

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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March 1, 2023

Columba Hall Chapel First Week of Lent



For Spiritual Discernment (Saint Benedict)

Gracious and holy Father,
please give me intellect to understand you,
diligence to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
a spirit to know you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
ears to hear you, eyes to see you,
a tongue to proclaim you,
a way of life pleasing to you,
patience to wait for you,
and perseverance to look for you.
Grant me a perfect end,
your holy presence,
a blessed resurrection,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

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Our Poets, Past and Present

A Mortal Replica of Christ

Most lives experience faults and miscues,
and I have had my share.
But for all such pitfalls,
our Lord sends us rescues
if only we change our lives
and show we sincerely care.

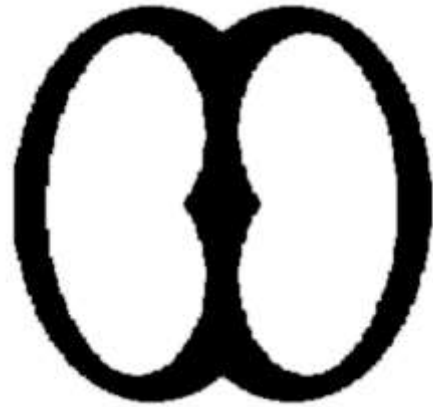
Life is not meant just for one,
not for you nor me alone.
It's meant to be lived in Christ
for others, reflecting the love
that for us he has shown.

We are born from above,
unique among others,
not made of brick or stone,
but in giving of ourselves to others,
we may try to become in life
a replica of Christ, his mortal clone.

You may say the bar has been set high,
and so it has—by our Lord himself
when at baptism
we joined the family of God
and were given that welcome nod.

So this goal in our lifetime
is a contract with God,
one that we should try not to breach.
But if like Saint Peter we happen to fall,
for mercy hold out your hand
and pray the Lord may save us, one and all.

—**Brother Jerome Kroetsch, CSC**



Adinkra Symbols

Nyame Biribi Wɔ Sor

(God, there is something in heaven)

**God's Goodness
He Answers Our Prayers**





Lenten Lecture Series 2023

6 Thursdays of Lent in



March 2 @ 2:15 PM

Casey Mullaney, Post Doctoral Assoc., Notre Dame University

"In My Father's House There are Many Rooms: Social/Economic Rights and Housing Justice in South Bend, IN"

Exploring participation and interdependence as fundamental principles of Catholic Social Thought and how the Catholic tradition calls us towards membership, belonging, and relationship.

Casey teaches Catholic Social Tradition in the Theology Department at the University of Notre Dame and is a member of the St. Peter Claver Catholic Worker community in town. She wrote her dissertation on hospitality and is a godmother to 3 children.



March 9 @ 2:00 PM

Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC

"The Three Pillars of Lent"

Exploring the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC, is a member of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in Donaldson, IN. She presently ministers at Lindenwood Retreat Center as a Spiritual Director and Retreat Director. Sister has experience in parish ministry and retreat ministry and has served in leadership for her community both as provincial and a leadership team member.



March 16 @ 2:00 PM
The Rt Rev. Frank Gray

“Can stones be turned into bread?” What can we learn from Jesus’ *wilderness experience which can inform our own spiritual journey?*

Based on Matthew 3:17- 4:13

Frank Gray is a retired bishop in the Episcopal Church, and is a published poet and writer. Frank and his wife, Karen, have lived at Andre Place since last July.



March 23 @ 2:00 PM
r. Ronald Raab, CSC

“John 11: 1-45: Stones, Surrenders, and Second Chances”

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church reflects upon the raising of Lazarus. Jesus' tears are real for his friend. Jesus' command to remove the stone from the tomb is a surprise. This moment reflects his own passion, death, and resurrection. This story is our story, today, in our very lives.



Fr. Ronald was born in Mishawaka, IN. He was ordained in 1983 at Notre Dame, IN, and has served in parishes in Indiana, Colorado, Illinois, California, and Oregon. He is an award-winning author and a visual artist. During COVID, he illustrated, "The Stations of the Cross in Atonement for Abuse and the Healing of All" published by Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN. He is in residence at Fatima House until July 1.

March 30 @ 2:00 PM

Keith J. Egan

“What do we do and what does God do when we pray?”

This presentation asks questions like: Why do we pray? How do we pray? What is God's role in our prayer?

Keith J. Egan held the endowed chair in theology at Saint Mary's College; he is a Guest Professor in theology at Notre Dame. Connie and Keith have been residents at the Village for five years.



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Lenten Musical Interlude

Audrey Breen, cello player, held a concert two weeks ago here at Columba Hall– see following address:

<http://brothersofholycross.com/bhc/wp-content/uploads/MidMid08Feb2023.pdf>

This week she introduces a musical video by one of Notre Dame's Choirs for lent. To listen, click the following link:



<https://faith.nd.edu/s/1210/faish/interior.aspx?sid=1210&gid=609&pgid=54825>

Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Knocking at Our Door

Many people try to figure out who God is. They want to put God on their examining table to dissect God in the same way they would be dissecting a frog. I do not think it works that way. The “Book of Job” in the Bible agrees. Theology is faith seeking understanding.

Maybe there is another way. Instead of trying to figure out who God is, maybe we should be open to having God find us. Maybe God is knocking at our door. What we need to do is to be willing to hear God’s knocking and having enough faith and trust to open the door and let God in. In order for this to happen we need to give up our need for control as if God were an object that we can fully understand. This requires a letting go, knowing that what we will discover is a God of love and not a tyrant. We know this because the love we have received, even though imperfect, points the way.

The Bible statement that “God is love” is borne out by countless witnesses in tradition that were even willing to give their lives as validation. Pray that God give you the faith and trust that hearing the knock at your door, you will open it and have the experience of receiving God’s presence with God’s tremendous love for you.

- Do you try to figure out why God lets certain things happen?
- What other source helps you to discover the God in your life?
- What experiences have you had when you have put your faith and trust in God?

O God, help me open the door to your countless love.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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Reflection
Sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.




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Dwell on the beauty of life. Watch the stars, and see yourself running with them.

-Marcus Aurelius



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Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2023

"It is only through shadows that one comes to know the light."

St. Catherine of Siena (1463-1380)

Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of prayer, fasting and repentance. It is preceded by Shrove Tuesday and falls on the first day of Lent, the six weeks of penitence before Easter. As the start of the penitential Lenten phase, Ash Wednesday signifies the beginning of a profound time for spiritual reflection on human mortality and communion with Heaven.

**Lent is about being honest with ourselves,
Changing what needs to change in our lives,
Making our world a better place,
And growing into the Light.**

-Joan Chittister

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