miles west of U.S. 281 on Highway 46, Jesus of Nazareth's last day on Earth comes alive in 14 scenes etched in cedar. Near each scene stands a lone 8-foot tall cross.

The Hill of the Cross is an outdoor Station's of the Cross, the story of Christ's journey to his death on the cross. Each year, Catholics visit the Stations of the Cross during Lent, the 40 days and 40 nights before Easter. This year, Easter falls on April 23 and Lent started March 8.

"There are outdoor Stations of the Cross at retreat centers, but to have an outdoor Stations of the Cross for a parish is unique," the Rev. James Janish said. "It's special because it gives people some time and a place for prayer and reflection."

HILL OF THE CROSS HISTORY

The Hill of the Cross, also called

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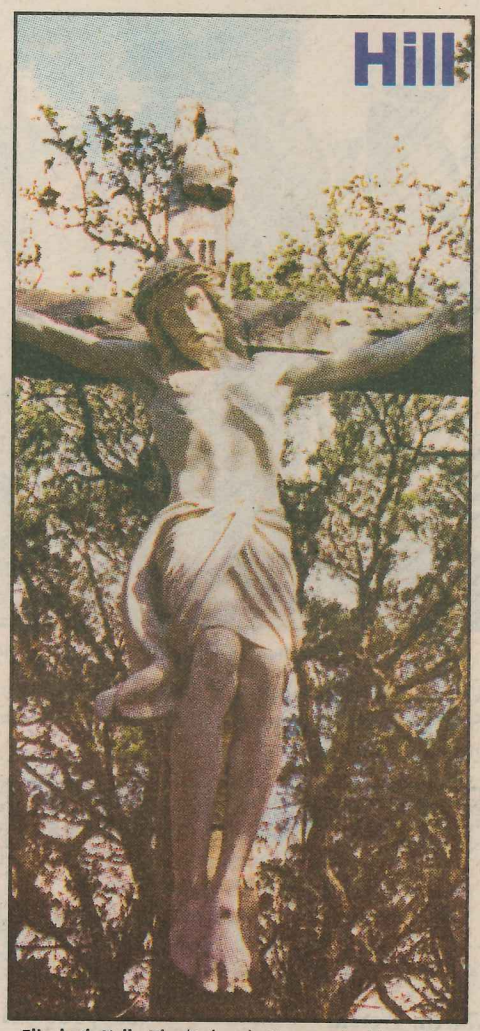

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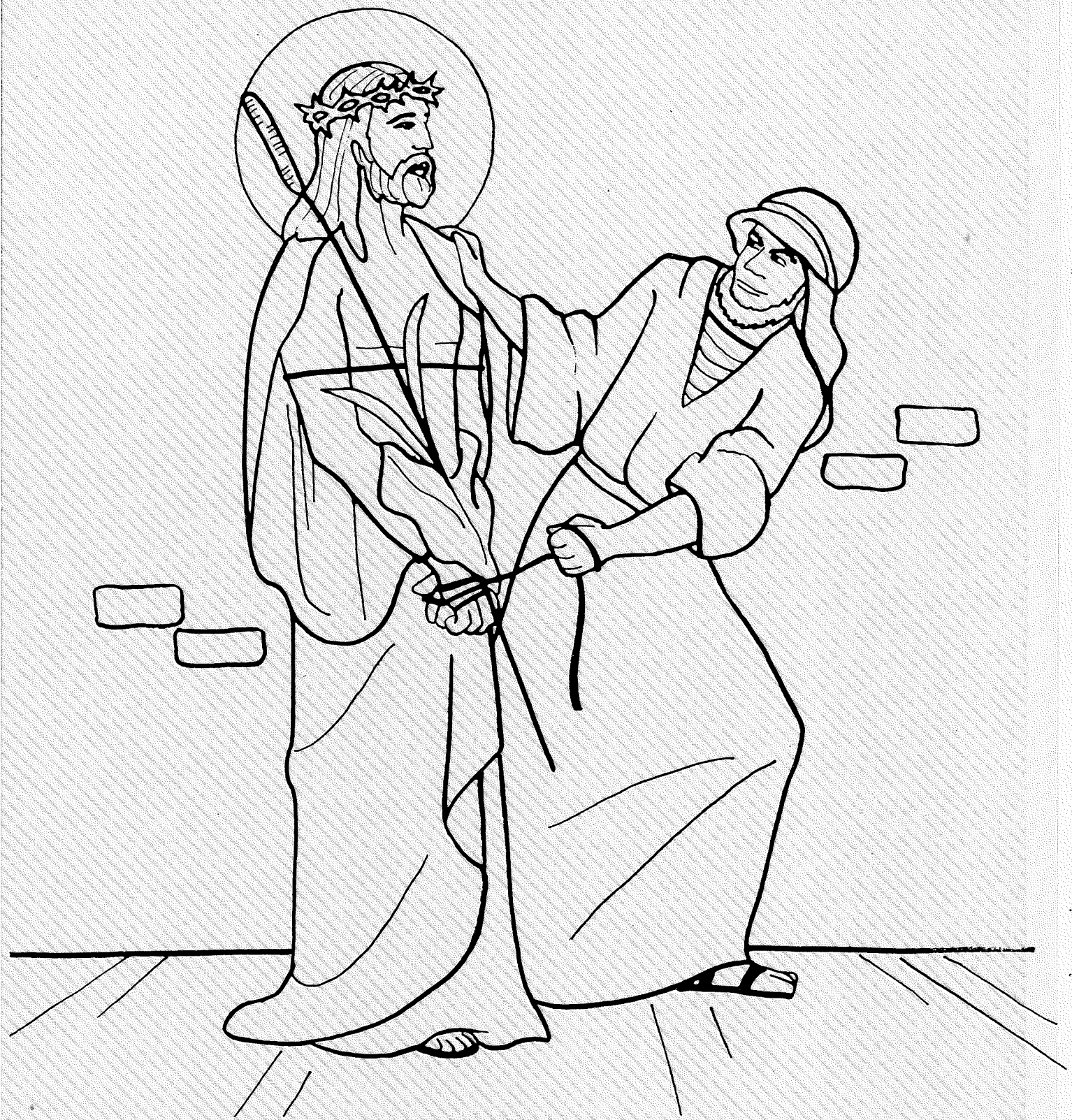
The crucifix above stands at Station 12 in the Hill of the Cross, an outdoor Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's-Honey Creek Catholic Church. The hill has 14 scenes etched in cedar to depict Jesus' march to his crucifixion. Each scene is near an 8-foot tall cross, but only Station 12 has a crucifix.



Elizabeth Kelly-Klay/Bulverde Community News Photo Illustration

The Hill of the Cross depicts the story of Jesus' journey to his death, a story Roman Catholics often revisit during Lent, the 40 days and 40 nights before Easter. In spring 1985, St. Joseph's-Honey Creek Catholic Church opened the the 3-acre outdoor trail, which took parishioners nine months to complete. The trail has 14 scenes from Christ's journey all etched in cedar. The hill is located behind St. Joseph's, five miles west of U.S. 281 on Highway 46, and is open to anyone, the Rev. James Janish says. The hill's entrance is accessible to vehicles and a bench is located at each scene.

I. Jesus Is Condemned To Die

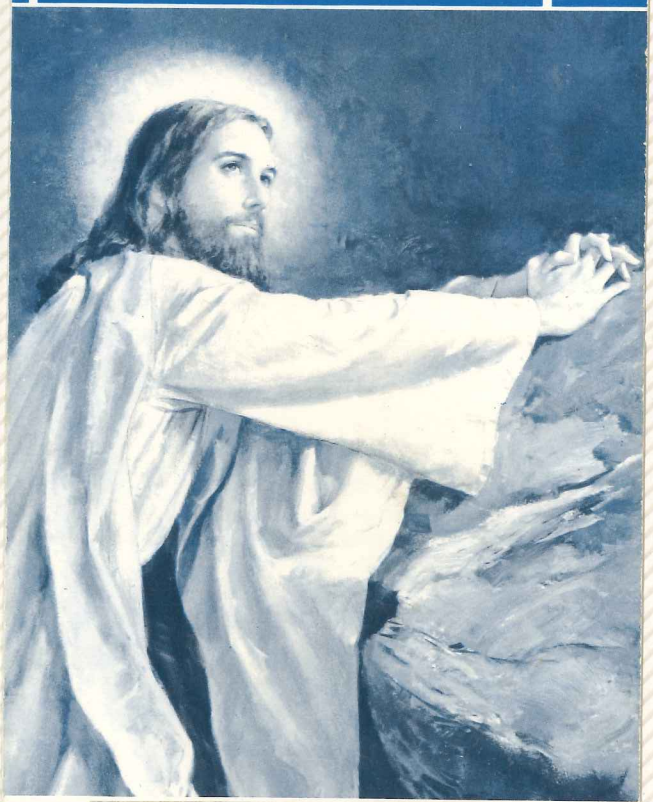


Even though Jesus has done nothing wrong, He is going to die because He loves us and wants to make up for our sins.

Dear Jesus, help me never to offend You again.



PRAY THE WAY OF THE CROSS



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