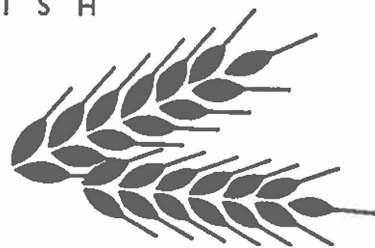


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# In Focus



## *Baptistry Art Nears Completion*

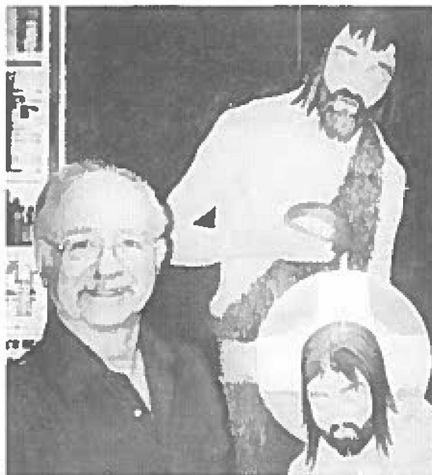
Nick Britsky has been working on art for the new church baptistry for over a year and says that it is now about ready to be placed in St. Patrick's church.

This major project has three parts. It includes a panel for the tabernacle area that unites symbols of Baptism (water) and Confirmation (fire) with Eucharist. It also includes the new Marian shrine, which will replace the former confessional (now serving as a closet) on the east side of the church. And it includes a new baptistry, located where the statue of Mary now resides.

The confessional structure will be removed and the alcove redecorated with back-lighted acrylic panels resembling stained-glass windows. The statue of Mary now in the front of the church will be repaired and repainted before being placed in this alcove, more accessible than in its present location.

The baptistry itself, in the alcove to the east of the main altar, will be graced by a relief depicting the baptism of Jesus by John, with the present baptismal font before it.

The Building and Grounds Committee plans to start the remodeling work around mid-September, removing the former confessional and preparing the alcove to receive Nick's acrylic panels and the refurbished statue of Mary. Their goal is to have all



remodeling finished by the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, but by the end of January at the latest.

Fr. Remm says that the remodeling is expected to cause little disruption, since the work will be done during the week and workers will take special measures to keep the church clean of debris.

St. Patrick's parishioners can be thankful for those who have given donations to defray expenses for this threefold project, for Nick Britsky's sharing of God-given talent and his time and labors at an age when many of us might look forward to a lessening of responsibilities and commitments, for the labor freely given by members of the Building and Grounds Committee, and for all others who help to bring the project to a successful conclusion.

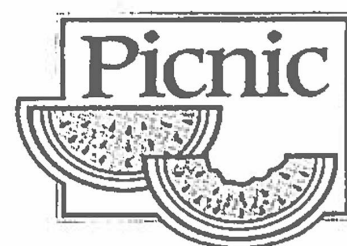
## *Make New Friends at Annual Parish Picnic*

The new Social Committee is planning the first parish social event of the year, the annual fall parish picnic, Sept. 15, 5-8 p.m., at Crystal Lake Park Pavilion.

Help is needed to make the event a success. First of all, your presence at the picnic—what could be easier? Come to have fun and to meet other parishioners. The committee of one (Jeff Nelson) also needs assistance beforehand with making phone calls and arrangements and with setup at the picnic grounds. If you can help, call Jeff at 344-3749.

Jeff is seeking members for the committee, which strives to strengthen the bonds of St. Patrick's parish family through many types of social activities. He wants to bring in new ideas for parish-wide social activities that will attract parishioners and increase participation and fellowship.

If community building in our "town and gown" parish appeals to you, please call Jeff—or look for him at the picnic. (Jeff has taken a fair amount of good-natured ribbing from Parish Council members. He can use your support!)



## *RENEW Builds on a Sound Foundation: Prayer*

On Sept. 3 the RENEW Prayer Network gets underway to lay the sound foundation of prayer for our parish's last (fifth) season of RENEW. All parishioners are invited to join this network of prayer, individually or as a part of the group that will gather weekly during the six weeks of "pre-RENEW."

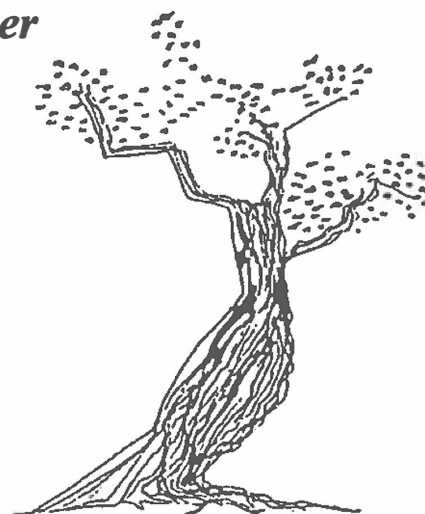
Those who can come together to pray for the spiritual renewal of St. Patrick's parish will meet in the parish center lounge from 11:00 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays. Some may wish to follow with Mass at 12:10 and lunch with friends afterward.

The prayer sessions include communal prayer, scripture readings with reflection, petitions, and song. No Bible study, this, but a time to come together to pray. Prayer network sessions will be discontinued once RENEW starts up (Oct. 13) to avoid scheduling conflicts with small-group faith-sharing meetings, but all are encouraged to keep up their prayers during the RENEW process.

If you are not free to join the prayer network group on Tuesday mornings, try to pray individually or with your family for the spiritual renewal of our parish. Prayer is at the heart of RENEW; it lays the foundation for the renewal

process itself, for the small group faith sharing and for the special events and activities planned for this last season of RENEW.

Co-chairs of the RENEW Prayer Network, Tom and Lori McDonough, invite you to call if you have questions and to join them for the 11:00 a.m. prayer sessions on the Tuesdays preceding the startup of RENEW.



### *Some Important RENEW Dates*

**Sept. 21-22:** Sign-up Weekend for the RENEW small groups. Groups of 6-14 people will meet weekly for about 1 1/2 hours to reflect on and discuss the week's theme, introduced in the Sunday liturgy. The overall theme of this last season of RENEW is Evangelization. (If you don't know what this term means, join a group and find out what it can mean to you, to your family, and to your parish!) About 25 groups met during each of the preceding seasons of RENEW, and there's always room for more! Will you help to swell the number this fall?

**Oct. 4 (Friday):** A special RENEW Mass will be celebrated with all existing small-group members, members of RENEW committees, and everyone interested in "renewing" themselves that evening. A social will follow. More details to come, so mark your calendars now.

**Oct. 13:** This date marks the beginning of the first of the six weeks of RENEW for this fall.

Any suggestions? Questions? Call Helene Kacich, parish RENEW coordinator; she says that planners are still planning, so all suggestions are welcome.

### *Quick Fixin's from the Kitchen of . . . Elaine Theobald*

#### Spiced Tea

3/4 c instant tea  
2 c Tang  
1 pkg Wyler's Lemonade Mix  
1 3/4 c sugar  
1 t ground cloves  
1 t ground cinnamon

Mix well. Use 1 1/2 or 2 teaspoons of the mixture per cup of boiling water. Keeps well in a glass jar.



## *You're Invited to a Birthday Party!*

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Do you know the question for this "Jeopardy" statement? "I have white hair, I was born where St. Patrick's parish center is located, I worked on the railroad, I rarely bring a date anywhere, and my birthday is Sept. 23."

Did you guess? The correct "Jeopardy" question is "Who is Father Kinder?"

Yes, Fr. Kinder's birthday, his 80th, is Sept. 23, and St. Patrick's will celebrate it in grand fashion (at least, in almost as grand a fashion as we will celebrate his 90th birthday).

There will be a potluck dinner in the parish center's main hall that night, from 6 to 8 p.m., and all parishioners are invited to join in wishing our beloved friend a happy birthday.

The mouth-watering entrees will be accompanied by drinks, music,



entertainment, and surprises.

St. Patrick's Guild will help set up and decorate tables, and the Knights

of Columbus will help clean up. But everyone else will have to do the rest. Here's how you can help:

- Prepare a dish that will serve at least 8 people. If the first letter of your last name begins with A-G, please bring a dessert; with H-N, a meat or other main dish; with U-Z, a salad.

- Call the parish office (367-2665) with reservations for you and/or your family. It is ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE that planners know by Sept. 18 how many people are to be accommodated.

- Volunteer for any of the following: setup and decorations, entertainment, master of ceremonies, cleanup. If you want to help, call Helene or Tom Kacich, 344-6760.

Don't delay; mark your calendar now and call in your reservation. Then get ready for a wonderful salute to a wonderful man.

## *Serve the Lord with Gladness!*

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One of the best features of parish liturgies at St. Patrick's is that so many parishioners contribute their time and talent. Their witness of faith and service is an important part of our parish life. Have you ever considered participating in liturgical ministry? Take a look at the opportunities:

- Server
- Usher
- Eucharistic minister
- Minister of care for the hospitalized and shut-ins
- Lector
- Liturgical artist
- Sacristan
- Liturgy planner

The time commitment and the skills needed for each ministry vary. Any training that is needed will be provided. If you wish to serve God in any of these ways, call or write to the parish office and one of our liturgy coordinators will get back to you to answer any questions you may have.

The music program offers many other opportunities to serve. The choir at the 9:00 Sunday Mass focuses on contemporary music, accompanied by piano and other musical instruments. The choir at the 10:30 Sunday Mass sings a broad spectrum of music from many times and places. At almost every liturgy a cantor helps make it easier for us to sing God's praise. At funerals, the Funeral Schola

facilitates the congregations's song.

The choirs will resume their ministry with the hiring of a new Music Director. There is room for singers and instrumentalists at all levels of skill. But there's no need to wait! Call the parish office to express your interest, and you'll be contacted as soon as the choir season begins.

## Parish Council News

At their August meeting Parish Council members unanimously approved a motion appointing Paul Hughes to fill out the term of member Dave Murrell, who is leaving the parish for an out-of-state post.

Dave, whose championing of tithing as a parish practice, new ideas in tackling problems, and sense of humor were acknowledged by the Council, was warmly thanked for his participation in Council activities and responsibilities.

Cathy Salika, chair of the search committee for the position of Music Director, reported that the most recent nominee has chosen a position elsewhere. A new search has begun.

Tom Kacich, reporting for the Development Committee, said that 204 needs assessment surveys were sent out and about half of them have been returned so far. Of the parish census forms sent out to registered parishioners, 572 have been returned. Chuck Shaw and Carol Bosley have joined the Development Committee, which is currently discussing endowment funds.

Fr. Remm commented that 475 pledges, totaling \$62,188, were received in response to the diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal. Of this amount \$37,702 has already been paid.

The planning committee for the parish's Sacrificial Giving (Time, Talent, Treasure) program expects to emphasize the giving of time and talent. On Sept. 28-29 a parishioner will speak at all Masses, with emphasis on awareness of the ways that people give



of their time and talents. Tables will be set up in the main hall with information about areas for volunteer involvement and for receiving pledges.

Helene Kacich presented a potpourri of post-RENEW opportunities for educational and spiritual growth developed by the ad hoc committee after consultation in a variety of ways with members of the parish.

Jan Lipska has been hired to serve as Senior High Coordinator while David Zola is on leave of absence. Jan will continue to serve as coordinator of the children's program at St. Patrick's.

Jeff Nelson is casting about for some way to get the Social Committee going again. He'd like to find a parishioner of some experience to serve as chair, assisted by a membership of relative newcomers to the parish. If you like getting in on the ground floor, if you want to get acquainted with parishioners, if you get a kick out of planning good times while having one yourself, do call Jeff (344-3749). He'd really like to hear from you!

Since last year's Appreciation

Night for Committee Members got such rave reviews, the Council plans to do it again. Sometime in November; committee members take note!

Goal-setting this year will be done by individual committees at their monthly meeting, led through the process by members of the Development Committee.

Plans are coming together quickly for a parish celebration of Fr. Paul Kinder's 80th birthday on Sept. 23. Mark your calendars: parish potluck, 6-8 p.m. Coordinator: Tom Kacich (344-6760).

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Sept. 19. All parishioners are invited and welcome to attend these open meetings.

***Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the October issue of In Focus:***





## *The "Right Man for the Job" Is Sometimes a Woman*

In July Cecelia Weir concluded four years' service as parish trustee.

In acknowledging his appreciation of her assistance in this role, Fr. Remm said, "Cecelia has been an excellent trustee and a trusted friend. She has given unselfishly of her time and energy to the parish, doing physical work, such as painting cabinets in the priests' residence, as well as giving wise and prudent advice. She is a very special lady."

St. Patrick's is served by two trustees, one male and the other female, parishioners chosen and appointed by the pastor. Last summer Tom Kacich was appointed to this position, succeeding Bill Subick.

The tenure of trustees has been changed from "life or exhaustion, whichever comes first," to staggered terms of about three years. Fr. George Remm says, "At St. Patrick's the trustees have more to do than sign an occasional resolution. They actively advise me.

They meet with me every month, in addition to the times we are together at the executive committee meetings of the Parish Council. They truly provide a sounding board for me."

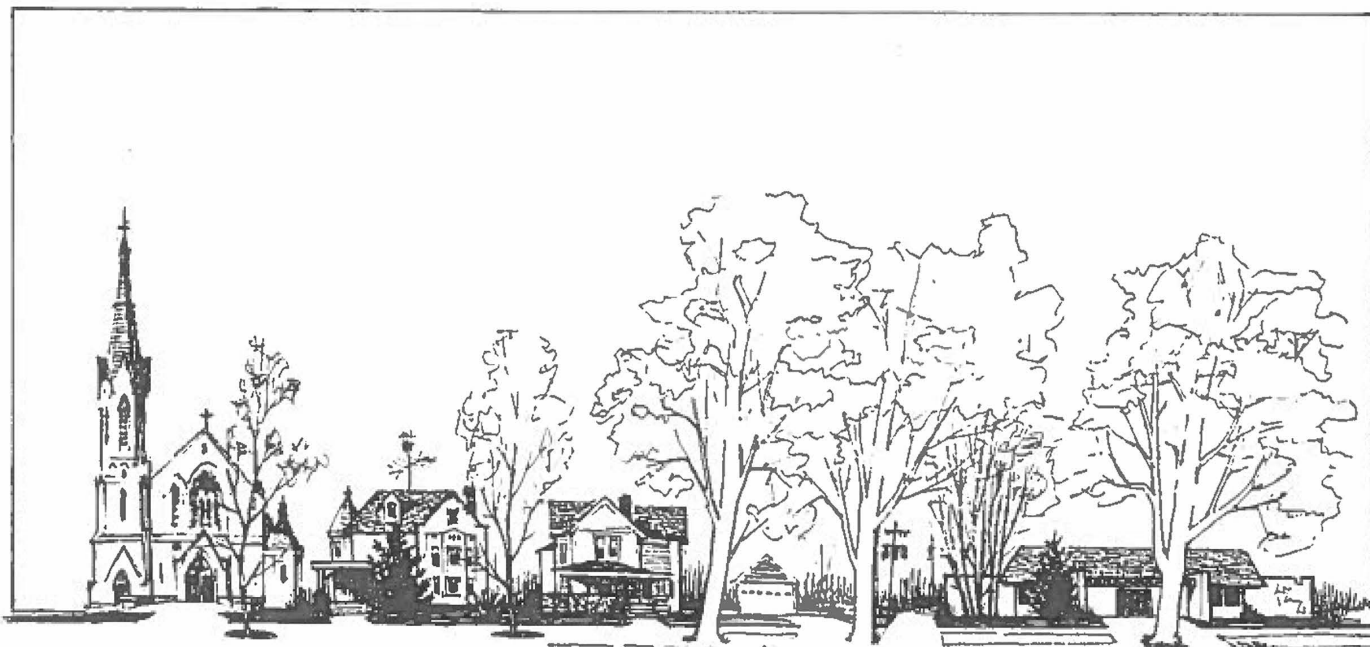
The appointment of Shirley Splittstoesser to this post continues a tradition of women's service as parish trustee that began with Edith Jendrasiak in 1978. She was followed, in turn, by Mary Claire Uselding, Cathy Rutledge, and Cecelia Weir. They have combined their parish service with motherhood, careers, and community service.

Of our newest parish trustee Fr. Remm says, "I worked with Shirley [on the ad hoc Development Committee] and came to respect her knowledge, insight, and good common sense. She dealt with parish financial matters for many years. She went with me and others to a diocesan workshop on parish finances. So I feel that her acquaintance with those aspects of parish life will give me good

guidance."

In carrying out her new responsibilities Shirley is not without excellent role models. In addition to the example given by her predecessors, we commend to her the faithfulness of Ruth, the courage of Judith and Esther, the loving care of Mary, the perseverance of Joan of Arc, the diplomacy of Teresa of Avila, the forthrightness of Catherine of Siena. To these we add Mother Cabrini's shrewd business sense, the undemanding generosity of Dorothy Day, and, in our own time, the challenging charity of Mother Teresa.

With gratitude and appreciation for her gracious and generous gift of time and talent, we salute Cecelia Weir. And we welcome Shirley Splittstoesser as she takes up this new ministry in our community.



## Cellar-to-Garret Sale Is Back!

St. Patrick's ever-popular Cellar-to-Garret Sale is set for Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 19-21. Now is the time to be checking your closets, attics, and other hideaways for items to be donated and sold to benefit St. Patrick's.

What may be "trash" to you could be "treasure" to someone else. A few years ago a Boston library was in need of \$70,000 to complete a project for which no funds were available. Someone discovered in an attic an item that might be sold to benefit the library's cause. The musty document turned out to be the original Emancipation Proclamation, subsequently appraised at \$70,000.

Stranger than fiction? Indeed! Sponsors of the Cellar-to-Garret Sale are not expecting another historic original among this year's donations, but they do hope for usable household goods, clothing, trinkets, toys, books, furniture, electrical appliances, games, puzzles--items in good condition that will appeal to the people of the community who yearly find our sale worth looking over.

This year's sale is once again sponsored by St. Patrick's Guild, with Irma and Ray Wait serving as co-chairs, assisted by Lucille and Oscar Kocher.

Please welcome new parishioners Mary Condomitti, Anne and Robert Elwood, Mary Ann Hausmann, Eddie Johnson and Margaret Adamek, Amy and Richard McQueen, Mark and Sandy Mitchell, Mary Ellen Tracy, Lori and Robert Whittaker.



Farewell to the following parishioners who have moved from C-U: Mark Chiu, Kathy and Mike Denight, Richard Edging, William Flynn, David and Deb Gravely, Mary and Michael Hittmeier, John Hudson, Reg and Rob Kennedy, Kathryn and Milton McGiffen, Pam and William Pavot, Jenn and Jim Pfister, Bruce Rummenie, Theresa Simonich, Char and James Strickland, Pedro and Teresa Vargas, David and Leslie Zeponi.



We welcome the following newly baptized into our faith community: Scott Clifford Jenkins, Lindsey Catherine Hittmeier, Lara Star Mitchell, Carolyn Jennifer Thiel.



Congratulations to newlyweds Anthony Vu and Kristina Danielle Bui, Joseph Hale Darr and Rebecca Ann Snyders, James Cyril Althoff and Kris Lynn Darr, Christopher John Wolshlag and Judith Alice Callaway, Robert Wayne Lindsey and Christine Lynn Majers.

Please pray for Clarence Lyle Nelson, Patsy Ruth Johnson, Carroll Wesley Mayfield, and Helen Howard Link, recently deceased



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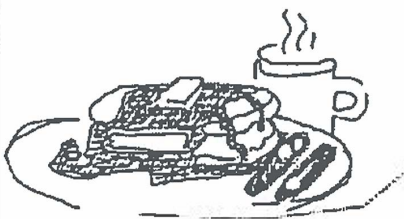
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**"Come and Get It!"**

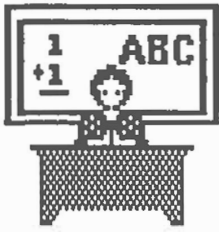


The famous all-you-can-eat pancake-and-sausage breakfast is presented this Sunday morning in St. Patrick's main hall after all the Masses. The breakfast, sponsored by our own Urbana Knights of Columbus, is a wonderful opportunity to meet the new parishioners who have been registering all

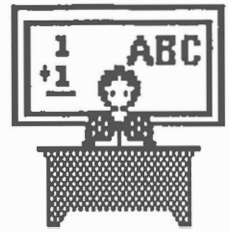
summer long and to renew acquaintances after summer vacations.

The cost is a modest \$4 for adults and \$2 for children, or pay just \$10 for the entire family.

The Knights hope to set a new record for serving. They have been heard to say that "all calories are removed before serving," so cast your cares aside and come along!



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| <b>1</b><br>8a Library<br>8:30a Hospitality table  | <b>2</b><br>LABOR DAY<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>9a Mass<br>10a Coffee<br>1p Guild | <b>3</b><br>9a Funeral Schola<br>11a Renew prayer network<br>2p CCNH, Rosary<br>6:45p Beginning Experience<br>7p Development Comm mtg  | <b>4</b><br>7p Choir<br>7p Pro-Life<br>7p SVDP   | <b>5</b><br>1:30p Discussion Group<br>6:45p Folk Choir<br>7:30p Personnel Comm mtg   | <b>6</b><br>10:45a CCNH, Mass<br>5:15p Holy Hour                                  | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>8</b><br>8:30a Hospitality table  | <b>9</b><br>7:15p GROW<br>7:30p Parish Council Exec Comm mtg                | <b>10</b><br>11a Renew prayer network<br>2p CCNH, Rosary<br>6:30p Regional Diocesan RCIA<br>7p Financial Affairs<br>7p Spiritual Journey   | <b>11</b><br>12:45p MM Bandage Rolling<br>7p Choir<br>7p SVDP<br>7:15p Building and Grounds<br>7:30p Remembering Church          | <b>12</b><br>1:30p Baptism Preparation<br>1:30p Discussion Group<br>6:45p Folk Choir | <b>13</b><br>10:30a Fontana NH, Mass<br>10:45a CCNH, Mass                         | <b>14</b><br>8a Renew Catechist Day                            |
| <b>15</b><br>Catechetical Sunday - Registration after all Masses<br>8a Library<br>5p Parish picnic, Crystal Lake | <b>16</b><br>7p Cursillo<br>7:15p GROW<br>7:30p Social Action comm          | <b>17</b><br>9a Funeral Schola<br>11a Renew prayer network<br>2p CCNH, Rosary<br>7p Cursillo<br>7p Beginning Experience<br>7p Spiritual Journey  | <b>18</b><br>6p St. Joe Pot-luck at St. Joe Park<br>7p Choir<br>7p SVDP<br>Journey   | <b>19</b><br>Cellar-to-Garret Pre-Sale<br>6:45p Folk Choir<br>7:30p Parish Council   | <b>20</b><br>Cellar-to-Garret Sale<br>10:30a Urbana NH, Mass<br>10:45a CCNH, Mass | <b>21</b><br>Cellar-to-Garret Sale<br>Renew sign-up after Mass |
| <b>22</b><br>Renew sign-up day   | <b>23</b><br>6p 80th Birthday Party for Fr. Paul<br>7:15p GROW              | <b>24</b><br>11a Renew prayer network<br>2p CCNH, Rosary<br>7p Parent mtg<br>7p Homily Prep<br>7p Spiritual Journey  | <b>25</b><br>12:45p MM Bandage Rolling<br>6:30p RCIA<br>Religious Ed:<br>6:45p St. Joe<br>7p Choir<br>7p SVDP<br>7p Communicatns | <b>26</b><br>1:30p Discussion Group<br>6:45p Folk Choir<br>7:30p KC                  | <b>27</b><br>10:30a Clark Lindsey, Mass<br>10:45a CCNH, Mass                      | <b>28</b><br>SACRIFICIAL GIVING                                |
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