

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

# In Focus



## Nicholas Trotter: Just an Ordinary Boy

If you saw Nick Trotter last summer, bringing up our gifts at Mass with his mother, Eileen, and his sister, Cheryl, you might have said that he seems like any ordinary ten-year-old: someone who enjoys riding his bike, playing Nintendo, and playing with toy cars.

Nick likes to hunt and fish (especially fish). He loves animals and wants to be a veterinarian when he grows up. He is an ordinary boy with the ordinary interests of a fifth-grader.

He is also a boy fighting an extraordinary battle.

In June 1987 Nick was diagnosed as having acute leucocytic leukemia. After undergoing three years of chemotherapy at St. Luke's Children's Hospital in St. Louis, he was told that his illness was in remission. A regular blood test in September this year indicated a relapse.

Since then Nick has been back in chemotherapy; during the first three weeks of treatment, he was in the hospital three times. Despite the unpleasant side effects of chemotherapy, however, he is feeling better.

Nick's best chance for survival is a bone-marrow transplant from a matching donor within the next three months. Chemotherapy alone gives a 10%-15% chance of survival; a transplant would give Nick a 50% or better chance.

His mother, Eileen, describes the search for a matching donor as "working against the clock,"



because after three months the transplant is not as effective. Nick's family has been tested, but no matches were found.

Carla Henderson, like Eileen a respiratory therapist at Covenant Medical Center, is coordinating the bone-marrow donor drive for Nick. Each donor's blood must be tested for its Human Lymphocytic Antigen type to match Nick's.

The test costs \$50-\$55. A pancake and sausage breakfast in Loda on Oct. 27 is planned to help raise money for the donor search. All funds raised will be matched by the National Bone Marrow Registry so that no one will have to pay for the HLA typing. Funds from the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast at St. Patrick's on Oct. 20 will also be used to pay for donor typing.

Anyone who wishes to be a bone-marrow donor should call Carla Henderson (684-2108) to request consent forms and information on a testing date. For the test, a vial of blood is drawn. Each person whose blood is tested will be listed in the donor bank; even if your HLA type doesn't match Nick's, it may match the HLA type of someone else equally in need.

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## Catholic Worker House Celebrates Reopening

This month the St. Jude Catholic Worker House reopens at 317 S. Randolph, C. Many months have been spent in repairing, remodeling, and bringing the house up to code for its residents. Through the generous donations of many individuals, businesses, and churches, the new house will be a welcoming place for homeless single women and families.

In celebration of the reopening, an Open House will be held on Oct. 27, 2-5 p.m. On that occasion anyone who wishes may tour the new Catholic Worker House.

On Monday, Oct. 28, the feast of St. Jude, Mass will be celebrated at the house at 7 p.m. "We especially want to invite all community friends of the Worker House to attend these events," said Bernie Laumann, member of the Friends of the Catholic Worker House.

The CWH operates with no paid staff or government financial support. Currently there are three live-in volunteers who will begin greeting overnight guests on Oct. 30.

"We continue to need community volunteers to assist them in their ministry," Bernie said. If you can volunteer at the house or can donate items on the CWH Wish List [see elsewhere in this issue], please call 355-9774.

Bernie added: "We hope to see many of the St. Patrick's Parish Friends of the Catholic Worker House on Oct. 27 and Oct. 28 for the Open House and Mass."

# Have You Met . . .

If you haven't yet met the staff at St. Patrick's, you can pick up a little information about them here, match their faces to the people you see in the parish office and around the church and parish center on a busy Sunday morning, and get to know them a little better in person.

Here they are (alphabetically, of course):

The preacher seen at Mass wearing a "sideways stole" is **Rodger Adams**, ordained a deacon in 1976. He and his wife, Barbara, have a son and a married daughter in California. Rodger is a hydrologist, an engineer who deals with water, at the Illinois State Water Survey. As our parish deacon, he serves both clergy and laity in a variety of ways, assisting the presider at Sunday liturgies, giving homilies, conducting prayer services such as Evening Prayer and the Lenten Stations of the Cross, and contributing a thoughtful force to the Social Action Committee and the Re-Membering Church program, among others. He comments, "I'm very happy that another parishioner, Bill McClellan, will be ordained a deacon next May."

Born in Chicago, **Fr. Dwight Campbell** practiced law in Fulton County, Illinois, before entering the seminary. He came to St. Patrick's five months ago as assistant pastor, taking up parish prayer, work, and softball with vigor. He likes to sing

Gregorian chant, and he rarely watches and doesn't own a television set but may seek one out when the Chicago Bears play. "What I like best about my first parish assignment," he says with a smile, "are the friendly, outgoing people, who have given me a most warm welcome and made me feel at home."

Pastoral Associate **Sr. Charlene Cesario** grew up in Chicago in a family of five children. She entered the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary, the congregation that staffs Covenant Medical Center. With a second master's degree (in pastoral ministry) she is well qualified to offer spiritual counsel. Her training in canon law also enables her to advise people seeking marriage annulments. She remarks, "I feel blest to work with the people of God in such a faith-filled community. I especially enjoy serving one-on-one for spiritual direction."

Custodian **Dennis DeHaven** can tell the best ice and snow stories in the parish. Last winter he chopped ice from our slippery sidewalks by hand for three or four days. On many dark mornings he was up and out early enough to have cleared the parking lot with a snowblower before parishioners started arriving for the 7 a.m. weekday Mass. He hopes to do that chore faster this year; provided that the snow is no more than three inches deep, he'll attach a 42-inch

snow blade to our new 12 hp riding lawn mower. (Dennis can cut all the parish grass in about one day.) A long-time parishioner who remembers catechism at St. Mary's, Dennis lives at the DeHaven homestead on Brownfield Road, near his mother, brothers, and uncle.

"One thing I really like about my job is learning computer skills," says **Coleen Golema**, St. Patrick's full-time Business Operations Assistant since 1990. Businesslike, of course, Coleen brings to St. Patrick's a background in sociology, a paralegal certificate, and a master's degree in public administration. After eight years in Toastmasters, she is an administrative vice president. "Probably because of that interest," she concludes, "I've recently become a lector," a volunteer responsibility she handles very graciously.

After nine years assisting the pastors of St. Patrick's, and after celebrating his 80th birthday, **Msgr. Paul Kinder** says he has given up trying to retire. He usually celebrates one of the Sunday liturgies and is often seen helping out at other times, for instance at the 5:15 p.m. weekday Masses during RENEW. Recently Fr. Kinder enjoyed a retreat and vacation on the Atlantic coast at Gloucester, Mass., where he visited the Pope John XXIII Seminary for late vocations. We're happy to continue benefiting from his kindness and gentle wit.



Rodger Adams

Fr. Dwight Campbell

Sr. Charlene Cesario

Dennis DeHaven

Coleen Golema

# Our Parish Staff?

Carolyn McElrath directs the many aspects of parish religious education with unassuming scholarship. The wife of Dale, she holds master's degrees in anthropology and in religious education. This year she hopes to offer recognition and certification to our teachers through the diocesan Catechist Formation Program. Her other goals are to draw parents closer to the elementary and high school programs through newsletters and meetings, and to celebrate Confirmation with our high school students next spring. Carolyn also looks forward to a productive year working with the coordinators of the parish library, family life, and RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). She hopes to offer adult parishioners new Bible study and doctrinal updating.

Looking back over five years as pastor of St. Patrick's, Fr. George Remm is very pleased with the spirit of renewal in the parish and with parishioners' generous

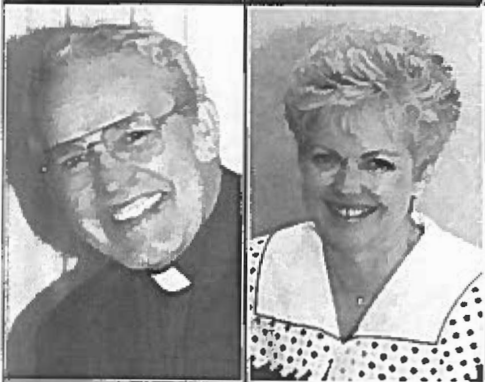
sacrifices of time, talent, and treasure. He's also happy about his new home, and about the trip to Rome he enjoyed as a gift from the parish in celebration of his 30th anniversary of ordination last January. He visited three important people there: the Pope, whom he saw in a group audience; Fr. Doug Hennessy, who arranged for a tour of the excavations under St. Peter's Basilica; and St. Peter, whose tomb was excavated there in a Roman cemetery. "At St. Peter's tomb I felt a sense of the continuity and tradition of the Church," he says. "Also, I was very moved, praying at the tomb of Pope John XXIII, who has greatly influenced my priesthood."

Leslie Risatti usually stays calm and cheerful in her sometimes hectic role as parish secretary. She says, "I enjoy seeing the parish grow. Religious education on Wednesday and on Sunday, and RENEW, bring change, new activity, and new people. And every day we have help from a volunteer telephone-receptionist." Leslie is married to Jim; their daughters are Carrie, 18, college freshman, and Gabriella, 14, high school freshman. Leslie says she's looking forward to what follows RENEW, because her small-group experience with RENEW has meant a lot to her.

And so—our parish staff. Take time to introduce yourself to them and get to know them. They're pretty special people, interested in getting to know the pretty special people that make up the parish they serve.

Fr. Paul Kinder

Carolyn McElrath



Fr. George Remm

Leslie Risatti

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Once a matching donor is found, the procedure for the transplant involves a 24-hour hospital stay. The marrow is drawn from the donor's leg, near the hip, under general anesthesia. The donor may choose to donate a pint of blood before the procedure for transfusion afterward.

The Trotters have lived in St. Patrick's parish for nearly twenty years. You may have seen Eileen singing at the Children's Liturgy or serving as eucharistic minister. Cheryl, an eighth-grader, serves at Sunday Mass and is also a religious-education teacher in St. Joseph. Eileen's mother, Virginia Herweh, lives with her daughter and attends Mass with her family.

Please keep Nicholas and his family in your prayers. Pray that a bone-marrow donor (will it be you?) is found quickly to give Nicholas his fighting chance.



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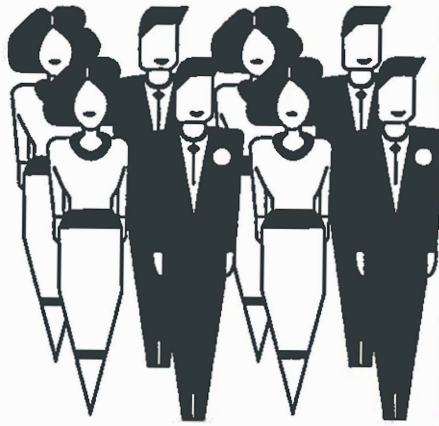
## What Is "Re-Member-ing Church"?

Roman Catholic liturgy may not win in competition with MTV or the latest popular music or entertainment. But liturgy is our regular, community style of prayer. Liturgy calls us to acknowledge our sins, hear the Word of God proclaimed and opened for us, and share in the offering of ourselves with the gifts of Eucharist. The nourishment we receive from the consecrated bread and wine, Christ's own body and blood, will carry us in faith through the day or the week, if we rely on God's mercy and grace.

But every Roman Catholic knows another who no longer comes to worship in community, to be nourished by the Word of God proclaimed and given as Food for our journey. All those others have a multitude of reasons for not joining us: they are bored, they just don't care any longer, they are angry or hurt, they see the Church or members of the Church headed in a direction they can no longer travel with equanimity. These others are the ones sought after in the "Re-Member-ing Church" process.

Re-Member-ing Church is a process developed by the North American Forum on the Catechumenate for inviting and facilitating the return of Roman Catholics to the practice of their faith. Those who seek to return must struggle with the internal preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Re-Member-ing Church offers them both time and opportunity to share their reasons for leaving, and for returning. Time and opportunity for them to get in touch themselves with these reasons.

As we prepare to invite people to return to the practice of the Catholic faith, we ourselves struggle with some negative words: "alienated," "fallen away," "hurt," "angry," and



many, many more. The hyphens in "Re-Member-ing Church" focus on the RETURN of MEMBERS to the Church, the Church they remember but not as they remember it, the Church as it is today. If this return, this reconciliation, is to have any validity, we too must be reconciled. For how can others be reconciled with their God and their Church (i.e., with those of us who make up the Church, the People of God) if we are not also reconciled, reconciled with our God and with ourselves and our brothers and sisters?

The journey to Reconciliation is indeed a personal one, and many may be satisfied with a private return to the sacraments. There are others who ask "Why doesn't the Church have a public way to welcome one who returns?" For these, Lenten rituals concluding in a formal return to the Eucharist on Holy Thursday may be planned, the Church's public acknowledgment and celebration of their return.

In the next few months you will be asked to help in identifying people who might be invited to an open meeting to share their concerns about returning to the practice of their faith. If you would like to join a group of parishioners in preparing for this process, please call Deacon Rodger Adams or leave word for him at the parish office (367-2665).



Please welcome new parishioners Taylor and Zabrina Atkins, Mary Grace Bowen, Jane Brown, Madonna Buffo-Stanford, Jennifer and Thomas Caulfield, Jeff and Joy Davis, J. Patrick and Jeannine Gillis, John R. Grout, Robert and Stacie Hosford, Elizabeth and John Kraeger, Dennis and Karin Leszczynski, Judith and Robert Riggs.



Farewell to the following parishioners who have moved from C-U: Oliver Barnouin, Arlana Bedard, Joseph and Julia Burns, Anthony and Donna Dallmier, Amy and Kenny Eathington, Lucinda and Paul LeBel, Christine and Frank LeCrone, Matt and Tamara McElroy, Joan Mercado, Michael Miller, Jamie Molloy, Margaret Nadworny, Kathleen and Michael Shoemaker, Janet and Ray Weaver, Amy and Jeff Wingo.



We welcome the following newly baptized into our faith community: Daniel Phillip Rear, Ellen Kathleen Daly, Anna Stacia Hosford, Steven Leo Stierman.



Congratulations to newlyweds Sara Lynne Dollins and Kerry Richard Jones, Karen Lynn Bennett and Paul Michael Koziarz.



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

## *"Greetings from Nairobi"* *An Open Letter from Dr. Susan Nagele*

Dear friends,

Greetings from Nairobi. I arrived safely on the evening of Sept. 11 and have been pretty busy with preparations for Sudan ever since...

Two people from the diocese have been in town (Peggy, who is a teacher, and Mike the procurator), and they have given me good advice about what to shop for in setting up a new house. Nothing is available in Southern Sudan. There is no monetary system at the moment and the diocese barter soap, salt, and blankets for the labor of workers. By contrast, almost everything is available in Nairobi, and my room is full of boxes filled with bedding, dishes, kerosene stove, etc., etc.

People have asked if they can send me anything, and the answer is yes, if it weighs less than two kilos and is valued at less than two dollars. Books usually get through without problems, but anything else will have to clear Kenya Customs and the duty is 100%. All of our postage is sent by way of Norwegian Church Aid, and there is no one who can clear things through Customs for me. The mail is then flown up on UN relief flights that go twice each week. As you can see, the South doesn't have a postal service yet either! On Monday I went to the Sudanese Relief and Rehabilitation Association office here in Nairobi and had my travel permit after waiting only twenty minutes and paying the equivalent of \$10. Would that most things could be done that easily!

Politically the South is unstable as usual. In August three commanders in the Sudanese Peoples Liberation Army announced that John Garang was being removed from his position as leader of SPLA because he was a dictator and war monger. The next day a statement in his support was signed and released by ten commanders. The areas where the three commanders are located in Nasir is surrounded by water and mud so there has not been any fighting between the two groups. Negotiations are in progress and the people I've talked to are optimistic that the differences can be reconciled....

While staying here I was invited to attend a workshop on active/creative imagination and transitions that was organized for the Brothers. It was a wonderful opportunity to take some time to prepare emotionally and spiritually for this adventure, and I am ready to go. Because all of the UN flights are booked up for the next several weeks, I will be driving up with Mike in a vehicle for one of the parishes, and we are leaving on Oct. 1. I am excited to be going back to medicine full-time and for the opportunity to learn a new language and culture.

A good friend shared the following passage from Scripture, Acts 2:25-28, when she said good-bye to me, and it expresses well how I feel: "I saw the Lord before me at all times; God is by my right side so that I will not be troubled. Because of this my heart is glad and my words are full of joy; and I, mortal though I am, will rest assured in hope, because you will not abandon my soul in the world of the dead; you will not allow your devoted servant to suffer decay. You have shown me paths that lead to life, and by your presence you will fill me with joy."

Love, Susan

## *Parish Council News*

At their October meeting Parish



Council members discussed the second annual Committee Appreciation Week. Plans include recognition at Sunday Masses Nov. 16-17 and an evening of appreciation on Nov. 21. Council members hope that all committee members will participate in the events of Nov. 21, marked by fellowship, acknowledgment of their volunteer service to the parish, and a brief prayer service.

As a result of the Sacrificial Giving campaign at the end of September, 205 pledges were made for weekly contributions totaling \$3534 (amounting to \$183,794 for the year). Pledge cards continue to come in. Volunteers of time and talent turned in 95 cards, but few volunteered the names of others to be invited to share their gifts with the parish.

The Development Committee is still opening parish surveys that trickle in, with about 140 (of the 204 mailed) in so far. The only observation from the committee, until all have been tallied and analyzed: "People took the time to write lots about the parish in the space allowed. People really care!" Have you returned your survey?

The search for a Music Director continues, as does consideration of a possible parish Youth Council or some other means for achieving better communication with the youth of the parish.

A proposal was made to the Council for purchase of components needed to develop a desktop publishing system that could be used by volunteers who prepare brochures, flyers, bulletin inserts, ballots, worship aids, and the like for the parish. An ad hoc committee

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## St. Jude Catholic Worker House Wish List

### General Household

- vacuum cleaners (upright and canister styles)
- gas dryer
- pillows
- sheets and other bedding for twin and full-size beds
- large cabinets for linens
- towels for kitchen and bath
- rags for house cleaning
- toys, games, puzzles (no toy guns or war toys, please)
- outdoor grill
- room-sized or area rugs
- combination or key locks for lockers
- table lamps
- bookcases
- filing cabinets (2-drawer preferred)

### Kitchen

- stainless-steel (restaurant-grade) food storage shelves
- stainless-steel (restaurant-grade) pots, pans, spatulas, serving spoons, ladles, etc.
- knives
- cutting boards (restaurant-grade rubber or hardwood)
- drinking cups, coffee cups, mugs
- silverware (especially spoons!)
- plates, bowls, etc.
- kitchen sets to give as housewarming gifts (pots, pans, plates, bowls, silverware, etc.)
- dishwashing soap, bleach, kitchen cleaning supplies

### Expendable Household

- toiletries (soap, lotion, shampoo, etc.)
- toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues
- diapers, baby wipes
- tampons, sanitary napkins
- laundry detergent, bleach, etc.
- hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, warm socks
- new underwear, socks
- safety pins

- bandages, aspirin, other medicine-kit items
- pens, pencils
- wall-mounted pencil sharpener
- small can openers to give to lunch guests

### Home Improvement (\$ and/or Talent)

- carpeting for attic
- exhaust fans for bathrooms
- sturdy, lockable mailbox
- closet and cubby-hole built-in shelves
- landscaping, planning, planting for year-round greenery and color

### General Volunteers

- monthly or bi-weekly deep-cleaning crew
- dinner and lunch cooks
- evening and overnight shifts
- groundskeepers
- weekend workday crew (this fall)
- arts, crafts, tutoring, sledding, swimming, music (any ideas for fun or educational activities for adults or kids)

### *Council, from page 5*

to research feasibility has been established.

Plans are in the making for the Council's Epiphany celebration, set for Jan. 4. Former Council members will be invited to share in the festivities.

The Vietnamese family of ten, expected to arrive at any time now, will be well provided for when they do arrive. The house rented for their use has been nicely furnished, thanks to the many donors of furniture, bedding, etc. A plan for coordinating education (e.g., teaching English as a second language) for the family is afoot.

The newly re-established Social Committee is busy laying out its program for the parish for the coming year. So far, members have in mind a family-oriented "Lunch with Santa Claus," New Year's Eve and St. Patrick's Day celebrations, Mardi Gras, and (for next year) a Halloween extravaganza for youngsters. Sounds like fun! Want to help? Call Wayne Davis, 359-6322.

The next Council meeting will take place on Nov. 21, 6:30-7:15 p.m. (before the Committee Appreciation event). Committee members especially might take this opportunity to sit in on this open parish meeting.

## *Quick Fixin's from the Kitchen of... Rose Brown*

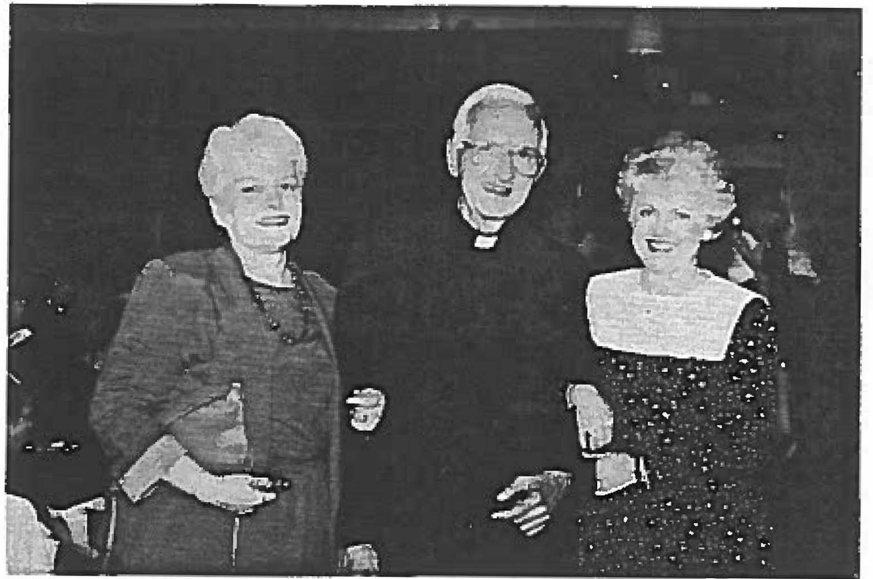
### **Pumpkin Muffins**

- 2 1/4 c flour
- 2 1/2 t baking powder
- 1/2 t baking soda
- 1/2 t nutmeg
- 1/2 t allspice
- 4 eggs
- 1 c granulated sugar
- 1 c brown sugar
- 3/4 c butter or margarine, softened
- 1 c white raisins
- 1 16-oz can pumpkin
- 1/2 c nuts (optional)



Mix or sift flour, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg, and allspice, and set the mixture aside. Beat the eggs, add sugar, and mix well. Blend in the remaining ingredients. Add dry ingredients, mixing just enough to combine. Spoon into greased or lined muffin (cupcake) tins and bake at 325 degrees 40-45 minutes.

*Happy  
Birthday,  
Father Kinder,  
  
Happy  
Birthday  
to You!*





# November 1991



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**MON**

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**SAT**

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

<b>1</b> ALL SAINTS DAY 7a, 12:10p, 5:15p Mass 10:45a CCNH, Mass	<b>2</b> ALL SOULS DAY 8a Mass 9a Catholic Worker House
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