

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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Wednesday Evenings - 7-8 PM  
Geenan Hall

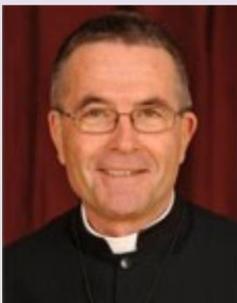
February 25  
Father Matthew Cowden



## **"Celtic Christianity and the Culture of the English Church"**

Father Matthew is the Pastor and Rector of Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in South Bend. He is an Anglican priest who has married into a Roman Catholic family and so is acutely aware of the need and nuances of ecumenical dialogue. He received his M.Div. at Virginia Seminary outside Washington, DC, and his MFA in theater from UCLA. With a background in performing arts and public speaking, he teaches occasionally at IUSB and is a guest speaker in classes at Notre Dame. Fr Matthew has been seen by greater Michiana audiences at the Morris theater playing Herr Drosselmeyer in Southold Ballet's *Nutcracker*.

March 4th  
Brother John Paige, CSC



**"The Pope Francis Challenge"** Brother John Paige CSC, a native of Albany, NY, is currently in his fourth year of service as President of Holy Cross College at Notre Dame, Indiana. Brother John has worked with youth and young adults as a teacher, coach and administrator in secondary schools; as a college professor and administrator in higher education institutions in the USA and East Africa; as a formator of young religious in the Congregation of Holy Cross and as a member of

the General Administration of the Congregation. He resides at the St. Joseph House Formation Community on the Holy Cross College campus.

# Lent 2015

## February 18 – April 2



“Even now,” says  
the Lord, “return  
to me with all  
your heart, with  
fasting...”

“Return to the  
Lord, your God,  
for God is  
gracious and  
merciful, slow to  
anger, and  
abounding in  
steadfast love...”

Prophet Joel – Hebrew Scriptures

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## Shroud of Turin Talk by Brother Lawrence Stewart



**Brother Lawrence  
Stewart**

On Tuesday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, “Ash Wednesday eve,” Larry Stewart gave a 45-minute presentation with photos in the Columba Hall Chapel entitled, “*Science and the Shroud.*” It was a PowerPoint show complete with appropriate slides of research work on the Shroud of Turin done by Prof.

Steve Mattingly.



Steve is from Evansville, a 1961 graduate of Reitz Memorial High. Steve was convinced by the Brothers at Memorial to go to college down at St. Edward’s University in Austin. Steve studied biology and was Br. Daniel Lynch’s lab assistant for 2 years. He wanted to major in microbiology, so he had to transfer to the University of Texas where he graduated in 1965.

Steve went to graduate school at Temple University where he earned his PhD with honors. He was hired at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio where he was a research lecturer and professor in the Department of Microbiology teaching in the Medical and Dental Schools for 33 years.

Larry said that he has known Steve for more than 20 years. While teaching in New Orleans at Our Lady of Holy Cross College, he applied for a research-study grant with the American Society for Microbiology and spent two summers working with professors at the UT Health Science Center in San Antonio. That’s where he and Steve Mattingly became good friends.

Steve’s primary research work was in studying bacteria and learning practical applications of their use in nature. For instance, he developed cultures of bacteria that could digest grease and oil build-up in kitchen drains.

Steve’s more fascinating research was in analyzing some fibers from the Shroud of Turin that he received in 1993. He wondered whether the “resident” bacteria that normally are found on everybody’s skin could have been responsible for the formation of the image on the Shroud. Steve had learned, “when analyzing a

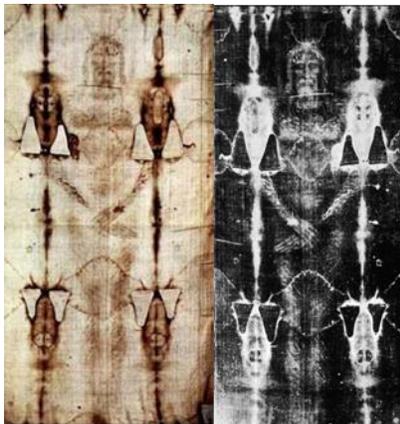
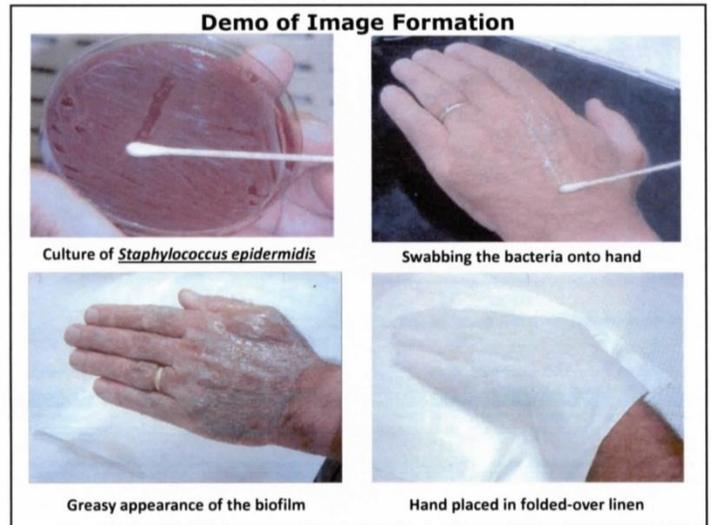
problem in science, you first start with the simplest explanation.” The image on the Shroud has been attributed to special unknown artwork, or some kind of radiation or lasers or supernatural light.



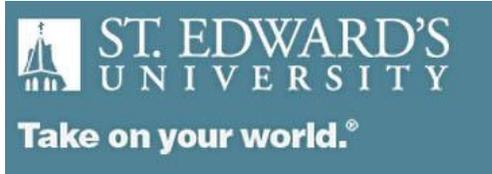
Steve performed a simple experiment by using ordinary skin bacteria (*Staphylococcus Epidermidis*). He coated the back of his hand with the bacteria, then inserted his hand into a fold of ordinary linen. He stayed motionless for 30 minutes, then peeled the linen off his hand and noticed a straw-yellow outline of his fingers and hand from the drying of the bacteria. A photo of that hand showed a darkish image of his hand, exactly like photos of the Man of the Shroud. Steve has reported his work at numerous scientific meetings, in microbiology research papers, and presentations to the public.

He is writing a book now entitled, “How Skin Bacteria Produced the Image on the Shroud of Turin.”

As Steve has said, “This demonstration and hypothesis is the ONLY natural explanation of how the image on the Shroud would be formed from what Jesus suffered in the scourging, from the crown of thorns, the crucifixion, his death, and eventual wrapping of His body in the burial linen.”



## Brother Ronald Drahozal



**AMAZING  
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**Brother Ronald Drahozal, CSC, '61 has helped thousands of drug addicts in Bangladesh since opening the country's first treatment center 26 years ago. Last summer, he introduced 17 students to his work — and to what selfless service really means. ...**

By Stacia Hernstrom MLA '05 | Illustrations by Alec Morgan



**Brother Ronald  
Drahozal, CSC**

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## Feast of St. Joseph Celebration

Dear Holy Cross Community,

On behalf of the Moreau Seminary community I would like to invite you to a special celebration on the Feast of St. Joseph. St. Joseph's Day Mass will be celebrated at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Following the liturgy we will have a festive dinner at Moreau Seminary (at approximately 6:30 p.m.).

Please contact Tami Grimslid at 631-7735 or [tgrimslid@holycrossusa.org](mailto:tgrimslid@holycrossusa.org) to let us know if you can attend the dinner. We look forward to having you join us for this celebration in honor of St. Joseph and the Brothers of Holy Cross.

Fraternally,  
Rev. Peter Jarret, C.S.C.  
Assistant Superior of Moreau Seminary



Icon by Joseph Brown

## Health Updates

Brothers,

Here is an update on the status of some of our members who have recently experienced some health difficulties:

- 1) **Brother Henry Skitzki** was briefly discharged from South Bend Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, but has since been readmitted. The suspicion is that an old infusion port is causing an infection. Henry was scheduled to have the port removed, and to start a course of antibiotics. Once discharged, Henry will begin a period of physical rehabilitation at Dujarie House.
- 2) **Brother John Doran** (Moreau Province) is now back at Columba Hall after a bout of pneumonia and reports feeling much improved.
- 3) **Brother John May** has returned to Schubert Villa having recovered sufficiently from flu-like symptoms. Prior to going to the hospital, it appears John fell and broke three ribs.
- 4) **Brother Charles McBride** was afraid he suffered a “set back” on Sunday evening and spent a few days at Memorial Hospital, but is now back at Dujarie House for continued rehabilitation. The valve repair/replacement is working just fine, and the thought is that Charlie contracted a “virus” which caused a high temperature, cold shivers, and elevated blood pressure.

Please remember all of those mentioned above who are addressing various health care needs and issues.

Thank you.

**Brother Chester Freel**

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