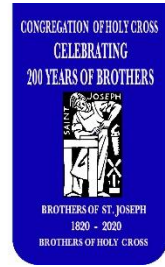


MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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May 20, 2020



Reflection: 05/17/20 Communion Service Brother Robert Moser, C.S.C.

God the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus in St. John's gospel for today, promises to send to His disciples as the spirit of truth and an advocate, is the third person of the Blessed Trinity, the personification and embodiment of the divine love that mutually exists and is expressed between God the Father and God the Son, whereby the Holy Spirit in transmitting that same love to us through the forms of grace, theological virtues, gifts, and fruits, is our sanctifier, that is, the one from all holiness comes to us.

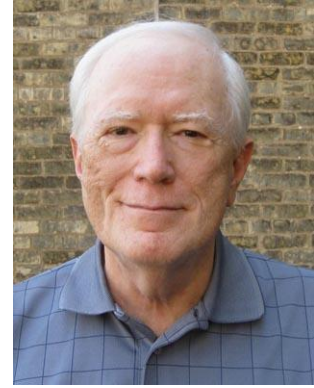
In a very short while we will be receiving in Holy Communion the real material, living presence of Jesus Christ, equally in His humanity and divinity, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. In doing so, we should, Brothers, remember, that, because of the perfect unity of the divine Trinity, we will, in an accompanying immaterial presence, be also receiving the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Brothers, now turn your attention to the ciborium on the altar. Let us consider with the eyes of faith what all of us see: we all see God really present, He looking at us and we looking at Him, the same God who created us, who called us to Holy Cross as his disciples, who as Jesus walked the same earth we have walked, who as Jesus suffered, died, and resurrected for us, and, yes, the God who one day will be our eternal judge.

In praise and thanksgiving, together let us pray: O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.



(left) **Brother James Kane** did readings.



(Right) **Brother Carl Sternberg** was the Eucharistic Minister



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As part of our communion service **Brother Philip Smith** sang the English version of *Panis Angelicus* accompanied by **Brother Daniel Kane** on the organ and **Brother George Klawitter** on the violin. Click the above link to listen. You may have to click a second time to start the video. Sorry, but it is only a few seconds in duration.



Brothers Daniel Kane and George Klawitter added that special touch to our communion service with their musical talents.

Congratulations Brother Manuel Sunday 17, 2020



Celebration for Br. Manuel Gomes and his graduation from Notre Dame from the Mendoza School of Business. We (at Saint Joseph House, Pulte Hall) celebrated by having fireworks Saturday night and continued on Sunday with his virtual graduation and dinner in the evening.

Br Christopher Torrijas

To see the graduation and the fire works, first turn up the sound on your device, then click on one of the videos below that you choose. Click again on **open** – enjoy.



Graduation



Fireworks



This Week

Information on individual early Brothers of St. Joseph for posting week by week in 2020.

May 17 – 23 In this week on May 23, 1843, Brother Andre Mottais wrote his final letter. It is addressed to his old friend Brother Vincent Pieau in Indiana.

May 24 – 30 In this week Brother Henry Taupin was born in 1792. He became the 3rd member of the four Brother Directors of the Brothers of St. Joseph before 1835.

Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle (May 14, 2020)
Reflection for Thursday's Communion Service

OK, Now what?!! It was a troublesome time for the disciples. Jesus' physical presence *seemed* to be gone from among them. Jesus had spoken of this, but the reality was stark. Recent events had unfolded in an unexpected way. They felt threatened, hemmed in, by the general public outrage. One of the Apostles had betrayed his sacred trust for his own private gain, had turned on Jesus and on the other disciples. What a test of their own commitments!

They could have collapsed spiritually and physically into themselves. Defeated. Alone. Afraid. Instead, they met together – like a General Chapter – and made a decision to rebuild, to refresh, and to reaffirm who they were and what they stood for. They decided to get on with it.

They appointed a new Apostle, the first one not called by Jesus, one who had known Jesus like the others, one who had seen with his own eyes that Jesus was resurrected and alive. Their appointment of Matthias formed a *bridge* between their dependency upon the leadership of Jesus and a faith-affirming decision of their own.

This act of “casting lots” – an ancient tradition – took place before Pentecost, after which time the disciples were guided by the Spirit and no longer had to cast lots.

OK, Now what?!! How is my current position as a Brother of Holy Cross not similar to those disciples at that time? What forces crowd me, threatening my sense of well-being? Age, declining health, impaired mobility, loss of sight, hearing, memory? Is this not a test, a dark time, one of Christ's wounds? What act of faith, of trust, is awaiting my decision? What measure of renewed – indeed “resurrected” – apostolic life am I called to?

The sun shines brightly, but I must **open** the window shades to let the sunshine light up the room. The air is everywhere, but I must **open** doors and windows to let in fresh air if I wish to make use of it. Like the first disciples, if I **open** myself to the divine, then I enter into communion with God.

God speaks to me through all these events in my life: In health and sickness, in joy and sorrow, in success and failure, in prosperity and adversity. God speaks to me through the Spirit abiding in me. To listen to God speaking to me, to receive His love and the gift of Himself – to embrace the change like those early disciples – I

have to **open** myself to Him.

After all... through the work of the Spirit, I have been chosen, like Matthias – among many more before and after me – to live the life of a Brother. Today’s Gospel specifically mentions: “I chose *you* and appointed *you* so that *you* might go and bear fruit—fruit that will *last*—and so that *whatever you ask* in my name *the Father will give you*. This is my command: Love each other.” (*John 15:16-17*)



James Kane, CSC

Midwest Holy Cross Associates

Holy CrossRoads **Writings for the Journey** **#8**

I know that my redeemer lives! (Job)

Dear Associates and Friends,

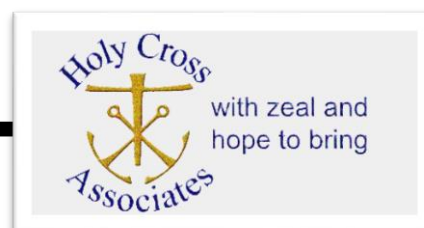
What constitutes a miracle? Does it have to be a “supernatural” event leading people to believe? I like to think of a miracle in a more subjective way. Remember how the tailor in “Fiddler on the Roof” sings, “Wonder of Wonders, Miracle of Miracles” when his girlfriend says “yes” to his offer of marriage. In this context a miracle is a wonderful event in which a person can see God’s hand. It is a blessing that can happen in ordinary time in which something beyond your control comes about. It could be a good report from a doctor, a call from a distant friend, a sense of a path that you are called to take out of a maze of uncertainty, the grace to bear a sorrow or disappointment.

Life itself becomes a joy when a person acknowledges the goodness of God manifested in what is happening in daily living. One can truly say with Job, I know that my redeemer lives!

Lord, help me see and appreciate the miracles in my life.

Brother Carl Sternberg, CSC
March 24, 2020

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Reflection

Reflection(s) sent in by
Brother Thomas Maddix:




I am only one.
But still I am one.

I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something;

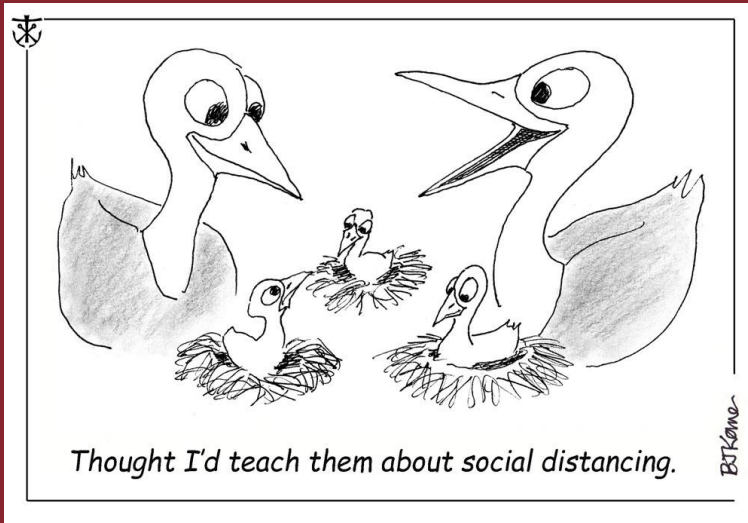
And because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.

- Edward Everett Hale


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