

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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The Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil

The Easter Triduum, marking the days of Jesus' passion and resurrection, is the most important time of the church year. It begins with the evening Mass of Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes on Easter Sunday evening.

Prepared by the days of Lent, Christians celebrate on these holiest of days the saving work God has accomplished in Christ.

From the events remembered these days, so sorrowful and so joyful, the church learns the deepest lessons. In rites and words the mysteries of Jesus' final hours are with us again, his passion, his cruel suffering, his rising from the dead. And we discover the answer to age old questions: Does God love us?

Is God merciful? Does God care for us?

We have only to look and learn from Jesus Christ.

These are days for fixing our eyes on the holy mystery.

Here is the schedule for the Easter Triduum on the Notre Dame, St. Mary's and Holy Cross Village/College campuses.

Holy Cross Village/College

Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 11:30 a.m.; Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion 11:30 a.m.; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 7:00 p.m.; Easter Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Chapel: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00 p.m.; Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m.; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 9:00 p.m.; Easter Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.

St. Mary's College

Church of the Loretto: Holy Thursday 6:30 p.m., Closing of Adoration in the O'Grady Center 9:30 p.m.; Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m.; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8:45 p.m.; Easter Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

University of Notre Dame

Columba Hall: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 5:00 p.m.; Good Friday – No Services; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m.; Easter Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart; Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 5:00 p.m., Adoration begins at 6:30 p.m.; Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m.; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 9:00 p.m.; Easter Sunday Masses 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.; Easter Paschal Vespers 7:15 p.m.; ND Students' Easter Sunday Mass 9:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Parish in the Crypt: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11:00 a.m.; Celebration of the Lord's Passion 1:00 p.m.; Holy Saturday Blessing of the Easter Food 1:00 p.m., Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.; Easter Sunday Masses 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The Admissions App:
Revolutionizing the College Application Process

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE  **NOTRE DAME, IN (March 29, 2012)** A groundbreaking app released by Holy Cross College enables students, for the first time ever, to apply and be accepted to college simply by using an application for mobile devices.

Developed for Holy Cross by South Bend, Indiana based Little i Apps, LLC, *The Admissions App* is an achievement application for iPhone and Android users that propels students through the admissions process on the devices they use daily.

According to a recent Pew Research study, 75% of teens in the United States own a mobile device. Next year, the number is expected to continue to grow. More than 54% of those teens use their device daily to communicate with friends, compared to only 11% who use e-mail. *The Admissions App* offers prospective Holy Cross College students a new and more natural way to experience the admissions process.

“There is a strong national trend towards smart phones so it just made sense to integrate this technology into our admissions process,” said Robert Kloska, Vice President for Mission Advancement. “The education we deliver keeps up to date, so why should our admissions process be any different?”

“We’re excited to be able to offer this as an option to our prospective students. We want to do everything possible to be responsive to their preferred form of communication,” added Marie Bensman, Dean of Admissions and Enrollment Management. “It’s just good business.”

The free Holy Cross College Admissions App is now available for iPhones in the App Store. The Android version will be available soon.

The Admissions App is now available on the market for any interested institution. For more information about *The Admissions App*, please visit www.theadmissionsapp.com. To learn more about Little i Apps, visit www.littleiapps.com. Patrick Leinen, developer and co-founder, can be reached at patrick@littleiapps.com or (574) 387-2064.

Little i Apps is a mobile applications development startup with a Roman Catholic twist.

Columba Hall Holy Week Retreat

Columba Hall residents, as well as Brothers from the area, attended a six day retreat given by Noel Mueller, OSB a monk of St. Meinrad Archabbey. Father Mueller is currently a professor at St. Meinrad College in the Pastoral Studies Department. Mueller has worked as a missionary in Peru, in hospital ministry, Marriage Encounter, and with youth and disabled persons. He is secretary to the archabbot and retreat director. The retreat opened on Friday, March 30 and closed on Wednesday of Holy Week.



We're Living Longer

I was doing a little research work for the Chapter committee I'm on. I wanted to produce some information concerning the role that Br. William Geenen's Senior Citizen Centers' apostolate has had on our Midwest Province. That successful project also spurred the development of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame where many province members volunteer and serve the needs of residents living in Schubert Villa, Dujarie House, Andre Place and in the Village.

I decided to analyze the ages of members of our Midwest Province at the time of their deaths. This is the surprising data that I found:

| Decade | Number of Deaths | Average Age at Death |
|--------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1950s | 12 | 62.7 |
| 1960s | 26 | 58.2 |
| 1970s | 40 | 71.3 |
| 1980s | 35 | 74.9 |
| 1990s | 52 | 75.8 |
| 2000s | 66 | 79.6 |



You will notice that there is a surprising increase in longevity (or the average age of death) when the 1970s began. In fact, statistically there is a significant increase in longevity between the 50s and 60s (where the average age at death is 59.8 years) and the next four decades (the 70s to the present) where the average age at death is 76.1 years! That is a highly significant 27% increase in the average life span of 193 Brothers who have died since 1970.

There are many factors which can contribute to longevity — smoking cessation, elimination of diseases, improved nutrition, physical activity, a healthy lifestyle, genetic influences, and positive reinforcement.

The concept of “Wellness” was first coined in the 1970s. That was also the decade of an increase in physical activity through the writing of “*The Complete Book of Running*” by Jim Fixx. People started taking better care of themselves. We are now more attentive to wellness programs that are available in the Province. We are generous in tending to the needs and caring for others through the assisted living programs and by volunteering to help in activities either at Holy Cross Village or in other Province apostolates.

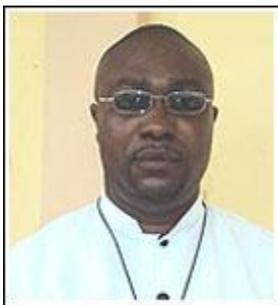
The old phrase, “Only the good die young” is certainly not true now. There is a great deal of good being done by the “senior citizens” within our province.

Br. Lawrence Stewart

Health Care Needs Assessment in the Province

On Wednesday, March 28th, Brother Lew Brazil, Director of Healthcare & Aging, assembled a task force of local outside healthcare professionals to meet with consultants, Sheila Guenin, HFA and Jane Meier RN (Health & Hospital Corp. of America) to provide scope and direction for an upcoming healthcare needs assessment in the Province. These consultants will conduct their assessment of our current and future healthcare needs sometime in May. Results will be ready for the ongoing work of the Ministry to the Self committee at our upcoming Chapter in June.

Family Rosary Ministries in Ghana



Family Rosary Ministries in Ghana now has its own web page. It can be found at the following web address: just click on the link:

<http://ghana.familyrosary.org/>

Take a look. Soon we will begin to populate it with programme pictures and descriptions so you can keep abreast of what Holy Cross Family Rosary Ministries in Ghana is doing.

The family that prays together stays together.

In Holy Cross,
Br. Patrick Baah

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Prayer Request

Brother Chris Torrijas is asking that we continue to remember his sister in prayer. The most recent update is that Debbie is scheduled for surgery Wednesday, April 4th, at Porter Memorial Hospital to remove a cancerous tumor from her lung. The family is certainly worried, but hopeful the approximate 4-hour long surgery will be successful. Please keep Debbie, her husband Jeff, and their daughter Christina in your prayers,

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