

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

In Focus



Take a Tour of Parish Grounds

As they blossomed so gloriously this spring, the trees at St. Patrick's lifted many spirits and hearts in praise of God. Come along now as we tour the grounds with the guidance of the landscape architect who designed many of the plantings, Bob Chamberlin, parishioner since 1938.

We begin in front of the church where, protectively close to the foundation, grow hardy evergreen yews. The deep pink flowering tree that overhangs the east side of the church terrace is a redbud. It survived last year's "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" of trees in the ice storm, though a major branch had to be removed.

Along the front walk from the church to the parish center, we observe the graceful sweep of lawn, front and back. Bob pointed out that "in 1981, after we razed the rectory and the house at 706 W. Main, we wanted to leave this area open and yet to define it. So we chose to edge the lawn with both pink and white flowering crab apple trees. They also enhance the view of the church from the east."

Beside the back walk between church and parish center sprouts a young and very healthy red oak, planted at the start of RENEW as a symbol of our community and its growth in the Spirit. At the tree-planting ceremony in September 1989, organized by RENEW Large Group Committee chairs Pat and Paul Doebel, parishioners gathered to pray and sing as the tree was set

in place by forester Jim Doebel. At the same time parish children planted their own tree, a blue spruce, in the front lawn.

Our Building and Grounds Committee members have planted other trees, notably those that grace the back walk toward the parish center. These folks keep a watchful eye out for tree care. "Regular spraying and maintenance are the real secrets of success," Bob pointed out.

The line of trees that provide summer shade in the parking lot for those lucky enough to find a space underneath are thornless honey locust trees. "This kind of tree is not seen much any more," Bob said, adding that in addition to providing welcome shade, they break up the asphalt paving.

Near the "kitchen door" of the parish center a white dogwood blooms. And along the wood fence nearby stand lilacs in shades of purple, light blue, pink, and white.

We next approach the older, east wing of the parish center, where Bob first conceived his plan. About the graceful stand of white birches, Bob observed, "I had great respect for the design of the parish center when we began to build in 1964. I wanted to enhance it, not compete, so the plantings are not geometric. Rather, they are loose and woodsy. I planned the views to be beautiful both from outside and inside the building. Against the fieldstone of the outer walls I used winter creeper vines in a restrained way."

Walking south on Coler past the birches to the corner and turning west, we view the long, low line of the south entrance. Just beyond, the line relaxes. We are surprised again by a small "wood" of white birch trees growing in the angle where the original building meets the newer west wing. Lovely from both inside and outside the building, just as Bob planned it to be.

As we walk along the front of the building toward the church, we are grateful for Bob Chamberlin's years of volunteer landscaping for St. Patrick's Parish. Formerly director of campus development and landscape architect for the U of I, he now resides at Clark-Lindsey Village, where he is designing a park-like environment.

Back at the church and under the maples just leafing out, we are assured that in the fall the delicate green will turn to the crimson for which these trees are named, "Red Sunset." We complete our tour, mindful of God's care for all living things and the glory of all creation.



Bob Chamberlin, with one of the many beautiful trees that grace St. Patrick's.

How Do You Build Community?

First Communion is a Start!

A special greeting and best wishes to all St. Patrick's children who have or will soon receive their First Communion this spring. Their catechists describe for us the process of preparing children for First Communion at St. Patrick's.

"As we start the [First Communion] lessons, they're just a bunch of kids, excited but not really a community. By the third lesson, they're really a group. By the reenactment of the Last Supper, they are a community," explains catechist Diane Musumeci.

How do you form a bunch of excited seven-year-olds into a community in five weekly lessons? According to Jan Lipska, Coordinator of Children's Programs, you start by getting the whole family involved. While the children are in class each week, their parents attend a class on the Eucharist. Parents and children come together for a family-centered prayer session after class. Lastly, each lesson has a family activity and homework to be done by parent and child together during the week.

Catechist Mary Tierney points out that the lessons stress the celebration of the Eucharist as a family celebration. Irene Bullard speaks of the great legacy Jesus left us in the Mass: the children learn that to participate fully in the Mass we must "take this bread" as Jesus told us to do.

Through prayers and hymn practice, hands-on activities such as making lambs for the Good Shepherd, stories and Bible readings related to the theme, and discussions in which even the shy children are encouraged to offer their opinions, students learn their lessons and both students and catechists get to know one another.

In the fourth lesson the children reenact the Last Supper, using grape juice and pita bread. They learn

that, in the same way that Jesus cared for us, we can be like him by caring for others.

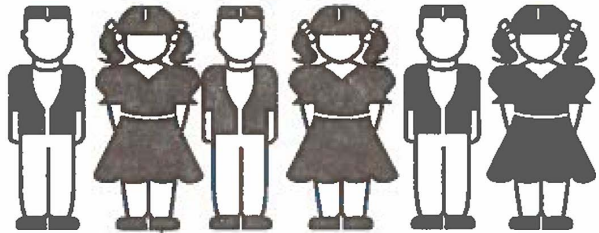
First-year catechist Debbie Wagner shares that the children were very concerned about consuming wine. Would it taste awful? Would it make them drunk? Reassured that a small sip held no such dangers, they tasted real but unconsecrated wine at the rehearsal, with no problems.

The last lesson and rehearsal take place in the church. The children explore the church, the statues, the reconciliation room, the sacristy. After the rehearsal, the lights are dimmed and the parents light candles, giving a lighted candle to each child. Parents stand behind their children as all pray and sing in the candlelit church.

Mary Tierney said, "You don't think that they're always taking the process as seriously as they should. But then, during rehearsal, they are so solemn and prayerful. You can see that something has gotten through."

Encouraged by their prayer partners, guided by their parents and catechists, the following children became more fully active members of the larger community of St. Patrick's by receiving First Holy Communion on April 14:

Tony Bosley, Michael Bullard, Drew Bunyan, Zachary Chinapah, Ashley Collenberger, Anne Crossetti, Laura David, Rose DiPietro, Trisha Downes, Magdalena Golas, Jason Gudgel, Mariana Hernandez, Colin Holbrook, Alan Howard, Stephanie Johnson, Peter Kane, Jordan Lawhead, Theresa Lawrence, Amy Lukas, Nicole Maille, Robert McCartney, Larry McMahon, Patrick McMahon, Dawn Morano, Christopher Ostroski, Nicole



Parker, Katie Pfeister, Daniel Prazak, Jason Retz, Cain Schaub, Elizabeth Shafer, Sarah Shafer, Allen Strong, Kathleen Tounshendeaux, Tommy Tounshendeaux, Ted Turner, Abby Yeasel, and Jacob Youakim.

The following St. Patrick's children will receive their First Holy Communion at Holy Cross on May 5: Benjamin Bermingham, Thomas Koehler, Bradford Mayer, Lori Randolph, Nicole Weisiger, Emily Kacich, Rebekah Kunkel, Nina Pioletti, and Jacob Thompson.

Jan Lipska, speaking for all of us, offers a heartfelt thanks to second-grade catechists Denise Arie, Carolyn Johnson, Kim Schnizlein, Karin Leszcynski, Maria McNealy, Cathy Cearlock, and Diane Yeazel; to First Communion catechists Irene Bullard, Diane Musumeci, Mary Tierney, and Deb Wagner; and to Nancy Rowley, Freda DeCerbo, and Mark and Gigi Simon, who hosted the reception for the communicants and their families.

And a special thank you to the one who brought it all together, Jan Lipska!



Getting ready, getting ready, almost ready, set, GO!



Parish Council News

At their April meeting Council members once again reviewed the budget for FY 1991-92 and made some minor adjustments. A vote on the revised budget will be taken at the May meeting.

Members also discussed at length a revised form for taking a parish needs assessment survey. When finalized, the survey will be sent to a random sampling of 20 percent of our parish households.

The Council bylaws were amended in a move to provide Parish Council minutes to the parish archives through the committee responsible for gathering and sorting materials of historical interest to the parish.

Barb Wysocki announced the establishment of an ad hoc Committee on Volunteers, whose members are Cecelia Weir, Mary Lydon, Lula and Martin Fitzpatrick, Cliff and Dorothy Maduzia, Amy Miller, and Tom Shaw.

Expansion of St. Thomas Catholic School, Philo, is under consideration. To find out whether plans should include accommodation of families living in southeast Urbana, representatives will be given the opportunity to talk informally with

interested parishioners during Coffee Shop.

Giving an example of sacrificial giving, Council members decided to tithe the memorial bequest from the Marie James estate, giving 10 percent of the approximately \$17,000 for the use of Dr. Susan Nagele, our parishioner serving with the Maryknoll Lay Missionaries in Africa. The remainder of the memorial gift will be used to pay what is still owed for the Seiler property, which fronts on Clark St.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on May 16. At this meeting, after conclusion of "old business" on the agenda, outgoing members will make their farewells and newly elected members will be received and formally seated on the Council.

All parishioners are welcome to attend these open meetings of the Parish Council. The May meeting, in particular, provides a special opportunity for parishioners to express their appreciation and gratitude for the years of service given by the outgoing members and to welcome new members. Come along!

St. Joseph Ushers in the Month of May

On May 1 we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus, Joseph initially had great misgivings about God's calling. Yet he submitted to God's will and worked as a carpenter to supply his family's needs. Today the Church honors him as patron saint of the Universal Church, and Christians throughout the world honor him for his humble obedience to God.

Joseph was a descendant of King David. There is no reason to suppose that he was other than a young man when he became betrothed to Mary. Scripture tells of his initial trials in wedding Mary, his flight with Mary and Jesus to the safety of Egypt while Herod sought to kill the newborn King, and his return to Nazareth.

We read also of his presentation, according to the law of the time, of his son Jesus in the Temple and his frantic search for Jesus, "lost" at the age of 12 after a family pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Scripture does not record his death, but tradition holds that he died before Jesus' crucifixion.

Joseph was a simple, law-abiding man, one who faithfully followed God's will even when he did not fully understand the mysterious circumstances of all he was called to do and to be. His obedience and diligence in doing the will of God as he understood it stand as a powerful example for us today.

Few of us are called to do work viewed as glorious in the eyes of the world; most of us do rather humble tasks in life. What is important is that we do God's will as we understand it, rather than being concerned about how those tasks may be viewed by the world. This quiet, unassuming saint demonstrates for us that through our labor, however humble it may be, we too can give glory to God, our Creator.

Quick Fixin's from the Kitchen of... Sr. Marie Golla



Asparagus Salad

1 can Cream of Asparagus soup
1 pkg lime Jello
1 8 oz pkg neufchatel cheese
1/2 c mayonnaise
1/3 c water
3/4 c diced celery
1/2 c diced green pepper
1/3 c chopped walnuts or pecans
1 T grated onion or 1/4 t onion salt

Heat soup to boiling; add Jello, cheese, mayonnaise, and water. Mix well (blender is best). Fresh, frozen, or canned asparagus pieces, chopped, may be added if desired. Pour into mold and refrigerate to set.

Pentecost: The Church's Greatest Need

The Church needs her perennial Pentecost.

She needs fire in her heart,
words on her lips,
prophecy in her outlook.
She needs to be the temple of the Holy Spirit.

In the empty silence of the modern world
the Church needs to feel rising from the depths of her inmost personality
a weeping, a poem, a prayer, a hymn—
the praying voice of the Spirit,
who prays in us and for us
"with sighs too deep for words."

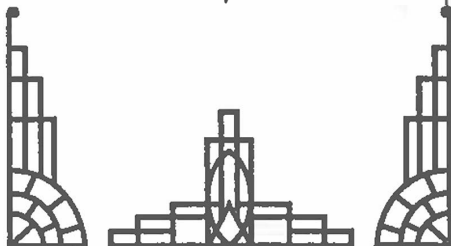
She needs to listen in silence
and in an attitude of total availability
to the voice of the Spirit
who teaches "every truth."

The Church needs to feel flowing through all her human faculties
a wave of love,
that love which is called forth and poured into our hearts
"by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

This is what the Church needs;
she needs the Holy Spirit!
The Holy Spirit in us,
in each of us,
and in all of us together,
in us who are the Church.

So let all of us ever say to the Spirit,
"Come!"

Pope Paul VI



*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.*

*Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.*

"Pray the Lord of the Harvest..."

How can WE help nurture vocations, increase awareness of God's call to service?

As was noted in a recent homily, family life can build values integral to a strong vocation, whether to priesthood, religious life, a dedicated single life, diaconate, or marriage. Teaching children to value commitment, service, and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfillment.

Example, invitation, appreciation are all important elements in furthering awareness of a call to God's service. And prayer; Jesus alluded to the value of prayer for vocations when he said, "Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest (Matt. 9:38).

*Lord of the harvest,
your Word finds a home in our hearts,
calls us into community,
and invites us to generous service
of the human family.
Bless with courage and spirit
your priestly people,
called to full participation
in the one Body of Christ.
May many choose to respond
in public service
to your call
offered in Jesus' name.*

Please welcome new parishioners Marjorie and Orren Allain, Jill and Todd Culbertson, Susan and Tim Edwards, Nathan Halfar, Theresa Simonich, Mark and Mary Tate, Amy and Jeffrey Wingo.



Farewell to the following parishioners who have moved from C-U: Donald and Sharon DeLand, Nguyen and Chieu Le, Beth and Mike Orfanedes.



We welcome the following newly baptized into our faith community: Nicholas Robert Irwin, Nicholas Cash Barger, Ian Patrick Tate, Hannah Constance Keen, Stephanie Alesandra Johnson, Dominique Alan Youakim, Blake David Sawyer, Alayna May Sawyer, Griffith Pryce Dawson.



Congratulations to newlyweds Brenda Sue Hacker and Christopher Robert Collenberger, Christine Telzrow and Frank LeCrone.



Please pray for Ngockhanh Le and Leroy James, recently deceased.



Hymns Are Faith in a Backpack

Our Sunday worship is full of words and music and actions and people, all come together to try to express the immeasurable love that God has for us and to respond to that love. Hymns may be less important than the Word of God in scripture, less important than the liturgy itself, but hymns stick in our minds, helped by their music, rhyme, and meter.

The hymns that we sing every Sunday are a rich part of our Christian tradition. They hold expressions of faith of people of many times and many places. There are hymns of joy and confidence, hymns for times of sorrow, doubt, and fear. In some communities, people gather to sing hymns simply for the joy that they experience when they sing together.

Hymns are faith in a backpack, eminently portable. Sometimes a hymn sticks to the memory on Sunday and shows its face in the most surprising places during the week!

Can you tell in which hymns these phrases occur?

1. "To see thee more clearly"
2. "We are called to serve one another"
3. "Who from our mother's arm has blest us on our way"
4. "Infinite thy vast domain"



5. "For to live with the Lord, we must die with the Lord"

(Did some of the melodies sing themselves in your mind as you recalled the words?)

On the first two weekends of May, choir members will present copies of familiar hymnals for sale in the parish center: *Worship, Gather, and Glory and Praise*. Consider picking up one or more for use in your private prayer, when your family prays together, or when your RENEW small group gets together.

The choir members are doing this as a service to the parish, not as a fund raiser. For our hymns have much for us to ponder, much to challenge us, and much for us to enjoy.

As for the phrases above that may still be tickling your memory, they occur in (1) "Day by Day," (2) "We Are Called," (3) "Now Thank We All Our God," (4) "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name," (5) "Now We Remain." But you knew that, didn't you?

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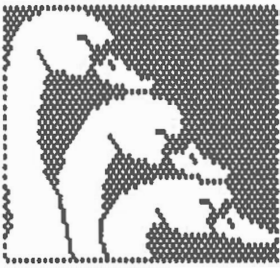
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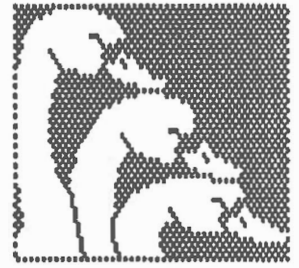
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In 1991 the Catholic Church celebrates a century of modern social teaching. The hundredth anniversary of the great papal encyclical "Rerum Novarum" is a time to recall and renew this living tradition promoting human dignity, social justice, and genuine peace.



May 1991



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Amer/C: Americana, Champaign
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 CCNH: Champaign County Nursing Home
 KC: Knights of Columbus
 MM: Medical Missions
 SVDP: St. Vincent de Paul
 TNT: Twenties 'n' Thirties

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