

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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Blizzard of 2011

A week ago, Tuesday February 1, the Blizzard of 2011 roared into Michiana with a fury. The storm which began in New Mexico, ended up in New England over 2500 miles away. South Bend got just a foot of snow but had 24 hours with wind gusts up to 70 miles per hour. From 3:00 p.m. Tuesday through 3:00 p.m. Wednesday everything came to a standstill. Notre Dame even cancelled classes on Wednesday; something they haven't done in more than a decade. To date the South Bend area has had over 90 inches of snow so far this winter.





Donard's Fishing Trip



Brother Donard Receives a Fishing Trip for His Birthday

A couple of weeks ago, I (**Br. Lawrence Stewart**) attended a two-day workshop at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas. After the workshop I planned to “pay off” a belated birthday gift to the oldest member of the Midwest Province,

Brother Donard Steffes. Donard turned 96 last December 10. I arranged to take Donard fishing with two of our good friends in Marble Falls, Texas.

Last year Brother Donard was featured in a front-page article in the *Austin American-Statesman* about his retiring from teaching. A link to the article appeared in *Midwest-Midweek*, the Midwest Province weekly web-newsletter to Holy Cross Community members.

The friends on the fishing trip were both retired microbiology professors whom I've known for almost 20 years. Charlie Gauntt is a Texan and Steve Mattingly is a transplanted Hoosier from Evansville. Steve is a product of Reitz Memorial High School (Class of 1961) in Evansville. Steve spent his first two years in college at St. Edward's University (as **Brother Daniel Lynch's** hard-working lab assistant). Since he wanted to major in microbiology, he completed his B.S. at the University of Texas. After earning his PhD, he was hired at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, where he joined his good friend, Charlie Gauntt, and taught medical students and conduct research.

One of Steve's fascinating studies was on the Shroud of Turin. He demonstrated that common resident bacteria on our skin could be responsible for forming the image on the Shroud. He cultured the microbe (*Staph epidermis*) and applied a thick coating on his hand, put his hand on a linen cloth for 20 minutes and then heated the linen in an oven. In examining the cloth, a yellow-brown image of his hand could be seen, like a photo negative. Steve's detailed studies have been reported at international science meetings and in the literature. His work provides a natural explanation of how the image on the Shroud could be formed. The copious flow of blood and fluids after Christ's scourging would provide nutrients for bacteria to rapidly grow and imprint the cloth when Christ was buried in the tomb.

The Mattinglys have a beautiful home on Lake LBJ near Marble Falls. Donard and I went to Marble Falls to meet Steve and Charlie and spend two days fishing. Saturday we caught only one fish. So Sunday, Steve invited his son, Bob to come since he is a competitive bass fisherman who can "smell" where fish are. Bob picked out a spot where we spent the next 2-3 hours pulling in about 60 white bass, about 12-18" long, the biggest weighed almost two pounds. Donard took 2nd place in catching the most fish. He was thrilled with the experience.

The photos show us heading out in Steve's boat and sitting at a picnic table with a display of 41 of the biggest white bass. They were filleted, fried and delicious.

Steve Mattingly has arranged to bring Donard back for more fishing safaris in the future and not wait till next December for another birthday fishing treat.

Br. Lawrence Stewart



Steve Mattingly, Br. Lawrence,
Charlie Gauntt and Br. Donard



Bob Mattingly, Br. Lawrence Stewart,
Steve Mattingly and Br. Donard Steffes

Student Musicians

On Saturday, February 5, student musicians from Archbishop Hoban High School participated in the annual Ohio Music Educators Adjudicated event. ALL musicians were awarded the highest rating of superior -- "outstanding" musical performances. This included the 22-member steel drum band playing Joe's Melody Boys by Tom Miller; the 14-member percussion ensemble playing Millennium by Chris Brooks; tympani soloist junior Matt Peak playing Blue Hammers; senior pianist Andrew Kern playing a Chopin mazurka on piano; junior pianist Victor Li playing a Beethoven sonata; and freshman tenor trombonist Dominc Grosso playing Opal accompanied on the piano by freshman Maddy Goosmann. All musicians performed A selections those that demonstrated the highest level of difficulty and proficiency.



Br. Philip Smith

Health Updates

The following are health updates on three of our Brothers who have experienced recent health difficulties:



Brother Philip Armstrong is now residing in Dujarie House after hospitalization and testing in January. Phil reports that he is feeling better and is undergoing physical rehabilitation and medicinal treatments to regain sufficient strength to transition to Assisted Living at Schubert Villa.

Brother Thomas Maddix remains a patient at St. Paul's Hospital for testing and monitoring. Recently Tom wrote the following notes:



“Greetings from my hospital room overlooking English Bay!!!
Six more months to go with chemo--- and then bone marrow transplant. My next round of chemo starts the 17th of Feband I seem to need blood as well as platelets on a regular basis. I hope to do some work between chemo but will have a very focused approach to harmony of body mind and soul. So I will pick and choose carefully and often what I can do (once) home. No travel outside of Vancouver for an indefinite amount of time. The experience of care and concern continues to pour in and is a real source of support.”

Tom remains open to receiving telephone calls/message; the phone number is (604) 684 6532 Ext 67734. The mailing address is: St. Paul's Hospital, 1081 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC, V6Z 1Y6



Brother Carroll Posey's surgery to remove a kidney with cancerous growth was delayed awaiting positive results of all pre-surgery tests. Everything appears complete now and surgery is scheduled for Monday, February 14th in St. Louis. It is anticipated Carroll will remain in the hospital for 2-3 days post-op, and will then be transferred to an area rehabilitation center for continued recovery and transitioning to an Assisted Living residence.

Please remember these men, and all our Brothers experiencing health problems, in your daily prayers.

Thank You.

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Please Note Corrections

*There is a printing error in the English version of **Circular Letter No 1: Envisioning Structures that Enhance the Mission of Holy Cross.** Pages 26 and 27 (The Report of the Superior General Hugh Cleary, CSC to the General Chapter) are misplaced and are actually pages 48 and 49.*

We apologize for this error and for any inconvenience or confusion it may have caused. Thanks for your understanding.

In Holy Cross,

Tom Dziekan

Reflection Questions

Last Friday, February 4th, **Brother Raymond Papenfuss** sent email copies of the Superior general's reflection questions on Envisioning the Structures that enhance the Mission of Holy Cross. Several were sent by snail mail. If you have not received this material please contact Brother Raymond.

Fr. Eugene Hemrick Visits HC in Peru



Fr. Gene Hemrick

Two months ago **Brother John Benesh** received an e-mail from **Fr. Gene Hemrick** in which Gene said that he was thinking of visiting Lima, Peru.

At first John was not sure that Gene was serious about the trip but after more exchanges of messages, a date was set for his arrival for a ten-day visit.

John picked him up at the Lima airport on Friday, January 21 and drove him to the Canto Del Sol residence of the Congregation, located in the eastern fringes of the city. His days in Peru passed quickly and the visit was extended by two days when the snow and ice in the US caused the cancellation of his January 31 departure.

Gene was able to meet all of the CSC men who live and work in the area and was able to visit some of the nineteen chapels in the parish. He also saw the Policlínico Hermano Andres and the site of Yancana Huasi, a day program for children who are physically and mentally challenged. He visited the Fe y Alegria 25 school where John had worked for nine years. He went to the office of the Rosary Apostolate in the center of Lima and then toured the main plaza and a few of the many churches nearby.

Another highlight was a visit to the CSC novitiate in Huaycan. Br. John had spent eight years there and was happy to show off some of his projects, including the stained glass windows in the chapel. John was his tour guide and driver during these days.



To see numerous photos taken by Gene you can connect with www.jknirp.com a website that is managed by the National Institute for the Renewal of the Priesthood. Besides looking at the photos at this site you can also listen to Gene speak about his experience in Peru.

Br. John Benesh

Thank You

Mrs. Doris Peck and sons wish to thank everyone who sent notes and prayers on the death of her husband and father of her sons. Doris Peck is the sister of **Br. Roy Smith**.

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