

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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March 23, 2022



Solemnity of
St. Joseph

Spouse of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Patronal Feast of the
Brothers of Holy Cross

March 18-19 was a time for Congregational Celebrations. Brothers and Priests together began Mass with the Litany of St. Joseph and ended the vigil with an evening meal at Moreau Seminary.

On Friday, March 18, the Holy Cross Community at Notre Dame celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph one day early beginning with a Mass in the Sacred Heart Basilica with **Father Thomas J. Eckert, CSC**, as celebrant. St. Joseph is the patron of the Brothers of Holy Cross so the readings were done by **Brother Pierre-Evenn de Fremond, CSC**, of the Holy Cross French Vicariate, and **Brother Chester Freel, CSC**, of the Midwest Province. The Prayers of the Faithful were given by **Brother James Henke, CSC**, of the U.S. Province.

After the Mass, the Community went to Moreau Seminary for a grand supper of steak and fish. A sumptuous carrot cake ended the meal. The mixing of the provinces is always a highlight of the Community major feast days at Notre Dame, both for liturgy and meal.



Basilica of the Sacred Heart



Matthew Brown



Eddie Donnelly

Young Members at Photographer's table.

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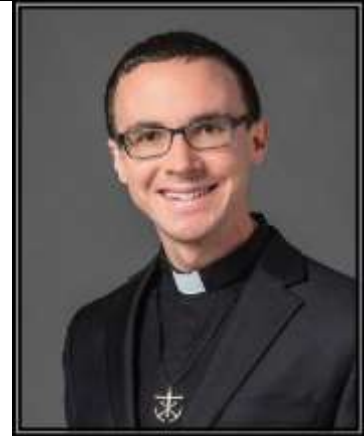
Lenten Lecture Series 2022 Thursdays in Geenen Hall

March 24 @ 2:00 PM

“Our Lenten Journey as a Time for Remembering.”

Fr. Robert Lisowski, CSC

Fr. Robert J. Lisowski, C.S.C., is a priest in the Congregation of Holy Cross and serves as the Rector of Baumer Hall. He holds a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from St. John’s University in Queens, New York, and a Master of Divinity from Notre Dame. He professed final vows in September of 2020 and was ordained a presbyter the following April. In addition to serving as Rector, he is also chaplain to the Track and Field and Cross Country Teams, as well as assisting campus ministry in their pastoral care of international students, members of the LGBTQ community, and those from diverse religious backgrounds.



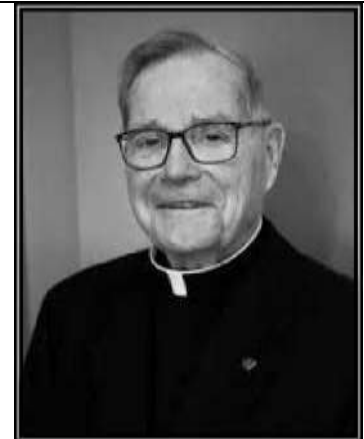
March 31 @ 2:00 PM

“Praying Anew”

Fr. John Keefe, CSC

Prayer as an important, evolving component in our lives as we grow in wisdom and age.

Fr. John Keefe, CSC, is from Cleveland, Ohio, educated in Catholic schools and graduating from Notre Dame, 1955 while studying Theology in Washington, D.C. He was ordained a Catholic priest in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, 1959. The next twenty years (1959-1979) were in Uganda, East Africa, as a bush-missionary during that nation’s turmoil toward and after independence including the terrible Idi Amin years. He then lived at the House of Prayer (Holy Cross Sisters, St. Mary’s, Notre Dame, IN) as chaplain while conducting retreats at Fatima Retreat Center, Notre Dame, IN) and Bangladesh (1980-1984). From 1984-2014 he served in the many-faceted Holy Cross efforts in Hispanic ministry in California, Texas, Arizona, Oregon and briefly in Alaska. From 1987-1996 he helped Holy Cross found its ministry in Guadalupe, Nuevo León, Mexico. Since 2015 he’s been blessed to have extraordinary help in dealing with health issues while learning to pray to a better-known God in new ways.





March 17, 2022

Sarasota, Florida: With picture perfect Gulf Coast weather in place the members of the St. Andre Community, **Brothers Larry Skitzki, William Dygert and Michael Brickman** hosted a *St. Patrick Day Brunch* for our visiting snowbirds, **Brothers Lewis Brazil and John McMuldren. Brothers James**

Bagans and Peter Nault trekked north from Venice to join in the discreet Irish shenanigans while enjoying the flavorsome repast culminating with a regional special of Florida Key Lime cream puffs.



Thanks to **Brother Michael Brickman** for the Florida news.

Enjoying an Irish Blessing of "*More power to your elbow*" at the *St. Patrick Day Brunch* are **Brothers James Bagans, Peter Nault, William Dygert, Lewis Brazil, Larry Skitzki, and John McMuldren.**



The Early Brothers and the Relevance of their Virtues Today

by Brother George Klawitter, CSC

A Lenten talk presented at André Place, Holy Cross Village:

Part Two

In order to do our Lenten make-over, we need strength, and for that quality we look to Brother Lawrence Menage, who came to America with Brother Vincent in 1841. His activities in his first years at Notre Dame can only be guessed at. He probably assisted in the erection of the first brick building in 1843 (today called Old College), possibly even helping make the bricks from marl dug from the banks of the St. Joseph River. He may also have helped put up the second brick building (1844), today part of Columba Hall. Most importantly he was entrusted with the farm enterprise, a necessary part of the early community's survival, drawing on the skills he had learned as a young man in France.



Brother Lawrence

The first real chronicle of his activities, however, dates from 1850, the year he set out for California with six companions to look for gold in the heady days of the Gold Rush. The trip to California proved to be a bust and, in fact, brought two great sorrows to the group: the first sorrow was the death of one of the Brothers. Lawrence wrote in a letter back to Notre Dame:

Several days ago I wrote to you about our sick man. Today it pains me to tell you Bother Placidus died on November 6. You can appreciate how sad it was for us to see him die without a priest; but there's no use thinking about it because the nearest one was in San Francisco. He had a fever; he didn't speak for 2 or 3 days before he died; he was sick for a week and had a very edifying death, going out like a candle.

One can imagine the devastating effect this death had on the St. Joseph Company: half a continent away from their Community base, living in semi-squalor, deprived of sacraments. The second California sorrow that Lawrence had to suffer was the loss of young Brother Gatian, who left the company and Holy Cross in 1850.

Once back at Notre Dame, Lawrence returned to the things he did best: farming and managing money for the university. That Lawrence was a trusted

member of the Notre Dame councils is attested to by an incident in 1864. That year Schuyler Colfax was running for public office and wanted the votes of the Notre Dame Brothers. Sorin, under pressure from Colfax, had the matter discussed at length in council. The Council apparently delegated Lawrence to canvass the Brothers on Colfax's behalf. Lawrence not only had the respect and confidence of both local and distant businessmen, but he obviously dealt with very important money matters for Sorin.

The good Brother businessman-farmer died on April 4, 1873, at the age of 57 after being sick for a few weeks. The next day Sorin circulated a beautiful obituary on the man:

Last night, at the close of the Feast of Our Lady of the Seven Dolors, as the College clock struck nine, he gave up his soul to his Creator, fortified by all the helps of our Holy Church, and surrounded by a number of his fellow-Religious Priests and Brothers, who continued to pray around his bed until he had breathed his last...

Bro. Laurence carries with him the deep and unfeigned sentiments of esteem and respect, not alone of his entire Congregation, but all with whom he came in contact, either as a Religious, or as Agent or Steward of the Institution. For more than thirty years spent here he was always, as everyone knows, foremost among those who sought honestly and earnestly to promote the interests of the Community; and if anyone is to be named as having contributed more than others by earnest and persevering efforts of mind and body, to the development and prosperity of Notre Dame, if I did not do it here, the public voice would declare it, and name Bro. Laurence. No Religious in our family ever possessed and retained more constantly the confidence of his Superiors and of the Community at large.

This was the man who kept Notre Dame fiscally credible to parents and investors for the first thirty years of the institution. Visitors to the campus today should never forget what Lawrence, the pioneer businessman-farmer, did to assure that Holy Cross got off to a good start in America.

What can we take of Lawrence into ourselves for Lent? As we think about ourselves in this Lenten season, we can remember all the hard work we put into our lives raising a family or teaching classes or handling law cases or running a business. All that hard work should bring each of us the same prayerful satisfaction that Brother Lawrence enjoyed here in Indiana.

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Fall 2021

Saint Patrick's Day at Columba Hall

Following Mass and Office, Brother Joseph McTaggart delivered a talk on the Irish Influence in the Notre Dame area. Mention was made of the number of Holy Cross early members whose home was Ireland. He continued with the spirit of Saint Patrick as viewed in Patrick's prayers and poems such as: *The Dear's Cry*.

Christ with me, Christ before me
Christ behind me, Christ in me

Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ on my right, Christ on my left
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down
Christ when I arise, Christ to shield me

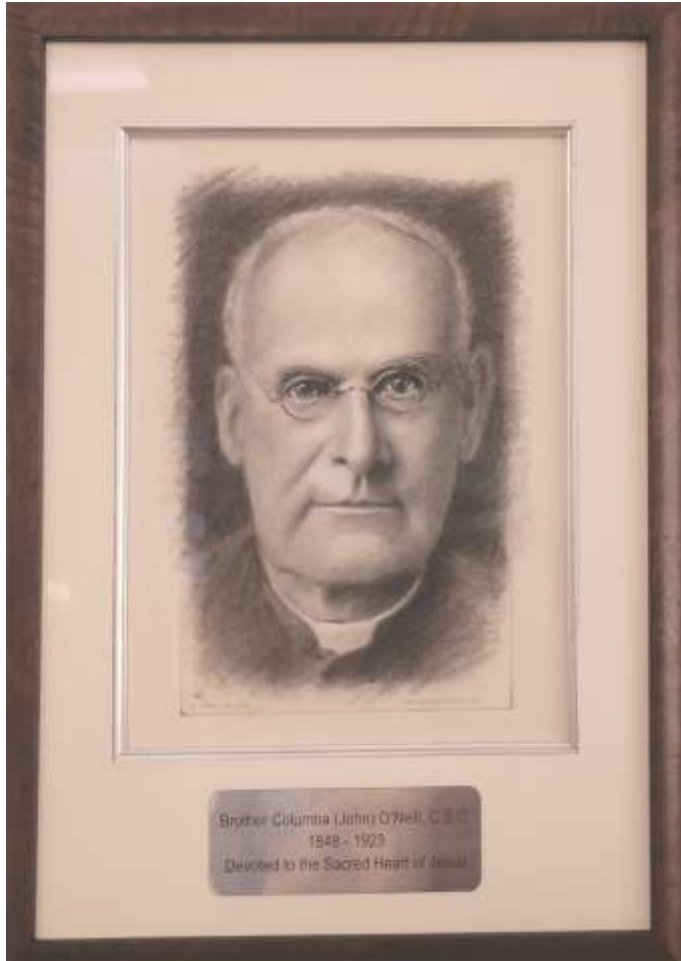
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me.

And, all of this was followed by a spectacular Irish meal ending with Brother Carl Sternberg leading all in a sing-a-long of Irish songs.

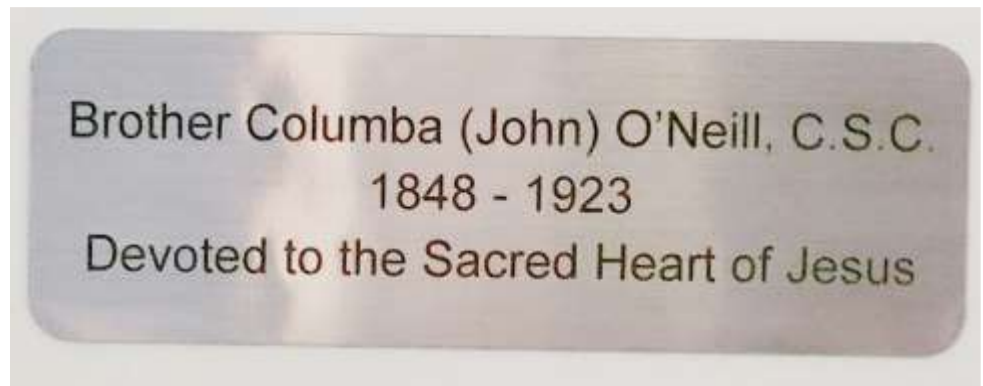


Replaced Picture of Brother Columba

Located on the wall to one's right, next to the nurse's station as one entered Columba Hall, was a picture of Brother Columba. It had faded over the years. Brother James Kane created a charcoal portrait of the original hanging, had it framed, and protected with non-glare glass, replacing the original. Check it out whenever you enter our home on the Notre Dame campus.



Brother Columba (John) O'Neill, C.S.C.
1848 - 1923
Devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

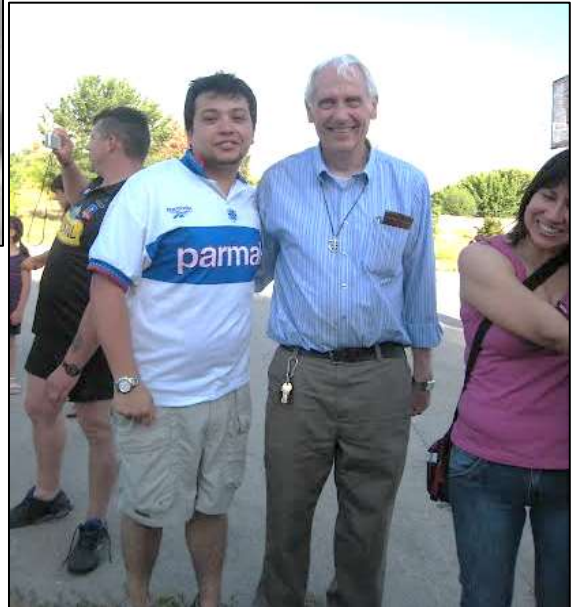
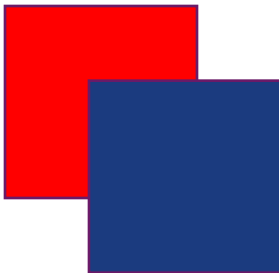


This Past Week

This past week, **Brother Donald Kuchenmeister, CSC**, serving the Midwest Province in Chile suffered a heart attack requiring hospitalization and surgery. He is now resting well and will be released this week from the hospital. For many years Brother Donald ran an orphanage in Santiago. Here is a photo of him with some of his little ones, and a photo of him with one of the boys as a grown man.



Bob and Donald



Nelson and Donald

Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Lights, Camera, Action

Dear Associates and Friends,

One of the signs that makes Christian contemplation different in its emphasis from Eastern meditation is its call for action. In Christian contemplation the love that flows from God's compassion is the love of all creation and especially the unconditional love of fellow humans. The question asked in the Christian Scriptures is: "How can you say that you love God whom you cannot see if you do not love your neighbor whom you can see?"

A sign that we are praying to God at a deeper level happens when our prayer motivates us to reach out to others in our daily lives. Such love helps us from falling into the pitfalls of hatred, deception, violence in words or actions, which are products of the false self and whose basis is fear. The true self is nourished by a contemplation which seeks unity in all things with the one God as its source. Jesus tells us that by their fruits you will know them. When the camera is focused on our actions performed out of love, people will see and people will listen. Our outer actions will witness to an interior life watered by God's grace of love. John in his epistle says, "Love is letting go of fear."

- Does your prayer life lead you to a closer relationship with the people in your life?
- Are Christians today known for their love of neighbor?
- What forms of prayer lead you to Christian contemplation?

O God, show me the actions that I need to take as a result of my prayer life.



Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.

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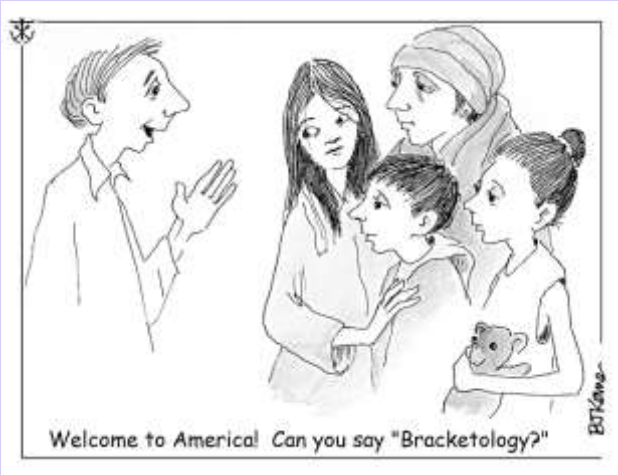
Reflection
Sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.



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Brother
James
Kane,
CSC



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