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June 7th

Brother Basil Fink Thomas, C.S.C.

born: 9 September 1927

died: 7 June 1983

Basil was born in Wellesville, New York and attended school there. He entered St. Joseph Juniorate in 1945 and went to the novitiate in Rolling Prairie, making his first vows in 1948. His first assignment was to serve on the staff at St. Charles Boys' Home. He spent 2 years working at Ave Maria Press at Notre Dame. He moved back east and worked in maintenance at Notre Dame High in West Haven. In 1953 he moved to Gilmour Academy and served for 16 years in a variety of duties. In 1969, he joined the staff at LeMans Academy in Rolling Prairie serving there for 12 years. In 1981, Basil began working at St. Casimir's Parish in South Bend as a Pastoral Minister serving the needs of the aged and infirm as well as conducting Bible study sessions, teaching CCD classes and acting as the youth minister in the parish. He loved working with the senior citizens and families in the parish. His life was unfortunately cut short when he was struck by a car while riding his bicycle near the University of Notre Dame.

Happy the one who cares for the poor and the needy.
-- Psalm 41:1

Three keys to more abundant living: caring about others,
daring for others, sharing with others. ***-- William Ward***