

ST PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



## Easter Vigil Welcomes Catechumens

We as a parish community are all invited to the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday at St. Patrick's, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

At that liturgy, we will be baptizing, confirming, and welcoming to Holy Eucharist for the first time our catechumens, those men and women who have been journeying among us for some time now and who are this night joining our Church.

Following the Liturgy, there will be a reception in the multipurpose room of the parish center so that we can all personally welcome these men and women into our faith community.

The Easter Vigil is the most important celebration of our Church year. It brings together in a wonderful and powerful way so many mysteries of our faith: Christ, the Light of the World, with the great Easter Proclamation; the History of Salvation proclaimed in the biblical accounts of Creation, the Fall, the Exodus, the Prophets, and the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus; the sacraments of Christian Initiation with the Blessing of Water and the reception of catechumens through Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist; the first Mass of Easter. Let us all gather to share in the wonder, the joy, and the mystery of this night.



## From Ski Slope to Knee Slope

Just ask Fr. George Remm! He'll tell you he believes it to be very important that skis be firmly positioned on the snow and not upside-down facing the sky. Unfortunately that is how Father fractured his tibia just under the knee cap on his last day of vacation skiing.

Upon arriving home it is equally important that your "bent-out-of-shape" pastor have an honor guard (preferably one that doesn't giggle) lined up by the door and one stuffed bunny beating a drum (in lieu of a brass band).



To repair the damage, he went to St. Francis Hospital in Peoria. His left leg now has a permanent metal plate held in place with five screws. We have a bionic pastor.

Here are a few of the requirements for "Bionic Pastor Bone Repair": When he wakes up in the recovery room, have within his sight the flower "bird of paradise" -- sporting a roman collar, and enough helium balloons to transport a car by air. This will help him bear the pain.

It's important to have him brought home in comfort. Choose a staff person with (1) a neat car, (2) one who knows how to drive, and (3) one who understands the purpose of an interstate highway.

He must now have plenty of T.L.C. and "bone-mending" meals.

This is easily accomplished by providing him with a food chart. This he must check three times a day, every day, for eight weeks, to see who will be the next smiling parishioner(s) bringing in his meal. These smiling persons must be competent. In their possession should be a container of salt (for melting ice) and three sets of car keys (to compensate for the two sets locked in the car).

Now, Fr. Remm may view this as eight very long weeks. We, as your parish family, however, view it as an opportunity to show you how much we care and wish you complete recovery.

## Hospitality Program Initiated

"Welcome to St. Patrick's!" will be heard around the parish a lot more since the creation of a new Hospitality Program. In December, the Parish Council approved a new program designed to welcome visitors and new parishioners, inform people about the programs and services available at St. Patrick's, and to offer involvement in parish activities.

The first component began in January with the introduction of a Hospitality Table at Coffee Shop after the 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Masses. Information about St. Patrick's was offered, and some volunteer parishioners were present to greet people. The Hospitality Table will be open every 2nd Sunday.

Soon you will be seeing greeters at the Masses who will welcome old-timers, newcomers and visitors. Persons who would like to serve as greeters are needed so that every Mass is covered.

Another function of the Hospitality program will be to place cards in the pews so that visitors and parishioners can be contacted with information and offers of assistance. New parishioners who wish can be sponsored by fellow parishioners, who will be responsible for welcoming the newcomers and helping them to feel a part of our parish community.

If you would like to help with this effort, please call Ruth Mytty at 359-7726 or 359-0818. The other members of the committee designing the Hospitality Program are: Barb Adams, Linda Bialeschki, Lisa Cenligione, Jean Daly, David and Bonnie Ellis, Tom and Helene Kacich, Rita Lampe, Gary and Bernie Laumann, Al Mytty, and Chuck and Connie Shaw.

If you can't volunteer to be a greeter or sponsor, remember

to offer a smile and an introduction to the people you see. Your support and help are needed so that the spirit of fellowship and Christian community that we "old-timers" enjoy can be extended to the new faces at St. Patrick's.



## Community Stations of the Cross Service

The Consistent Life Ethic Coalition (C.L.E.C.)\* is a group of Christians who come together to reflect upon and educate ourselves and the community about the connections between peacemaking, poverty and unborn life and those conditions which threaten or undermine the value of life in our society and on our planet.

In the afternoon of Saturday, March 18th (rain date Sat. March 25th), C.L.E.C. is planning to conduct a community Stations of the Cross service where we will reflect upon the cross as a sign of suffering and redemption in modern times. An indoor Stations of the Cross service will be followed by a procession to several places where people are helping to carry the Cross through their service to others.

Look for further details in upcoming church bulletins or call Sharon Monday-Dorsey at 344-3016.

\* A coalition of churches in the C-U area.

## St. Patrick

March 17 is the feast of our Parish Patron, St. Patrick (389-461), archbishop of Armagh and apostle of Ireland.

Of Romano-British origins, St. Patrick's father, Calpurnius, was a deacon and municipal officer. Patrick's grandfather was a priest (there was no strict law of celibacy in those days).

Around 406, Patrick was kidnapped and carried off by raiders to become a slave among the pagan inhabitants of Ireland. After six years of slavery he ran away from his master and traveled 200 miles to a ship whose departure he had been told about by a voice while he slept. He requested and received free passage, returning home at age 22 or 23.

After a time at home he had a vision of the people he left in Ireland asking him to return. He returned to evangelize Ireland, founding the cathedral church of Armagh in 444. He died in approximately 461 and was buried at Saul on Strangford Lough, where he had built his first church.

We will celebrate St. Patrick's day with the usual two masses. In addition, a dance will be held on Saturday, March 18, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dancing, live DJ, entertainment, and refreshments are some of the attractions for the evening. Tickets can be purchased at the coffee shop for \$5 per person at the door on March 18 for \$6 per person.



# A Letter to the Parishioners of St. Patrick's

February 6, 1989

Dear Friends:

On January 19th I arrived in Urbana with several members of my family for the funeral of our uncle and your former pastor, Fr. Charles Martell. As difficult a time as it was for us because of the loss we felt at the death of someone we loved a great deal, our time among you was an experience of real warmth and friendship, a real token of your affection for my uncle, because of the welcome and hospitality you showed to us. It is a wonderful testimony to the quality of faith and community that is present at St. Patrick's. That kind of response doesn't spring forth overnight. It grows over a long time through many kinds of life experiences, joys and struggles. In this instance, it blossomed beautifully in January.

The parish staff had so much ready for the rituals of those days. Although Fr. Remm was incapacitated, Msgr. Kinder, the sister who ministers at the parish, Sr. Charlene, John

Pescitelli, and the soloists and choir, and Rodger Adams were all of such great help. So many others of you gave generously of yourselves: offering us transportation, preparing the meals and "other refreshments" offered on Friday evening and Saturday morning. A special tribute is due to the women who prepared the wonderful dinner after Fr. Charles' funeral. Others, like Leslie, helped us to feel at home in the parish center when we needed some quiet and private space.

I'm probably forgetting some key people and if so, I apologize. But in brief, thank you. Thank you for being a community of faith and for that loving service which anyone can be justly proud to call his or her own. Certainly Fr. Charles was proud of you and proud to have been a part of you. And now we in his family know why.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Richard M. Friedrichs



## K of C Skating Party

The Urbana Knights of Columbus will hold its second annual St. Patrick's Day ice skating party from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 11th, at the University of Illinois Ice Arena.

Last year, the Knights' ice skating party attracted about 200 parishioners — young and old — and was a great success.

"We wanted to hold it again this year because so many people had so much fun last year," said Ray Alane, grand knight of the Urbana KCs. "We hope even more parishioners will join us this year."

Admission is free. The only cost is 50 cents for the rental of ice skates, if you don't bring your own.

"This is our gift to the people of St. Pat's for all of the support they have given to us in the last year," said Alane.

Only St. Patrick parishioners will be on the ice at the Ice Arena, 406 E. Armory Ave., Champaign, so there will be plenty of room to perform your fanciest skating moves.



Farewell to the following parishioners, who have moved from C-U: Michael and Pam Chandrl, Leland and Beverly Crook, Steven and Patricia Endsley, Daniel Owens, James Wickers.



We welcome the following newly baptized into our faith community: Taylor Reese Britton, Kelli Ann McNamara.



Our condolences to the families and friends of the following deceased: Rev. Charles Martell.

Welcome to new parishioners Judith Conover, David and Angeline Gliniecki/Paulsen, Merle and Mary Hartke, Michael Kutzko, James and Connie Rogers, Tammy Stinson.







## Saints and Special People

On the fifth of March we celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Lent, the second Scrutiny, when we examine our faith with our Catechumens.

March 12th is the Fifth Sunday in Lent, and the last Scrutiny. Albert Einstein was born on the 14th in 1879. The first black newspaper in the U.S. was published on the 16th in 1827. In 1968, the tragedy at My Lai highlighted our frustration with the Vietnam war. Friday, the 17th is the feast of our parish patron, St. Patrick, who lived from 385 to 461.

Palm Sunday is on the 19th so the feast of St. Joseph is postponed until May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

Holy Week contains a poignant coincidence of the anniversary of Bishop Oscar Romero's assassination in 1980 and Good Friday. Also the Annunciation is transferred from the 25th, Holy Saturday, to Monday the 3rd of April.

Easter, the feast of Jesus' Resurrection, is celebrated on the 26th, but begins on the preceding evening with the Easter Vigil Service at which our Catechumens complete their journey to become Catholics and join us in our continuing journey of love and faith.



## St. Patrick's Group for Folks Living Singly

Would you like to share some friendly times?

Christianity has always honored the single life, because Jesus lived it. This honor extends to all living singly: widows, widowers, divorced, separated, never married.

A group of men and women meet to socialize one Sunday afternoon each month, at two o'clock, in St. Patrick's parish lounge.

On March 5 they plan refreshments and a movie, "Saving Grace," starring Tom Conti in two hours of comedy, romance, and adventure at the Vatican. New members are welcome!



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.

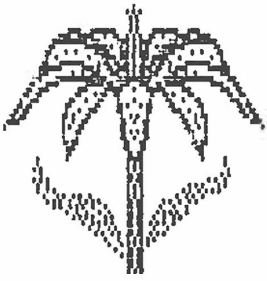
Please leave news items in the Communications Committee mail bin in the parish center, or call a committee member: Vincent Bui, Lula and Martin Fitzpatrick, Pat Justice (328-1776), Mary Lou Menches (344-1125, 244-4701), Katherine Schrader (344-5995), Meredith Smith (367-6159), Peter Stubing (367-5160),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

## Presiders Go to School, Too



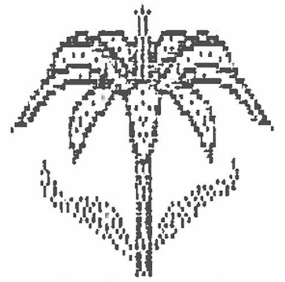
If you have attended a Communion Service, Morning or Evening Prayer, or Stations of the Cross, chances are that a lay man or woman has led, or presided, at the service. Though the lay people may do this because of the unavailability of clergy, they also preside as an extension of their role as lay leader in the parish. Indeed, some who lead public prayer have participated in the Lay Ministry Training Program, and some have had training in presiding at prayer services. Those designated to preside at weekday morning and noon Communion Services generally participate at Mass at those times.

All who have presided can attest to the awesome responsibility of leading others in prayer and worship. A desire to help lay presiders improve in carrying out this responsibility has led to the offering of a program of instruction by the Diocese of Peoria for lay presiders from throughout the diocese. One such program, facilitated by Dan Wyatt, director of the Office of Christian Worship, is offered currently for five members of our parish (Deacon Rodger Adams, Sr. Charlene Cesario, Carolyn McElrath, Mary Lou Menches, and Barbara Wysocki) who have been serving as presiders of community worship and public prayer services.



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 CCNH: Champaign County Nursing Home  
 LMLP: Lay Ministry Leadership Program  
 MM: Medical Missions  
 SVDP: St. Vincent de Paul

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