MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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Our Poets, Past and Present

Centerpiece

Lord Jesus, you are the centerpiece of my life.

In my daily needs,
I know you're with me, guiding me in times of strife.

Help me in these times to see your point of view.

In my quiet times
help me to reflect on your life, set my thinking anew.

As I set my path and prepare my schedule for this day, help me, Lord, guide me and steer me around troubles that come my way.

I saw you yesterday in someone I met on the street.

Such a kind deed was done,
it must have been you, performing a deed I'd like to repeat.

Now, as I grow older, I see you more and more, not in great events but in ordinary acts and good deeds.

Your show of love strikes me to my very core.

I know you're busy today, you and your Holy Family.

But if in a glance, just by happenstance,
you see someone in need, look closely—it might be me.

Brother Jerome Kroetsch, CSC



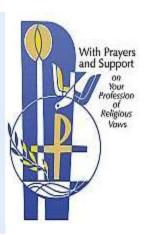
First Vows - Colorado Springs

Livestream Information:

Listed here is the connection for the profession of first vows, July 29, Saturday, at (10:00 AM Colorado Time / 12:00 Noon EST).



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Ghana Professions Province of West Africa





Click for viewing and downloading the link below to pull up a report of the first final profession for this new province.

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Summer Birthdays in Ohio



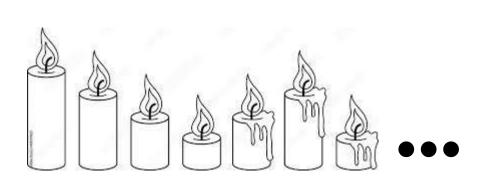
Bednarz, Br. Dennis to Midwest-Midweek

The NE Ohio Holy Cross community gathered on July 17 to celebrate our members' upcoming birthdays: Br. Robert Lavelle and Br. Kenneth Kane. Br. James Spooner was in town and joined us to celebrate at Mario Fazio's in Willoughby.



Seated (from left to right): Br. Edward Libbers, Br. Robert Lavelle, and Br. Kenneth Kane.

Standing (from left): Br. James Spooner, Rev. John Blazek, Br. Dennis Bednarz, Br. Charles Smith, and Rev. Maurice D'Souza.





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Writings for the Journey

Parable of the Plant

When we carefully watch the growth of flowers and vegetables, we know that this process does not happen in "an instant" as we expect with much of our lives such as seconds in the micro wave. It begins with a seed that needs to break open and venture into a new world. It takes time to show itself beyond the soil. It is subjected to the elements of wind, rain, sun and cold and many more that can stunt its growth. But with the right support, it can become what it is meant to be and bear fruit.

Is not this the process that God has designed for us? Our spiritual growth can seem to be undetectable. We long to take short cuts in becoming what God wants us to be. Yes, there might be breakthroughs and sudden spirts of growth. Much of this can happen through unexpected circumstances of change. Blessed Father Moreau was never one who spent time worrying when the Community experienced crosses. Wisdom taught him that through crosses the Community would grow stronger and experience new life. Rooted in a deep prayer life that gave him patience, his little fledgling community would come to adulthood and become what God had destined.

- How would you describe the growth patterns in your life?
- Did it take patience to be open to reach new horizons in your spirituality?
- What are some of the obstacles you have had to overcome to experience new growth?

O God, help me recognize the spiritual growth that is taking place in me.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



For more reflections to grow spiritually please visit our new blog

https://weeklyspiritualinsights.org/



Bible Bites by Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.

Another Kind of Bible: In addition to the standard Bible familiar to most people, with its recognizable divisions of Old and New Testaments, books, chapters, and verses, there is another kind of Bible known as the Topical Bible. It is primarily used by students and scholars of the Bible.

With a format like that of a dictionary, every topic presented in the entire Bible is listed alphabetically, along with the citations for locating the scriptural passage(s) pertaining to the topics. Inasmuch as the Topical Bible itself does not contain the passages, a standard Bible must be used with it.

St. T.F.

For anyone interested in the Bible, the Topical Bible can prove to be a very valuable research tool. It is useful with all standard versions of the Bible.

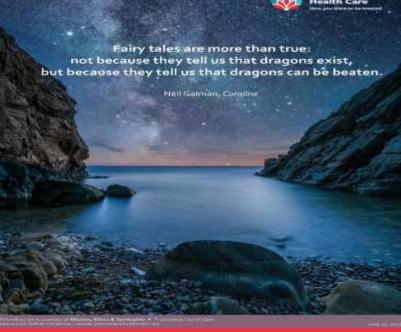


Reflection sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.





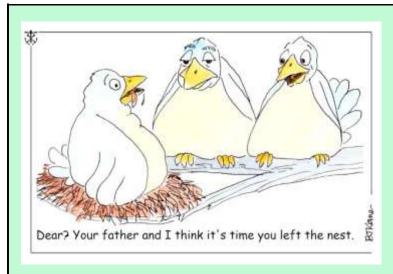
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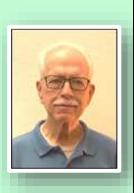


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