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Station I
Jesus is Condemned to Death
St. Louis, Cincinnati



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Station II
Jesus Carries His Cross
Our Lady of the Visitation, Mack



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Station III
Jesus Falls the First Time
The Athenaeum of Ohio, Mt. Washington



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Station IV
Jesus Meets His Sorrowful Mother
St. Cecilia, Oakley



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Station V
Simon Helps Carry the Cross
Our Lady of Sorrows, Monroe



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Station VI
Veronica Wipes Jesus's Face
St. Louis Chapel, Cincinnati



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Station VII
Jesus Falls the Second Time
St. Francis Xavier, Cincinnati



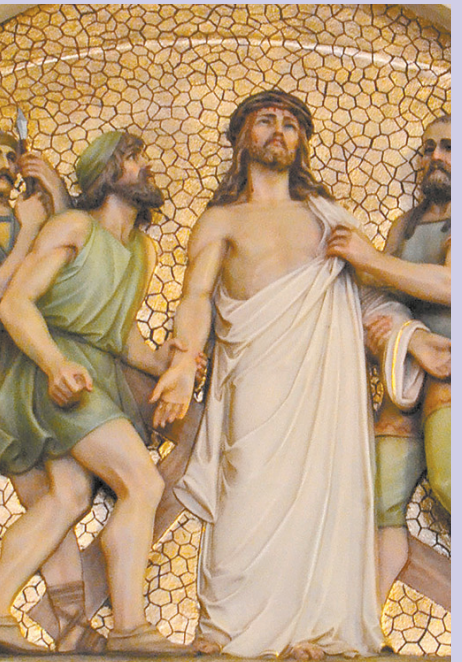
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Station VIII
Women of Jerusalem Weep
Glenmary Chapel, Fairfield



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Station IX
Jesus Falls the Third Time
Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics



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Station X
Jesus is Stripped of His Garments
Sacred Heart, Camp Washington



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Station XI
Jesus is Nailed to the Cross
Immaculate Conception Chapel, UD



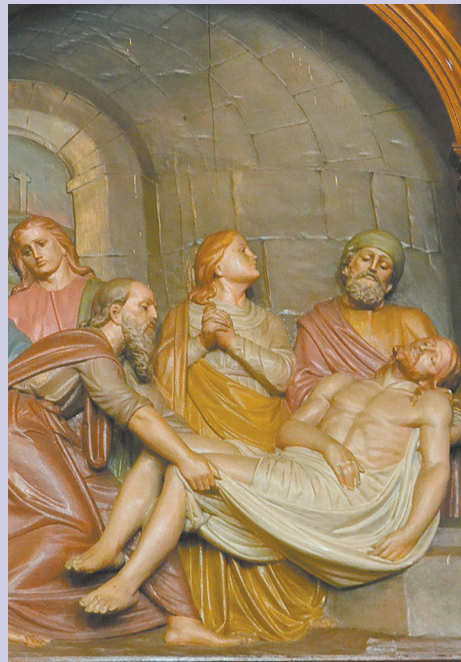
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Station XII
Jesus Dies on the Cross
St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati



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Station XIII
Jesus Taken Down from the Cross
Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, Hartwell



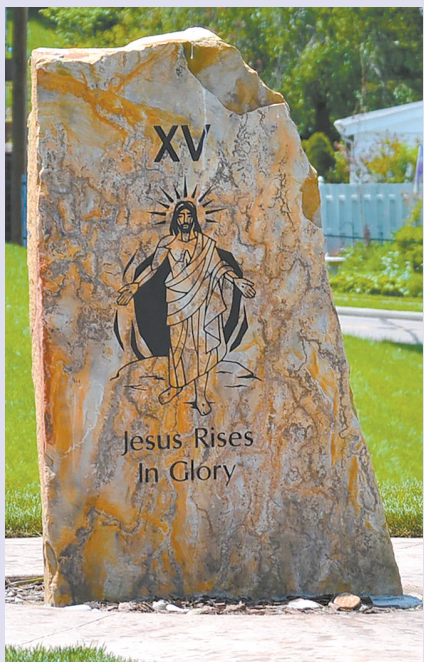
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Station XIV
Jesus is Laid in the Sepulcher
Old St. Mary's, Cincinnati

Also known as the Way of the Cross, the Stations of the Cross is a devotion especially popular for Fridays in Lent. Brought to Europe by the Franciscans, they represent spots where pilgrims to Jerusalem stop to pray while retracing the steps of Christ. Since the Middle Ages, European Catholics who could not go to Jerusalem have walked indoor or outdoor paths marked with carvings or images depicting the sites, praying just as their brother and sister pilgrims did in the Holy Land.

In the 1700s, all churches in the world were permitted to hang Stations of the Cross in their sanctuaries. Outdoor Stations also remain popular. Many parishes hold group Stations of the Cross prayer on Fridays of Lent, but anyone can pray the Stations at any time. Many prayers and sets of Scripture readings can be used, but the most popular were created by St. Francis of Assisi and St. Alphonsus Liguori.

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St. Joseph Church, North Bend

What is Station 15?

In 2000, Pope St. John Paul II urged Catholics to add a 15th station, Christ's Resurrection, to the Stations of the Cross. The 15th Station is not required, and anyone may pray either number, or go back and forth between 14 and 15. Many parishes that have a 15th Station omit it on Good Friday.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.