

ST PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



The Vatican

Beckons

"What's new?" Doug asked. "Just a letter from the Vatican," Leslie replied. "Well," he said, "the Vatican can just get in line with everyone else." He picked up his mail to find — yes! a letter from the Vatican!

Doug Salokar, Music Director at St. Patrick's, has been invited by the Vatican to participate in February planning sessions for a choral festival. The festival, involving choirs from around the world, will take place sometime next fall.

Doug plans to make the most of this opportunity to visit Europe. He leaves in January to attend a weeklong workshop at the Royal School of Church Music in Croydon, England. Before his return in early March he will have spent long hours in the Vatican and other libraries working on his doctoral dissertation, worshipping with peoples of other cultures, gathering musical resources to enrich St. Patrick's liturgies, helping former pastor Fr. Doug Hennessy celebrate his fiftieth birthday, and overall having a fine time.

On the home front Doug has provided well for the parish. John Pescitelli formerly of St. John's, will lend his experience in directing music, leading choirs, and assisting in liturgy-planning to serve St. Patrick's until Doug returns.



"MAKE A JOYFUL SOUND
UNTO THE LORD"



*Star light, star bright
I wish I may
I wish I might
Get the wish
I wish tonight*

Could the writer of this verse have been inspired by: "We have seen his star in the east and have come to adore the Lord" (Matt 2:2)?

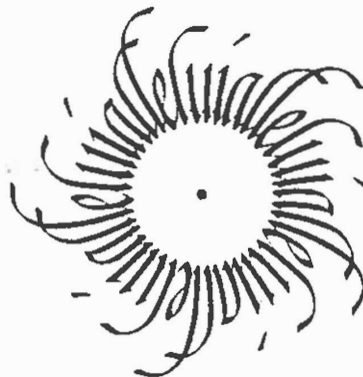
The birth of Jesus, the Messiah, fulfilled the centuries old wish of the Jews. Through the Magi's response to the star, the Incarnate Word was made present to the Gentiles as well.

The solemn blessing of the Epiphany liturgy offers Christians wishes that only Christ the light of the world can fulfill.

May you experience his kindness and blessings and be strong in faith, hope and love.

May He make you a light to all your brothers and sisters.

May you find the Lord when your pilgrimage is ended.



*May the humility
of the shepherds,
the perseverance
of the wise men,
the joy of the angels,
and the peace of
the Christ-child
be God's gift to you
this Christmas time
and always +*

St. Patrick's In Focus is published on the last weekend of each month. News items and information may be submitted for the next issue by the 15th day of the month. Please leave your information in the Communication committee's mailbox at the parish center, or call a committee member: Jay Hoeflinger, 384-8947; Bette Murrell, 344-8692; Mary Lou Menches, 344-1125; or Mary Lydon, 352-1549. Written material should include names and phone numbers for verification.

Help Wanted

The Social committee is urgently in need of new members. Call Debbie Heater (367-6067).

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A volunteer to serve as correspondent with the Catholic Post, the News-Gazette, and other news media and agencies is being sought by the Communications committee. Call Jay Hoeflinger (384-8947) or leave your name with the parish secretary (367-2665).



Parish Council News

In a brief meeting on Thursday, December 17, Parish Council members voted unanimously to extend the Council's development budget to include support for ministry skills development of parishioners.

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A proposal in support of pro-life activities, presented by Patrick Cole and Lu Pillar, was referred to Family Life coordinator Ruth Mytty for possible inclusion in the Education committee's Family Life ministries.

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Social Action committee presented a proposal for expansion of social justice programs and for the addition of two half-time staff members, one to serve the parish as "pastoral counsellor" in the area of social services and one as "social justice coordinator." The Council asked for feedback from other committees and staff and for clarification of position descriptions and of the financing required.

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In other committee reports, Personnel recommended that volunteers be sought to assist with telephone answering and other tasks under the parish secretary's supervision; Building and Grounds announced plans to install a safety handrail at the north door of the Parish Center; Education compiled and distributed a committee handbook to its members; and Social Action committed parish funds (\$100) in support of Project Good Start, which provides breakfast for youngsters who might otherwise not have any.

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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, January 21 at 7:30pm. All parishioners are welcome.



Welcome to new parishioners: Stan Brinkman, William and Cynthia Cockerham, Frances Cousin, Chuck and Trish Foran, Christine Gehring, Philip and Sheila Krein, Michael and Jeanne Lynett, Julie Rickard, and Daniel Owens.



Farewell to the following parishioners who recently moved from C-U: Gerald and Dorothy Hudson, Vera Hudson, Kathleen Funk and Herb and Dorothy Eberhardt.



We welcome the newly-baptised into the Christian community:

Elyse Anne Shaw
Kelli Leigh Busey
Brandi Sims-Clennon
Daniel Scott Hursey
Teresa Lynne Sonka
Bridget Odelia Soltau
Charles Dietrich Booth

In Memoriam

Our condolences to the family and friends of Delores Ann LaValle.

January 1988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					NEW YEAR'S 1 DAY 7:00a Mass 12:10p Mass 5:15p Mass	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:15a Child. Liturgy Children's Ed			7:00p Choir 7:00p St Vinc DePaul			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:15a Child. Liturgy Children's Ed Adult Ed	9:30a Scrip Study		7:00p Choir 7:00p St Vinc DePaul	7:00p Baptism Prep		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:15a Child. Liturgy Children's Ed Adult Ed	9:30a Scrip Study		7:00p Choir 7:00p St Vinc DePaul	7:30p Parish Council	4:00p KofC Las Vegas	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Adult Ed	9:30a Scrip Study		7:00p Choir 7:00p St Vinc DePaul			
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Blood Drive Adult Ed						

