

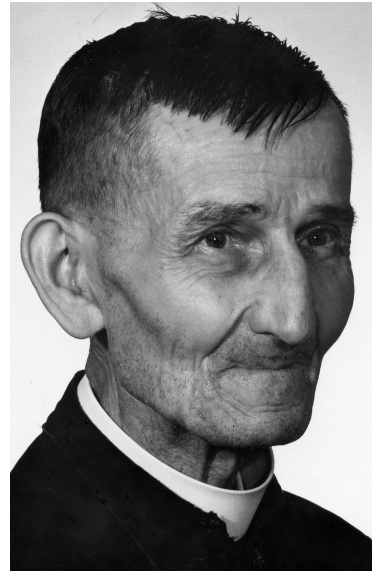
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May 25th

Brother Methodius (John) Paunicka, C.S.C.

born: 5 September 1893

died: 25 May 1970



Methodius was born in Chlebric, Czechoslovakia. The family immigrated to the United States, and he attended St. John Baptist parish school in Whiting, Indiana. He worked at the Standard Oil refinery and entered Holy Cross in 1919 at Watertown. He went to the novitiate at Notre Dame and pronounced his first vows in 1922. He spent the next 5 years working at St. Joseph Farm in a variety of jobs. In 1928, he was assigned to the Ave Maria Press where he worked for the next 42 years in the bindery department operating the stitching machine. He lived at Columba Hall and although a little man, his meekness, spirit of penance, and humility were signs of his inner love. His observance of mortification and poverty were heroic. Methodius spent a great part of his 50 years of religious life in the chapel.

*He raises the poor from the dust to give them
a place with princes. -- Psalm 113:7*

*How many things are there which I do not want.
-- Socrates*