

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

In Focus



CWH Plans Mortgage Burning—Already!

In just two short years St. Jude Catholic Worker House has paid off all but \$1000 of its mortgage. The Friends of CWH plan to have a mortgage burning on that happy day, yet to be announced, when the last payment has been made. St. Patrick's parishioners, who have supported the CWH so generously in time, talent, and treasure, will have cause to rejoice! Watch for the announcement in our parish bulletin.

The Catholic Worker House tradition, founded by Peter Maurin and Dorothy Day, calls on us to form community with the poor as a

"potent remedy to the isolation and spiritual destitution" of our times. "Our love will be tested by fire, but love is the only solution."

St. Jude Catholic Worker House in Champaign is just starting up its new year of service to the homeless, the hungry, and those in need of spiritual support. The Worker House was closed from Aug. 6 to Aug. 23 for cleaning, repair, and respite.

We all know that cleaning and repair are a constant battle; the same goes for the Worker House. The first Saturday of each month is designated as a work day for cleaning and



maintenance. According to volunteer Sharon Monday-Dorsey, volunteers are always welcome, and needed. Come any time between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For information about Saturday work days and for answers to other questions, you may call Mike Tracey, Teresa Brennan, or Dennis Clark, Catholic Worker House live-in coordinators, at 355-9744. Sharon works mainly with these coordinators, also known as the "intentional community."

The Friends of CWH welcome new members for their guidance, prayers, and support. The next meeting of the Friends of CWH is Saturday, Sept. 8, at St. Patrick's parish center following 8:00 a.m. Mass. At this meeting a general report on the August repairs and on the finances of CWH will be given.

If you'd like to serve as Christ's witness through the works of mercy, you may join the volunteers needed to serve lunch between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. every day; call Bernie Laumann (328-2708). Volunteers are also needed to help out one evening a week, 5:00-9:00 p.m.; call Peggy Darragh (337-0728). If you can cook a meal once a month for CWH, call Cliff Madusia (367-2819).

Welcome, New Parishioners!

From the staff of In Focus

During the summer months many individuals and families moved into our neighborhood and have registered at St. Patrick's. It is a pleasure to welcome you!

If you've been testing the waters, so to speak, and now feel more comfortable with the rest of us as we gather to worship together, we hope that you'll soon register and "make it official."

We hope too that you won't wait for personal invitations to participate in the many programs and activities our parish offers. You will see them listed in the weekly bulletin, hear about them at Mass, read about them in issues of In Focus, or find out about them from friends or new acquaintances in Coffee Shop. All it takes is a call to the parish office or a visit with someone after Mass or at Coffee Shop to get into the rhythm of life in St. Patrick's.

You will find that our parish groups welcome the stimulation that newcomers bring, yet find recruiting difficult because it is hard to know about the specific interests and talents of new parishioners. Too often it may seem as if we "old hands" do everything, when in fact we would be grateful for new viewpoints from new participants.

We hope that many members of the parish make it their business to get acquainted with you soon. Meanwhile, we happily greet and welcome you to our parish community!

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Welcome to new parishioners Greg Birt, Claire Bruce, Ellen Call, Joan and John Causman, Theresa Chapman, Katherine Charles, Lisa and Scott Croft, Phyllis and Stephen Dial, Joanne Donovan, Mike and Sue Downes, John Fassola, Susan Fowler, Vida Friedlein, Robert Gaylor, Margaret Hartrick, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lawless, Cristina Manuel, Luis E. Martinez, Sheila Matson, Sean McLaughlin, Daothi and Quy Nguyen, Susan and Timothy Roth, Amy Schuele, Carla Vincent, Lisa Williams, Amy Wingo, Barbara and Michael Wischnowski, Theresa Zapp.

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Farewell to departed parishioners Denise and Joe Arie, Leon Barger, Bara and Kelly Bohlen, Paul Bowers, Dan and Linda Brunner, George and Robert Carson, Rhonda Chalona, Jill and Todd Culbertson, Cheryl and Craig Hammond, Christine Horodenski, Julie Kaskavage, Doug and Geri Miezio, Julie Peak, Franciscus Widaryanto.

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Congratulations to newlyweds Nancy Ann Casalino and Mark Kevin Hopkins, Lisa Kay Wozencraft and Michael Phillip Williams, Theresa Ann Vahling and Jan Carter Niccum, Kathleen McFarland and Patrick D. Kennedy, Tracie Renee Wargo and Todd Wayne Bean, Andrea Lu and Sean Edward Jenkins, Julie Phyllis Kaskavage and Anthony Lee Hooker, Sheryl Ann Splittstoesser and Daniel Lee Barringer.

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We welcome the following recently baptized to our faith community: Cody Chase Leighton, Skyler David Chapman, Lauren Michael Gray, Kevin Michael Restivo, Bryan Michael Salina, Nicholas Richard Thompson, Lauren Ashlee Friedlein, Janet Christine Czys, Laura Katherine Czys, Maria Gonzalez Marinas, Renee Nicole Durant, Sarah Ruth Moore, Tyler Scott Sutton.

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Please pray for deceased parishioners Anna G. Breen, Ellen Wikoff, Norbert N. Moran, Merle Wikoff.

From Dr. Susan Nagele:

Greetings from Nairobi, where I'm safe and sound but freezing my toes off. This is the winter season in the southern hemisphere, and I would not have chosen to come at this time if I'd had anything to say about it. In my last letter I mentioned how hot it had been in Torit—well, it got a little bit too hot with the war as well, and the bishop asked us to leave for a while until things cool down. Here is some of what happened.

On May 13 the Khartoum government took a town called Lyria, 42 miles from Torit. Up to this point people had felt secure but had always said that if serious fighting reached Lyria, it was time to start worrying. Now not only was there fighting, but the town was captured; all that lay between them and us was a valley and a river. So on May 16, at the bishop's recommendation, we moved to Palataka mission, in a village 30 miles from the Uganda border. There we found two Kiltigan priests and three Comboni sisters, and we were able to contribute something to health care by visiting sick people in the villages and supervising a clinic in the area....

On May 28 Khartoum captured another very strategic town called Kapoeta and caught everyone by surprise.... Many, many civilians were killed as they tried to escape, some as far as 50 km away. This threw the SPLA into a panic, and they started to commandeer cars. On May 31 they took the pickup of the pastor at Palataka; other cars had been confiscated as well. Meanwhile three more sisters from Torit had come to stay with us the previous day, and the bishop had written a letter asking all expatriate personnel to leave the diocese for a while. So that evening we packed up two cars and drove to another mission, Loa. There we met three Ugandan sisters, three Comboni priests, and two Comboni brothers from Torit, and the Torit security officer, who wanted us all to go back to Torit to get our exit permits....

[Here Susan gives the details of an itinerary marked by bureaucratic delays, uncertainties, border tensions heightened by war, and the like—concluding with arrival in Nairobi at 8 p.m. on June 11 “without any major mishaps”!]

June 20 is Africa Refugee Day, and I will certainly have a much deeper appreciation for what millions of Africans are experiencing in their lives. I didn't have to leave my homeland, but I did experience some of the anxieties and uncertainties that war generates, and now I sit very far away from good friends wondering where and how they are.

The bishop is still in Torit as far as we know and has said that he will stay with the people. He is a very courageous and committed man and an incredible witness to the Gospel.... The Church remains one of the only sources of hope for the people, and our hearts are still with the Sudanese. We plan to wait here in Nairobi for a few weeks to see how the war develops. If we can return to Torit, we will. If not, we will try to work with Sudanese refugees across the border, either in Kenya or in Uganda.

For the time being you can continue to use the same address here in Nairobi; I'll let you know if it changes.

Much love,

Dr. Susan Nagele, a parishioner and daughter of parishioners Tom and Lenore Nagele, has served in Africa for several years as a Maryknoll lay missionary. Her address: c/o NCA—Diocese of Torit, P.O. Box 52802, Nairobi, Kenya.

Parish Council News

After taking a month off from meeting, Parish Council members gathered in August to review the end-of-year financial report. Total income for the last fiscal year (1 July 1991 - 30 June 1992) was \$402,075.06; expenditures totaled \$395,647.61, leaving a modest surplus of \$6427.45.

The surplus funds were allocated according to earlier decisions: 10% (\$650) to Dr. Susan Nagele; 50% (\$3400) to the diocese as a payment against the outstanding balance of loans to the parish (for construction of the new wing of the parish center and purchase of the priests' residence); and the remainder to several designated funds: roof repair, auto replacement, replacement of heating and air conditioning units, office equipment, organ repair.

The results of the diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal were reported: \$68,676 has been pledged by parishioners, with slightly more than half (\$34,492.50) already paid. Any amount paid to the diocese exceeding the goal set for our parish will be returned to St. Patrick's; any shortfall will have to be made up from the parish's normal income from weekly collections and other sources of revenue. It is the surplus returned to the parish that has largely served to make up payments against the balance of our loans from the diocese.

Operating procedures for a proposed "St. Patrick's Catholic Education Foundation" were reviewed by the Council and will be sent to the Bishop of Peoria for approval. The account, if approved, would be used to provide funds for tuition of students attending a Catholic school and for the religious education program of the parish.

A demographic picture of St. Patrick's was drawn based on 711 parish census forms returned to the parish (about 75% of roughly 1100 households). Some interesting highlights: 87 widowed men and



women, 75 single adults, 609 children (128 teenagers, 163 preschoolers, 272 aged 6-12). Adults include 96 aged 19-29, 359 who are "thirtysomething," 268 "forty-something," 143 "fiftysomething," 158 "sixtysomething" and 135 who are 70 or older. Remember, these figures are based on approximately 75% of registered households.

The demographic information will be useful during the fall workshop for setting five-year parish goals. The workshop, involving council, committee, and staff members and "interested others," will be Oct. 2-3.

New personnel changes were announced: Ray Alane, Business Operations Assistant; Rosemary Mathy, Family Life Coordinator; Cindy Mottin, Junior High Coordinator.

The annual fall parish picnic is set for 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at Crystal Lake Park. A good getting-to-know-you affair for everyone, especially new parishioners!

The Guild is sponsoring an Octoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 3—more about this later, of course.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Sept. 17. All are welcome to attend these open meetings.

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.

Editorial board: Tom McDonough, 367-3171; Mary Lou Menches, 344-1125 or 244-4701; Bridget Peters, 337-7663; Gary Riskowski, 344-4394; Katharine Schrader, 344-5995; Merdy Smith, 367-6159; Peggy Whelan, 367-3668.

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Articles and information for this issue were contributed by Helen Barrymore, Sr. Charlene, Grace Conlee, Mark Fisch, Helene Kacich, Mary Lou Menches, Lenore Nagele, Carole Rebeiz, Leslie Risatti, Cathy Salika.

Cellar-to-Garret Sale Set

St. Patrick's Guild presents the annual Cellar-to-Garret Sale, a major fund-raising event for the parish, on Sept. 17-19. If you haven't already cleaned out your attic, cellar, garage, and closets, do it now! Articles may be delivered to the parish garage on Sundays, to the parish center during the week.

During the week before the sale, items will be sorted and marked in the parish center. Guild members and other parishioners have always been generous with their time in getting this necessary work done, without which no sale would be possible.

You needn't wait to be asked: gather up your discards and extras, and lend a hand. It's a great cause to work for, and it provides an excellent opportunity to find really good buys for families and households.

You can help by bringing in your items, by sorting and marking items for the sale, by serving as a "salesperson" during the sale, by assisting with setup and cleanup. There's quite a lot to do to make the Cellar-to-Garret Sale a success. What can you do to help? Call Irma and Ray Wait (367-6547), coordinators.



Growing with God's Word



treasures of the bible should be opened up more lavishly so that

richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word." "Lavishly"—this is the word chosen by the Church at Vatican II to announce a plan to introduce more biblical readings at Sunday Mass. Now, 25 years later, we can indeed say that we encounter the lavishness, the abundance, the wealth of the bible in our Sunday liturgies.

To give us a richer, more extensive experience with biblical readings, the Church has moved from two readings (Epistle, Gospel) to three (Old Testament, New Testament,

Gospel) for each Sunday liturgy, and from a one-year cycle of readings to a three-year cycle. The readings that we hear this year are from Year C; we will hear them again three years from now.

This plan gives us the opportunity to more of God's word from year to year. Sometimes it gives us the chance to hear how each gospel writer tells the same story, as with the story of the temptation of Jesus on the First Sunday of Lent. In Year A we hear Matthew's recounting of this event; in Year B, Mark's; in Year C, Luke's.

During the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, the readings are arranged around themes that draw us through the season. For example, early in Advent we hear the prophecies about the Messiah; as Christmas draws near, we hear the stories of events leading up to Jesus' birth.

Outside of these seasons, during

what is called "Ordinary Time," we gradually make our way through the gospels—Matthew in Year A, Mark and parts of John in Year B, Luke in Year C. In a similar fashion, as the Second Reading at Mass, we hear selections from the letters of Paul, Peter, James, John, and Jude and from Revelations, in order and book by book. The Old Testament First Reading and the Psalm that follows it, on the other hand, are chosen specifically because they have something to show us about the Gospel for the day.

This three-year cycle of readings is used by many other Christian churches as well; on any given Sunday Christians of many different denominations are hearing and dwelling upon the same biblical readings. It can truly be said that the scriptures are helping to draw Christians together as they become more familiar to us all.

Quick Fixin's from the Kitchen of...

Grace Conlee

Herbed Tomatoes



6 medium tomatoes	
2/3 c salad oil	2 t dried marjoram
1/3 c snipped parsley	1 t salt
1/4 c minced green onion	1/2 t pepper
1/4 c wine vinegar	lettuce

Peel tomatoes and quarter them. Mix marinade of salad oil, vinegar, parsley, green onion, marjoram, salt, pepper in a deep bowl; add tomatoes. Marinate for several hours or overnight. With slotted spoon, remove the tomatoes and place them on a bed of lettuce. Serve with cottage cheese, mixed fruit, etc. Makes 6 servings.

Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the October issue is September 13.





Notes from the *Choir Loft*

Mark Fisch, parish Music Director, sends greetings and salutations to all, with the following status report on music ministry at St. Patrick's:

Teen Liturgy: The first teen liturgy is now a part of the living history of the parish. Watch for news of the next teen liturgy, probably in October. Still needed are teen singers and instrumentalists for this dynamic celebration.

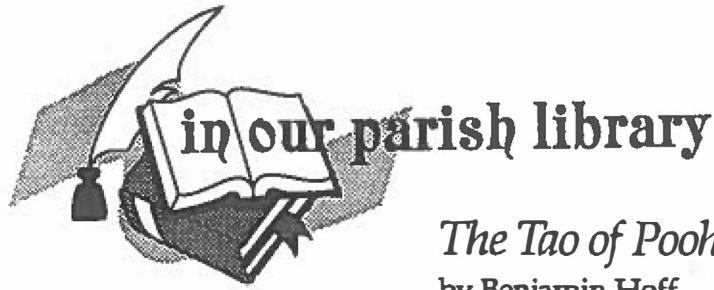
Children's Choir: The plan is to put together a song or two for the Advent-Christmas season as a trial run this year and see how that goes. With sufficient interest, participation, and parental support, a regular children's choir may become a reality in the future. Keep your eyes and ears open for announcements; rehearsals will probably start sometime in October.

The 9:00 Choir is looking to expand dramatically this year. The small core of dependable and energetic members seek to expand their numbers with a whole bunch more folks this year. Instrumentalist are also needed. If you enjoy the style of music in the Gather hymnal, this group is for you!

The 10:30 Choir desperately needs more men this year if members are to be able to offer the kinds of traditional music this parish deserves—and wants. All voice types are needed, and welcome—but oh, where are you men?

Funeral Schola: A truly extraordinary chance to minister in song, the Schola not only provides music for funeral liturgies and memorial services but also serves as a tangible sign of the community at St. Patrick's to families in need.

Cantors: Yes, more cantors are needed, particularly for the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and the 7:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Masses. This ministry



The Tao of Pooh by Benjamin Hoff

Though this ingeniously conceived and finely written gem of a book properly bears the classification "humor," it is in fact also a serious and quite successful exposition of the teachings of the Tao, the ancient Chinese approach to the way of integrity and happiness. And what better exponent of that way than Winnie the Pooh?

Hoff pursues the principal questions bearing on the meaning of life and authentic joyfulness by means of a conversation with, yes, Winnie the Pooh. He begins forthrightly: "Taoism ... is simply a particular way of appreciating, learning from, and working with whatever happens in everyday life. From the Taoist point of view, the natural result of this harmonious way of living is happiness."

Through conversations under such pleasant chapter headings as "The How of Pooh?," "Cottleston Pie," "The Pooh Way," and "That Sort of Bear," Hoff expands engagingly upon his subject, and Winnie the Pooh comes to understand why he truly embodies the wisdom of the Tao.

Indeed, by the time the conversation concludes, Pooh is able to sing a

summation of what he has learned: "To know the Way, We go the Way; We do the Way the way we do the things we do. It's all there in front of you...."

Altogether one of the most pleasing combinations of the serious and the humorous with which we are familiar—with Ernest H. Shepard's original illustrations for A. A. Milne's Pooh books aptly complementing (and illuminating) the Way.

In our parish library.

Daily Prayers for Busy People

by William J. O'Malley

Busy people (and who isn't?) will find these poems, passages from literature and the Bible, and evocative original prayers a rich source of reflection during times when they want to take a break with God. The book includes brief prayers to be used three times each day for a four-week cycle.

Available on request from Sr. Charlene Cesario.

does require some vocal competence and confidence, so an audition is necessary. However, you need not have experience as a cantor to qualify.

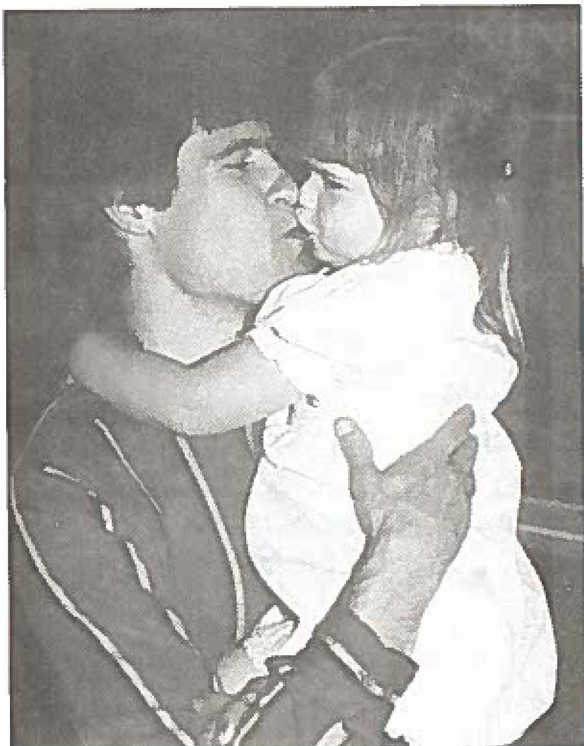
Remember, there are no auditions

and no experience is necessary to participate in any of the parish choirs. If you'd like more information about any of the choirs or about serving as a cantor, please call Mark Fisch (367-2665).

*I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says "sing,"
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.*

KING FOR A DAY

Father's Day at St. Patrick's





September 1992

SAINT PATRICK'S PARISH, URBANA

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 1:45pm Rosary, Champaign County Nursing Home 7:00pm Beginning Experience 7:30pm Development Comm	2 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Pro-Life 7:00pm Choir (10:30a Mass) 7:00pm RCIA Regional Mtg	3 6:45pm Choir (9a Mass) 7:00pm Befriender Team Mtg 7:30pm Personnel Comm	4 10:45am Champaign County Nursing Home, Mass	5 8:30am Friends of the Catholic Worker House Mtg
6 8:00am Library	7 LABOR DAY 9a Mass and Breakfast 7p Education Comm 7:15p GROW	8 1:45pm Rosary, Champaign County Nursing Home 7:00pm Financial Affairs Comm 7:30pm Parish Council Exec Comm	9 12:45pm MM Bandage Rolling 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Choir (10:30a Mass) 7:15pm Building and Grounds	10 6:45pm Choir (9a Mass) 7:00pm Baptism Prep	11 10:30am Fontana NH, Mass 10:45am Champaign County Nursing Home, Mass	12
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27 Stewardship Sunday	28 7:15p GROW	29 1:45pm Rosary, Champaign County Nursing Home	30 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Communications Comm 7:00pm Choir (10:30a Mass) 7:00pm RCIA			

MM=Medical Missions SVDP=St. Vincent de Paul

