

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## Discovered Nursery

### May 24 –Holy Cross Administration building area, Holy Cross Village

A doe dropped two fawns in our garden outside the provincial office. They were there until momma realized we were all watching from the window above.

### Brother Kenneth Haders



Photos by **Brother Kenneth Haders and Sharan Palmer**

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## Tradition of Good Eating at Columba Hall

The Brothers continue the tradition of good eating at Columba Hall. On May 5, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo, and enjoyed wonderful tamales, bunuelos, and fried plantains, prepared by our housekeeper Escholastica. The margaritas were plentiful, thanks to the Mexican tequila provided by our housekeeper Gloria...they were much appreciated!

### Omelets at Bessette:

The monthly omelet breakfast was a hit, 5 Brothers dining on made-to-order omelets in the kitchen at Bessette. We keep the groups small, so as not to over-tax Robyn, the cook/nurse☺ Katrina is her trusty sous-chef.



**Robyn**



**Katrina**





**In the works:**

We are planning a lunch outing to Fernwood Gardens in Michigan to see the train display.

We are hoping to have Air Force Gen. Peter Sullivan bring us the film about his father, the original Sully. “Injury Slight” is the story of Col. Charles O’Sullivan, an Air Force officer, whose plane crashed in WWII, and his treacherous escape from New Guinea. Sully lived at Schubert Villa for many years, and Peter provides very interesting background to this amazing story.

## Good Bye Father Jose Beltran Graduation Party Held at Columba Hall

Father Jose held his graduation party at Columba. It was also a time for good byes since Jose, who has been a resident student living at our home the last two years, would be returning to California. A wonderful gift—Mexican food was prepared by some of our Columba Hall staff.



# Memorial Day 2017

**Monday, May 29, 2017**

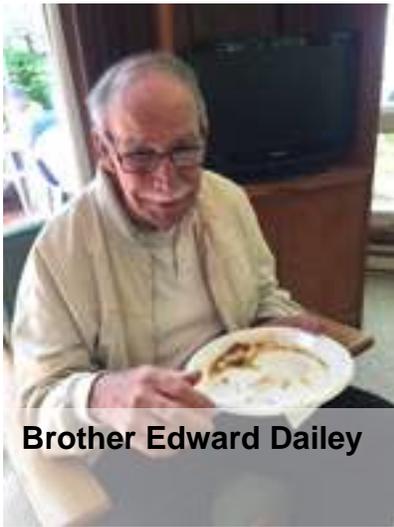
The day started with a Memorial Day Mass at Columba Hall. Then members of the Hall joined other area Brothers for a day of sunshine, camaraderie, and a noon meal at Coloma Cottage on Lake Michigan. We were 24 in all. Again thanks to “biker” Joe Fox for all his preparation and to all who participated. Brother Joseph Fox also contributed to our pictures shown here. Our story in pictures below:



**Brothers Robert Dierker, Francisco Gillette, Thomas Rock, and John Schuszler**



**Brothers Lewis Brazil, Thomas Moser, and John McMuldren**



**Brother Edward Dailey**



**Brothers Paul Rosonke and Julian Przybyla, Fr. William Blum, Bro. Richard Gilman**



**Brother Joseph McTaggart**





**Brothers Francisco Gillette and James Kane**



**Brothers James Kane and Roger Berg**



**Brothers Paul Kelly, Carl Sternberg, Chester Freel, Roger Berg, and Edward Dailey**



**Brother Carl Sternberg**



**Farther William Blum**



**Brother Richard Gilman**



**Brother Robert Dierker**



**Brother John Schuszler**



**Brothers Thomas Moser  
and Francis Ellis**



**Brother Paul Rosonke**



**Brother Joseph Fox**



**Brother Julian Przybyla**



**Brothers Carl Sternberg and Paul Rosonke**



**Brother Donald Allen**



**Brothers Joseph Fox, Carl Sternberg, and Chester Freel**



**Brother Donald Allen**



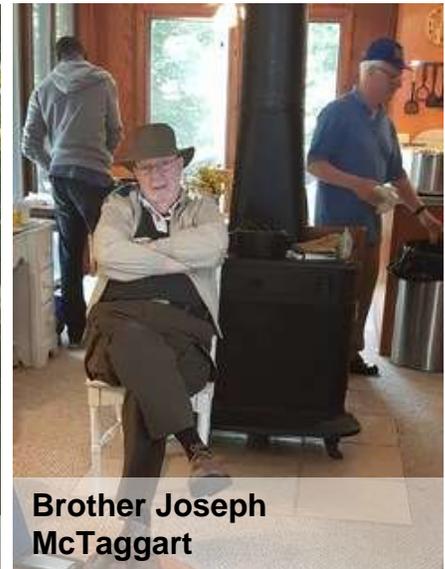
**Brother Francisco Gillette**



**Fr. Bill Blum and Br. Richard Gilman**



**Brother Roy Smith**



**Brother Joseph McTaggart**



**Brothers Julian Przybyla and Paul Kelly (Winners)**



**Brothers Roger Berg, Francis Ellis, and James Kane**



**Brother John McMuldren**



**Brothers John Schuszler, Robert Dierker, and Thomas Rock**



**Brother Richard Johnson**

HOLY CROSS HISTORY ASSOCIATION  
ENJOYS 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING



The Holy Cross History Association held its annual conference June 1, 2, 3 at Holy Cross College, beginning with a fascinating presentation of a new app on Sisters of the Holy Cross who served in the American Civil War as nurses. Marie Davis and Margaret Hulte came up from Louisville, KY, and Jefferson, IN, to show their new work. Fifty members of the Association assembled in Driscoll Auditorium for the event. At the end of the presentation, Sister Jeanette Fettig from St. Mary's Convent presented Marie and Margaret with a special replica of the official government medallion awarded posthumously to the Civil War nurses. The Association then moved to the Driscoll Lounge for a wonderful reception of crab-stuffed mushrooms and devils-on-horseback, along with assorted beverages.

On Friday morning the conference began with a breakfast of eggs, sausage, and pancakes in the Siegfried Dining Hall. Thereafter, the group moved to the Pfeil Center conference room for four papers. Tony Oleck, a graduate student from Notre Dame, opened with a meaty paper on Leo R. Ward, a well-known philosophy teacher in the 1940s and 50s. Then a spritely Powerpoint followed by Hugh O'Donnell on the apocalypse symbolism in the main tabernacle of the basilica at Notre Dame. After a break for cookies, the group reconvened for a paper by Marsha Stevenson (Notre Dame librarian) on Father Moreau's troubles with Mother Euphrasia Pelletier. The final paper of the morning was given by Kevin Cawley, Notre Dame archivist, on practical ways to use the library's archival websites.

After a lunch of chicken, pasta, and soft-serve ice cream, the members got into cars for the afternoon tour. First stop was the historic Old College building (the oldest building on campus—1843) and the log chapel at Notre Dame. Father Brian Ching, rector at Old College, gave the group a tour inside of both buildings, a rare treat for visitors to Notre Dame. Then the group moved to the Basilica and the Presbytery. Father Tom Jones guided us through the Presbytery and showed us the room that Father Sorin probably died in and two walk-in safes that date to the 1880s. Then inside the basilica Hugh O'Donnell pointed out various parts of the main altar's tabernacle that he had highlighted in his morning talk at Holy Cross College. The tour finished at the Notre Dame library where Kevin Cawley had prepared a fine display of artifacts pertinent to the history of the Holy Cross Congregations. The day ended with Mass at Holy Cross College, a supper of salmon, beef, and plenty of soft serve ice cream. Then while most of the members were funning it up at a soiree in Anselm Lounge, the Association's Executive Board met for an hour and a half in the elegant boardroom of the Vincent Building.

Saturday morning began with a paper on Father Dujarie and a wonderful Powerpoint on the metal sculptures of Brother Bernard Klim. This was the second

presentation by Joseph Tobin (Holy Cross Village) on Holy Cross artists. After a break for brownies, the group reassembled for a lively paper by Brother Frank Ellis on the property devoted today to Holy Cross Village and Holy Cross College. Frank focused on the railroads that snaked through the property in the early days. The final paper was given by Lisa Loughran on the novitiate class of 1871, which included the famous Father Zahm and a priest who was almost hanged! Then the group moved to the dining hall for lunch.

The afternoon tour began at the Midwest Archives where archivist Brother Larry Stewart had assembled a wonderful display of photos, primary documents, and memorabilia including bricks made by the Brothers and rosaries collected by old Brother Damian. The group then moved on to Schubert Villa where they were able to see first-hand a dozen Bernard Klim metal sculptures (that Joe Tobin had spoken about in his paper that morning). The final stop for the tour was St. Mary's where Sister Jeanette introduced Sister Esther Black, who took us into the Loretta Chapel, and then back into an oratory very rarely open to the public, an oratory built in Sorin's day to the specifications of the House of Loretto in Italy. Then Sister Jeanette led the group into the Sisters' dining hall to view beautiful oils and watercolors by Sister-artists. Sister Linda Kors was on hand to help explain the artwork. Our final stop was the Sisters' cemetery where we were able to see the grave of the great Mother Angela, the first of the Sisters to volunteer for Civil War nursing work.

After Mass in Schubert Villa, the members assembled in Geenan Hall at Andre Place for the closing banquet, which lasted for three hours! Brother Joseph and Chef Patrick arranged it so that each course was 15 minutes long—except the entree course, which was half an hour. We first had a champagne toast. Then a small plate with a "devil-on-horseback" (chestnut wrapped in bacon) and a small cracker with fried plantain, tuna, and mango sauce (the chef's treat). The next course was roasted bell pepper soup with creme fraiche. Then the entrée—breast of chicken wrapped around fine stuffing with cranberries, fresh asparagus, and whipped sweet potato. Then the dessert—baked alaska! Which Brother Joseph helped the chef make earlier in the week with chocolate cake and spumoni ice cream. The mound on each was a foot high and then surmounted by a gilded statue of Our Lady. Joseph had gilded them himself. Each table had its own mound and the cutter for each table got to keep the statue. And then a little tuxedo box for the men and a little white gown box for the ladies with a chocolate truffle inside from Veni's Chocolates in Niles, Michigan.

During coffee, members listened to the guest speaker, Father Thomas Blantz, CSC, from Notre Dame. He spoke on little-known facts about the university, including

the famous Gipper story, which Father Blantz demonstrated could not have happened as Rockne suggested it had. The evening ended with a business meeting during which voting approved the location of next year's conference (Moreau Seminary) and new officers: President Father James Connolly, CSC, Secretary Brother Richard Critz, CSC, Executive Committee members Sister Linda Kors, CSC, and Hugh O'Donnell. Brother Larry Stewart continues on as Treasurer, and Sister Jean Goulet, CSC, and Father Chris Kuhn, CSC, continue as Executive Committee members.

**Brother George Klawitter, CSC**



**History Conference Pictures by Brother Joseph Fox**

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## Reflections



### Muslims Begin To Adjust To Holy Ramadhan

For Muslims all over the world, including British Columbia, the holy month of Ramadhan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar has arrived with its blessings. This year, the month of fasting and spiritual activity will begin on May 27, 2017 and will end around June 25, 2017. Families prepare for a time of self-restraint and increased worship, and plan how they will deal with the practicalities of changes in eating schedules, activities, and even sleeping times.

*The fast begins just before the break of dawn and no food or drink is allowed during the day. Muslims wake up before dawn to eat the early morning meal called *suhoor*. At the end of the day the fast is broken with prayers and a meal called the *iftar*.*

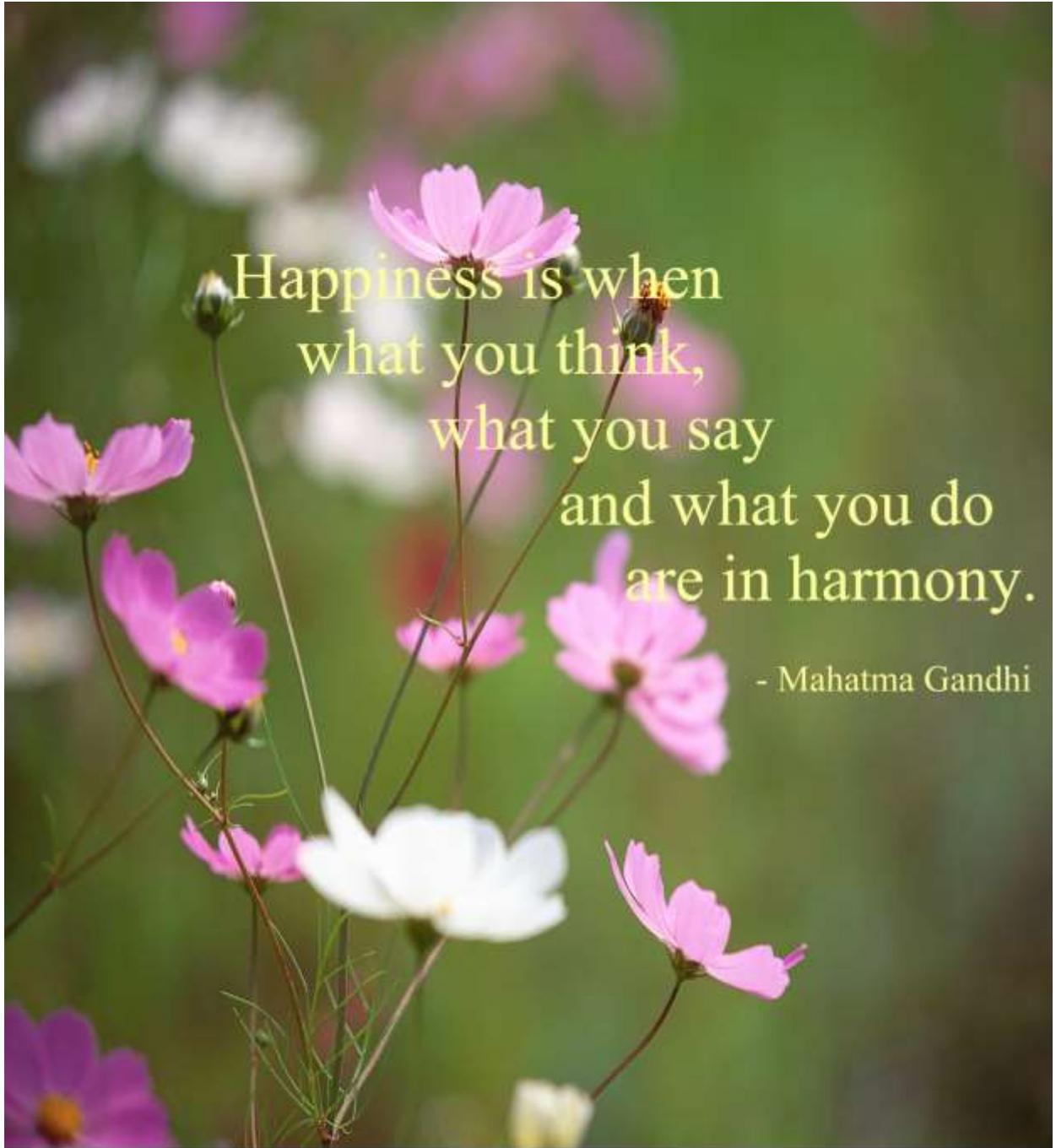
Following the *iftar* it is customary for people to go to the mosque for prayers and worship. Muslims pray eagerly that the Almighty grants strength and success to remain pious, for the spiritual benefits of the Holy month are too significant to be missed out. The Holy Prophet (peace of God be with him and his holy family) has said: ***“O People! Surely the month of God has approached you. The month which in the eyes of God is the most virtuous of the months, its days are the best of the days, its nights the best of the nights and its moments the best of the moments.”*** Every evening the mosque bustles with activity, with special prayers, congregational meals, and various programs for adults and children. The last ten nights of the month are especially significant as this period includes the night when the Holy Qur’an was revealed. This night, known as the Laylatul Qadr (Night of Power), is a special night of worship when Muslims try to stay awake the entire night. Many believe that pleading for forgiveness sincerely on the holy night will be accepted by God.

To many, fasting seems exceedingly difficult (especially during these hot summer months), and one may wonder how Muslims can handle the challenge of hunger, thirst, and exhaustion for an entire month. Yet most Muslims – adults as well as children – become accustomed to it, and enjoy the special challenges associated with the holy month. The fast is meant to teach discipline, self-restraint, and generosity. The Holy Qur’an says: *O You who believe, fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may be pious* (2:183). One of the benefits of Ramadan is an increased compassion for those who lack the necessities of life, and awareness as to how it feels to be hungry and needy. It is also a month of self-purification and reflection, meant to create a renewed focus on spirituality amidst our busy lives. Muslims learn to cherish the feeling of togetherness shared by family and friends throughout the month, and the spirit it revives within them. These benefits are very much practical; the yearly lessons in self-restraint and discipline carry forward to all other aspects of a Muslim’s life, such as work and education.

When the fasting ends at the start of the next lunar month, it is celebrated with a holiday called Eid-al-Fitr (the Feast of Fast Breaking). For Muslims, the Eid is an exciting culmination of a special month. Gifts are exchanged; friends and family gather to pray in congregation; and everyone thanks God for having had the opportunity to obey, worship and fast during the month. The spiritual and social experiences of the holy month are so enriching, that most Muslims are sad to see the passing away of the holy month. Imam Zaynul ‘Abideen (peace of God be with him) summarizes the feelings in the words: *So we bid farewell to it with farewell of one whose parting pains us, whose leaving fill us with gloom and loneliness* (Psalms of Islam, Supplication No, 45)

***The Holy Prophet Mohammed said: “This month of yours (Ramadhan) is unlike the other months. Surely, when it approaches you, it does so with blessings and mercy and when it turns away from you, it does so with forgiveness of sins. This is a month in which good deeds are multiplied and acts of goodness accepted.”***

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