

A Call to Stewardship

St. Patrick's Parish, Urbana, Illinois

Fall 1981

Show Me

"Words, words, words! I'm so sick of words," cried Liza Doolittle, frustrated by her ineffectual suitors in the musical, *My Fair Lady*. "Don't talk of love. Show me!"

In May 1978 our Parish Council approved our Parish Mission Statement. We had worked hard and carefully to find words that would summarize our vision.

The words are good. But they need flesh and blood and life. The Lord challenges us. "Show me! Show me you are striving to be the kind of parish community you have said you are."

This newspaper tells you how we try to be true to our mission. The pages that follow outline the various ways we answer the call to worship, the call to faith, the call to service and the call to community in St. Patrick's Parish. These are the opportunities available to you so you can contribute your fair share to our common life and mission.

Our worship, our catechetical efforts, our services and activities have developed to this point in both quantity and quality because many of you have been generous with your time, talent and treasure. You are the people who have given your talent to serve on volunteer staffs, committees and choirs. You are the people who have given your time to participate in Scripture studies, Guild meetings and other programs and activities. You are the people who have given your money to help pay the light bill, fund a workshop and meet the many expenses of a parish today.

We are grateful to you who have given so generously to answer God's call. We count on your continued generosity to help us be true to our vision.

If you are new to St. Patrick's, we welcome you. We invite you to join us in giving life to our vision. There are a wide variety of possibilities. Choose the ones that interest you and claim your share of our mission.

If you have been here for some time, but have not yet or no longer invest much of yourself in the life and mission of the parish, we urge you to become active. Find the way(s) in which you can give your fair share to sustain our life together.

This is not simply our invitation. It is an invitation from the Lord. It is an invitation to responsible stewardship, i.e., proper management of your gifts and proper acknowledgement of the Giver of all good gifts.

The Parish Council is asking for at least one hour of sharing for our life together. That is the minimum measure for sharing time and treasure with the parish. (Talent is much harder to measure.)

At this time in your life some of you will be able to do just that. A few of you will not be able to do even that. We understand and are grateful for whatever you can give to further our mission.

Many of you are able and ought to do much more. In your circumstances one hour of sharing is not an adequate



The Risen Christ, St. Patrick's sanctuary crucifix, designed and crafted by Professor Nicholas Britsky.

response. At this time in your life you may need to give much more of yourself. We challenge you to respond generously.

Only together, our different gifts complementing one another, will we be faithful to our mission. This is as it should be. St. Paul reminds us:

There are many varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one.

To each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. . . The body does not consist of one member but of many . . .

The parts of the body which seem to be weaker are indispensable, . . . God has so composed the body . . .

that there may be no discord in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

If one member suffers, all suffer together;

if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ.

(1 Corinthians 12: 4-7, 14, 22, 24-26)

We urge you to review your stewardship of God's gifts. We urge you to give special consideration to that portion of your time, talent and treasure which you give to support and develop our life together as a parish community. Are you doing your fair share to help us live the vision we proclaim in our mission statement?

The minimum is not the measure. Your fair share, different for each of you, is what you can and should do so that together we will do whatever we must do to become more truly "a people who worship God through prayer and the sacraments, who study God's revelation in Scripture, tradition and the signs of the times; who serve God's will by loving and serving our neighbors, both near and far; and who tell of God's love by our deeds and words."

God patiently says to us, "Show me."

Fr. David Roche
Fr. Doug Hennessy

St. Patrick's Parish Mission Statement

Our God is a loving, forgiving, faithful God, whom we dare to call "Father." He acts and reveals Himself most fully in Jesus and continues Jesus' activity through the work of the Holy Spirit. We, the people of St. Patrick's Church in the Urbana-St. Joseph area, believe in this God and are committed to live and act out of this faith according to the Roman Catholic tradition.

United by our common faith, shared hope and mutual charity, we are called to grow more and more into a people who worship God through prayer and the sacraments; who study God's revelation in Scripture, tradition, and the signs of the times; who serve God's will by loving and serving our neighbors, both near and far; and who tell of God's love by our deeds and our words.

We acknowledge that we fulfill this mission imperfectly at best. We rely on God's grace and look for the full realization of this mission only in the final establishment of the kingdom.

St. Patrick's Parish Council
May 1978

Hour of Sharing

Have you ever wondered who mends the altar cloths or who plays the flute at mass or who distributes the canned goods left in the basket in the rear of church? Did you know that the last two new sets of vestments were made by a parishioner and not ordered from a catalogue? Did you think we had new chairs in the living room of the rectory or did you recognize the familiar shapes beneath the reupholstered attire provided by another parishioner? Did you know that the classrooms in the parish center were recently painted by energetic parishioners? And were you surprised when last a patient at Burnham or Carle hospital to be visited by a Eucharistic minister from St. Patrick's?

Undoubtedly, some of you are knowingly nodding your heads: "Of course, we know that the various parish organizations and committees do all those things." But do you realize that those groups are composed of individual parishioners, each of whom shares his or her time and energy with our parish community?

Each one of us at St. Patrick's has been blessed by God with talents, skills, or abilities which we frequently take for granted. Because we consider them so ordinary we may not see their value for our parish. Consider, for instance, that basic skill, reading, commonly acquired in grade school. This "ordinary" skill plays a significant part in our liturgy as the readers or lectors share with us the word of the Lord. Other "ordinary" skills are also important in the activities at St. Patrick's. Recall our earlier questions. Who mends the altar linens? The person who can sew. And who distributes the canned goods? The person who has an hour or so to drive or accompany another parishioner to feed God's needy.

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A Call to Service

Parish Council Calls Forth Parishioners' Talents

"You address me as 'Teacher' and 'Lord' and fittingly enough, for that is what I am. But if I washed your feet - I who am Teacher and Lord - then you must wash each other's feet. What I Jesus did was to give you an example: as I have done, so must you do."

(John 13:13-15)

Membership on the Parish Council is a two-fold call to service. Moved first by the Holy Spirit to service of the entire faith community, the ten elected members of the Council are then entrusted by the parishioners with the responsibility of discerning and addressing the spiritual and temporal needs of the parish. While election to the council is an honor, it is an even greater responsibility, which the commitment of time and energies bears out.

As one would expect, the Council reflects its parish community: the dreamers, full of ideas and plans, are complemented by the doers who implement the dreamer's vision through organizational detail. The criticizer tempers by testing and challenging the proposals of the others. All three, working toward a common goal of extending God's kingdom in the hearts of the community and sharing a common purpose of service, are necessary for the continued growth of the Church.

The work of the council is aided by its nine standing committees, each of which is discussed below, and its ad hoc committees, such as the Long Range Planning Committee and the Personnel Committee, formed to address specific needs or issues in the parish. The groundwork laid by these committees enables the Council to make decisions. Members are appointed to the ad hoc committees while membership on the standing committees is open.

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Connie Shaw • 384-1191
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Ray Alane • 384-5311
John Foster • 367-7990
Trustees:
Mary Claire Uselding - 367-2017
Jack Fonner - 367-0026

Building & Grounds

Do you do windows? Even if you don't, the Building and Grounds Committee wants you! This is the Council committee responsible for improving the maintenance and operation of all parish properties and equipment. You don't need any special expertise to volunteer your time - just an interest in caring for our parish "home".

The committee welcomes new members to this meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 P.M. in the Parish Center. Functions include conducting general inspections of parish property at least 4 times a year; keeping a current list of needed renewal and replacement projects and their status; administering projects within the committee's budget; and sharing all this information with the Parish Council.

New this year is the establishment of a Parish Volunteer Work Organization to perform supplementary and periodic cleaning and maintenance. The volunteers see this as a way of helping the parish save money and at the same time enabling parishioners to work together in the care of the parish. Leadership of this group is shared among



Members present at the August meeting of the Parish Council, standing. left to right: Pat Lawhorn, Elaine Hershberger, Martin Zeigler, Nancy Riddle, Connie Shaw, Jack Fonner. Kneeling, left to right: Fr. David Roche, Frances Warner, Jeff Hately, Mary Claire Uselding and Deacon Rodger Adams.

parishioners responsible for different areas.

Committee member and volunteer wall painter Cheryl Black describes the activity of this group as a "free labor of love." devoted to seeing that the parish facilities are kept inviting and home-like, cared for "by a family, for a family." More help is needed! Call committee chair Bob Dukeman (328-2453) or Council liaison Bob Chamberlin (367-3337).

Education

In its philosophy statement developed last summer, the Education Committee described its overall purpose as "the faith development of St. Patrick's Parish, based on the maturing faith of the adult Christian community." It stressed the necessity of accepting individuals in their personal faith experience, challenging them with faith experiences of the Judeo-Christian tradition and inviting them to respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A tall order! In its efforts to fill it, the committee meets monthly to discern the educational needs and establish objectives for Catholic-Christian education in our parish community. The group is also responsible for recommending the resources necessary to carry out the program objectives - namely: budget, professional staff, facilities and materials - and for evaluating the effectiveness of St. Patrick's religious education programs.

All meetings are open to all parishioners, and your input is welcomed and encouraged. If you have an interest or a concern, come to the Parish Center on the first Monday of any month at 7:00 p.m. For more information call committee chair Cheryl Black at her office (328-3098) or home (367-7786) or council liaison Pat Lawhorn (1-582-2571).

Finance

"It's not just dollars and cents," explains Bill Subick when asked to comment on the strengths of the Finance Committee which he heads. Bill states that committee members have all experienced a growing awareness of the diversity of activities at St. Patrick's from their study of budget requests

and expenditures. "There are so many different ways in which St. Pat's touches people," he adds.

It's the job of the Finance Committee to advise and assist the Parish Council in planning and preparing the annual budget; periodically to analyze performances against the budget; to prepare financial reports for the Council; and to make specific recommendations to the Council and co-pastors for improving the business practices of the parish.

Any parishioner with an interest in basic business affairs or budget management (anyone who has managed a household has experience) is invited to look into joining the committee on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. For more information, call chair Bill Subick (344-0921) or Council liaison Ray Jalane (384-5311).

Publicity

The Publicity Committee is responsible for publicizing parish activities among our parishioners and, at times, to the wider community. The group also coordinates the publicity efforts between parish organizations. (This newspaper is a special project of the publicity committee.)

The committee welcomes any interested parishioners, particularly those with journalistic skills such as art and layout, writing/reporting, photography, typing, editing and proof-reading. The committee has monthly organizational meetings. Other meetings are scheduled for special projects. Contact Jeff Hately (328-5894) or Karen Suever (344-3621) if you'd like to be a committee member or work on a short term project.

Revenue

The "unglamorous" straightforward purpose of the Revenue Committee is what you might expect - to raise revenue. Its less expected goal, in the words of committee chair Ed Bubnys, is "to awaken parishioners to the opportunities for spiritual growth through action and involvement."

Since St. Patrick's chooses to raise most of its revenue through the regular Sunday collection, the Revenue Com-

mittee sees as one of its main functions increasing the awareness among parishioners of the need and opportunities for their support, both through regular financial contributions and gifts of time.

The present Stewardship Program has been a major responsibility of the committee. Other functions include forecasting reasonable revenue goals for St. Patrick's; assisting the Parish Council in making decisions on ways of reaching those goals; and providing both the Parish Council and the parish at large with information on the status of parish receipts and the patterns of giving.

The present six-person committee is actively soliciting interested parishioners to increase its representativeness and broaden its expertise. The committee meets on the first Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Call Ed Bubnys (398-6087) or John Foster (367-7990).

Social

Nancy Riddle is the one-woman Social Committee of the parish Council, and she likes it just fine. Nancy points out that there are many groups within the parish that already sponsor and organize social activities. She sees her "committee" primarily as fostering social interaction among parishioners and helping in the planning, organizing and carrying out of social events.

To these ends, she is developing individual contacts with existing parish groups and also a list of parishioners who have a general interest in helping out and who can be called upon as the needs arise. (These lists promise to come in handy before each parish wingding. See plug for Parish Picnic elsewhere in this issue.)

Nancy does have something new in the planning stages. "Some newcomer activities," she proposes, "possibly once-a-month potlucks for groups of old and new parishioners. We need the names of current parishioners who would be interested in attending a couple of times a year." Sound plan? To sign up, or just to offer your services generally, call Nancy at 384-8972.

Social Action

The purpose of the Social Action Committee is threefold: to coordinate and organize activities in support of social concerns in the parish, local community and world; to assist individuals or groups which wish to serve the needs of others; and to educate parishioners about the Christian response to the needs of poor, sick, oppressed or excluded people.

The committee is in the process of reforming and membership is open to any who wish to assist in the social action mission of the parish. People with specific talents or knowledge may be invited to join the committee on a permanent or temporary basis. Meetings will be held about once a month.

The parish has a definite interest in social action as evidenced by several already existing activities. The St. Vincent DePaul Society, hospital eucharistic ministers and the many volunteers in hospitals or nursing homes are among these ongoing services to the needy.

Parish Council (cont.)

Deacon Rodger Adams hopes to increase the effectiveness of the committee and parish in accord with the parish mission statement and the Catholic Church's emphasis on service. The mission statement communicates that part of our Christian duty is to "serve God's will by loving and serving our neighbors, both near and far, and tell of God's love by our deeds and words." One document provided by Synod Six of the Peoria Diocese "Witness in the World" quotes the Second Vatican Council (Justice in the World)

"While the Church is bound to give witness to justice she recognizes that anyone who ventures to speak to people about justice must not be just in their eyes. Hence, we must undertake an examination of the modes of acting and life style found within the Church herself."

Worship & Prayer

The Worship And Prayer Committee is responsible for promoting and pro-

Hour of Sharing(cont.)

Wedding the grounds, defrosting the refrigerator in the parish center, stuffing envelopes for mailing, assisting in the nursery - no ability is insignificant in God's work.

Our God-given talents, skills, and abilities are given to us as a trust to be used to help His kingdom grow in the hearts of all. Unlike the foolish steward we are not to bury our gifts by denying their existence, depreciating their significance, or disusing them. Instead, our God challenges us, whether age ten or ninety, to use His gifts wisely so that hope, faith, and love may flourish in our community.

As Christian stewards, then, we are called by God to share the joys, the blessings, and the consolations of our faith - particularly through the ministries of prayer and worship, service, faith development, and community. Here at St. Patrick's we have not only heard that call but we are all already sharing in the response of many parishioners to it.

Every Sunday, for instance, assisted by the vocal and musical talents of the choirs, our hearts are indeed lifted to the Lord. Other parishioners, too, though themselves less visible, provide a setting conducive to our worship by cleaning the sanctuary, trimming the candles, arranging the flowers or plants, and making and hanging banners.

At this time of year, the call to faith resounds in the preparations for the children and adult education classes as volunteers from varied backgrounds, not necessarily academic, share their faith with others.

The sense of community or belonging has grown appreciably at St. Patrick's due in no small measure to the men who share their Sunday mornings with us at coffee shop so that we may meet other parishioners, visit with them, and strengthen the ties of friendship. Community has also been fostered by the men and women in Christ Renew His Parish, who share the reality of God's love which forms all of us not only into a community of believers but also into a family of brothers and sisters in Christ.

A desire to serve the parish by addressing any or all of its spiritual and material needs has spurred many parishioners to membership on the Parish Council or its various committees.

But God's call to ministry is not limited to the groups mentioned thus far. As the following pages of this

viding liturgical celebrations, popular devotion and personal prayer opportunities which express and nourish the faith of our parish community. Insofar as it succeeds in this mission, chair Bob Cahill credits the dedication and the open spirit of committee members which enable them to support each other in their specific areas of ministry.

Individual members assume responsibility for training and scheduling Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, and Servers, and for creating an aesthetic visual and musical environment for all our liturgical celebrations.

Bob invites interested parishioners to attend any committee meeting, on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center. He adds "If there's something you'd like to see done - or not done - in connection with our liturgies, feel free to express your ideas to us." Call Bob Cahill (1-469-7354) or council liaison Connie Shaw (384-1191)

newspaper show, there are many other ways in which our parish responds to the trust God places in it. Understandably, not all parishioners can make the three-year commitment required of parish council members, but many can make a continual short commitment, such as serving at mass once or twice a month, or a single project commitment, such as planning the Seder Meal. Even those unable to leave their homes might participate in the ministry of prayer by praying for the needs of parishioners as a member of the Prayer Tree.

No less essential than time and talents to the support of the ministries of the parish is the commitment of our treasure or money. While our professional staff of priests and laity, dedicated to the ideals of Christ, strives to bring the gospel to life through our programs and activities, their efforts must be augmented by financial support. Money is necessary to sustain and enrich our programs, to provide the resources - the instructional materials, utilities, liturgical supplies - to help us fulfill our parish mission. Our physical plant alone, for example, which covers half of a city block, requires substantial funds for operation and maintenance.

As the financial reports given to you last Sunday indicate, the total income for last year was within several hundred dollars of the total projected budget. It is a tribute to this parish that its members have responded so generously to past financial goals. We are confident that you will do no less this year.

Included with this newspaper are two pledge cards - one a commitment of time and talents to particular activities or programs in the parish; the other a commitment to financial support of the parish and its programs. During the next week, we ask you to continue to pray and reflect on the gifts God has given you and to consider what your response to His generosity might be. On Sunday, September 27, both pledge cards will be collected at Mass to be offered to God at the altar as a symbol of our acceptance of the responsibility He has entrusted to us.

Because God depends on each of us for the furtherance of His kingdom, may we all respond generously to His call.

Frances Warner
President
St. Patrick's Parish Council



Michael and Staro Monday. Catholic Worker House coordinators, are a meal with r

St. Vincent DePaul and Catholic Worker House Respond to Gospel Message

St. Vincent De Paul Society

The St. Vincent De Paul Society is a service-oriented group responding to Jesus' call to feed the hungry, comfort the sick and give shelter to the poor. There are currently 8 volunteer members of the Society who provide help on an "as needed" basis for the less fortunate members of our community.

The St. Vincent De Paul Society meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. New members are always welcome. The collection box at the entrance of the church is also used to provide monetary support for the activities of the society. Remembering that Jesus said, "As often as you did it for the least of my brothers, you did it for me." The St. Vincent De Paul Society calls us, as Christians, to service. If you would like more information call Dick Baker, 344-2539, or Sophia Ziegler 328-2671.

Catholic Worker House

You are most welcome to join our voluntary poverty and involuntary chaos at the Catholic Worker House. We offer hospitality for women and families without homes and a place for clarification of Christian social thought for the volunteers.

As one of the workers at the House describes, "I was always prepared to admit that my motivation for volunteering to serve lunch once a week at the House was probably compounded of equal parts middle-class guilt, satisfaction of some inner need to 'do good', and a desire to respond to the Gospel mandate, 'Whatsoever you

do unto these, the least of my brothers..." What I wasn't prepared for was what these, my brothers and sisters were going to end up doing to me! Volumes have been written on the subject of the implication for Christians of Jesus' identification with the poor and I don't claim any unique insight. I only know that what started out as a duty has become a joy tinged at times with pain and frustration but nonetheless a joy. And that, Scripture tells me, is one of the signs of the presence of God." (Mary Claire Uselding)

We open ourselves to see Christ in those around us, in our guests and in our hearts by being at the House for specified times during the week. Time at the House may entail pulling together a meal or organizing cleaning projects. Most importantly, workers offer their sensitivity and compassion. Members of the parish community may also participate by bringing evening meals: donating fresh vegetables, milk, canned goods and needed household items: making monetary contribution: or helping with cleaning and / or repair projects.

You are most welcome to join us... through prayer or in the above types of outreach at the Catholic Worker House 1308 W. University, Urbana. The house coordinators are Sharon Monday and Michael Rupsch (328-1446). If you wish to prepare a hot meal, please call Lori Hatley (328-5894). The House is open to all from 6 p.m. each evening until after lunch the following day and is closed every afternoon between 1 and 6 p.m.

"Send forth your light and your fidelity; they shall lead me on and bring me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling place. Then will I go in to the altar of God, the God of my gladness and joy; then will I give you thanks upon the harp, O God, my God!"

(Psalm 43)

A Call to worship

Sing to the Lord a New Song

The psalmists cry "Sing to the Lord a New Song" and exhort us to praise the Lord with instruments and voices. The variety of gifts that the parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish have are needed for the joyful celebration of the Liturgy at the 9:00 Folk Mass on Sundays. If you've ever asked, "what return to the Lord shall I make for all He has given?" the answer could be for you in the joyful sounds of the choir. Contact Doug Salokar by calling the Rectory, 367-2665 or 367-4302.

A relatively recent and extremely well-received musical development at St. Patrick's is the formation of a new choir which sings at the Noon Mass. The number of members is limited to four people who usually sing at capella music. If you are interested in auditioning call Doug Salokar.

St. Patrick's Brau Choir schedules its rehearsals at various times which are convenient for its members. If you play a brass instrument and are willing to give a few hours a month call Doug Salokar (367-4302) or Sam Reese (384-7694).

The Ministry of the Cantor or Leader of Song is a very important one and requires special talents: a strong clear voice, a pleasant personality and a commitment to leading the congregation in sung prayer. If you feel a call to serve your fellow parishioners in this way, stop by the choir loft after mass or call Doug Salokar.

St. Patrick's Choir, which normally provides musical leadership at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday liturgy, is open to any interested adult or high school student who enjoys singing and appreciates the satisfaction of working toward excellence in choral music. No audition is necessary, only the desire to "express your joys in singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19). The repertoire includes a wide variety of musical styles from early latin motets to more contemporary 20th-century pieces. Choir rehearsal is at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Come, share your musical gifts (however humble you may think they are) and join us in making a joyful noise unto the Lord!



The unity of the parish is expressed during the Our Father at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mass.

In-Service of Celebration

Lectors, the laypersons who proclaim the Word of God at Mass, can play an important role in the liturgy. "The Word of God, proclaimed in an effective manner, nourishes and challenges God's people to a more faithful response to His Word," said Rev. Doug Hennessy.

There are approximately 35 lectors at St. Patrick's, each of whom participates in at least one Mass a month. Two lectors are assigned to each Mass to read the First and Second Readings, as well as the General Intercessions and, occasionally, the Responsorial Psalm. Some minimal training for the role of lector is required, as well as occasional workshop meetings where skills can be sharpened.

New lectors are needed, especially at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday and the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Those persons interested in becoming lectors are asked to call Tom Kacich (344-6760), St. Patrick's lector spokesperson or the parish office (367-2665).

Eucharistic Ministers are the men and women who assist the priests and deacons in the distribution of Communion and consecrated wine at Mass.

Their job is simple, but vital, according to Helene Kacich, the director of Eucharistic Ministers at St. Patrick's. "We are there to help the priest and deacon but, more importantly, we fulfill ourselves by taking part in a very important function - the distribution of Christ's Body and Blood."

St. Patrick's now has about 55 Eucharistic Ministers, according to Kacich, but needs many more volunteers. "We really need more people," she said. "We need 27 Eucharistic Ministers every Sunday and that means many people have to participate every other week." "Training is brief and little preparation time is required," she said. She urged those interested in becoming Eucharistic Ministers to contact her or the parish office. Phone numbers are: Kacich, 344-6760, Rectory, 367-2665.

One way of serving the parish and meeting people at St. Patrick's is through service as an usher at Mass. Bob Dukeman, an usher at the 7:30 a.m. Mass and at nearly every Funeral Mass at St. Patrick's, said he enjoys the work. "I just enjoy getting out and meeting people and doing something for the church," said Dukeman, who is retired.

Although most Masses have a full complement of ushers, substitutes are needed. Anyone wishing to volunteer for work as an usher is asked to call the parish office (367,2665).

Just a few years ago they were known as altar boys, but in order to emphasize that women, too, have a role in the church, St. Patrick's has opened this important role to girls as well. Now they're known as Servers.

St. Patrick's has about 48 servers (28 boys and 20 girls), ranging in age from fifth grade through seniors in high school. Servers receive training from the co-pastors; fall training sessions are planned for sometime in October, according to Kathy Wolfe, director of Servers at St. Patrick's.

Wolfe, who has two daughters who are servers, stressed the educational benefits of being a server. "The reason I encouraged my daughters to serve was because it gives them a better feeling of what's going on in the Mass rather than just observing," she said.

Any youth interested in becoming a server is invited to contact Mrs. Wolfe (328-2058) or the parish office (365,2665).

"Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it" (Ps. 127). All our striving is useless unless rooted in God's will and in His power. Prayer, then, is a ministry to which everyone is called - prayer not only for our own spiritual progress and guidance, but for one another, and for the upbuilding of the church, the body of Christ.

Remembering the promise of Jesus that where two or more are gathered in His Name, He will be in our midst, we invite you to join our Parish Telephone "Prayer Tree." The prayer tree is structured to pass prayer requests by telephone. To have your name added to the prayer tree, or to request prayer for a particular intention, call the rectory during the day, or Pam Morrow at 384-0521.

Those wishing to join in informal group prayer and songs of praise and thanksgiving are invited to attend the Monday evening prayer session in church at 7:00 p.m. weekly.



The Folk Choir, one of the many aspects of the parish music ministry, practices weekly for the 9:00 a.m. Sunday mass.

Liturgy Workshop Promises to be a Time of Prayer

The Worship and Prayer Committee will sponsor St. Patrick's annual liturgy workshop which will be held on Friday evening November 6 and Saturday November 7 during the day. The workshop will be led by a team from the Notre Dame Center for Pastoral Liturgy, who will offer us an experience of prayer in both communal and personal forms. The emphasis this year will be on a retreat-like experience of God's presence through various methods of individual and group prayer. The retreat is for everyone who wants to deepen their prayer life - the person in the pew as well as those with specific liturgical ministries (lectors, eucharistic ministers, choir members, ushers, etc.) Questions about the workshop should be directed to Doug Salokar or Fr. HeMessy (367-2665).

A Call to Community

Christ Does Renew His Parish

What is the meaning of grace? How is it possible to pray? How can I learn to listen, truly listen, to my sisters? And then how do I love?

These are some of the thoughts and questions I carried with me going into the time spent involved in Christ Renew His Parish. Far from being completely answered, at least now when I ask them, it is possible to draw upon the renewal process for some insight.

The initial retreat weekend that I participated in (March of 1980) was most enjoyable. No mountains moved; no voice of God spoke in the night. Yet it was possible to spend time with many strangers and return to St. Pat's with some budding friendships. I also gained a profound respect for these women struggling to respond to their own call from the Lord.

As time went on and the formation of the CRHP Women's Team #3 began, a new meaning of the Renewal experience emerged. I realized that what was important about our meetings was not merely preparation for the next weekend in October but that the process itself encouraged the renewal of our hearts and lives. The realization that each person's story and struggles were unique, and the allowing of intimacy with people I might not otherwise have known were the greatest gifts of the preparation time.

The presentation of the October weekend culminated in a burst of joy. The fall leaves were at their finest; the weather invited walking and reflection. The presence of Jesus in the tiny chapel invited all. Coffee-cake and singing, listening and sharing, praying and some tears followed. Healing laughter, friendships beginning, bread broken and wine shared; all were the blessings God graced us with that weekend.

Each person has experienced the Renewal differently; to quote Fr. Doug, "Each experience is authentic." I can only urge each one of you reading this to inquire about the upcoming weekends. If you have already had a CRHP involvement, then I urge you to pray and reflect upon its meaning in your life. May God bless you with peace.

Mary Betit Pilewski
Lay Director Women's Team #3

There is a constant and steady growth of personal and community spirituality within our parish. One source of this is directly tied to a unique and exciting process. I am referring to the "Christ Renews His Parish" weekends. Twice each year, a new group of men and women from our parish get to spend a few hours in shared thought and prayer.

I attended one of the weekends in the fall of 1980. It was a different kind of Christian experience than I had ever had. I expected a "retreat-type" of atmosphere, but instead found something very special. I experienced a profound sense of Christian community in that I listened, shared and prayed with a bunch of great guys from our parish. I saw through my interactions with the other men from St. Patrick's, the riches that our community and Catholic tradition have to offer. In some very real sense I experienced a personal conversion and renewal to Christ and our parish.

I felt extremely positive about the weekend and I became more involved in the on-going process by joining a team of men that were to create a subsequent weekend. This further CRHP experience proved to be just as rewarding for me.

I share these personal responses to the "Christ Renews His Parish" process as a kind of invitation to those of you in our parish who have not attended one of the weekends. I encourage you to spend two days with some fellow parishioners on one of the future renewal weekends. These events bring people from all walks of life together for a few hours of prayer and dialogue. The time together allows everyone to focus on what unites us as a parish and as Christians, while at the same time, acknowledging that Jesus Christ is at the Center of the community we call St. Patrick's parish.

Two weekends are planned for this fall, one for men and one for women. It is my understanding that a few places are still available on each. The Sunday Bulletin will contain more information about the program. I encourage you to call and express an interest,

David Zola
Lay Director Men's Team #5

"I give you a new commandment: Love one another. Such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for each other. This is how all will know you for my disciples; your love for one another." (John, 13:34-35)



Coffee Shop

It's changed a bit over the years, but one of the most popular traditions at St. Patrick's is the Sunday coffee shop. It used to be held following every Sunday Mass - now it's limited to after the 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Masses. Years ago it was held in the basement of the Rectory. Now it's at the Parish Center. But the purpose of the coffee shop has remained constant - to help establish a sense of community in the parish.

"A lot of people just have contact with Church on Sundays," said Chuck Halpin, cochairman of the coffee shop committee with Norm Donze. "If you just walk out the back door of Church after Mass and get into your car, you've lost all sense of community. This establishes a sense of community so that people can get together with others who go to church. It helps mix

all the people from all of the little groups."

Halpin and Donze head a group of fifteen men (Oudd Thorne is an honorary chairman) who work in groups of threes, preparing and serving coffee, donuts and milk every Sunday morning. Fifteen dozen donuts and 200 cups of coffee are served during summer Sundays, while 25 dozen donuts and 250 cups of coffee are provided during the rest of the year.

"The group of men operate the coffee shop belong to no organized committee," Halpin said. "We're just a loose-knit group of guys who like to donate some time on Sundays; that's all." The coffee shop has been open for business for at least 23 years. With continued support, that tradition will grow.

Knights of Columbus Offer Service and Fellowship

The Urbana Council 5752 of the Knights of Columbus is comprised primarily of men from St. Patrick's Parish. Council 5752 is firmly committed to supporting St. Patrick's Parish and other charitable endeavors. During the past year, the Knights have been involved in supporting the purchase of new furnaces and ceiling fans for the parish center, Christmas gifts for parish shut-ins, renovation of the parish garage, the Server's Appreciation dinner and various religious education programs. Other recipients have been the Holy Cross School Library, the Cath-

olic Worker House, the Special Olympics and the Newman Foundation.

The group has also sponsored free dances in St. Pat's parish center several Sundays during the past year. Support of all these projects is made possible by receipts from weekly bingo sponsored and run by the Knights.

Council 5752 also offers friendly fellowship and fraternity to its members. Those interested in joining the council should contact Joe DiPietro (367-7974), Martin Zeigler (328-2671) or Bob Dukeman (328-2453).

"Something Old...Something New..." St. Patrick's Guild Recounts Activities

Despite notions to the contrary, St. Patrick's Guild still has great devotion to Our Lady of the Blue Mantle and will continue its practice of reciting the Rosary preceding the monthly meetings. Care of the altars and sacristies is still a major commitment to be discharged by members who work in cooperation with Mary Ann Luedtke, sacristan. She holds a joint assignment of that work from the Worship and Prayer Committee of the Parish Council. Assisting the sacristan this year are Ruth Jacobs and Tony Zwettler. Newcomers who wish to participate in this very rewarding task are asked to call Mary Ann at 328-1143. Helpers are sometimes in short supply; new persons are most welcome!

As the type of organization the Guild has proved itself to be, this women's service group lists many activities which have been developed through the years, in greater or lesser degree. A recent parish newsletter highlighted the planning of meals serv-

ed after funeral liturgies, when such a meal is requested by the family of the deceased. Wedding receptions are also well planned and handled by two "home ec specialists," Mary Sleeter and Betty Conerty. They are assisted by a faithful team of Guild members who are generally available on extremely short notice. Space here precludes our quoting from thank yous received from the many happy people who generously sing praise of the splendid efforts of our women.

Meals-on-Wheels (a commitment twice a year for a full week), the Medical Mission (once a month), support of Birthright in Champaign and Piatt counties, financial help for the building of the Parish Center (1962), renovation of the Church (76-78), the popular Cellar-to-Garret sale in the fall, are projects which take time, interest and money for causes in which the Guild believes. There's almost never a request by any group within the framework of St. Patrick's Church which the

Guild turns down.

Officers for the current year are Helen Barrymore, president; Barbara Peckham, vice-president; Peggy Mersch, secretary; Lenejre (Lee) Moyer, treasurer. The theme for 1981-82 is The World Around Us.

Monthly programs, on the first Monday of the month, 7:45 p.m. will feature speakers on the following topics: "The World of Friendships," "The World of Computer Technology," "The World of Art" (Barbara Peckham to do an individual antique appraisal for each person in attendance), "The World of Music," "The World of the Spiritual" (retreat day January 23), "The World of Finance," and "The World of Travel." A spring bus trip (possibly to Chicago) is an extra; there are also two extras for the fall and late winter.

Dues of \$3 per year include participation in the retreat day and a courtesy box lunch, with a coffee service preceding the first conference. At the September meeting we will ask that

members fill out three listings on a "skills bank" - things that they could, or would do, as the year progresses.

Thus far, this account has covered "the old." Now for "the new." At our opening meeting Saturday, September 19, 9:10-11:30 a.m., those who wish to participate in the regular 8:00 a.m. liturgy in the church are invited to come 15 or 20 minutes before Mass to recite Matins for the day. The short Vespers service which we had for the last 150 years, preceding the Wednesday night Lenten Meager Meal, seems to have "caught on"; now we take this opportunity to share again the experience of the Uturgy of the Hours.

Remember our first meeting: Saturday, September 19. It's also Convention Day in Peoria (Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) with which we are affiliated. Some of our members may opt for that trip, but if you plan to be in town, please come to the Guild meeting. We need you! We hope that you need us!

Young Adults

Working towards our overall goal of forming a supportive Catholic Christian community, Young Adults between the ages of 18 and 40 meet Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory for various combinations of spiritual/educational/social/service activities. Prayer, reflection and fellowship are always important parts of being together. Weekend activities are also organized occasionally.

Jim Healy, one of the ministry team, encourages others to develop and share leadership. "I know that's been helpful to me in this group," Jim said, "and I'd like to make this a growing experience for everyone." Members share their ideas with others and enjoy new friendships. For more information, contact Jim Healy (352-1820), Peggy Soeldner (367-1831) or Ann Schafer (328-1110).

Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics

Divorced, Separated and Widowed (DSW) Catholics is a group that offers support to people who are experiencing the pain of marital dissolution or death of a spouse. Taking an educational approach that includes shared group leadership, we look at the spiritual, emotional and social needs of our members and their families. We find that alienation changes to spiritual awareness and involvement, and members regain a sense of joy in life. Grounded in Catholic tradition, we hope to become a visible sign of the Church's concern for the divorced, separated and widowed.

Meetings are held in the Rectory from 7-10 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of every month. Informal socializing after meetings has become an unplanned, but delightful part of most meetings. For more information, contact Nancy Smith at the Rectory (367-2665), Gary Laumann (328-2371) or Cam Rowan (344-0926).

Over 50's

The Over 50 Club is for anyone over the age of 50 regardless of marital status, to socialize and meet people. This group meets at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center on the last Sunday of each month. The emphasis is on casual good times, beginning with a potluck, and followed by such activities as dances, games or sing-a-longs. Last Fall the group was entertained by the young people in the Jr. & Sr. High Religious Education programs. The Over 50 Club can boast of having the oldest participant: Anastasia Conerly is 83 years old. To socialize with her is a delight. The group plans its own activities and would like to arrange outings of interest for this coming year. Transportation is provided by calling the Rectory.

A -- Call to Faith

Education Programs Assist Faith Development For All Age Groups

"The act of faith is a free response to God's grace; and maximum human freedom only comes with the self-possession and responsibility of adulthood. This is one of the principal reasons for regarding adult catechesis as the chief form of catechesis. The success of programs for children and youth depends to a significant extent upon the words, attitudes, and actions of the adult community..."

With these words of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops reinforcing our own understanding, St. Patrick's makes a point of offering religious educational opportunities to parishioners of all ages and interests. We invite you to read through the following summaries of programs available and to "come and see."

Children

Summer Days Together

This Thursday morning summer program brings together parish children ages 4 through 12. Using themes such as Nature, Our Roots, Ecology, Music and Family, we form a young parish community learning to relate our Faith to the world around us. We pray, sing, listen to stories, take field trips, dance, work in arts and crafts, put on plays... It's delightful for both the children and those who provide an adult presence. Registration won't begin until May, but adult helpers can volunteer with the Religious Education office at any time during the year.

Children's Sunday Program

Children pre-school (4 years old) through grade 6, will meet the first three Sundays of each month, October through May. There will be four groups offered at both the 9-10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. sessions: preschool/kindergarten, 1st/2nd grade, 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade. Because effective learning takes place better with a familiar group, we ask that children come consistently to the same session. This year we will be using both the Sunday Liturgy and a text series as the curriculum base for the children's group.

The Children's Liturgy

An important supplement to the Children's Program, this mass will be celebrated at 10:40 a.m. in the parish center on each Sunday the Children's Program is in session. Music and scripture for this mass will be developed within the sessions of the children's group. Anyone wishing to help with the Children's Program or Children's Liturgy should contact Gary Laumann (328-2371).

"When I was a child I used to talk like a child, think like a child, reason like a child. When I became a man I put childish ways aside. Now we see indistinctly, as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. My knowledge is imperfect now; then I shall know even as I am known."

(1 Corinthians 13:11-12)

Youth - Junior and Senior High

Youth Ministry at St. Patrick's calls Junior and Senior High persons to community - a community which fosters their faith development through interaction with one another and a staff of young married couples and adults. The basis of this community is relationships built on three levels.
Social - Getting acquainted. Gaining and fostering acceptance.
Spiritual - An opportunity to share, learn and challenge.
Service - A response to the challenge. A chance to focus outward.

The Junior High will meet weekly on Sunday evening from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The first and third Sundays will focus on "discovery," a closer look at our faith with a different topic each month. On the second Sunday of the month, the Junior High will be asked to participate with their families in the parish-wide Family Activity Day. The

fourth Sunday will be devoted to social and service activities. The Junior High program will begin with the Jr. High Retreat on October 3rd and 4th.

The Senior High will also meet weekly on Sunday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The first and third Sundays will be styled "Family" nights when we will meet in the homes of married couples for a discussion curriculum on such concerns as identity, relationships, commitment, faith and decision-making. The second Sunday of each month, as in the case of the Junior High, will be devoted to participation in the parish Family Activity Day. Finally, on each fourth Sunday, the Senior High will hold a "Forum" night in the Rectory examining the basic foundations of our Catholic Faith.

For more information contact Karen Suever (Sr. High) or Ron Hicks (Sr. High) 328-2371.



Summer Days Together participant Jenny Palmisano makes up her brother Marthew as a clown works!top.

Adult

Sunday Morning Adult Education

Sessions are held from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on the first three Sundays of each month, October to May. Taking place in the "homey" atmosphere of St. Patrick's rectory, Sunday morning Adult Education groups usually find members visiting over coffee before and after each session. This year there will be two options at each session: a topic-oriented course, or a scripture and sharing based on the Sunday readings. The courses are:

	9:00	11:30
October	Parents as Religious Educators of Young Children Scripture Study & Sharing	Parents as Religious Educators of Young Children Scripture Study & Sharing
November & December	Understanding Aging Scripture Study & Sharing	An Intro. to the New Testament Scripture Study & Sharing
January	Parenting Teenagers Scripture Study & Sharing	Death & Dying Scripture Study & Sharing
February	A Catholic Response for Social Justice Scripture Study & Sharing	Parenting Teenagers Scripture Study & Sharing
March & April	An Intro to New Testament Scripture Study & Sharing	Understanding Aging Scripture Study & Sharing
May	Death & Dying Scripture Study & Sharing	A Catholic Response for Social Justice Scripture Study & Sharing

Parishioners are welcome to participate for the entire year or for the course in which they have a particular interest.

Adult Catechumenate

This is a program for those Catholics wishing a deeper understanding of their faith, for those preparing to be received into the Church and for non-Catholics seeking a better understanding of today's Catholicism.

Beginning in Autumn and culminating at Easter, the program has two goals:

1. A deepened understanding of the Roman Catholic Faith today.
2. A new or deepened involvement in the Catholic Christian community.

Those wishing to pre-register or to inquire further, should call Fr. Doug Hennessy at 367-2665.

Scripture Study

This ongoing program of scripture study will focus on individual "books" in both the Old and New Testament. One study session will be held in the Parish Center from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on alternate Tuesday mornings beginning October 6th. (Babysitting will be provided in the Parish Center for the morning session). An evening study session will be held in the Parish Center from 7-9:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month beginning October 8th. Participants will be asked to purchase a study text for each "book" of the Bible that is studied. You may choose to attend for the entire year or only for those "books" you wish to study. Each new study will be announced in the bulletin for 2 weeks prior to beginning that study. Register by calling the Religious Education office, 328-2371.

Nursery

Time Out! Parents of young children need a little help. In order that parents can participate in the Sunday morning adult education programs, we offer free babysitting at 9:00, 10:30 and 11:00 on those Sundays when the Religious Education program is in session. Volunteers are needed. One hour each month is helpful. Please call the Religious Education office if you are interested. (328-2371)

The Sacraments of Initiation

A lecture-discussion series with Fr. Mike Schaab, Diocesan Director of Religious Education. This series is sponsored by the Area Coordinators of Religious Education and will be held at St. Matthew's School from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Dates and topics are as follows:

- October 29th-Baptism
- November 5th-Eucharist
- November 12th-Confirmation

All interested youth and adults are invited to attend. There will be a \$3.00 per session fee. People who attended last year's sessions with Fr. Dych or Fr. Shea can attest to the quality of the presentations in this series. Fr. Schaab's area of expertise is Sacramental Theology and we fully expect that he will continue this recent tradition of excellence. The remaining four sacraments will be presented in a Spring series to be scheduled at St. Patrick's.

"PRAY"

A program that helps us enter into prayer. Daily meditation will be previewed and discussed at meetings held on alternate Tuesdays. You may join either the morning group at 9:30-10:30 a.m. or the evening group at 8:30-9:30 p.m. both beginning September 15th. We ask a minimal commitment of at least the first 6 sessions, although the program is designed to continue through Easter. The cost of the meditation book is \$4.50. The St. Patrick's Guild is providing free babysitting service at the Parish for the Tuesday morning session. Contact Gary Laumann (328-2371) for registration or additional information.

Sunday Evening Adult Group

Parents of St. Patrick's teens have expressed an interest in having an adult evening session meeting concurrent with the Junior and Senior High program. We will offer an adult group from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on those Sundays when the Youth program meets. If you are interested call Gary Laumann at the Religious Education Office. (328-2371)



Intergenerational

Sacramental Programs

All sacramental programs strive to hand on a clear understanding of the sacrament and a feeling of belonging to the Church community. As one parent commented, "This is a unifying experience - there is a feeling of oneness with those in the class, the parents, and with Jesus. I liked the group participation. My son enjoyed it and expressed this after each session - the ceremonies really brought his comments."

Baptism

Preparation meeting of both parents and, if possible, godparents will be held the 2nd Monday evening of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Call the parish secretary at 367-2665 to register.

Eucharist

Preparation meeting for children, 2nd grade and older. Parents participate with their children. The program is scheduled from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the parish center on the following Wednesday evenings: March 3rd, 10th, 24th, and 31st, April 7th and 14th. Registration will be held in January.

Reconciliation (Penance)

We suggest sacramental preparation for children 8 and older. Children and their parents are invited to participate on the following Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center: December 2nd and 9th, January 27th, February 3rd and 10th.

Confirmation

All those who are Sophomores in High School or beyond are invited to enter our Confirmation preparation program. Confirmation candidates and their parents should plan to attend an orientation meeting at 6:30 p.m. on November 15th. Candidates and their sponsors will meet on February 22nd for sponsor orientation. Sponsors and candidates will begin actual Confirmation preparation with a retreat at LaSalette on the weekend of April 24th-25th. Candidates will be confirmed in the Spring of 1983 after a year-long preparation program.

A Catholic Community Presence in St. Joseph

The St. Joseph-Ogden members of St. Patrick's Parish are working to establish a Catholic presence in their area. This presence includes monthly Masses, social gatherings, welcoming

newcomers and supporting families in time of sickness. This year they are expanding last year's Adult Education program. A Religious Education program for all age groups will be offered this year in St. Joseph. For registration or more information, call Sharon Rettig (496-2063) or Gary Laumann (328-2371).

Family Life Programs

"Issues in Family Life" will be the theme for this year's Family Life Programs. Jim and Rachel Votruba are working with the Family Life Steering Committee to identify topics of major interest to parish members. Anyone with an idea concerning problems or issues related to family life should get in touch with Jim or Rachel at 352-1983.

The first Family Life Program of the year is entitled "Evenings for Parents" and will meet at the parish center on four consecutive Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; beginning September 16. "Evenings for Parents" will explore four important dimensions of parent-child relationships. These four evenings are designed to be active learning experiences and opportunities to gain and affirm one's confidence in being a parent.

Open to all parents.

Family Activity Days

"G through L bring dessert." The familiar call to potlucks everywhere will go forth once again as the time for the annual St. Pat's Fall picnic draws near. (October 11th is the date. Watch the bulletin for details. So successful has this event become that more parish-wide activities are being planned this year on a regular basis - namely, the second Sunday of each month. We're calling them Family Activity Days.

They will be intergenerational events, and we are incorporating the Junior and Senior High programs into each Family Activity Day so that whole families can participate. Families of "one" are most welcome.

Another Family Day will feature the ever-popular Advent Celebration. A square dance has also been suggested. These activities are jointly sponsored by the Education program and the Social committee.

NOTE: Parishioners may register by calling the Religious Education Office at 328-2371. We are asking a \$10/person or \$25/family fee for the year-long Sunday programs for children, youth and adults. Other programs may have small fees to cover the cost of texts.

St. Patrick's presents

What: a very special parish picnic with food and fun; ping pong games and activities,

Where: Crystal Lake Park Pavillion (enter by Park Street)

How: very young people, very old people, all the "very"ious inbetween people. Short people, tall people, mean people, happy people, sleepy people, grumpy people, dopey people...

When: Sunday, October 11. The fun begins at 2:00. Food will be served at 2:10. Organized(?) activities and games will follow.

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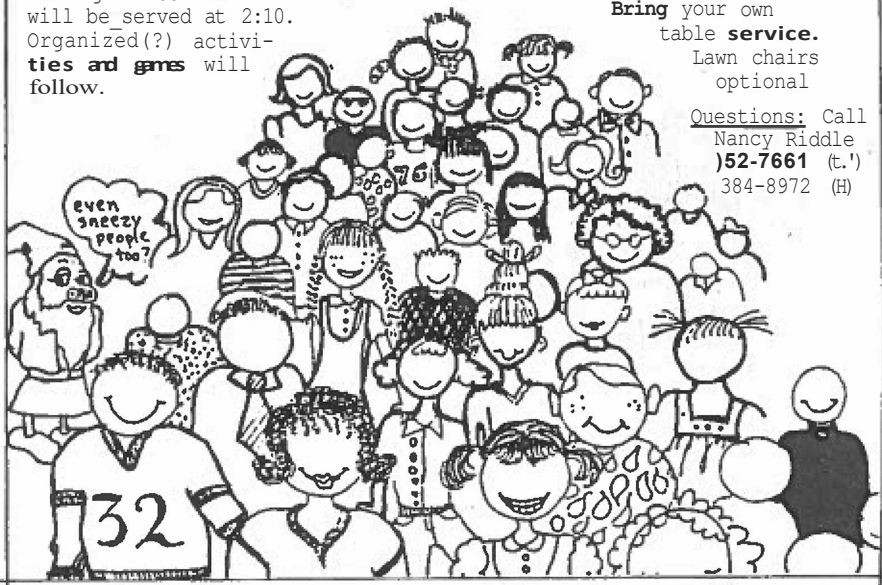
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How: The K. of C. will provide chicken. Lemonade and iced tea will be provided by the St. Patrick's Guild. Can you help? We are asking you to bring the rest of the goodies.

- A - F Salad
- G - M Vegetable
- N - R Chips, snackies or rolls
- S - Z Dessert

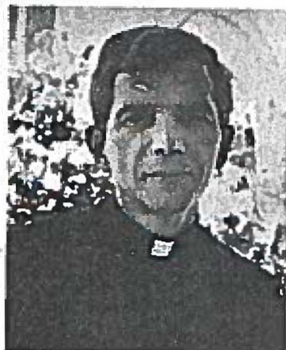
Bring your own table service. Lawn chairs optional

Questions: Call Nancy Riddle (52-7661 (t.)) 384-8972 (H)



St. Patrick's Parish Staff

Staff members pictured,
 Row 1: Rev. Doug Henna, Rev. David Roche;
 Row 2: Ducon Rodger Adams, Ruth Bowman, Herb Eberhardt;
 Row 3: Ron Hicks, Gary Laumann, Helen Morgan;
 Row 4: Doug Salokar, Nancy Smith, Karen Suever.



Rev. Doug Henna, was born and raised in Bloomington, Illinois. He attended Catholic schools there. He received a B.A. from St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa and a S.T.L. from the Gregorian University in Rome. He was ordained to the priesthood July 14, 1961 in Rome. Before coming to Urbana in August 1977, he served nine years as the Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Peoria. Upon coming to St. Patrick's, he announced that he was a poor golfer and a worse tennis player. He now reports that St. Patrick's has done nothing to improve his golf or his tennis, but has taught him much about the beauty of people and the power of God's love in our lives. He considers it his joy and privilege to be copastor of the best parish in the diocese of Peoria.

Rev. David F. Roche, copastor of St. Patrick's since July first, is a native of Peoria, Illinois. He was ordained July 1, 1958, and has fairly well divided his years of ministry between parish work and hospital chaplaincy.

Having been absent from the parish scene for eight years, he welcomes the opportunity to be oriented to the variety found in our parish programming.

For a hobby he dabbles in real estate by playing golf and tending to his lawn at 1808 Myra Ridge Ct., Urbana.

Rodger Adams has been a member of St. Patrick's for eleven years and has been an ordained permanent deacon for five years. Barbara is his wife. They have two children; Cathy, a college freshman and Robert, a high school junior. Rodger is trained as a civil engineer in hydraulics and water resources and works for the Illinois State Water Survey. His parish activities include liturgy, adult education and social action. Natives of Milwaukee, he and his wife came to Urbana from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He enjoys gardening, trains both real and model, camping, hiking and boating.

Ruth Bowman, a long-time Urbana resident, is brand new to the staff at St. Patrick's and thus has no niche carved for herself yet. Until August 31 she was administrative secretary to the Department of Speech Communication at the University of Illinois. Now retired, she hopes, among other things, to catch up on some of the community service she hasn't had time for during the past twenty years, with St. Patrick's as primary focus. Probable future of service may involve assisting with a new program, a ministry to older or housebound adults, some assistance to the Catechumenate program, and any miscellaneous chores that may seem within her grasp to do.

She claims retired law professor Charles Bowman as husband, a daughter and daughter-in-law who are also lawyers, and a son who is a pediatric pulmonologist and faculty member at the University of Colorado Medical School. Four year old David Muehl is her one and only grandchild.

Dorothy and Herb Eberhardt were married at St. Patrick's in 1944. At that time he was in the Navy. They have been members of the parish since 1948 and have four children; two boys and two girls. He is a past grand knight of the Urbana Council 5752 of the Knights of Columbus and past commander of the Urbana VFW 630. Herb has been working as the maintenance man for the parish for a year. They have fourteen grandchildren, four of whom live in the Urbana area. His major interest is in bingo. He has been the K. of C. bingo chairman for the last eight years. Herb's hobby is softball. In his younger days, he coached Little League and he was on a softball team.

Ron Hicks, 29, is married to Joni Hicks and has two children, Nathan and Joshua. Originally from Missouri, he came to the Urbana area to attend graduate school at the University of Illinois. After becoming a member of St. Patrick's in the early spring of 1980, he started becoming involved in church activities such as Eucharistic Ministers, CRHP, Education committee, etc. He started working with Jr. High Youth in the fall of 1980 and became Jr. High Minister in July 1981. Besides involvement in church activities, his other interests are canoeing/camping, birdwatching, nature study, photography, and weight lifting.

Gary Laumann, with his daughter, Lisa, migrated from Minnetonka to Urbana to attend dual school at the University of Illinois. They joined St. Patrick's in 1978 because "the people were welcoming" and because the parish offered programs for both adults and children. Gary began to serve as Director of Religious Education (DRE) in July of 1979. He has previously served as DRE at Holy Redeemer parish in Maplewood, Minnesota; retreat director and parish consultant at the Minneapolis Catholic Youth Center; and as a religion teacher on the faculty of Regina High School in Minneapolis. He has a M.A. in education and is currently working on a doctorate in counseling psychology.

Helen Morgan, housekeeper at the rectory, came to this area in 1968 to be near her two children who were attending the University of Illinois. Daughter Lezlie had finished school and was employed in the P.I.A.T.O. project. Helen was immediately employed as a bookkeeper in accounts receivable for Tepper's Ace Hardware in Urbana. She worked there for five and a half years before coming to the rectory.

The priests are well aware and appreciative of Helen's culinary ability, be it steak night or a meal of leftovers. Her general know-how and pleasant disposition have endeared her to the many parishioners who stop at the rectory. She comments, "I enjoy my work and getting to know so many nice people."

This is Doug Salokar's fourth year as Music Director at St. Patrick's. Before coming to St. Patrick's, Doug served as music director or organist in the following Minnesota parishes: Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Winona; St. Luke's and St. Paul's on the Hill, St. Paul; St. Dominic's, Northfield; St. Bridget of Sweden, Lindstrom; and St. Mary of the Lake, White Bear Lake. Doug has a Bachelor's degree in sacred music from St. Olaf College and a Master's degree from the University of Illinois, where he is presently working toward a Ph.D. in musicology. Doug has won two national organ playing competitions.

Nancy Smith and her five children, Connie 23, John 20, Betsy 19, Dan 18, and Karen 16, have been members of St. Patrick's parish for sixteen years. She has been parish secretary since 1977, a position she finds personally fulfilling, even after considerable experience in other challenging occupations. Nancy says this has been a very special position of love and growth for her and welcomes the many occasions when her work requires her to reach out beyond the bounds of "secretarial" duties to friendly and understanding relationships with parishioners who need a little help.

Before accepting the position as parish secretary Nancy taught religious education classes for several years, a natural for someone devoted to children of all ages and who counts being with people in groups among her favorite activities. Listening to classical music is her favorite form of relaxation, coupled with reading. A native of Escanaba, Michigan, her activities have taken her to live in places as diverse as the Panama Canal Zone, Madison, Wisconsin, and Chicago.

Karen Suever came to Urbana in 1977 to attend graduate school at the University of Illinois. She was an active Newman Center member, both at the U. of I. and at the University of Georgia, working as a volunteer peer minister her final year at the U. of I. In July of 1978 Karen was hired by St. Patrick's as our first Youth Minister. Upon completing her Master's degree, Karen became a full-time Youth and Young Adult Minister. That July her job responsibilities were increased and she became our Associate Director of Religious Education. Holding a B.A. degree in Home Economics and an M.A. in Advertising, Karen brings a variety of skills and talent to her service to St. Patrick's, not least of which are her sparkle and enthusiasm.

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