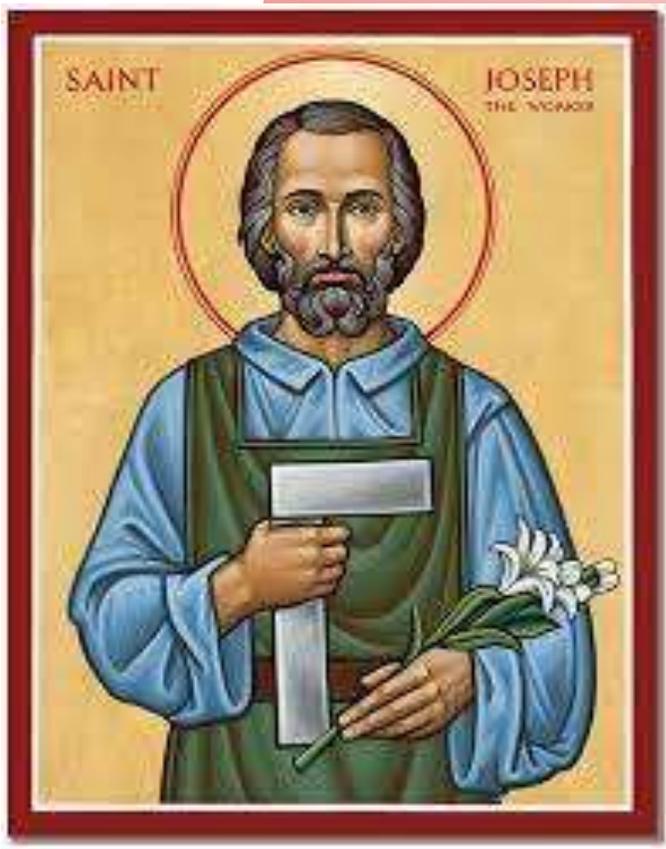


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Prayer to Saint Joseph

Happy and blessed are you, O Joseph, in whom it has been given not only to see and hear but also to bear in your arms, to embrace, to clothe, and to watch over God himself, whom many kings have desired to see but have not seen, and to hear but have not heard.

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Pray for us, O blessed Joseph. That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

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Our Poets, Past and Present

Ash Wednesday

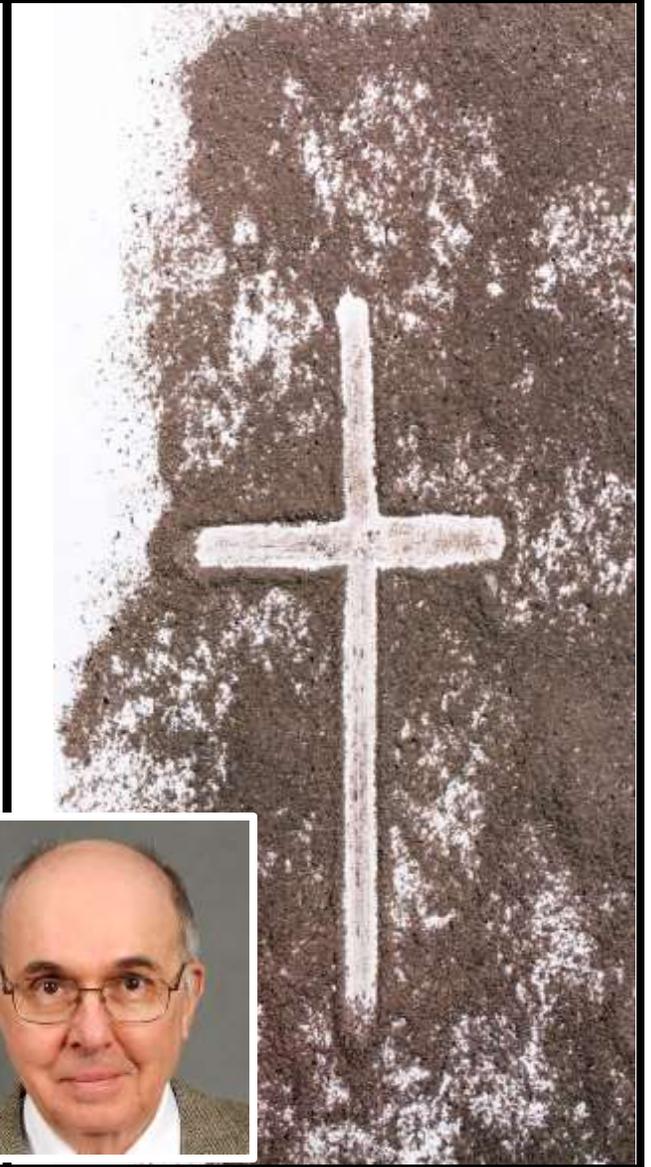
Well, that wasn't so bad—a powder thumbprint on my skin to remind me somehow that I'm a sinner or some such silly nonsense. I'm engaged to life, take it as it is.

The music drops for Lent to somber humbug, lots of sad stuff, minor chords, no fat flourishes or trills. We brood on penance, the priest reminding us how evil fits us.

You're part of this—I'm just another worm you have to squash into submissive yeses. I squirm to fit my part into your whole.

But I don't really mind your church's norm as long as I anticipate your guesses when you fuse its gracious love into my soul.

—**Brother George Klawitter, CSC**





Lenten Lecture Series 2023 *6 Thursdays of Lent in*



March 9 @ 2:00 PM
Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC

“The Three Pillars of Lent”

Exploring the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC, is a member of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in Donaldson, IN. She presently ministers at Lindenwood Retreat Center as a Spiritual Director and Retreat Director. Sister has experience in parish ministry and retreat ministry and has served in leadership for her community both as provincial and a leadership team member.



March 16 @ 2:00 PM
The Rt Rev. Frank Gray

“Can stones be turned into bread?” What can we learn from Jesus’ wilderness experience which can inform our own spiritual journey?

Based on Matthew 3:17- 4:13

Frank Gray is a retired bishop in the Episcopal Church, and is a published poet and writer. Frank and his wife, Karen, have lived at Andre Place since last July.



March 23 @ 2:00 PM

Fr. Ronald Raab, CSC

“John 11: 1-45: Stones, Surrenders, and Second Chances”

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church reflects upon the raising of Lazarus. Jesus' tears are real for his friend. Jesus' command to remove the stone from the tomb is a surprise. This moment reflects his own passion, death, and resurrection. This story is our story, today, in our very lives.



Fr. Ronald was born in Mishawaka, IN. He was ordained in 1983 at Notre Dame, IN, and has served in parishes in Indiana, Colorado, Illinois, California, and Oregon. He is an award-winning author and a visual artist. During COVID, he illustrated "The Stations of the Cross in Atonement for Abuse and the Healing of All" published by Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN. He is in residence at Fatima House until July 1.

March 30 @ 2:00 PM

Keith J. Egan

“What do we do and what does God do when we pray?”

This presentation asks questions like: Why do we pray? How do we pray? What is God's role in our prayer?

Keith J. Egan held the endowed chair in theology at Saint Mary's College; he is a Guest Professor in theology at Notre Dame. Connie and Keith have been residents at the Village for five years



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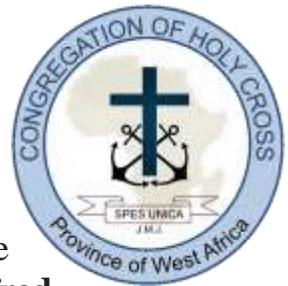
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Updated Website for PWA

Email from Brother Charles Drevon:



The website of the **Province of West Africa** has been activated. The address is: www.hcpwa.com. The webmaster is **Brother Godfred Kyeremeh, CSC**. Brother Godfred has worked hard to design and to get the site back online. Thanks to Brother Godfred for sharing his expertise with the province.



Suggestion: Place a shortcut with the link to the PWA website on your desktop.

Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Those Not So Great Moments

Yes, we are children of God. Yes, God loves us unconditionally. Yes, in the perspective of our whole life, this moment may not be so life changing. But we do have moments in which we slip back into former ways of thinking or of behaviors out of habit that we regret. So what do we do or more importantly how do we deal with these not so great moments?

God became man to remind us that it is OK to be human. It is OK not to have it all together. For the Christian we can say prayer expressing our sorrow. For the Catholic there is also the sacrament of reconciliation. This is what Jesus came for, to be with us and forgive us when we fail. During these times we rely on him to not only understand us but to forgive us and help us get back on track to being the person we want to be because of our relationship with him. Often it is through our failures we gain insight into who we are and who God is. What a great God we have!

- Do you believe that you are to be perfect in everything you do?
- Is it easy for you to accept God's forgiveness and move on with your life?
- Can you still love yourself even when you sin or make mistakes?

O God, help me turn to you when things get messy and out of control.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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Reflection

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




Providence Health Care
How you want to be treated.

Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less.

-C.S. Lewis



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The three most difficult things for a human being
Are not physical feats or intellectual achievements.
They are:

Returning Love for Hate
Including the Excluded
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