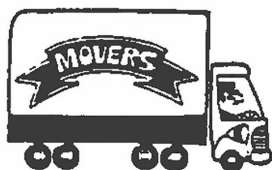


# In Focus



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Welcome to new parishioners: David & Elizabeth Cook, Craig & Aurora Happ, David & Rita Lampe, Stephen Marsh, Minnie Mestas, Kathy Sansone, Ritchie & Kelly Strom, Earlene Barnes, and Martin & Dana Drake.



Farewell to the following parishioners who recently moved from C-U: Stan Brinkman, John & Stephanie Frickleton, Suzanne Hoban.



Let us celebrate with Richard George Gallivan and Barbara Jill Sheppelman, recently married at St. Patrick's.

## In Memoriam

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following deceased: Patricia Lynn Sims, John J. Reynolds, and Mary Catherine Marquardt.

## Laotian Family Arrives

Von and Kemporn Sisombath and son have arrived from the Laotian refugee camp in Thailand. They have moved into an apartment in Urbana. Though they only arrived three weeks before Easter, they already seem settled and happy to be in this country. Fortunately, they are in a building with several other couples from Laos, so their transition to American life has been easier.

The Eastern Illinois Refugee Center facilitated the family's move to this country through their cousin's sponsorship, yet without the generous aid of St. Patrick's parishioners, their resettlement would have been fraught with difficulties. At the present time, the family

needs spring clothing and woollens, men's small or boy's extra large, woman's size 3-5, and baby's size 4 1/2 - 5 shoes.

If you have any clothes or shoes, please call the liaison at 384-5327.

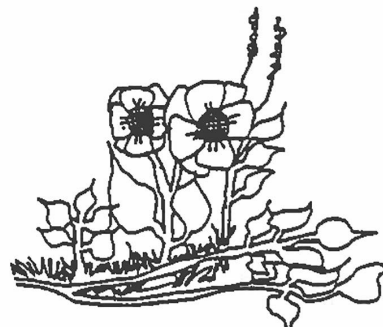
As far as furniture is concerned, the family still needs table lamps and kitchen curtains. If you have some to donate, please contact Barbara Peckham, who has helped coordinate furniture acquisition for the family. After many years in a Thai refugee camp, where the young couple met and married, the future now looks bright. Von has already begun school at Urbana Adult Education to improve his English skills.

Keep this young family in your prayers as they begin their new life in America.



We welcome the newly-baptised into the Christian community:

- Joseph Keith Barger
- Ashley Collenberger
- Brittany Collenberger
- Jonathan Michael Henigman
- Ashley Lynn Ross
- Sarah Marie Burch
- Megan Elizabeth Hatley



# Parish Council News

At the Parish Council meeting on April 21, committee reports included the following:

Revenue members heard a presentation from Tim Daley on life insurance as a means of giving. Finance observed that income from weekly collections this year is about \$4,000 less than last year at this time. Three parishioners, potential members of the Social Committee, will help Debbie Heater with parish social events coming up this summer and fall (an ice cream social is planned!).

Education happily noted that all religious education coordinators have agreed to stay on in their posts for another year. Social Action is drafting a position description for "Contact Person" for the Meals-on-Wheels program -- Alice Dunn, now representing our parish in that position, hopes for a replacement soon.

Building and Grounds members replaced several fixtures in parish center bathrooms and finalized arrangements for repairs (approved by the insurance company) to the church roof. Connie Shaw, who has served the parish for four years as chair of the Personnel Committee, will soon be leaving that position. Cliff Maduzia is the incoming chairperson.

As for staff, Fr. Remm pointed out that this year's First Communion class was the largest ever, necessitating two simultaneous Eucharistic celebrations. Carolyn McElrath, Director of Religious Education, taught a four-session class on the Psalms at Temple Baptist Church. Parish volunteers are answering the office telephone and greeting visitors several mornings each week, enabling parish secretary Leslie Risatti to concentrate on other duties.

Sr. Eleanor Hoffman, who was introduced to many parishioners at Coffee Shop a few weeks ago, has been offered a contract to serve at St. Patrick's as Pastoral Associate; if she accepts, she will take up her duties here on July 10.

After viewing slides taken of baptistries throughout the country, the ad hoc baptistry committee hopes to engage two artists to illustrate conceptions of a baptistry for St. Patrick's church.

In support of Holy Cross's building fund, St. Patrick's parishioners have pledged nearly \$9,000, of which \$3,100 has already been paid.

Council members made final adjustments to the parish budget for FY 1988-89, voting approval of the following:

Income	
Collections:	\$297,577
Other:	\$ 20,500
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Total:	\$318,077
Expense	
Personel:	\$163,976
Admin, op:	\$ 65,030
Committees:	\$ 1,235
Programs:	\$ 65,882
Loan Repay:	\$ 15,000
Contingency:	\$ 6,954
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Total:	\$318,077

At the next Council meeting, May 19, new members will be seated, new officers elected, and outgoing members sent off with gratitude for their service to the parish. All parishioners are invited.

## New Parish Council Members



Barbara L. Wysocki



Kathe Meyer



Patricia A. Justice



Robert M. Haessly

April 21, 1988

Dear Friends,

I cannot find better words to say as my departure on Memorial Day draws near, than to say "Thanks be to God" and "Thank you" to each of you! I wish to recall some of the highlights during these happy, holy, and challenging six years.

On July 4th of 1982, Fr. Doug came to Peoria for me, and I was warmly received for dinner that evening at Deacon Rodger and Barbara Adams' home. There I met Fr. Kinder, with whom I had worked in 1942 as a first-year third-grade teacher. What a delightful privilege to work with him again in this "beautiful dream parish with a dream pastor."

My job description as Pastoral Associate emphasized "being present" to the parishioners at St. Pat's. Welcoming and being welcomed at almost every Mass on Sunday mornings and at Coffee Shop became a significant ministry for me. I now see more deeply the importance of this job requisite presented by Fr. Doug and the staff to me.

A second highlight is being part of the "Ministry of the Assembly" at the Eucharistic Liturgy. I have had the opportunity of sitting in every area of the church at Mass and experienced the body language of persons, especially during the homily. It has been a most revealing opportunity for me -- particularly urging that the well-prepared homily be limited to 7 - 10 minutes -- to insure a "listening assembly."

Another highlight is the experience of being an honorary member of the Parish Council. The dedication and patience and hard work of the Council members still thrills me. (Those who have served in this ministry understand what I say.) The on-going visiting in the homes of shut-ins, the hospitalized, and those in nursing homes has been growth-filling for me. I have seen many saints prepare for the great event of death and eternal life. I'd like to add that if anyone wishes to grow spiritually, begin this "ministry of care." I am sure the persons now involved in it would agree with me.

Another special grace for me was preparing for the Christ Renews His Parish weekends. The eight or ten meetings of Scripture sharing and "talk preparations" were significant. Some other outstanding involvements have been Baptism Preparation, RCIA, and the Singles Support group gatherings.

I need to share my strong conviction that praying together, regularly, even briefly, as a family or staff, or small groups (as the 3 or 4 parish base communities do already) is necessary. I recall with great gratitude praying "Morning Praise" with Fr. Doug and often other staff members. I appreciate having the opportunity to purchase videos for spiritual growth and development for the parish.

Up to this day some parishioners do not know where I have lived these 6 years. I am forever indebted to the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary for their gracious hospitality and acceptance into their religious community at Mercy. Surely their charity to priests, sisters, and laity will always bring down God's special blessings on them.

Two years ago, Fr. George Remm came to succeed Fr. Doug. I believe that he is doing a tremendous task in carrying on what Fr. Doug so well established and more. I have heard many of you say this to me.

Some of you met Sr. Eleanor Hoffman, a Dominican sister from Sinsinawa, Wisconsin, at Coffee Shop several Sundays ago. I know she'll be received with love as I have been.

St. Patrick's Parish, Urbana, invites ministers and all new members into a wholesome, healthy, holy People of God! "Thanks be to God" and "Thank you" to each one of you!

Sister Rosemarie Tomlianovich, O.S.F.  
(Heading Avenue Franciscan)

Shortly after he arrived in 1986, Fr. Remm was prompted by parishioners about the possibility of devoting a larger area in the church to the Sacrament of Baptism. After careful consideration, he presented one possibility for such changes to the Parish Council to gain their advice.

His proposal involved converting the old confessional room on the east wall into a Marian shrine and moving the statue of Mary from the front of the church to there, then using the area vacated by the statue as a Baptismal area, with appropriate art work and refurbishment. He also made the point that given a larger area, infant baptism by immersion would become an option (subject to parental choice).

Without endorsing the project, the Parish Council gave advice and direction to proceed slowly and gather as much parishioner feedback as possible. A small ad hoc committee, consisting of Cecelia Weir, Ruth Jilka, Mike Andrejasich, Chuck Shaw, and Fr. Remm, has been formed to investigate the project. They are in the process of developing ideas about how the

areas would look, with the help of Nick Britsky and another local artist.

Two open meetings about the project and numerous private discussions have revealed three major concerns of parishioners. We present them here together with Fr. Remm's responses.

1. The idea of baptism by immersion prompted some people to think that a large "swimming pool" baptismal font would be necessary; they considered that undesirable.

The size of the font need not be any greater than the present one. The present font could accommodate small infants, but a larger area would be desirable for drying and dressing the baby.

2. Some have felt that financing of such a project at a time when we still have a large parish debt to retire would be unwise.

The present idea is that the project would be totally funded by memorials, which are independent of other "budgeted" giving by people. Some memorial money has already been pledged for such a project.

3. Some have felt that moving the statue of Mary from the front of the church amounts to "down-grading" Mary in our church.

That certainly is not intended. The statue would be moved from behind the pillars into a more beautiful setting.

If parishioners have comments or opinions about this project, they are urged to put them in writing and forward them to Fr. Remm.





For the past 30 years, St. Patrick's has sponsored weekly programs for the residents of Champaign County Nursing Home. A small group of volunteers from St. Patrick's goes to CCNH every Tuesday afternoon and every Friday morning.

Mass is celebrated by one of our area priests on each Friday at 10:45am for the Catholic residents and any guests or visitors. On Tuesday afternoons, the Catholic residents and volunteers say the Rosary together in the Chapel. Afterwards, "home-baked" cookies are offered not only to Catholic residents, but to everyone throughout the Nursing Home.

Since there are approximately 250 residents, WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH THE COOKIE BAKING!

This means baking a batch of 4 dozen cookies once every 12-18 months. If you could see the residents' anticipation of our "cookie visits" (and we hope you will come to see it) you'd need no further coaxing to say "Yes" when your St. Patrick's Cookie Caller calls!

We have tried to plan convenient drop-off places and we ask no one to bake during July or August, or during the Christmas / New Year season.

If you can help us, please call Kaye Stubing 367-5160, or Florence Chevalier 367-5548.

The residents of CCNH and the St. Patrick's volunteers sincerely thank all who are helping us now and have helped us over the years.



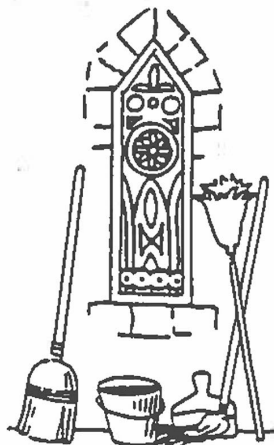
On March 12, Gaye Dunn along with Julie Wolfe and Nancy Garrett of the senior high youth group attended a work day in Champaign under the auspices of Empty Tomb. These work days are held on the first, second and third Saturdays of every month.

Between 14 and 40 volunteers gather on these days at one or two locations to work on rehabilitating houses in the Champaign-Urbana area. Nearly 50 church congregations in this area are represented in this service.

The work is not strenuous, the conviviality is infectious, and the need is great. Consider helping out next month! For more information, call Gaye Dunn at 384-5647.



A big THANK YOU is extended to those who helped at the St. Patrick's Spring Cleaning Saturday, March 26, 1988: Ann Fejes and daughter Katie, Dawn Becker, Chris Stohr, David Riddle, Mary Lou Menches, Cathy Salika, Tom and Nancy Delanty, Ray and Virginia Alane, and Mary Ann Luedtke.



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# May 1988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9 & 11 Child's Ed 10:15a Child Lit Carle Euch Min 1p Sr. Rosemary Potluck 6:30p Adult Ed	<b>2</b> 10:15a Scripture Study 7:30p Donnelly Video	<b>3</b> Commun to Homebound 1:30p CCHN (Rosary) 7:00p C.A.S.A.	<b>4</b> 7:00p St Vincent DePaul 7:30p "Celebr of Life" 7:30p DeMello Video	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Carle Euch Min 10:45a CCHN Mass	<b>7</b>
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<b>22</b> Pentecost Carle Euch Min 2p-7p Pre-Cana	<b>23</b> 10:15a Scripture Study	<b>24</b> Commun to Homebound 1:30p CCHN (Rosary) 7:00p C.A.S.A.	<b>25</b> Medical Missions 7:00p St Vincent DePaul 7:00p Holy Cross Graduat	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Carle Euch Min 10:45a CCHN Mass	<b>28</b>
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