

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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March 22, 2023

## Our Poets, Past and Present

### Musings

Hokey Pokey Ice Cream—  
freeze your teeth  
and give your tongue a sleigh ride!

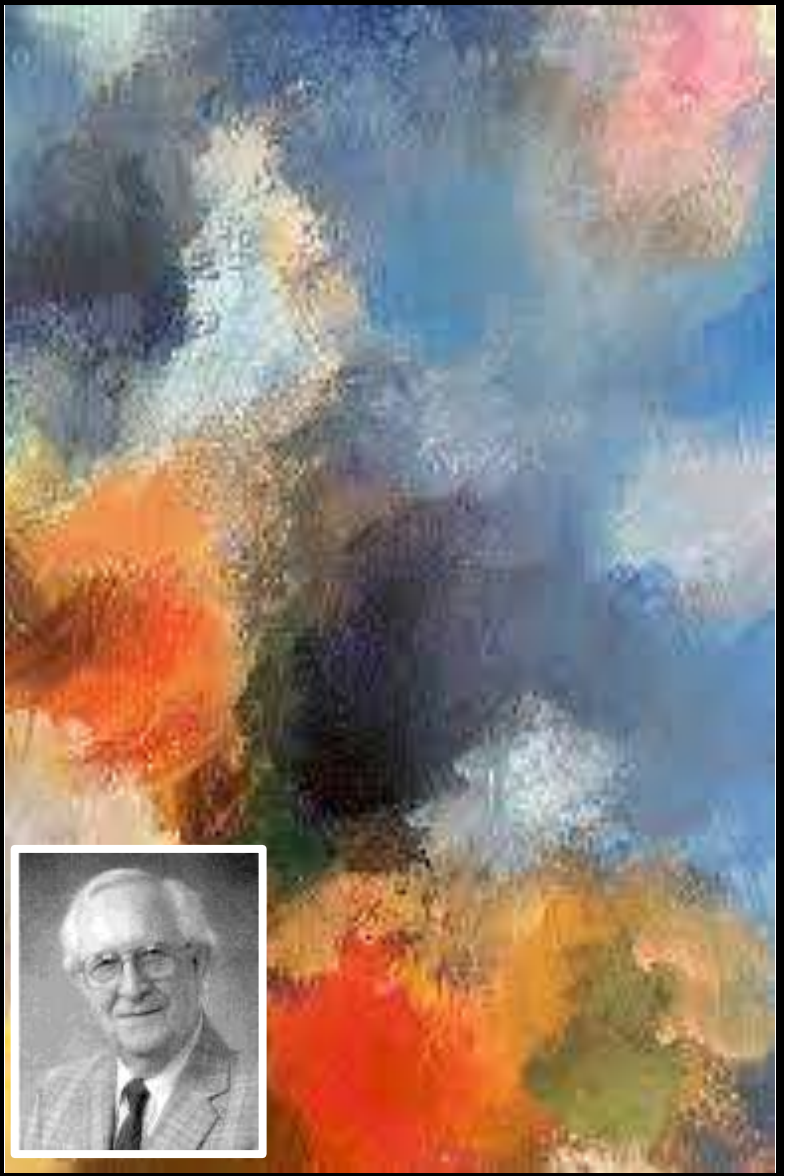
Unless you are already a saint,  
don't faint:  
when St. Paul packs a terrible punch  
in his letters—we swirl.

Thirty-million monarch butterflies  
are thirsty in Monterey.

John the Baptist lost his head,  
went to bed, said nothing.

Until the sun dies, a light year  
is about six trillion miles.  
Eternal life is NOW.

—**Brother Remigius Bullinger, CSC**





## Lenten Lecture Series 2023 *6 Thursdays of Lent in*



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.

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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



Brother Columba O'Neill, C.S.C.  
Servant of God

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<https://brothercolumba.com/>

Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C.  
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### *In Kind Love*

Please join Holy Cross College on **Friday, March 24**, for an Academic Symposium – Showcase of Holy Cross College & its Catholic, Liberal Arts Education in conjunction with the inauguration of new president Dr. Marco Clark.

Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C. will present “Brother Columba O’Neill, C.S.C.: In Kind Love.”

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Location: Driscoll Auditorium with a reception to follow.

The event is free and open to the public.

If you are unable to attend, we will also livestream the talk using this link: <https://vcloud.blueframetech.com/broadcast/embed/545230?w=640>



## Hoban Students Visit Holy Cross in Mexico

**Email from Brother Dennis Bednarz, C.S.C.  
Fri. Mar 17, 2023:**

Seven students and three chaperones from Archbishop Hoban High School visited La Luz parish, sister parish of Santa Cruz in Monterrey, Mexico in late February. Students spent a week working with the churches of Monterrey. They attended Mass each evening at a different one, following Padre Pedro Carreño, C.S.C., our host, along with Padre Armando, C.S.C. and Padre Marín, C.S.C..

Students prepared a party for younger children bringing stickers, coloring books, and crayons for the children. Students had the opportunity to view the different programs offered by the churches, like medical services, Bible study, and youth groups. They had a day to tour Monterrey. Students were able to use their Spanish skills to communicate and learn about the people and the work done by Holy Cross in Mexico.





**- Amy Zeller, Holy Cross educator, Archbishop Hoban HS**

## Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

### Imperfect Love

Let's face it. The love we have received from our family and the love we give others is somewhat imperfect. We can point to times when we wanted more – more attention, more understanding, more approval, more acceptance. Likewise, the love we give others is tinged with our own weaknesses and selfishness.

Do we need to forgive others and do we need to forgive ourselves? It is a fact of life that as humans we will never be perfect in our loving. To make ourselves capable of an unconditional love both of ourselves and others maybe it will only be possible through another dimension by receiving the divine love that God has for us. It is in that love which is so affirming, so gentle, so accepting of our uniqueness, that we become capable of unconditional love. We become the conduit of God's love for the people and situations in our lives.

In contemplation we receive the divine spark leading us to action in loving our neighbor as ourselves. This love is not a rule or law but rather a passing on of what we have received from an all loving God.

- Are there people in your life that you need to forgive?
- Are there people in your life for whom you need to ask for forgiveness?
- How does your prayer life help you to love your neighbor as yourself?

**O God, let your unconditional love for me spill over into my love for others.**

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



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



**Nowruz** marks the first day of spring and is celebrated on the day of the astronomical vernal equinox, which usually occurs on 21 March. It is celebrated as the beginning of the new year by more than 300 million people all around the world and has been celebrated for over 3,000 years in the Balkans, the Black Sea Basin, the Caucasus, Central Asia, the Middle East and other regions.

The word Nowruz (Novruz, Navruz, Nooruz, Nevruz, Nauruz), means new day; its spelling and pronunciation may vary by country.



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