

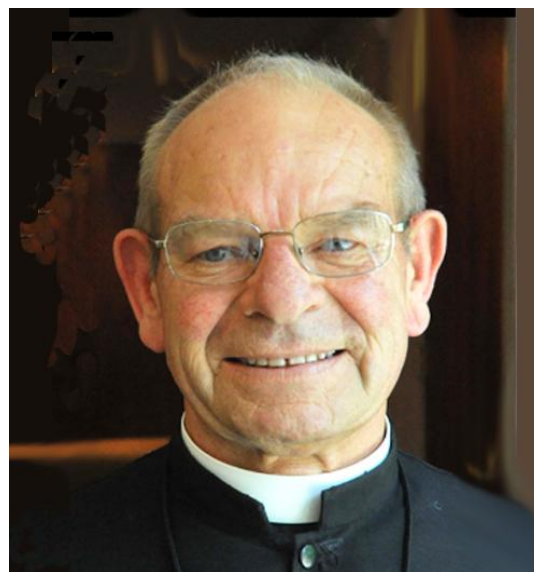
## ***Legacy Project***

**December 5**

### **Brother James Edward Blaszak, C.S.C.**

**born: 23 October 19**

**died: 5 December 2021**



James Blaszak was born in Willis, MI. He attended Immaculate Conception Elementary school in Milan, MI and graduated from Monroe Catholic Central High School in Monroe, MI. He was influenced by the Brothers at the high school and entered the Congregation of Holy Cross. For the next 35 years, Brother James served the Congregation as either a cook or farmer at Columba Hall, the Provincial House, Holy Cross Brothers Center and finally LeMans Academy in Rolling Prairie. Whenever possible, James raised chickens, ducks and geese that supplied eggs and special dinners for the brothers. He was both assistant director and director of Silver Lake Farm, in Rolling Prairie from 1980 until the farm was sold in 1996. In 1996, he was appointed the Pastoral Associate of Sacred Heart Parish in La Porte, Indiana and remained there until 2012 when he was appointed to the staff at Holy Cross Novitiate in Cascade, CO. At first reluctant to accept this assignment, James would later say that his life at the novitiate was the most fulfilling of his ministries. At the novitiate James renewed his culinary skills and many novices learned the fine art of bread baking and preparing “funeral chicken.” A man of few words, James had a great influence on the many novices who passed through the doors in Cascade.

**A truly wise person uses few words. Proverbs 17:27**

**Being a great baker and pastry chef requires the utmost open mind. Christina Tosi**