

Food for the Soul ...

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

The crust: You will need crust for a 9-inch deep pie dish. Either make your own from a favorite recipe, or use a purchased one.

Ingredients for the Filling

- 5 cups of chopped rhubarb
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup of instant tapioca pudding
- 1 tsp cinnamon

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

Roll the bottom crust and place it in the pie dish. Place the rhubarb in the crust and dot with butter or margarine. Roll the top crust and either use it as an entire top or cut into strips and make a lattice top crust.

Bake in a preheated oven at 420 degrees for 15 minutes. Reduce the temperature to 375 degrees and bake an additional 40 minutes.

For an option, you may substitute half the rhubarb with strawberries.



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!



Brother Robert Vozzo, C.S.C.
September 4, 1943 -
February 19, 2020

Br. Robert Vozzo, C.S.C., died at Holy Cross House at Notre Dame on February 19, 2020. Br. Robert spent his active ministry in the eastern states in various province assignments and thirty-five years in chaplaincy roles in several hospitals. He came to Holy Cross House in 2012.

A wake service was held at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame and also in the Chapel of Mary at Stonehill College, Easton, Mass., followed by his funeral Mass on February 27, 2020. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery in Easton, Mass.



Brother Jerome Matthews, C.S.C.
August 22, 1934 -
March 9, 2020

Br. Jerome Matthews, C.S.C., died at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame on March 9, 2020. Br. Jerome spent several years as the procurator at the Generalate in Rome. He spent more than forty years as a librarian, many of them at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Penn. He retired to Holy Cross House at Notre Dame in 2013.

A wake service was held at Holy Cross House followed by a wake service and funeral Mass in the Chapel of Mary at Stonehill College, Easton, Mass., on March 17, 2020. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Easton, Mass.



Fr. Ernest Bartell, C.S.C.
January 22, 1932 -
April 16, 2020

Fr. Ernest J. Bartell, C.S.C., died at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, on April 16, 2020. Fr. Ernie was received into the Congregation of Holy Cross on August 15, 1955, making his Final Vows on August 16, 1959 and his ordination on June 7, 1961. Fr. Ernie served in higher education the majority of his active ministry. He was a notable economist, educator and priest.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a private committal service at the community cemetery at the University of Notre Dame was held. Later, when family, friends and former colleagues can travel and gather together, there will be a Memorial Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the University of Notre Dame campus.

CROSS LINKS

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Dear Friends,

Like so many of you, I'm "working remotely" from Holy Cross House where I've been in residence for many, many weeks. I first moved here in preparation for surgery on my back in April, but we've been in lockdown for a while and all non-essential medical procedures have been on hold. More about this on the inside pages. I remain with my elder and infirmed Holy Cross family as we all wait for the worst of this pandemic to pass. I pray, as does the entire Holy Cross community, for your safety and for your health.

While so much has been altered in our daily lives, there's still good news to share. For example, we have four Deacons who will be ordained in September. Originally scheduled for ordination on April 18, the restrictions placed on public ceremonies forced us to reschedule to September 5. Each of these men have spent their diaconate year in the following assignments: **Rev. Mr. Vincent Nguyen, C.S.C.**, at Holy Cross Parish, South Bend; **Rev. Mr. Mark Joseph Pedersen, C.S.C.**, as rector of Siegfried Hall at Notre Dame; **Rev. Mr. Zachary Rathke, C.S.C.**, at St. Ignatius Martyr Parish, Austin, Texas; and **Rev. Mr. Gilbrian, Stoy, C.S.C.**, at Christ the King Parish in South Bend. Congratulations to each of them and to our temporarily professed men who will profess Final Vows on September 4 and be ordained to the Diaconate on September 5. Please continue to remember each of them in your prayers as they anticipate their ordinations and profession of Final Vows in September.



Rev. Mr. Vincent Nguyen, C.S.C.



Rev. Mr. Mark Joseph Pedersen, C.S.C.



Rev. Mr. Zachary Rathke, C.S.C.



Rev. Mr. Gilbrian Stoy, C.S.C.

Typically, the May issue of Cross Links invites your support of retired, elder and infirmed members of Holy Cross, but I'm encouraging you to consider helping our Holy Cross ministries serving those impacted by COVID-19. You recently received a letter from **Fr. Bill Lies, C.S.C.**, our Provincial Superior, describing the needs we're trying hard to meet. These needs are real and the lives we're serving depend upon our collaboration, so prayerfully consider helping us help others. I've enclosed another gift envelope for your convenience – and thank you!

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HOLY CROSS HOUSE



Over the Christmas holidays, I had a bout with bronchitis resulting in heavy coughing for several days. Because of all the coughing, I thought I had strained my back and began some physical therapy to address the pain. 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 major 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 a facility 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 some need of assistance. Seventeen of these men are over 90 years of age, the eldest being 102. The youngest would be in



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 close 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 the foreign missions. Several have been cooks in our houses and some were involved in maintenance. Some have been Provincials and one a Superior General. In observing these men at meals and in chapel, one sees a group of very different individuals who came to Holy Cross and spent their lives carrying out the Mission of the Congregation. Fr. Moreau, 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 most need of it at the time--would be pleased to see the results of his undertaking two centuries later. To look at these men individually, one sees the history of the provinces in the United States unfold over five or six decades, sometimes referred to as men whose blood 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 Rosary, Evening Prayer, Stations of the Cross, and Holy Hours. At any time during the day, you will find men meditating or engaged in personal prayer. A large, beautiful hand carved crucifix dominates the chapel contributing to a very prayerful aura that is conducive to a quiet space where you want to spend time. A life-size statue of Our Lady of Sorrows reminds us that she is one of our patrons.



Her right hand is pointing to the crucifix and her left hand to statues of St. Joseph and the Sacred Heart of Jesus thereby honoring all three patrons of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

One of the most striking impressions a visitor has of Holy Cross House is that these men enjoy living together, and for some who spent many years outside of the Notre Dame area, it is truly a return to their American roots in the Congregation. Many spent their formation years here at Notre Dame, and then served for decades in different parts of the United States, Bangladesh, Peru, Chile, and Africa. Yet, at this point in their lives, they return to their roots in the Congregation and personify what is so unique about



Holy Cross men—being a member of an international congregation that belongs to a community that welcomes its members from all over the world in a house of the community. Their presence at Holy Cross House at this point in their lives truly gives meaning to our Constitution on Brotherhood which states, “It is essential to our mission that we strive to abide so attentively together that people will observe, see how they love one another. We will then be a sign in an alienated world: men who have, for love of their Lord, become closest neighbors, trustworthy friends, brothers” (Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross, 4.42).



Meals are another example of community life that is vibrant and enjoyed by our men. Notre Dame Food Service provides excellent well-balanced meals under the supervision of a dietitian. Conversations are lively, and to my surprise, current affairs are always a part of every meal. Whether politics, foreign affairs, or the coronavirus, these men follow the news regularly. They also regale one another with memorable and oftentimes funny events that they shared sometimes decades ago but still enjoy recalling today. Sharing a common table contributes to community and this certainly is evident here.

Fr. Thomas Jones, C.S.C., is the Religious Superior and along with his capable assistant, Fr. Peter Logsdon, C.S.C., are dedicated and caring individuals who provide excellent leadership for not only the religious members of the house but for the nursing staff and the other very dedicated members of the staff who provide for the needs of our men. It is obvious that these individuals are not only committed to what they do, but they also like what they do. It is impressive to see how well they work with each other in caring for the needs of these men frequently without even asking for assistance. They know the men so well that they anticipate their needs any time of the day or night. Nurses, therapists, housekeepers, office workers, and maintenance staff provide a level of care that is professional and provided with a level of kindness that the men appreciate very much. There is also a doctor on call who regularly comes during the week to check on those needing attention. In addition, Holy Cross House houses the Holy Cross Clinic led by a nurse practitioner who, with another nurse, provides care for Holy Cross men in the Notre Dame-South Bend area. The combined efforts of these individuals provide a level of care that makes it a first-rate healthcare facility within the context of a religious residence for Holy Cross. Having spent the last three months here, I am most thankful and appreciative of this wonderful facility and for my religious brothers who make this such a positive experience.