

ST PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



## Renew Comes To St. Patrick's

RENEW is coming to St. Patrick's this fall, and the staff is already into the planning stages of the process.

What is RENEW? RENEW is a spiritual renewal process to help parishioners develop a closer relationship with Christ, to make an adult commitment to Jesus as central in their lives, and to open them to the power of the Holy Spirit so that they become more authentic witnesses.

Since RENEW invites all members of the parish to participate together, since it is renewal encouraged by the parish priests and organized by parish leaders, since all phases of RENEW are experienced in the parish, it is more than renewal of individual persons. It is parish renewal and creates a spiritual climate

throughout the entire parish community.

RENEW is divided into five six-week seasons offered in the fall and during Lent. The themes follow a basic faith development, calling parishioners to a new and deeper conversion of heart.

There are four ways parishioners are invited to join in this process: (1) every week the theme will be developed at the Sunday liturgy; (2) there will be take home materials for families to use; (3) there will be several large-group activities for the whole parish, including prayer services, social, etc.; and (4) the most important will be small groups--it is here that faith and life sharing begin using the theme of the week and developing it through

scripture, reflection, and discussion.

It is our hope to have hundreds of parishioners meeting in small groups throughout the parish. This is based on the belief that:



- Jesus wants us to be in closer friendship with Him;
- Jesus wants us to grow and improve ourselves;
- Jesus wants us to make our world a better place;
- Through God's power we can make a difference.

The RENEW coordinator for St. Patrick's is Helene Kacich. She has already begun organizing and planning not only for the start-up of the process in the fall but also for recruiting and developing small-group facilitators, help with publicity, banners, and the many other tasks that precede full implementation. She looks forward to a busy summer. If you are interested and can help, call Helene at the parish office (367-2665) or at home (344-6760).



*Helene Kacich, Renew coordinator, consults with Fr. Remm.*

# Coordinators Care, Yes They Do!



*Religious education coordinators, 1988-89  
(from the left): Mike Healey, Carolyn  
McElrath, Jan Lipska, Lenore Nagele,  
David Zola, Ken Kocher, and Ruth Mytty.*

Another year, another success. That's the way St. Patrick's religious education coordinators view the 1988-89 year. And much of the credit, they say, belongs to their volunteer teachers.

"It is the volunteers who make me feel really good about the Family Life programs," said Ruth Mytty, coordinator of the Family Life programs that include marriage preparation, young adults, welcoming/hospitality and the older singles group known as FUN.

The volunteers, she said, "really care about meeting the needs of the parish, and work hard to do that, even when it means changing and adapting programs so that they are the best that they can be for our people."

The coordinator of the children's programs, Jan Lipska, agreed. "At our first catechist meeting the teachers expressed hopes and expectations they had for the coming year," she said. "I was awed by the depth of their commitment to Christ and to the children of our community."

Religious education director Carolyn McElrath said the best thing about St. Patrick's programs "is the support that the parish gives our programs in their willingness to share time, talent, and program costs."

Service and outreach are a part of the educational ministry at St. Patrick's, she said, and the coordinating staff is able to "channel creative ideas to our volunteers and participants."

The junior high youths served the parish this year by helping at the Halloween program, which served more than 100 children and parents.

Service was a big part of the other programs, too. The younger children sent cards to residents of the Champaign County Nursing Home, made an altar cloth and banners for the children's liturgy, took up a collection of hats and mittens at Christmas, made cookies for nursing home residents and meals for the Catholic Worker House.

Family Life program workers were able to dispense advice about their successes to callers from other parishes.

And some of the newest members of St. Patrick's family, those who completed the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, already have begun to make meals for residents of the Catholic Worker House.

For Lenore Nagele, who headed the RCIA program for the third year, this year's highlights were the evening the catechumens discussed Reconciliation, and the Easter Vigil service when they entered the church. Once again

she said she felt good about "seeing the Spirit move in the lives of these people, moving them from tentative inquirers to believers anxious to become full participants in the faith community."

Ken Kocher, who headed the junior high program, said he has been inspired by the junior high youths "who want to come and miss it when we don't meet." This year's highlights, he said, included the potluck at the beginning of the year, a visit to another church, and the celebration of communal services patterned after early Church celebrations.

David Zola, who coordinated the high school youth program for the third year in succession, said this year's program continued the development of a content-based mini-course. But the highlights, as they are for any teacher, were when the students responded and got involved. "When preparation for a class is well received and the young people get involved and learn, then it makes a teacher feel great," he said.

Mike Healey, who coordinated the parish library program, said his highlights were simple yet meaningful: "just being in the parish center, meeting new people, being able to assist in making a valuable resource available to them." He said he feels good about having been a part of the parish's religious education program for eight months. "I've always had a great love and respect for books, so to be able to work around them, assist people in using them, digging and searching to find new ones ... I really like it!"

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## Coordinators (Continued)

Finally, let it not be said that these coordinators are just slaves to their work. Some even find time to mix business with pleasure.

There was a time, claimed Ruth Mytty, when members of the Family Life team met with Father Remm in a most unusual spot, a hot tub, to plan a Mass. (Sure, Ruth, sure! Father Remm says to tell you that was the only time he has even been in a hot tub in his whole life!)

If that did not make Roman Catholic Church history, it at least was a memorable moment for our Family Life coordinator. (Any relation to Walter Mitty?)

## A Note Of Appreciation

The Broghamer family wish to thank all who offered condolences and support in their sorrow at the death of Mary Broghamer. Special thanks to all who prepared and served the excellent dinner for family and friends following Mary's funeral.

*Newly elected Parish Council officers get down to business: Barbara Wysocki, vice-president; Tom Kacich, president; Arden Howey, secretary.*

## The Baton Is Passed

The old has given way to the new. Continuing Council members and visitors warmly thanked outgoing members Wally LaBerge, Barb Peckham, and Bill McClellan for their years of service to the parish. And they welcomed the new members, Mary Lydon, Dave Murrell, and Angie Prendergast, just starting off on their three-year commitment of service.

Bill McClellan, outgoing Council president, led members in a reflection on Parish Council membership as a means of spiritual growth, drawn from a scriptural meditation by Fr. Carroll Stuhlmüller:

"Doesn't it often happen that our gifts and talents, our ideals and hopes, divide us from one another?...Peace comes, not by suppressing the gifts of the Spirit, but by humbly realizing that no one has a corner on all the gifts....Each gifted person needs all other gifted people in order to be a balanced human being..."

"It is very difficult to allow our finest gifts to be transformed into something different than we ourselves anticipated; such a change happens when they are shared with the gifts of others. Community then not only

balances us...but it also brings extraordinary surprises into our lives.

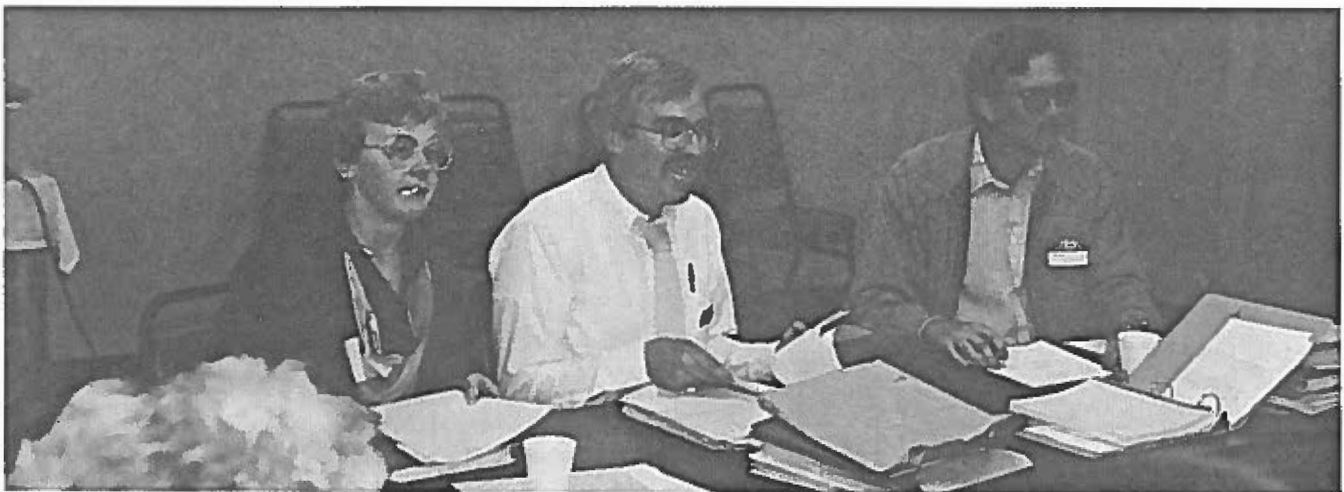
"These ways of growth take place within community, because there is where the Spirit dwells."

Members presented Bill with a plaque in formal recognition of their grateful appreciation of his service to the Council and to the parish community.

In yet another expression of appreciation, a flowering plant was presented to Barb Adams, who for two years translated ideas and understandings into words and sentences as recording secretary for the Council. She is followed in this appointive (non-member) position by Micki Mannino.

With new members officially seated on the Parish Council, the nominating committee presented the slate for election to Council office: Arden Howey, secretary; Barbara Wysocki, vice-president; Tom Kacich, president. Each was elected by acclamation.

And so it was. The new officers took their places, the agenda was consulted, and new business was taken up. The new Council settled to the tasks at hand.



# Parish Council News

At the May Council meeting Fr. Remm said that Bishop O'Rourke has given approval for acquisition of the Seiler property and that the offer of \$60,000 has been accepted by the seller. Fr. Remm will follow up with the necessary steps to formalize the purchase.

The rental property, a duplex fronting on Clark St., has been inspected by Building and Grounds committee members, who found only minor repairs needed.

After the second pledge Sunday, our parish response to the diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal totaled \$50,238 in pledges. Of this amount \$19,398 has already been paid. As of May 7, 403 pledges had been received and 475 households in the parish were sent a communication by mail. Although not yet tabulated, some returns are already in.

Helene Kacich, coordinator for the parish Renew program, made a presentation about this spiritual-renewal process to Council members.

She outlined its themes, goals, and methods and explained her plans for the summer months in preparation for implementation this fall.

Jan Lipska, with Religious Education Director Carolyn McElrath, called Council members' attention to the fact of strained parish facilities (and personnel) on Sunday mornings due to the popularity of our religious education programs. A survey of parents revealed near-unanimous aversion to Wednesday afternoon classes, so coordinators will continue to make the best possible use of available space on Sunday mornings.

As Jan and Carolyn noted, however, population growth trends here and in the area suggest that in the next year or two we may have exceeded our capacity for accommodating children in these classes. We can expect to hear more about this space problem in the future.

The Income and Expense Summary for April indicates that income as of the end of

the month (\$303,160) has far exceeded projections made last year. So far this year, income exceeds expense by approximately \$39,000. This surplus is directly attributable to the generosity of parishioners in Sunday collections.

Council members last month approved a policy that allocates 50 percent of any year-end surplus for retirement of the parish debt incurred for the expansion of our parish center. A proposal for allocation of the remaining 50 percent (a donation to support the work of Dr. Susan Nagele in Tanzania, a donation to the Friends of the Catholic Worker House Fund, and reserving the remainder in a repair and replacement fund for facilities and equipment) was tabled until June.

The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, June 15; all parishioners are invited.



# Have We Got An Opportunity For You!

Are you looking for adventure, friends, a chance to express yourself, use your skills, learn new ones? And at the same time do something important for your parish? Yes? Then consider becoming a member of the In Focus staff and the Communications Committee.

We need people who can (or who are willing to learn how to) lay out a page, use a computer, type, take pictures, write a story, draw or put some

graphics together. If you don't have these skills yet but would like to learn, we'll help. If you already can do such things--that's great, you can teach us.

Our group is friendly, relaxed and mutually supportive. We have a rich variety of skills, backgrounds, ages, and viewpoints. We'll make you feel at home. For information call Mary Lou Menches at 344-1125 or 244-4701. We hope you'll join us.

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## FUN Holds Father's Day Potluck

FUN (For the Unattached) is planning a potluck picnic on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18, at 2111 Branch Road, Champaign. Please call Mary Lydon at 352-1549 for directions. This will be the group's final fling until fall!

## In Focus Regrets

Sandra Shannon's name was inadvertently omitted from the recent listing of St. Patrick's children making their First Communion. Congratulations, Sandra!

God of all creation,  
grant us this summer day  
some meeting with bird or moon,  
sheep or star, insect or the sun itself:  
that we might marvel and know our place  
and praise you again and for ever and ever.  
Amen.

— Prayer of the Season



## Bishop Samuel Ruiz Of Chiapas, Mexico, To Speak

The Most Reverend Samuel Ruiz Garcia, Bishop of the Diocese of San Cristobal de las Casas in Chiapas, Mexico, will visit Illinois from May 26 to June 8, by invitation of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Bishop Ruiz will speak at the Community United Church of Christ, located at 805 South 6th Street, Champaign, on Tuesday, June 6th at 7:30 p.m. A reception for the bishop will follow his talk. All are cordially invited to attend.

Bishop Ruiz is celebrating his 40th year of ordination and 26 years as the bishop of the San Cristobal Diocese. The diocese includes 48 parishes and 19 chapels. There are 35 diocesan priests, 163 sisters, 47 brothers and 20 permanent deacons serving 900,000 Roman Catholic communicants.

Chiapas is the southernmost state of Mexico, bordering Guatemala. There are currently over 100,000 Guatemalan refugees in Chiapas. The diocese began its ministry to these refugees in 1980. The bishop has, on a number of occasions, received personal threats because of his work among them.

The Catholic Diocese of San Cristobal de las Casas and the Illinois Conference United Church of Christ began an ecumenical partnership in 1984. The UCC Conference assists the diocese in serving the refugee camps along the Mexican-Guatemalan border by providing financial and material resources to help the refugees and their culture survive.

For further information call Sharon at 344-3016 or Rev. Jack Good at 344-5091.



We welcome the following newly baptized into our faith community: Adam Nicholas Kirby, Neil Robert Cech, Mercedes Nicole Panepinto, Nora Elizabeth Timoney, Christine Nicole Rinkenberger, Dustin Joseph Sanchez, Amy Elizabeth Galick, Amanda Bich Le, Barry Kenton Wagner, Kirstin Colleen Burch, Mark Robert Simon, Elizabeth Zoe Hewitt Wisk, Rachel Theresa Krein, Betty L. Moncrief, Travis Nelson Mighell, Collin Jacob Reinhart, and John Michael Schingel.



Congratulations to the following couples married at St. Patrick's: James Wayne Dressen and Michelle Renee Wagner, Kevin Richard Nagele and Mary Grace Williams, Duane Lee Blaney and Carolyn Marie McElwee, Stephen Jay Marsh and Kathy Jo Sansone, Joseph Clinton Hopkins and Mary Lynn Squire.

## Parishioners Honored At Banquet

Three St. Patrick's parishioners are to be honored at the Diocesan Summer Catechetical Institute Banquet to be held Thursday, June 8, at Bradley University, Peoria.

Having completed a 3-year diocesan program of study through Mundelein College, Chicago, both Janet Lipska and Lenore Nagele will receive diocesan Coordinator Certification. In addition, both Janet Lipska and Barbara Wysocki will receive recognition for completion of the 3-year



Welcome to new parishioners John and Amy Reinhart, Steven and Carol Retz, John and Mary Thompson, Barry and Deborah Wagner, and Ku and Xutian Wu.



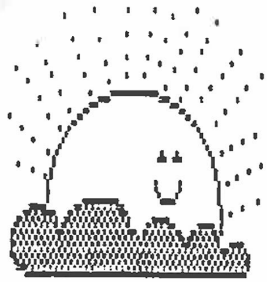
Farewell to the following parishioners, who have moved from C-U: Robert and Diana Kmetz, Michael Mathews, William and Marlene Provance, Jim and Mary Sullivan, and Kurt and Katherine Wahl.

## In Memoriam

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following deceased: Alfred D. Costello, Arthur S. Davis, Jr., Eileen Mayer Sternburg, Martha H. Miebach, Thomas J. O'Connell, Mary Broghamer, Carl Kirkpatrick.

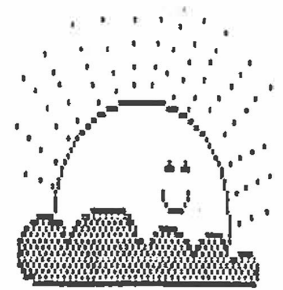
core curriculum for credit toward a degree in Professional Ministries.

We congratulate Lenore, Jan and Barbara, and we thank them for sharing their gifts and talents so generously with our parish community: Lenore as RCIA Coordinator, Jan as Children's Program and Children's Liturgy Coordinator, and Barbara as Parish Council member, member of the Education Committee, and senior high catechist.



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 CCNH: Champaign County Nursing Home  
 MM: Medical Missions  
 SVDP: St. Vincent de Paul

### St. Patrick's Parish, Urbana

