

S T P A T R I C K ' S P A R I S H

In Focus



Job Counseling Service Offered

Bridging the gap between those who need jobs and employers interested in hiring motivated, competent, but perhaps inexperienced workers is the goal of the newly formed New Hope Job Counseling Service.

New Hope is a not-for-profit ecumenical Christian organization formed to meet the needs of the unemployed and underemployed. By offering help, support, and education to those who want to become economically self-sufficient and by serving businesses in the community, NHJCS demonstrates its commitment to the individual, the employer, and the community.

"This counseling service offers a wholistic consideration of the person," says Kathy Dal Santo, our parish representative to the NHJCS Board. "It provides both an opportunity for personal growth and the ability to make a lasting change in one's life."

New Hope is funded by contributions from local churches and individuals. Your support, both moral and financial, would be very welcome. For more information about this ministry and how you can help--or be helped--call Kathy Dal Santo, 359-2824.

A Saint Is One Who Loves God

This Tuesday is OUR feast day--ALL SAINTS DAY. Let's join with the Church Triumphant in celebrating the Eucharist on November 1, and then remember our special own on All Souls Day, Wednesday, November 2.



Advent

The end of November brings us the first Sunday in Advent. As we prepare for our remembrance of Jesus' birth, let us also prepare for the rebirth of our own inner child. Remembering how to be with a child is, in truth, a taste of Heaven here on earth.



Genial John Pescitelli was hardly a stranger to our parish when he began his assignment as director of music here on Sept. 1. John, who has been in Urbana-Champaign for about 4 1/2 years, knew his predecessor (Doug Salokar) well, had substituted for him as director, and sang in the choir. So, when he learned Doug was leaving, it was natural for him to move in as his replacement and to do so so smoothly that our liturgical music never missed a beat.

John was born in Creve Couer, near Peoria, July 14, 1958, and grew up in Sacre Couer parish there. He received his Bachelor of Sacred Music degree from Illinois Wesleyan and a Master of Vocal Performance degree from the University of Illinois. Following his undergraduate work, he worked as music director two years at St. Mary's parish in Pontiac and taught music in the Catholic grade school there.

John plays organ and piano and sings and enjoys all kinds of music, being

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particularly fond of opera. In his leisure time he enjoys ice skating and swimming. He also confesses to a passion for cooking. He specializes in pasta dishes and hastens to make clear that pastries and other desserts are not his dish.

He sees liturgical music as an integral part of worship. Feeling for words to express his view of the role such music plays, he said, "Music seems to take our prayer and praise to a higher level, to transcend words alone." Pausing thoughtfully, he added, "It's like incense, a symbol of our prayers rising to heaven. Of course, music is mentioned frequently in the Bible and we are encouraged to praise God with song and dance."

Asked how he felt about the use of dance in the liturgy, he remarked he had participated in a service utilizing dancers and had found it quite beautiful and spiritually uplifting.

John sees the role of the church choir as twofold. He feels the choir serves as a "leader" in congregational singing, especially in the Catholic Church, where congregational singing is relatively new. But the choir also serves to enhance worship and help the congregation to pray in a different way.

The role of the music director, he feels, demands someone experienced with the liturgy and who can find music suitable to it. His role is to lead--working to find innovative ways to bring music to worship.

Asked about the hesitation of many Catholic

Laotian Refugees Move On

Vone and Kemphong Sinsobath and their two-year-old son have taken up residence in Rhode Island. Kemphone, especially, was lonely for her family; when they visited an uncle's family in Rhode Island they decided to stay there. For Gigi Simon and Bernie Laumann, who spent countless hours settling and getting to know this family, the parting will be difficult although understood. Our parish community, most of whose families were refugees or immigrants not so very long ago, wishes them well.

Food for Seniors

St. Patrick's St. Vincent de Paul Society and Social Action Committee have endorsed the Food for Seniors program, a supplemental food program for low-income seniors. Those eligible receive 20 pounds of food twice a month free of charge.

Parishioners can help by sponsoring a senior for \$60 a year and/or by contacting Telecare (352-5100) to refer low-income seniors to this program. Checks, payable to "Food for Seniors," should be sent to the Eastern Illinois Food Bank, 208 W. Griggs, Urbana, IL 61801.



congregations to join readily in singing, he remarked that he was very pleased with the people of St. Patrick's, who participate well. "I believe," he said, "the congregation here wants to be a part--wants to sing." With that in mind, he continues to encourage those who would like to participate more fully, and who like to sing, to join one of the two choirs: the folk-style choir of the 9 a.m. mass or the traditional choir of the 10:30 mass. John says, "All you need to be is someone who enjoys singing. You don't have to read music or have musical training."

He is also interested in having instrumentalists in the parish volunteer their talents and would

like to have them contact him. "They don't have to make a full-time commitment. We can utilize them from time to time when they can be available." He added, "Of course, we can always use cantors, too. And that does require more training than merely singing in the choir does."

John has visions of Christmas musicals and other special performances, but those things lie in a still-to-come time when more choir members are available--particularly men. "We have only one tenor and two basses now," he remarks a bit plaintively. But with John's warm, friendly spirit, it seems likely it won't be long before he has on hand the full crew required for all his plans.

Our God Is A God Of Surprises

. . . What the Lord requires of you:
Only to do the right and to love goodness,
and to walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8

Dear parishioners,

The year before I came to St. Patrick's, I had the privilege and joy of attending the Institute for Spiritual Leadership.

One of my dreams is to offer the opportunity for personal growth and integration of one's daily religious experiences through spiritual direction. The very fiber of our daily lives holds for us the truths the Lord wants to reveal to us. Yes, **our God is a God of surprises!**

Sharing one's journey of faith is helping others to discover and be open to the Good News embodied in themselves and their history, to remove obstacles to the Word spoken in their lives, and to integrate interior realities discovered in the ongoing process of spiritual development.

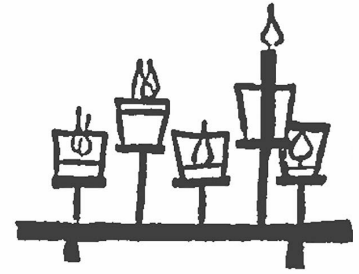
This type of spiritual direction focuses on experience, not ideas, and specifically on religious experience. It is an expression of the ongoing personal relationship God has established with each one of us.

All the **surprises** of God are deep within each of us. All we need to do is to become relaxed at "wasting time" with our God. Come and listen to your heart. Discover the many ways God is alive and well and living within you.

I am available and open to companionship on your journey of faith, if you so desire! Please feel free to call me for an appointment (367-2665).

Gratefully in Our Lord,
Sister Charlene

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RCIA:

Taking The Next Step

Journeys are typically marked by signposts that signal steps or stages along the way; so too the journey of faith, particularly for those who travel the way of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Men and women have been asking questions about our faith, taking a good look at the Church made visible for them in our own faith community of St. Patrick's, how we live and share our faith. In the language of the RCIA they have been inquirers, in the stage of their journey called the pre-catechumenate.

On the first Sunday of Advent those who are ready will take the next step, enter the next phase of their journey--the catechumenate. On that Sunday, through a ritual called the "Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate," celebrated in our presence at Mass, these inquirers become catechumens. The ritual and the new title signal a difference in the life of these men and women. They move from being inquirers to being people who have already begun to live as Christians, even though they are not yet full members of the Church.

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"Now Thank We All Our God..."



The words of the hymn are familiar ones: "...with hearts and hands and voices," it continues. On Thanksgiving Day many of us will gather with family or friends, in homes and perhaps at St. Patrick's, to give thanks to the Lord with our hearts and our voices for the gifts with which we have been blessed. We have an opportunity to give thanks with our hands as well . . .

Again this year the St. Vincent de Paul Society asks our help, not only in the gift of money for purchasing food to share with others on this holiday but also in the gift of time and labor, delivering food packages to families in our community:

Dear parishioners,

In 1979 the St. Vincent de Paul Society delivered 25 Thanksgiving food baskets to the very needy and the very old. For most it was a first. There were many tears, many thank you's, many God bless you's; we went to our own homes and Thanksgiving dinners feeling really good.

Each and every one of us can "feel good" this year by sponsoring a family's Thanksgiving dinner. A donation of \$10 will provide a complete dinner, including a large baking hen and all the trimmings. Other items for a nourishing meal will be purchased from the Eastern Illinois Food Bank--butter, cheese, etc.--at 12 cents a pound.

Because the number of families we expect to serve has grown from 25 to approximately 130, we will need help in delivering the food baskets. Each volunteer will be asked to deliver food baskets on Nov. 21, 22, or 23, at a time of one's choice, to five families.

You may sponsor a family's holiday dinner by placing your donation in the collection basket at Sunday Mass (in an envelope clearly marked "Thanksgiving dinner") or by taking your contribution to the parish office during office hours (8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.). Checks should be made payable to "Society of St. Vincent de Paul."

If you can help deliver food baskets, leave your name and telephone number with the parish secretary or in the SVDP mail bin in the parish center.

For any help you can give--and for all you have given in other times--we say thank you and God bless you!

Members of St. Patrick's
St. Vincent de Paul Society

RCIA (cont.)

During this phase of their faith journey the catechumens gather to worship with us. Since they are not fully initiated and cannot receive Eucharist with us, they will leave the assembly after the Liturgy of the Word--dismissed, or sent forth, to ponder the Scripture just heard and to share their reflections on it.

The catechumens will also gather on the first three Wednesday evenings of each month for instruction in Catholicism, for prayer, and for fellowship. Sponsors are encouraged to join them during these sessions as well as during the Sunday gatherings to "break open the Word"--to share reflections on the Scripture readings for the Sunday.

As we witness to our own faith through the means presented to us from day to day, as we thank God for the gift of faith that enriches our lives, we pray that we may join these faith travelers in spirit and move to the yet deeper conversion to which we are all called.



Thank You!

Last month the Communications Committee asked for help with this newsletter, and we want to let you know just how great you made us feel by your response. Six of you volunteered to become members of this committee:

Vincent Bui is knowledgeable about computers and said he could help by typing articles on the parish computer. Vincent is a full-time student at the University and works part-time as well.

Lula Fitzpatrick said, "Well, I know I can cut and paste and staple, so I can help." Her husband, Martin, brings several years' professional experience as journalist to the committee, so you

should soon see his influence on the newsletter. His first article for In Focus appears in this issue.

Katherine Schrader, a former member of long standing, returned to help with collating, stapling, and bulletin stuffing--an offer of considerable value!

Peter Stubing, who finds his time restricted just now, nevertheless offered to help when needed. He brings his skill with a camera and a willingness to type on computer (although he added that he is just learning to use one).

Jim Wickers was sure that there would be something he could do. He left the meeting with a writing assignment and a date for a tutoring session with our parish computer.

In addition to these new members, others called to offer assistance of one kind or another: "Please call on me for bulletin stuffing [or collating and stapling, or copying, etc.]. I really can't come to committee meetings, but I'm willing to help in any way I can." To all of those callers, thank you--and you'll be hearing from us!

We do still need help with writing and typing. Many people give us information about events and activities for In Focus, which must then be written and typed on the parish computer. If you can help, please call a committee member or leave your name and phone number with the parish secretary (367-2665).

Parish Council News



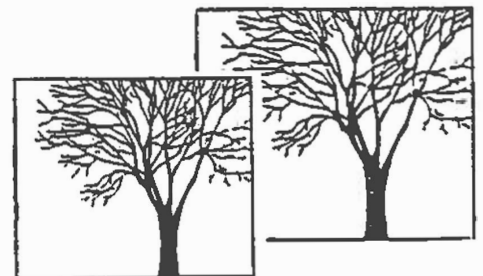
At its October meeting the Parish Council agreed to continue support for votive candles by allocating up to \$300 annually for their purchase. This fund is intended to make up any deficit in expense over income from donations for their use. (The cost of votive candles, like that of many items these days, has increased, and users are asked to increase their donations, if possible, to \$2 for the large candles to meet that cost increase.)

The ad hoc Development Committee is planning a "stewardship drive," stewardship of time and talent, for the first two Sundays of December. Information about parish organizations, committees, and other groups will be made available and members will staff tables in the parish center main hall to answer questions from interested parishioners. Watch--and listen--for details later!

As many of you may have noticed, Louise Kannapel's home suffered considerable damage from fire recently. Louise has been quartered comfortably at the home of her sister, Hazel Remesch. Damage to the property, at Clark and Coler, has yet to be assessed by the insurance company.

Under the terms of St. Patrick's contract with Louise Kannapel for the property, insurance proceeds are to go to Louise, who may use the money either to restore the house or to have it demolished.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on November 17. All parishioners are welcome.



Meet St. Patrick's Religious Education Staff

St. Patrick's is fortunate to have so many coordinators returning to lead the parish's catechetical ministry this year.

Carolyn McElrath begins her third year as Director of Religious Education. She and her husband, Dale, have lived in the parish since 1981. In addition to providing overall direction for religious education here, Carolyn offers many adult-education opportunities. She participates in parish and diocesan committees and serves as lector and eucharistic minister. She has a B.A. in history from Western Michigan University, has an M.A. in anthropology from the University of Wisconsin, has been certified in religious education by the Diocese of Peoria, and is currently completing an M.A. in religious studies at Mundelein College.

Lenore Nagele is returning for her third year as coordinator of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), a ministry that welcomes adults into the Catholic faith. Lenore and her husband, Tom, have lived in St. Patrick's parish since 1956. They have six adult children and three grandchildren. Lenore has completed the two-year diocesan Lay Ministry Leadership Program, specializing in family life ministry. She is currently completing her third and final year for coordinator certification by the Diocese of Peoria.

Jan Lipska is beginning her fourth year as coordinator of our children's program and children's liturgy. Jan and her husband, Lloyd, are the parents of two children, aged 11 and 14. Jan has a B.A. in secondary education from Kearney College, is completing her third and final year for coordinator certification from the Diocese of Peoria, and is working on an M.A. in religious studies at Mundelein College.

Ruth Mytty begins her fourth year as coordinator of our parish family life program. She and her husband, Al, are the parents of four children, aged 8 to 14. Ruth has held several positions on a diocesan and parish level, developing and facilitating family life programs. She has also completed the diocesan Lay Ministry Leadership Program, specializing in family life ministry.

David Zola, returning for his second year as senior high program coordinator, has served many years as volunteer catechist and as a member of the Education Committee. He also serves as lector and eucharistic minister. David has a B.A. in English from Fairfield University, an M.A. in corporate and political communication from Fairfield University, and a Ph.D. in educational psychology from Cornell University.

Ken Kocher, back for his second year as coordinator of our junior high program, has been involved for many years in parish catechetical programs. Beginning as participant, then as volunteer catechist, he served as coordinator of the junior high program, 1984-86. Ken is currently studying for a B.A. in history at the University of Illinois.

Mike Healey begins his first year as coordinator of our parish library program. Mike, welcomed into the Catholic faith two years ago, has been a member of our community for eight years. He is divorced and the father of three children: Molly, 12; Joshua, 10; and Katie, 6. Mike has an associate degree from Parkland College and is currently studying for a B.A. degree in elementary education at Eastern Illinois University.

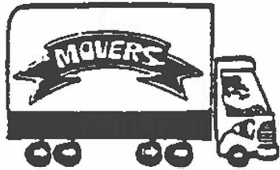
These coordinators, and the great number of volunteers who assist them, give generously of their time and talents to religious education in our parish. They ask only for our prayers and support throughout the year.

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St. Patrick's In Focus is published on the last weekend of each month in Urbana, Illinois. News items and information may be submitted for the next issue by the 15th day of the month. Please leave your items in the Communications Committee mail bin in the parish center, or call Mary Lou Merches, 344-1125/244-4701. Written material should include the name and phone number of the writer.



Welcome to new parishioners: Israel & Albina Aguilera, Thomas E. & Nancy Boaz, Mark Chiu, Genny Dumonceaux, Sergio & Teresa Gallegos, Barbara Gegg, Bart & Cindy Gosnell, Julie Hagle, Lori Izard, Larry R. & Carolyn C. Johnson, Mike & Carolyn Kernan, Brenda Kesler, Thomas Koczwara, Miljenko & Mirna Kovacicsek, Mark & Karen Kurowski, Wayne & Ellen Larsen, Jozef Latten, Margaret Levin, James & Thomasine McNamara, Joseph & Nancy Milak, Thang & Ut Nguyen, Lonnie & Kristy Rhodes, Ron & Barb Schoo, James Wickers, Anne Marie Windholz.



Farewell to the following parishioners who recently moved from C-U: Angel Alvarado, Ruth Aydt, Glenwood Campbell, David & Mari Meunier, Thomas & Kirsten Miller, Michael & Jeanne Myers, Ron & Jayne Schmidt, Robert & Mary Schumacher, Arthur & Lois Streid, Ron & Laura Yacobi Struyf, Ron & Angharad Bettig-Valdivia, Ellen Wikoff.



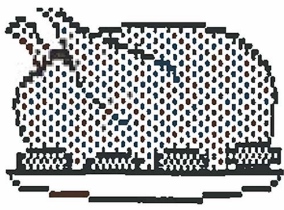
Let us celebrate with the following couples married at St. Patrick's: Beth McCabe & Craig Dodge, Mary Gassman & Glenn Richard Jaross, Margaret Messner & Stephen John Tobin, Thomas McDonough & Loretta Pilgrim, Samuel F. Borries & Lillian M. Lambdin Matamoros.

In Memoriam

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following deceased: Marjorie E. Lange, Walter Eugene Fonner, Jerome F. Arteman, Bernard Joseph Grady.

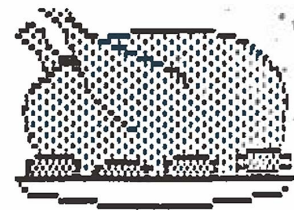


We welcome the following newly baptised into our Christian community: Brittany Rachel D'Arcy, Timothy Michael David, Hannah Rose Snyder, Trisha Nicole Sawyer, Rhianna Margaret Elizabeth Michaels, Molly Christine Bell, Laura Elizabeth Golaszeski.



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