

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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**Merry
Christmas And a Blessed
New Year
from the Staff of
Midwest-Midweek**



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Reminder: Christmas Invite

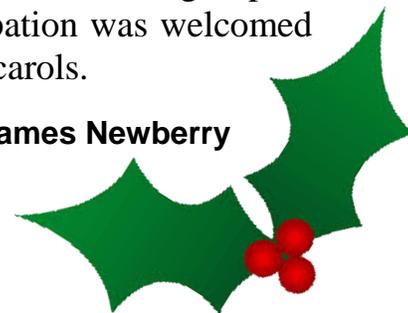
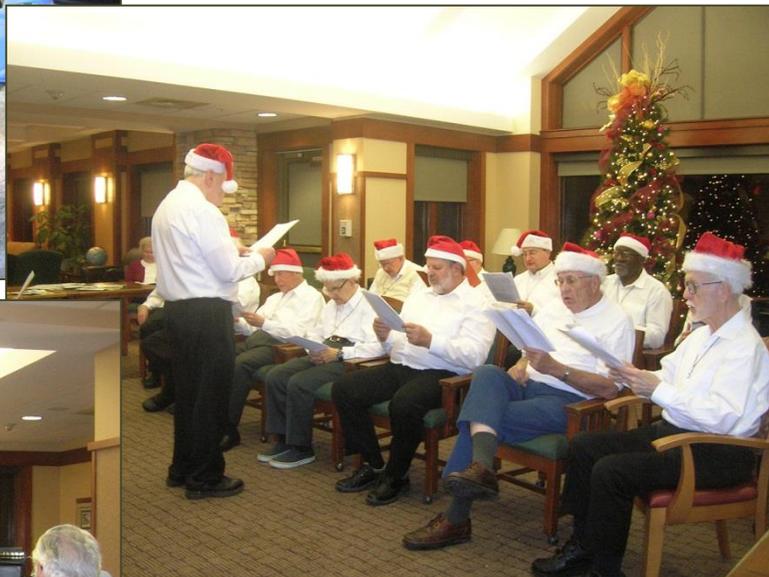
Columba Hall invites Holy Cross Community members from the Greater South Bend and Mishawaka area to its annual Christmas festivities on December 25: Mass at 10:30 AM followed by Social and Dinner. No RSVP is necessary.

The community also invites you to attend the vigil mass on the 24th of December at 8:00 PM with carols beginning at 7:30 PM. Soloists will be: Brothers James Newberry, Thomas Cunningham, and Joseph McTaggart.

Christmas Carols

Voices from the Columba Hall Choir rang out with Christmas songs on December 6 at Dujarie House. Brother Carl Sternberg is the music master for this group of singers. Participation was welcomed on some of the carols.

Photos by Br. James Newberry



“Lunch Time at the Novitiate”

**Inaugural issue of *Catholic Home*
*Catholic legacies within the Diocese of Colorado Springs***

Catholic Home featured a four page article on Brother James Blazek.

Article excerpts:

“Everybody cooks, explains gravelly-voiced Brother James, a friend and advocate for the novices. ...

“These guys are Gifts for God, and I treat them accordingly.”

“Stir in a good prayer and ...”

Although a digital version of the magazine was not found, there is a diocesan website. For a visit to the Colorado Springs website, go to: DIOCS.org



**Brother
James
Blazek**



Young Voices Bring Christmas Cheer

Tuesday between 3:00 and 4:00 PM, a choir formed of St. Joseph High School students came caroling for residences of Holy Cross Village. A collection of Christmas songs cheered all. A few were present in costume to add color to the occasion.



National Symposium Reminder

Attention Members of the Midwest Province: Are you interested in attending this *National Symposium on the Life of the Religious Brother*? If so, there are two ways to register: First, you can go to the link

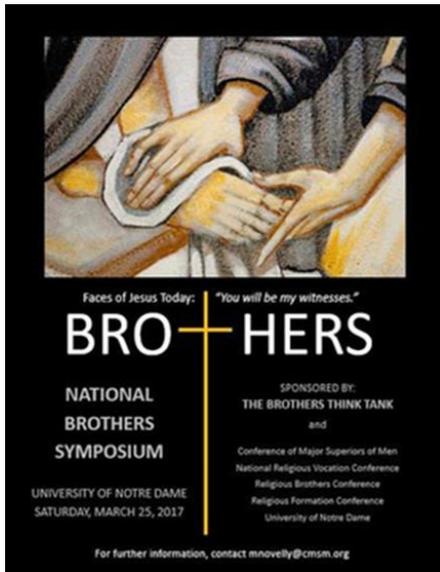
<http://www.yearforconsecratedlife.com/brothers-symposium.html>

and directly register. A second method is to contact Sharan Palmer at 631-2920 and ask her to complete the registration process for you. If you wish to pursue the second option, you must inform Sharan by January 27th.

Also, if you live outside of the Notre Dame area and plan to stay overnight at Columba Hall for the Symposium's weekend, please contact Br. Frank Ellis at francisellis502@yahoo.com for a room reservation. Rooms are available on a first contact-first reserved basis.

Thank you. **Brother Chester**

National Symposium on the Life of the Religious Brother



The **Brothers Think Tank** proudly announces the **National Symposium on the Life of the Religious Brother**, an event at the University of Notre Dame (South Bend, Indiana), to be held on the upcoming Feast of the Annunciation, Saturday, March 25, 2017. The program, based on the Vatican document on the *"Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church"* published in December 2015 is also being sponsored by the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, the National Religious Vocation Conference, the Religious Brothers Conference, the Religious Formation Conference, and the University of Notre Dame.

Benedictine Brother John Mark Falkenhain, OSB, professor of psychology at St. Meinrad's Seminary, will be the keynote speaker for the Symposium. Responders and panel discussion participants from several religious communities and ministries served by religious brothers are currently being identified. Participants in the Brothers Symposium are invited to conclude the day at the Vigil Mass for Sunday to be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. at the [Basilica of the Sacred Heart](#) on the University of Notre Dame campus.

The conference fee of \$75 for non-students will cover the cost of the program and lunch which will be served at the South Dining Hall at the University. Participants are asked to check-in at the registration area of the DeBartolo Building before 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 25th, so that the opening session may begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.



Andre Place Decorations



Columba Hall Decorations



Decorations by Brother Donald Morrison being placed around Columba Hall.



Reflection



You gain strength, courage, and confidence by
every experience in which you really stop
to look fear in the face...
do the thing you think you cannot do.

Eleanor Roosevelt

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Best of the Week – Saint Edward High School NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 2, 2016

Every Friday this school year, "Best of the Week" will recognize St. Edward High School's commitment to authentic instruction by highlighting the people and programs that define the St. Ed's experience.



LESSON OF THE WEEK

ROBBY'S VOICE

In Mark Jayne's freshman health class this week, Mr. Robert Brandt '63 of Robby's Voice came to deliver an important message about the heroin epidemic in the State of Ohio. The mission of Robby's Voice "is to save lives by raising awareness about drug addiction. We arm parents, students and communities with the information to identify the warning signs of substance abuse and get access to the resources needed to LIVE a drug free life."

Mr. Brandt alerted the freshmen to the unfortunate reality that the State of Ohio is leading the country for overdose-related deaths. He explored the false belief that many young people think they can experiment with alcohol and drugs with no danger of addiction. The fact is, however, that 30%-40% of people are genetically predisposed to addiction, and without warning, one bad choice can trigger the addiction disease. He somberly told the freshmen that "addiction is a lifelong disease, and there is no cure."

One of the most impactful parts of the presentation came when he showed the class a senior photo of a smiling, handsome young man and asked if this guy looked like an addict. Everyone answered "no," only to be told that this young man was in fact an addict, that it was Mr. Brandt's grandson, and that he had died of a heroin overdose in October 2011. The students listened carefully as he told of the tragic progression of the disease that started simply after Robby had some teeth pulled and took prescription pain medication.

Mr. Brandt's courage to act - to speak up in spite of the suffering he has endured - in order to try and prevent others from the same fate is what makes his presentation the Lesson of the Week.



Carol Sing-along

On Thursday, December 8, Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame enjoyed an afternoon “Carol Sing-along” put together by long-time resident Ernest Brandywine. Lyrics were projected on an overhead screen by Activities Director Barbara Cassady.

Fifty villagers from Andre Place, the Villas, and Riverside Place gathered in the **Brother William Geenan Room** to enjoy both sacred songs and traditional carols.

Splices between numbers were narrated by various villagers. The biggest hits were the backgrounds given for “White Christmas” and “Rudolph.” After the singing, the audience enjoyed Christmas cookies and hot chocolate.



Dorothy Berger, resident of Andre Place, after the Sing-along, with members of the audience.



Nancy Barrett, new resident in the Villas, gave one of the background splices at the sing-along.



Dave Huber, one of the first residents in Holy Cross Village, by the electronic keyboard he donated to Andre Place.





**Isabelle Charles,
previous Associate-
Provost at the
University of Notre**

**Ernest Brandywine
(organizer of the event)
with his wife Pilar**

Article and Pictures: Brother George Klawitter



E-mail Address Update

**Brother Eric Amoah has a new e-mail address.
eamoahcsc@yahoo.com**

Crusader Hall of Honor
Holy Cross High School, Waterbury, CT.

Transitions and Events, Moreau Province, November 2016

On the evening of November 10, 2016, **Brothers Francis Leary, CSC**, and **Harold Hathaway, CSC**, were inducted into the inaugural Crusader Hall of Honor of Holy Cross High School, Waterbury, CT. **Br. Francis** ministered as the third principal of the school, from 1971 until 1980. **Br. Harold** came to the school in the summer of 1969 and stayed for 24 years. He ministered as a biological science teacher, an assistant administrator, the fourth principal, from 1980 through 1988, and the school's first president, from 1988 until 1992. Mr. Frank H. Samuelson, Jr. '73, the current President of the school, presented to the Brothers, along with Mr. James Cunningham and Mr. Timothy McDonald, the Blessed Basil Moreau Award that honors a coach, administrator, or staff member who made significant contributions to the lives of the young people they encountered during their years at Holy Cross High School.



Br. Francis with Frank Samuelson



Br. Harold with Frank Samuelson



Saint Edward – Lakewood, Ohio

Gentlepersons:

Dec. 14, 2016

I have attached a photograph of two gentlemen whom you should get to know and respect. On the left is Frank O'Linn, Principal, and on the right is Jim Kubacki, President, of St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio -- the Holy Cross school just outside of Cleveland on the west side.



Earlier this Fall, the Cubs played the Cleveland Indians in the World Series. As most of you know, the bet I made with these men, confidently I might add, was that Dan Tully and I would wear St. Ed's jerseys for a day if the Indians won, and Jim and Frank would wear our jerseys if the Cubs won. Dan had no knowledge of the bet; that did not stop me from committing him to it. Dan has since forgiven me.

This photo is the result of that bet. Not only are they good sports, but they have also become good friends as we continue to become more familiar with fellow Holy Cross educators.

The jerseys we sent them were apparently small, and both have mentioned that to me. If there is a repeat bet next year, and we certainly hope to be in that position, I am praying for the same outcome as this year, or failing that, for much, much larger St. Ed's jerseys.

Frank and Dan have known each other for quite some time. I have known Jim and Frank just long enough to seek their opinions and to rely on their good judgment.

Thank you, Jim Kubacki and Frank O'Linn. And Go St. Ed's!

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One Way to Remove Snow

December 18, 2016 – Sunday



Brother Thomas Moser – Columba Hall, Notre Dame, IN





**Cartoon
by
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