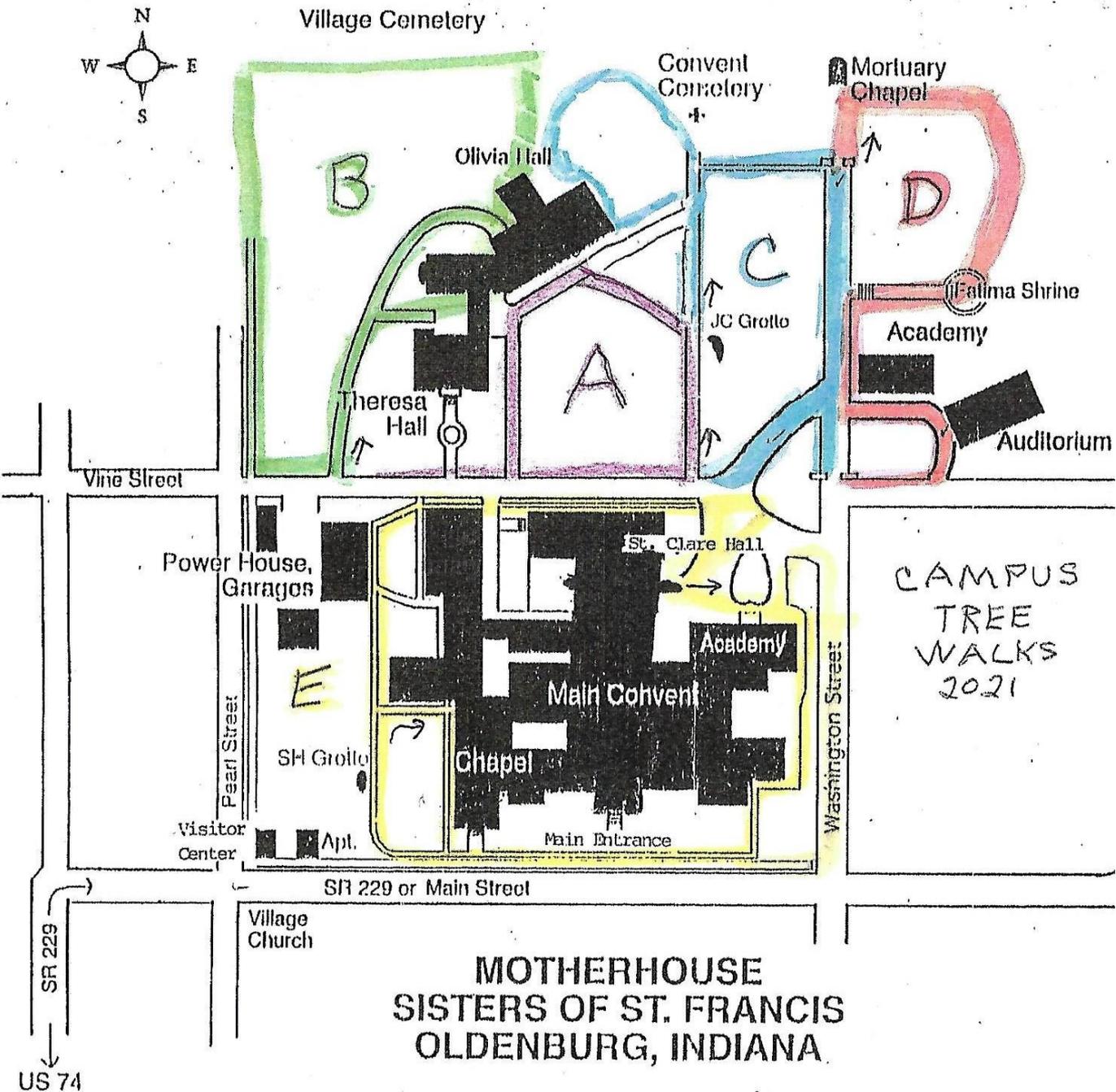


GROTTO & SHRINES

CAMPUS GROUNDS OF THE SISTERS OF ST FRANCIS OLDENBURG, INDIANA

Visitors are welcome to walk the grounds of this Franciscan Convent on their own or arrange a walking tour by calling 812-933-6514 or 812-934-2475.

Maps to identify trees along the way are available in the lobby of St. Clare Hall Health Care Center during business hours or can be requested to be sent as an attachment to an email.

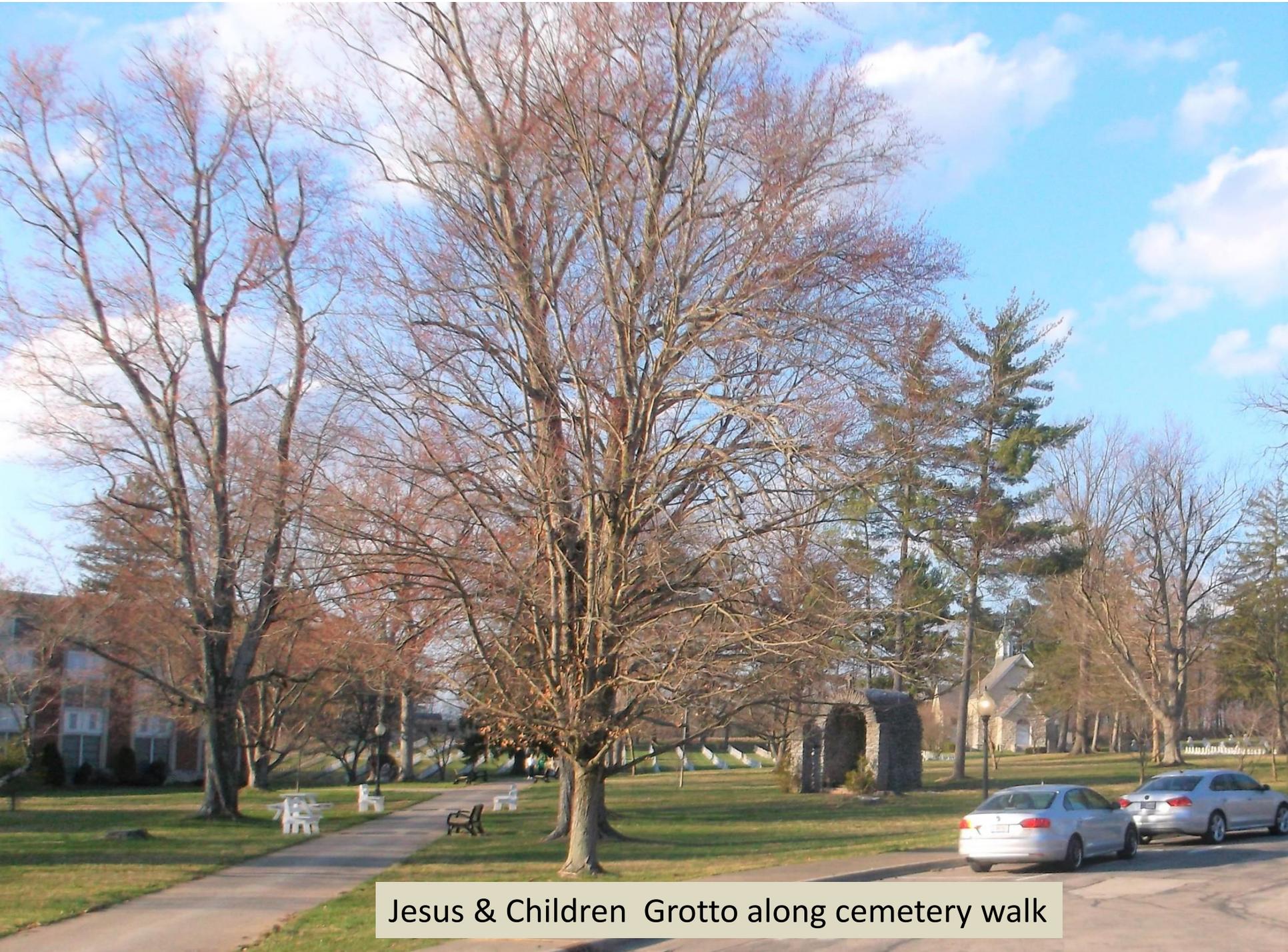


This map shows the location of the five tree walks on the convent grounds.

Visitors are welcome to use maps to view the trees. Maps can be found in the lobby of St. Clare Hall Health Center.

Photo slides of trees on the walks can be viewed on this same page of the website. There are over 300 trees on this campus with 38 different species.

**MOTHERHOUSE
SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
OLDENBURG, INDIANA.**



Jesus & Children Grotto along cemetery walk



Grotto of Jesus & Children in July



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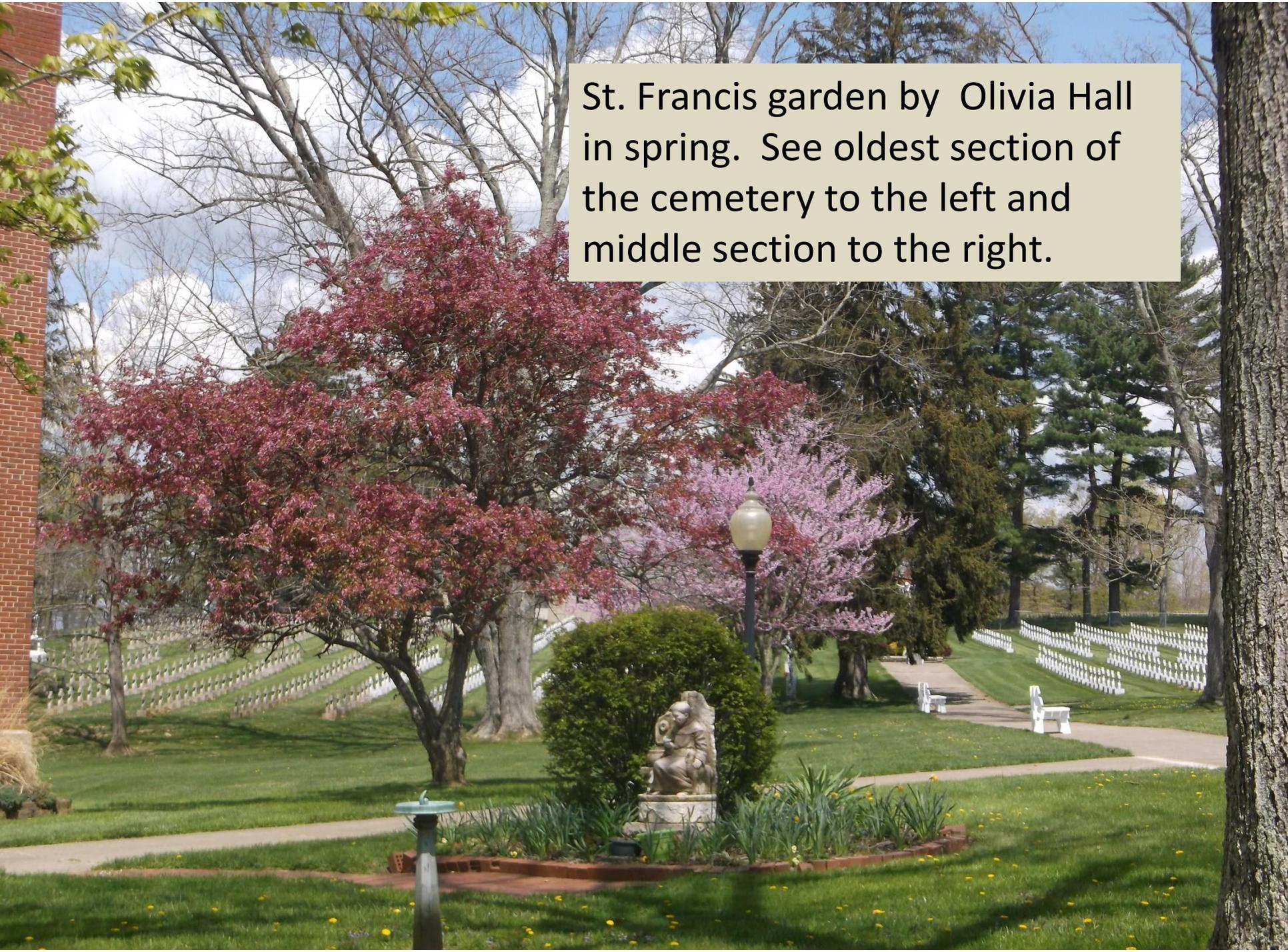
Close up of the Jesus
& Children Grotto





Close up of Jesus and Children

St. Francis garden by Olivia Hall in spring. See oldest section of the cemetery to the left and middle section to the right.





St. Francis garden in fall

Close up of St. Francis shows him with a wolf & bird, in autumn





Middle section of the Sisters' cemetery. See Memorial Chapel built in 1898 to hold remains and markers of 180 Sisters who died before that date.

By Sept 12, 2022, 1288 Sisters are buried in the cemetery with 14 buried elsewhere,



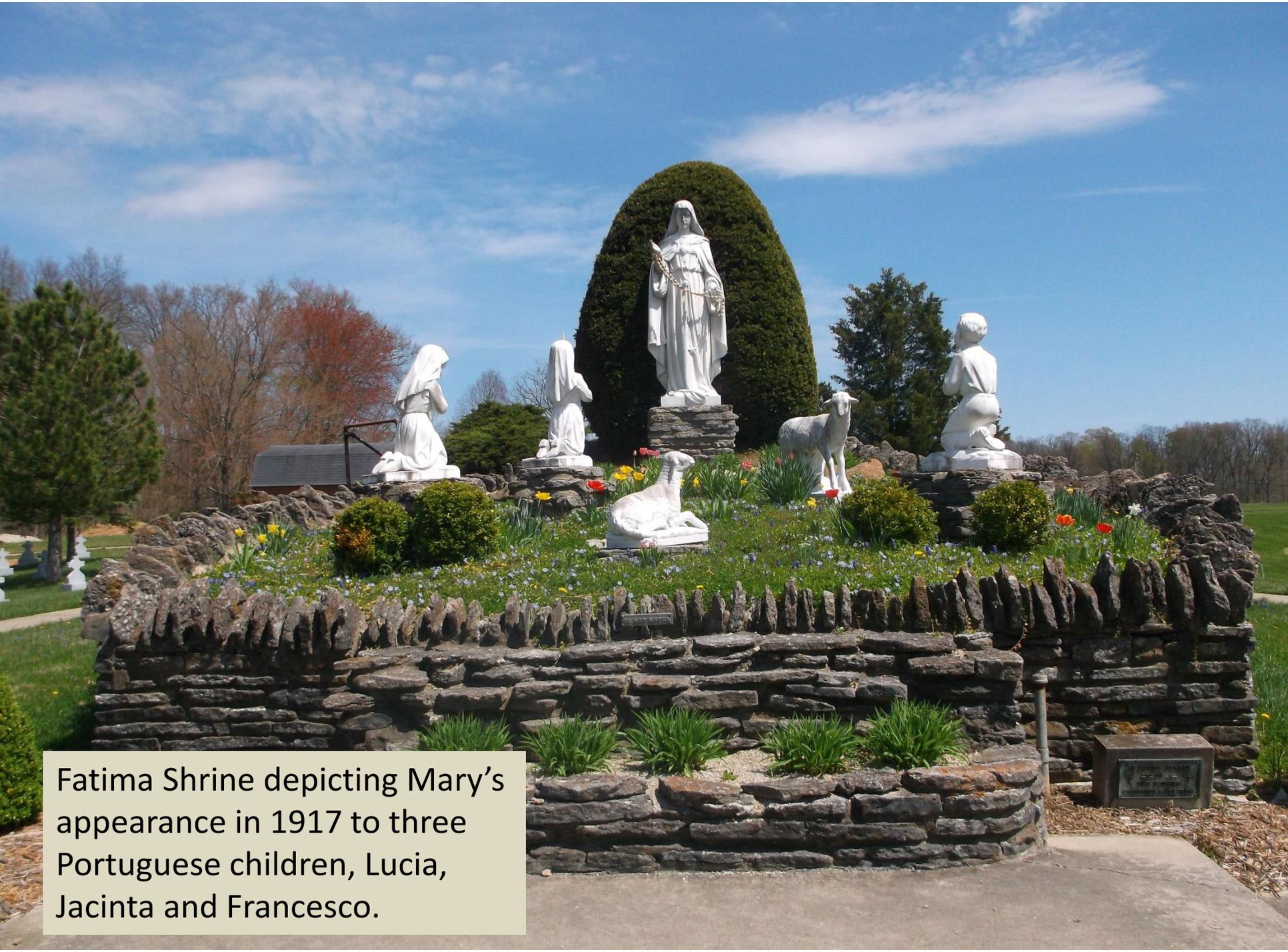
Close-up of Memorial Chapel in springtime



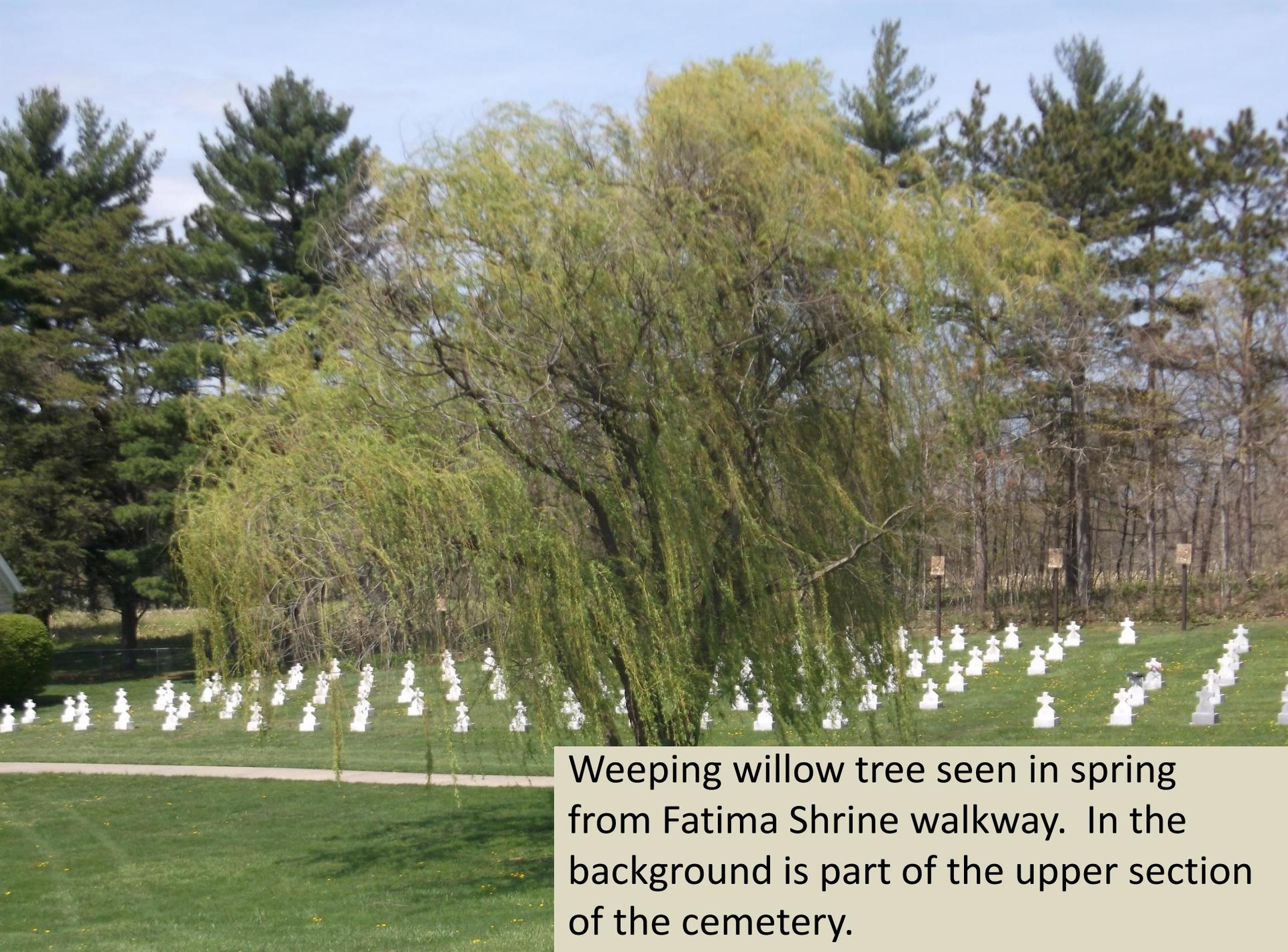
Entrance gate to memorial chapel and upper cemetery. See the Fatima shrine in background. The red bud tree behind the lamppost marks the cemetery site of the Carmelite Sisters who moved from Indianapolis to Oldenburg in 2008.



Close up of Carmelite Sisters' cemetery with Fatima Shrine at the hill top.



Fatima Shrine depicting Mary's appearance in 1917 to three Portuguese children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francesco.



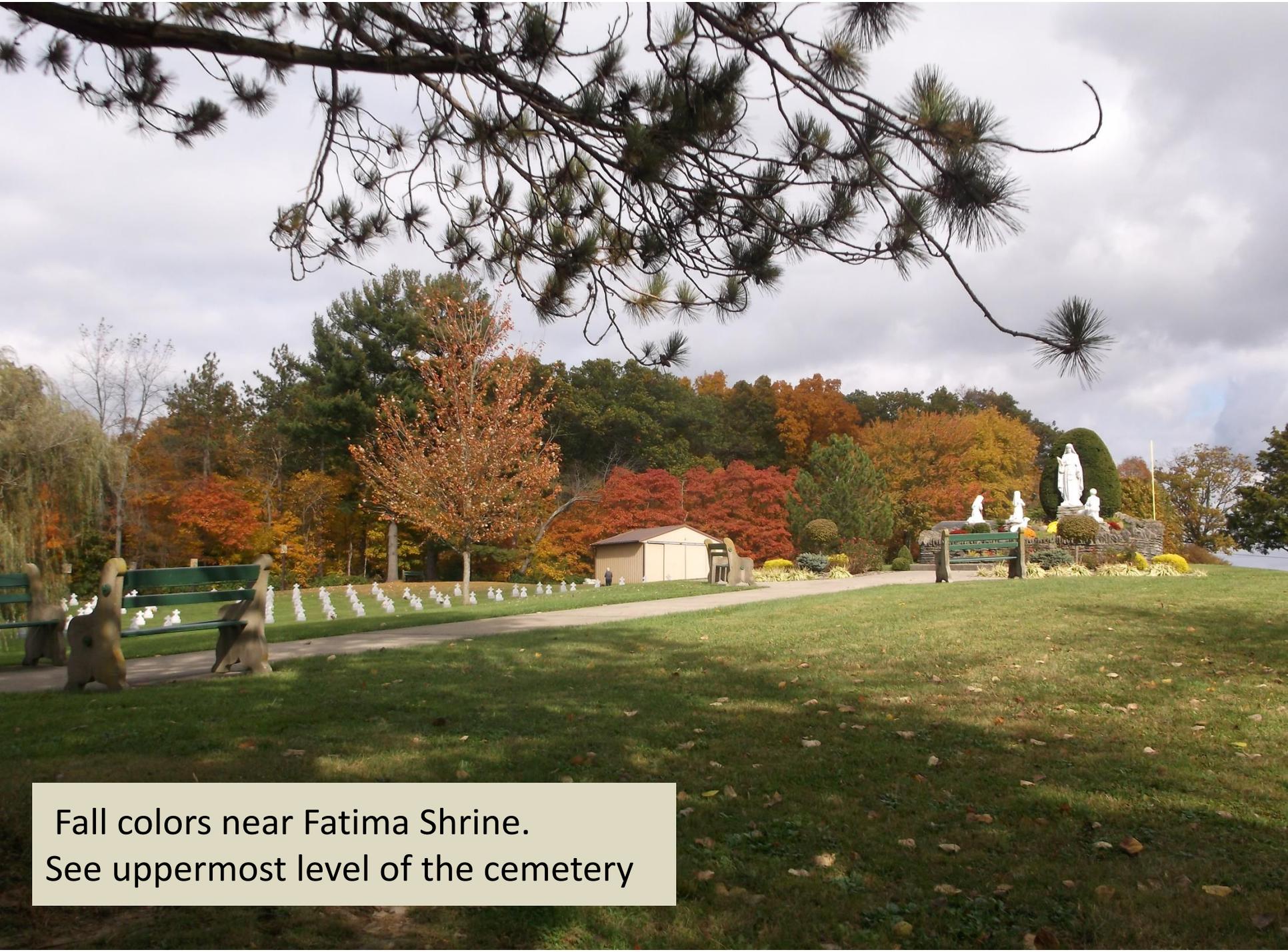
Weeping willow tree seen in spring from Fatima Shrine walkway. In the background is part of the upper section of the cemetery.



Fatima Shrine seen through redbud trees on the hill



The Fatima Shrine in June after red bud trees lost their blossoms.



Fall colors near Fatima Shrine.
See uppermost level of the cemetery



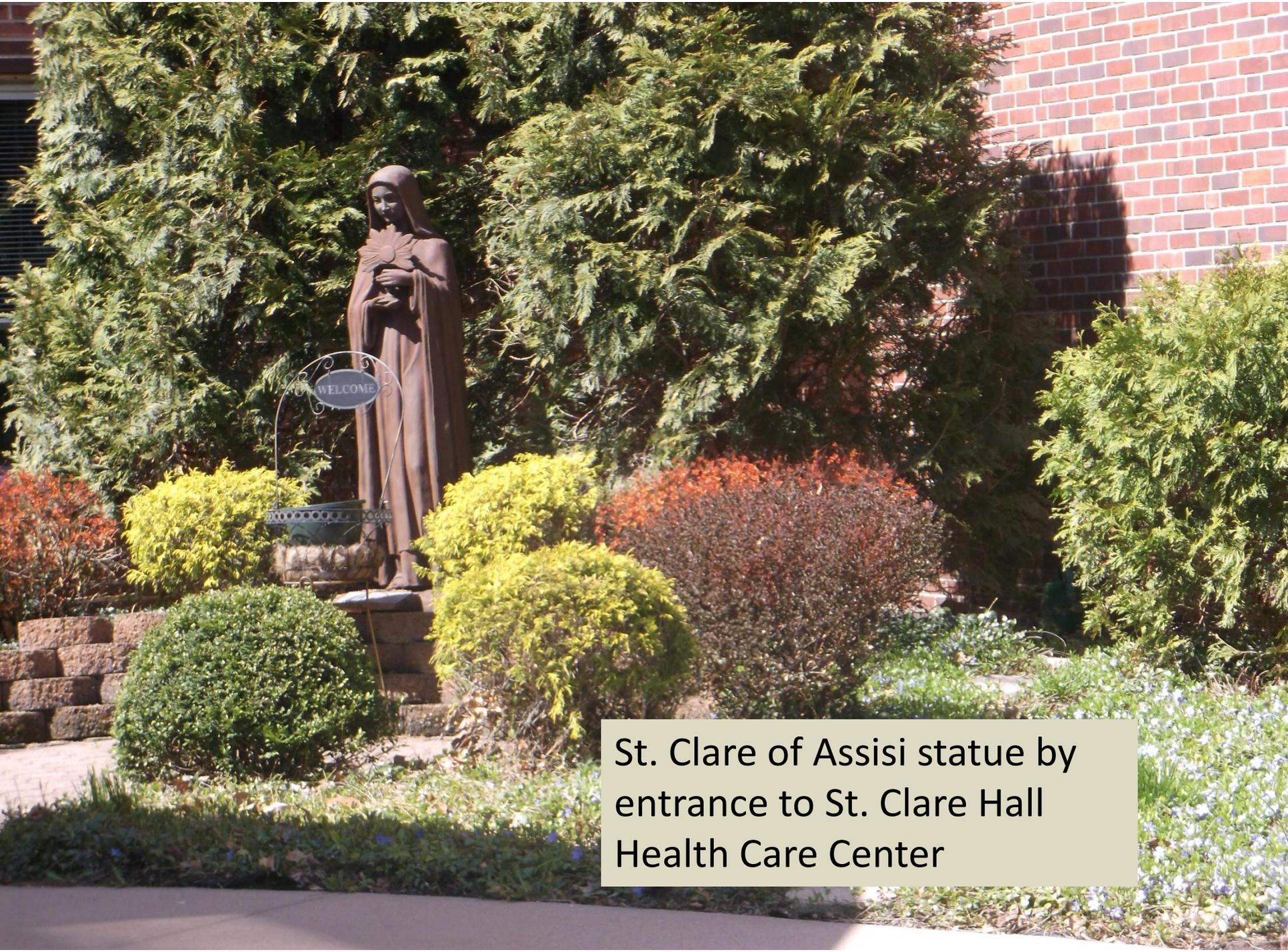
Blessed Virgin Mary patio and
Oldenburg Academy Auditorium



Blessed Virgin Mary
patio as seen from the
classroom building of
Oldenburg Academy

Close-up of BVM statue in the Oldenburg Academy patio





St. Clare of Assisi statue by entrance to St. Clare Hall Health Care Center

Close-up of statue near entrance to St. Clare Hall Health Care Center. This building housed young Sisters (Scholastics) during their formation years while they pursued college courses. It was renovated in 1998 to become the new health care center with rooms for assisted living and nursing care.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CONVENT

Motherhouse of the Sisters
of the Third Order of Saint Francis.

Founded in 1851 by
Mother Theresa Hackelmeier
of Vienna, Austria.

Rebuilt after fire in 1857. Chapel
built in 1889. Convent reconstructed
in 1876 and 1901.

Novitiate built in 1931 and 1964.

FOR GOD and YOUTH

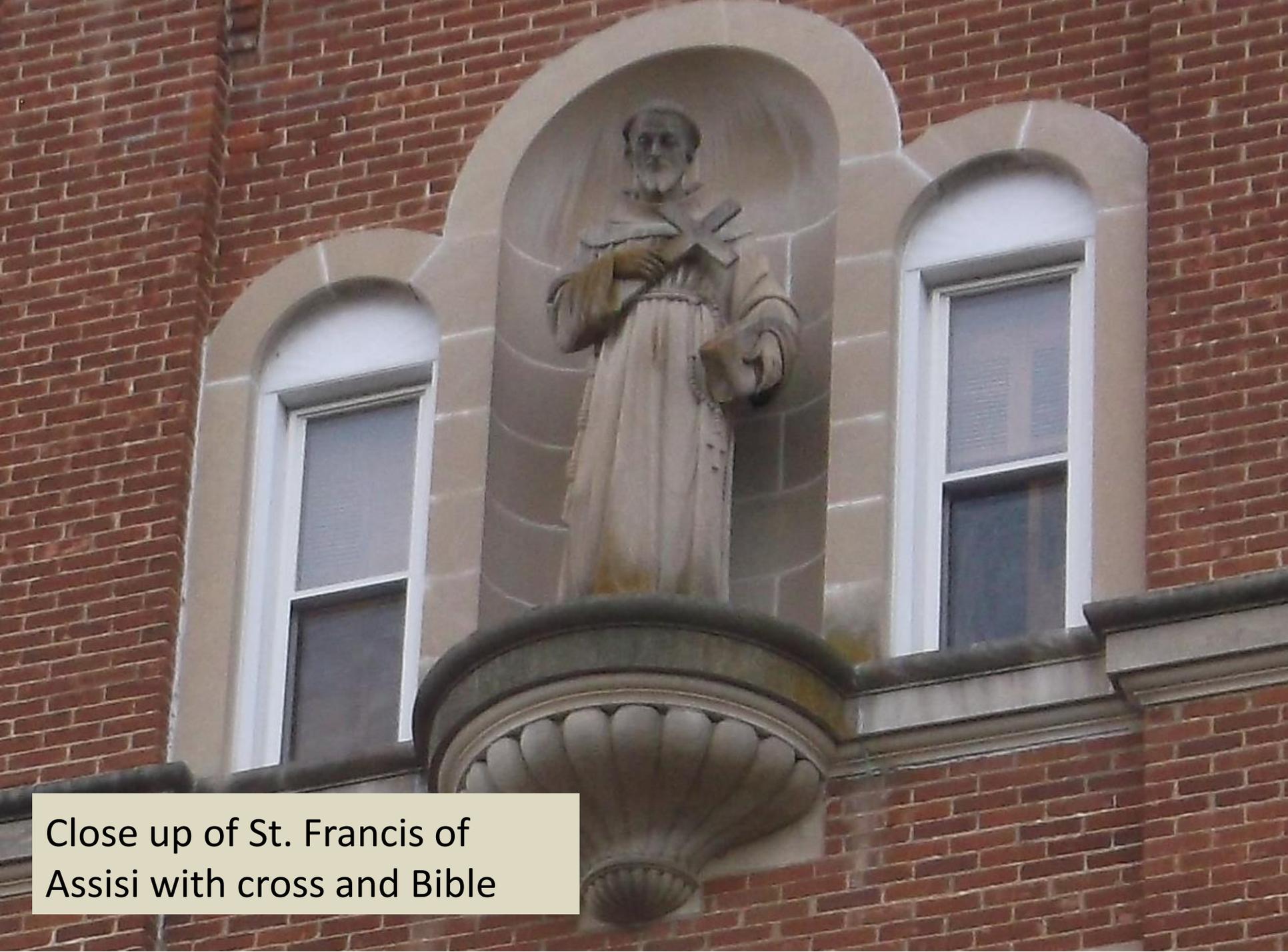
The Motherhouse (Convent) is on the National Register of Historic Sites as are many other buildings in Oldenburg.



Two statues above the front door show St. Francis of Assisi and a Guardian Angel with a small child



Closer view of the two statues



Close up of St. Francis of Assisi with cross and Bible



Close up of angel and child

Chapel of the Immaculate
Conception facing Main Street,
Oldenburg, Indiana





Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary
above the chapel entrance

D.O.M.
A.D.
1868
IN HON. S. MARIE. V. IMMACULATE.



Close up of the statue of Mary



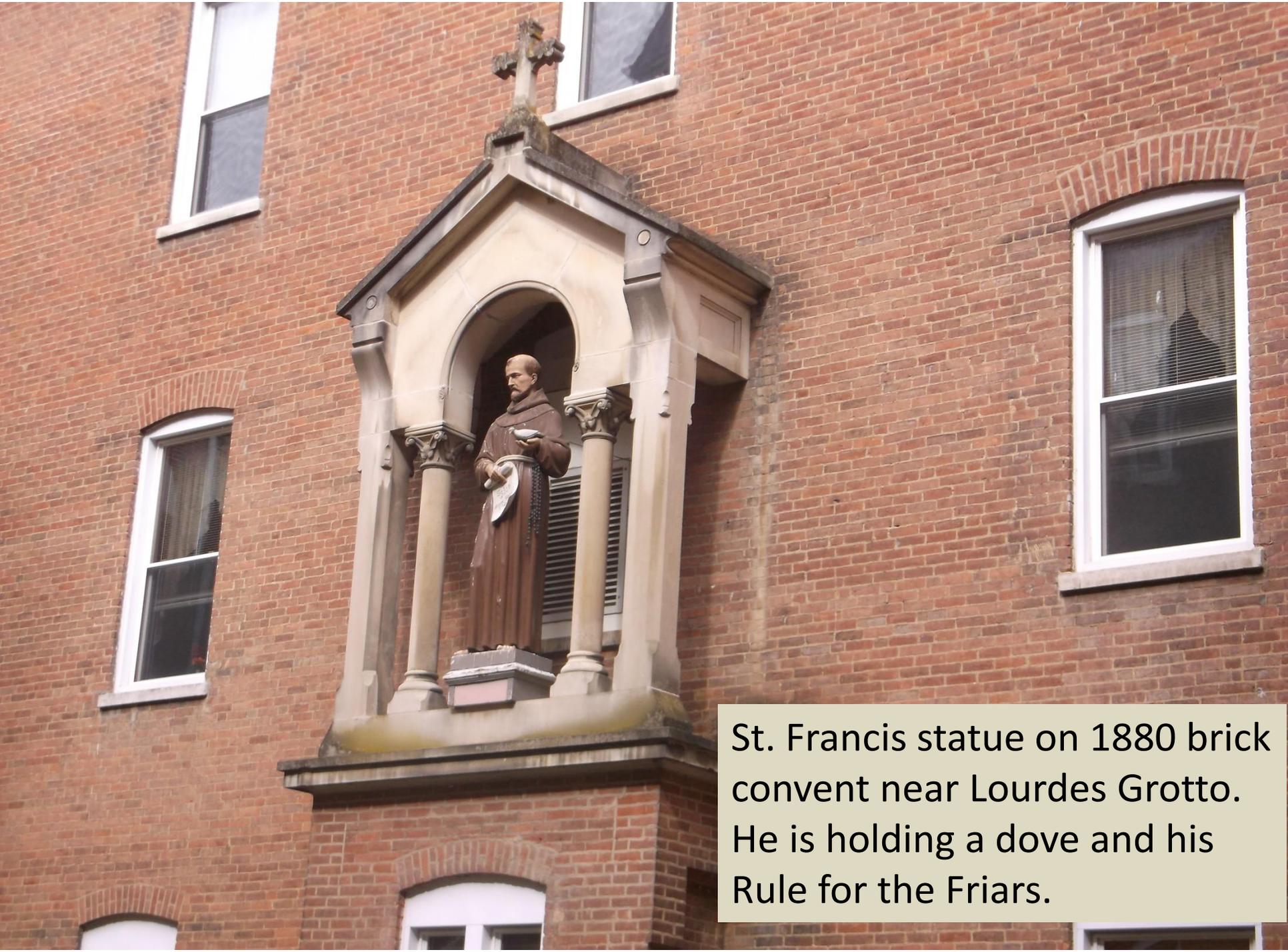
Entrance walkway west of Chapel from Main Street to the Sacred Heart Shrine (at left) tucked into the yew and hemlock trees



Sacred Heart Shrine flanked by yew and Eastern hemlock trees



Close-up of Sacred Heart Shrine



St. Francis statue on 1880 brick convent near Lourdes Grotto. He is holding a dove and his Rule for the Friars.



Close up of St.
Francis statue

Another close-up of St. Francis of Assisi on the 1880 convent building which houses the Sisters' living quarters.

This convent was built after the fire of 1857 and is still the living quarters of the Sisters. Arranged tours pass through the dining room of this building.



This is the Lourdes Grotto in the courtyard outside the Sisters' dining room. Mary appeared to a 14 year old peasant girl, Bernadette Soubirous, in Lourdes, France on Feb. 11, 1858 . Millions of pilgrims flock to this grotto each year praying for cures. Many miracles have been attributed through Mary's intercession and the healing waters of Lourdes.



I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Close-up of the Lourdes grotto. Mary revealed herself to Bernadette in the words, "I am the Immaculate Conception."



Small statue of St. Francis with doves and a deer near the front of St. Francis hall along the west side of the building.

CREDITS

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