

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

In Focus



Sacrificial Giving Witnessed at St. Patrick's

St. Patrick's undertakes its annual Sacrificial Giving program this month—an appeal to parishioners to offer their time, talent, and treasure. This year, emphasis is on the sharing of time and talent. The timing is serendipitous, given this fall's RENEW theme of "evangelization" and the Parish Council's attempt to bolster membership in parish committees and organizations through the efforts of its ad hoc Committee on Volunteers.

The "treasure" part of the Sacrificial Giving program asks that people offer 10 percent of their income to God in the form of donations to church, charities, and organizations that serve the Lord and His people.

Similarly, parishioners are asked to offer to God a meaningful amount of their time and talent.

Hundreds of people are doing God's work as volunteers at St. Patrick's. Many others perform service work for various community organizations.

Here are some people you may know at St. Patrick's, people who share their time and talent with their parish, their community, or both.

Mike is active in the effort to remodel the home being used as the new Catholic Worker House in Champaign. In addition, he has

helped keep the Catholic Worker movement alive in Champaign-Urbana during difficult times. He has given many hours of service to St. Patrick's as well, including work on the upcoming addition of a Marian shrine in the church.

Rosemary contributes hundreds of hours each year at Holy Cross School, where she helps run several fund-raising events. This year, for example, she and her husband have organized the magazine sales drive that brings in thousands of dollars, used for library materials and other "extras" at the school.

Bob serves on Council committees and is one of many who keep the coffee cups filled at coffee shop. He's also an active member of the Holy Cross Support Group.

Lori has coordinated the parish's blood donation drive for several years, raising awareness at St. Patrick's of the value of blood and how easy it is to give. Earlier this year, her efforts won special recognition for St. Patrick's from the Champaign County Blood Bank.

John is a St. Patrick's committee member who has achieved near-legend status in Urbana Little League, where he has served in various roles for more than 10 years.

Chris helps put together the

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Vietnamese Family Arrives Soon

Several months ago St. Patrick's and St. Mary's parishes agreed to co-sponsor the resettlement of a Vietnamese refugee family.

The family consists of a mother and father, aged 44 and 43 respectively, and 7 children. Five are males aged 18, 18, 13, 9, and 7. One of the 18-year-olds is an Amerasian boy adopted when he was 9 months old. The two females are 20 and 15 years of age.

On Sept. 21 the family graduated from a re-education camp in the Philippine Islands. They are expected to arrive in this area any day now.

Finding housing and other necessities for a family of ten is no simple matter. They will arrive with only the clothes on their back. The Social Action Committee has found a house large enough for them (404 E. Park Street, Champaign), owned by Tamara Youngeman, coordinator of Matthew House 18.

If you can help prepare the house or provide clothing, furniture,

linens, kitchenware, etc.,

please call Tamara

Youngeman (352-3209) as soon as possible. You may

also call Gabriella

Roussos (328-5090) after 8 p.m.



Coordinators Help All to Walk . . .

"I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living" (Psalm 114) set the theme for all Masses on Catechetical Sunday, Sept. 15, and for our parish's religious education program for the year.

Catechists and students in the program brought forward symbols of this theme and placed them on the altar. The Bible and a children's religious text represented the presence of Christ in the Ministry of the Word. Water, oil, bread, grapes, and the purple stole worn by the priest at Reconciliation symbolized Christ's presence in the sacraments. The handwoven cloth from Kenya, a gift from Dr. Susan Nagele, symbolized Christ's presence in mission and in acts of mercy.

Our community commissioned over 150 catechists this year, sending them forth to spread the Gospel message to the children, youth, and adults of the parish. In keeping with the theme, these catechists will be emphasizing that, especially through the Eucharist, we walk in the presence of the Lord.

Most of the catechists were recruited and trained by Jan Lipska, our able and hard-working coordinator of the children's program, children's liturgy, and the high school program. Jan plans no changes in these programs, including the modular lesson plans set up by David Zola for the high school students. Her husband, Lloyd, and

sons Brandon, 17, and Matthew, 14, agree that Jan has her hands full.

Chris and Denise Freidhof, coordinators of the junior high program, are enthusiastic about the new texts they are using because they were written specifically for church-based, once-a-week lessons for grades 7 and 8. Denise likes the way the program relates to this age group, helps them understand themselves, and goes beyond learning to living one's religion.

Chris and Denise have been married for 2 1/2 years and have a son, Samuel, 15 months old.

For our parishioners in St. Joseph, Colette McMullen coordinates religious education classes every Wednesday evening at the elementary school. Colette believes that the continued success of this program depends on support from the St. Joseph community as volunteer substitute teachers. She and her husband, Mike, and three daughters, Heather, 10, Dawn, 6, and Stacey, 5, look forward to the annual social events, such as the wiener roast, Christmas caroling, and a pizza party.

Parishioners of all ages can find materials of interest in our parish library, coordinated by Mike Healy, the father of Molly, 15, Joshua, 13, and Katie, 9. Mike has a simple message: "The library is open every other Sunday. Use it." Please check the parish weekly bulletin for the library schedule.

As our Family Life coordinator,

Ruth Mytty directs and keeps track of many different services to parish families, especially the baptism preparation team, the marriage preparation team, and the Divorced/Separated/Widowed support group. Ruth would like to recruit one or two couples with small children for the baptism team. It is an enjoyable experience that only involves one night every 3-4 months.

Because many of the couples now contemplating marriage at St. Patrick's include one partner from a different faith or a previous marriage, Ruth would like to recruit one interfaith and one or two blended couples for her marriage preparation team. She needs people of all ages who are willing to share their married life experiences, to understand the engaged couple and help give them the best possible start in the sacrament of marriage.

Ruth and her husband, Al, are the parents of Jason, 17, Allison, 15, Erin, 13, and Sarah, 11. Ruth says, "My main goal is to lend support to my wonderful Family Life volunteers."

Any adult interested in the Catholic faith is encouraged to attend Inquiry sessions on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lounge. The process, called RCIA, or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, began Sept. 25 and continues through Pentecost. RCIA coordinator Lenore Nagele is looking forward to greater involvement of



Denise and Chris Freidhof

Ruth Mytty

Jan Lipska

Lenore Nagele

in the Presence of the Lord

parishioners as sponsors and team members. Lenore and her husband, Tom, have lived in the parish since 1956. They have six adult children, including lay missionary Susan, and seven grandchildren.

As St. Patrick's Director of Religious Education, Carolyn McElrath trains, directs, and advises each of the coordinators and encourages them to take advantage of our diocesan training programs. Chris and Denise have been certified as Master Catechists, Ruth as a Family Life Coordinator, through the diocesan Lay Ministry Leadership Program. Jan and Lenore completed three-year programs of study at Mundelein College as Religious Education Coordinator and RCIA Coordinator, respectively. In addition, each year the staff members from St. Patrick's attend a three-day conference in Chicago where workshops in each field of specialization are offered.

Although not under the religious-

education umbrella, RENEW Coordinator Helene Kacich offers a program for the spiritual edification of the whole parish. "No time (in RENEW) is too short, nor is it ever past your time" to participate, according to Helene. The theme of the fifth, and last, season of RENEW is evangelization, reaching out to others in our parish and in our community. RENEW reaches out to the children through emphasis of each week's theme at Children's Liturgy. The prayer network reaches out to everyone, particularly to shut-ins. RENEW encourages all of us to reach out to the infirm, the elderly, those less fortunate. RENEW begins with a special Mass on Oct. 4 and small-group sessions the weekend of Oct. 12-13. Please look on this fifth season as an opportunity to participate. Helene is willing to set up new groups and find as many new facilitators as are needed.

By taking advantage of these many opportunities to grow in knowledge, in spirit, and in truth, and by thanking the staff and volunteers that make it possible, we may all learn how to walk in the presence of the Lord.

Helene Kacich

Colette McMullen



Mike Healey

Carolyn McElrath



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the November issue of *In Focus* is October 13.



RENEW Mass Starts Off New Season

On Friday, Oct. 4, St. Patrick's will celebrate the beginning of the fifth season of RENEW with a special Mass. Parishioners are invited to gather at 7:00 p.m. in the main hall of the parish center to visit with friends and make new friends in the parish. Following the Mass, which begins at 7:45 p.m., a wine and snack social will be held in the main hall.

Jeannie Donovan and her RENEW Small Group is coordinating this first Large Group activity of the final season of RENEW. If you can bring a snack to share, she would be thrilled! Jeannie and her set-up crew do need to know how many to plan for, so please call her at 328-7929. (If she is not at home, her convenient answering machine will accept your message without complaint).

The Mass is central to our faith life, an excellent way to start off RENEW. There will be no sales pitch made on Oct. 4th, only the offer of fellowship!

The RENEW Core Committee hopes that members of RENEW Small Groups (present and past) attend as a group; that the RENEW committees attend together; that new members of our parish come to get acquainted, perhaps to join a RENEW small group; and that EVERYONE who wants to pray and sing and socialize with parishioners will come and feel welcome.

What Are They Up To Now?

St. Patrick's Building and Grounds Committee is currently working on a number of improvement projects for the parish, according to chair Ray Alane.

Their work on the baptistry and Marian shrine in the church was reported on in the September issue of *In Focus*. Committee members are also hard at work in the parish center basement to provide needed classroom space.

One of the two rooms is being partitioned with room dividers to provide two classrooms, and all three areas will be recarpeted. The plan is to complete work in time for resumption of religious education classes in October.

Surfacing and striping of the new parking lot at the corner of Coler and Clark streets have been completed, but some additional work remains. The City of Urbana has mandated the planting of a variety of bushes along the street and the erection of a fence on the side neighboring the apartment building. The large parking lot behind the parish center is also to be sealed and striped.

The 21 parking spaces in the new lot and 18 spaces along the alley have been made available for use by Carle employees during the week. In return, parishioners may continue to use the Carle lot on the east side of Coler, south of the tracks, on Sundays.

Committee members have also overseen recent repairs to the roof over the main hall in the parish center, the first major roof repair there since that section was built (1965).

The roof was sealed and insulation added to increase substantially

the "R-value" of insulation there. Already a great benefit to the parish in the form of reduced cost for air conditioning during recent warm weather, the insulation is expected to help reduce heating cost as well.

Members of this committee give generously of their time and talents in support of the parish, maintaining our buildings and our grounds. Many have served faithfully and well for several years. They would welcome the support of others willing to serve with them in keeping our

facilities in good repair, ready for the use of all. If you can assist on even a temporary basis, call Ray Alane (384-5311).



Diocese Prepares for the Future in Lay Ministry

The Lay Ministry Leadership Program (LMLP) is a two-year diocesan program that undertakes the education and training of lay men and women to serve in leadership roles in their parishes with the consent of their pastors.

During the first, or core, year of the program, participants attend monthly sessions from September to May, with presentations focusing on Lay Ministry, Church, Scripture, Liturgy, Doctrine, Morality, and Social Justice. In the spring, usually during Lent, participants gather for an overnight retreat.

Last year St. Patrick's was represented in this program by parishioners Judy Conover, Mark Cousert, Jane Lawrence, and Rosemary Mathy, with Mary Lou Menches serving as regional coordinator.

They gathered in Peoria for the monthly "input" sessions, presenta-

tions given by teams of clergy, religious, and lay persons, with time provided for group discussion, questions, and evaluation of the day's work.

A couple of weeks later those in each of the four established regions gathered for "integration" sessions, designed to help them assimilate the material presented earlier. For those regional sessions participants were responsible for organizing and facilitating the meetings, preparing the opening and closing prayer, and developing communication and listening skills during discussions based on the month's subject matter and using materials provided by the diocesan program leaders.

The second year of the program, a year of study in a chosen area of specialization, is already underway. Judy Conover is continuing in Evangelization, Rosemary Mathy in Family Life, and Mary Lou Menches in Liturgy. Please keep them in your prayers.



St. Patrick's In Focus is published on the last weekend of the month in Urbana, Illinois. News items and information may be submitted by mid-month for the next issue. Written materials must include the name and telephone number of the writer.

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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Parish Council News

At their September meeting, members observed that income for the fiscal year to date lags behind projected income by about \$5500.

Cathy Salika, chair of the search committee for a new Music Director, reported that the search is still on.

The Development Committee reported that about 600 census forms have been returned, slightly more than half of those sent out, and 130 of the 204 needs-assessment surveys have been received. (If you received a survey form, please return it as soon as possible to eliminate the need for completing the survey by telephone!)

Plans are firming up for the Committee Appreciation Week, beginning with recognition at weekend Masses on Nov. 16-17 and culminating with an evening of prayer, socializing, and refreshments on Nov. 21. (Committee members, get ready to be appreciated!)

Council members, hoping to hear more from the young people of the parish, discussed the possibility of establishing a position on the Council for someone of high-school age. Another suggestion considered was the formation of a Parish Youth Council, with a member to serve as liaison to the Parish Council. Members will give this matter more thought over the coming months. Meanwhile they'd like to hear from the young people of the parish.

Jeff Nelson observed that the parish picnic was an overwhelming success in drawing parishioners. Plans were made to feed about 60 more than had called in to say they were coming, but about 150 more actually came! A last-minute run through town for more chicken depleted the available supply.

Yes, there really is a Social Committee now for Jeff to be liaison with. At the picnic he garnered a few members, and one of them, Wayne Davis, agreed to chair the committee.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Oct. 17. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open meetings.

Please welcome new parishioners Francesco and Rebecca Auteri, G. Paul and Elaine Beardsley, Myron and Janet Barbee, Donald Blankenship, Gail Smith, and Brian Walter.

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Farewell to the following parishioners who have moved from C-U: Jody Brekke, Deb Gaskins, James and Connie Keen, Donna Korvick, Ken and Julene Mull, John Pescitelli, Rebecca Pittman, Peggy Soeldner, David and Rebecca Spangler, and John and Sandra Zurek.

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We welcome the following newly baptized into our faith community: Laura Kathleen and Bridget Eileen Fahey, Gina Patience Roussos, Jordan Tyrone Panepinto.

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Congratulations to newlyweds Gregory Mark Plunk and Kathleen Ruth Falb, Robert Russell Althoff and Stacy N. Coleman, Paul David Wilson and Tracy Ann Rasmussen, John Howard Judd and Janet Arlene Nagele, Brian Joseph O'Hare and Susan Marie-Clotilde Stewart.

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Please pray for Madeline R. Luckey, recently deceased.

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Sacrificial Giving

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RENEW take-home materials, coordinates after-school programs at Holy Cross School, and is an active participant in the local environmental movement. She has organized various Earth Week activities in Champaign-Urbana.

Nancy and Joe and Agnes, and numerous others, regularly take the time after Mass to help restore the church to a semblance of order by putting hymnals in their proper place and picking up stray bulletins and toys and crackers left behind by a gregarious crowd of worshippers.

John is a eucharistic minister, a volunteer in the parish's education program, and a Boy Scout leader in Urbana. You see him in the Fourth of July parade every year, marching with the Scouts.

Cathy chairs a very active committee, serves as a cantor, and regularly finds time to be with friends who need her.

Chuck serves on the Parish Council and committees, is active in the Knights of Columbus, and is frequently called upon to fix anything that doesn't work in the church or parish center.

Cecelia serves her church as lector and eucharistic minister. In addition, she does volunteer work in the arts and at Covenant Medical Center.

For many years, Oscar and Lucille bore the responsibility for coordinating the St. Patrick's Cellar-to-Garret sale. After a year's retirement they're back to help Irma and Ray with the sale that brings the parish thousands of dollars every year.

Florence keeps in touch with parish shut-ins, maintaining that precious link with their parish community.

Steve is a longtime parishioner who is active in the Knights of Columbus, coaches basketball and baseball in Champaign, and frequently offers free legal service to the indigent.

Mary Ann, the "caretaker" of St. Patrick's church, quietly helps maintain it as a clean and dignified home to Our Lord, even planting the lovely flowers outside the church building.

Helen, confined to a wheelchair by arthritis, prays the rosary for her parish's needs and has adopted first communicants as a prayer partner.

These and hundreds of others are—and in some cases, have been for years—helping to make St. Patrick's and Champaign-Urbana a caring community. Won't you please join them in volunteering some of your time and talent at St. Patrick's?



So What Else Is New? The Liturgies of RENEW

Many people contribute to the planning of the liturgies each Sunday. During the seasons of RENEW, the RENEW Liturgy Committee also takes a role. This committee tries to give the liturgies of the RENEW seasons a special character. At the same time, the committee gives us a chance to explore some of our rich liturgical tradition.

You may recall that, in RENEW seasons past, we have made use of the Rite of Sprinkling with holy water in commemoration of our baptism. We have sung the Prayer of the Faithful, presenting a litany of our needs to God. In keeping with the simplicity of the season of Lent, we simplified the Gathering Rite at the beginning of Mass. And we have explored new hymns and music for Mass.

In the liturgies for the upcoming season of RENEW, you will find "something old and something new." We will sing some familiar hymns and some new ones. The RENEW prayer will be back. We will once again sing the Prayer of the Faithful.

So what else is new? The key word for this season is "evangelization." As we reflect on the value of God's Word in our lives and the importance of spreading that Word, we will use incense during the Liturgy of the Word. Incense is used to honor what is holy. By honoring the Word of God in scripture with incense, we recall God's presence in these words and how we are changed by them.

Finally, be sure to listen for the words of dismissal at the end of Mass, sending us out to love and serve the Lord and to share the Good News.



Theologian Richard P. McBrien to Speak at Roncalli Society Meeting

The third annual fall conference of the Roncalli Society will be held on Monday, Oct. 28. The featured speaker, Fr. Richard McBrien, will address members, guests, and friends on "Where the Future of the Church Is Going" and "The Theology and Practice of Ministry."

The conference will be held at the Mennonite Church of Normal, 805 S. Cottage, Normal (Illinois), from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The fee for the day is \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers, and includes lunch. Interested persons are welcome to

use this opportunity to join the society and attend the conference at the member rate.

The Roncalli Society, a group of priests, religious, and lay men and women of the Diocese of Peoria, has as its theme remaining faithful to the spirit of Vatican II within today's Church. For information about the society and its goals, call Diane Moss (815/434-5458). Parishioners interested in traveling together to the conference may leave word at St. Patrick's parish office (367-2665).

PageMaker Users Needed!

As computers have made inroads into our daily lives, moving from the work place to the home and beyond, so also St. Patrick's has grown in the use of computers for record keeping, data organizing, and a variety of applications in the programs and activities of parish groups and organizations.

Many parishioners prepare flyers and notices and bulletin inserts on computer, then hope to find

someone who can make their work look attractive.

If you are reasonably facile in the use of PageMaker 4.0 and are willing to be called upon now and then, perhaps half a dozen times during the year, to help with parish flyers, worship aids, newsletters, announcement sheets, bulletin inserts, and the like, please leave your name at the parish office (367-2665) or in the Communications Committee's mail bin.

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

Breakfast Casserole

- 14 slices thin bread
- 7 slices ham
- 7 slices cheese
- 7 eggs
- 3 c milk (skim)
- 1 T flour
- 1 t dry mustard
- 1/4 lb butter or margarine, melted

In a 9 x 13 baking pan, layer bread, ham, cheese. Mix the eggs, milk, flour, and mustard, and pour over layers. Refrigerate overnight.



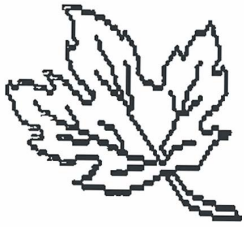
Before baking, pour melted butter over the casserole. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour, or until eggs are done. Let set 5 minutes before serving. Option toppings: sauteed mushrooms, crumbled bacon, chipped green or red pepper, chopped onion and tomatoes. (These can also be added to the egg mixture).

St. Patrick's Parish Dines Out

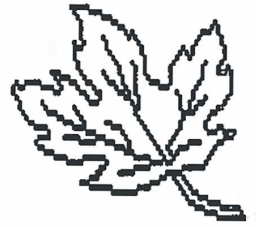


*Renewing friendships
and starting new ones
at annual parish picnic,
Crystal Lake Park.*





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