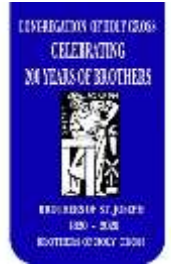


# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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December 16, 2020



3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent



*Joy*

## This Week

**Information on individual early Brothers of St. Joseph for posting week by week in 2020.**

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**December 6 – 12** On December 8, 1847, Brother Benedict wrote to Father Sorin about the sad conditions at his school in Washington, Indiana.

**December 13 – 19** On December 18, 1827, Brother Andre Mottais wrote to Brother Adrien at the school in Hardanges to encourage Adrien in his teaching mission.

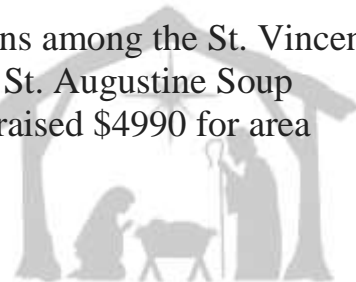
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## Christmas Season Contributions

This year the Brothers at Columba Hall split their donations among the St. Vincent DePaul Society (\$710), Catholic Charities (\$720) and the St. Augustine Soup Kitchen ((\$710). With matching donations, the Brothers raised \$4990 for area needy families for the 2020 Christmas season.

**Brother Christopher Dreyer, C.S.C.**

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*Merry Christmas*



**Christmas Creche collection by Brother James Kozak, C.S.C.**

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. *Midwest Midweek* will be published next following the New Year.

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## A Special Concert

A poem by **Brother George Klawitter** will be performed in New York City at a special concert which was originally scheduled for Carnegie Hall but had to be cancelled because of the pandemic. The performance will now take place as part of an evening of musical and visual pieces. The East Coast composer Persis Vehar set Brother George's poem "The Unity of Men in Love" for bass-baritone soloist and piano. The soloist will be Zachary James who has sung roles at the New York Metropolitan Opera and also on Broadway.

View poem on next page:

The Unity of Men in Love  
by George Klawitter, CSC

When music saves a hidden soul,  
the boy becomes a man.  
Then all the hurts of yesterday  
dissolve as best they can.

The taunting jeers of schoolyards  
evaporate to air.  
Surrounded by his brothers he  
relaxes in their care.

With parents gone and family cold,  
the darkness of the night  
resolves itself to gentleness  
as music renders light.

His choristers are seraphim  
who help him preen his wings.  
Each evening is a melody  
whenever this man sings.

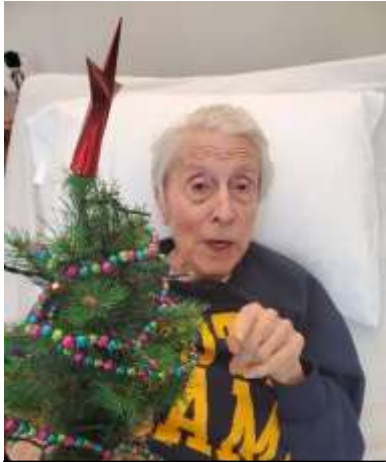
The broken soul surrounding him  
is molded into joy.  
The tenors and the baritones  
help form a man from boy.

The chords ascend as anthems rise  
above the clouds into the skies  
where waiting arms extend above  
the unity of men in love.



## Brothers from Dujarie

Brother Christopher Torrijas sent each brother a Do-It-Yourself tree decorating kit which included lights, garland, and a manger so they could decorate their rooms for Christmas.



**Br. Robert Fontaine**



**Br. Larry Stewart**



**Br. Tom Moser**



**Br. James Newberry**



**Br. Robert Berthiaume**



**Br. Robert Kelly**



**Br. Ronald Christenson**

**Br. Roger Berg**



## Signs of Christmas Coming

**Coloma Cottage  
by Br. Christopher Torrijas**



**Chapel at St. Joseph House in Pulte Hall**



## Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

### Advent – A Time for Truth Telling

Dear Associates and Friends,

Jesus has already come, but advent anticipates his coming. He has blessed us with an invitation to be with us and to come into our hearts. We have accepted that invitation. But is there more that we can do? Are there still spaces in our lives that are not yet turned over to him?

Advent is a time for reflection and a letting go of all that does not allow us to put God's love first in our lives. We need to go to the desert with John the Baptist and rejoice in the empty space so that God in Jesus can enter our hearts in more of a complete way.

Our isolation in this time of the pandemic provides for us a time and place for doing this. Maybe we will look upon this Advent as a special time for making God the all and all in our lives as we let Jesus' truth and love become an entrance into the joy of Christmas.

What does the Advent season mean to you? Does it involve sharing your love with others?

Are there parts of your life that still need to be given over to God so that Christ's love may flourish in your heart?

How do you plan to make straight the path to the true joy of Christmas?

**O God, help me to experience the joy of Christmas**

**Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.**



For more reflections to grow spiritually  
please visit our new blog  
<https://weeklyspiritualinsights.org/>

## From the *Voice of Moreau Website*

The website features a Holy Cross sister, a brother, or a priest, with a weekly story on the blog. Check the following link below.

Website: <http://www.voiceofmoreau.org/>



**Brother  
Philip  
Smith**



**Brother  
Ben  
Rossi**

## Reflection



Reflection(s) sent in by  
Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.



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