

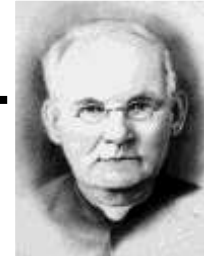
# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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September 1, 2021

— **Installment - 9** —

— *Do We Have Another Saint?* —  
*Brother Columba O’Neill, C.S.C.*  
*(1848-1923)*



The first letter in the MWP archives from a Columba-relative was written by his niece Lyda O’Neill, daughter of Dennis O’Neill and Elizabeth Schwiete. Dennis is the youngest of Brother Columba’s five siblings.

December 1, 1913

Dear Uncle,

Your letter received. Mother is having spells, the first since August. John, [Lyda’s brother], is working in North Dakota will come home for Christmas and has gained weight (192 pounds). Father Galligan [Pastor of St. Paul’s Church in Burlington, IA which was built by John Loftus and completed in 1895] distributed the SHBs [Sacred Heart badges] at First Friday Mass and collects them at the end of mass. Weather is warm. Haven’t heard from Minnie [Schwiete], Lyda’s aunt on her mother’s [Lizzie’s] side. Lawrence, [another of Lyda’s brothers], working at the Murry [?]

## **Brother Columba writes a note on the letter:**

“Mrs. Myers daughter was affected [*sic*] with fits 2 years ago [1911 – no correspondence for that year, but the letter implies that Columba was in Keokuk in 1911].

Lyda writes from Burlington, IA, about 30 miles north of Keokuk. On July 4, 1915, she writes a letter to Brother Columba on letterhead stationary *O’Neil and Bowen Contractors, 854 Washington Street, Burlington, Iowa*. O’Neil with a single l has yet to be identified. Dennis, Lyda’s father, Brother Columba’s youngest brother, is listed as a fireman in the 1920 census.

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:e122b3a6-8cb7-4599-8169-2f68f507c545>

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Tribute to  
[Brother Bennet Nettleton, C.S.C.](#)

**Original article in "Best of the Week" from Saint Edward High School was sent in by Brother Dennis:**

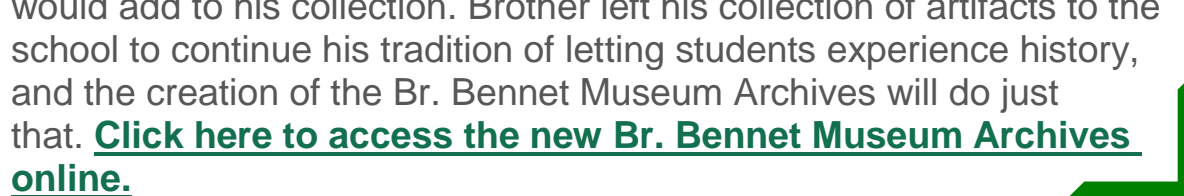
The link to the new digital access to Brother Bennet Nettleton's Museum at St. Edward is below. The artifacts collected by Brother Bennet were placed online this summer.

## **ST. ED'S BELOVED BR. BENNET MUSEUM BECOMES ARCHIVED ONLINE DATABASE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO ENJOY**

At the beginning of Summer 2021, St. Ed's hired Ms. Jennifer Pflaum to organize, catalog, and appraise the historical artifacts that have filled the Br. Bennet Nettleton, C.S.C. Museum for many years. Through her services, Ms. Pflaum created an online database that archived all artifacts and souvenirs from the Br. Bennet Museum for students, faculty, staff, and alums to access at all times. With the intent to enhance the use of the museum's history and continue the legacy that Br. Bennet left behind at St. Ed's, our community can continue to utilize the museum electronically through interdisciplinary actions for current and future students and courses.

"The new database, which is still a work in progress, allows our museum to come alive," says Social Studies Department Chair Mrs. Suzanne Fairfield. "I am confident that both Brother Bennet and Jim Wallenhorst '74 would be pleased that the artifacts that have been collected for decades are now accessible to all, not just those who have had the privilege of having those master teachers. What the database also allows is for the artifacts to be used in an interdisciplinary fashion. The collection is filled with artifacts that cross a multitude of disciplines, and thus the collection can reach the entirety of our community as I'm sure Br Bennet would have intended."

Br. Bennet Nettleton, C.S.C. was a member of the faculty at St. Edward High School from 1953 until 2001 and has the unique distinction of being the longest serving member of the St. Edward High School faculty. His teaching career spanned from the first graduating class to the Class of 2004. Over time Brother's classroom became a museum, which has become the focus of attention for students, parents, alumni, and the community. For years, students have enjoyed the "hands on" experience of history. Whether it was a Prussian helmet, an Egyptian relic, or a Confederate sword, students could touch and feel history. After graduation, many alumni on their travels would add to his collection. Brother left his collection of artifacts to the school to continue his tradition of letting students experience history, and the creation of the Br. Bennet Museum Archives will do just that. **[Click here to access the new Br. Bennet Museum Archives online.](#)**



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## 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Columba Hall helped in the celebration of Brother Lewis Brazil's eightieth Birthday. Mass was celebrated with a past student of his who is now playing in Florida's symphonic orchestra. An anniversary meal followed. Musical entertainment for André Place residents of Holy Cross Village, where Lew held many Big Band events, was a fitting closing for the day.



Click the link below to  
listen to one of  
Brother Lewis' past Big  
Band events:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wphc5Emys>





Three photos  
by Brother Kenneth Kane



## Green Thumbed Brother Thomas



Every summer **Brother Thomas Rock** plants a garden of flowers behind Riverside Place at Holy Cross Village. Much to the delight of the residents, Brother Thomas brings color after color into bloom throughout the summer. Mrs. Sally Tobin, who lives in Riverside Place, says this about the garden:

“I enjoy going up to the community room on the 3rd floor of Riverside Place and looking down at the garden. From that height you can appreciate the design and

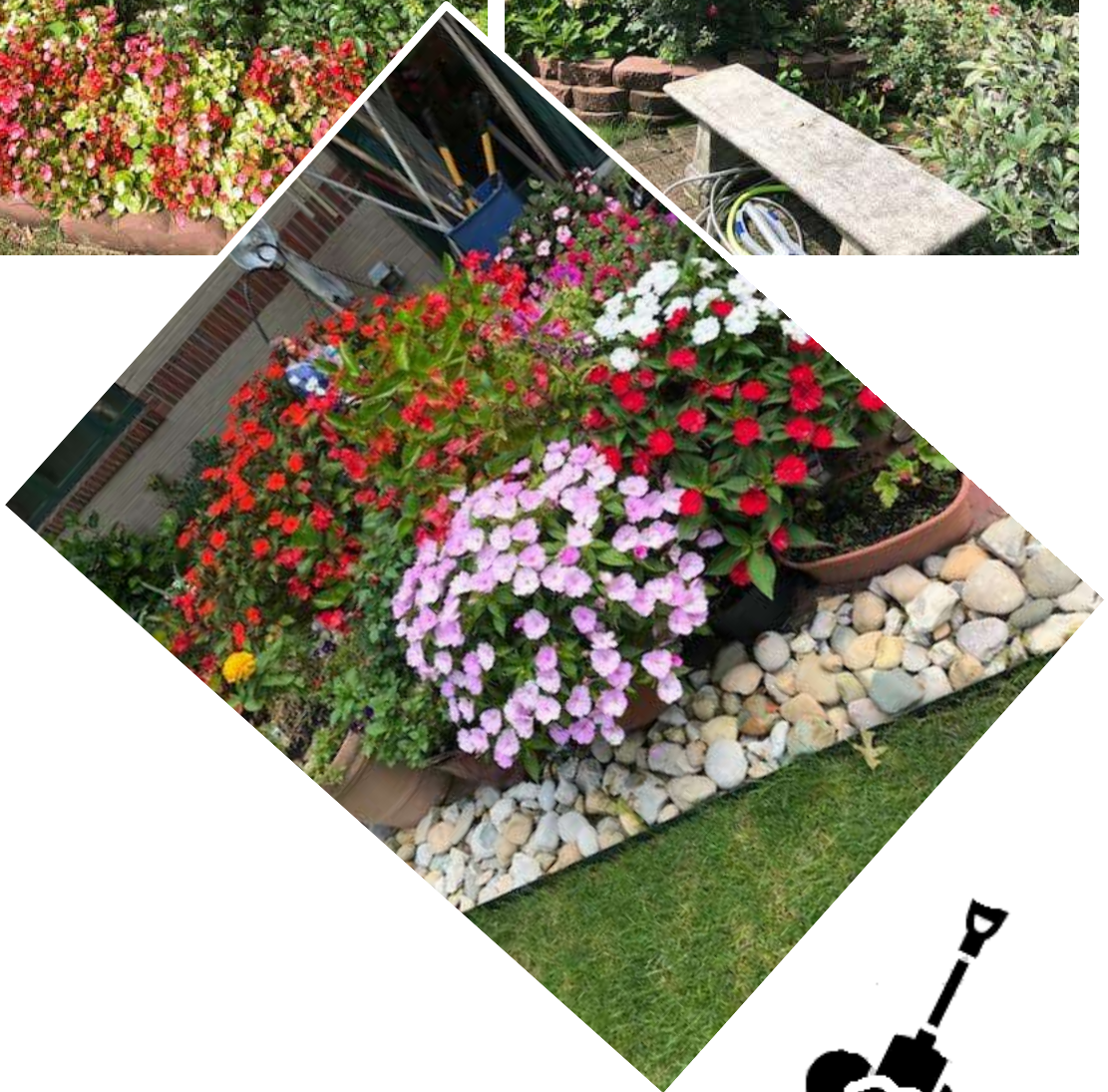
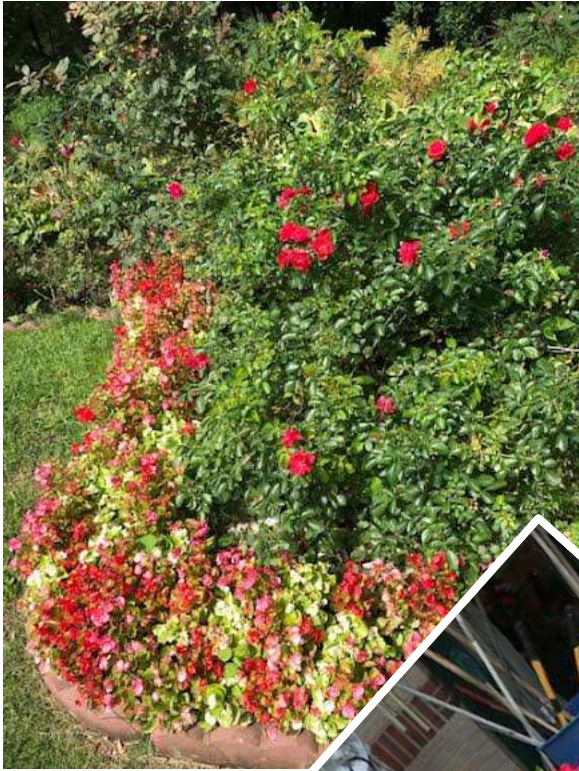


artistry of the edging, flowers, and ground cover. It is stunning. Most days Tom works in the garden for hours. When he is planting Tom can be out there all day - even in the heat. Tom truly enjoys being in his garden. He is very generous with advice about growing conditions and the types of flowers which thrive.”

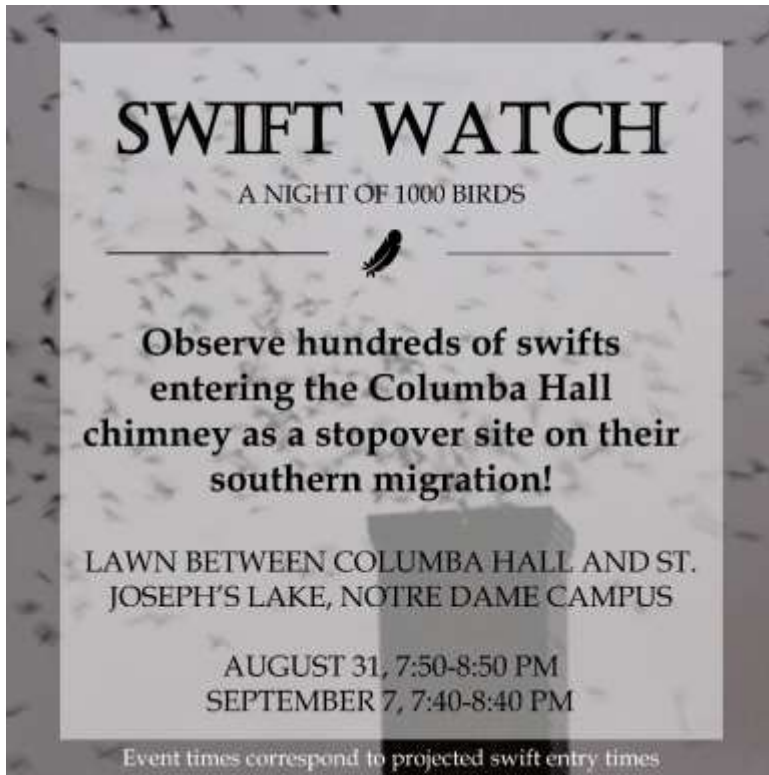
But not everyone is welcome in the garden. As Mrs. Tobin notes, “The groundhogs that reside in the woods are Tom's worst enemies. His garden is their salad bar!!!!”

If you stop by the garden, you can enjoy hibiscus in bloom right now and marigolds and begonias. Thank you, Tom!






## Swifts - Bird Motel at Columba



**SWIFT WATCH**  
A NIGHT OF 1000 BIRDS

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**Observe hundreds of swifts  
entering the Columba Hall  
chimney as a stopover site on their  
southern migration!**

LAWN BETWEEN COLUMBA HALL AND ST.  
JOSEPH'S LAKE, NOTRE DAME CAMPUS

AUGUST 31, 7:50-8:50 PM  
SEPTEMBER 7, 7:40-8:40 PM

Event times correspond to projected swift entry times

In high school, I worked as a community educator at “Swift Watch” events, where people would come out to our local major roost and watch the swifts circle into the chimney. It’s a very beautiful sight, and also a great opportunity to provide information about these truly amazing birds.

**Charlotte Probst**

University of Notre Dame '22  
Biological Sciences and  
Philosophy





## Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

### Forever Learning

Dear Associates and Friends,

Father Louis Putz, C.S.C. began a ministry to seniors as he became a senior himself. He called it “Forever Learning.” Even though Father Putz is no longer with us, his ministry continues at a learning center which offers new classes each semester taught mainly by seniors.

Learning in this context means being open to new thoughts and experiences that help to enhance the living of a worthwhile life similar in a way that most professions require an update in what is new in a particular field.

When we speak of Christian spirituality, we look to Jesus as our example. He was constantly being taught the path he should take not only by his heavenly Father but also by the people he served. Even though he was sent to the Jews, when he was constantly “hounded” by the woman who was not Jewish asked to accept “the scraps from the table,” he realized in a very real way that his ministry of sacrificial love must extend to all peoples. It was at Jesus’ bidding that his disciples learned this lesson as they extended his “Way” around the world.

Is it important for me to keep growing spiritually?

If so, how and when is that growing taking place?

What new growing has taken place during this time of pandemic?

**O God, teach me how to grow closer to You, to my brothers, sisters  
and to the earth, our common home.**



**Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.**

For more reflections to grow  
spiritually please visit our new blog  
<https://weekllyspiritualinsights.org/>

From the *Voice of Moreau Website*

The website features a Holy Cross sister, a brother, or a priest, with a weekly story on the blog. Check the following link below.



Website: <http://www.voiceofmoreau.org/>



**Brother  
Philip Smith**



**Brother  
Ben Rossi**



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



The secret of genius is  
To carry the spirit of the child  
Into old age.  
*Aldous Huxley*

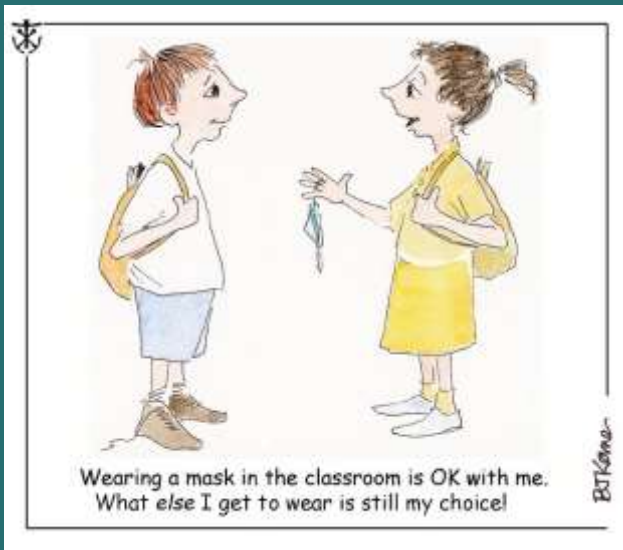


Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth  
Find reserves of strength  
That will endure as long as life lasts.  
*Rachel Carson*

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