

In Focus



Parish Turns Out for RENEW

As if on cue, the sun shone brightly after days of rain and gloom on Sept. 10. It was "Sign-Up Sunday" for RENEW, a day that dozens of parish volunteers had worked toward for months in advance, the day when parishioners could show their commitment to parish renewal.

The parish celebrated with a tree-planting ceremony and an ice-cream social, hosted by the RENEW Large Group Committee.

A tree is the symbol of RENEW, signifying continuous growth, rooting, and reaching outward.

Children of the parish, Fr. Paul Kinder, and Paul Doebel planted a small spruce tree near Main Street, between the church and the parish center.

Adults, led by Fr. George Remm and the parish choir, helped plant a red oak tree near the parking lot, between the church and the parish center.

Both trees were selected by Paul and Pat Doebel and their son, Jim, a professional arborist. Bob Chamberlin selected and staked out the sites for them.

In addition to the planting and blessing of each tree, the choir led approximately 150 participants in singing "We Are Called," our parish's RENEW theme song.

An ice-cream social followed in the parish center, where parishioners were invited to create their own ice-cream sundaes.

Meanwhile, the Small Group Committee, led by Connie and Chuck Shaw, spent the day recruiting parishioners for the small groups that will begin meeting in homes and at the parish center during the week of Oct. 15.

As of Sept. 17 nearly 300 people had signed up for 28 small groups, the backbone of the RENEW process.

Those small groups will meet weekly during the first six-week RENEW season, which concludes Nov. 25.

The number of small groups continues to grow, according to Connie Shaw. "It really has exceeded our expectations," she said. "So many people seem so enthusiastic about it! We're

still hearing from people who want to sign up."

Even people from other local parishes have come to St. Patrick's to be a part of RENEW.

The RENEW telephone committee is also bringing more people into the process. "I'm excited," Connie said, "because I know there are some people involved in these small groups who haven't been involved in anything like this before."

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In addition to the Small Group and Large Group committees, other RENEW groups have been busy in September.

The Prayer Network Committee, led by Ken Kunkel, has been putting finishing touches on a parish RENEW prayer.

The Sunday Liturgy Committee, led by Mary Lou Menches, is coordinating liturgy planning for Sunday Masses during the six weeks of RENEW.

The Take Home Committee, led by Chris Main, has written, edited, and reproduced take-home materials for families, couples, and single members of the parish.

The Home Visitation Committee, led by Mary Lou and Peter Bloome, has been making visits to homes to inform parishioners about RENEW.

And the Publicity Committee, chaired by Tom Kacich, has created and erected a RENEW sign in front of the church, acquired the RENEW buttons distributed to parishioners on Sign-Up Sunday, and continues to provide information about RENEW to the parish in articles for In Focus.

RENEW Coordinator, Helene Kacich, said that the RENEW planning that began May 1 "has worked wonderfully. Sign-Up Sunday was a big success. Even the weather cooperated!

"I'm looking forward to the start of the first week of RENEW. I think we have a good base established.

"The enthusiasm is truly contagious!"



Editor's Note

Each of us has been blessed with talents, skills, and abilities we may take for granted. Because we consider them ordinary, we may not see their value for our parish.

No ability is insignificant in God's work, however, whether it be weeding the grounds, stuffing envelopes for mailing, sharing the Word or the Body of the Lord in our liturgies, carrying Christ to shut-ins, distributing food baskets, cleaning the votive candle holders, painting the parking-lot stripes, singing or playing the guitar at Mass.

Our parish community is made up of dreamers, full of ideas and

plans, and doers, who implement the dreamer's vision. Both are needed for the growth of God's kingdom here at St. Patrick's.

Whether you are a dreamer or a doer, whether you can sing or sew or spend time with a lonely shut-in, there is a real need for you and what only you can do--now, today.

As you read here and elsewhere about the wide variety of possibilities for giving life to our vision as a parish, our vision as Church, choose the ones that interest you. Find the ways you can help to sustain our life together in a wise steward's acknowledgment of the Giver of all good gifts.



Ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers to the harvest.

On Aug. 19 Mike Andrejasich, Lisa Subick, Leo Wood, and Gaye Dunn spent a beautiful Saturday morning moving earth, landscaping, sanding dry wall, painting, and cleaning a home.

Empty Tomb Volunteer Day, a quarterly event, draws on a coalition of C-U churches to rehabilitate homes for the local poor. Rehabilitation is dependent on volunteer help.

On Aug. 19, the four members of St. Patrick's Parish joined approximately twenty others in

substantially brightening and improving a home, accomplishing a great deal in a short time.

They left tired, but with a visibly improved home and an expanded circle of friends to show for the day.

If you are interested in doing some hands-on work in the local community and in seeing immediate results from your charitable endeavors, call Gaye Dunn (384-5647, 384-3505) to find out how you can get started.

And What Did You Do Last Summer?

Ah, summer! Time for a little not-too-serious gardening, reading a good book at pool side, poking around in the attic, maybe some hiking or golfing or a fast game of tennis. Sounds great, doesn't it?

Summer is also a time for pursuing special goals and seeking opportunities for professional development.

John Pescitelli attended the National Pastoral Musicians' Institute for Choral Directors in St. Paul, Minn.

Carolyn McElrath and Lenore Nagele participated in the North American Forum on the Catechumenate Leadership Training for a Diocesan Task Force on the Catechumenate at Denver, Colo. Carolyn and Lenore also presented a workshop on the RCIA at the Summer Catechetical Institute in Peoria.

Jan Lipska and Lenore Nagele completed their work for the Diocesan Coordinator Certification Program and received recognition at the Summer Catechetical Institute.

Jan Lipska and Barbara Wysocki completed 15 hours of education toward an M.A. in Religious Education in the Mundelein program and were recognized at the Summer Catechetical Institute.

Sr. Charlene Cesario received her M.A. in Pastoral Studies with a concentration in spirituality at the Institute for Pastoral Service, Loyola University, Chicago.

Carolyn McElrath received her M.A. in Religious Education at Mundelein College.

Fr. George Remm participated in the Enneagram workshops on Basics and Wholeness at the Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis University.

Congratulations to all on your achievements and professional growth experiences. You enrich life at St. Patrick's for all of us!

Vacationing in Yucatan

Does a week in the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico, conjure up images of sandy beaches and scuba diving?

Not for St. Patrick's parishioner Lilia Peters, who lived with a family of Mayan Indians in their one-room adobe house and spent nearly nine hours each day giving medical care in the village of Candalaria.

Lilia, an R.N. at McKinley Health Center, was part of a 45-person multinational team jointly sponsored by Yucatan Presbyterian Ministries of Merida, Mexico, and by Intercambio Cultural de Yucatan, a midwest ecumenical group that fosters hands-on human service projects in the Yucatan.

"We worked so hard and accomplished so little: it was like applying a band-aid," Lilia reported. "About 95 percent of the people had never received any medical care. One woman walked twelve miles to the

clinic. All we could give her were vitamins and Tylenol."

Basics we take for granted were not available in these remote villages: simple medical supplies, prenatal and well baby care, clean drinking water and sanitation. Poor sanitation caused most of the medical problems the team treated.

This year the village cooperative of Candalaria spent five months growing watermelons, sold on contract to a middleman, who pocketed all the money from the sale. He was captured and sentenced to one day in jail!

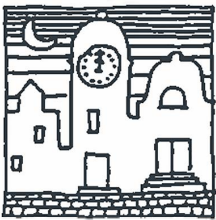
Despite such problems, Lilia found the Mayans cheerful and patient, waiting to be treated without complaint for many hours in hot, humid weather. She is pleased to have the hand-made hammock she slept in as a memento of her Yucatan trip.



Lilia Peters is pictured here (second from right, second row) with companions on her Yucatan adventure. Rev. Charles Sweitzer (with the cap) organized the Intercambio project.

We Tell of God's Love by Our Deeds and Our Words—Together

We parishioners gather in groups and organizations to serve and to be served. We both seek and offer support and understanding. Collectively we strive, in the words of our parish mission statement, "to grow more and more into a people who...tell of God's love by our deeds and our words" as we gather our resources to heal, to nourish, to protect, to share hope and joy. A few of those ways are described here.



Building and Grounds. Can you swing a hammer? Wield a paint brush? Pull weeds? This committee is responsible for maintenance, repair, and operation of all parish property and equipment. Members save us thousands of dollars annually.

Electricians, metal workers, plumbers, carpenters, sound engineers, and specialists in all areas are needed to provide some relief for those who have carried this responsibility at St. Patrick's for several years.

If you have an interest in caring for our parish "home" and can give some of your time and energy to its upkeep, call Ray Alane (384-5311) or Joe DiPietro (367-7974).

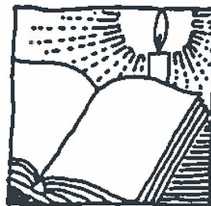


Communications. Do you have a nose for news? Are you a "camera hound"? Can you write or copyedit, type or proofread,

lay out or illustrate pages? Can you operate a stapler or computer? Can you stuff bulletins?

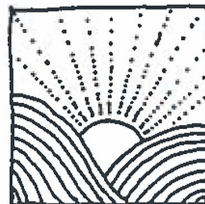
These skills are useful to the Communications Committee, which seeks to deepen understanding and appreciation among parish groups and individuals through publicizing parish activities in the parish newsletter, *In Focus*.

If you have journalistic interests or artistic skills, enjoy gathering or disseminating information, or have ideas to share for improving communication, call Mary Lou Menches (344-1125 or 244-4701) or Bob Haessly (344-7123).



Education. Committee members discern religious education needs in our parish community, recommend religious education programs and evaluate their effectiveness, and recommend resources needed to carry out program objectives.

If you have an interest or a concern to share, call Dwain Berggren (352-7913) or Pat Justice (328-1776).



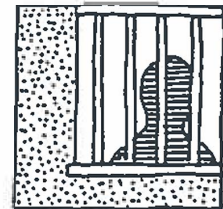
Finance/Revenue. These two committees are considering a merger (perhaps a *fait accompli* by the time this issue goes to press), a good time to "get in on the ground floor" of planning for the future!

Traditionally, these committees

assist in planning and preparing the annual parish operating budget, analyze expenditures in light of budgeted goals, and prepare financial reports for the Parish Council and the pastor.

One of their main functions is to increase parishioners' awareness of the need and opportunities for their support of St. Patrick's through regular financial contributions as well as through the gifts of time and talents.

If you can help by developing information about such income producers as bequests, memorials, tax benefits for gifts to the parish, or other "could be" revenue projects, or if you have a talent for helping others see how to use their talents in the service of our parish family, call Mary Pieper (367-6631), Shirley Splittstoesser (367-3330), or Dave Murrell (344-6692).



Social Action. Membership in this committee is open to all who wish to serve the needs of others and to foster parishioners' awareness of and response on issues related to social justice in light of the gospel.

Members plan and implement social justice programs and suggest Christian responses to the needs of the poor, the oppressed, or the excluded.

They also help to form linkage with other community groups responding to developing areas of need or concern.

Challenged? Interested? Call Gary Laumann (328-2708) or Gaye Dunn (384-5647).



Personnel. You don't read much about the work of this committee, but it's an extremely active one nonetheless. This committee developed the handbook of personnel policies and procedures for St. Patrick's Parish. Members continue to formulate, update, and monitor application of comprehensive personnel guidelines for all salaried employees of the parish. Members also periodically carry out comparative studies of duties, salary structure, and benefits to assure employees of competitive and fair compensation levels.

Anyone interested in the work of this committee may call Cliff Maduzia (367-2819) or Barbara Wysocki (367-5014).



Social. This committee is usually at the heart of those special functions we remember with a smile long afterward. Members have a vision of the parish as family, playing together as well as praying and working together. They sponsor such social events as the holiday coffees, Easter egg hunts, parish picnics, Hallowe'en parties, Christmas caroling, and other ways of gathering us to recoup our energies and restore our spirits for the days and weeks ahead.

Are you an organizer? A planner? A cookie baker? Do you have ideas for ways of bringing people together to become better acquainted, to enjoy one another's unique

personalities and gifts? To offer your services or share your ideas, call Debbie Heater (367-6067) or Angie Prendergast (328-3044).



Worship and Prayer. Members of the Worship and Prayer Committee serve the parish by recruiting, training, and scheduling liturgical ministers (lectors, servers, eucharistic ministers, ushers, cantors, musicians, choirs). They strive to provide an aesthetic visual and musical environment for our parish liturgies.

They provide and maintain sacred vessels, vestments, altar linens, candles, incense, banners, bread and wine, and other elements needed for our worship services. They keep the church in good order.

If you'd like to share in this work and in the personal growth in faith it nourishes, call John Pescitelli (367-2665) or Mary Lydon (352-1549).

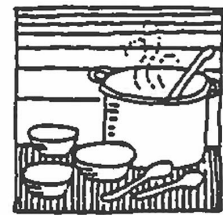


St. Patrick's Guild is a federation of women who serve the parish in a great many ways. They care for the parish altars, arrange for days of recollection, provide meals after funeral liturgies for the family and friends of the deceased.

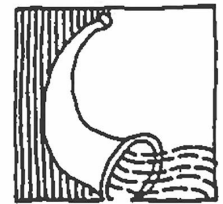
Through the Meals-on-Wheels program and the Medical Mission group that rolls bandages members serve the faith community both here and afar. The popular

annual fund-raiser, the Cellar-to-Garret Sale, is a major source of revenue which they share with the parish through the purchase of needed furnishings and flowers for seasonal liturgies as well as through outright donation of half the proceeds.

Members continue their ministry to residents of Champaign County Nursing Home, praying with them and bringing news, good cheer, and cookies to share. (Lucille Kocher, 367-2821)



The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a service-oriented group whose members respond to Jesus' call to feed the hungry, comfort the sick and shut-ins, and give shelter to the poor. Members are on call to provide help as needed to less fortunate members of our community as well as to those passing through who need a meal, a night's lodging, a tank of gas, a bus ticket to the next town. Members meet weekly, on Wednesday evenings. (Sophia Zeigler, 328-2671)



FUN (For the Unattached) identifies this group's dual purpose. Beginning as a gathering of widowed men and women, the group quickly expanded to include all who find themselves unattached, whether widowed, never married, separated, or divorced. They gather for companionship and good times. (Mary Lydon, 352-1549)



The Urbana Council 5752 of the Knights of Columbus offers fellowship and fraternity to its members, who are firmly committed to the support of St. Patrick's Parish and other charitable endeavors. The local Council raises money for the Special Olympics, provides furnishings and equipment for the parish, and pays for many of the more costly repairs to parish buildings. (Ray Alane, 384-5311)



The Young and the Restless, a young adults group, come together for learning, for sharing, for celebrating, for having good times together. Most Sunday afternoons they gather in St. Patrick's lounge. (Gabriella Carter, 337-2376)



St. Patrick's Pro-Life Committee was formed to share, study, pray, and plan activities that foster reverence for the complete spectrum of life, from conception to natural death. Members foster letter-writing campaigns in support of pending legislation on life issues and can suggest resources (speakers, videos, etc.) on request. (Lu Pillar, 344-4909)

Bringing Christ to Shut-ins

Have you ever thought about what it might be like to be deprived of the Eucharist? To someone homebound or hospitalized, unable to come to church, the Eucharist becomes paramount in importance.

Eucharistic ministry to shut-ins touches many lives—of those visited and their families as well as of those who minister to them. As they receive the Lord, the joy reflected on their faces is very rewarding. Many times the minister is moved to thank God for life, to realize the redemptive value of suffering.

With the guidance and support of Sr. Charlene, men and women of the parish minister to these less visible members of our parish family. They also share something of themselves as they share Christ with the homebound, the residents of area nursing homes, and the patients of Carle Foundation Hospital.

Volunteers are always welcome and frequently needed for this compassionate ministry:

1. To the homebound and to residents of area nursing homes; on Tuesdays... 9:00 a.m. to noon; call Loretta LaFave (367-0985).
2. To patients of Carle Foundation Hospital; on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays... 8:45-10:00a.m.; call Mary Lydon (352-1549).
3. To Champaign County Nursing Home; on Tuesdays, 1:15-2:30 p.m., praying the rosary and sharing cookies with all residents; on Fridays, 10:00-11:45 a.m., celebrating Mass with residents who wish to participate; call Kay Stubing (367-5160).



★ New Hope

Here's an opportunity to put your Christian concern into real-life practice. The New Hope Job Counseling Service is in need of a person to serve on their board. New Hope is an ecumenical Christian ministry that helps the unemployed and underemployed to find work.

The board members are active, hardworking, and very committed to a worthwhile cause.

For more information, please contact Kathy Dal Santo at 359-2824, evenings and weekends.



K of C Holds Elections

The Urbana Knights of Columbus have elected its officers for the year beginning Sept. 1.

Elected to a second term was Grand Knight Ray Alane.

Al Mytty was elected deputy grand knight. Deacon Rodger Adams was elected chancellor, and David Zola was elected recorder and treasurer.

J. Steven Beckett was elected advocate, and Stephen Hauerperger was chosen warden.

Elected as trustees were Charles Shaw (one year), David Palmisano (two years), and Thomas McDonough (three years).

Leonard Doyle was named financial secretary, and the Rev. George Remm was chosen chaplain.

The various committees are chaired as follows: Program Chairman, Jim Ducey; Membership Chairman, Terry Langendorf; Public Relations Chairman, Tom Kacich; Communications Committee, Terry Bosley; Charities Committee, Len Prazak; and Scholarship Committee, Bob Kimmey.

The Urbana Knights of Columbus council is based at St. Patrick's Parish in Urbana.

Saints And Special People

Oct. 1 is the feast of Therese of Lisieux. Born in France in 1873, Therese entered a Carmelite convent at the age of 15 and died there eight years later. She is famous for her "little way" of spirituality. One of her namesakes is Mother Teresa of Calcutta.



On Oct. 2 we celebrate the feast of our guardian angels. Do you remember "Angel of God, my guardian dear, . . .?"

Oct. 4 is the feast of Francis of Assisi. Born in Assisi in 1182, Francis renounced wealth and led a life of joyful poverty. He founded the Franciscans and, with Clare, the Poor Clares. He died in 1226.



Francis of Assisi

On Oct. 7 we observe the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Pope Pius V established this feast on the anniversary of a naval victory attributed to Mary, whose help was invoked through praying the rosary.

Oct. 9 is the feast of John Leonardi, who was born in 1541 and died in 1609. He founded the first society of priests dedicated to working in foreign missions. This small group grew into the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

On Oct. 15 we remember Teresa of Avila, who reformed the Carmelite order. She is a doctor of the Church and died in 1582.



Teresa of Avila

Oct. 16 is the feast of Hedwig, who married a prince, had seven children, founded hospitals and worked with the poor and sick. After her husband's death she entered a monastery. On this day we also remember Margaret Mary, who is famous for the revelations she received about the Sacred Heart of Jesus and her work in spreading this devotion.

On Oct. 18 we commemorate the evangelist Luke. Born of a pagan family, Luke became a fellow-worker with the apostle Paul. He wrote the Acts of the Apostles, which tells of the

beginnings of the Church. He is the patron of physicians and artists.

On Oct. 19, 1984, the spiritual patron of Poland's Solidarity movement, Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko, was abducted; 10 days later his battered body was pulled from a reservoir near Warsaw. Miserere nobis, Domine! This is also the day we remember the North American martyrs: Isaac Jogues, John de Brebeuf, and companions.



Oct. 28 is the feast of apostles Simon and Jude. Simon was known as "The Zealot." Jude, called Thaddeus, was the one who asked Jesus at the Last Supper why he had manifested himself to his disciples and not to the whole world (John 14:22).

The last day of the month, Oct. 31, is the eve of All Saints, a celebration of all God's holy people!

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: Bob Haessly, 344-7123; Mary Lou Menches, 344-1125 or 244-4701; Katharine Schrader, 344-5995; Merdy Smith, 367-6159; Peter Stubing, 367-5160.

August 3, 1989

A Letter To The Parishioners Of St. Patrick's

Many greetings from East Africa. It's hard for me to believe that one short year ago I was enjoying a blistering hot summer with all of you in Urbana. I certainly hope that it is a little cooler this year. Our weather is nothing at all like that even though we're not far from the equator. It gets up to 90-95 F during the day but it's dry and it turns quite cool at night.

Mom wrote to tell me that the Parish Council voted to send us \$2500, and we want to tell you how very grateful we are. Not too long ago I finished doing the book work for contributions in 1988 and thought you might be interested to see how the money is being spent:

Donations	\$ 6,190.04
Maryknoll subsidy	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$11,190.04
Medicines, supplies	\$11,678.37
Books, journals	129.54
Transport	3,711.54
Postage	<u>18.85</u>
Total Expenses	\$15,538.30

I had money in the account from the year before to make up the deficit. The amount we spent for medicines and supplies has remained relatively steady from year to year. The large transport expense was because Sandy and I purchased a secondhand Isuzu Trooper to use for Maternal and Child Health Outreach clinics, as well as for our personal use, and she and I contributed \$2,500 to the cost of it. Then we had a couple of major expenses, like five new tires and a whole new wheel joint on one side. So you can see that your contribution will be a big help to our work!

The condition of health care in the government institutions is still pitiful. About a month

ago a man living over near the Serengeti (far away from us) was pouring petrol from one container to another in his hut at night by a kerosene lamp. The petrol exploded and set the house on fire. In trying to get his children out, he sustained 40% second- and third-degree burns and was taken to the Regional Hospital in Musoma.

The surgeon there cleaned his wounds pretty well but then told him that they didn't have any medicine. If he stayed there the family would have to buy medicines in local stores or wherever they could find it, but if they wanted good treatment they should go to Kowak. That is certainly a compliment but it's also a little like transferring a patient from the Carle Clinic to Onarga community hospital! Unfortunately, the patient became very infected and died five days later.

A fair number of patients come here from Musoma, which is about 50 miles away, and they tell me you can't even get an aspirin in the hospital. The doctors write prescriptions and then people go out to try to buy the medicine in stores.

Now, to you I'm sure that sounds like the usual way to do things, but this is a socialist country and the government is supposed to provide free health care for everyone. However, the government salaries for health workers are so outrageously low that no one can afford to live on them.

Yesterday a woman came in to have some thorns removed. She had climbed a tree to collect firewood, and the branch she was standing on broke and she fell into a thorn bush. It took two of us an hour working together to make 71 incisions to explore and remove the thorns.

I've been very healthy and haven't had malaria since April 1988. I still can't seem to put on any weight but at least it's not because I've been sick. Sr. Yuriko from Japan, who had been working here for four years, returned to Japan in July. We are perennially short of staff, but we are hoping to get two more Maryknoll lay missionary nurses next year.

The school children are preparing for confirmation, and our new Bishop will come for his first official visit at the end of this month. The diocese is trying to start several new secondary schools, one right here in our village, and putting more money into youth and their education. That's one of the more hopeful signs on the horizon.

I have a meeting in N.Y. at Maryknoll Jan. 4-17, 1990, and so I'm planning to come home for Christmas too. It will be the first time since 1984, and I must say I wouldn't mind a little snow to go with the Christmas carols!

Special greetings to Sharon Dorsey, Mrs. Chevalier, Mrs. Martin Fitzpatrick, and Miss Bertha Burns. Please be assured that I received your letters, appreciate them very much, and will answer them one of these days. I look forward to seeing all of you again at Christmas. Again, we are very thankful for your prayers and support.

Many blessings and God's peace,

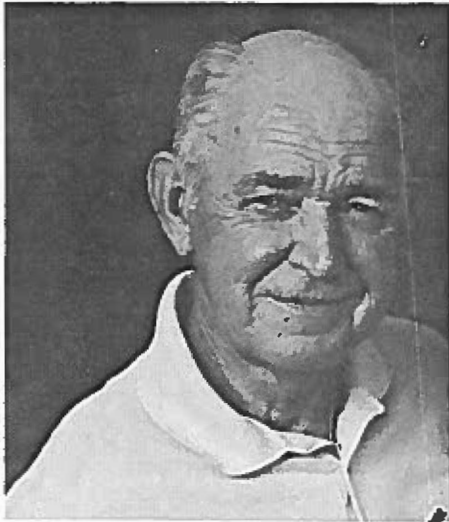
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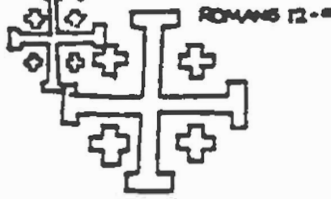
The family of Jack Fonner is most grateful for the outpouring of love and support during these difficult days of bereavement.

Jack wanted so much to tell the people of St. Patrick's how much he loved them and how grateful he was for their friendship and support through the years. For many years St. Patrick's was a "home away from home" for Jack. It both nourished and challenged him. He never found the words for what he wanted to say--perhaps because there are no words that adequately express our deepest feelings.

Somewhere, Jack is still praying for us and cheering us on as we journey to meet our God.



We, Though
Many, Are ONE
Body in Christ



Farewell to the following parishioners, who have moved from C-U: Lisa Bagliere, Dan and Susan Bailey, Carole Baker, Richard and Norah Boland, Vincent Bui, David and Cindy Cremeens, Jim and Gail Drallmeier, Craig and Amy Eckert, Chris Gerrib, Mark and Rita Hardy, Mark and Cheryl Helregel, Robert and Mary Anna Hill, Ron Janowski, Denny and Denise Jayne, Brian and Mary Keel, Miljenko and Mirna Kovacicsek, Chuck and Alena Maurice, Susan McLaughlin, Kathy Meloche, Jane Montes, Ted and Catherine O'Leary, Stephen and Laura Pearson, John and Lori Preston, Ron and Barb Schoo, Peter and Karen Shirron, Cameron Smith, Norma Smith, David Tsui, Paul and Doris Walljasper.

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Welcome to new parishioners Don and Virginia Breig, Patricia Dallmier, David and Bonnie Ellis, Elizabeth Esser, Robert and Lisa Henkelman, Pawel and Anna Kindler, Phillip Layton, Carol Millay, Kendall Rafter, Michael and Kathleen Shoemaker, Andrew and Karen Stutes, Patrick and Michelle Sweeten, Brad and Peggy Yohnka.

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We welcome the following newly baptized into our faith community: Gabrielle Alysse Rivera, Darian Lynn Welch.

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Congratulations to Bartlett Mel and Maria Margarita Carreira, married at St. Patrick's.

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Our condolences to the families and friends of the following deceased: Opal Chaffee, Kevin Blake Wikoff, Betty L. Moncrief, Irving "Jack" Fonner.



A Note of Appreciation

The family of Mary M. Beckenholdt, daughter of Mary and Chuck Miller, wish to thank all who sent Mass or sympathy cards and offered their condolences during the visitation at the funeral home or were present for the funeral Mass. Special thanks also to those who prepared or served the meal following the funeral services.

Can You Help?

Do you look forward to reading In Focus? Do you find the calendar helpful?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, please continue:

- Can you gather information?
- Can you write a paragraph?
- Can you cut and paste?
- Can you collate?
- Can you staple?
- Can you type?
- Can you use a computer?

Can you take snapshots? photographs?

If your answer to any of the above is yes, please call Merdy Smith (367-6159), Katharine Schrader (344-5995), or Mary Lou Menches (344-1125, 244-4701) to help the Communications Committee plan and prepare our parish newsletter.

Your help is urgently needed if publication of In Focus is to continue!

In these pages we have described briefly some of the opportunities for growth provided at St. Patrick's. Many others, too numerous to be described here, are also offered. Please review those listed below and check the one(s) you think best fit your present life situation, your interests, abilities, and needs. Then make a phone call or two. You can be sure of a pleasant reception!

If you prefer, you can bring or mail this sheet to In Focus at the parish center or call the parish office (367-2665) to leave your name, phone number, and area of interest, and someone will call you with information.

WORSHIP	SERVICE	FAITH DEVELOPMENT	COMMUNITY
Choir: <input type="checkbox"/> Folk <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional <input type="checkbox"/> Cantor <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument	Committees: <input type="checkbox"/> Building & Grounds <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Social <input type="checkbox"/> Social Action <input type="checkbox"/> Worship & Prayer Catholic Worker House	Religious Education Catechist: <input type="checkbox"/> Children's program <input type="checkbox"/> St. Joseph-Ogden program <input type="checkbox"/> Jr-High program <input type="checkbox"/> Sr-High program <input type="checkbox"/> Adult program <input type="checkbox"/> Family Life program Library	Young Adults (The Young and the Restless) Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Guild Divorced, Separated, Widowed FUN (For the Unattached) Pro-Life Bereavement Welcoming/Hospitality Coffee Shop Service Champaign County Blood Bank Other?
Eucharistic minister: <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Mass <input type="checkbox"/> Carle Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Shut-ins and nursing homes	St. Vincent de Paul Soc. Champaign County Nursing Home Medical Missions (Bandage Rolling) Co-op Nursery (Sundays) Winter Emergency Shelter Meals on Wheels Parish Receptionist	For Returning Catholics For Inquirers into Catholicism Adult Discussion and Faith Sharing RENEW Baptism Preparation Marriage Preparation Other?	Funeral liturgy: <input type="checkbox"/> Lector <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic min. <input type="checkbox"/> Server <input type="checkbox"/> Musician <input type="checkbox"/> Cantor
Other liturgical min.: <input type="checkbox"/> Lector <input type="checkbox"/> Server <input type="checkbox"/> Usher <input type="checkbox"/> Sacristan assistant <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy planning Other?	Sponsor: <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-marital <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA (Adult catechumenate) Collection Counter Other?		

Some skill or ability or knowledge I can offer occasionally on request (e.g., typing, calligraphy, illustration, baking, wiring, french horn):

I would like someone to call me:

Name: _____ Phone: _____



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1 8-11 am Library open	2 7 pm Education Com. mtg. 7:15 pm GROW 7:30 pm Worship & Prayer Com. mtg.	3 7 pm Communica-tions Com. mtg. 7 pm Choir 7 pm Pro-Life 7 pm GROW 7 pm SVDP	4 10 am Adult study 5:45 pm Children class/U 6:45 pm Children class/St J 7 pm RCIA 7 pm Sacrificial Giving	5 1 pm GROW 6:30 pm Folk choir 7:30 pm Parish open meeting on Annual Report	6 10:45 am Mass, CCNH	7
8 8 am Hospitality table 9, 11 am Children classes 10:15 am Children Liturgy	9 7:15 pm GROW Yom Kippur Columbus Day	10 7 pm Revenue - Finance Joint mtg. 7 pm Choir 7 pm GROW 7 pm SVDP 7:15 pm Bldg and Grnd Com. mtg.	11 10 am Adult study 1 pm MM bandage rolling 5:45 pm Children class/U 6:45 pm Children class/St J 7 pm RCIA	12 1 pm GROW 6:30 pm Folk choir 7 pm Baptism preparation 7:30 pm Social Justice Columbus Day	13 10:30 am Mass, Royal Fontana 10:45 am Mass, CCNH 7 pm Pre-Cana	14 9 am Ad Hoc Development Com. mtg.
15 RENEW: Love 8-11 am Library open 9, 11 am Children classes 10:15 am Children Liturgy	16 7:15 pm GROW 7:30 pm Social Action Com. mtg. 2 pm Pre-Cana 4 pm Young and Restless	17	18 10 am Adult study 5:45 pm Children class/U 6:45 pm Children class/St J 7 pm RCIA 7 pm Choir 7 pm SVDP	19 1 pm GROW 6:30 pm Folk choir 7:30 pm Parish Council mtg. 7 pm GROW	20 10:30 am Mass, Amer/C 10:45 am Mass, CCNH	21 9 am LMLP 7:30 pm Cursillo Sweetest Day
22 RENEW: Healing 9, 11 am Children classes 10:15 am Children Liturgy	23 7 pm In Focus assembly 7:15 pm GROW	24 7 pm Liturgy planning United Nations Day	25 10 am Adult study 1 pm MM bandage rolling 7 pm RCIA 7 pm Choir 7 pm SVDP 7 pm GROW	26 1 pm GROW 6:30 pm Folk choir 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus 7:30 pm Reflec-tion	27 10:45 am Mass, CCNH	28
29 RENEW: Family 8-11 am Library open	30 7:15 pm GROW	31 5:15 pm Mass for All Saints Day Halloween	<p>Amer/C: Americana, Champaign Amer/U: Americana, Urbana CCNH: Champaign County Nursing Home MM: Medical Missions SVDP: St. Vincent de Paul</p>			

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In Focus Survey

What would make *In Focus* more interesting, meaningful, or helpful to you and others in the parish? Would you take a few minutes to share your ideas with us? It will help us make *In Focus* a better parish newsletter. We've listed several points on which we'd like your opinion. Also—and this is very important to us—if you have any recommendations, comments, praise, constructive criticism, or gripes, please write them in the final section. (Don't hold back; we need these to help us plan for the future of *In Focus*.) This survey can be returned by dropping it in the designated box in the church vestibule or parish center, or by mailing it to:

In Focus
St. Patrick's Parish
P.O. Box 667
Urbana, IL 61801

Please return it by Sunday, October 15.
Thanks for your help!
—The Communications Committee

1. How frequently should *In Focus* be published?

Monthly Every other month Less often than that!
Other:

2. Is the type easily readable? Yes No

3. The photos make *In Focus* more enjoyable and interesting. don't add much.

4. The graphics and artwork make *In Focus* more enjoyable and interesting. don't add much.

5. Do you find it easy to follow an article from column to column or from page to page?
 Yes No

6. Any other comments about overall appearance?

Yes (Please jot them down at #12.) No

7. Please rate the following monthly features on a scale of 0 to 5, with 0 meaning of little or no interest or inappropriate for the newsletter, and 5 meaning of considerable interest or importance and to be retained:

_____ a. Names of parishioners who have been baptized, married, moved into or out of the parish, died

_____ b. Saints and special people or events of the month

_____ c. Monthly calendar of scheduled parish meetings, classes, activities

_____ d. Parish Council news

8. Would you like to see listed the special intentions of parishioners who request our prayers? (We have considered, for example, listing the names of parishioners who are ill, at home or in the hospital.)

Yes No

9. Are there any other features you'd like to see in *In Focus* each month? (Please note them at #12.)

10. Is there a specific story or subject you'd like to see covered in *In Focus* in the next few months? (Please note them at #12.)

11. Please rate your preference for the following types of articles on the same scale of 0 to 5:

_____ a. Parish events and programs

_____ b. Parishioners engaged in activities of interest to our parish community

_____ c. Spiritual topics and faith development (e.g., prayer, lenten observances, spiritual-reading suggestions, etc.)

_____ d. Peace and social-justice efforts outside of the parish

_____ e. Issues important to our city, state, nation, world

12. In the space below please express your views on any of the above. Tell us anything you want us to know about what you like, don't like, or want to see in *In Focus*. (And if you'd like to share our pleasure and satisfaction in bringing out the next issues of the newsletter, please provide your name and telephone number; someone will call you!)

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