

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

In Focus



Experience Kinship with Upcoming Parish Retreat

Did you participate in a small group during RENEW and now want to keep alive the spirit and richness experienced in that small faith-based community? Or maybe you are hoping to join a small Catholic Christian community that offers hope in today's world by applying Gospel values to every aspect of life.

Small groups have made faith and God's love more personal for many Catholics, and St. Patrick's parish has had a number of successful groups. Our parish has been fostering small faith-based communities over the past 2 1/2 years as part of the parish RENEW process. For each of the five RENEW seasons approximately 25-30 groups were formed with a total of 250-300 participants. It is the parish's hope that these groups will continue to meet or regroup, depending on the needs of the members.

To enhance the continuation and/or formation of small faith-based communities, the parish is sponsoring a retreat focusing on small-group dynamics and what it means to form and maintain a small faith-based community. The retreat will challenge participants to shape and sustain small faith-based communities. It will explore who we are, what we are called to be, and how

we can bring the Gospel into our daily lives. There will be opportunities for prayer, input, questions, interaction, and discernment.

The retreat will include the five essential elements in a small faith-based group: (1) prayer, (2) learning, (3) reflective questions for sharing, (4) interaction, with mutual respect and support, and (5) a response to mission. The retreat will begin on Friday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. and will close on Saturday with a celebration of Sunday liturgy at 4 p.m. followed by dinner.

Fr. Michael Kuse, who is currently dean of the Jacksonville deanery and pastor of Our Savior Parish in Jacksonville, will guide the retreat. He has directed retreats for many priests, sisters, and parishes. He has also been involved in various renewal programs and has served recently as director of the Ministry to Priests program for the Diocese of Springfield.

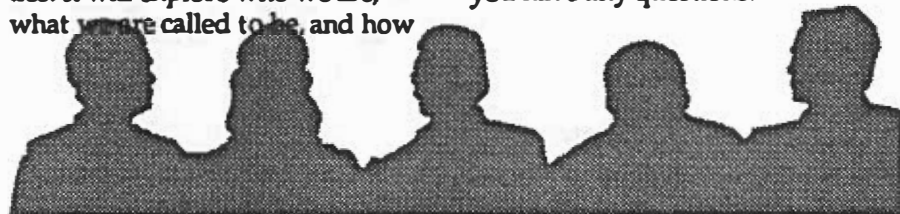
St. Patrick's Parish retreat will be held at the La Salette Retreat Center, which is south of Georgetown, Ill. A donation of \$40 is requested of participants. If you are interested, please contact the parish office for a registration form. The deadline for registration is Feb. 9. Please contact Charlene Cesario if you have any questions.

Peace

*My soul, there is a country
Far beyond the stars,
Where stands a winged sentry
All skilful in the wars.
There, above noise and danger,
Sweet Peace sits crowned
with smiles,
And One born in a manger
Commands the beauteous
files.*

*He is thy gracious friend,
And—O my soul, awake!—
Did in pure love descend
To die here for thy sake.
If thou canst get but thither,
There grows the flower of
peace,
The rose that cannot wither,
Thy fortress and thy ease.
Leave, then, thy foolish ranges;
For none can thee secure
But One who never changes,
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.*

—Henry Vaughan, 1622-95





Happy Valentine's Day!

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Please welcome the following newcomers to our parish: Jean-Paul Corriveau, Sean Jenkins, Katherine Labeda, Carla Miller, Duffy Mullen, Alberto and Margaret Munoz, Setya Budhi Wono.

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Farewell to the following members of our parish who have left the C-U area: Adam and Brenda Galan, Kim Kaiser, Benny and Indah Kusumo, Robert and Susan Lewis, Linda and Patrick Patterson, Claudia Woll.

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Congratulations to newlyweds Jill Lee Ward and Douglas Scott Lanier.

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Welcome to the following, recently baptized into our faith community: Aaron Charles Helregel, Emily Nichole Richter, Kammie Noelle Sturdyvin, Jeremy William Towns.

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Please pray for the following deceased of our parish: Robert Creekmur, Elizabeth Barr, Richard C. Wiedenhoef, James Lindbergh Wagner, Catherine Trueblood.

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From Ha Dang To the People of St. Patrick's

If anyone asks us about our family, we'll just answer that our family has ten people, and we're from Vietnam. We left Vietnam on April 4, 1991, and lived 7 months at Bataan, in the Philippines. We were concerned about life in America. We left the Philippines on October 22, 1991, and we went to America.

When we came to the O'Hare Airport, Chicago, we didn't see anyone we knew! Just in time we came there, so we were worried because most people were hurrying and hassled at the airport. So "we were little bird in a strange sky." We couldn't ask anyone. But at that time another person showed us the gate number for the airplane that went to the airport in Champaign.

When we arrived we were worried, but we are fortunate because St. Patrick's and St. Mary's sponsored our family. Gabriella Roussos and the fathers are very kind, very kind. They helped our children register for school. People from St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Parish donate their time to take our family to scheduled appointments. Though we have a different language and country, they fraternize with us.

Do you know Tamara Youngman? She's our landlord. Not only is she helping us with her duty but also her heart. Everyday she takes our children to school.

How can we say thanks a lot to you? We'd like to say thank you so much. Please keep our gratitude. Such are your rewards.

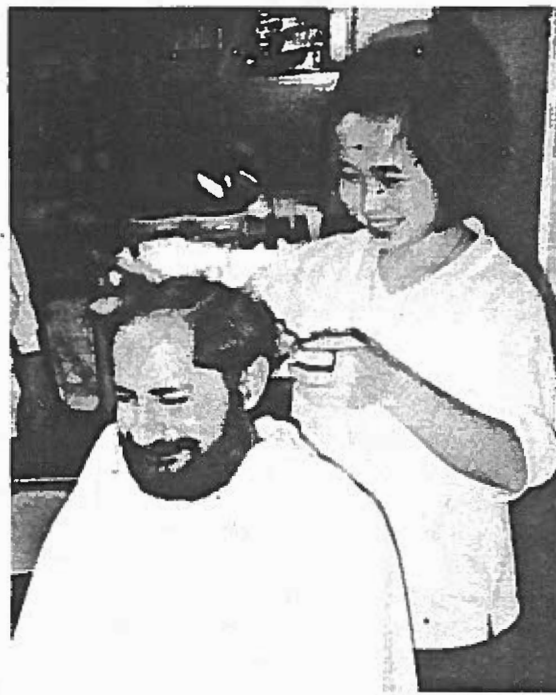
February 4, 1992, is the Vietnamese New Year. We thank you for all the lives that God touches through you, for the love and the faith that you've helped to renew, for all the Lord's work you so joyfully do.

May God richly bless you and your family this New Year.

Ha Dang

*This letter is written by the oldest son for the Dang family.
See related photos, next page.*

Members of the Dang family enjoy a visit from Louis Roussos and daughter.



You Can Volunteer for Friendly Visiting or Hospital Support

St. Patrick's Parish is a member of the inter-faith Council of Congregations. This organization is seeking more volunteers for two services provided in Champaign-Urbana. Parishioners who currently volunteer their assistance include Roy Meyer and Victoria Pifalo, among others.

In one program, the volunteer spends some time about once a week with someone who needs friendly visiting, perhaps at his or her home or in a retirement community or nursing home.

The special feature of this program is that, after you have been put in touch with someone, you keep up the relationship on your own. You can adapt and schedule your visits as mutually agreeable.

Sometimes all that is needed is the encouragement of a weekly telephone call or visit, sometimes help

with shopping or laundry, sometimes the stimulation of an outing. The main objective is to provide companionship.

The Hospital Support Program is a little different. Hospital social workers call a Council of Congregations coordinator when emergency help is needed for a patient or a patient's family. The coordinator calls volunteers to find someone who can provide the needed service.

Requests may include local and occasional out-of-town transportation, overnight housing for out-of-town family members, visiting with a patient who needs this support, sitting with a patient in special circumstances, or caring for a child during the parents' medical emergency. Needs vary with the circumstances of patient and family, presenting interesting challenges

for the volunteer.

The key feature of this program is that you would help someone at a specific time, upon request, in a clearly defined way. No long-term commitment is involved. You are unlikely to be called more than once a month.

Interested? You can sign up for either of these services on Sunday, Feb. 23, at the coffee shop after the 7:30 and 9:00 Masses. You will be asked to list your interests and available times. The coordinator will call you to acknowledge your offer and again when there is a need for your help. You can also volunteer by calling Peg Whelan, evenings, at 367-3668. Watch the parish bulletin for reminders.



From the Kitchen of... Helen Barrymore

Chili Con Carne

- 1 T salad oil
- 2 lbs lean ground beef
- 1 c chopped onions
- 1/4 c diced green pepper
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 2 16-oz cans tomatoes
- 1/4 to 1/3 c chili powder
- 1 1/2 t salt
- 2 16- or 17-oz cans kidney beans

In Dutch oven, medium high heat, in hot salad oil, cook the ground beef, onions, green pepper, and garlic until onion is tender, about 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Add tomatoes and their liquid, chili powder, and salt; heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Stir in beans and their liquid; heat. Serve in soup bowls; accompany with crackers or bread sticks. Serves four.



Parish Council News

At its December meeting the Parish Council received the draft of a proposed revision to the Parish Mission Statement from the ad hoc committee charged with this task. The draft was prepared in response to three issues identified earlier by the Council: God language, geographical references, and a commitment to evangelization. The draft will be submitted to the parish for feedback before any action is taken by the Council.

The ad hoc committee on volunteers received the go-ahead to develop an instrument that might be useful across committees and ministries in recruiting volunteers and in speaking with someone who comes forward to help. The committee was also asked to take an active role in seeking out volunteers.

The recommendation of the ad hoc computer committee was received: To take no action at this time to upgrade parish hardware and software to desktop publishing status, since the number of potential users and presumed uses seems quite small at this time. The committee did recommend that if present computer equipment must be replaced, such needs be kept in mind.

An open parish meeting will be held on Feb. 18 to encourage dialogue on the Needs Assessment Survey results, with the focus on implications for the future of the parish.

The Financial Affairs Committee presented an analysis of income and expense for the first five months of the fiscal year, July - November 1991. It indicates that income for the year to date is about \$8800 less than projected when the budget for this fiscal year was set.

The Personnel Committee, having run a comparison of staff salaries with salaries for comparable positions at other parishes and at the University, recommended a cost-of-living increase of 3%.

The January meeting was held as this issue went to press and will be reviewed with the February meeting in the next issue of *In Focus*.



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the March issue of *In Focus* is Feb. 16.

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 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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SUNDAY

February 1992

SAINT PATRICK'S PARISH, URBANA



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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

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