

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

In Focus



Year of the Eucharist Begins June 2

Why Share the Cup?

"Take this cup, and drink from it. It is the cup of my blood,..."

We often take for granted the fact that it is wine that is placed on our altar, to be consecrated and to be shared. Wine—something that already has significance in most homes and communities.

Jesus did not select wine as one among many choices, as if any liquid could have carried his meaning. As bread is the staff of life, so wine is life's delight. Its presence means and brings festivity and rejoicing. Yet it also holds within itself meanings of death and of acceptance and of covenant.

In the long tradition which Jesus

shared, wine was for the praise of God, whose creation delighted the heart. Jesus raised the cup and pronounced the blessings throughout his life: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for you have given us the fruit of the vine."

The bread, the body of Christ, does not cease to mean the nourishing fruit of the earth and the good-tasting work of human hands when we take it in holy communion. The wine, the blood of Christ, does not cease to mean delight, festivity, and communion with each other.

Christ's body and blood are bound

up in creation, in fruitfulness, in human work, in communal rejoicing, in redemption.

Wine nourishes our thirsty spirits. It is spiritual drink. By taking the cup, we express the deepest fellowship with the Lord Jesus even in the sharing of his death. Such diverse things—the delight of fellowship, the communion in his death! The cup, shared among us, brings these together.

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Aaron Lancaster a National Merit Scholar



Aaron Lancaster, a senior graduating from Urbana High School on June 9, has been selected as a National Merit Scholar.

National Merit Scholars are selected on the basis of scores and on the PSAT taken in the junior year. Finalists are comprised of one half of one percent of the total number of students in the U.S. taking the test. In Illinois 60,000 juniors took the PSAT.

Aaron, a parishioner of St. Patrick's all his life and a server since fifth grade, will spend the

summer in India travelling with his parents, Cesaria and Wilfred Lancaster. On his return, Aaron will attend George Washington University in Washington, D.C., on a Presidential Scholarship.

Congratulations, Aaron!



Parish Council News



The highlight of the May Council meeting was the "passing of the baton" from the previous Council to the new Council, with fond farewells and warm welcomes extended to outgoing and incoming members.

The meeting began with a preliminary report on results of the diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal. As readers of the weekly parish bulletin know, so far \$56,112 has been pledged by 411 parish households, an average pledge of \$136.50 per household. And \$24,625 of the total pledged was paid up front.

Although this brings the parish over the diocesan goal of \$51,700, it remains short of the \$68,000 goal set by the Council with the intention of applying the \$16,300 "extra" to payment on our parish debt.

The Needs Assessment Survey has been refined and polished and will be mailed to a randomly selected 20% of our registered parishioners—in June, Tom Kacich said, in hope of having returns in hand in July. Many parish groups and planners are waiting to see what trends, if any, the survey may reveal. If you are one of the lucky ones to receive the survey, please complete and return it promptly!

Members unanimously approved and adopted the budget for fiscal year 1991-92, set at \$416,900. Some cautions were noted, among them the observation that the budget does not include an allocation for payment against the principal of our debt to the diocese. For the last few years these payments have been made possible by parishioners' generosity to the ASA campaign (everything received over the goal set by the diocese is rebated to the parish, and we have applied it directly to reduce our parish debt). In addition, half the surplus from the operating budget at the end of the fiscal year has been used for the same purpose.

Liaisons highlighted the work of the Council's standing committees:

Social Action is expecting the Vietnamese family, co-sponsored by St. Patrick's and St. Mary's parishes, in a few weeks. Building and Grounds will be busy moving the religious education coordinators' office to the basement of the parish center and painting the priests' residence to have all in readiness for the arrival of our newly appointed assistant pastor.

The Liturgy Committee has been active in filling ministry posts on the committee and ministry needs at parish liturgies. Faith Hauersperger will succeed Cathy Howey as coordinator for liturgical art and environment, Joe Tobias has been welcomed as usher coordinator, and Alice Penrose succeeds Nancy Steerman as coordinator for lectors. The committee continues to seek a coordinator for eucharistic ministry to succeed Jill Blanck in August and will be looking for a server coordinator to follow Mark Chiu's retirement this winter.

Education staff and committee worked with over 400 parishioners enrolled in religious education programs this year and look forward to increased enrollment next year.

Parish-wide social events, sponsored by a variety of parish groups, have been well attended this year, highlighting the importance of community building in a parish the size of ours. The Communications Committee continues to support that goal by its work on the monthly parish newsletter, *In Focus*. (Members, however, will be happy for their two weeks off at the end of July since traditionally there is no August issue.)

Financial Affairs will soon take up a new project, wills and foundations, and solicit help from parishioners knowledgeable in this area. Personnel continues its work in reviewing and updating our parish Personnel Handbook; this year members addressed their attention

to cost-of-living reviews and merit increases for staff.

Then the election committee reported on the results of the April election, observing that 570 ballots were cast this year. New members elected to Council (Jeff Nelson, Bill Plymire, Gabriella Roussos, and Chuck Shaw) were warmly welcomed and officially seated on the Council. In a thanksgiving celebration, members then retired to the church for Eucharist, followed by a social in the parish center.

But the evening was far from over! Coming together again, the new Council met to deal with a few remaining items of business.

The nominating committee (outgoing president Barb Wysocki, parish trustees Tom Kacich and Ceil Weir, and Fr. Remm) presented its slate for officers of the Council: president, Carol Bosley; vice-president, Angie Prendergast; secretary, Bill Plymire. All were elected by acclamation.

Newly elected president Carol Bosley asked members to indicate their choices for liaison appointments, confirmed May 19 as the date for commissioning of new Council members and officers at parish Mass, and confirmed August 16-17 for the Council's retreat at LaSalette Retreat Center.

With expressions of appreciation for Judy Conover's fine service to the Council as recording secretary, members approved Judy's appointment for another year.

Helene Kacich, RENEW coordinator, reminded the Council of the need to look ahead to "post-RENEW," to be ready with some kind of followup to the momentum started by RENEW. Carol Bosley will appoint an ad hoc committee with broad parish representation charged with researching, discerning, and recommending means for followup to the Parish Council.

And so the meeting ended, the baton passed without falter or stumble. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open meetings.



Memorial Day a Day of Remembrance and Prayer

In early observances of Memorial Day, then known as Decoration Day, the women's memorial associations of Columbus, Georgia, and of Jackson, Mississippi, decorated the graves of both Confederate and Union soldiers fallen in the Civil War.

These acts of impartial generosity inspired an editorial in Horace Greeley's New York Tribune and the poem "The Blue and the Gray," written by Francis Miles Finch in 1867. They may also have been the origin of Memorial Day as a day of forgiveness and reconciliation as well as of remembrance.

General John A. Logan of Jackson County, Illinois, is credited with naming May 30 (1868) as the first nationwide observance of Decoration, or Memorial, Day. In his capacity as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, the organization of Union veterans, Logan ordered his posts to observe the day "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion."

The holiday was later expanded to include Confederate soldiers and then the soldiers of all our wars. Recently Congress has enlarged the scope of Memorial Day and, perhaps unwittingly, hearkened back to its roots by proclaiming it a day when the nation shall pray for peace.

At St. Patrick's, Memorial Day was observed by the outdoor

celebration of Mass at 9 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery. Afterward parishioners returned to the parish center for coffee and shared breakfast treats.

When St. Patrick's first celebrated Mass at Woodlawn Cemetery, about 35 people participated. Last year the number had grown to about 80, with participants from Holy Cross, St. Mary's, and St. Matthew's as well. The parish's Mass at Woodlawn has become a celebration of the Catholic community of Champaign-Urbana.



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of In Focus is June 16.

Please welcome new parishioners Cynthia and James Acklin, Katherine Codlin-Wilson, Brian and Cathy Ducey, Amy and Kenny Eathington, Linda Hansen, Mary and Michael Hittmeier, Kimberley Kaiser, Benny and Indah Kusumo, Katherine and Roy Laccone, Jeffrey Skibbe.



Farewell to the following parishioners who have moved from C-U: Molly and Joe Bodewes, Claire Bruce, Jennifer and Vincent Gray, Mercidita and Venicio Navarro.



We welcome the following newly baptized into our faith community: Jake Lawrence Davis, Tyler Alden Eathington, Amanda Frances Ruth Lown.



Congratulations to newlyweds Jeffrey Lee Davis and Joy Elsa Baier, Leonard Charles Prazak and Janice Carol Hall, Jeffrey Dean Young and Desiray Lynn Syverson.



Please pray for Thomas Joseph Turner, recently deceased.



Quick Fixin's from the Kitchen of . . . Helen Godfrey

Summer Compote

- 1 16 oz can pineapple chunks
- 1 c orange juice
- 2 medium bananas, diced
- 1 pt strawberries, diced
- lemon or lime sherbet

At serving time, drain pineapple chunks, reserving 1/2 c liquid. In salad bowl, toss pineapple chunks, diced bananas, and diced strawberries with orange juice and reserved liquid from pineapple. Serve with scoops of sherbet. Serves 8.



Fr. Kinder Retires ... Again

He refers to himself as "this ancient priest," but even so Msgr. Paul Kinder's third retirement probably won't stick, any more than did his two earlier ones.

"You can't retire from being a priest," our tall, white-haired priest-friend pointed out, his brown eyes laughing.

Now nearing eighty, Fr. Kinder recently asked to reduce his schedule at St. Patrick's. "But I'll be around," he grinned. "Fr. Remm has asked me to have one of the Sunday Masses whenever I'm free. He has also invited me to concelebrate whenever I wish."

Fr. Kinder (he rarely uses the title Monsignor) grew up here at St. Patrick's. His family home stood on the present site of the parish center. He received First Communion and Confirmation here, where he also was a server. He graduated from University High School, attended the U of I College of Engineering for a year, and then, almost 18, he left for the seminary. Ordained in 1935, he celebrated his first Mass at St. Patrick's.

"I have been overwhelmed with nostalgia in my daily experience here, re-viewing scenes of my childhood," he said. Pressed for details, he reminisced: "The neighborhood children, about twenty of us, used to play group games. When Coler Avenue was torn up for repaving, we chose sides for our child's version of WW I, the Allies vs. the German Army, and had a grand time opposing each other across the muddy street. For our play at hospital, our mothers made armbands for the doctors and caps for the nurses."

Fr. Kinder experienced the reality of war as a chaplain, in combat with the field artillery when WW II ended in 1945. He served also as chaplain at Third Army HQ in Bad Folz and later at the Office of Military Government in Bavaria.



Back home, he was soon assigned as pastor of St. Patrick's, Danville, where he served for thirty years. He merged St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's parishes into what is now known as Holy Family Parish before his first retirement, in 1978. He returned to serve as administrator of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's, Pesotum, retiring again in 1982.

He says he couldn't resist coming to St. Patrick's, where he could help then-pastor Fr. Doug Hennessy without taking on any administrative cares.

He has enjoyed his nine years here "because of the warm, supportive community and the leadership of two wonderful priests, Fathers George Remm and Doug Hennessy. It's been a little bit—quite a bit—like I envision heaven!" (Heaven, too, for the parishioners, who treasure his wit and his attentiveness to a wide variety of needs.)

As for the future, well, with more free time Fr. Kinder has plans. He hopes to revive friendships with some priests he rarely sees now. He may invite his Catholic neighbors to join him for an occasional Mass in his home. He hopes to visit his sister, a Sinsinowa Dominican. (He has another sister, married, a married brother, and seven nephews and four nieces who also have 15 children, all of whom he'd like to see more often.) And he'll continue to swim laps at the YMCA three times a week.

No goodbyes, then, for Fr. Kinder!

"Pray the Lord of the Harvest..."

God calls, we respond. We reflected on that simple fact during the first season of our parish RENEW process. God does not call, usually, with thunder and lightning but with the still, small voice, the continual quiet thought in the heart of the mind.

Each individual has been graced with certain gifts of the Spirit, to be used in the building up of the Church. Sometimes a person does not see or recognize the gifts he or she has received unless someone else points them out. Do you know someone you think would make a good priest? a good sister or brother? a permanent deacon? All that person may need is your affirmation and encouragement!

Many are simply waiting to be asked, helped to hear that still, small voice in the secret places of the heart.



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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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Bill McClellan on the Way to Permanent Diaconate

On Apr. 20, Bill McClellan and the 30 other men in training for ordination as permanent deacons were instituted to the Ministry of Reader by Bishop John Myers. Fr. Remm and pastors of several other candidates concelebrated the Mass with Bishop Myers and Fr. Virtue, the Episcopal Vicar for the Permanent Diaconate.

All the deacon candidates deserve congratulations as they take this required step on their way to ordination a year from now. Three others from this area participated in the ceremony: Hank Hart and John Lelande of Holy Cross and Bob Baxley of Our Lady of the Lake, Mahomet.

The Ministries of Reader and Acolyte survived the revision of the liturgy following Vatican Council II. The Ministry of Reader includes instructing others in the scriptures as well as proclaiming the first two readings at Mass. The Ministry of Acolyte includes instructing servers and others in serving at the altar, assisting deacon and priest, and acting as a Special Minister of the Eucharist.

In the ritual of Institution as Reader, the candidate receives a Bible from the bishop, who says, "Take this book of Holy Scripture and be faithful in handing on the Word of God, so that it may grow



strong in the heart of his people."

Congratulations, Bill, on passing this milestone. Your co-parishioners have heard you proclaim the Scriptures with faith and conviction, and view this institution as affirmation of demonstrated ability.



"Dear St. Anthony, . . ."

Anthony of Padua is probably best known today as an intercessor for finding lost items: "Dear St. Anthony, please come around; something is lost and must be found!"

However, there was nothing special about Anthony's life to indicate why he would become so well known for this particular intercession. In his time, he was renowned for his devout, unwavering faith in God and his bold, knowledgeable sermons in defense of the poor and the Church.

Anthony was born in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1195 and originally went by the name Ferdinand. His father was a knight for King Alfonso II. At 15 he joined the monastery of the Regular Canons of St. Augustine, where he devoted himself to prayer and study, soon becoming a learned scholar of the Bible.

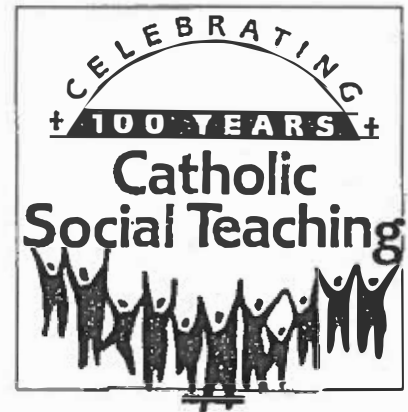
In 1221, desiring to be a missionary, he became a Franciscan and set out for Morocco to convert the Muslims. He became ill and decided to return to Europe, but on his return trip, a storm drove the ship to the shores of Italy, where he spent the rest of his life.

After leading a solitary life for a short time, Anthony began to preach, amazing his listeners with his speaking skills and his knowledge of the Bible. He drew huge crowds wherever he spoke and was especially welcomed in Padua and Florence. He spoke out strongly against false doctrines and for right living. He showed deep concern for the common people, who loved him as their protector. He was

strong and fearless, merciless toward oppressors of the defenseless and lax clergy, and was called the "hammer of the heretics."

Anthony died on June 13, 1231, at the age of 36. He was buried at Padua, where his shrine is a place of pilgrimage and many miracles have been attributed to his intercession. Many of his sermons have survived, and because of these and his reputation as a biblical scholar, the Church has named Anthony a Doctor of the Church.

We honor Anthony of Padua on June 13, the anniversary of his birth to eternal life.



1891-1991: Sharing and Celebrating 100 Years of Teaching on Human Dignity

The hundredth anniversary of the great papal encyclical "Rerum Novarum" is a time to recall and renew this living tradition promoting human dignity, social justice, and genuine peace.

Each week the parish bulletin quotes a brief portion of this encyclical as a reminder to us all of the continuing need to work and pray for these ends. Give yourself a little time each week to reflect on these brief statements and to see how YOU can help to promote human dignity, social justice, and genuine peace.



Catholic Worker House Update

Work progresses, slowly but surely, on the building acquired last year with the help of St. Patrick's and other local parishes and organizations. Since October, when the City of Champaign grated a construction permit, the roof has been replaced, wiring and plumbing have been reconstructed, walls have been replaced, and drywall has been hung.

Work still remains: painting, leveling the front porch, adding a wheelchair ramp, installing electrical and plumbing fixtures, refinishing the wood floors, repairing or replacing windows—and moving in.

Much of the skilled labor for renovation to meet city building codes has been provided free or at reduced cost by members of the Champaign County Homebuilders Association, enabling the work to go ahead.

Because of the delay in receiving the building permit, some of the workers who wanted to help now find that they are simply too busy to participate in the renovation work. Consequently, if the House is to open this summer, laborers will have to be hired (according to city rules, much of the work must be bonded), and CWH will have to dip deeper into relocation funds in order to get back to sheltering and feeding people.

Meanwhile, volunteers continue to meet, planning and philosophizing, dreaming and praying for the new home, and tending to weekly business.

"We're serving sack lunches at a local church to about 30 people each day," said live-in volunteer Nadia Oehlsen. "Some of them say

they don't know where they would eat without us. We'll continue to feed people as long as we feel there is a need—which, of course, will be for a long, long time!"

For more information or to volunteer, call 355-9774. Contributions and correspondence can be sent to: St. Jude Catholic Worker House, 317 S. Randolph St., Champaign, IL 61820.

"We welcome visitors interested in our work or even just to see the progress we've made so far," Nadia said. She added, "Please call first, though, to be sure one of us can be here to greet you!"



St. Patrick's Guild Plans Reception for New Assistant Pastor

On Sunday, June 9, 2-5 p.m., in the main hall of the parish center, St. Patrick's Guild will host a reception for the newly ordained priest, Fr. Dwight Campbell, appointed to serve as assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Parish.

Mary Sleeter of the Guild is coordinating plans for the reception, which will include refreshments. Watch the weekly parish bulletin for details.

During the reception all parishioners are invited to make the short trip to 205 W. California, Urbana, to see our priests' new home. Because of limited parking in this residential area, the Guild hopes to provide shuttle transport between the reception and the priests' residence.

At their business meeting following a potluck on May 7, the Guild elected the following officers: president, Virginia Alane; vice-president, Bernie Fitzgerald; secretary, Mary Ann Luedtke; treasurer, Toni Zwettler.

St. Patrick's Receives Award

Congratulations to all St. Patrick's blood donors! The Champaign County Blood Bank has recognized St. Patrick's as the donor group providing "outstanding support during time of increased need."

The award in the form of a plaque was presented to Lori McDonough, coordinator for the parish's blood drives, at the Blood Bank's annual Recognition Banquet on Apr. 16 at Jumer's Castle Lodge, Urbana.

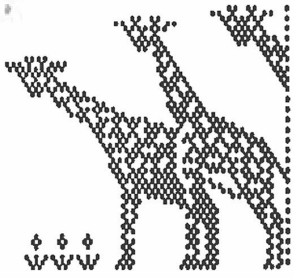
For many years St. Patrick's has scheduled blood drives in January and in midsummer, times when local blood supplies are low because of the University's reduced operation and summer vacations and because of seasonal increased need for blood and blood components.

During our last drive, in January, 87 donors gave blood under the sponsorship of St. Patrick's, with a considerable number of others giving blood during drives held where they work.

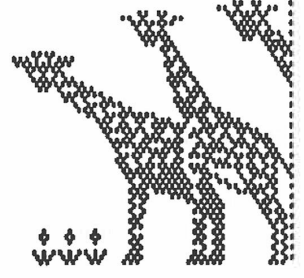
The next blood drive at St. Patrick's has been scheduled for Sunday, July 21, from 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the parish center. Parishioners who would like to donate blood but have questions may call Lori McDonough at 367-3171.

The plaque, by the way, has been hung on the south wall of the parish center's main hall. Stop by to take a look at it and for a moment or two be grateful for those generous people who are able to "give the gift of life" and do so, giving their life's blood.





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