

ST PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



## We Are One In The Lord

Ten men and women have joined our parish this Easter as full members of the Catholic Church. They are not completely new to us; first as Inquirers and then as Catechumens, they have been participating in RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) since last fall.

Sunday after Sunday we have witnessed their dismissal from our assembly after the homily to continue their reflection on the Scripture readings the homilist has helped us to explore. However, we would like to know them all a little better, hence the following brief personal sketches and accompanying pictures.

On Holy Saturday, during the Easter Vigil liturgy, these men and women were received into the Church. Those not yet baptised received this sacrament, and all were confirmed. Then, joining the entire Church in that great sign and symbol of unity, Eucharist, they received Holy Communion for the first time. They and we are made one with and in the Body of Christ called Church.

Their journey to this goal began last fall with Inquiry classes. What this journey has meant to them became dramatically evident as they entered into the fullness of the Catholic faith on this Easter weekend. It is also

seen in their comments when they were asked what they especially like about St. Patrick's and what especially attracts them to the Catholic Church. Although their responses differed somewhat, there were common threads. Several mentioned specifically their appreciation for the work done for them in the RCIA process by Carolyn McElrath and Lenore Nagele.

Another common response named the parish community: "I feel at home here," "I like the friendliness of the members," "the help and encouragement [of the members]," "a parish that makes one feel welcome."

One catechumen liked "the community, the commitment, how willing everyone is in helping me...." Another liked the "stand on social issues, involving faith, community, and action for change." And still another said, "I like their [the members'] closeness and sense of morality."

Maybe you contributed to the sense of warmth and helpfulness which these men and women, "neophytes" in our Roman Catholic family, experienced during the several months and years of their association with St. Patrick's parish. If not, you--indeed, all of us--can reaffirm that experience for them and for others to come in the years ahead.

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## Our Ten Newest Parishioners . . .



**Yvonne Bernadette Barger**, who is originally from Holland, has lived in this area for ten years. She and her husband, Dave, have a fifteen-month-old son, Joseph Keith, and they are expecting another addition to their family in June. She is a homemaker.

### And Five On The Way!

Five other catechumens are continuing their exploration of our faith. We would like you to know and encourage them as well.



**Joyce Clagg** has been in the area for four years, coming here from Shelbyville. A homemaker, she is married to Greg Clagg, and they have a daughter, Whitney, who is two and a half years old.



**Harry Ruedi** has lived in Urbana for 25 years. He and his wife, Terry, have five sons. He is in marketing.



**Mark Robert Simon** came to this area in 1976. He and his wife, Gigi, have two children. He is a University of Illinois professor.



**Mark Cousert** came here from suburban Chicago. He and his wife, Diane, have two children. He is with University of Illinois housing.



**Debora Ruiz** is a housewife. She has been in this area three years and is expecting a baby in June.



**Brenda Galan** came here from Mentor, Ohio, a year and a half ago. She is married to Adam Galan and is a graduate student in chemistry.



**Kristen Burch** came here from Springfield three years ago and is a student at the University of Illinois. She plans to be married soon to John O'Neill of Springfield.



**Jamie Wuttke** has lived in Champaign four years. She plans to be married next November to Marti Kocher. She is a registered nurse at Carle Hospital.



**Lynn Pointer** has been here just a few months. Originally from Illinois, she moved to California and is "now back for good." A computer scientist, she is married to David Pointer.



**Beth Wick**, a lifelong resident of Champaign, is a homemaker and married to Steve Wick. They have a two-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Sarah.



**Barry Wagner** and his wife, Debby, have been in the area since 1970. He is facilities manager for the Illinois Fire Safety Institute.



**Stephen R. Humpherys** has lived in the Urbana-Champaign community fifteen years. He is a physician and is to be married soon.



**Randy Coverstone** is a 17-year resident of the area. He and his wife, Therese, are the parents of three-year-old Stephanie. He is a customer service representative with CILCO.



**Amy Witsman** was born and grew up in Champaign, and is passing along that distinction to her daughter, Laura, who is five. She is soon to be married to parishioner George Fahey. She is a programmer-analyst for the U of I Cooperative Extension Service.

## April Saints And Special People

April 2, the Second Sunday of Easter, is also called White Sunday, recalling a time in the early Church when the newly baptized, the neophytes, wore their white baptismal garments to Mass. May all of us continue to wear the Risen Lord!



On April 3 we celebrate the Annunciation of Jesus' conception, a feast that was displaced by Holy Saturday this year. On April 4, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated. First Friday, April 7, is also the feast of St. John Baptist de la Salle, who founded the Christian Brothers and who introduced training for teachers.

April 9 is the Third Sunday of Easter, "Good Shepherd" Sunday. On Friday, April 21, the moon and their calendar directs our Jewish friends and neighbors to begin Passover.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter falls on April 23. On Tuesday, April 25, we celebrate the feast of St. Mark, the evangelist: rejoice in the Good News!



Catherine of Siena

Saturday, April 29, is the feast of St. Catherine of Siena, a woman who confronted popes and politicians, ministered to the sick and dying, and today is honored as a Doctor of the Church.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter (and the fifth Sunday of April) occurs on April 30.

## Child Care Crisis: What Can A Caring Community Do?

Parents and other providers of child care can turn to local community services for help in evaluating their needs and the resources available to meet those needs. The Child Care Resource Service (333-3252) provides information that will assist in exploring options and making informed decisions about them. Providers of child care can find help, too, with training, referrals, and licensing requirements.

"Child Care Crisis: What Can a Caring Community Do?" will be discussed by a panel that includes Sandy Scott, director of Carle's child care center, on April 3, 7:30 p.m., at First United Methodist Church, Lincoln Square. Enter by the east door and go to the second-floor parlor. Sponsors are the Council of Congregations and the East Central Association for the Education of Young Children.



Welcome to new parishioners Nicole Chorak, Donald and Maria Coes, Patrick Connolly, James and Patty Crossetti, Robert and Rachel Diehl, Marna Fuesting, Robert and Mary Hill, Alfred and Marietta Hirbler, Delores Scheidel, Mark and Carol Sons, and Shelley Whitman.



Farewell to the following parishioners, who have moved from C-U: Elaine Barrett, Philippe and Francoise Baveye, John and Stephanie Frickleton, Cinderella Gayoso, Cindy Gosnell, John and Linda Irle, David Lawson, Patricia Phillips, and Michael and Jacquelyn Prater.

## In Memoriam

Our condolences to the family and friends of Martha Miebach, recently deceased.

## A Note Of Appreciation

The Miebach family wish to thank all who offered condolences and support in their sorrow at the death of Martha Miebach. Special thanks to the members of St. Patrick's Guild and others who prepared and served the excellent dinner for family and friends following Martha's funeral.

# A Letter To The Parishioners Of St. Patrick's

January 3, 1989

To all the good people of St. Pat's,

I have just finished writing 2 letters and the stack left on my desk numbers 55 Christmas cards and letters. I truly have been blessed to received so many wonderful Christmas greetings, but I must admit to feeling a bit overwhelmed with the task of replying in a meaningful way. So, I've decided to reduce the number by half by writing this one letter to all of you. As much as I would like to write each of you individually, it isn't possible with only 24 hours in the day.

We had a very nice holiday season. The short rains were late but finally began on Christmas Eve, and so that was one of the nicest gifts of all. We have a newly ordained diocesan priest, who told a very apropos story Christmas Eve. His grandfather was a cow herder and he loved his cows almost more than anything. He was constantly looking out for them, caring for them, etc. At night all the cows were put in a corral and, if one was ready to give birth, he got right out there in the mud and muck to remove the cow and calf so the calf wouldn't get trampled by the others. The priest was often awakened in the middle of the

night to help his grandfather. Needless to say, at age 8 he wasn't as enthusiastic about it all as the old man was. But, thinking it all over, he was impressed by how much his grandfather loved the cows, and he asked him one day if he wouldn't like to become a cow himself and be even happier. Surprisingly, his grandfather refused, saying that if that happened he'd be able to talk with them and then he'd hear all their problems, and he didn't love them THAT much! In comparison, God loved us enough to become human, learn our language and understand our problems. (It was a story we could all relate to, given all the cows that are our neighbors!)

We had a little five-year-old girl come in with cancrum oris--a large hole in her cheek that started out as an infection from bacteria around one of her teeth. It spread because she was very malnourished. Her mother had another 18-month-old child she was nursing; she had long since parted ways with the biological father. The man she was currently with brought them all down to Tanzania from Kenya because he's buying

and selling clothes on the black market. The mother hasn't been a very reliable caregiver; she left two weeks ago, and no one is exactly sure where she is. The stepfather has another wife and denies any responsibility for this child. It's the first time I've ever seen a child abandoned in the village.

Meanwhile, the child, Linet, has improved tremendously. The wound has almost completely healed. She is getting fat, and she runs around the hospital pinching us on the back of the leg to say hi, smiling and getting our attention. Sandy and I are trying not to get too attached, as her mother can come at any time to take her away unless we want to go to court to contest her competence. Given that she's Kenyan and we're white, I doubt we could win anyway. It's a sad example of what happens when culture and traditional social systems like the extended family fall apart and are complicated by poverty. Still, it makes us feel good to see her happy and healthier, at least for a little while.

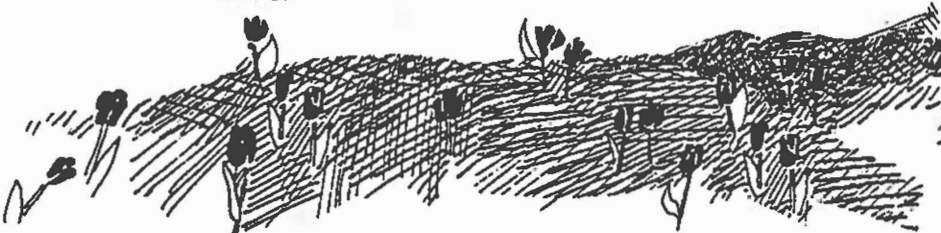
Many thanks again to all of you for your support and prayers. We pray for you, too, and hope this coming year brings many blessings and much peace.

Love, Susan.

Dr. Susan Nagele  
Kowak Catholic Church  
SLP 27  
Tarime, Tanzania

MY PEOPLE WILL BE FILLED  
WITH MY BOUNTY

JER. 31



# The Spit And Polish Gang Invades St. Patrick's

What's a little dirty, definitely tired, and totally irreplaceable? The volunteer St. Patrick's church cleaners!

On March 18 approximately a dozen people devoted their Saturday morning to cleaning the church in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. This annual project, part of the Buildings and Grounds Committee efforts, renews the deep sparkle and shine in the church interior.

What is involved in this undertaking? Maintenance man Dick Valentine gathered the supplies, ladders, etc., needed and scrubbed the floors on Friday night in preparation for Saturday's assault. High windows were dusted. Glass walls and doors were washed from top to bottom. Carpeting

was vacuumed. Floors, pews, altar and "anything that's wood that doesn't move" were waxed and polished, according to Ray Alane, organizer of the clean-up crew. Fortified by coffee and donuts, the men

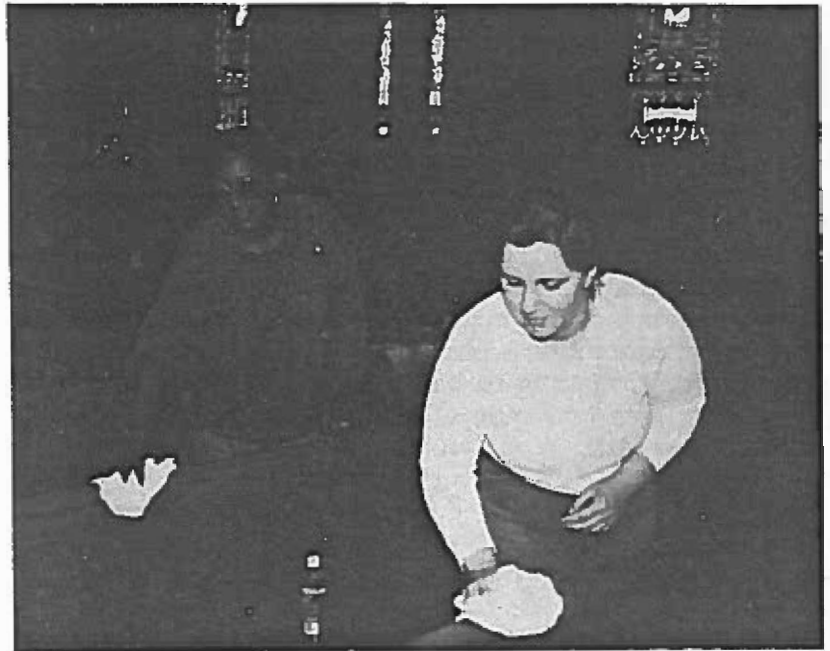
and women completed their labors before noon.

The Building and Grounds Committee thank the following people who helped clean the church: Ray Alane, Bill Beagle, Dawn Becker, Bob Dorsey,



Martin and Lula Fitzpatrick, Linda Hess, Bob Kimmey, Mary Ann Luedtke, Dave Riddle, Cathy Selika, Peter Stubing, and Paul Ziegler.

As a result of their efforts, parishioners and visitors may enjoy and appreciate the beauty of our church during Easter and throughout the year.



## Parish Council Election Anounced

This is the time of year that new Parish Council members are elected. Election days this year are April 22 and 23.

An ad hoc election committee was appointed by the Parish Council president for selection and presentation of a slate of candidates. The committee sent out letters of invitation and questionnaires to prospective candidates, including questions for them to answer that would give parishioners a sense of the candidates' views on the parish, the goals they set for themselves as council members, and the directions they see the Council moving over the next three years.

The committee will then prepare a ballot which includes each candidate's picture and responses. This year three positions are to be filled, requiring a minimum of six candidates for election. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be seated at the May Council meeting. The runners-up would be wise to read Council minutes carefully even though not elected. They may be invited to fill council vacancies that occur before next year's election is held.



## Parish Council News

At its March meeting the Parish Council reviewed the draft of the budget for FY 1989-90, which had been prepared by the Finance Committee. After clarification of some points of interest in response to questions raised, Council referred the draft to the Finance Committee for incorporation of some minor changes.

Next year's budget will be based on a projected total income of \$359,700, with \$338,000 of that amount from weekly collections. This represents an increase of more than \$40,000 over this year's budget. Action on the budget will be taken at the April meeting.

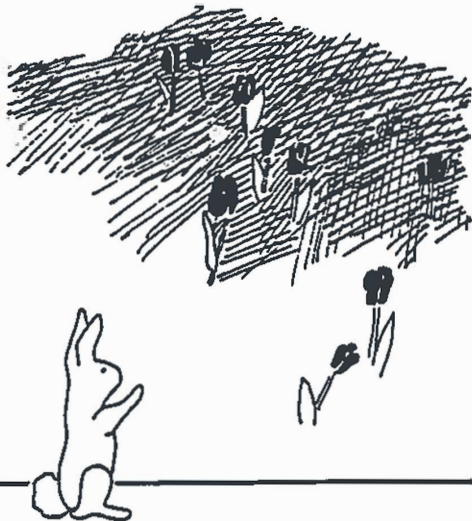
The ad hoc Parish Council election committee reported that its search is nearly complete for candidates for election to fill three vacancies

on the Council. A slate with a minimum of six candidates, two for each vacancy, is required by the Council's Constitution and Bylaws.

The Parish Council unanimously approved Fr. Remm's making an offer on rental property for sale on Clark St. almost directly north of the parish church and garage.

The parish financial report for the year to date (February 1989) indicates that actual income is about 10% higher than projected, with expenses just at the projected level. So far this year income has reached \$233,089, with expenses totaling \$215,450.

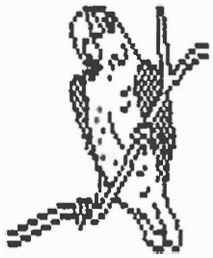
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on April 20 at 7:30 p.m. Council meetings are open meetings; all parishioners are welcome to attend them.



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. Written material must include the name and phone number of the writer.

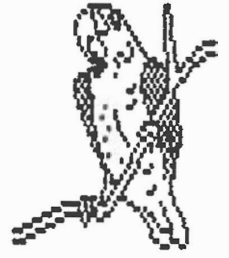
Please leave news items in the Communications Committee mail bin in the parish center, or call a committee member: Vincent Bui (384-5853), Lula and Martin Fitzpatrick, Pat Justice (328-1776), Mary Lou Menches (344-1125, 244-4701), Katherine Schrader (344-5995), Meredith Smith (357-6159), Peter Stubing (367-5160), Cynthia Wild (337-7521).





# April

## 1989

**SUN****MON****TUE****WED****THU****FRI****SAT**

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<b>2</b> 9:00a Child.Class 9:00a Bible Study 10:00a RCIA 10:15a Child.Lit. 11:00a Child.Class 6:30p High School Youth Group 6:30p Bible Study	<b>3</b> 10:30a Forgiveness Education 7:00p GROW 7:15p GROW 7:30p Forgiveness 7:30p Worship & Prayer Com.mtg.	<b>4</b> 1:30p CCNH, Rosary 7:00p First Communion Preparation	<b>5</b> Diocesan Finance Conference, Peoria 7pm SVDP 7pm GROW 7pm Pro-Life 7pm Communicatn 7:30p Welcoming Com.mtg.	<b>6</b> 1:00p GROW 7:30p Personnel	<b>7</b> 10:45a Mass at CCNH	<b>8</b> 9:00am to 3:00pm LMLP Regional Meeting
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<b>23</b> PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION 6:30p High School Youth Group First Communion Liturgies Reception	<b>24</b> 7pm GROW	<b>25</b> 1:30p CCNH, Rosary 7:00p Liturgy Planning	<b>26</b> 1pm MM Bandage Rolling 7pm GROW 7pm SVDP District Mtg.	<b>27</b> 1:00p GROW 7:00p ASA Mtg. 7:30p K of C	<b>28</b> 10:30a Amer/U, Mass 10:45a CCNH, Mass	<b>29</b> ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL KICKOFF!
<b>30</b> ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 10:00a RCIA 6:30p High School Youth Group						

# Pastoral Care Assembly Day...

A Day With JOYCE RUPP O.S.M., author of  
"FRESH BREAD" and "PRAYING OUR  
GOODBYS"



JOYCE RUPP, osm

**Saturday, April 29, 1989**

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

At The Immaculate Conception Convent  
2408 W. Heading Ave., Peoria, IL

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Includes noon meal)

Topic for morning "WALKING WITH THOSE WHO HURT"

Topic for afternoon GRIEF AND LOSS and Group Sharing

*Registration 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.*

*"Walking With Those Who Hurt"*

We bring ourselves, who we are and how we are, to those we meet along the way of life. If we are to minister well, we need "inner attentiveness" to our own experience of life with the Beloved. This energizing relationship is a major qualifying factor in our ministry with others. This day is an invitation to those in pastoral care to seek again the God within. It is a call to look upon others with the eyes of one who has met the Beloved and thus lives with a heart of compassion and openness.

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

List name of those attending on reverse side or on attached sheet

Return by April 15, 1989 to:

**PASTORAL CARE ASSEMBLY DAY**

**% PAT EMERY, 1128 - 13th Avenue, Moline, IL 61265**

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