Rhubarb Pie

Fresh rhubarb is a sure sign of spring. In the Midwest, it signals the promise of other freshly grown fruits and vegetables that after a long winter is most welcome. Here is a very easy recipe for rhubarb pie.

**Ingredients for the Crust**
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, cut into small pieces
- 1/4 cup cold water

Mix the above and either use as is for an entire top crust or cut into strips and make a lattice top crust.

**Ingredients for the Filling**
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup of instant tapioca pudding
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 cup sugar
- 5 cups of chopped rhubarb

Mix the above and let it stand for at least 15 minutes.

**Preparation**
- Roll the bottom crust and place it in the pie dish. Place the rhubarb in the crust and dot with butter or margarine.
- Bake in a preheated oven at 420 degrees for 15 minutes. Reduce the temperature to 375 degrees and bake an additional 40 minutes.

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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!

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<td>Fr. Ernest Bartell, C.S.C.</td>
<td>Died at Holy Cross House on March 9, 2020</td>
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Over the Christmas holidays, I had a bout with bronchitis resulting in a bloody cough for several days. Because of all the coughing, I thought I had strained my back and began some physical therapy. However, after several days, there was no improvement, and the doctor prescribed an X-ray. The result indicated that I had a compression fracture of the third lumbar, and hopefully, it could be addressed with several shots of ‘cement’ directly into the bone. An appointment with the specialist, however, indicated after an MRI, that it was a compression fracture and that surgery would be necessary to correct it. The doctor scheduled the surgery for April 14, which was three months from the decision to do surgery. The doctor suggested that I remain at Holy Cross House in the meantime to continue physical therapy and to prepare for surgery. Thus, I have been here for three months now following a different and somewhat confined schedule, especially after the coronavirus restrictions. This experience has provided me the opportunity to realize how important Holy Cross House is for our Province and its elderly members, and I am very thankful to have had this opportunity to witness first-hand the excellent care our men receive here.

Holy Cross House is a religious house for the elderly members of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers who have retired from their late seventies. Among them, several different groups are in different stages of health that require different levels of care. The largest group among the 45 residents are men getting up in years who still manage to care for themselves, and they are able to live somewhat independently with some assistance with medications perhaps. They reside in what is termed the residence rooms. Another group, who may be confined to wheelchairs, may need more assistance in going from place to place in the house but are still very active in the daily life of the house. In addition, some are patients somewhat similar to individuals who would be in a nursing facility and dependent on nursing care. Every one of the men, though, have access to the chapel for Mass and religious exercises and a dining room either on the first floor or the second floor. Those confined to their rooms have access to the chapel for Mass and religious exercises via closed-circuit television. Of the men presently assigned to Holy Cross House, they represent the works of Holy Cross in the United States very well. Many have spent decades in the classrooms of our universities, colleges and high schools. Many have been pastors in parishes throughout the United States. Some have spent the majority of their active lives in religious work. Several have been cooks in our houses and some were involved in maintenance. Some have been Provincial and one Superior General. In observing these men at meals and in chapel, one sees a group of wonderful different individuals who came to Holy Cross and spent their lives carrying out the Mission of the Congregation. Fr. Monroe, the founder of Holy Cross—whose vision was to begin a religious congregation of priests and brothers to carry the gospel message to those in need of it at the time—would be pleased to see the results of his understanding two centuries later. To look at these men individually, one sees the history of the provinces in the United States unfold over the last six decades, sometimes adding to it as to us whose bone is in the very bricks of these places. In a variety of apostolates, these men not only spent many years of service effectively ministering to students, parishioners, and in the foreign missions but most importantly enjoyed their work.

Upon entering the building, the first room you notice is a beautiful chapel. It is here where the men gather for Morning Prayer, Mass, recitation of the Holy Rosary, and Evening Prayer. Stations of the Cross, and Holy Hours. At any time during the day, you will find men meditating in silence or in personal prayer. A large, beautiful hand-carved crucifix dominates the chapel contributing to a very prayerful atmosphere and to a quiet space where you want to spend time. A life-size statue of Our Lady reminds us that she is one of our patrons.

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