

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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Columba Hall
Chapel

On the eve of
Christmas
our eldest
brother,
Brother Robert
Mosher, C.S.C.,
placed
the child
Jesus in
the
manger.



Columba Hall Staff Dinner December 21, 2021









**Making of Gingerbread Houses
Columba Hall Creations**





Christmas Mass followed by dinner at Columba Hall





St. Andre Community of Sarasota

It has been a while since the Sarasota community has a bit of NEWS for the Midwest/Midweek publication.

Yesterday, the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**, our St. Brother Andre community hosted a **CSC Christmas Gathering** here at our Sarasota community compound. While we were accommodating our “snowbird” visitor, **Brother Joe Fox**, we saw it as the spot-on opportunity to summon our Venice brothers to dinner. Thus Brothers **James Bagans and Peter Nault**, journeyed north to unite with our local members **Francis Boylan, Lawrence Skitzki, William Dygert and Michael Brickman** and revel in the Sarasota Social event of the winter season.



Photos and Article by Brother Michael Brickman, C.S.C.

Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

A Humble Heart

Dear Associates and Friends,

To meet the Christ Child at Christmas with his vulnerability and innocence, we depend on the example of Mary and Joseph. We must shed our “know it all” attitudes and come with a humble heart. A humble heart is open to receive what is life giving, what is nourishing for the spirit. When we ask for the spirit of Christmas, what we are asking for even in hard times is to receive the human and yet divine child into our hearts. This Christmas child can speak to the wounded child that can still be a part of how we experience life around us because this child did not receive all of the love and acceptance that it needed to live a free and joyful life.

It is the Christ Child that understands the sad feelings we might be experiencing and helps us to accept even with joy the circumstances we might be experiencing. It is the Christ Child that is aware of what is lacking but also is aware of the wonderment of being able to live a human life. With him we can be thankful for all the blessings we have in being alive as his joy takes possession of our hearts. In this present moment our thankfulness is key. It opens the door to many wonderful feelings as we witness once again the birth of our Lord. That birth is also taking place in us as we enter this portion of our lives with a humble and thankful heart.

- What brings you joy at Christmas?
- What are the obstacles that get in the way of experiencing Christmas joy?
- Are you open to receive a surprising “miracle” at Christmas?

O God, give me a humble heart leading to the joy you want me to have.



Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.

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**Brother
Philip Smith**



**Brother
Ben Rossi**



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



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Merry Christmas
December 25th

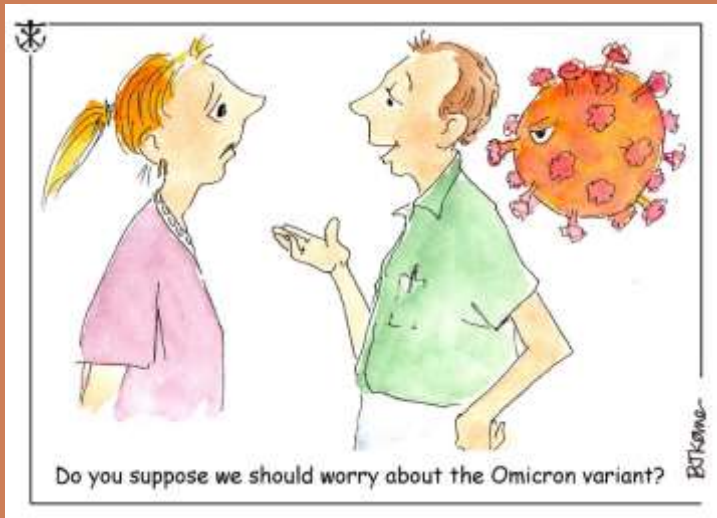
...Life, love, peace, light.

— Pope Francis

Christmas is a Christian traditional holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus, whom Christians proclaim as the Son of God. The name 'Christmas' derives from the Mass of Christ, a service typically observed after sunset or at Midnight. Christmas Day is celebrated religiously by a majority of Christians, as well as culturally by many non-Christians, and is a tradition marked by joyful customs including the Christmas tree and lights, nativity story, and the festive generosity of spirit.

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