

S T P A T R I C K ' S P A R I S H

In Focus



Introducing "Gather", New Parish Hymnal



With the upcoming season of RENEW, which begins Feb. 9-10, St. Patrick's parishioners will begin using the new parish hymnal called *Gather*.

Gather includes many long-familiar hymns and psalms from *Glory and Praise*, which it replaces, as well as more recent favorites from other sources.

Parishioners will recognize "We Are Called" and "Glory to God," learned from RENEW cards, and such refrains as "Shepherd me, O God," learned with the help of cantors.

Over time, guided by parish cantors and led by music director John Pescitelli, parishioners will explore the beautiful hymns, both new and familiar, in *Gather*. This hymnal includes some of the best contemporary church music available, with selections to fill the needs of all liturgical seasons and rites of the Church.

Gather was purchased with funds donated to St. Patrick's in memory of deceased family members and friends. With grateful hearts the people of St. Patrick's will enjoy for years to come this gift that helps our shared worship grow through the music that is prayer and the prayer that is music.

Prayer for Peace

Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.

Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me
sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may seek not so
much
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to under-
stand,
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned,
and it is in dying
that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

The Cellar-to-Garret Sale Stages a Comeback



Yes, St. Patrick's Cellar-to-Garret Sale is back!

After a one-year hiatus in its successful track record, which goes back to 1968, the popular Cellar-to-Garret project has been put on the parish-center calendar for Sept. 16-18.

Irma and Ray Wait, busily organizing a staff for the sale, have stepped in as co-chairs to fill the gap left by Lucille and Oscar Kocher. Lucille and Oscar, veterans in the art of sorting, marking, pricing, and selling, are lending their support.

As spring housecleaning turns up items you might be tempted to put out for special collections, take another look at them. Might they appeal to the shoppers who come from all parts of the Twin Cities to browse and buy at this popular event? What looks like junk to you may prove a treasure to someone else!

Watch future bulletins for progress reports and details of the September Cellar-to-Garret Sale.



"Remember..."

*The ashes from the Easter palm
...bring the Lenten season on
And softly signed upon our heads
Recall those words from Scripture read,
Which if we care (and care we must)
Will fill our hearts with deep concern:
"Remember man thou art but dust
And unto dust thou shalt return."*

—From "remember man," compiled by
Charles E. Jones

The ashes placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday are a sign of penitence and of humility. They also have a sacred character as a healing remedy. Through the ashes we are reminded of our mortality and of the frailty of the things of this world.

Ashes were first used as a sign of private penance. Later, when a ritual was developed for public penitence, only those guilty of serious public sin were marked with ashes; these sinners were excluded from Holy Communion until their absolution on Holy Thursday.

The rite of ashes for all the faithful became a general practice in the Church during the eleventh century.

Ash Wednesday became the first day of Lent through a circuitous route. In the first few centuries there were only one or two days of fasting before Easter. By the latter part of the third century a 40-day fast was observed, probably in imitation of Christ's fast in the desert. The practice became general in both the East and the West within the next century.

In the West, where the faithful were excused from fasting on the Sundays of Lent (thereby fasting only 36 days instead of 40), the Church added four days to Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday, indeed the whole of Lent, is viewed today as a preparation for the resurrection joy of Easter. As foreheads are marked with ashes in the sign of the cross,

the familiar words "Remember, you are dust and unto dust you shall return" have given way to "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel."

Currently, all healthy adult Catholics are expected to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and to abstain from meat on each Friday of Lent.

Ash Wednesday falls on Feb. 13 this year. At St. Patrick's, ashes will be distributed at the 7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 5:15 p.m. Masses and at a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Anyone, whether adult, child, or infant, may participate in this rite. All parishioners, catechumens, and visitors are welcome.

Other Lenten activities traditional at St. Patrick's include Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays; Stations of the Cross at 5:15 p.m. on Fridays; and the Knights of Columbus fish fries on Friday evenings.



Today Give the Gift of Life!

Recent world events underline the need for blood donors, already in great demand during winter

months. Can you share the gift of life? In the multi-purpose room of the parish center on Sunday after all Masses until 1:30 p.m.



Will You Be Somebody Too?

Fr. Remm's New Year's story about Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody caused this writer to question whether Everybody is sure that Somebody will offer Anybody—say, a family member or a friend—the opportunity for prayer or Holy Communion should Anybody become a Carle Hospital patient.

At present the team of eucharistic ministers serving Carle patients numbers 14 parishioners. Should a member of this team become ill, find it necessary to care for a family member, or go out of town, there may be Nobody to take this person's place.

Anybody who experiences, in faith and friendship, the vital, strengthening presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, who is a sensitive, caring listener, and who can offer two hours one day a month can be the Somebody for the Carle patients who must depend on St. Patrick's for human comfort and spiritual nourishment.

This writer was once Anybody who decided to become Somebody and, as such, experienced the heartfelt gratitude of Carle patients for the sometimes unexpected gift of the Eucharist and that of family members consoled in the knowledge that their loved ones, perhaps far from home, have become "members" of our faith community during their hospital stay.

Will you be Somebody too? Call Mary Lydon (352-1549).





Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is February 10.

RENEW:
Welcoming God's Forgiveness

A half-day of recollection on the theme of Reconciliation will be offered on Saturday, Feb. 23, 9:00-11:30 a.m. This RENEW large-group activity will be facilitated by Fr. George Remm.

Plan now to participate in this morning of reflection, with its opportunities for shared prayer and

Quick Fixin's from the Kitchen of... Cecelia Weir



Cherry-Cheese Dessert Pizza

- pastry for 2-crust 9-inch pie
- 1 8-oz pkg cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 c sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 c chopped walnuts
- 1 t vanilla
- 2 1-lb 5-oz cans cherry pie filling

On lightly floured surface, roll pastry to 14-inch circle. Place in 12-inch pizza pan. Flute edges, prick crust. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) for 15 minutes.

Blend cream cheese and sugar, add eggs, and beat well. Add nuts and vanilla. Pour into partially baked crust and bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Cool.

Spread cherry pie filling over cheese layer. Chill. Top with dollops of whipped cream. Cut into wedges for serving. Serves 10-12.

A great Valentine's Day dessert!

for reflection on our relationship with God, with self, with others as part of our Lenten journey. Come to celebrate and welcome the Lord's tender mercy and loving forgiveness.

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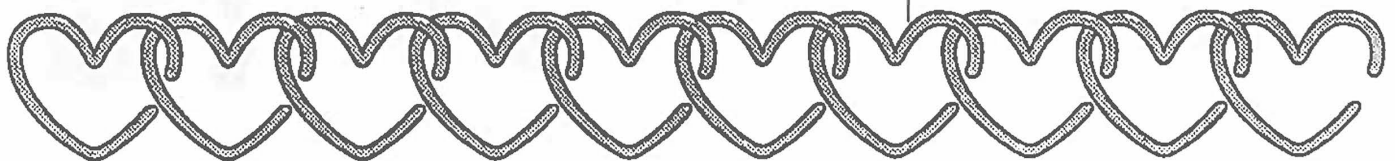
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Uncover a Treasure of Trivia

Did those of you who participated in St. Patrick's 10:30 Christmas Eve Mass know that you were part of a live radio and TV broadcast of that liturgy? (You wish you'd been warned, you say, so you could have been prepared?)

St. Patrick's is approaching venerable age as a parish. (Did you know that it was founded in 1901? Do you know the founding pastor's name?) With such a high rate of turnover in the parish population, many interesting facts, facets, and especially faces go unrecognized, with the passing of years. (Do you know just how large our parish family is? We're about 1100 strong!)

Well, communication being "the name of the game" for In Focus, those who help to bring it out each month thought you might enjoy reading about some of the less well-known, but nonetheless interesting, facts about St. Patrick's parish. We propose to have fun—and to bring you into the game to have fun as well. The method is to point out things around the parish which you hadn't really noticed or thought about before.

Just to get us started (though we already have): Have you noticed the many animals and birds in the stained-glass windows of our church? The lamb, pictured in a northeast window, is a symbol of Christ; the pelican (in a west window) feeding her young with her own blood is a symbol of Christ's selfless love.

How old do you feel as you struggle past the southwest corner of the church in winter weather? The cornerstone dates the solidity and shelter of the church from 1901. The time capsule sealed in the stone contains newspapers of that date, Catholic Church statistics, and other items, according to the

published history of St. Patrick's Parish (yes, there really is one, although not many copies remain).

You have probably noticed the rose window in the choir loft as you left the church on a sunny Sunday morning. And you may know that it depicts St. Cecelia, patron of musicians (and a feminist of her time). Can you identify the saint who is honored in symbols pictured in the smaller windows nearby? (A hint: He came from her neighborhood, but years later.)

You are invited to add your own trivia treasures to those disclosed here. Share your intriguing memories and observations of the unusual—about a parish group, our parish buildings, uncommon circumstances surrounding a gift or special event. (Just for fun, remember.)

You may place your entries in the Communications Committee mail bin in the parish center or mail them to the parish office, addressed to the committee. Be sure to include your name and phone number.

If we hear from a number of you between now and, say, Easter, we will select a panel of presumably unbiased (and unidentified) judges to choose the most unusual entry—or the funniest, or maybe the strangest. The winning entry will be published, together with a Polaroid photo of the winner, taken at a parish site identified with the entry.

We hope you will join the parish Trivia Treasure Hunt to share the riches of our common treasury, our parish heritage, and to experience the pleasure of a growing interest in us, the people of St. Patrick's.

It's your turn now!



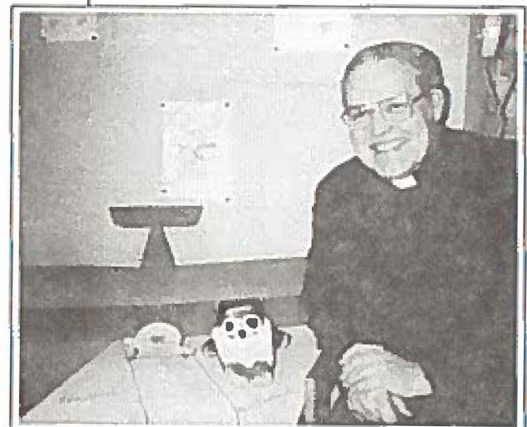
Parish Priests on a Wing and a Fling

Fr. George Remm, who recently returned from a visit to Rome, was welcomed home by a furry pilot, complete with helmet and goggles. While in Rome, he was shepherded by accomplished tour-guide and former pastor, Fr. Doug Hennessy, with whom he stayed at the North American College.

"I was impressed by the history and tradition of the sites and churches we visited," Fr. Remm said. He celebrated Mass one day at the Clementine altar in St. Peter's Basilica and enjoyed a tour of the excavations beneath the church which are centered around the tomb of St. Peter. Father added: "Fr. Hennessy sends his love and greetings to all the parishioners of St. Patrick's."

After a week or so to brief the pastor on parish news and events during his absence, Fr. Paul Kinder leaves the ice and snow of the midwest for "a fling in Flamingo," he said, a twinkle in his eye. "Flamingo is in the Everglades National Park on the southwest coast of Florida," he added, with his usual smile.

Welcome home, Father Remm! Happy vacationing, Father Kinder!



Parish Council News

A busy time, December and January. (Too busy, many of us might add!) Well, the Parish Council was busy too.

After checking out many leads and looking over many possibilities, an offer was made and accepted on a house for our parish clergy. The house, at 205 W. California, is just a few blocks from St. Patrick's and will nicely accommodate our pastor as well as the newly ordained priest expected to be assigned to our parish as assistant pastor in June.

The Diocese of Peoria is making a loan of \$83,000 to the parish for the purchase of the house, Fr. Remm said, and the closing will probably take place in early February. The next few months will be used to acquire any furnishings needed and otherwise prepare the house for its new occupants.

In an update on the Time/Talent/Treasure stewardship drive



last fall, it was noted that monetary pledges were on a par with those of the year before. As for pledges of time and talent, most of the 108 respondents were renewing commitments already in place rather than making new ones.

The development committee proposed that a new brochure about the parish be developed to promote and make more information available to parishioners about St. Patrick's.

April 27-28 was the date set for the annual Parish Council election of new members. This year 4 new members will be elected to fill vacancies created by the departure of members Bob Haessly, Arden Howey, Pat Justice, and Barb Wysocki. Carol Bosley will chair the election committee; she will be

joined by Bob Haessly and 3 others from the parish at large.

In preparation for this year's diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal, Fr. Remm noted that Lissa May will chair the parish's campaign and Bill Subick has been asked to serve once again as auditor. In our parish the ASA will take place on Apr. 27-28, with May 4-5 as follow-up.

St. Patrick's has been asked to co-sponsor, with another parish, a Vietnamese family seeking admission to the U.S. The family of 8 includes 6 children, aged 14-23. They will need help in finding a home, employment, perhaps some clothing and home furnishings, and (most important of all) new friends—in other words, help in getting settled in their adopted country. The matter was referred to the Social Action Committee for their recommendation.

The next Council meeting will take place on Thursday, Feb. 21. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open meetings.

A Window on Discipleship

The following letter, received by the Parish Council in the icy aftermath of Christmas, may serve to clarify for all of us the theme of the upcoming RENEW season, Discipleship.

I am a new parishioner at St. Patrick's. As my second Christmas in the U.S. approached, I awaited its coming with joy, not unmixed with a certain amount of apprehension. I was still very much a stranger in a strange land. When others returned to their hearth and home out of the outside world of snow and ice, loneliness filled me with a certain amount of foreboding.

Work begins again tomorrow, ending the traditional Christmas and New Year holidays. I cannot help rebuking myself for my

needless worry. I feel no longer a stranger, a non-person. Our pastor, Fr. Remm, took time out of his busy schedule to lend me a sympathetic ear, to get better acquainted with his new parishioner over a simple dinner. Msgr Kinder calls me by my Christian name whenever we meet.

A couple singing in the folk choir took me home for their family Thanksgiving. Nodding acquaintances invited me to breakfast after one of the few weekday Masses I attended. Members of the folk choir let me practice with them in spite of my lack of vocal accomplishments. These and many other signs of trust and friendship have warmed my heart.

How does one explain these unquestionable marks of friend-

ship, trust, and concern from clergy and laity who 4 months ago did not know that I existed?

And what is it that binds me to them, them to me?

The phenomenon is inexplicable to those who do not recognize our brotherhood in Christ. That brotherhood has existed nearly 2000 years, an identity forged by our common faith, by the blood of martyrs and the unswerving devotion of innumerable saints and holy ones.

It is in this spirit that I beg to be allowed to express my gratitude to our pastor and to my fellow parishioners at St. Patrick's.

*[Name withheld by request]
Epiphany '91*

Breaking Open God's Word

Each Sunday morning in the parish center lounge our parish catechumens gather with their parish sponsors to reflect on the Sunday readings.

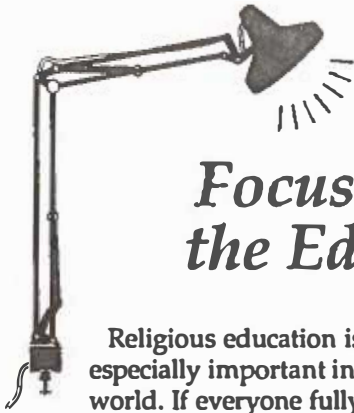
These men and women have been inquiring into Catholicism since October. On the first Sunday of Advent they were accepted into the Order of Catechumens. They have been presented with the Lord's Prayer and the Creed, and they participate in many minor rites of blessings and prayers designed especially for them.

On the first Sunday of Lent many of them will participate in the Rite of Election, leading into the Lenten phase of their journey toward receiving the sacraments of initiation during the Easter Vigil.

Welcome and support these catechumens in their journey of faith, and keep them in your prayers!







Focus on . . . the Education Committee

Religious education is especially important in today's world. If everyone fully understood what the Church teaches, far fewer would suffer from a lukewarm faith and Christian unity would be far more evident.

Ever since the ascension of the risen Christ, some of the greatest people on earth have been bearers of the Good News of Jesus Christ. This 2000-year-old tradition is carried on today at St. Patrick's by the dedicated religious education staff and volunteer catechists. The activities of these people are guided by the Education Committee.

The Education Committee is a standing committee of the Parish Council and has the responsibility for overseeing the parish's multifaceted religious education programs.

"St. Patrick's is one of the most active parishes and also one of the most respected in the diocese," says Mark Cousert, Education Committee chair. Mark is quick to point out that most of the credit for these excellent programs goes to the religious education staff: Carolyn McElrath, director; David Zola, Senior High coordinator; Chris and Denise Friedhof, Junior High coordinators; Jan Lipska, coordinator of the Children's program, including Children's Liturgy; Ruth Mytty, Family Life coordinator; Lenore Nagele, RCIA coordinator; and Mike Healy, Library coordinator.

Carolyn McElrath points out that St. Patrick's programs have something to offer parishioners of all ages. These programs include religious education classes from first grade through high school, the Rite of Christian Initiation of

Adults (RCIA), baptismal preparation, marriage preparation, Little Rock Bible Study, the parish lending library, and a variety of support groups.

The Education Committee lends administrative support to the staff, monitors programs, helps set goals, and sets the budget for all religious education programs. Some of the recent issues before the Education Committee have been space limitations, registration procedures, and increased involvement of parents in their children's religious education.

Classes in which grades were combined have been separated into individual classes. This step, together with the 30 percent increase in participation in all religious education programs over the last 5 years, placed a heavy demand on available space and ultimately led to some remodeling of the parish center and a lottery placement system for more even distribution of children among classes.

Fees are collected to help offset some of the cost for materials, but funds are set aside to help those who cannot afford them. Programs were established for parents to keep them informed of their children's education and to help them pass on their faith.

The Education Committee annually hosts an appreciation chili supper for all volunteer catechists, provides a liaison with Holy Cross School, and holds regular meetings for discussion of religious education programs.

Current committee members are Mark Cousert, Dave Ellis, Mike Gray, Nancy Haessly, John Joyce, Pat and Dick Justice, Carolyn McElrath, Gigi Simon, and the

religious education coordinators. They are happy to receive input from parishioners, and they welcome volunteers for all programs.

Education is a lifelong process; if we are not continuously growing in knowledge of our faith, we are falling behind. The Education Committee hopes that more parishioners will take advantage of the many excellent programs offered to foster and nurture faith development.



Please welcome new parishioners Andrea and William Cavanaugh, Donna and Doug Farwell, Carolyn Greenwald, Gail and Victor Henson, Ann and Brian Kerlin, Amy Mosure, George and Marjorie Pennacchi, David and Pamela Tazik.



Farewell to the following parishioners who have moved from C-U: Donota and Jan Gorecki, Mary and Tim Kerestes, Steve Lachenmyer, Patty and Roger Mokros, Ken and Mary Jo Redmon, James and Patricia Thompson.

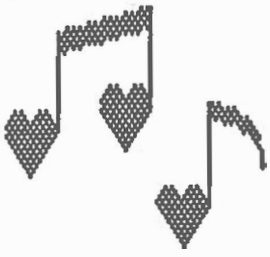


We welcome the following newly baptized into our faith community: Aaron Patrick Anglin, Elizabeth Jane Colravy, Cooper Reese Dysert, Emily Elizabeth Gering, Kevin Christopher McGiffin, Paul Anthony Montfort, Courtney Lee Osmond, Laura Anne Welle.

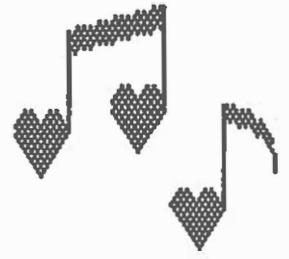


Please pray for the following parishioners, recently deceased: Clara Farruggia, Hazel Green.





February 1991



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<p>3 8-11a Library 7:30a RCIA 9a, 11a, 6:30p Religious Ed 10:15a Child's Lit 2p Pre-Cana</p>	<p>4 1p Guild Luncheon 7p Education Comm Mtg 7:15p GROW 7:30p Liturgy Comm</p>	<p>5 9a Funeral Schola 1:30p Rosary, CCNH 7p RENEW Facility Mtg 7:30p Development Comm Mtg</p>	<p>6 Religious Ed: 5:45p Urbana 6:45p St. Joe 6:30p RCIA 7p Choir 7p SVDP 7p Pro-Life</p>	<p>7 1:30p Discussion Group 6:45p Folk Choir</p>	<p>8 10:30a Fontana NH, Mass 10:45a CCNH, Mass 6p KC Ladies Knight Out</p>	
<p>10 RENEW: Invitation to Discipleship 8a Hospitality Table 10:30a RCIA 9a, 11a, 6:30p Religious Ed 10:15a Child's Lit</p>	<p>11 7:15p GROW</p>	<p>12 1:30p Rosary, CCNH 7p Financial Affairs 7:30p Parish Council Exec Comm Mtg</p>	<p>13 ASH WEDNESDAY 1p MM Bandage Rolling Religious Ed: 5:45p Urbana 6:45p St. Joe 7p Choir 7p SVDP</p>	<p>14 1:30p Discussion Group 6:45p Folk Choir 7p Renew 7p Baptism Prep 7:15p Building and Grounds</p>	<p>15 10:30a Urbana NH, Mass 10:45a CCNH, Mass KC Fish Fry 5:15p Stations of the Cross</p>	
<p>17 RENEW: Life of the Disciple in Community 8-11a Library 9a RCIA 9a, 11a, 6:30p Religious Ed 10:15a Child's Lit</p>	<p>18 7p Cursillo 7:15p GROW</p>	<p>19 9a Funeral Schola 1:30p Rosary, CCNH 7p RENEW Reflection</p>	<p>20 Religious Ed: 5:45p Urbana 6:45p St. Joe 6:30p RCIA 7p Choir 7p SVDP</p>	<p>21 6:45p Folk Choir 7:30p Parish Council</p>	<p>22 10:30a Amer/U, Mass 10:45a CCNH, Mass KC Fish Fry 5:15p Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>23 9-11:30a Large Group RENEW on Reconciliation (Day of Recollection)</p>
<p>24 RENEW: Nourishing Discipleship 12p RCIA</p>	<p>25 7:15p GROW</p>	<p>26 1:30p Rosary, CCNH 7p Homily Prep</p>	<p>27 1p MM Bandage Rolling 6:30p RCIA 7p Choir 7p SVDP 7p Communicatns Comm Mtg</p>	<p>28 6:45p Folk Choir 7:30p KC</p>	<p>Amer/C: Americana, Champaign Amer/U: Americana, Urbana CCNH: Champaign County Nursing Home KC: Knights of Columbus MM: Medical Missions SVDP: St. Vincent de Paul TNT: Twenties 'n' Thirties</p>	

*Ashes dispensed as follows:
Masses: 7a, 12:10p, 5:15p
Prayer service: 7:30p

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH, URBANA

