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CONVENT NEWS AND VIEWS...



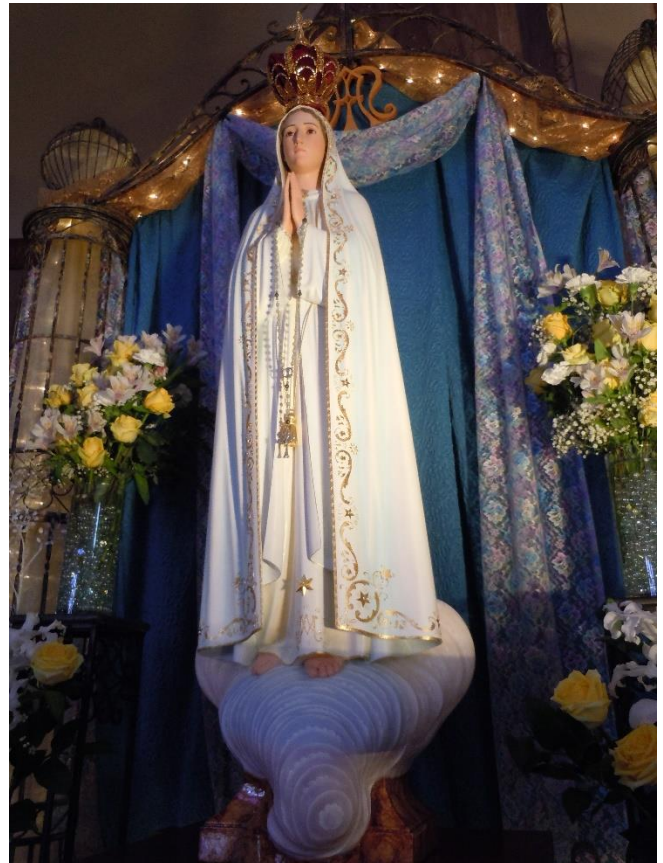
By the time you receive this newsletter, the consecration of Russia, Ukraine, and all of humanity to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Pope Francis is expected to be done. There is speculation from many sources about whether this consecration will fulfill Our Lady's requests at Fatima, or not. Will all the bishops of the world unite with the Pope in this consecration? What if some refuse or ignore the request? The list of variables grows by the hour. Pundits pontificate and disagree. Scoffers mock, opinions abound. Unless Heaven sends the world a clear signal, all this analysis surely will continue.

And what are we to think, and what are we to do? Let all the talk swirl around us; let others express one opinion or another, but let us do exactly what Our Lady asked of the three seers: Pray, and do penance for poor sinners who have no one to pray for them. Our Lady gave us the answers. The daily recitation of the rosary and the penance of daily duty--for some people in these times, daily duty seems formidable! We must face our daily duties and pray the Rosary more fervently than ever before.

There is no question that Russia has spread her errors—we see those errors played out all around us socially, politically, and even through local graffiti—the hammer and sickle show up in red paint on cement and stone walls fairly often, are painted over, show up again, and are painted over again. Signs of the times.

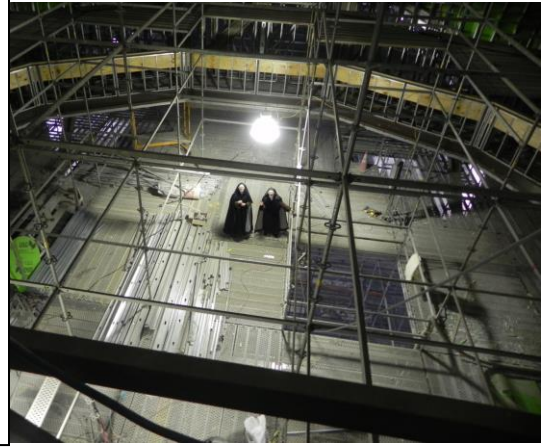
We have firm hope in Our Lady's maternal care for us, and we must always do our part in fulfilling the aspects of her requests that are actually up to us, praying much for the Holy Father and for the bishops of the world.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!





While in many places, Catholic churches are being torn down, the SSPX in St. Mary's Kansas is building the largest Catholic church in that state. As a part of a tour, the Sisters had the opportunity to go up the scaffold stairs to the top of the cupola. The Sisters pictured on the right are about halfway between that top point and the floor.



We met this little lamb while visiting the nativity scene at the Regina Coeli House. The sheep help mow their lawn.



A little nonsense now and then is good for even pious men, as Reverend Mother Herlinda told us many times. We enjoyed the gift of reprinted Sister comics at recreation.

Referee for a game of *Sequence*



It was about 60 degrees the day the Sisters built this snowman!

Oh, what great sorrow it must have been for the Mother, after Jesus was born, to think that they had to then crucify Him! What pangs she must have always had in her heart! How many sighs she must have made, and how many times she must have wept! Yet she never complained.

St. Gemma Galgani



Thank you to all who have been praying for Sr. Mary Elizabeth Rose. The surgery to remove her benign brain tumor will take place on April 7th. She will continue teaching Art at St. Vincent de Paul Academy until the end of March.



9/10 Girls: Science with Sr. Mary Immaculata

2nd Graders with Sr. Frances Marie acting out the parable of the Wedding Banquet (the blind and the lame are seated.)



Sister! I lost my tooth! See?

Sr. Mary Bernard has organized the St. Vincent de Paul Academy High School girls into three groups. The teams eat together once a week, take turns maintaining a bulletin board for the school, and oversee various tasks as a group. They also plan for certain events such as the All Saints' Day party. An older girl leads each group, and the teams enjoy recess activities together, such as netball (shown.)



Puppies! Mrs. Tara Belderok breeds Labradoodles, and she kindly brought the most recent litter of puppies in a wagon to meet the students. The gentle and friendly Mamma dog stayed close by and kept a watchful eye on her brood.



As the snow accumulated, our Kansas City “Mow Crew” demolished the badly deteriorated privacy wall. Three days later, the fence company installed a new chain-link fence with barbed wire. The next weekend, the Denver Scouts and other Denver volunteers arrived in the early hours of Saturday, removed the existing wrought iron fence, built a ramp to help us get out our south gate during driveway construction, and improved parts of the existing fences. They left Sunday morning after Mass.

A few days after the departure of the Denver crew, Kissick Construction donated the demolition of the driveway.



Shortly after the driveway finished curing, the fencing company arrived to install the new fence along the street.



KKS Concrete Construction, GoRockKC, and other volunteers donated labor to prepare and pour the driveway.



During the driveway and fence project, we received a surprise phone call. A benefactor would like to pay for the restoration of our bells! We are finishing the bidding process and hope to schedule the job soon. Then, while waiting for the start date of that project to arrive, we hope to go back to arranging for the painting of the chapel.

Tremendous “Thank yous” to all who donate funds, time, work, food and to all who pray for us. We are very grateful and keep you in our prayers daily.

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