

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## *As we celebrate Holy Week and Passover 2011*



Holy Week within the Christian tradition starts on Palm Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of April and Passover within the Jewish Tradition begins on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April.



**The following chant taken from the Buddhist tradition captures the significance of these great events.**

*Let me respectively remind you  
Life and death are of supreme importance  
Time swiftly passes by and opportunity is lost  
Each of us should strive to awaken  
Take heed;  
do not squander your life.*

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## HCC Saints for Life Display Abortion Crosses



The Saints for Life Club is a group of students who work to bring about a greater respect for human life from conception until natural death. The club decided to witness to the dignity of human life on the campus of Holy Cross by displaying a cemetery for the unborn on Friday,

April 15. Student members of the Saints for Life, led by their president junior Cassie Farrell, set up 400 simple white wooden crosses in the grassy quad outside the dining hall. Each cross represents 10 abortions that will take place in the US today, and so altogether the crosses represent the estimated 4000 abortions that take place every day in the United States. Along with the crosses, signs were displayed asking the Holy Cross College community to join the Saints for Life in their efforts of prayer to bring about a greater concern for the dignity of all human life.

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■ Justice and Peace Commission ■

Last year the Justice & Peace Commission (**Brothers Edward Foken, Edward Fox, Raymond Papenfuss, Roger Berg and William Mewes, Chair**) decided to find out what is going on in the Midwest Province as regards justice and peace and social ministry and to publish the results. This was done. Many fine things are going on that we can be proud of. It is the hope of the Commission that these fine examples would inspire each and every Brother to be involved in some way with at least one such issue.

It has been said that if someone wonders if they still have a mission in this life. If they are still alive, they have a mission. Even Brothers in Schubert or Dujarie have a mission or ministry. Perhaps it is accepting and offering up their suffering as a powerful prayer for the conversion of the world, or in reparation to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, or for some particular friend or relative or cause. Other possibilities might be that of compassion for the staff or being pleasant with and nice to the staff. If a Brother is totally incapacitated, his mission might be that of giving others an opportunity to love and care for him.

If one is interested in a particular social justice issue, it would seem that one should find out what the Church teaches about such an issue and what the Church position is on that particular issue. For that information, one can Google USCCB or United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Under social issues on the left side of the web page one will find various issues handled from a Catholic Church point of view and one can educate oneself on various issues from Catholic Social Teaching to the Debt to the Death Penalty to Economic Justice to the Environment to Faithful Citizenship to Health to Immigration to Iraq to the Middle East to Trafficking to Welfare and various other issues such as Marriage & Family Life. Even if one thinks himself justified to disagree with the bishops, it seems that he at least should know what the Church position is.

At the USCCB website one can also find leads to national and local organizations that work on those issues. For example, looking for information on the death penalty, one might find a link to the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (NCADP) or one could just put “Anti-Death Penalty” and Google that. If one has no computer, the Chair of the Commission will be willing to find information for him.

At the USCCB one might find short statements on a topic with the possibility of reading the whole statement if one wishes. For example: “The federal budget should protect human life and dignity, make the poor a top priority and promote the common good of all during tough economic times, said the U.S. bishops who oversee foreign and domestic policy on behalf of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in a letter to the U.S. House of Representatives.”

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Justice & Peace Commission next year, contact the Chair.

■ Holy Cross Village - Holy Week Services ■

**Holy Thursday (Thursday, April 21st)**

11:30 A.M. Mass (OLHCC)

Followed by Veneration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3 P.M.

8:00 P.M. Mass (SJC)

5:00 P.M. Mass (CH)

**Good Friday (Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

11:30 A.M. Services (OLHCC)

3:00 P.M. Services (SJC)

No Services (CH)

**Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

7:00 P.M. Easter Vigil (OLHCC)

9:00 P.M. Easter Vigil (SJC)

8:30 P.M. Easter Vigil (CH)



**Easter Sunday (Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>)**

11:30 A.M. Mass (OLHCC)

10:00 A.M. Mass (SJC)

11:00 A.M. Mass (CH)

SJC	– Saint Joseph Chapel
OLHCC	– Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel
CH	– Columba Hall



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