

In Focus



Have you made your New Year's resolution yet?

The new year has tremendous potential, if the youth of St. Patrick's religious education classes can stick to their resolutions! Parents and siblings can expect great things at home in 1993—the most popular resolution among those mentioned was to be a better person next year.

Brothers, especially, should look for a better year. Anya Pavia, Jessica Lundeen, Jake Douglas, and Mary Artz all said they were resolving to be nicer to their brother. Anya and Jake added that they'd be nicer to their parents, too, as did David Simon and Brian Rehfeldt.

And Megan Cousert set her sights even higher. Her resolution? "To be nicer to everyone."

One anonymous person—you know who you are—promised to "try not to fight with my brother and sisters so much!!!" There's a realist.

Athletics was on the mind of others. Luke Dorsey resolved to

become a better golf player. (Chuck Shaw and Al Mytty have endorsed similar resolutions for the last five years to no avail. Hope your commitment is stronger, Luke!) Giana Prazak said she will put more time in diving next year. (But don't forget, Giana, that you'll be spending time with your baby sister, too.) And Aaron Pijanowski is on record with a resolution to "work out some more."

Several made academics a commitment. Jean Tierney wrote, "Mine is to be a better person and to raise my grades." Mandy Hartke said she'll try to get better grades, as did Nam Nguyen and Stacy Ingram.

Zach Long's resolution is something many of us probably would like to see from our president: "To spend less money." Zach, how long until you're 35?

Adrienne Yasunaga said she'll "try to take time out of my busy schedule

and become more active in my church, and to become a better Christian." Two people wrote—but did not sign—resolutions stating that they'd make a stronger effort to go to youth group on a regular basis.

David Leming and Tung Nguyen both resolved to "help the people." Hayli Dorsey is going to make someone who loves her very happy indeed; she pledged to "clean my room more often."

Clare Tierney clearly is one with a love of life. She resolved "to mostly have fun and enjoy what I have." Good for you, Clare!

Sarah Michelson's science teacher will be happy to hear that Sarah has pledged to "not talk so much during science."

Daniel Kingery said he'll try to watch less TV (and spend more time doing what, Daniel?).

Amanda Yeazel had a resolution familiar to many adults: "To be more understanding."

Finally, Kate Bullard's parents should be very happy and proud. Kate pledged "to be nicer to people, to accomplish good things, and to get good grades."

Having covered the recent St. Patrick's "summit" on New Year's Resolutions convened by the Parish Council, *In Focus* reports the following resolutions relayed over the Dream Network:

Mark Fisch, music director: "To be even more exuberant in promoting music as a means of worship."

Fr. Tim Nolan: "To share even

Mary, Mother of God

*Most high God,
you come near to us this Christmas season
in the child born of the Virgin Mary.
In the depths of darkness, she gave birth to light;
in the depths of silence, she brought forth the Word.*

*Grant that we who ponder these things in our hearts
may recognize in her child
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*



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"If you love me, feed my lambs"

Fr. Remm blessed more than 150 Thanksgiving Baskets for delivery to the most needy of this community during Thanksgiving week. Response to the St. Vincent de Paul Society's plea for donations of \$10 for a Thanksgiving Basket of food was overwhelming, according to Sophia Zeigler, president of the local SVDP. Parishioners gave \$3100 for the food baskets; the Society spent \$2606.27 on the food for them and will put the rest of the donations to very good use.

"We want to thank everyone who helped support this project," Sophia said. "All those who gave money to buy the food, the junior high religious education class for filling the baskets (it was a joy to watch them!), the couple who donated the soup, Leslie and Carolyn for the bulletin inserts and the prayer and message included with every dinner, Dick Barrett for ordering all the food, his volunteers who helped bring the food into the parish center, the 12 teams who delivered the food baskets to the needy, Gaye Dunn and her students who made deliveries even after dark—they'd have delivered all night!"

The list of recipients for the Thanksgiving Baskets was compiled from names provided by two north end residents who know the very needy in their neighborhood, the Mental Health Center, Family Services, and others who contributed the names of people they knew personally were in need.

All who received the baskets were very grateful for the food. Their message was to "please say thank you to all the St. Patrick's people!" Their thanks are echoed by Sophia Zeigler, who points out that without the help of parishioners, the Society would be unable to carry through with this great undertaking every year. "A big THANK YOU to all of you for making this project most gratifying!" ■



St. Patrick's Children at Holy Cross School



Although there are fewer school days in December because of Christmas, Advent is a busy time of expectation and preparation. Service projects (most of which are decided upon by students themselves), all-school liturgies, weekly prayer service and lighting of the Advent wreath, a special Service of Light, and classroom discussions about the true meaning of the season provide a focus for students during December.

Children are offered the opportunity to shop for gifts for their families. Sponsored by the PTC and coordinated by a dedicated group of parents, the Kris Kringle

Shop is stocked with donations from families and some store-bought items to round out the gift offerings.

The Kris Kringle Shop is not expected to be a money-maker; it is designed to give all children time to purchase presents priced inexpensively in a comfortable setting and to let children experience the pleasure of selecting and giving gifts.

Another December tradition is the distribution of Christmas "goody bags" to all students just before Christmas break. About two weeks before, small paper bags are distributed in all classes, and students are asked to decorate them and to sign their own work of art. These bags are then collected, filled with some goodies collected by the PTC, and distributed in other classrooms. Everyone from kindergarten to eighth grade participates in this giving.

On Dec. 16, students in grades 3-8 who have experienced First Reconciliation were given the opportunity to prepare for Jesus' coming by celebrating this sacrament. Students who are not Catholic were invited to participate by asking the priest for a blessing.

It has become a tradition at Holy Cross to end the last school day before Christmas with a Service of Light, celebrating Jesus as the Light of the World. The children leave school not with a party, but with a better sense of the season's true significance. ■



Meet Sr. Charlene Cesario, Pastoral Associate

Pastoral Associate at St. Patrick's since 1988, Sr. Charlene Cesario, SSCM, is charged with activities designed especially for spiritual

formation of parishioners and with the facilitation and augmentation of lay ministries in the parish.

With a master's degree in pastoral studies, with a concentration in spirituality, Sr. Charlene is well prepared for developing and administering such programs as seminars on the spiritual journey, group spiritual companionship in the Ignatian Exercises, individual spiritual direction, participa-

tion in liturgical/scriptural preparation for homilies at Sunday liturgies, and empowering others in parish renewal and retreat efforts.

Her duties also include visiting the sick and elderly at home or in nursing homes and hospitals, and being available as a pastoral, caring staff person, open and flexible to the immediate needs of parishioners.

As advocate for the marriage annulment process, a companion to those going through the grieving process, and an honorary member of the Parish Council, Sr. Charlene's days and evenings readily become filled. She has been actively

engaged in starting up two parish programs, "Joyful Again" (a healing retreat for those who have lost a spouse) and "BeFriender Ministry" (a program of training and empowering others to companion one another during crises). She also stands ready to provide training and follow-up, on request, for members of base communities.

A Chicagoan, Sr. Charlene is a member of the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary, the religious congregation that staffs Covenant Medical Center. She lives with others of her community in the Sisters' Residence at Covenant. ■



Meet Bill McClellan, parish deacon

The man who wears "the sideways stole" at Mass is William McClellan, ordained a permanent deacon for St. Patrick's in May 1992.

Bill's volunteer service began about 10 years ago when he joined others from our parish assisting at St. Jude Catholic Worker House. That service was something of a stepping stone to Cursillo, RCIA, St. Patrick's Education Committee, our Parish Council, and parish liturgical ministries.

In 1989, after much reflection and many conferences with Fr. Remm, Bill undertook the program of study and prepara-

tion for ordination as a permanent deacon. He and his wife, Jane, spent every third weekend at classes in Peoria for three years.

Since he is not ordained a priest, Bill does not preside at Mass itself, give absolution, or perform other specifically priestly ministries. But at weekend parish liturgies you will see him assisting the presider, proclaiming the Gospel, and preaching the homily. On request, and without presiding at Mass itself, Bill may marry couples, bury the dead, and baptize.

Social justice ministry is his chosen area of involvement in the parish. He was a strong supporter of the recent "You

Can Make a Difference" drive in the parish, for instance. He has continued his commitment to the Catholic Worker House, where he and Jane serve in a spiritual support group.

Bill and Jane became Catholics in 1963. They have four daughters, all now maintaining homes of their own. ■



Writers needed

If you can write regularly or once in a while for Focus, please call Mary Lou Menches (344-1125 or 244-4701).

Children welcome God's forgiveness

They prayed, "Lord God, we know that You are love and that by living in love we live in You. We know that You are light and that by walking in Your light we walk with You."

They continued: "But we also know that we do not always live in love, that sometimes we walk in darkness. We come together this evening to heal one another and to seek Your healing."

So began the children's first celebration of Reconciliation, Dec. 1. On that night 63 of our parish children acknowledged their desire to be reconciled with one another and with God:

Brittany Beckman, Stephanie Bell, Megan Blair, Alaina Brown, Anna Marie S. Brown, Robbie Brown, Ashley Collenberger, Jimmy Cross, Chuck Crowley;

Maura Daly, Jeremy Delanty, Jamison Dial, Jenna Dial, Cristina Diaz, T. R. Dilla, Mike Downes, Trisha Downes, Mary Erlandson, Laura Fahey, Erica Flood, Megan Fredericks;

Anne Grabow, Kelli Gust, Colin Holbrook, Inez Hubler, Mija Hubler,

Tudor Hulea, Victor Hulea, Sara Ingram, Susan Ingram, Jesse Johnston, Alex Joyce;

Darlana Keller, Gabriel Mathy, Tracey McCusker, Patrick McLaughlin, Ruth Miller, Emily Millsap, Maciek Misztal, Celia Montes, Dawn Morano, Yen Nguyen;

Allen Pfaff, Joanna Pelafas, Eric Portis, Ross Richards, Karen Roth, Cain Schaub, Danielle Schaub, Karen Shafer, Jonathan Shoda, Kristin Soltau, Allen Strong, Patrick Strong;

Kathleen Tounshendeaux, Tommy Tounshendeaux, Ted Turner, Amy Weber, Amy Whitt, Joey Yasunaga, Thad Yasunaga, Abby Yeazel, Jon Youakim.

"God, my Father, I love You with all my heart. I am truly sorry for the times I have acted selfishly. I know You will forgive me. Please help me to do better. I ask this of You through Jesus Your Son."

And we pray, "Amen. So say we all. Amen. Amen."

Jan Lipska, coordinator of our parish children's program, is especially grateful to catechists Irene Bullard, Diane Musumeci, Deb Wagner, Mary Beckman, Nancy Delanty, John Joyce, and Paula Strong for the hours and personal attention they gave to both the children and their parents over the weeks of preparation for this event. ■



Eric Portis with Fr. Remm after First Reconciliation, in an informal "replay" for *In Focus* readers, show us how it was.

Nine become catechumens

On Sunday, Dec. 6, seven women and two men were accepted into the Order of Catechumens at St. Patrick's when Fr. Remm asked, "What do you ask of the Church today?" and they all firmly replied, "The fullness of faith."

After two months of inquiry into Roman Catholicism, these men and women have accepted the invitation to enter into a special relationship with the Church, with the hope of achieving full communion with us at Easter.

The sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation that they may receive at Easter are called Sacraments of Initiation because they mark the beginning of our sacramental life. Thus the process the catechumens are experiencing is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults; it is a process that prepares them for the sacraments of initiation.

This process is also one by which they become acquainted with the people of St. Patrick's and with the ways in which we live out our faith. In order to introduce these men and women to the parish and to give them an experience of the different nuances of worship at each of the Sunday liturgies, they will attend a different Mass each Sunday, starting in mid-January. Let's give them a warm welcome and keep them in our prayers as they join us in our journey of faith. ■



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is January 17.



A Merry Christmas from Dr. Susan Nagele

Many warm greetings to all of you. It's pretty early to be writing a Christmas letter, by most standards [Susan's letter is dated Nov. 8], but I have the feeling that I'd better do it now....

I have learned a lot in this past year. After living the first 22 years of my life in the same town, it wasn't easy to move 9 times. Several times I lost a lot of "things," but every time I was welcomed by wonderfully hospitable people. I have a much greater appreciation for the destruction war brings and the pain people must feel when forced to leave their homes.

There have been some small miracles. My mission cross was taken from our house in Torit by the man who had been our guard. Later he ended up in Loa with us, and it was the only thing I asked him to return—which he did. He also returned a beautiful piece of cloth I had kept as a wedding present for my Arabic teacher. Strangely enough, he brought it on the same day the parish priest arrived, from deep in the bush where the teacher was staying. I sent the cloth off promptly with the priest, even though the wedding hadn't taken place yet—such a chance might not come again! Both "things" would have brought a lot of money elsewhere, but somehow they came back to me.

I've lost some friends as well. A woman and a catechist I knew in Kapoeta were killed when fleeing the Khartoum troops. A doctor was killed in an ambush between factions of the SPLA [rebels]. Even then, there were others who survived miraculously. Cyprian, Margaret, and their 8- and 4-year-old children all survived their flight, walking 80 miles from Kapoeta. Margaret was pregnant as well. When I met her

here in Nimule last month, she was 7 months pregnant but the baby was no bigger than would be normal at 5 months. Now, after only one month of food supplements, she has blossomed. I just hope she doesn't have to move again soon.

There is a lot of evil in the world, and especially in Sudan. I can't give you numbers on how many patients we've treated or buildings built or programs completed, but we've managed to stay with people as a sign of Jesus' love and concern.

Such difficulties bring out not only the worst in people but the best as well, and I have met some real saints. They have helped me not only to survive but to thrive and grow in my faith. It looks as though there will be more fighting, oppression, misery, and death here, yet we look forward with the hope that the Christmas message brings about God's plan. It demands justice and bears the fruit of peace.

Most of this is very far from the reality of your lives. Still, it is a part of our world. I hope there is more joy, peace, and harmony in your homes and that you will pray for us. Perhaps then some of your goodness will spread to us and next year will be better.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Love,
Susan*

You can write to Susan c/o NCA—Diocese of Torit, P.O. Box 52802, Nairobi, Kenya.

See a related story on the Sudanese conflict, page 8

Can you save the parish \$1000?



You can, if you have a strong and true alto voice and can be reliably present for choir rehearsals and 10:30 a.m. Sunday liturgies. Call

music director Mark Fisch at the parish office (367-2665) to volunteer.

Actually, Mark would be happy to hear from anyone who is interested in participating in any way in our parish music program. Stop him when you see him at church, or leave your name and telephone number with the parish secretary, to volunteer.

What does \$1000 have to do with it? Well, to provide the alto support base needed for the choir, Mark may have to offer a stipend to someone from the university's music program. So you see, if you can bring your alto voice to the choir, you'll have saved the parish \$1000. It's that simple. ■



Welcome to new parishioners Frances and Scott Drone-Silvers, Elaine Dyer, John Haworth, Frank Maglione, Duyyen and Trai Nguyen, Michele Papai.

Farewell to the following parishioners who have moved from C-U: Michael Simon, Katherine Labeda, Augustine and Susan Kim, Cora Bay, Mark and Sheila Collom.

We welcome those recently baptized to our faith community: Catherine Michelle Anderson, Heather Renea Purcell. +

Your letters made a difference!

Last May St. Patrick's parishioners participated in a nationwide offering of letters sponsored by Bread for the World. The 100 or so letters we sent to our congressional representatives were in support of the "Every Fifth Child" act for increased funding of WIC (Women, Infants, and Children), Head Start, and Job Corps as a means of reducing childhood hunger and poverty.

Bread for the World recently announced that Congress passed an increase of \$885 million in appropriations for these three programs. Translated into benefits to people, this means that 350,000 more women, infants, and children will be served through WIC benefits, 120,000 more children will be enabled to attend Head Start, and 1600 more youths will be able to participate in the four new Job Corps Center training programs.

The "Every Fifth Child" act takes its name from the fact that in the U.S. every fifth child lives in poverty and faces the threat of hunger.

Sponsors of the bill suggested that Congress could fund the three programs named above by transferring \$3.85 billion of unobligated funds from the FY 1993 military budget to human needs programs. However, Congress refused to break down the budget "walls" and allow military savings to be used for domestic needs.

It was only through Bread for the World's massive letter-writing effort that Congress was convinced of public support to increase funding for these human needs programs at a time when Congress was reluctant to approve spending increases for even the most deserving underfunded programs.

Bread for the World will continue

to build on the strong momentum of the "Every Fifth Child" act. The bill will be reintroduced in the next Congress for additional funding. You may wish to thank the bill's main sponsors: Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-VT, Sen. Robert Dole, R-KS, Rep. Dale Kildee, D-MI, Bill Emerson, R-MO, Tony Hall, D-OH, and Patricia Schroeder, D-CO.

More than 275 organizations and religious groups endorsed the effort. By the end of the session 39 senators and 114 representatives signed on as cosponsors of the act. Your letters do count! ■

Parish Council News

Continuing their resolve to become better acquainted with parish groups, at their November meeting Council members heard from Florence Chevalier and Nancy Steerman about the goals and work of the Archives Committee. The group's long-term goal is to be able to produce a history of the parish for the centennial of its founding in 2001.

In December, Sr. Charlene presented information about pastoral ministry and pastoral care ministries in the parish. Eucharistic ministry to patients at Carle Foundation Hospital, the homebound and residents of several local nursing homes, and residents of Champaign County Nursing Home is carried out on a regular basis by parishioners under the guidance and with the support of Sr. Charlene. She would like to double their number so the needs of all can be met through this compassionate ministry.

Bishop Myers has signed the resolution, presented by our pastor and trustees, creating the St. Patrick's Education Foundation. A four-member advisory board has been established to assist in establishing



and operating the Foundation: Ruth Cromwell, W. James Fitzgerald, John Judd, and Ray Timpone. The bequest of \$10,000 from the Catherine Trueblood Estate in memory of Carl and Catherine Trueblood will be used to start the fund. A timetable will soon be set, with September '93 the target date for achieving the startup fund of \$100,000.

Jeff Nelson, a recently elected member of the Council, announced his resignation from the Council with regret. Following a procedure laid out in the Council's Constitution and Bylaws, Council president Carol Bosley presented Miriam Nirider, runnerup from the last election, to complete the remainder of Jeff's term. The motion received unanimous approval, and Miriam was seated on the Council.

Miriam's first official act as liaison with the Social Committee was to announce that Wayne and Fran Davis, who served as committee co-chairs, have resigned and to ask the Council's advice and suggestions for dealing with the situation. The first step will be to seek a new chairperson from the parish.

The Council has invited to their Epiphany party those who have joined the parish through Confirmation as part of the RCIA process during the last two years. The celebration will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Beginning the budget process for the next fiscal year, members agreed to the Personnel Committee's recommended 3.3% cost-of-living pay increase. They also approved merit raises of up to 2%.

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in our parish library

Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World

by **Henri J. M. Nouwen**

One day, while walking on Columbus Avenue in New York City, a friend turned to Henri Nouwen and said, "Why don't you write something about the spiritual life for me and my friends?"

The friend's question, the author writes, became much more than the intriguing suggestion of a friend. It became the plea that arose on all sides. In the end, it became for him the most pertinent and urgent of all demands: "Speak to us about the deepest yearning of our hearts, about our many wishes, about hope; not about the many strategies for survival, but about trust; not about new methods of satisfying our emotional needs, but about love.

"Speak to us about a vision larger than our changing perspectives and about a voice deeper than the clamorings of our mass media. Yes, speak to us about something or someone greater than ourselves. Speak to us about ... God."

And so he did. In this book Nouwen is trying to respond to his friend's concern to live a spiritual life in the midst of a very secular world. In it he speaks not only to his friend but to all who search for the Spirit of God in the world.

Here is ringing affirmation that everyone is loved by God and can enjoy "the life of the beloved." It reveals the wonders of the spiritual journey and renews the fire of faith.

Available in our parish library.

Ordinary People as Monks and Mystics: Lifestyles for Self-Discovery

By **Marsha Sinetar**

In this book the author examines how creative people first take the "high Road" of spirituality and move from action into contemplation. She looks at the stories of ordinary people who choose a solitary lifestyle to find wholeness. Practical and visionary, this book gives all of us "ordinary" folks hope. Most valuable is the simple detailing of what's necessary to live a life of joy and meaning.

Educator, lecturer, and author, Marsha Sinetar is immersed in the study of creatively gifted, spiritually emerging adults.

Available on request from Sr. Charlene. ■

Council news, from page 6

They then received information from staff and committees about new proposals for the coming fiscal year: a new pastoral ministry program called "Finding God in Daily Work," financial support for the teen liturgies, and consideration of an "assistive listening system" for the hearing-impaired in attendance at parish liturgies.

The concerns about our parish nursery, in operation on Sundays during 9:00 Mass, that were stated in a letter to the Council were shared by some members, but it was felt that more information is needed and possible ramifications must be identified and considered before any action can be taken.

Committees and staff were reminded that budget proposals for FY 93-94 are to be presented for review at the January Council meeting.

Members unanimously agreed to start Council meetings at 7:00 p.m. (instead of at the time-honored hour of 7:30 p.m.), in the hope of being on their way home a half-hour earlier than would be the case otherwise. So the next Council meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings. ■

Quick fixin's from the kitchen of...

Luella Wavering

Spicy Glazed Wieners

- 3 pkgs (5.5 oz each) little wieners
- 1 c jellied cranberry sauce
- 3 T prepared mustard
- 1 T lemon juice
- 1/2 t salt

About 20 minutes before serving, cut thin gashes on each wiener. In a medium saucepan mix remaining ingredients; cook over medium heat, stirring, until cranberry sauce melts and becomes smooth. Add wieners



and heat through. Serve hot with cocktail picks. Makes 48 appetizers.

"Trees of Christmas" a hit!

Well, was it worth the effort? The months and months of preparation, the days and days of setup, the hours and hours of cleanup? "You betcha!" seems to be the consensus after all was dismantled and put away for another year.

Virginia Alane, president of St. Patrick's Guild, reports that the exhibit "The Trees of Christmas around the World" drew 52 groups from near and far, 2069 children, and 708 adults. ■



About the Sudanese conflict

Dr. Susan Nagele, daughter of parishioners Tom and Lenore Nagele, serves as a Lay Maryknoll Missionary in the Sudan. We are grateful to Susan for her living out our shared faith in lands where Christ is little known by peoples he loves so extraordinarily.

In March, with the advent of the dry season, Khartoum began a major offensive to wipe out the SPLA rebels who at that time controlled an area in Southern Sudan larger than the country of Kenya. By May they had moved very close to Torit, and we were forced to move to Palatoka Mission two hours to the south. At the end of May the bishop asked us to go out of Sudan for a while, and we arrived in Nairobi on June 11.

Torit didn't fall until July 14, but by then the SPLA had launched a major offensive on Juba, the capitol of the south and home to 300,000 people. The Khartoum forces were well contained by the rebels and the bishop asked us to return to Loa Mission, where we arrived on July 27.

At that place there were 3 camps housing 100,000 displaced people, some of whom had walked over 600 miles during the previous 6 months as their homes were retaken and they were forced to move on. We worked half-time with local people in the parish and half-time in the camps. Both of us got sick; I had dysentery, and Liz had a more obscure stomach problem. We were both experiencing many of the same stresses and problems the people were having and just trying to hang in there with them.

Liz had to go to Nairobi for better treatment, and while she was gone the deputy commander of the SPLA defected, 4 ex-patriots were killed, and I was asked to leave Sudan again—a year to the day after entering on this apostolate. When things settled down, we returned to visit the episcopal vicar at Loa, who recommended that we return to Nimule because it is right on the Ugandan border. We arrived on Nov. 7.

The Khartoum government wants the world to believe this is an internal struggle, but it's not. There are Iranian Miyahadeen (holy warriors) fighting in Juba and other places in Sudan. Iran is financing this jihad (holy war). All the planes come from China; they are bought with money from Iran and flown by Libyan pilots. The Islamic fundamentalists have moved their training camps for terrorists from Iran to Sudan. That way Iran hopes to become more "respectable" in the eyes of the West and get more money from the West.

Meanwhile Sudanese fundamentalists and terrorists are going abroad to Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Somalia, and Ethiopia to try to infiltrate and destabilize the region. They have a grandiose plan to Islamize Africa. They are causing problems not only for Christians but for moderate Muslims as well. We have Arab/Muslim Sudanese who have come to Southern Sudan from the North because they cannot live with fanatics.

Who knows how long we will be able to stay this time? Rumors abound; supposedly the SPLA will try to retake Torit and then Juba. If that doesn't happen fairly soon, the dry season will help Khartoum continue their plan to retake this and another border town by the end of the year. Then they would control the supply routes and we'd be forced out. They do not want Christian missionaries in the country. ■

Resolutions, from page 1

more great jokes during my Sunday homilies."

Ray Alane, business operations: "To increase revenue, decrease expenses, and manage a 25% return on our parish investments."

Ceil Weir and Virginia Alane: "To begin work on an Eggs of Easter Spectacular in the parish center."

Carol Bosley, Parish Council president: "To put a camp cot in a corner of the multipurpose room so I can spend even more time at St. Pat's."

Leslie Risatti, parish secretary: "To learn the names of everyone in the parish."

Charlie Halpin, Coffee Shop commissar: "To set up a fishing hole just off the kitchen."

And you, what's your resolution for the New Year? ■

St. Patrick's InFocus

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St. Patrick's:

Where people study, work, and play together. . . setting parish goals, preparing Thanksgiving baskets to feed the hungry, celebrating Oktoberfest, wrapping gifts for the needy, . . .





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SAINT PATRICK'S PARISH, URBANA

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3 9:00am , 11a, 6:30p Religious Ed 6:30pm Jr. High Youth Group	4 7:00pm Education Comm 7:15pm GROW 7:30pm Liturgy Comm	5 1:45pm Rosary, Champaign County Nursing Home 6:30pm Homily Prep 7:00pm Beginning Experience 7:30pm Development Comm	6 6:00pm Religious Ed: Urbana 6:30pm Religious Ed: St. Joe 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Pro Life 7:00pm Choir (10:30a Mass)	7 6:45pm Choir (9a Mass) 7:00pm BeFriender 7:30pm Personnel Comm 7:30pm Child Lit Choir	8 10:30am Fontana NH, Mass 10:45am Champaign County Nursing Home, Mass 5:30pm K of C Spaghetti Dinner	9 7:30pm Parish Council Epiphany Party Jr. High Youth Group Ice Skating Outing
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