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In Focus



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Catechumens Offer Names For Enrollment

On the first Sunday of Lent, several catechumens will participate in the Rite of Election at St. Patrick's, joining men and women the world over who enter upon this third stage in their journey to faith.

On the basis of the testimony of godparents and catechists and of the catechumens' reaffirmation of their intention, the Church judges their state of readiness and decides on their advancement toward the sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation, and eucharist.

This step is called "Election" because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts. It is also called "Enrollment" because as a pledge of fidelity the candidates inscribe their names in the book that lists those who have been chosen for initiation.

The Rite of Election is the Church's way of confirming God's call in the life of the catechumens officially to request entrance to the Church and for the community to respond by saying, in effect, "We will



Inquirers and catechumens meet with Carolyn McElrath and Lenore Nagele after dismissal from mass. From the left, front: Harry Ruedi, Debbie Ruiz, Jamie Wuttke, Amy Witsman, Joyce Clagg, Randy Coverstone; second row: Lenore Nagele, Brenda Kesler, Mark Ousert, Mark Simon, Evon Barger, Lynn Pointer, Carolyn McElrath. Not pictured: Kristen Burch, Beth Wick, Steve Humphreys.

welcome you into the Church this Easter. We will surround you with prayer, we will accompany and lead you to encounter Christ."

Some men and women who have only recently become catechumens and inquirers at St. Patrick's will remain in these stages for some time, according to Lenore Nagele, RCIA coordinator. They will continue their study of the Church's

teachings, beliefs, and practices, and open their hearts to discern God's call to faith, perhaps joining the Church at some future date. "In the early centuries of the Church, this process normally lasted three years or more," commented Nagele. "Today it is expected that a person will spend a year or so journeying through these stages."

With the first Sunday of Lent, the catechumens (now "the elect") enter the "40-day retreat" to deepen their awareness of God's grace through prayer. "They are a powerful example to us," Nagele said, "of conversion and new life. When you see them, introduce yourself and welcome them to our faith community. And continue to pray for them in their journey to faith."



My soul thirsts like the earth



Walking The Way Of The Cross

From the very early days of Christianity the Way of the Cross has been a widely practiced method of meditating on the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. People came to Jerusalem from all over the world to recall events in the life of Jesus, to walk where he walked in his final hours of suffering.

In time the route became fixed. It finally included 14 stops, or stations, commemorating events derived from tradition and from scripture.

During the crusades, Franciscans serving in the embattled Holy Land provided food, care, and shelter to both Christians and Moslems. The Franciscans were eventually

recognized as representatives of the Church there, and the Way of the Cross (or the Way of Sorrows, as it was known) came under their care.

In Europe, meanwhile, the making of pilgrimages became a regular part of the religious life of the people. The Franciscans began placing Stations of the Cross in churches so the faithful could go on pilgrimage while at home.

Today, although the Stations of the Cross are generally represented by pictures or statues, each incorporates a cross--and it is the cross rather than the picture or statue that marks the station. At St. Patrick's, the Stations of the Cross are marked by crosses mounted on the wall and identified by roman numerals.

On the Fridays of Lent our parish "pilgrims" gather in church at 5:15 p.m. to walk with the Lord on his Way of Sorrows. For those who make this journey on their own at other times, a variety of booklets placed in the church vestibule may aid in personal reflection and a prayerful response to these events in Jesus' journey--and ours--that leads not only to the cross but also to an empty tomb.

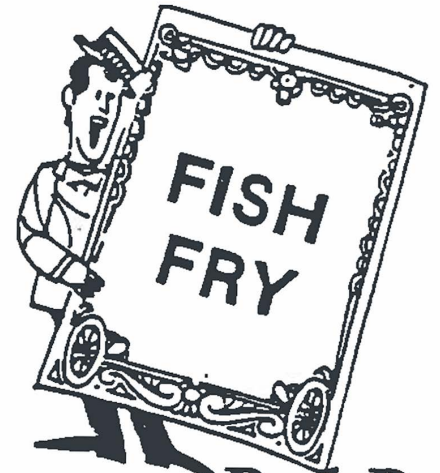
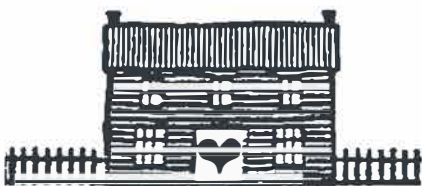
Making A House A Home

The Catholic Worker House, located at 1308 W. University, Urbana, is a home that offers shelter, meals, and hospitality for women and families with emergency housing needs. There is also a noon soup kitchen for homeless men.

At present, the house has only one live-in volunteer. Normally

two or three people live in and coordinate this hospitality ministry. Therefore, it is very important that the wider church community support the work of the home by volunteering to serve meals and be present to the guests.

Volunteers are needed especially on weekends to serve lunch between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and in the evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please call Roland (328-1446) if you can offer your hands and your heart to keep this house of hospitality in operation.



Back By Popular Demand

The Knights of Columbus fish fries will be back again this Lent at St. Patrick's. Dave Palmisano, program director for K of C Council 5752, is chairman. He points out the menu will feature delicious Icelandic cod, both deep-fried and baked. Rounding out the menu will be french fries, cole slaw, and a beverage--as much as you can eat for just \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Serving will be from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Feb. 24 and Mar. 3, 10, 17, and 24.

Frying the fish is the specialty of Jim Ducey, Steve Beckett, and Norm Donze, using the Knights' own special recipe. That the recipe has proven popular is demonstrated by the fact that the men served an average of 275 dinners at each of last year's fish fries. Several teams of members work on the dinners, joined by their wives and other volunteers, who prepare pies and cakes for dessert.

Last year, the dinners raised about \$3000, more than half of which went to local causes, with the rest turned back to the community and the parish in various ways.



Lenten Programs Offered

Several programs will be offered at St. Patrick's during the Lenten season to help individual parishioners and the parish community as we attempt to travel in Christ's footsteps.

One of these programs uses a special Lenten issue of "Today's Parish" entitled "Our Journey's Name Is Love." This is a booklet designed for use by individuals or by families, small Christian base groups, or by a parish group. This program is designed to begin before the first Sunday of Lent; the first parish group will meet on Ash Wednesday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the parish center. Those who join are asked to bring their own copies of "Our Journey's Name Is Love" and a bible. Copies of the publication are \$1.50; they can be purchased this weekend, Saturday in the rear of the church and Sunday at Coffee Shop.

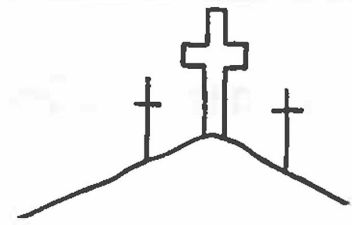
Forgiveness—a guide for prayer, another program, continues the Take and Receive series begun in Advent. Touching on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, "Forgiveness" treats personal and collective sinfulness insofar as it is an obstacle to the

receiving of God's love. There are two groups for this six-week program, both meeting on Mondays. The first meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon, the second from 7:30 to 9 p.m., from Feb. 6 through Mar. 13.

Sister Charlene Cesario, SSCM, is facilitator for both of these programs.

Stations of the Cross are scheduled for 5:15 p.m. each Friday during Lent. This year two different books will be used on alternate Fridays, the familiar "Scriptural Way of the Cross" and a new book, "The Way of the Cross."

Evening Prayer, from the Liturgy of the Hours, will be offered on Wednesdays of Lent. When darkness falls it is natural to remember our dependence on Christ, our Light. Christians everywhere gather at this hour to give thanks for the gifts of the day and to pray for the needs of the world. The prayers that the Church provides include psalms, intercessions, hymns, and the reading of scripture. You are invited to join in this liturgy on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 between Feb. 15 and Mar. 15. Evening prayer will conclude by 7:00 p.m. for those who have other commitments.



Clothing Needed for Newborns

Mercy Hospital has called on our St. Vincent de Paul Society for help in putting together layettes and supplies for newborn infants. Many mothers have little or no clothing prepared for their infants to wear when going home or even afterward.

Baby clothing or other supplies for infants up to six months old are badly needed. At this season, outer buntings and blankets will also be very welcome.

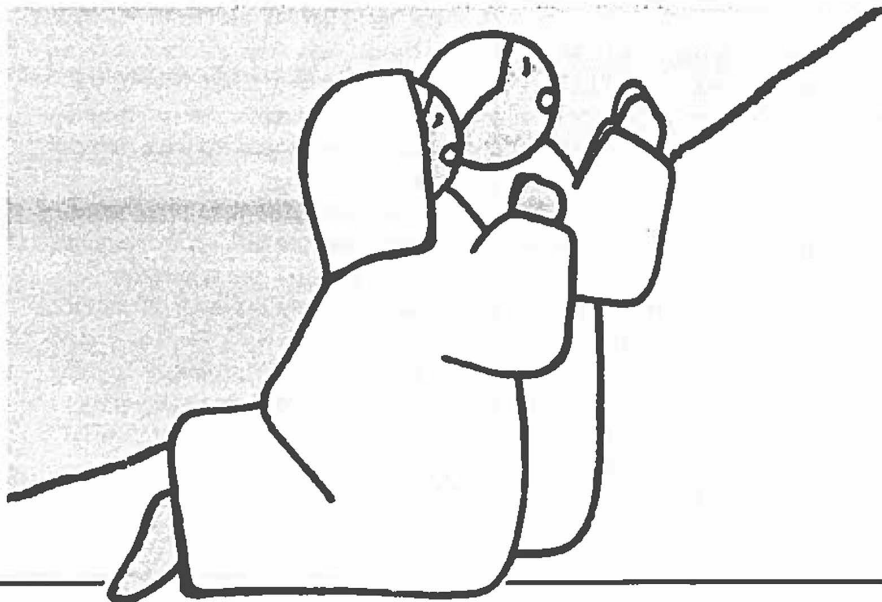
All donated clothing or other supplies may be taken to the parish office or, when the office is closed, left (clearly identified) on a counter in the parish kitchen.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society serves many parish and community needs. Members make food deliveries, provide gas and bus tickets for stranded travelers, help pay for prescription medicines for people with very limited income.

New members are needed to carry on this compassionate ministry to the poor. If you are interested, call Sophia Zeigler (328-2671) to find out how you can help.

A Note of Appreciation

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



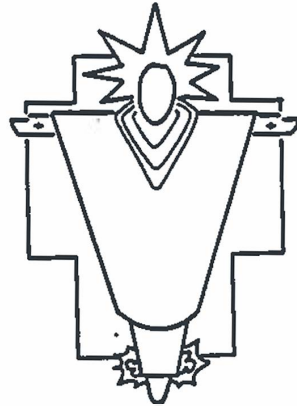
Parishioner's Reflection . . .

A few years ago, when I was struggling with the mystery of death and resurrection in the impending death of someone I loved, I walked the Way of the Cross night after night. Mutely suffering, I tried to grasp something of the salvific reality of that long-ago event, to relate Christ's passion and death to the long and terrible suffering of the one I loved. Gradually the two merged into one--and that one was Christ.

In those long vigils with the suffering Christ, the Christ who suffered in and with and for my friend, I encountered the mystery of the "Christ-in-us." And in today's reliving of that mystery in the approaching death of another whom I love, I continue to find renewed hope and courage. I share these reflections, the still maturing fruit of those encounters, for all of us on our journey with Christ during the long, long weeks of Lent ahead (that culminate, after all, in Easter).

The more we know of sorrow and pain, the more difficult it becomes to think about the pain and sorrow of Christ. As we come to experience how real Christ is and what suffering really is, we begin to suffer with him. More than that, Christ suffers in us; we become one in that suffering.

If it were not for this presence of Christ, we could not bear the sufferings that burden us. We can bear them only because the Christ-in-us has



suffered and overcome all that we suffer or ever can suffer.

The tears we shed blind his eyes, the constriction of our hearts constricts his heart as well. He knows every kind of fear we know, and there is no loneliness or agony of separation that is not his. Not one of us dies but it is Christ who dies--and in his rising we know the joy of new life.

He who faces all these sufferings in and with us has overcome them all and made them holy by his limitless love. It is this love that made his passion redeeming, healing, life giving.

This Christ-love is ours, too, just as his suffering is ours. Every moment of his passion is informed by love. Our work is to love too, to love always, to love everyone, to love to the end--in and with the Christ-in-us. One in suffering, one in love, one in the joy of the resurrection, his and ours.

Parish Council News

If you think membership on the Parish Council is "a piece of cake," you ought to be around for a couple of meetings at which the next year's budget is dealt with!

At their December meeting, Council members spent several hours listening to proposals for new programs and asking questions to be sure they understood the proposals.

On January 19 they picked up where they'd left off, giving several hours more to presentations of both new and continuing programs. And they received a projection of income from all sources for next year

that reflects an expected increase of about 4.5 percent over this year's projected income.

Very little else was dealt with at the January meeting. The ad hoc Parish Council election committee was appointed: Dave Riddle will chair the committee; also serving are Council members Gaye Dunn and Joe DiPietro, with two members from the parish at large still to be named. The date of the election was set for Apr. 22-23.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Feb. 16. All parishioners are welcome--come and see.



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, Lula and Martin Fitzpatrick, Pat Justice (328-1776), Mary Lou Menches (344-1125, 244-4701), Katherine Schrader (344-5995), Meredith Smith (367-6159), Peter Stubing (367-5160), Cynthia Wild (337-7521).

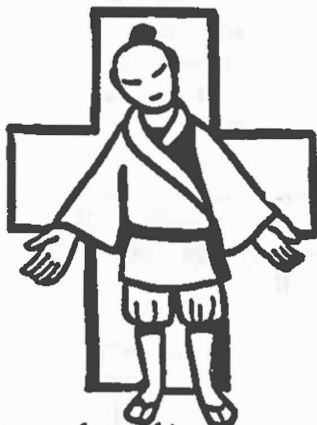
February Saints and Special People

Feb. 2 is the feast of the Presentation of Jesus, or Candlemas Day. Feb. 3 is the feast of St. Blase, the day throats are blessed in memory of this saint. (And on Feb. 3, 1821, the first woman medical doctor in the U.S. was born.)



*Now, Master, you can
dismiss your servant in peace.*

The Sunday before Lent is the feast of Agatha, an early martyr, and on Feb. 6 we commemorate 16th-century Japanese martyrs. These martyrs prepare us for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 8, and for Lent.



Paul Miki + Companions

The first Friday in Lent, a day of abstinence, is also the feast of St. Scholastica (pray for our Benedictine sisters). The first weekend in Lent includes the celebration of Mary's appearance at Lourdes (Feb. 11) and the birthday of Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12).



Scholastica Benedict

Catechumens are enrolled on the first Sunday of Lent.

Tuesday, Feb. 14, is the feast of Cyril and Methodius, missionaries to the slavic countries. It is also the feast of Valentine, of course, who allegedly wrote from a prison cell to his lover (the jailer's daughter) "From your Valentine"--and so began our celebration of this day.

The second Sunday of Lent takes us to the mountain of Transfiguration. Monday, Feb. 20, is Presidents' Day, though neither Lincoln's birthday (already past) nor Washington's (still to come, on Feb. 22). It is, however, the feast of the Chair of Peter.

On the third Sunday of Lent we reflect on our need for repentance in a special way, through what is known as "scrutinies."

February and March are marked by few saintly feasts; Lent is the season for repentance and reflection rather than for rejoicing with our models in faith.

In Other Areas

Cabin-fever days are brightened with the arrival of the Spring 1989 brochure describing evening noncredit courses offered at the U of I and sponsored by the Office of Continuing Education and Public Service.

Offerings run the gamut from art, astronomy, music, and painting to word processing. Fees are modest, with a reduced price for retirees and those aged 62 and over. Beginning in February or March, classes continue through April. Call 333-6305 (Office of Statewide Programming).

Novelist, U of I professor, and short-story writer of international fame, Daniel Curley died recently in an accident in Tallahassee, Florida.

Winner of many prizes, including a Guggenheim, Curley influenced countless students. Former student and Pulitzer Prize winner Roger Ebert was interviewed at the time of Curley's death by the News-Gazette.

A retirement celebration in Curley's honor, planned for the end of the present academic year, will become a memorial service.

The Preservation and Conservation Association of Champaign County (PACA) seeks new members as it continues working with the planning departments of Champaign and Urbana in determining the future of older neighborhoods.

The Cattle Bank in Champaign and the Greek Revival Cottage in Urbana are two PACA renovation projects now completed.

For information write or call "The Past Has a Future," Box 2555, Station A, Champaign, IL 61820 (328-PACA).

Forgiveness Is Theme of Lenten Prayer

Throughout the seasons of the Church year, we are invited to deepen our experience of God in our own interior lives and within our spiritual community. During Advent Love—a guide for prayer, the first theme in the "Take and Receive" series, was offered. The series provides a guide for a program of interior renewal, for private prayer, and for faith sharing in a group setting.

The "Take and Receive" series welcomes and supports individuals at all stages of personal faith. Each day's private prayer begins with a scriptural passage, followed by an insightful commentary and a suggested method for the day's reflection. Various forms of prayer are explored, and participants meet weekly to share prayer experiences within a small-group setting. The

first theme centered on God's love, our dependence on that love, and the call to respond in freedom with praise, reverence, and service in love. The second theme of the series, **Forgiveness**, will be offered during the Lenten season. This theme considers personal and collective sinfulness as it is an obstacle to our experience of God's merciful and forgiving love.

You will have an opportunity to enrich your personal prayer life by joining one of the two groups offered during Lent. (It is not necessary to have participated in the Advent series.) Groups meet for six consecutive Mondays, from Feb. 6 through Mar. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to noon or from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. (Please choose the group time that you will be able to attend consistently.) The



*Rejoice with me because
I have found my
lost sheep*

facilitator is Sr. Charlene Cesario, SSCM, Pastoral Associate.

All who are interested should call the parish office (367-2665) to register as quickly as possible so that enough copies of **Forgiveness—a guide for prayer** (\$6.95) can be ordered.



Welcome to new parishioners Carol Baker, Duane Blaney, Michael and Katy Denight, Amy and Craig Eckert, Rita and Mark Hardy, Marti Kocher, Valerie Manarin, Michael Miller, Angeline and David Paulsen, Patricia Phillips, Nancy Rowley, Louis Roussos, John and Kathleen Shutske, Katie and Matthew Snyder, Mary Stenger.



We welcome the following newly baptized into our faith community: Laura Nicole and Ryan Charles Alexander, Timothy Paul Beckenholdt, Michael Joseph Beckwith, Madeline Marie Blair, Krystina Roseann Boley, Michael Louis Brown, Joshua Francis Daly, Jamie Ann and Joel Vincent D'Urso, Staci Marie Ferguson, Alexander James Frickleton, Laura Elizabeth Jilka, Anna Clare Mayer, Erin Kathleen Murphy, Thomas Russell Rohl, William Travis Scott, Michael Burdette Sullivan, Alicia Tucker, Timothy Lee Turner, Sarah Josephine Wahl, Emily Marie Westervelt.



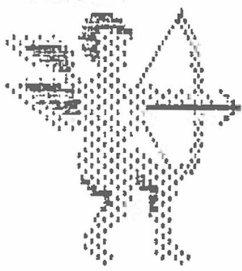
Congratulations to the following couples married at St. Patrick's: Kathleen Cecile Noble and Mark D. Ritten, Ellna Elaine Harman and Robert Stephen Fruin, Susan Jean Skalbeck and Mark Dieter Berenz.

In Memoriam

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following deceased: Francis Conerty, Emmalie Melissa Eckert, Frances Mary Goglia, Marie Smith, Herbert B. and Alice Tinsley.

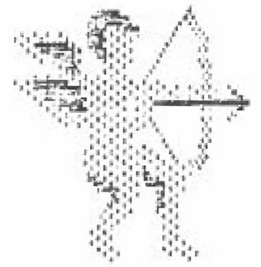


Farewell to the following parishioners, who have moved from C-U: Tom and Diana Beasley, Jane and Thomas Brown, Dora and Rita Calle, Deb and Sean Cassin, David DeHaven, Christina and Raymond Eckenstein, David and Mary Griggs, Kathy Hepler, Kenneth and Mary Miller, Christina Poor, Alfonso and Cristina Ruiz-Guinazu, Doug Salokar, Phillip and Suzanne Valentine, Crystal and Michael Vaught, Laura and Robert Webb.



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