

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## Our Poets, Past and Present

### A Savior Babe is Born

At the town of Bethlehem, in a quiet stable,  
to the Virgin Mary a Savior Babe is born,  
just newly born and sleeping in a manger,  
his mission from heaven  
“let humankind to heaven  
not become a stranger.”

His parents raised him well,  
in faith, culture, and in creed,  
and so it was that one with God,  
He got to know our most basic need.

Three wise men from so far away,  
being guided by a star,  
came in homage and before Him,  
their gifts before Him they did lay.

So it was that Mary,  
with Joseph all the while,  
gave birth to Christ our Savior,  
and thus began  
the Holy Family lifestyle.

—**Brother Jerome Kroetsch, CSC**



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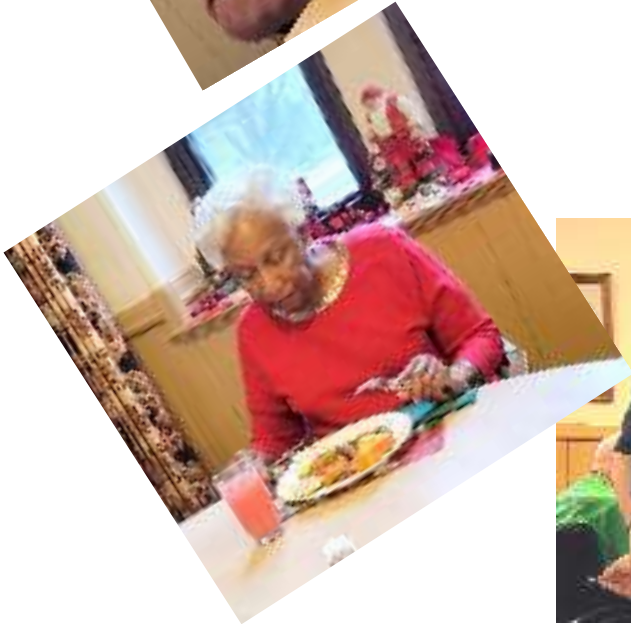
**Dr. Chris Haug  
Luncheon at Columba Hall**

Chris is Provincial Assistant and Director of Apostolic Mission and Charism, for the US Province. He explained what that meant and entailed to Columba Hall Brothers at a noon welcome meal, Monday, December 19.



Columba Hall Staff  
2022-Christmas Party











## Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

### The “Silent” Voice Within

In our prayers to God, what are we hoping will be God’s response? Is God communicating how much love God has for us? Is God urging us to be or to act in a certain way? This poses the question: how do we know that these messages are coming from God? To determine that they are authentic comes under the heading of discernment. We can rely on these messages by paying attention to the results. Are they leading me to a greater love of self and of others? Jesus says, “By their fruits you will know them.” Are they coming to us as a demand causing us to feel guilty if we do not do what they say, or are they suggestions which ask for a free response? God will always leave a person open to make a free choice as when Jesus asked the rich young man to follow him.

Does God speak to us in small insignificant ways? Sometimes God may ask us to do small everyday things that if we respond, might lead to more opportunities that can be life changing. The result of being willing to listen is that we are living out what we say in the “Our Father: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” The listening to the silent voice within and responding to it can lead to living a fulfilling Christian life.

- Do you ask God for guidance in making decisions for your life?
- What are examples of how you have responded to the silent voice within?
- Has God played a part in the living out of your everyday experiences?

**O God, help me live my life according to your will.**

**Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.**



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# Reflection

Sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.



Love is a special gift that you can give  
Over and over again  
And is completely within your power

*Catherine Pulsifer*



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"Blessed is the match  
consumed in kindling flame."

~ Hannah Szenes (Senesh)



Chanukkah begins the evening of Sunday, December 18, and continues through Monday, December 26.  
This eight-day Jewish "Festival of Lights," is celebrated with nightly lighting of the menorah and special prayers.  
Chanukkah commemorates the ancient rededication of the Second Temple of Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean  
Revolt against the Seleucid Empire.

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