

1. **St. Clare (Chiara) of Assisi Wayside Shrine (dedicated in 1947)** St. Clare (Chiara) is holding a cross (sign of her leadership) and the Bread of Life (sign of the power of her prayer).
2. **Peace Pole (dedicated in 1988)** “May peace prevail on earth” in English, German, Polish, Japanese, and Hindi (the languages of the Sisters’ Provinces) along with Hebrew.
3. **Labyrinth (dedicated in 2015)** The labyrinth represents a pilgrimage, a conscious taking time to seek God. The labyrinth is one of the oldest contemplative spiritual practices.
4. **San Memorial (dedicated in 1919)** This portico served as the entrance to the St. John’s Tuberculosis Sanitarium (1919-73).
5. **Fire Circle (dedicated in 2019)** As another sacred circle, the practice of people gathering around a fire is an elemental reality that binds us together into the Divine presence.
6. **Cairn Garden (dedicated in 2018)** Stacks of stones called Cairns mark important moments. Please reassemble at this moment - your moment in time.
7. **Healing Garden (to be dedicated in 2020)** Just as beauty can merge from our brokenness, spend time contemplating how plants can flourish amidst the array of broken pots.
8. **St. Kateri Tekakwitha (dedicated in 1940)** Canonized in 2012, St. Kateri (1656-80) is the first Native American saint. She is the patroness of ecology, nature, and the environment.
9. **Our Lady of Fatima Grotto (dedicated in 1953)** Our Lady of Fatima is the title given to Mary by three children in Fatima, Portugal beginning in 1917.
10. **Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto (dedicated in 1932)** Lourdes, France was the site of apparitions of Mary in the mid-1800s including to Bernadette Soubirous (1844-79). Lourdes is a popular pilgrimage site of healing.
11. **Father Christopher Wayside Shrine (dedicated in 1947)** Father Christopher Bernsmeyer, OFM, founded the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis on July 2, 1844 in Our Lady of Grace Chapel (Telgte, Germany).
12. **St. Francis of Assisi (dedicated in 1935)** St. Francis, patron of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, holds the Book of the Gospels and a cross.
13. **Father Christopher Bernsmeyer, OFM (dedicated in 1943)** Father Christopher (1777-1858) is recognized as the founded the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis.
14. **Japanese Gate Lantern (dedicated in 1978)** This gift from the Hospital Sisters’ Japan Province commemorates its establishment on September 3, 1977.
15. **St. Anthony of Padua (dedicated in 1943)** St. Anthony was one of the Franciscan preachers. He is often depicted with the Christ Child standing upon the book of the Gospels.
16. **Stations of the Cross (dedicated in 1937)** These scenes depict Jesus’ journey to the cross. Reflecting provides an opportunity to reflect on one’s own journey and struggles.
17. **Madonna Court (dedicated in 1940)** These four pillars were part of the entrance to St. John’s Hospital, Springfield, IL (founded in 1875).
18. **Crucifixion Hill Cemetery (dedicated in 1932)** The Sisters, their priest directors, and some friends are buried here. The tombstones are engraved with PAX (peace), name, date of birth or entrance date, and death date.
19. **Calvary Scene (dedicated in 1932)** The altar on Crucifixion Hill displays Christ crucified on the cross. At the cross stands Mary, his mother, St. John, and St. Mary Magdalene.
20. **St. Francis and Creation (dedicated in 1937)** Francis’ experience of creation led him to discover his own self and to more fully know God.

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At its heart, the journey of each life is a pilgrimage, through unforeseen sacred places that enlarge and enrich the soul.

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