

ST PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



*the Lord will guide
Your coming
and your going.*

The following is an update on the Laotian refugee family, the Sisombath's, whose move to the U.S. was sponsored by our parish.

Vone (the father) continues to study English at the Urbana Education Center. Kemphorn (his wife) will be starting classes there this fall while Somsomyam (their two year old son) attends a day care program. A parishioner of St. Patrick's donated a black and white television to the family and this has also helped them to learn English.

They have several Lao friends in town and Vone's cousin lives in Champaign. She has taken them to the Champaign County Fair and other events.

Kemphorn is pregnant now with their second child, due in January. Her pre-natal visits are at Francis Nelson Health Center. Anyone who can assist with transportation to the health center please call Bernie Laumann at 328-2708.

The Social Action Committee hopes to sponsor an evening get-together for the parish to meet the Sisombath's and welcome them to Champaign-Urbana.



Another Side to Our Bishop

Sending generous checks to each of the 17 major food pantries of the diocese "to help them to cope with some of the problems which the poor people of this area have found even more difficult by reaction to the drought" is no small gesture. We all recognize Bishop Edward O'Rourke for his kindness, compassion and concern for those he shepherds. But the editorial "Learning from the Drought," (Catholic Post, August 21), underscores with a double line, some fine traits of character.

The Bishop points out the lessons to be learned from the drought, and how we need Almighty God and one another.

Most frequently we see the Bishop in his ecclesiastic role, perhaps even in person two or three times a year:

Confirmations, a visit to the renovated Cathedral, or the like. But to read the complete editorial and ponder over the last paragraph, and try to think of ways in which we might help in this extremely serious heat-plagued summer, points up the very human side of the Bishop as he invites

...each one of you to communicate to me directly, or through your pastors your thoughts about how we as a Christian family can help one another in these difficult times. As your bishop, I am prepared to participate in any reasonable solution and to lead the people of the diocese in so doing.

Occasional pictures of the Bishop tending his garden, listing on his schedule "Gone Fishing," hosting a traveling group from the States a few years ago while that group was in Rome and he was there on business, taking the time to share a cup of cappuccino in a delightful verandah setting tell us a great deal about the humanity of a much loved leader.

Can we think of ways to help in this summer's crisis? It's a challenge!

In Memoriam

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following deceased: Zella Cahill (mother of Leslie Risatti), Edward William Brown, John Paul Murgach, Melissa Heater, Dorothy Henigman, and Nancy Louise Theobald.



We welcome the newly-baptised into the Christian community:

- Quinn Alan Asquith
- Monique Yvette Youakim
- Amber Dawn Chapman
- John Benton Kemtz
- Hannah Maureen Lewis
- Beverley Jeanne Beachey
- Joshua Anthony Happ
- Ellen Grace Garrett
- Kristine Johanna Gordon



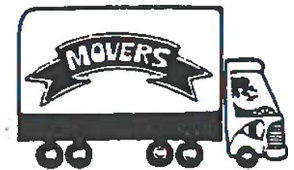
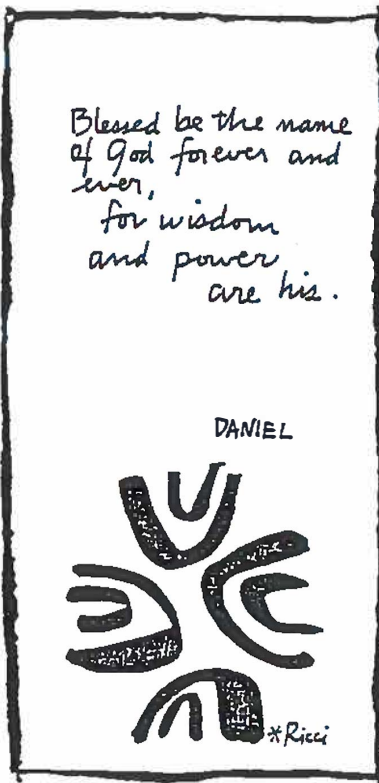
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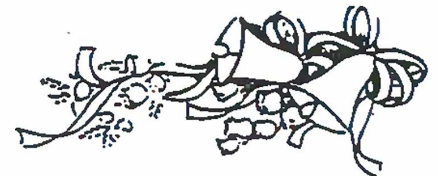
As a service to all citizens, voter registration is being offered at St. Patrick's on Sunday, September 11 after all masses. Thanks for exercising your right to vote.



Welcome to new parishioners: John Davella, Thomas Graziano, Thomas & Jenean Henkelman, David & Maria Lawson, Andrew Nelson, Michael & Greta Ostroski, Elsa Padget, John Pescitelli, Glenda Snavely, Charles & Donna Thompson, Pedro & Teresa Vargas, Kurt & Katherine Wahl, Angel Youakim, and Albert Galick & Robin Sanders.



Farewell to the following parishioners who recently moved from C-U: Rob & Win Bonnell, Roger & Barbara Brown, Thomas & Mona Mengler, Richard & Elizabeth Rosenstiel, Michael & Crystal Staub, Judson & Terri Thorne, Steve & Kathleen Vogel, Carolyn Brown, Max & Anne Calle, Claudio & Jean Cioffi, Charles & Barbara Hundley, Linda Missey, Kurt & Nanette Olivier, Anthony & Janet Reeves, Jeff & Berni Salisbury, Lorrie Schlorff, Neil & Virginia Shimp, and James & Kathy Wolfe.



Let us celebrate with the following couples married at St. Patrick's: Michael Joseph Palumbo & Tharla Ann Lawhead, Warran G. Lukemire & Leslie Michelle Fritschle, William Damon Brogdon & Donna Jene Grady, Robert Martin Miller & Jo Ann Louisa Daehler.

Parish Council News



At their Aug. 18 meeting, Parish Council members warmly welcomed Sr. Charlene Cesario to the parish and to honorary membership on the Council. Sr. Charlene took up her new duties as pastoral associate at St. Patrick's on Aug. 16.

As a follow-up to last year's study of goal-setting, participants in this year's Council/Committee/Staff Workshop will learn how to set objectives after goals have been defined. Sr. Sheila Kinsey, OSF (Director of Religious Education, Peoria) will facilitate the workshop, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 29, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. All committee members are invited to participate in this workshop, along with Council and staff.

In financial matters, the Council allocated funds for the installment purchase of the property at the southwest corner of Clark and Coler. The parish has made a down payment of \$5,250., and will pay the balance of \$45,000. in monthly installments of \$250. Council members also agreed to underwrite the cost, up to \$500., for Social Action Committee's research into parish social action. Finally, acknowledging the worn-out condition of the

parish car, members authorized the purchase or lease of a new one, for Sr. Charlene's use.

A proposal was made to establish a group whose function would be to identify and recruit persons to serve on standing committees of the Council. After discussion of the need to encourage stewardship of time and talents, not only of "treasure", members referred the proposal to the Council's executive committee for further study and clarification.

Written Committee reports included:

Education The mini-course approach, successful in the senior high program, will be used again this year. The committee continues its search for new members to fill vacancies. Dwain Berggren and Jim Mayer have agreed to continue serving as committee chair and secretary, respectively, for the coming year. Registration for children's and sacramental programs will begin Sept. 12; classroom visits are scheduled for Sept. 18 and 25, and classes will begin Oct. 9.

Social Action The committee has been engaging in dialogue with Worship and

Prayer, staff, and Education to develop a new proposal for parish social-justice programs.

Staff Nick Britsky has been working on visual representation of design proposals for the baptistry, tabernacle, and Marian shrine in the church. It is hoped that a presentation can be made to the Parish Council at its Sept. 15 meeting. Volunteer adult servers for funeral liturgies have received training and are already engaged in this ministry. Parishioners are invited to join the staff on fourth Tuesdays (7:30 p.m., lounge) for liturgy planning. All patients at Champaign County Nursing Home received the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on Aug. 5.

In his staff report, Fr. Remm also announced the appointment of John Pescitelli to the position of Music Director. John, who substituted for Doug Salokar for several weeks early this year, will take up his duties in September.

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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. All parishioners are invited.



Involvement with people is always a very delicate thing — it requires real maturity to become involved and not get all messed up.

Bernard Cooke, SJ

September 1988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 10:45a CCHB Mass	3
4	5 LABOR DAY 9:00a Mass Breakfast after Mass	6	7 7:00p St Vincent DePaul 7:00p Pro-Life	8 7:00p Baptism Prep	9 10:30a Royal Fontana Mass	10
11	12 Rel Ed Registration	13	14 7:00p St Vincent DePaul	15 7:30p Parish Council	16	17
18 Catechetical Sunday Rel Ed Class Visits	19	20	21 7:00p St Vincent DePaul	22	23 10:30a Americana Mass	24
25 Rel Ed Class Visits	26	27 7:30p Liturgy Planning	28 1:00p Medical Missions 7:00p St Vincent DePaul	29 5:00p Cellar-to-Garret Pre-Sale	30 9a-8p Cellar-to-Garret Sale	9a-2p C-to-G Bag Sale