

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## Winter of 2014 – Part 2

Arctic Vortex II began in Michiana on Thursday, January 23 at 2:00 p.m. when 15 semi-trucks and a dozen cars crashed in a whiteout on the Indiana Toll Road at the Michigan City exit. Three people lost their lives. It took 24 hours to clear the wreckage and open the toll road.



During the next four days:

- Area schools were closed for four days, Friday through Wednesday (today)
- St. Joseph County issued a travel ban with a \$2,5000 fine for violators from 12 Noon Monday, through 12 Noon Tuesday, January 28.
- Over 72 inches of snow has fallen this winter
- Notre Dame closed from Monday Noon to Tuesday at 12 Noon
- Services were cancelled at St. Joseph Chapel in Holy Cross Village Monday and Tuesday
- So far this winter we have had 10 days below 0, the normal is 5.3 below 0
- On Tuesday, January 28, Michiana had a low of -19 below 0 with a wind chill of -40 degrees below 0

- Winds of 35-40 miles per hour produced snow drifts of three feet or more on local streets and wind chills of up to a -40 degrees



Words of Remembrance at Funeral Mass for  
Brother Edward Wauchter, C.S.C.  
by Brother Chester Freel, C.S.C.



Good morning. I am Brother Chester Freel, Provincial Superior of the Brothers of Holy Cross, Midwest Province.

On behalf of the Brothers of Holy Cross, I wish to express our condolences to the family of Brother Edward Wauchter. With us this morning are Edward's sister, Marge and three of Ed's nephews, Jeff, Greg and his wife Laura, and Robert with his wife Regina. A fourth nephew, Tim,

was unable to be here this morning, but his wife Sue joined the family in traveling here from Pittsburgh. We thank you for being with us today to celebrate Edward's life.

In addition, I extend the appreciation of the Brothers to the staff at Dujarie House, who provided such wonderful care to Brother Edward over this last year, and who afforded him such quality assistance as his health gradually declined.

***“Well done good and faithful servant.”*** We all want to hear those words spoken by our Master as we depart from this earth, and face our final judgment.

Who is a good and faithful servant? What must one do to be considered such a servant? This phrase comes from Matthew 25:21, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share in the joy of thy lord.’”

This verse is from the Parable of the Talents, and is the story of the three servants who were given coins, and instructed by the Master to invest the monies while he was away on a long trip. You probably know the story line well: Two of the servants faithfully obeyed the directive, invested the master's money, and when the master returned was able to give him a healthy return on the principal. However, the third servant did not invest the master's money given to him. Rather, he buried it in the ground, and when the master returned, the servant had no increase to offer his master. He was not a "good and faithful" servant. He did not obey his master. In fact the master called him a "wicked, lazy servant."

This parable of the talents is really about those who obey and follow the Lord. It helps us understand what it means to be a good and faithful servant. All three servants did something. The third servant I am sure thought he had done "his best" but when he tried to explain his action, the master in the parable did not even listen. There is a message here for us. God rewards those who are faithful to his call of following the Gospels.

There are many ways to describe Brother Edward: quiet but friendly, good-natured but somewhat reserved, a man of routine who could always enjoy a joke or a surprise. However, at the top of the list, I would insert the word **faithful**. Faithful to the obligation of religious life, faithful to his duties as a teacher and librarian, in fact, faithful to whatever duties were assigned to him, and up until his health failed, faithful to his daily walks, be they at Lakewood or here at Notre Dame.

Yes, Ed loved his walks. He enjoyed being outside. He was very conscientious about his health, and knew in advance of many health professionals that long walks are good for the body and the soul. For several years, Ed would winter at the Eastern Priests Province's residence in Coco Beach. There too he would take long walks, and was able to visit with his sister Marge who likewise enjoyed the warm seasonal sunshine of Florida, which is not a bad idea given the current weather conditions outside.

Let me share with you a note I received from Brother Dennis Bednarz, who taught with Ed at St. Edward High School for many years. Dennis often referred to Brother Edward as "my mentor," and Ed took great delight in such recognition. Dennis very much wanted to be with us this morning, but could not break away from the classroom as this is the first week of the new semester at St. Ed's.

"Brother Ed Wauchter was a man who had his routines. He was always at Morning Prayer, the Eucharist, and Evening Prayer. He was always at our evening meal and he was a man who loved to take his walks. He was like a neighborhood watch person as he made his circuit in Lakewood. He was curious, and would always come back telling us stories about what he saw as he made the rounds.

Many of these times Ed would "conjecture" what he was seeing and that would lead to rounds of laughter around the dinner table. He also would keep an eye late at night on the activities of Detroit Avenue and tell us the following morning what he saw taking place at the local corner bar, the Hook-n-Ladder.

What many did not know was Ed's love for dancing and music. The disco era was made for him. He would often go to the disco at night and watch the folks there. Staff members at St. Edward recalled seeing Ed at some of the local discos on Detroit Avenue just sitting there and taking in the scene. Ed was at school early in the morning until mid-afternoon. He would open the library, help students, and work with his longtime assistant, Ruth Stopper. Ed was always on the move early to get to his library. We often kidded him about this and then told him that he must be in a hurry since he had sugar-powdered doughnuts hidden up there! It became the joke of the house, and every time there were doughnuts in the house, we'd tell Ed we would save the sugar-powdered ones for him. Ed would just smile.

The library took on new importance for Ed when Br. William Dygert renovated and moved the library and put in place a domed skylight. Ed was very conscious of that new domed skylight and would often look out the windows in the Brothers' house toward the dome to make sure the lights were off at night. He would often walk over to the school at night to make sure the library was secured.

With his little quirks, Ed could certainly bring the jokes in his direction. However, he loved being the center of attention. He could give as good as he got, and none of the remarks were personal or hurtful.

All in all, Ed was our St. Joseph in the library; diligent, conscientious, kind, reflective. He was a gentle soul who never took himself too seriously, always doing his work and enjoying the simple pleasures of life."

(Thank you **Brother Dennis**, for sharing these memories of your mentor.)

This was our Brother Edward: always conscientious, always dependable, right to the end. Let me give three examples of this faithfulness even in Ed's last days. First, Ed completed the most recent Congregational Consultation survey, just to be sure his voice would be heard one last time. His community obligations were important to him.

Second, when he was hospitalized about a month prior to his death, Ed was insistent that Marget know of his situation. In fact, on the Friday before his death, Ed made one last phone call to his family, perhaps subconsciously saying good-bye. His family connection had to be maintained, one last time.

And third, on the day before his own death, Ed was in attendance at Brother William Gates' funeral mass, saying good-bye to William and perhaps "conjecturing," just as he used to on his long walks, what eternal life would be like. Ed's final preparation for meeting his Master had to be completed.

**Well done, good and faithful servant!** You have been faithful with a few things. Now the Lord will put you in charge of many things. We know you are presently sharing in the joy of your lord. I hope it is all that you conjectured it would be.....and so much more. Enjoy your walk Ed. You have earned it. You were a good and faithful servant.

**Carefully observe what way  
your heart draws you and  
then choose that way with  
all your strength.**

Hasidic saying



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## Hoban Campus Ministry and Service Outreach Events Planned

Campus Ministry hosted the first semiannual Kairos Reunion on Dec. 30 for all those who made a Kairos over the past two years. Almost 100 Hoban Alumni attended the event, which included Mass, dinner and students sharing about keeping their faith in college. The next reunion will occur this summer. Please contact Mary Bulgrin for more details.

**JAM 2014 Dates Announced.** JAM, or Justice Akron Ministry, is a three- or four-day opportunity for Hoban students to participate in a social justice service project while they build community with one another and grow in their faith.

- Junior and Senior JAM: June 23-26
- Freshman and Sophomore JAM: June 30-July 2

Applications will be available in February.

### Service and Outreach

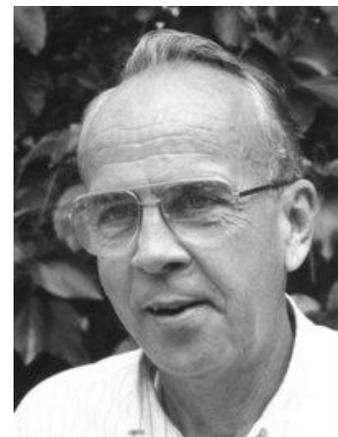
- Fourteen Hoban students are accompanying the annual medical missionary trip to Honduras Jan. 15-22. The trip is sponsored by Holy Family parish in Stow and provides medical services to the needy people of the Central American country and the Hoban students serve as translators. The group consists of Madalyn Beban, Felicia Bisconti, Patricia Constantine, Marianne Dannemiller, Benjamin Easton, Katherine Easton, Tess Davey, Katherine Frego, Matthew McGee, Rodrigo Pereira, Kelly Robbins, Alyssa Tarr, Tyler Wallace and Shane Wiedt. Father Mike Ausperk and Hoban teachers Jason Dzik and Katie Buzzelli are chaperoning the group.
- Over 50 students participated in the first Immersion Program Retreat held Sunday, Jan. 5, in preparation for the upcoming trips planned throughout the second semester. Students spent the afternoon in the Holy Cross Room working in small groups, focusing on the four key components of Hoban's Immersion Program: living simply, building community, doing justice and engaging spirituality. Trips for the 2013-14 school year are the Honduras Immersion on Jan. 15-22, the El Salvador Immersion on Feb. 12-19, alternative spring break April 21-26 and the India Immersion tentatively on June 4-15 .

- With the snow, cold air and blustery winds that winter brings, Hoban's project HOPE is in need of your winter hats, gloves, scarves, jackets, socks or boots that you may not be using. All donations will be distributed to Akron's homeless community on Wednesday nights. If you are interested in donating, please contact Jason Horinger at [horingerj@hoban.org](mailto:horingerj@hoban.org) or Greg Milo at [milog@hoban.org](mailto:milog@hoban.org).
- The Office of Service and Outreach is looking for volunteers willing to donate food for its monthly hot meal program at East Akron Community House. Hoban teams, groups and organizations can step up to sponsor a month to help provide a hot meal to those struggling in our community. Please contact Mr. Horinger if you are interested in helping out.
- Attention Hoban alumni living in Chicago, Ill., and Austin, Texas: The Office of Service and Outreach is sending students to your city during spring break as a part of its Alternative Spring Break program. During April 21-26 students will be working with and serving community members in those cities. If you would like to take part in some of the service while we are there, please contact Jason Horinger at [horingerj@hoban.org](mailto:horingerj@hoban.org) for more information.

**Excerpts from *Knight News*, Hoban – January 2014**

**Memorial Mass for  
Brother William Gates, C.S.C.**

There will be a Memorial and Thanksgiving Mass to celebrate the life and service of Brother William Gates, C.S.C. on Saturday, February 15 at 10:00 a.m. at E: St. Bro. Andre Chapel, Holy Cross District Centre, Brafoyaw. The celebrant will be The Most Rev. Matthias Nketsia, Archbishop of Cape Coast, Ghana.



All are invited to join with Holy Cross in thanksgiving to God for the life and service of Bro. William. Together let us be grateful for his life, his work, and the love he so selflessly shared with so many of us in Ghana - Africa.

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