

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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January 9, 2013

Christmas Crib at Columba Hall

On the evening of the 24th, Christmas Mass began with a reading by **Brother John Doran**, of the genealogy leading to the birth of Jesus. **Brother William Schu**, oldest in house rank, placed the figure of the baby Jesus in a crib while **Fr. William Blum** and Columba Hall members revered the birth of our Savior.



Christmas Charity Drive

St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio

In the Holy Cross Constitutions we are called to be “men with hope to bring.” Likewise, during the Season of Advent we are filled with a great hope, as we await the celebration of the birth of our savior; the child whose birth caused the angel to decree, “I proclaim to you good news of great joy.” The students, faculty, staff, and parents at St. Edward High School set out to share the hope and joy of the Christmas Season with an “adopt a family” Christmas Charity Drive.



Each of the school’s homerooms was assigned to a family, and tasked with collecting toys, clothing, and household items (such as soap, detergent, toothpaste, etc.) The families supported were identified by a variety of social service agencies in Lakewood and Cleveland. In addition to bringing in items, the students also made monetary donations to help purchase items for the families in need. Aside from collecting money and items, many of the homerooms also did their best to make “their family” a part of their homeroom over the course of the drive; making Christmas Cards to include with their donations, and remembering “their family” in their daily class prayers.



By the time the drive was completed the community had raised nearly \$3,000 and collected over 350 toys and items of clothing, and were also able to donate nearly \$1,000 in gift cards. After all the items were collected, a group of St. Ed’s students as well as some parent volunteers spent the day wrapping the gifts before they could be passed along to the families in need. To cap off the drive, a group of St. Edward High School students and faculty traveled around the city of Cleveland, delivering the gifts to the homes of many of the families that were “adopted” by homerooms during the Christmas season.

Liam Haggerty '02

Vice President of Mission Effectiveness

Christmas Chapels - Notre Dame Area

Pictures may be views at: <http://www.brothersofholycross.com> on the homepage.

Holiday Gatherings at Columba Hall and St. Joseph Place

On Friday, December 28 there were two holiday gatherings, one at Columba Hall welcoming a busload of residents from Andre Place in Holy Cross Village for a musical social gathering by Brother Lew Brazil and jazz-vocalist Marian Emery along with a dinner hosted by Brother Thomas Moser, superior of Columba and residents. In the future more residents of the Village will visit Columba Hall.



A second gathering included 10 brothers invited to a social and dinner hosted by **Brother Chester Freel** at the new St. Joseph Place in Holy Cross Village. The gathering included guest **Brothers John Paige, Lawrence Stewart, Charles Drevon, Richard Johnson, Joseph Fox and Charles McBride** (not pictured behind the camera). House residents included **Brother Raymond Harrington, Raymond Papenfuss, Chester Freel, and James Leik**. Besides the social and dinner the brothers had an opportunity to tour the new residence. The Brothers are pictured saying grace before the meal.



Columba Hall Choir Goes Caroling

One way to get the true spirit of Christmas is to bring that spirit to others. Many Brothers at Columba Hall signed up to go caroling to the Holy Cross family in the Notre Dame area. We had a short practice and spread the cheer to the folks at Dujarie and Schubert on Saturday, Dec. 15 and to the Holy Cross Sisters living at St. Mary's on Wednesday, Dec. 19. We had a lot of fun, and they were so appreciative. Dressed in our Santa hats and red bow ties, how could we not lighten their spirits. Members in our group included... (See pictures below), James Reddy and Doug Williams, a member of St. Mary's Choir.

Brother Carl Sternberg



St. Joseph Place

**Brothers of Holy Cross
400 W. River Ridge Drive
Holy Cross Village
Notre Dame, IN 46556**

Open House and Dedication Sunday, Jan 13, 2013

Open House: 2:00 -- 5:00 pm

Dedication & House Blessing at 3:30 pm

Please come to see the house
and meet the residents

(Please, no gifts; your presence is all that we ask.)

Holy Cross College Offers \$3,500 Bishop Rhoades Scholarship to All Students of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese

NOTRE DAME, IN (December 17, 2012) Holy Cross College continues its commitment to helping Catholic students in the local area by offering the Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades Scholarship.

"We are happy to offer this scholarship to assist our local students, as well as to honor Bishop Rhoades as our beloved local Ordinary and friend of Holy Cross College," says Br. John Paige, C.S.C., President of Holy Cross College.

The Bishop Rhoades Scholarship provides \$3,500 annually to any student graduating from a Catholic high school in the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese, who is accepted to Holy Cross College. Students from area public high schools who attend a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are also eligible for the scholarship by simply submitting a letter of recommendation from their pastor.

"We value our relationship with the diocese," says Robert Kloska, St. Matthew Cathedral parishioner and Vice President of Mission Advancement at Holy Cross College. "We know we provide an excellent return on investment for families and we like helping our local families in a very deliberate way."

The scholarship is renewable each year as long as the student maintains a grade point average of 2.5 or above. Over the course of a four-year college career, the total benefit could total up to \$14,000.

This scholarship is a wonderful opportunity for young men and women of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese to continue in Catholic higher education in the Holy Cross Tradition. Bishop Rhoades states, "I am grateful for the strong and close collaboration between Holy Cross College and our diocese."

Holy Cross currently has 21 Bishop Rhoades Scholars enrolled at the college which include Amanda Fontenot, Rachel Staley, Madelyn Martinec, Juan Costantino, and Guido Caponigri-Guerra of St. Joseph High School (South Bend), Coley Schultheis, Regan Shea, Evelyn Gonzalez, Abby Prichard, Rocky Gizzi, Anton Beiting, and Dominick Tirota of Marian High School (Mishawaka), Zamyra Magallon, Ruth Davidson, and Zayra Valencia of Adams High School (South Bend), Chloe Reid of Penn-Harris High School (Mishawaka), Tina Laskowski of Riley High School (South Bend), Joseph Santerre of Elkhart Memorial High School (Elkhart), Carmen Lowe of Homestead High School (Ft.

Wayne), Cody Richardson of Lakeland High School (Lagrange), and Michelle Roy of Ft. Wayne.

The application process is free and may be downloaded at www.hcc-nd.edu/apply<<http://www.hcc-nd.edu/apply>>. For more information on the Bishop Rhoades Scholarship, contact Holy Cross College at 574-239-8400 or email admissions@hcc-nd.edu<<mailto:admissions@hcc-nd.edu>>.

Christmas Decorating is His Niche (South Bend Tribune)



Schubert Villa residents admire decorations put up by Brother Thomas Rock. It's a sure sign of the season at Schubert Villa as their favorite brother prepared decorations for Christmas.

For years Brother Thomas Rock was the cook for Schubert Villa, a cozy cluster of assisted living apartments nestled among the trees at the

Brothers of Holy Cross at Holy Cross College.

Now retired, he spends most of his time around Christmas decorating the villa as a way of spreading the holiday spirit and bringing a warm homey feeling to the place.



Here is a link to Br. Thomas Rock's story on Christmas in the South Bend Tribune:

<http://www.southbendtribune.com/community/sbt-christmas-decorating-is-his-niche-20121223,0,3783650.story>

Holy Cross Today - Ghana



Click here for the latest District news letter:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/HCGhana/Publications/DNL15-3OctDec2012.pdf>

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Prayers Requested

Midwest Province

Brother Carroll Posey has returned to the Notre Dame area. Carroll has completed his recent hospitalization for complications related to maintaining his balance. The underlying problem appears to be a recent onslaught of symptoms caused by Parkinson's Disease. The second floor of Bessette House will be the new residence for Brother Carroll.

Brother Chester Freel

Moreau Province

Dear Members and Friends from the Moreau Province,

Over the years, many of us have noticed that persons seem to face particularly difficult challenges towards the end of the year. In addition to those fighting the usual bout with colds and the flu, the following men are coping with significant changes in health status or other areas of their lives.

Br. Romard Bartel continues to meet the adaptation challenges which came with his change in residence from St. Joe Hall to Vincent Pieau.

Br. Robert Brown recently underwent a biopsy for a tumor. He has received a diagnosis of a malignancy, and will begin to plan with his oncologist.

Br. Francis Feeley will undergo a cardiac catheterization today (Tuesday) to try to determine the reasons he is experiencing shortness of breath.

Br. John Kuchenbrod received word on Monday morning that his sister, Frances Rienzo, of the Boston area, died over the weekend. Funeral arrangements are pending. He also found out that his brother, Jim, suffered a serious stroke on Saturday morning. Jim was airlifted to St. Barnabas Hospital for immediate measures to stop the bleeding. John, who is trying to cope with his own significant challenges from Parkinson's, has been deeply shocked by this unexpected news.

Br. John McLaughlin has been discharged back to his community at Brother Vincent Pieau Residence. 'Mac' is happy to be home!

Br. Alex Stroz had a very severe choking incident a week ago that required follow-up hospitalization. He is back home in St. Joseph Center, medically stable but feeling a general malaise. He's had physical therapy, but has had some falls and requires more assistance in getting about than before the incident.

Br. John Terlisner has had yet another recent neurosurgery to relieve pressure on the brain. As you know, this is the latest in a series of brain surgeries that have followed a bike accident. Used to being very physically active, John finds the time in between PT sessions a real cross. He is continuing his recovery over these days.

Brother Mark Knightly

Aging and Health Care
Moreau Province

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