

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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Brothers at Notre Dame Celebrate Thanksgiving

Some 60 brothers took part in the annual Thanksgiving Day Mass, social and dinner at Columba Hall. Brothers from Holy Cross Village and surrounding areas were invited to participate in the Columba Hall celebration by Br. Walter Gluhm, superior. Columba had some 25 visitors. Pictures of the Columba Hall celebration are on the front page of the Brothers' web site at:

www.brothersofholycross.com

At Schubert Villa and Dujarie House the brothers joined in a bingo game before Mass and a Thanksgiving meal. Pictures of the bingo and meal are on this page. Many of the lay residents of Holy Cross Village spent Thanksgiving with relatives and friends in the South Bend area.





Holy Cross Village Website:
<http://www.holycrossvillage.com/>

Serving Seniors for 36 Years

It's hard to believe the Holiday Season is upon us!

As we enter the season when we give and give, it's cause for concern that the community is still in great need. Our client numbers have grown by more than 30% in most programs where we provide critical services to support aging. At the same time we have reduced staffing by at least 20% but have not cut programs yet.

We have stayed true to our motto of "People Helping People."



This year, the Friendship Volunteer Center, a program of Senior Friendship Centers, secured important federal resources through Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) and Aerators. Through this program, we have added 42 VISTA and 10 Aerators members into our community at a time when help is needed most. These folks give a year of service to help provide infrastructure and direct service to help seniors in need as well as the clients of 22 other nonprofits in our community.

Economic stimulus resources in our nutrition program have allowed us to increase clients receiving both congregate noon meals and home delivered meals so seniors do not go hungry. Our local foundations have provided operational grants to help us maintain life saving programs for our older adults. The annual "Season of Sharing" campaign provides funds for emergency assistance to keep families in their home. Senior Friendship Centers remains a very important part of the fabric of the community and will continue to address the needs as they grow in the future.

Many thanks to our generous individual donors who continued to see the value of "People Helping People" and support us with their gifts. With two significant lead

gifts by caring and compassionate individuals, we will launch a special Health Services fund inside our Foundation to sustain important medical and dental services for years to come.

We are thankful in this season and all year for your continued support as we remain true to our mission with your trusted resources.

Happy Holidays,
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