

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## Prayer to Saint Joseph

Happy and blessed are you, O Joseph, to whom it has been given not only to see and hear but also to bear in your arms, to embrace, to clothe, and to watch over God himself, whom many kings have desired to see but have not seen, and to hear but have not heard.

Pray for us, O blessed Joseph.

—That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

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The Tree

Only a sapling when planted near the gate,  
Now the tree has grown tall and straight.  
Temple-bound pilgrims pause to gaze  
At the leaf-laden branches it displays.

But once when was heard a hue and cry:  
A wind shook the tree at shouts of "crucify."  
Then what seemed a moaning-like sound  
Escaped from the tree as it fell to the ground.

Hewn by imperial axes, the tree was hauled away  
To be crafted into a cross and used for that day  
To execute the tree's eternal creator,  
And save us all by the death of our Savior.

— **Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.**





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



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March 23 @ 2:00 PM

**Fr. 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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## Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

### Time to See

As the Christmas season comes and goes, hopefully we have carved out a time to truly see. That means we are relishing the beauty in our lives from the decorations of Christmas, the falling snow and the people that love us and the people that we love. God has blessed us in many ways through the duration of our lives and we acknowledge God's care for us by taking the time to see all that God continues to give us. This ability to really see the many ways that we have been gifted could ignite a response of gratefulness. For what are we thankful?

It is by these feelings of thankfulness that we are able to experience the joy that flows into our hearts and into our lives. This joy of ours begets joy. Our joy is contagious, and its warmth can alleviate the cold that permeates the world. This can happen at the drop of a hat when we are given the opportunity to observe the innocent joy of a little child. There is also the image of the Christopher movement which states that it is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness. Our joy and our light can do wonders in making a difference in our world. It all begins with taking the time to see.

- Do you take time to see all of the good things that are happening in your life?
- Does this awareness lead to a response of gratefulness?
- What causes you to experience Christian joy?

**O God, open my heart to receive your love and blessing that I might experience the joy of being a follower of Christ.**

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



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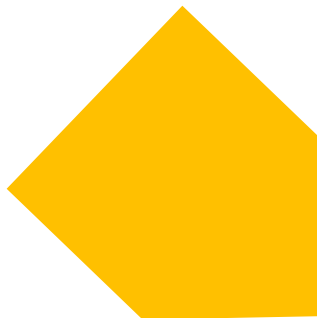
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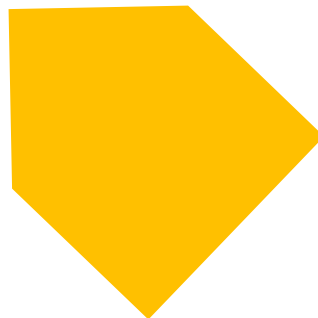
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Rest your garden; let it regenerate. Rest yourself; you deserve regeneration too.  
-Jess Housty

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All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.  
James Russell Lowell



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