

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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June 21, 2017

Brother John James Stout, C.S.C. August 15, 1922 – June 14, 2017

Brother John James Stout, C.S.C., age 94, died on June 14, 2017, at Dujarie House in Holy Cross Village, at Notre Dame, IN. He was born in Cairo, IL, on August 15, 1922, the son of Harry and Eileen (Ryan) Stout. He attended St. Joseph's Elementary and High Schools in Cairo. After graduating in 1939, he worked for J.C. Penny Company in Cairo and as a boat clerk for a barge line until 1942. He entered the U.S. Army Air Force and served at the 8th Air Force Headquarters in England, earning the rank of staff sergeant and was honorably discharged in 1945.



He returned home where he used the G.I. bill to begin college studies at St. Edward's University in Austin, TX. He was greatly impressed by the Brother teachers he had and decided to join Holy Cross. John went to the juniorate in Watertown, WI, in July 1947 and to St. Joseph's Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, IN, where he pronounced his first vows as a Holy Cross Brother on August 16, 1948. He returned to St. Edward's University to complete his college studies and graduated in 1951 and later (in 1956) earned a master's degree in English at Notre Dame.

His first assignment was to teach the spring 1951 semester at St. Edward's High School in Austin and then taught for a year at Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, IN, and was assigned to teach the next year at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago. In the Fall of 1953 he returned to Reitz Memorial High School where he spent 55 years teaching his favorite English literature and writing courses to generations there in Evansville until retirement in 2008. He was gifted in many ways, but his talents were his boundless enthusiasm for his subjects and demanding the very best that each student was capable of giving. His good humor and vibrant personality endeared him to students, some of them having parents or grandparents who were also taught by Brother John. The Reitz Memorial students were

fortunate to have both Brother John and Brother Eugene Phillipp teaching them for a half century at the same time.

Brother John was an excellent cook, specializing in the Sunday brunch for those he lived with. He was as good natured in the Brothers' residence as he was with the faculty, staff, and students in the school, simply a joy to work and be with. He was quoted as saying: *"I consider myself blessed in being chosen for a life in Holy Cross, and I pray daily that I can continue to do what the Lord wants from me."*

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 21st, at Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel in the Schubert Villa-Dujarie House complex from 9:30 to 11:00 am on the grounds of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. The Mass of Resurrection will then follow with interment afterward in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Kaniewski Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Memorial contributions, in honor of Brother John Stout, C.S.C., to support the mission and ministries of the Brothers may be sent to: Brothers of Holy Cross, Office of Development, P.O. Box 460, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

Safe Cracker



The History Conference mentioned in the *Midwest-Midweek's* previous publication of June 7, included a tour of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. In the basement of the Presbytery, next to the church, is a vault which goes back to Edward Sorin's time. A "pretending" break in is shown with Brother Joseph Fox and his nimble fingers.



Brothers News Magazine Jubilee Issue – June 2017

The latest issue of *Brothers* has been posted to the website and can be located with the following link:

<http://brothersofholycross.com/bhc/wp-content/uploads/Brothers-NL-617.pdf>



Picture by: Margie Stanish

GATHER AT THE TABLE

When I began to reflect on the word “table,” I realized that tables are in our lives in many ways and times.

Some of us may have been born on a table - in an operating room.

Early on we sat at a table in our house or in our grandparents’ house.

At school we sat at work tables and lunch room tables.

In college we sat at tables in seminars. Then in the business world we sat at tables and realized that certain positions at tables carried, in the mind of some, importance.

Then we learned that in some negotiations, the shape of the table carried significance.

In social settings we have end tables, coffee tables, dinner tables, card tables, whist tables, bridge tables, and pool tables.

In sports an expression is used, at least in NBA parlance, "he set the table for him," meaning “Wade sets up a pass enabling Shaq to dunk the ball.”

Then there is the **table of the Lord, the Eucharist.**

What happens around meals?

Who is invited to the table?

What is expected before you come to the table?

What is expected once you are at the table?


What do you take away from the table?



A Presentation by Brother Francis Ellis
Holy Cross Annual History Conference 2017



Here is a link to a YouTube video of the talk presented at the annual History Conference by **Brother Francis Ellis** (Moreau Province). Frank has been residing in Columba Hall, Midwest Province, for the past number of years.

Be sure to have your volume turned up. You may also wish to use full screen  for a larger view.

Thanks to **Brother George Klawitter** for sending in the link to *Midwest-Midweek*.

Frank Ellis - The Western Quarter of Section 36 Part 3
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leSBecLDzus>

“His Side of the Mountain”
Memorial Memories Magazine
Reitz Memorial High School, Spring/Summer 2017

“His Side of the Mountain” is an article written by a former student of Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, Indiana, about the influence that Brother Eugene Phillipp had on him. Jacob Todd '02 gives his account of Brother Eugene Phillipp and how he spreads his legacy. Jacob is the Upper School Principal at Regents School of Oxford in Oxford, Mississippi.

[To read the article, click here:](#)



Holy Cross Associates
Annual Board Meeting
Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, IN



Sister M. Veronique Wiedower, C.S.C., gave an opening presentation, *Christian Leadership*, for the Midwest Holy Cross Associates' Board Meeting. The board, a number of area associates, and friends were in attendance for the talk.



Brother Carl Stenberg (Vice Chair)



Ignacio Martinez (Chair), Sister Veronique, and Brother Carl



Sister Veronique and Brother Thomas Cunningham



Brothers Meet for Annual Summer Gathering

The Brothers of the Midwest Province met for their annual summer gathering June 14-16 at Holy Cross Village. On Wednesday evening, the provincial, Brother Chester Freel, welcomed members and introduced Brother Patrick Sopher, former assistant general of the Congregation, who delivered a Powerpoint presentation on demographics in the Community showing how Holy Cross is growing in Asia and Africa.

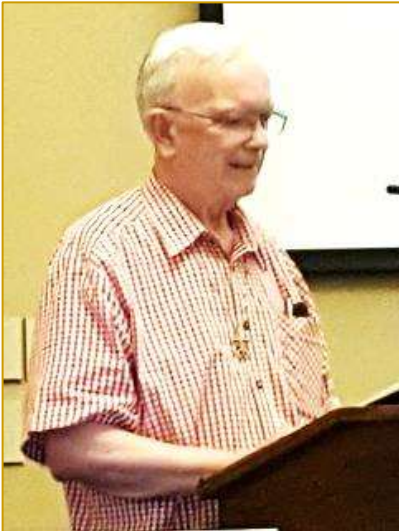
Thursday morning was devoted to presentations by Mike Riley, the director of Praesidium, a church study and counseling group for religious and clergy who work with children. At 3:30 Brother Francisco Gillette, CSC, from Ghana gave a paper and Powerpoint on the relationship between Brothers and priests in Holy Cross over the past two centuries. Brother Francisco is currently a student at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

The afternoon liturgy was led by Rev. Bill Schooler, pastor at St. Piux X Parish in Granger, Indiana. Then all adjourned to Columba Hall for a social and a supper of beef tenderloin and salmon prepared by the Columba Hall chefs.

On Friday morning members met in the Geenan Room of Andre Place at Holy Cross Village as Brother Chester led the group through a discerning process on the future of the Midwest Province and the District of Ghana. Liturgy followed in the St. Joseph Chapel with a recently ordained Holy Cross priest, Rev. Ryan Pietrocarlo, as celebrant. Lunch was then enjoyed in the Andre Place dining hall, a wonderful meal prepared by Chef Patrick.

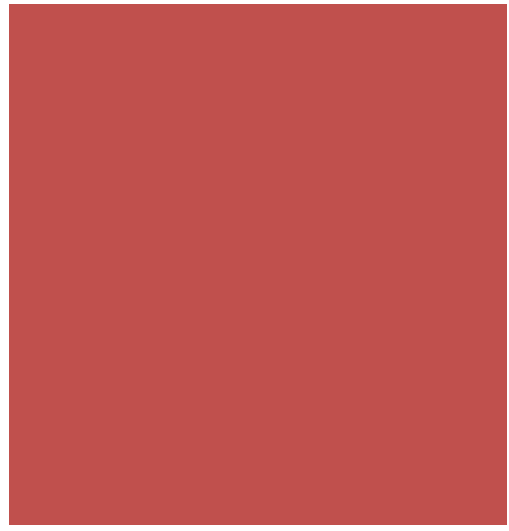
The Gathering next summer will take the form of the Midwest Chapter, which meets every third year.

Pictures below:



The Fundamental Pact of Union

Due to age and ill health, Fr. Dutaric, turned over the administration of the brothers to Fr. Moreau in 1835. Now, the superior, Moreau brought the two societies together in a *Fundamental Act of Union*, signed on 1st March 1837, involving fifty-four (54) brothers and seven priests (7), the Congregation of Holy Cross came to be. The congregation took its name from the neighborhood of Sainte Croix in Le Mans where the union took place.



Jubilee – June 17, 2017
Midwest Province - Holy Cross Brothers

Here is a picture of jubilarians for this year's celebration. Other pictures from the Mass and dinner will be printed in the next issue of *Midwest-Midweek*.



(L to R) Chester Freel (Provincial), Joseph Tsiquaye, Michael Becker, Kenneth Allen, Edward Dailey, Gerald Nettesheim, Arthur J. Colgan (Bishop), Dennis Bednarz, William Mewes, Shaun Gray, John Tryon, and Lawrence Stewart.

Link to Picture:

http://brothersofholycross.com/bhc/wp-content/uploads/IMG_0101B.jpg

Reflection



"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

~Helen Keller

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**Cartoon
by
Brother
James
Kane,
CSC**

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