



Dear Brothers,

Merry Christmas and happy 2017! I have missed you and kept you in prayer during this joyful holiday season. My family in Chicago and our brothers at Notre Dame (where I was doing math!) have asked about you and expressed their interest in and prayers for our community. So know that we are loved!

In this Christmas season, we celebrate not only Christ's coming, but also the unfolding manifestation that ushers in His public life and ministry. In these somewhat quieter days before students arrive and the semester begins, perhaps we can continue to enjoy the rest, peace and reflection that will allow us to discern His manifestations.

In Holy Cross,

Charlie McCoy

News

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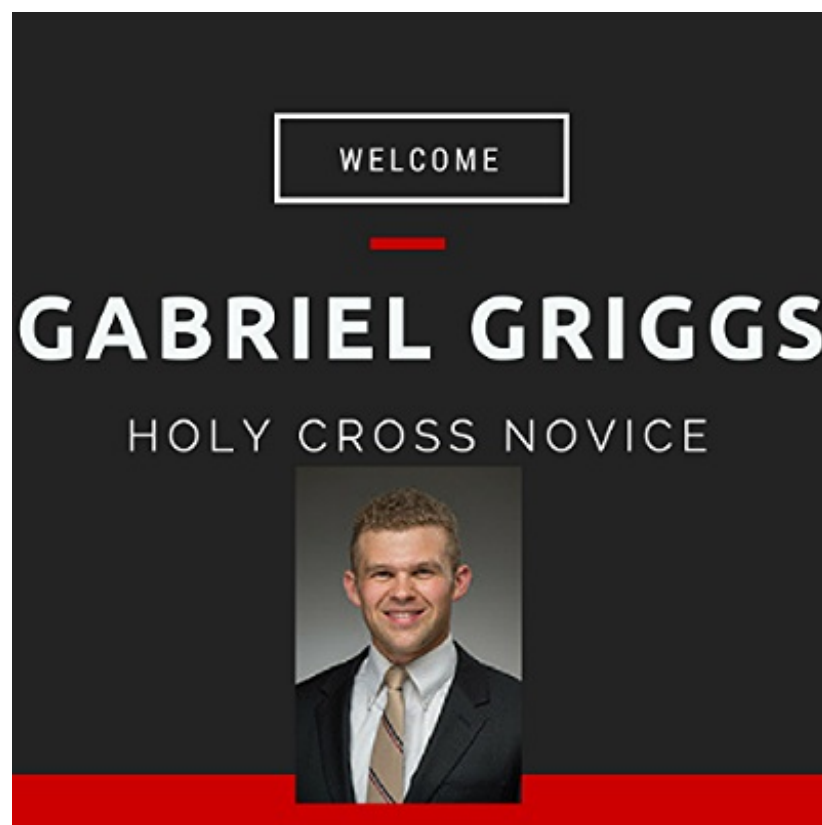
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He Had the Golden Ticket!



Congratulations to Fr. Wickham on his winning ticket at the staff Christmas luncheon! It was, indeed, a lucky table--Fr. Wickham won a VISA giftcard for a little post-holiday shopping.

Welcome Gabriel Griggs, Winter Placement Novice



Gabriel grew up in South Bend and graduated from Trinity School at Greenlawn in 2010 and Notre Dame in 2014. He has a BA in the Program of Liberal Studies and Applied Mathematics. He spent a year studying at Purdue University before joining Holy Cross. Gabriel was a member of the rowing team at Notre Dame and he looks forward to the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports at UP, including basketball in the Beauchamp Center. Gabriel is also excited to discover what Portland's music scene has to offer. Welcome Gabriel!

Brainteasers in Memory of Fr. Ron Wasowski



In honor of Fr. Wasowski, Professor Inan from the School of Engineering created the following brainteasers and requested they be shared with the community.

From Dr. Inan:

Fr. Ron was indeed a gentleman and he will be missed. In his memory and as a farewell to him, I constructed the following brainteasers:

1. If numbers 1 to 26 are assigned to the letters of the English alphabet as A being 1, B being 2, C being 3, etc., the sum of the numbers assigned to the letters of *Ronald James Wasowski* equals 232. Fr. Wasowski died on 12/5/2016 and the reverse of this date, namely 6102521, equals $23 \times 37 \times 71 \times 101$ where the sum of these four prime factors equals 232 too.
2. Further, 23, 37, 71, and 101 are the 9th, 12th, 20th, and 26th prime numbers where the sum of 9, 12, 20, and 26 equals 67 and the 67th prime number is 331 coinciding with Fr. Wasowski's birth date, March 31 (3/31). Additionally, 67 is the 19th prime number where the difference of 19 and 67 results in 48 which coincides with the sum of the numbers assigned to the letters of Fr. Wasowski's middle name, James.
3. Fr. Wasowski was born in 1946 on 3/31 or simply 331 where the sum of 331 and its reverse, namely 133, equals twice 232 (*Ronald James Wasowski*).
4. Moreover, Fr. Wasowski died 116 days before his 71st birthday where twice 116 also equals 232.
5. The sum of the prime factors of 1946 (Fr. Wasowski's birth year), namely 2, 7, and 139, yields 148 and the reverse of 148, namely 841, equals 29×29 where four times the sum of 29 and 29 also equals 232.
6. If Fr. Wasowski's birth year 1946 is split into 19 and 46, the sum of these two numbers gives 65 and the 65th prime number is 313 which coincides with Fr. Wasowski's birth date, 31 March (31/3).

7. Additionally, the sum of the numbers assigned to the letters of *Ron Wasowski* result in 167 which is the 39th prime number and 39 equals 3 times 13 where 3 and 13 put side by side yields 313 (31/3) too.

8. Also, the prime factors of 1946, namely 2, 7, and 139, are the 1st, 4th, and 34th prime numbers and the sum of 1, 4, and 34 equals 39 and the 39th prime number is 167 (*Ron Wasowski*).

9. The sum of the digits of Fr. Wasowski's full birthday written as 3/31/1946 equal 27 and interestingly enough, 27 times its reverse, namely 72, equals the product of the digits of 3/31/1946.

10. Lastly, if Fr. Wasowski's birthday expressed as 3/31/20AB in any year 20AB in this century is split as 3, 31, 20, and AB, the sum of these four numbers always equals Fr. Wasowski's new age in 20AB. For example, next year, March 31, 2017 expressed as 3/31/2017 will mark Fr. Wasowski's 71st birthday. If 3/31/2017 is split as 3, 31, 20, and 17, these four numbers indeed add up to 71.

I hope you rest in peace Fr. Ron Wasowski and may the Lord always be with you. Amen.

[1] Rev. Ronald J. Wasowski C.S.C. Obituary, South Bend Tribune, December 9 and 10, 2016.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/southbendtribune/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=183030849>

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Upcoming Events

Mass to Celebrate St. André Bessette



Friday, January 6th
Chapel of Christ the Teacher
12:05 pm

The community's official celebration of the Feast of St. Andre Bessette will be the 12:05 pm Mass on Friday, January 6th in Chapel of Christ the Teacher. This will be a festive Mass with music provided by Aaron Carney.

UP vs. Gonzaga: Saturday, January 7th, 7:00 pm



A limited number of tickets will be available on a first come/first served basis. Please contact Kaley if you are interested.

College Football National Championship Game



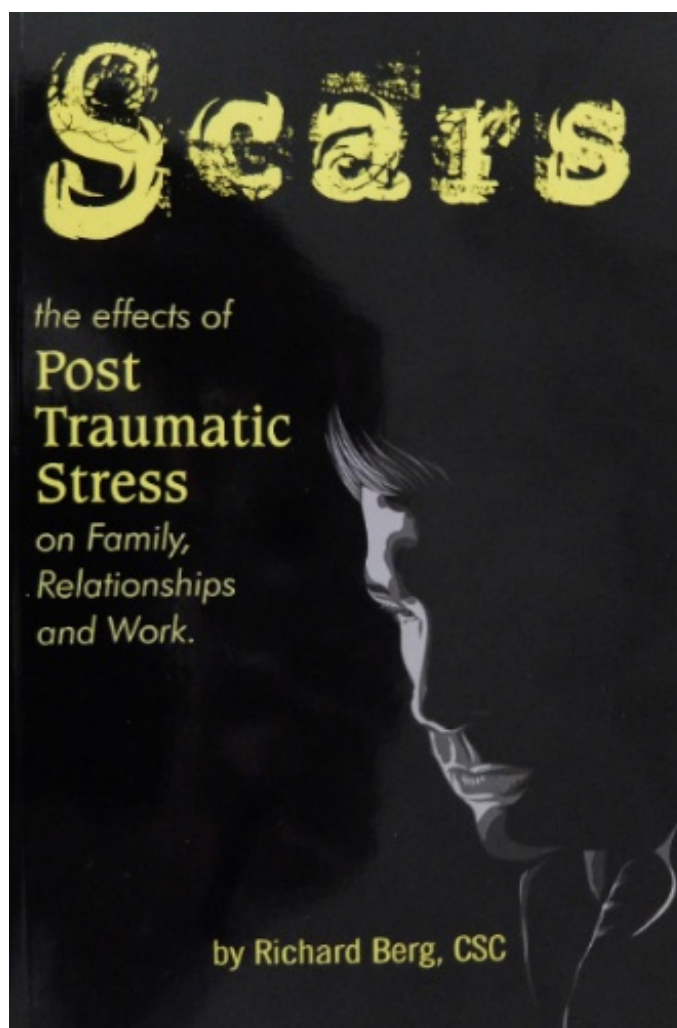
Monday, January 9th, 2017
 Holy Cross Court Lounge
 4:45pm: Pre-game coverage
 5:00pm: Snacks served
 Halftime: Pizza!

Reminder: RSVP to Kaley for the Spirit of Holy Cross Award Event



Please let me know if you will be attending the Spirit of Holy Cross Award event honoring Sr. Sue.

Tickets Now Available for SCARS



Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 7 PM

Adaptation by Roccie Hill with Laurence Overmire from the novel,
Scars, by Richard Berg, CSC

Directed by Nancy McDonald and Laurence Overmire

Scars is a dramatic play in one act about the most debilitating mental health issue of our time, posttraumatic stress, also known as PTSD. Based on intimate conversations with courageous men and women who have served in combat, this is a story that opens minds and hearts to what they endure in war and the trials they undergo upon their return home. Says the author, Richard Berg, "I gave these interviews a great deal of thought and research. Clearly, we are dealing with more than the wounds of war here. Wounds heal. Scars remain." Be sure to stay for the discussion following.

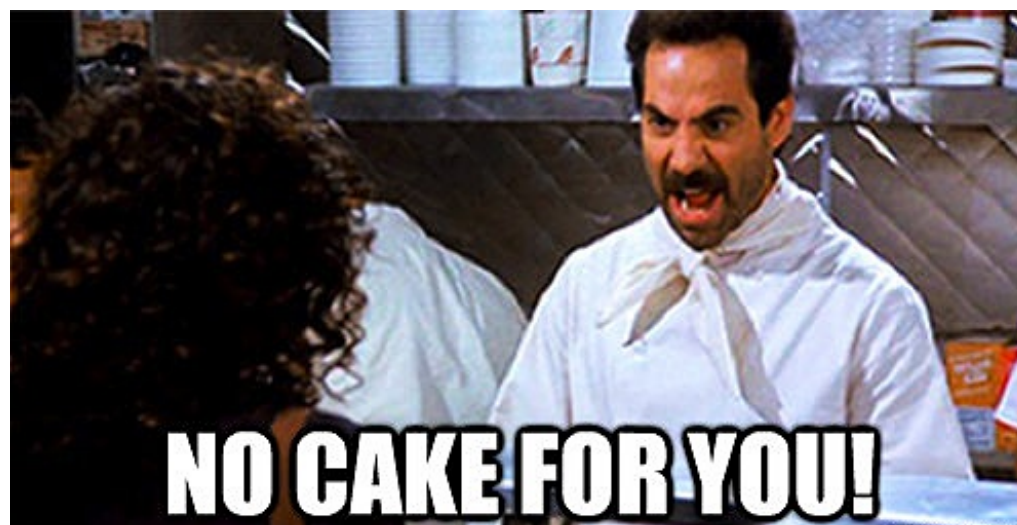
Recommended for ages 16 - adult

Click on the button below to purchase your SCARS tickets now!

Buy Tickets Now!

Lakewood Theatre Company, 368 S. State St., Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Birthdays



There are no January birthdays.

Holy Cross Court Guests

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