

Christmastide 2022 Newsletter
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Silent Night, Holy Night

In gratitude for your spiritual and material help, we have arranged for

A Novena of Masses

be said for all of you by a priest of the
Society of St. Pius X.



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In Memoriam

Sr. Imelda Marie passed to her eternal reward just shortly after 12 am on November 28th, with the names of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph on her lips. Sister was born in 1928 in Grand Island, Nebraska, where she spent her childhood. She took the habit of the School Sisters of St. Francis in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1947. You might remember from our Fall 2020 Newsletter that she was one of four thousand Sisters in this community. Sister taught grades 1-8, and sometimes handled over 60 students in one class without help. She taught in multiple states where her community staffed schools.



It is hard to condense Sister's post Vatican II journey into a few sentences. She spoke of it frankly and without bitterness, but it was clear to us that she suffered. Sister lived with our community for a short time in the early 2000's and also served at the SSPX chapel in Phoenix. She then returned to her community's Motherhouse due to poor health. We invited Sister to live with us in 2020, as renovations to her community's convent building necessitated a move for her. Her example of fortitude, patient suffering, and her quick wit inspired all of the Sisters. We learned a great deal about "the way it was" in religious communities in the early years of Sister's vows. Sister Imelda will be missed by us, by her family, and by her many friends who stayed in touch with her over the years. Requiescat in Pace.



In your charity, please also pray for the repose of the soul of Dr. Emory Gonzales, father of Sr. Frances Marie, who died November 18th, and for Ken Wilson, grandfather of Sr. Mary Elizabeth Rose, who was received into the Church five minutes before his death on December 7th.



Photos



Petting stingrays at the zoo!



Our friends the Fanjeaux Dominicans from Walton, KY stayed with us during the Angelus Press Conference and then visited classrooms at St. Vincent's.

Sr. Mary Clare told the story of her conversion to the St. Vincent de Paul Altar and Rosary Society. We will update you if this talk becomes available online.



All Saints Day Party! The High School girls did an excellent job organizing the event.

Thank you to the benefactors who donated and restored this John Deere 850 tractor. "Little Dearie" does heavy work for us and saves our backs!



Once a week, the 5th grade girls read to the 1st grade children, and then the 1st grade children read to the 5th grade girls. The interaction is beautiful.





Building Update



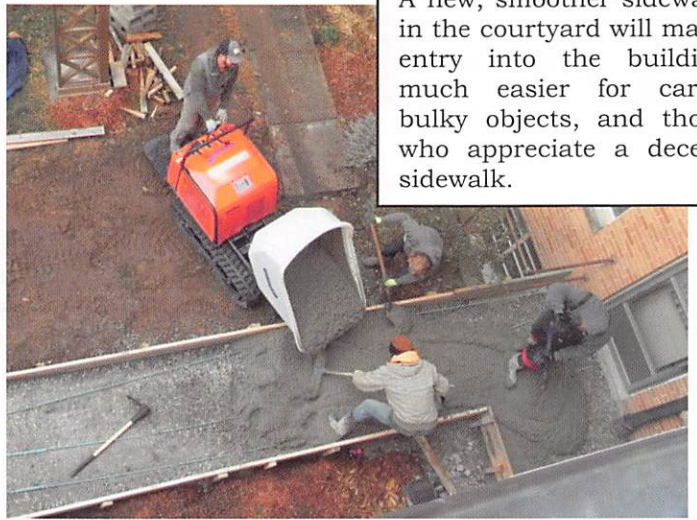
Volunteers completed the demolition of the front steps and courtyard sidewalk.



As this goes to press, the contractor we hired is making preparations to pour the front steps, having completed the sidewalk in the courtyard.



A new, smoother sidewalk in the courtyard will make entry into the building much easier for carts, bulky objects, and those who appreciate a decent sidewalk.



The next stage for the front steps will be the repair of the bricks on either side. In addition to the unavoidable damage from the demolition, the bricks have shifted with the ground over time. We hope to include the tuck-pointing of the mortar on the chapel wall above the steps in this project. In the meantime, our vexatious boiler system has acted up again, and continues to provide us with opportunities to practice patience and humility. It needs more work.

In addition to trying to develop a new website, we are looking into ways to provide more options than Paypal for those who prefer to make electronic donations. Thank you for your patience as we drag ourselves kicking and screaming into the 21st century.

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