

Food for the Soul ...

Fresh Green Beans, New Potatoes, and Ham in a Single Pot

At this point in the summer, with fresh green beans and new potatoes, an old time favorite is a single pot meal of smoked ham with fresh green beans and new potatoes. The flavors of the smoked meat with the fresh green beans and new potatoes is beyond our usual taste when we cook green beans. This is very different from the more recent trend to cook vegetables el dente, but it is a great alternative, and anytime you can cook a meal in a single pot with such freshness, this is a must!



- Ingredients:** These are only suggested amounts as you can decrease or increase the amounts you wish to cook. However, you need a certain amount of each of the ingredients to get equal flavors from each of them.
- 3 lbs. piece of smoked ham or smoked pork
 - 3 lbs. fresh green beans cleaned and snapped in half
 - 3 lbs. of small new potatoes, best if peeled but not necessary
 - 1 large onion chopped

Place the ham and chopped onion in a pot with the meat covered with water and bring to a boil. Let ham and onion simmer for about a half hour. Then add the green beans and let them simmer for at least 45 minutes. Then, add the small new potatoes and cook until finished, but not falling apart. Season with salt and pepper, but be aware that the ham or smoked pork you use will have significant salt to it already.

Please remember in your prayers the following members of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers who died recently. May they rest in peace!



Rev. Robert G. Simon, C.S.C.
June 1, 1934 - May 23, 2020

Rev. Robert G. Simon, C.S.C., died in Santiago, Chile, on May 23, 2020. He entered the community in 1951 and pronounced his first vows in 1952. He was ordained in 1961 and since his ordination spent 55 years in Chile at St. George's College primarily in a variety of administrative assignments. He was also instrumental in the foundation of the school in Andacollo. As a member of the Chile-Peru District, the funeral Mass and burial was in Chile.



Rev. David Scheidler, C.S.C.
January 26, 1965 - June 6, 2020

Rev. David Joseph Scheidler, C.S.C., died on June 6, 2020. He was born in Dallas, Texas, raised in Indianapolis, Ind., and entered the Congregation after graduating from Notre Dame. He was ordained in 1994 and spent time in parish work, teaching at Notre Dame High School in Niles, Ill., and as assistant rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. He was pastor of Sacred Heart Parish at Notre Dame at the time of his death. The Funeral Mass was held at Sacred Heart Basilica on June 12th, and he was buried in the Community Cemetery at Notre Dame.



Rev. Jerome E. Knoll, C.S.C.
August 24, 1933 - July 3, 2020

Rev. Jerome E. Knoll, C.S.C., died at Holy Cross House on July 3, 2020. A native of Michigan City, Ind., in 1933, he attended St. Mary's grade and high school-- where the Sisters of the Holy Cross taught--until his senior year when he entered the little seminary program. Ordained in 1960, he taught at Notre Dame, Niles, Ill., served as chaplain at Le Mans Academy, was director of Holy Cross House, and while at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., he was the first women's golf coach. The Funeral Mass was on July 8 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and burial followed in the Community Cemetery.



Rev. Eugene Homrich, C.S.C.
December 8, 1928 - July 25, 2020

Rev. Eugene Homrich, C.S.C., died at Holy Cross House on July 25, 2020. Fr. Homrich, a native of Muskegon, Mich., entered the Little Seminary in 1942, made his novitiate at Rolling Prairie and pronounced his first vows in 1947. He did his theology at the Foreign Mission Seminary in Washington, D.C. and was ordained in 1955 and was assigned to Bangladesh. He spent more than 60 years working with the Garo people there. He eventually became a member of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Province in Bangladesh and in 2016 came to Holy Cross House. His Funeral Mass was at Sacred Heart Basilica on July 30 and burial followed in the Community Cemetery at Notre Dame

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Dear Friends,

The last issue of *Cross Links* featured the four men who would have been ordained the Saturday after Easter. However, their ordinations were postponed until Labor Day weekend because of the pandemic restrictions at that time. As a result, this Labor Day weekend we will combine several of our annual events in order to accommodate the restrictions placed on large gatherings during the pandemic. Four men will pronounce final vows as seminarians and one as a brother on Saturday, September 4, and the following day, Sunday, September 5, our newest priests will be ordained along with the four young men who pronounced their final vows the day before as members of the priests' society in Holy Cross. Both Final Vows and the Ordinations will take place in Sacred Heart Basilica at Notre Dame.

On Saturday, August 1, eight novices pronounced their First Vows at the completion of their novitiate year in Cascade, Colorado. Of the group of newly professed, six are from the United States Province, one is from the Midwest Province of Brothers, and one from the French Vicariate.



To profess Final Vows, from left to right, Geoffrey Mooney, C.S.C., Felipe Compos, C.S.C., Br. Pablo Quan, C.S.C., David Smith, C.S.C., and Robert Lisowski, C.S.C.



First row left to right: Br. Pierre-Evann de Fremond, C.S.C. (Vicariate of France), Br. Robert Edward McFadden, C.S.C. (US Province), Rev. Mark Thesing, C.S.C., David Christopher Murray, C.S.C. (US Province) and Noah Malloy Junge, C.S.C. (US Province). Second row left to right: Br. Eugene Benjamin Rossi, C.S.C. (Midwest Province), Aaron Richard Morris, C.S.C. (US Province), Alexander Douglas White, C.S.C. (US Province) and Richard Charles Bevington, III, C.S.C. (US Province).

Let us also remember the four young men we featured last issue. Rev. Mr. Vincent Nguyen, C.S.C., spent his diaconate year at Holy Cross Parish in South Bend, Ind., Rev. Mr. Joseph Pedersen, C.S.C., spent his diaconate year at Siegfried Hall at Notre Dame, Ind., Rev. Mr. Zachary Rathke, C.S.C., spent his diaconate year at St. Ignatius Martyr Parish, Austin, Texas, and Rev. Mr. Gilbrian Stoy, C.S.C., spent his diaconate year at Christ the King Parish in South Bend, Ind. The Most Reverend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, will ordain these young men in Sacred Heart Basilica on Sunday, September 5.

In this issue of *Cross Links*, Rev. John Herman, C.S.C., Rector of Moreau Seminary, has provided an excellent summary of the accommodations that our formation programs made because of the pandemic that affected our regular schedules at the end of the spring semester break. I think you will easily identify with the many changes we made quickly in order to deal with

an unexpected set of circumstances that confronted all of us. Fr. Herman continued with his formation staff to outline conditions for the summer and the return of seminarians and scholastics for the fall semester. And, presently we are in the very first stages of those many changes. Overall, these efforts have served us well so far, and we pray that we will be able to continue offering our strong programs with these changes. As you read this summary, please pray for their success in addressing conditions that none of us has control over. Only with God's grace and our many efforts will we be able to accomplish this important period that we find ourselves living in at this time.

May God bless you,

Brother Donnell, CSC

MEN IN FORMATION

Dear Friends of Holy Cross,

Summer greetings to all of you! I hope and pray that this August issue of ***Cross Links*** finds you healthy and well despite all of the challenges we are all facing now. It is very popular to refer to all that we are going through in the COVID-19 pandemic as the “new normal.” One of our seminarians joked the other day, “This isn’t the new normal. It’s the current abnormal!” Only God knows what all of this is. We will certainly know more in time!

To say the least, things have been very interesting for our Holy Cross formation program here at the University of Notre Dame since spring break. Things changed greatly for us when Notre Dame announced that students would not come back to campus after spring break and that classes would be online via Zoom through the end of the semester. Like everyone, we had to adapt our formation to the new realities of social distancing, staying at home, quarantining, etc. Like everyone, we faced the challenges of so many things changing and many new limits in our lives, but we also came to recognize in the process many incredible blessings that we might not have fully appreciated prior to this pandemic.

It was a much different experience for our seminarians and brothers to have their theology and philosophy classes exclusively online. The novelty of online classes wore off quickly. They missed the normal kind of interactions that they had had previously with the professors and fellow students. They also missed getting out in the fresh air on their way to and from their classes on campus. They persevered through the end of the semester. They still definitely benefited from their classes, but they all said that classes were not the same for them online.

One of the biggest losses for our men in formation during this pandemic was the loss of many of their pastoral ministries. Before this pandemic arrived, they were serving in ministries on campus at Notre Dame and Holy Cross College, in local Holy Cross or diocesan parishes, in ministries to the poor and homeless or elsewhere in the local community. There

were suddenly no longer students to whom they could minister. Local parishes were limited in what they could do “in person.” Even ministries to the poor followed protocols that limited volunteer access. Our seminarians and brothers come to Holy Cross because they feel God calling them to become “apostolic religious.” They have zeal for ministry and, thus, relish all of their opportunities to minister and to share the love of Christ with people in their ministries.

One of the blessings of this pandemic was the opportunity that our Moreau Seminary community had to focus more intently on our prayer, our brotherhood and our being together as a community. We certainly were not going anywhere else! We also were not able to welcome guests to our community as we usually do, which was very strange for us. We are blessed to have a very spacious seminary, which delayed a bit our feeling “cooped up” here. Our community embraced social distancing, especially in our chapel and in our dining room. We made an effort to pray more for the needs of the Church and the world by adding additional hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to our prayer schedule. The Moreau community had a very powerful experience of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum, celebrating for the first time all of these special liturgies “in house.” We were very aware of what a blessing it was to be able to have these liturgies when so many other Catholics did not at that time. We also made an effort to be creative in finding ways to build community and keep up morale. We had a dining room placemat art contest. We had “Moreau Family Feud” -like the TV show. We had the “First Annual Moreau NFL Combine” at our seminary. Some of the priests on our formation staff even participated in this. (I am still waiting for my Detroit Lions to give me a call. Surely someone of my talents could help them, right?!) To the credit of all of our community members, we really pulled together in a good way, stayed positive and supported each other throughout our time of being confined to our seminary.

Our undergraduate seminarians at Old College on campus had a much different experience for the last half of the spring semester. Since the University sent all undergraduates home after spring break, our Old

Collegians returned to their families as well. They continued with their classes online, but how was their formation to continue beyond their classes with Old Collegians living with their families from New York to California and many places in between? Fr. Brian Ching, C.S.C., the director of our Old College Program, continued their formation program via Zoom meetings. This included the group formation meetings with speakers addressing various formation topics for all of the Old Collegians. It also included regular one-on-one meetings between Old College staff members and each of the Old Collegians. The Old Collegians themselves initiated praying together some of the hours of prayer of the “liturgy of the hours” via Zoom. That was not an easy thing to do since the Old Collegians spanned three different time zones. In late May when students were permitted to return to campus to retrieve their personal belongings from residence halls on campus, Fr. Brian brought the entire group together for safe, socially distanced days of prayer and reunion. This offered the Old Collegians an opportunity to reflect together upon their experience of the pandemic, their remote formation and God’s continued call in their lives. Thanks be to God everyone in our formation program made it to summer okay.

One part of our formation program that we might think would not be affected by this pandemic is our novitiate community in the mountains in Cascade, Colorado. The life of a novice is intense. Their year in the novitiate is a year of deep prayer, of very intentional community living, of focusing on the spirituality, history and charism of our Holy Cross community and of being more or less confined to the beautiful grounds of our novitiate. Novices normally only leave the novitiate for their weekly ministry in Colorado Springs and on Sundays to participate in ministry in one of the local parishes. They normally have some free time for hiking in the mountains and other recreational activities. With the arrival of the pandemic, the novices were not able to continue with their ministries and parish involvement and were not permitted to go anywhere except for hikes in the area. This confinement added a level of intensity to a year that is already intense by nature. Surely, the novices will be holier and stronger for what they have been through! They professed their

first vows on Saturday, August 1st. Sadly, their families were unable to be with them for their first profession Mass due to the safety concerns that are a part of this pandemic.

Summer 2020

Like everything else now in 2020, summer has been different for both our temporarily professed seminarians and brothers and for our postulants, who will enter our novitiate in Colorado in August. Normally the temporarily professed are in ministries during the summer throughout the United States and in ministries in Canada and Mexico and sometimes with our Holy Cross community in Latin America, East Africa and Asia as well. Postulants are normally in parishes and other ministries around the U.S. during the summer. This year the temporarily professed were limited to three summer ministry options: 1. André House in Phoenix 2. Holy Cross Family Ministries and My Brother’s Keeper at Stonehill in Massachusetts and 3. Ministries in South Bend. Our postulants mostly stayed with our Moreau community this summer and served in a variety of ways in our Holy Cross parishes in South Bend. Normally we send a few temporarily professed to André House. This summer we sent eight of them to help keep our Holy Cross ministry to the homeless going with their limited number of volunteers because of the pandemic. All of our men in formation appreciated their ministry opportunities this summer, especially since most had not been able to serve anywhere since early March.

The Fall Semester

The new academic year is upon us. Since Notre Dame moved its start of classes forward by two weeks so that the semester finishes before Thanksgiving, we have had to adjust our formation program to the changed academic calendar. It will be interesting to see how things go this semester. The plan is for there to be “in person” classes but with many protocols to try to insure the health and safety of the students and professors. This will present additional challenges for our Moreau community to try to keep everyone safe and healthy with our men in formation interacting with students

on campus. Facemasks, social distancing, regular hand washings will continue to be a part of our lives. We will still need to be a “semi-closed” community to look out for our more senior finally professed community members here at Moreau and some of our men in formation who have health concerns apart from this pandemic. We await the day when we can have guests visiting and staying with us again.

We look forward to the arrival of eight new postulants to our Moreau community in August. Two come to us from our Old College program - John Draves (Berea, OH) and Jacob Gorman (Evansville, IN). The six newcomers are Andrew Copp (LaGrange, IL), Ethan Kelley (Washington, D.C.), David Murphy (San Diego, CA), Ben Sasin (Indianapolis, IN), Bobby Weltner (Green Brook, NJ) and Tim Wymore (Tulsa, OK). There will also be a new Old Collegian this year, Joshua Amodeo (Mooresville, Indiana).

A sad part of this pandemic for our Holy Cross community was the postponement of our annual ordinations to the priesthood. Traditionally our priestly ordinations happen at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Easter Saturday. That ordination was rescheduled for Saturday, September 5. We will have both the ordinations to the diaconate and to the priesthood in the same Mass that afternoon. On Friday, September 4, we will have our annual final vows celebration. Br. Pablo Quan Lopez, C.S.C., (Guatemala City, Guatemala), Felipe Campos Resendez, C.S.C., (Laredo, TX), Robert Lisowski, C.S.C., (Old Forge, PA), Geoffrey Mooney, C.S.C., (New Albany, IN) and David Smith (Wantage, NJ) will profess their final vows. The latter four will be ordained to the diaconate. Rev. Mr. Vincent Nguyen, C.S.C., (Warner Robbins, GA), Rev. Mr. Joseph Pedersen, C.S.C., (Waterloo, IA), Rev. Mr. Zachary Rathke, C.S.C., (College Station, TX) and Rev. Mr. Gilbrian Stoy, C.S.C., (Little Falls, MN) will be ordained to the priesthood. We look forward to a joyful weekend of celebrations for our Holy Cross community!

We have faced many challenges in the past several months. Many challenges lie ahead of us still, but we have great hope in God’s providence as we continue to prepare our men in formation to be Holy Cross priests

and brothers who will make present, more than ever, the love of Jesus Christ for the Church and the world. God bless you all!

Rev. John Herman, C.S.C.
Superior and Rector, Moreau Seminary

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AUGUST APPEAL

At this time of year, when classes are starting, there is always a large hit on the Formation budget. Tuition, books and fees are being paid, to say nothing of feeding and housing our seminarians and our Formation staff. Your prayers and your gifts in support of our seminarians are a treasure which we steward with great care.