

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## Remembering Br. Joseph Chvala, CSC

by Tom Wasserbauer, '56

(This from my book, *Life Experiences and Random Thoughts...*)



My most memorable and influential high school teacher was Brother Joseph. It was sophomore year, 1953, first day of English class. As this naive fifteen year old observed the young-looking, slight, thin brother wearing a black cassock and Roman collar (today the brothers wear civilian clothes), my immediate thought was, "This is gonna be easy." Within five minutes during his introductory remarks outlining expectations of his students, I said to myself, "This is gonna be tough," and tough it was and challenging.

The drudgery of long spelling and vocabulary lists, frequent reading and writing assignments were endured. Naive sophomores do not appreciate an excellent teacher until after the challenge has been met and the recognition of what was accomplished is realized. I learned to accept Br. Joe's criticism on my assignments but always experienced a sense of satisfaction when my essay was read to the class by him highlighting a choice of a word, the construction of a sentence or paragraph as an example of good writing.

Despite those long lines of complainers on parent-teacher conference nights outside his classroom door, I know other students came to appreciate his prodding, challenges, encouragement and demands of excellence and realized what was accomplished after completing his class. Today's students need more Br. Josephs touching their lives.



To this day, I consider Br. Joseph the world's best HS English teacher. The world could use many more like him.

Tom Wasserbauer, '56



Reminder

Lenten Lecture Series – 2018  
7:00 P.M. in Geenen Hall

**February 28**

**Dominic Vachon**

"How Jesus Saves Us by Awakening Our Compassion: A New Way to Understand Lent and the Easter Triduum"

Dominic Vachon is currently the Director of the Ruth M. Hillebrand Center for Compassionate Care in Medicine at the University of Notre Dame. He has been involved in the training of physician residents in patient-physician communication and professionalism. He is also a practicing psychologist.



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**March 7**

**Fr. David Farrell**

"Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC - Educator in the Faith"

A native of Pittsfield, MA, David Farrell studied in public schools and then political science at Williams College before entering the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1961. He has degrees in philosophy from Stonehill College, theology from la Pontificia Universidad Catolica en Santiago, Chile, and was ordained a priest in 1968. Fr. David received a Masters of Science in sociology with special reference to education from the University of London in 1983. King's College awarded Fr. David a degree of Doctor Honoris Causus in 1995.



## Lent: A Time to Listen

Wednesday evening, February 21, Dr. Carolyn Yauyan Woo presented her Lenten talk, *Lent: A Time to Listen*.

Lent is a gift from God. It is a time to be alert, to find God by:

- Listening to a person who is close to us.
- Listening to a community at large.
- Listening to myself. (What do I want to hear from God?)
- Listening by placing myself in the presence of God.

Fewer outside events this Wednesday provided extra time so that Geenen Room at Andre Place, was filled. Thank you Dr. Carolyn for providing us with a meaningful approach to Lent.

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### Easter Retreat – Columba Hall

Retreatants: Columba Hall's Easter Retreat is open to all

Venue: Columba Hall

Opening: 7:00 pm - Palm Sunday

Closing: Holy Thursday Morning



Retreat days (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday) consist of two conferences and Mass with a homily per day. You are welcome to come for any or all events, to walk in, or to reserve a place to stay at Columba Hall. You will need to register for a room and meals only if staying at the hall. For registering contact the assistant superior: Brother Christopher Dreyer – phone: 574 631-5979, e-mail: [cdreyer@brothersofholycross.com](mailto:cdreyer@brothersofholycross.com).

Brother Joel Giallanza, CSC (Moreau Province, Congregation of Holy Cross) will be retreat master.

## Brother Kenneth Kane

**Gilmour Academy Amateur Radio Club**

**Visit the club's Website at:**

<https://sites.google.com/a/gilmour.org/gilmour-amateur-radio-club/>

**Hoban's Quick Links for News**

### **SUCH A HAM...FOR RADIO!**

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Gilmour's Amateur Radio Club, properly identified by its call sign ND8GA, is an FCC-licensed organization. All [amateur radio](#), known as "ham," is regulated by the FCC and must also follow numerous international agreements. Currently moderated by Br. Kenneth Kane (KG8DN), Gilmour's ham club's mission is to:

**Read entire article (4<sup>th</sup> article from the top):**

<https://www.gilmour.org/page/quicklinks/news>

## Archbishop Hoban High School *Knight News* - February 2018

**Brother James Spooner wins  
first Heart and Mind Award**

The inaugural Holy Cross Heart and Mind Award was presented to Brother James Spooner at an all-school assembly Jan. 24 ... To read entire article, follow the link: [Knight News](#)



## Writing Lab Brother Philip Smith

**Article in *Hoban Magazine*  
Fall/Winter 2017-18, Page 25**



### Hoban's New Writing Lab Offers Students Opportunity to Hone Skills

An English teacher for 50 years, 12 of those at Hoban, Brother Phil Smith wanted to provide a space where students can receive writing assistance coupled with idea generation, organization, finding and recording support, and MLA (Modern Language Association)-style formatting. ...

To read the article you will need a hard copy from Hoban or wait for a time until the latest version of the magazine is posted to the Web at the following link:

<https://www.hoban.org/s/1098/15/interior.aspx?sid=1098&gid=1&pgid=1653>

Under **Publications** choose **Hoban Magazines**, and then wait a short time for them to download. Publications are listed up to the fall of 2018. Hopefully the fall/winter 2017-18 issue will soon be added to the list. Reading the magazine in the form presented is easy and interesting.

## Driver Awareness Training

February, 2018

TO: Midwest Brothers  
FROM: Brother Ken Haders  
RE: Driver Awareness Training

Last summer I shared an updated policy regarding our efforts to manage risks related to driving. The guidelines presented best practices related to safe and responsible driving and related to care of vehicles. One of those best practices is taking classes to remind us of what we can do to be better, safer drivers. As stated in the policy, driver awareness training programs have been proven to improve safety, decrease accidents, and lower insurance rates for participants. Participation in such programs

that offer training credits is expected of all our drivers every two years.

In support of this effort to be better, safer drivers, the province will be providing two options for completing driver awareness training. First, we have scheduled a live program for April 19, 2018, in the Brother William Geenen Room at Andre Place. That program will begin at 9:00 am and will take about 90 minutes, more if there are questions. Please contact Sharan Palmer in our Business Office at [spalmer@brothersofholycross.com](mailto:spalmer@brothersofholycross.com) or by phone at 574-631-2920 if you plan to attend the session on April 19. The second option is to participate in online driver awareness training.

Both of these options are being provided by our insurance provider, Christian Brothers Risk Pooling Trust. For the live program, all you need do is participate fully in the entire class. For the online option, please contact Sharan at [spalmer@brothersofholycross.com](mailto:spalmer@brothersofholycross.com) to get additional information. The online program requires you to watch a video and then answer a series of questions to prove to have learned the ideas presented. With the online options you may select your own time(s) for either a series of short presentations or one full training session that lasts about 77 minutes, plus time for a quiz. Of course you are free to identify other options for driver awareness training classes through adult education providers like AARP. Just send in the certificate.

Participating in sessions like these is a requirement of our insurance company because the research clearly indicates they make a difference in improving driver safety. They also give us a small discount for each participant.

I would appreciate your initiative in identifying driver awareness training options that fit your schedule and learning preferences. As we proceed through 2018, I will be following up to make sure all our drivers have successfully completed a program over the last two years. Your initiative will avoid problems with our insurance provider.

Thanks.

**Brother Kenneth Haders**



## An African Evening



**Elminia Coast, Ghana, West Africa**

**Brother Francis Boylan** sent this picture. May he have time to enjoy the many beautiful locations he is near enough to visit as he works on his project at Saint Brother Andre High School.

## Reflection



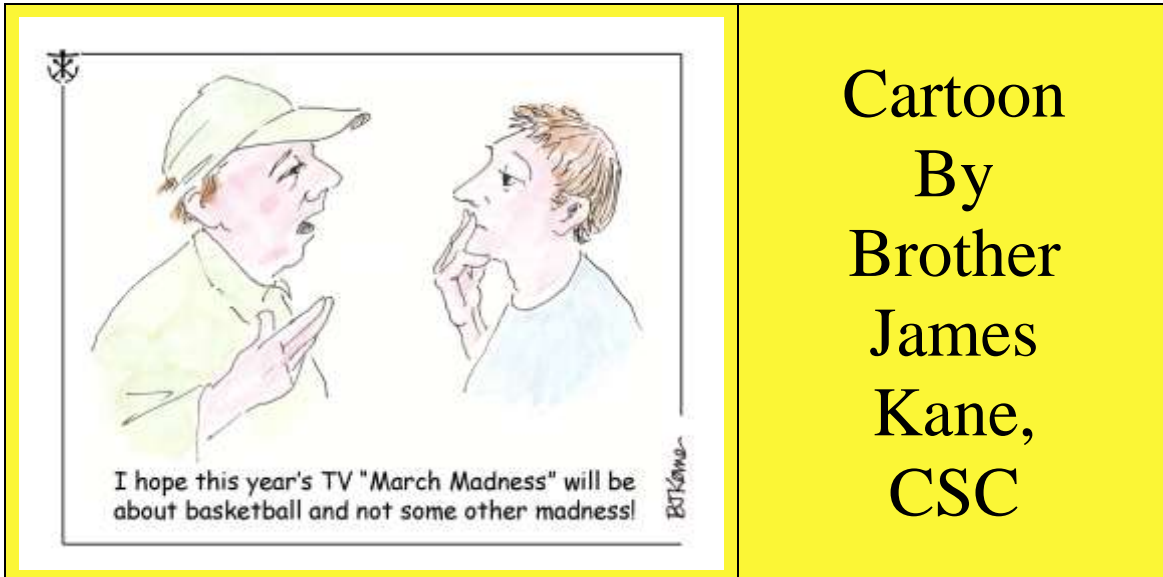
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"We think sometimes that poverty  
is only being hungry, naked and homeless.  
The poverty of being  
unwanted, unloved and uncared  
for is the greatest poverty.  
We must find each other."

Mother Teresa

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