

ST PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



Parish Celebrates with Fr. Remm

On May 29 hundreds of parishioners, friends from Kewanee, relatives from Peoria and Ohio crowded the main hall to celebrate with Fr. George Remm the 30th anniversary of his ordination as a priest.

Special guests included his mother, Marie, from Peoria. (She managed to keep her visit a secret from her son, who had spent the previous day with her tending to familiar chores.) From Ohio came his brother Robert and his nephew John. And Fr. Tom Royer from St. Mary's, Champaign. And our own Fr. Paul Kinder. And carloads of friends from Fr. Remm's former Kewanee parish, St. Mary's.

Members of the Guild had spent the day decorating the hall for the event and preparing hams for the potluck. Parishioners brought their gourmet specialties to share, in such abundance that another serving table had to be set up to accommodate everything.

Children of St. Patrick's provided the entertainment highlight, singing their rendition of "It's a Beautiful Day

in the Neighborhood," a familiar song made even more memorable by Fr. Remm in a Sunday homily.

Fathers Tom Royer and Paul Kinder toasted their compadre and told several anecdotes from their long association with him, and Tom Kacich emceed a Fr. Remm Trivia Contest.

To close the event, Fr. Remm was presented with several gifts from the people of St. Patrick's. These included two gold holy oil containers for communal anointing of the sick and a gold paten large enough to hold the number of hosts needed for communion at parish liturgies. He was also presented with a \$1,500 travel certificate, with the suggestion that he might like to make a pilgrimage to Rome and/or the Holy Land, and \$500 spending money for the trip. (Later contributions have swelled this fund by another \$325.)

Fr. Remm thanked all for the memorable evening, expressing his appreciation of his mentors—his priest friends, his parents, his teachers, and all the parishioners wherever he has served,

who have touched his life in innumerable ways.

People lingered to visit, to extend their congratulations to the priest of 30 years, to share some of the quiet ways in which Fr. Remm has touched their own lives.

And when all had left, the Knights of Columbus stayed to put all to rights, to turn off the lights, lock the doors and put out the proverbial cat.

The end of "a beautiful day in the neighborhood."



RENEW: Staying Tuned In!

"What happened?" "Did you know...?" "Know what?" Well, did you know that

...there was only one weekday morning RENEW group? All of them were women except for facilitator and host Jeff Nelson. Jeff and his wife, Ruth, decided to even the odds a little by giving birth to a boy during the first RENEW season.

...two facilitators were named Nelson? Well, the other one must have decided that Jeff and Ruth had a good idea! Bill Nelson and his wife, Millie, gave birth to Maria during the second season of RENEW!

...our parish is graced not by one but by two parishioners named Mary Corcoran? Members of different RENEW small groups, they confused the U.S. Postal Service as well as RENEW staff!

...the RENEW take-home materials were printed on recycled paper pur-

chased from the Community Recycling Center (at a cost commensurate with paper made from virgin fibers)?

...the RENEW take-home materials were prepared by volunteering parishioners?

...the RENEW take-home materials were printed at a local copy shop that has been designated a "model" copy shop by local environmentalists? "UpClose" recycles all its high-grade office paper and purchases recycled paper.

...any St. Patrick's parishioner is welcome to contribute to the RENEW take-home leaflets by sharing a personal account of a faith-building experience?

...the RENEW take-home committee is looking for people with writing, editing, and related skills and interests to help prepare next season's materials?

...all new parishioners were personally invited to take part in RENEW last year by the Home Visiting Committee?

...home visits were offered to anyone who was interested in hearing more about RENEW?

...the Home Visiting Committee contacted about 100 new parishioners in Fall 1989 and 40 new parishioners in Spring 1990?

...the RENEW banners were designed and stitched by parishioners Beth McDonald and Cathy Howey?

...the RENEW theme pictured on each season's banner was repeated in miniature on the stoles worn at parish liturgies during the weeks of RENEW?

Please welcome new parishioners Jeffrey and Michelle Christensen, Paul and Julie Kory, Ronald McArtor, James and Charlene Strickland, John and Teresa Towns, Mike and Tina Cinker, W. James and Bernadine Fitzgerald, Jose Schuttfa Aine, Arlana Bedard, Thanh and Oanh Bui, Robert and Katherine Lee, William and Michele Raack, Carla Sturdyvin, Robert Treleven.



Farewell to Sergio and Teresa Gallejos, Maureen Klemme, Pat and Michelle Sweeten, Jerry and Kim Britton, Masyll Brown, John and Judith Bryant, Thomas and Anne Dueweke, Joseph and Ina Garrett, Paul and Peggy Lang, Tony McMahan and Sue McGinty, Rob and Mary Pieper, Jeff and Coralee Regan, Miguel and Sheila Rivera, Patricia Dallmier, Patrick and Kathleen Daly, Trudy Diepholz, Genny Dumonceaux,

Daniel and Lee Fischer, Hazel Green, Mark and Karen Kurowski, Hector and Liz Lareau, Matthew and Judy Ruckert, Tammy Stinson.



Congratulations to the following couples married at St. Patrick's: Carol Sue Millay and Stephen Rich Humphreys, Lora Jean McLaughlin and William Frederick Rumsey, Amy Rozanne Summers and Kelly Eugene Sturdyvin, Dawn Michele Griffith and Joseph Donald Cerny, Genevieve Ann Dumonceaux and Robert Dean Ness, Patricia Louise Dallmier and Carey Douglas Widder, Kathleen Mary O'Connell and Michael Lysle Francisco, Debra Sue Woodworth and Mark Devon Hummel.



We welcome the following newly baptized into our faith community: Benedetto

Serafino Valocchi, Eric Charles Randolph, Von Michael Drake, Casandra Lin Glazier, Catherine Therese Keane, Elizabeth Morgan D'Arcy, Megan Mary and Mandy May Kirby, Molly Katherine Marrone, Andrew DeChant Richards, Karen Ann and Michael James Kinkaid, Aaron Michael Shreeves, Collin Robert Price, Reinal Consuelo and Maria Xiomara Dorsey-Chingate, Kaitlyn Irene Connolly, Matthew David Allen, Grant Michael Cinker, Kelsey Anne Lee, Lauren Elise Assalley.



Please pray for the following parishioners, deceased: Raymond E. Dunn, Frances L. Hudson.

St. Patrick's Prepares for RENEW III

Our parish's third season of RENEW is quickly approaching, and many people are already busy planning for it as you read this.

Did you know that Sign-Up Sunday will be the weekend of Sept. 8 and 9? Again two parishioners will extend a personal invitation to all of us to join a RENEW small group and attend the large-group activities now in the planning stages.

The RENEW Large Group Committee, which is now chaired by Jeannie Donovan, is busy planning the annual parish picnic for the evening of Sept. 9 at Crystal Lake Pavilion. Details will follow later, but mark your calendars now!

The six weeks of the third season of RENEW revolve on the central theme of the Holy Spirit:

Oct. 7, The role of the Holy Spirit

Oct. 14, The power of the Holy Spirit

Oct. 21, Our mission

Oct. 28, Our experience of injustice

Nov. 4, Roadblocks to mission

Nov. 11, Continuing human tension

Many small groups will be forming.

These groups meet once a week for an hour and a half. If you were in a group last year, perhaps you could invite someone who did not participate to join you this year. Connie and Chuck Shaw, co-chairing the Small Group Committee, will find a place for everyone. They would love to see as many as

20 new groups formed—and 30 new facilitators! If you are interested, please call them (384-1191).

Many people are needed to help plan and carry out all the ideas for RENEW in our parish this fall. If you have writing talent, like to talk to people, like to reach out to others, like to pray with others, please call Helene Kacich (344-6760), our parish RENEW coordinator. She will happily help you find your "niche."

Just one more "Did you know...": Did you know that our parish had two small groups consisting of only two each that did meet on all six themes last season?



Marianne Burkhard Makes First Profession as Nauvoo Benedictine

"Marianne, the Lord receives you into the Catholic Church. His loving kindness has led you here, so that in the unity of the Holy Spirit you may have full communion with us in the faith that you have professed in the presence of his family."

It was indeed just a few short years ago that Marianne Burkhard, then on the faculty of the University of Illinois, stood before the community of St. Patrick's to profess her belief in "all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches and proclaims to be revealed by God."

Soon after, she sought out the Benedictine community at Nauvoo, Illinois. She was already steeped in the Benedictine tradition: "I grew up in the shadow of a Benedictine monastery in Switzerland, so it seemed only natural—or maybe more than that," Marianne says, remembering.

Marianne spent her first two years as a member of St. Patrick's faith community in a continued exploration of the richness and the mystery of her Faith while pursuing her continued interest in matters Benedictine.

She participated fully in the mainstream of parish life, joining parishioners at work, at play, at prayer. She joined the Worship and Prayer Committee, assisted in the training of lectors, carried Communion to the sick at Carle, sponsored a catechumen, started most weekdays with morning Mass, served parishioners at the Seder Meal, visited at Coffee Shop.

Three years ago the Nauvoo Benedictines accepted Marianne ("at last!") as a postulant. A year later she began her first year as a novice. Last

year, still a novice, she took up parish ministry at St. Anthony's in Spring Valley while living with the Benedictine Sisters at St. Bede in Peru.

On June 17, the feast of Corpus Christi ("Body of Christ") Marianne made her first profession of vows before her prioress and the Benedictine community at St. Mary Priory, Nauvoo.

Journey's end? No, the journey continues, begun all those years ago in the shadow of a Benedictine monastery, to a far country and a new or perhaps renewed or even renewing faith, accompanied by co-travellers in faith at St. Patrick's, in the footsteps of Benedict and in the company of his followers today, to wherever the Spirit beckons.



Summer Overtakes Archives Committee

With no meetings scheduled during the dog days of summer, the work of the Archives Committee continues in small ways.

One member is evaluating documents concerning the consecrated area for Catholic burials in Woodlawn Cemetery. Another pursues her long-time interest in genealogy to the benefit of the parish in careful screening of letters, photographs, newspaper clippings, and the like.

As you sort through collections of old papers and snapshots this summer and fall, you might set aside those of former days and events at St. Patrick's Parish. Your discards may be a "treasure trove" for the parish Archives Committee! Members can be reached by calling the parish office (367-2665).



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Please leave news items in the Communications Committee mail bin in the parish center, or call a committee member. All submissions are subject to review and/or editing by the committee. By-lines are generally omitted.

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Articles and information for the August issue were contributed by Helen Barrymore, Helene Kacich, Tom Kacich, and Mary Lou Menches.

Parish Council News

At their June meeting Parish Council members received their liaison appointments to standing committees: Building and Grounds, Dave Murrell; Communications, Tom McDonough; Education, Pat Justice; Financial Affairs, Harry Ruedi; Liturgy, Mary Lydon; Personnel, Arden Howey; Social, Carol Bosley; Social Action, Bob Haessly.

These appointments are for one year. As liaison the Council member serves as an active, voting member of the committee, is engaged in the work of the committee, and serves as communicator between Council and committee on matters of interest and/or relevance to both.

Members adopted the proposed 3-year plan for upgrading furnishings and equipment to meet the needs of the parish religious education program. Budget cost: \$2500/year, for a total of \$7500.

The cost for remodeling the parish center basement into two classrooms is still being researched, but one bid has been submitted for \$2789. Work is to commence this summer in the hope of having all in readiness for classes this fall.

Turning to the previously adopted guide for parish development, members agreed to establish an ad hoc committee of Council members to formulate a development handbook, in con-

sultation with the Council as a whole.

Membership on this ad hoc committee will include the pastor, one trustee, one Council officer, and one non-officer member of the Council.

In addition to drafting a handbook for parish development, this ad hoc committee is also in some way to instruct and guide the Council in both the spirit and application of the development guide.

The Council retreat was set for the weekend of Aug. 17-18 at the LaSalette Retreat Center in Danville. The overnighter is intended as a time for Council members to get to know one another better socially and on a spiritual level, and to work on some basic orientation, particularly for new members.

Pledges received for the diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal last spring have surpassed our diocesan goal of \$44,956 and the parish add-on of \$20,000. Results as of the June meeting indicate that this year more money overall has been pledged but by fewer households than in previous years.

In a discussion of the year-end surplus of approximately \$72,000, it was noted that half is pledged to reducing the parish debt of about \$139,000. From the remaining \$36,000 the Catholic Worker House has already received \$10,000. Members agreed to send \$1000 in support of parishioner Dr. Susan

Nagele's volunteer missionary work in Africa.

The rest of the surplus income will be used for asphalt paving of the Kannapel property, with improvements required by the City of Urbana, and for funding religious education needs as previously agreed.

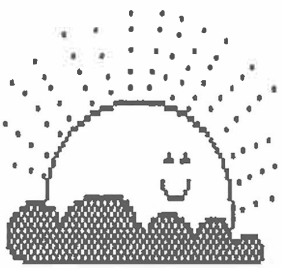
Members deferred a decision on a proposal, signed "Concerned Parishioners," that would effectively limit smoking to the main hall of the parish center. Already designated smoke-free areas are the classrooms, meeting rooms, lounge, multipurpose room, and kitchen. Areas not so designated include the main lobby, washrooms, offices, and basement.

Fr. Remm announced that Bill Subick will retire as parish trustee in August on completion of his 3-year term. He warmly thanked Bill for his outstandingly generous gift of self and time. Cecelia Weir has agreed to stay on for another year so that the two trustees' terms can be staggered.

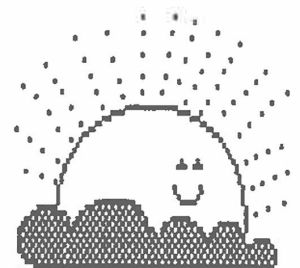
Tom Kacich, retired Council president, will return to the Council in August for another 3 years, having accepted Fr. Remm's invitation to serve as parish trustee.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on August 16. All parishioners are invited to attend these open meetings.





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