

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

In Focus



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“Your willingness to share ... has touched me deeply”

On May 1-2 St. Patrick's parish will hear once again the call to stewardship, stewardship that takes us beyond the boundaries of our own parish to the larger Church, the Diocese of Peoria. And even beyond the diocese to the Church throughout the U.S. and the world.

“We are continually challenged,” Bishop John Myers writes, “by our need to care for the poor, the weak, and the suffering.” He also notes the many ways in which the diocese ministers to its people—that's us, all of us in the Church of Peoria.

How does the diocese minister to us? Recently two members of the diocesan Office of Divine Worship assisted in the training and coaching

of our parish lectors. On another occasion a member of the diocesan staff facilitated a weekend of spiritual renewal for St. Patrick's parishioners. And the diocese has provided badly needed funding, at lower than commercial rates of interest, in support of our parish building program.

The diocesan offices minister to the men who experience a call from God to the priesthood, to religious men and women, to lay leaders, to families, to the single, the ill and infirm, the elderly, to infants and youngsters and teens and the “thirtysomething” folks.

Have you ever once wished you could help provide food or shelter

for a stranded family? Or hug a runaway teenager who feels unloved and unwanted at home? Or encourage a young woman during an unexpected, perhaps unwanted, pregnancy? Our diocesan staff provide for that—and ever so much more than that—through the funds received from all its member churches (that's us, remember) during the diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal.

“Your willingness to share in the past has touched me deeply, and I can never adequately offer my thanks for your show of faith and kindness,” the bishop writes. “I assure you of my daily prayers for each and every one of you.”

If that isn't enough, the prodigality of our loving Father makes up for any seeming deficiencies. Something to remember when we pick up our pledge cards. ■



90 years old and still full of vitality!

St. Patrick's Parish was founded in 1901. In July of that year a

temporary wooden church was built that served as the heart of parish life while the permanent brick church was being built. That brick church, where we gather to worship today, was dedicated on May 24, 1903.

This month we will observe the 90th anniversary of that event. On

Monday, May 24, the 7:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Masses will be celebrated in the structure erected by our parish ancestors. If you are unable to be present for either celebration, you might mark the event in some other way, perhaps with a special remembrance of our founding families at your family meal that day.

The tradition of our liturgies asks us to remember the dedication of the church, not the founding of the

parish. But this does not mean that the celebration focuses on the physical structure. Rather, we remember the people who are a part of our heritage here at St. Patrick's.

All powerful and ever-living God, fill this church with your love and give your help to all who call on you in faith. May the power of your word and sacraments in this place ring strength to the people gathered here.

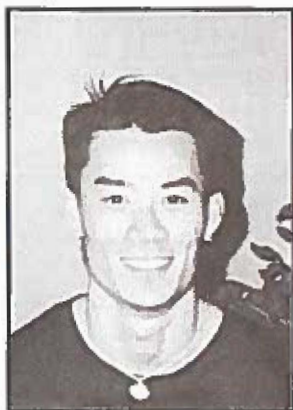
"Why I became a Catholic," by twelve neophytes



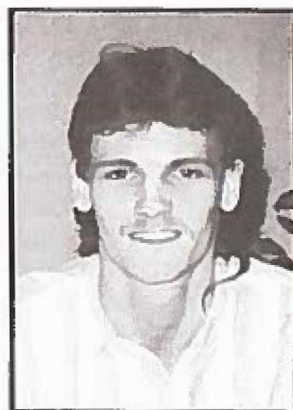
Tim Bowers



Mark Brockschmidt



Michael Byers



Daniel Chapman



Jayne Kuntz



Esther Lee

The twelve neophytes, or "new Catholics," who came into the Church during the Easter Vigil have their own individually personal reasons for embracing Catholicism. Yet there are some common threads to their faith journeys. For example, two youths became Catholic as a result of a parent's search into our faith. And three of the neophytes came from Catholic families or had one Catholic parent but were never baptized.

Phillip Musser appreciates "the universality of the Catholic faith ... manifested in teachings and traditions that pertain to all aspects of society. The Church is not merely a religious organization to be visited on Sunday; it represents a comprehensive and fulfilling way of life." Phillip, born and reared in Angola (Indiana) is Director of Budget of the College of Education, U of I. He and his wife, Anita, have two daughters, Adrienne, 17, and Jennifer, 12.

Jennifer Musser noticed that her dad was reading books about the Church. "I thought that was neat and that it would be cool to be Catholic, a different and good experience." Jennifer was also influenced by her best friend, Kate Bullard, who was a server at the Easter Vigil. Kate's mother, Irene, sponsored Jennifer. Jennifer remembers, "Easter Vigil was really spiritual and really nice, but my knees hurt from kneeling so long."

A single parent with three daughters, Sheila Scott and her family moved to this area in 1976. Daughter Staci, 15, a first-year student at Urbana High, says: "My mom's always wanted to become a Catholic and always talked to me about it." Sheila's very good friend, Randy Lukes, brought her to St. Patrick's, and Sheila knew it was for her. Then Sheila asked Staci if she wanted to join the youth group, and after several months of religious education Staci decided to become Catholic along with her mom at the Easter Vigil.

Three of our neophytes had a Catholic parent or Catholics in the family but were not reared Catholic. As Michael Byers put it, "All my life I have been surrounded by Catholicism. I attend a Catholic college, and my father is also a Catholic, so I feel that God is calling me to be a Catholic." Michael, a student at Springfield College, would like to work with children from dysfunctional families. "They are our future generation."

Stacie Smith, a senior at the U of I in Health Administration, says the support and guidance of Catholic family members and dear friends interested her in our faith. After exploring other faiths, she felt the Catholic Church called to her. "I am very happy to finally fulfill a journey I have felt called to for many years."

Everyone in Daniel Chapman's family of five siblings was, except for Daniel, baptized Catholic. Daniel says, "I

wanted to learn more about the Church and follow my family's traditions." Daniel is engaged to marry Laura Osmond of St. Patrick's on Oct. 9. Laura has a daughter, Courtney, 2.

Jill Zehren came to Urbana in 1989, just after graduation from Ohio State, to work for Solo Cup Co. as Lead Distribution Analyst. The "strong, close community feeling" at St. Patrick's helped Jill decide to inquire and then to join our Church. Jill says, "I feel very comfortable at St. Patrick's parish."

Sometimes Catholic community outreach programs, such as the Catholic Worker House, bring in new members to our faith. Jayne Kuntz tells us, "I met many people there who were living out the Gospel by doing what Christ taught." Attending Mass with her friends spurred her interest in learning about the Catholic faith. Jayne has been working as a nurse at Covenant Medical Center since she received her R.N. from Parkland in May 1992. She currently works on the psychiatric floor there.

Tim Bowers says his faith journey has been a long one. "Several years ago, while in college, I started going to Mass with a group of friends, including my future wife" (Linda, a pharmacist at Walgreens). Tim, a graduate student in Physical Chemistry, kept on going to Mass after he moved here. Then it was a matter of arranging their busy schedules to make time for the RCIA process. The Bowers are a two-cat family.

A native of Korea, Esther Lee came to the States seven years ago. Although she was reared in a Christian church, she grew apart from God while in college. "Through this opportunity, I hope I can grow nearer to God and can serve God better." Esther is a senior in Electrical Engineering at the U of I.

Mark Brockschmidt, a Biology student at the U of I, comes from Harrisburg, a small town in southern Illinois. He sums up the feelings of his classmates: "What attracted me to Catholicism is the rich history and tradition of the Church. I was also drawn by the peace and serenity I find in the Church's prayers and liturgy. I find this particular parish special because of the overwhelming sense of family and Christian love. Each person in this parish demonstrates a genuine concern for others. The people of St. Patrick's are excellent examples of the way Catholic Christian faith should be practiced."

Wherever you encounter these neophytes, whether at the supermarket or in the parish center, do your very best to give them a sincere and warm welcome into our faith community. Introduce yourself and invite them to visit with you at Coffee Shop or to accompany you to some parish function. Make good use of opportunities to become better acquainted with our new brothers and sisters in Christ and for them to become better acquainted with you!



Jennifer Musser



Phillip Musser



Sheila Scott



Staci Scott



Stacie Smith



Jill Zehren



in our parish library

Marked for Life: Prayer in the Easter Christ

by Maria Boulding

On the evening of the first Easter Sunday the disciples of Jesus had locked themselves away from "the Jews," their own people, because they were afraid. Risen from the dead, Jesus came through the barriers. He stood among them and communicated his joy, his life, his peace. The gift of his Easter Spirit released them from fear, set them free for outgoing love, and created in them the will to give and share. He also enabled them to live joyfully with the memory of their own failure, because his forgiveness was a new creation in them, greater and more wonderful than the first creation.

In prayer the barriers are down between us and God. Jesus Christ comes into the prisons of our fear with the will to set us free for love. Very many people are afraid—of pain, of death, of loneliness. The fear of simply not mattering to anyone, of having no significance and being unlovable, is one of the primary fears; it lies at the root of much of the violence that brutalizes social and international life. The fear of worthlessness in oneself gives rise to ambition and competitiveness in personal relationships, and so to the petty violences we practice on others and ourselves.

Prayer for a Christian is not a hobby or a technique but an exposure to God in which God progressively takes over. It is when we pray within the Easter Christ that the transforming power of God lays hold of our failures and frustrations, the bewildering perplexities of life, and the joy in creation and human

love—in sum, the whole stuff of human existence.

Maria Boulding, a contemplative nun from the Benedictine community at Stanbrook Abbey, in this small book speaks to the busy executive, the housewife, the perplexed, the joyous. Without spending much time on distinctions, she speaks of the experience of prayer among ordinary people and the Easter experience in the New Testament. It is the meeting of the two, she states, that brings about the surrender of the heart to God.

Available in our parish library.

The Ceremony of Innocence Is Drowned: Humanity at the Crossroads

by Gil Bailie

In this audio tape set Gil Bailie explores the revolutionary implications of Rene Girard's discovery of the violent origins of culture and religion. For thousands of years humankind has justified war and acts of aggression through the myth of righteous violence: it is okay to end violence violently because our cause is more moral than theirs. Because of the power of the scriptures to de-mystify sacred violence, this myth is losing its power to justify and motivate humankind to kill one another.

Bailie maintains that we are approaching a point in which we will either learn to live together or descend into mindless and uncontrollable violence, guided by no moral compass other than the simple reciprocity of revenge. He foresees a moment of human recognition such as occurred in a poem by Homer:

Achilles and Priam, the victor and the vanquished, look into each other's eyes and realize that their fighting has cost them everything. Achilles sees a father made childless by war; Priam sees a child made fatherless by war. They fall into each other's arms sobbing. "When the sobbing stops and we wipe the tears away, we will finally be able to understand the sermon on the mount."

Available on request from Sr. Charlene Cesario. ■



Welcome to new parishioners James and Sharon Long, Robert and Sally Milligan, Michael and Tharla Palumbo, Raymond Sturdyvin.

Farewell to parishioners who have moved from C-U: Alan and Melissa Fulk, Robert Gaylor, Garry and Patricia Langfield, Walter and Magdalen Lucek,

We welcome the following recently baptized into our faith community: Shelby Marie Simmering, Kenzie Lynn Conerty, Lynn Trinh Nguyen, Laura Christine Weir, Sarah Elizabeth Maloney, Jessica Nicole Glazier, Daniel Thomas Krein.

Congratulations to Bonnie Joan Morse and Joel Thomas McArthur, who were recently married.

Please pray for deceased parishioners Mary Ellen Breen, Frank J. Farruggia, Thelma M. Scheurich, Ann P. Schumacher.



Parish Council News



At their April meeting Parish Council members reviewed plans for the diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal, set for May 1-2, with follow-up on May 15-16.

In a discussion of the Wish List, costs were pegged to

some of the items included; some items, like the proposed van for youth activities and the chemical dishwasher for the parish kitchen, were temporarily set aside pending research into ways and means of implementation, insurance, liability, etc.

The parish operating budget for fiscal year 1993-94, \$419,235, was approved.

The Reception for New Parishioners was well attended; new parishioners seemed genuinely pleased to be invited and many were present, although it is hoped that future receptions of this kind may draw even greater response.

Because of the difficulty in scheduling accommodations, the Parish Council retreat has been moved from June to September.

The ad hoc committee to prepare a slate of nominees for election to Council offices (president, vice-president, secretary) includes Fr. Remm, trustees Tom Kacich and Shirley Splittstoesser, and outgoing Council members Carol Bosley and Tom McDonough. The election of officers will take place during the May Council meeting, at the onset of New Business following the seating of the new members.

Don Keefer made a presentation to the Council about Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County as part of the Council's ongoing effort to become aware of social action programs in our local community.

He described Habitat for Humanity as an ecumenical Christian housing ministry that builds and rehabilitates homes in partnership with those in need, affordable for low-income families. Through volunteer labor, careful management, and tax-deductible donations of money and materials, houses are sold to partner families at cost through no-interest mortgages averaging 20 years. (Some will remember former President Jimmy Carter's participation in the construction of Habitat for Humanity homes.)

Don Keefer pointed out that people can help in many ways, making phone calls, stuffing envelopes for mailings, preparing and serving food for builders, running errands, contributing building materials, etc., if they feel they lack construction skills.

The local Habitat for Humanity group plans three houses this year in Champaign County, one of which will benefit a parish family whose home was lost in a fire.

The Social Committee plans a "Teddy Bear Picnic" in May and the annual parish picnic in the fall. And the Personnel Committee has drafted a parish employment application form for review by the Council.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be May 20. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings. ■

And the baton is passed!

In the largest Parish Council election return in recent years, 662 ballots were checked, tallied, and the numbers confirmed, with these results: Mary Yemma Long, Patricia Joseph, and Jason McArthur were elected by parishioners to three-year terms on the Parish Council.

First runner-up is Walter J. Maguire, who will be given first consideration in the event of a vacancy created by the early retirement of any Council member.

Those going off the Council at the expiration of their terms are Carol Bosley, Tom McDonough, and Harry Ruedi. Faithful to their commitment to the parish, the pastor, and the Council, they will soon know the bittersweet experience of being free on third Thursdays to pursue other adventures. They have earned the gratitude and appreciation of their co-parishioners!

The newly elected members will be seated on the Council at the conclusion of Old Business during the May meeting and will be commissioned at a parish Sunday liturgy soon afterward. One of the first matters the new Council will deal with is the annual election of officers: president, vice-president, and secretary.

New and continuing members will be counting on the prayers and support of all of us, on whose behalf they serve. ■



Mary Long



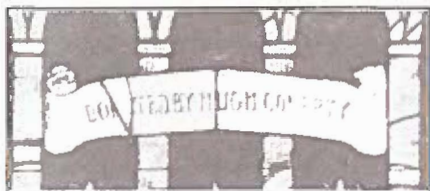
Patricia Joseph



Jason McArthur

Stories told in glass, part 3

The windows of St. Patrick's church tell stories about some of the people who were part of the parish at its very beginning. As we look forward to the 90th anniversary of the dedication of the church building on May 24, it is good to remember some of the people who made it possible.



The two Conerty windows help to place the beginnings of our parish in history. Hugh Conerty (1840-1908), who donated the Sacred Heart window on the east wall, was a veteran of the American Civil War. His son, James P. Conerty (1870-1915), donated the nearby window depicting the host and chalice. His wife, Carrie, was expecting a child when James died; that child, also named James, and his wife, Betty, are still active members of our parish.

Between these two windows is the one of the paschal lamb, with the inscription "In loving memory of John P. Daly." John Daly was shot while trying to break up a street brawl at the corner of Race and Main streets. He died a few days later, on July 23, 1901. The crowds at his funeral were so large that only half of the people could squeeze inside the temporary wooden structure that served while the present church was being built.

Also on the east wall of the church is an image of Jesus' passion; this window was donated by Fr. John H. Cannon, the first pastor of our parish. Serving here from 1901 to 1910, he supervised the construction of the temporary wooden church as well as the permanent building we worship in today.

The window with the image of the



them, but they are also connected with a sixth window. The window depicting St. John, above the west door, was donated by John Hudson; his name was lost when the window had to be shortened to make room for the door. John helped the Diocese of Peoria to acquire the land for the parish buildings.

The guardian angel window was donated by Joseph Robert Hudson (1844-1906). He came to Champaign County in 1854 and had a farm two miles south of Mayview.

A window in memory of Leonard P. Hudson is in the vesting sacristy in the southeast corner of the church. (This room originally served as the baptistry; how fitting that Leonard Patrick Hudson, who died in infancy (May 21-Aug. 26, 1901), is commemorated where many were reborn in Christ.

crown of thorns on the east wall is inscribed "Donated by Joseph Coombs & Family." Joseph (1848-1939) was the father of Mayme Coombs, the first bride to be married in the permanent brick church.

All around the church are windows donated by and in memory of members of the Hudson family. Their name appears on five of



The image of St. Anthony of Padua, on the west wall, was donated by the "A. O. H. Ladies Auxiliary." The Ancient Order of Hibernians, a cultural and benevolent organization of Irish immigrants, was the forerunner of St. Patrick's Guild.

Nearby is a window donated by Bessie Toole. She was born in Ireland in 1839 and died here in 1918. She was survived by her husband and three children, one of whom (also named Bessie) Jim Conerty remembers as his school teacher.

Next to Bessie's window is one donated in memory of Thomas F. Redding (1843-82). He worked as a roundhouse foreman for one of the railroads and also farmed 80 acres.

Hidden behind the organ pipes in the choir loft is a window donated by Thomas Tyrell. He was born in Ireland around 1850 and probably was married to Catharine there. His granddaughter, Ruth Shaw, and great-grandsons, Chuck and Tom Shaw, are active members of the parish today.

More information about the growth of St. Patrick's parish is contained in "Parish History: St. Patrick's Catholic Church," which is available in the parish library.

If you have memories of the early days of St. Patrick's parish, of the people and events that have made their indelible mark on the Church of Urbana of the Diocese of Peoria, if you are interested in local history or genealogy, consider sharing your interest and talents with the Archives Committee. If you leave your name and telephone number with the parish secretary, a committee member will contact you. ■

For Sister Marie, retirement signals a new beginning

Surrounded by friends and well-wishers at a special liturgy at St. Patrick's, Sr. Marie Golla, O.P., celebrated her 25 years of service at the University of Illinois and in the Champaign-Urbana community.

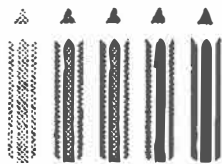
"The Mass," she wrote beforehand, "will be a tangible sign that retirement is not an ending but the beginning of a new chapter in my life."

During the liturgy Fr. George Remm received her renewal of profession as a member of the Third Order of St. Dominic.

At the reception that followed she received the good wishes of many friends and colleagues from the University and from parishioners who gathered to celebrate with her as she sets out on a new path in her journey with us. ■



News from Holy Cross School



The Holy Cross honor roll for the third quarter includes the names of

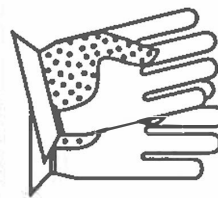
several young parishioners from St. Patrick's: fifth-graders Kirsten Anderson, Anthony De Cerbo, Meredith Main, Virginia McCreary, Mariana Simon; sixth-graders Alayna Bonse, Christy Laesch, Adam Long, Gina Sabbia; seventh-graders Andrew Anderson, Hayley Ellis, Bob Kacich, Sarah Mytty, David Simon; eighth-graders Danielle Gumble, Michael Sabbia, Jennifer Smith.

The music staff at Holy Cross School invited families to a Music Open House on Apr. 26. Each grade presented a short demonstration lesson to showcase the kinds of music learning that have taken place in their classes this school year.

The April school newsletter announced that next year's Spring Break will coincide with the U of I's Spring Break instead of the dates observed by Unit 4 and District 116. Because Holy Cross School utilizes the U of I Laboratory Schools of Music and Physical Education, it was decided that this plan would maximize needed classtime.

Holy Cross PTC is beginning Phase I of a multi-year plan to remodel the school playground. Work will begin after the end of the school year, with most of it done by volunteers. Those who are good with their hands or with strong backs are asked to call Bill or Bev Bermingham (337-6507) for more information on schedules, etc. The PTC is also looking for local businesses willing to donate or sell at cost materials needed, including railroad ties, landscape timber, hardware, nails, bagged concrete, drills, playground paint. If you can help or can refer Bill or Bev to someone who can, please let them know. ■

They got the job done



It was a small crew, but with a lot of hustle and good cheer they got the job done—St.

Patrick's church

received its annual spring cleaning, spruced up for the Main Event of our church-going lives: Easter!

"Well, we didn't get all the glass washed up to the ceiling, and we didn't get the wood panels in the sanctuary polished, but we sure did a lot," one of the crew was heard to say.

And they did accomplish a lot! The altar was stripped and polished, along with the ambo, or pulpit, and the side altars. St. Patrick was cleaned up, votive candle stands were cleared of wax and the glass candle holders were washed, the corbels were dusted (now that was an adventure!) so as not to soil the white and gold banners they would soon carry, the pews were polished and the book pockets cleared of their miscellaneous detritus. The floor was swept, the carpet vacuumed, the ledge running the perimeter of the church was washed. And "The Rising Christ" was dusted ("Achoo!" and "Watch out below!"), the cobwebs removed from its wires all the way up to the light at the ceiling.

Weary, they went their separate ways to take up yet other tasks at home. Those aching muscles the next morning were an invisible badge of honor, worn by Grace and Will Conlee, Mary Lou Menches, Cathy Salika, and Carol Subick. Now, next year, . . . ! ■

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



John Sabol, rosary maker extraordinaire



After 7 a.m. weekday Mass at St. Patrick's, John Sabol goes to his garage workshop. From a sack of 700 tiny "eye pins," he lines up 59 in one direction on a towel. From another sack of 600 blue plastic beads he selects 6 of the largest ones. These will be the Our Father beads; 53 smaller ones will be the Hail Mary beads in the rosary he begins to put together.

He will complete the rosary in about an hour. He links the Hail Mary beads by putting a tiny eye pin through each and connecting the pins into five decades. He cuts small sections from 100-foot chain to connect the decades, adding the Our Father beads between them.

Next he pins and links the three Hail Mary beads and two Our Father beads for the short introductory piece. Finally he connects this short piece to the five decades with a "centerpiece" medal and attaches a crucifix. Another rosary is complete.

John usually makes 30-40 rosaries in a week, wraps each in a small piece of paper, packs several in a carton, and mails them to a missionary who has requested them.

So far he has made over 2800 rosaries for home and foreign missions, including Fr. Peyton's Rosary Crusade, missions in Africa and the Pacific Rim, and even St. Patrick's, Urbana.

How did John get started making

rosaries? In a Catholic paper he saw an ad for Our Lady's Rosary Makers, a sort of club that serves as a clearing house for mission requests and a supplier of rosary materials. He tried it, liked it, and now buys materials in bulk.

John was baptized in the Byzantine Rite of the Catholic Church, which he is quick to point out is entirely in union with Rome. He was educated in Catholic schools, retired from the Air Force, and then from work as an instructor at Chanute Air Field. He still drives to Rantoul with his wife, Betty, for Sunday Mass.

According to one story, Christ asked St. Peter how people were getting into heaven. St. Peter answered, "Mary is pulling them in on the rosary"—evidently from all over the world, for John has a thank you letter from a missionary in Tanzania, Africa, who writes: "The gift of your rosaries has helped rekindle the spirit of faith in so many hungry hearts!" A letter John will treasure. ■

Eleven-year-old wins regional Spelling Bee

Nathan Modica, 11-year-old parishioner of St. Patrick's and a sixth-grader at Urbana Middle School, stayed to the end of the televised Ninth Annual News-Gazette/WICD Regional Spelling Bee, becoming the top speller in Champaign-Urbana and six counties.

Nathan won a trip to Washington, D.C., May 30-June 4, with his parents to try his skill in the national spelling bee. He also won a set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, a trophy for his school, and a gift certificate for books.

Regional contestants are often coached, but Nathan prepared by himself by studying an official list of 3000 words. "He did it all himself," said his parents, Frank and Jan Modica. "We quizzed him once in a while, that's all."

The nine contestants spelled words like "longeron," "fanchonette," "chiclero," "rasgado," and "wapentake." Nathan spelled "zaibatsu" (the powerful financial and industrial conglomerates of Japan) and "cerography" (the art of making characters in or with wax).

In the last round, the finalists had to spell words from the dictionary, words which were not on the list. Nathan's winning word was "humidistat."

He has a new list of words for the national championship bee. Many will be from the dictionary, which Nathan is now combing for words he needs to learn.

The Modica family joined the parish in 1992. Besides Nathan (who also won first prize for designing a poster ad for a local restaurant), the Modica children are Matt, who took part in the regional spelling bee two years ago, and Alisa, who appeared in "Music Man" at the Virginia Theater last summer and, with her sister, Gina, in "The Velveteen Rabbit" at the Station Theater recently. Their mother, Jan (who just finished a part in "Hello Dolly" at the Virginia), says modestly, "We have a lot of interests." ■



Join in our "family celebration"!

Many St. Patrick's children have recently received Our Lord for the first time in the Eucharist, others the "seal of the Holy Spirit" in Confirmation. The experience of receiving these sacraments of initiation will always occupy a special place in their memories.

These occasions, however, also stir memories for those of us whose experience of them took place many years ago. We can remember being nervous then, as our children are now. The young girls in their white, lacy dresses and veils used to tease the young boys about matrimony sure to follow soon. (What do boys and girls tease each other about today, we wonder?)

We knelt in a row at the communion rail (remember?), with our hands tucked under the cloth that covered the railing, and received the Eucharist on our tongue while an altar boy held a paten under our chin. Today youngsters (and we also), still showing great reverence for this sacrament, can receive the Eucharist in the hand. Although many of the customs have changed, the important elements have not.

The Eucharist will continue to feed our young parishioners in the communion of all God's People, the Church. Confirmation empowers our children to live out their faith in today's world. These gifts to our community are cause for the entire community to celebrate.

Parishioners have shown their joy in different ways. Many have picked name cards from the "prayer tree" in the church and offered their prayers for individual First Communicants. A card or a congratulatory word further encourages them. One parishioner, John Sabol, has made new rosaries by hand for each of the First Communicants.

Let's all celebrate with our young parishioners and pray that their renewed life in the Church will endure in their hearts and continue to warm our own.

The following youngsters made their First Communion at Holy Cross on Saturday, Apr. 17: Nathan Bohn, Stephanie Coverstone, Lauren Hartman, Felicia Milewski, Ashley Oliveira, Brett Schnepfer.

These boys and girls received Our Lord for the first time at St. Patrick's on Sunday, Apr. 25: Elizabeth Amberg, Lucas Greco, Gina Modica, Brittany Beckman, Kelli Gust, Hugo Molina, Stephanie Bell, Ines Hubler, Joey Morano, Daniel Burke, Mija Hubler, Lynn Nguyen, Matthew Call, Thomas Hughes, Nam Nguyen, Marco Carter, Tudor Hulea, Tu Trinh Nguyen, James Cross, Victor Hulea, Tu Uyen



Nguyen, Maura Daly, Jennifer Johnston, Eric Portis, Melissa David, Katie Korder, Karen Roth, Evan Dawson, Natalie Krein, Adam Schnizlein, Jamison Dial, John Marlin, Rebecca Schrepfer, Jenna Dial, Tracey McCusker, Jennifer Simonich, Heinrich Felgar, Patrick McLaughlin, Nicholas

Smith, Erica Flood, Dawn McMullen, Kristin Soltau, Anne Grabow, Danielle McNamara, Maria Venn, Cole Grabow, Timothy Miller, Jon Youakim.

Christina Stierman received Our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time on Holy Thursday; Jennifer Musser and Staci Scott, during the Easter Vigil; and Thomas and Wayne Hosford, on Sunday, Apr. 18.

Among the many seventh- and eighth-graders who were confirmed by Bishop O'Rourke at Holy Cross on Wednesday, Apr. 21, were the following St. Patrick's boys and girls who are enrolled in Holy Cross School: Andrew Anderson, Hayley Ellis, Danielle Gumbel, Thomas Hosford, Robert Wayne Hoford, Robert Kacich, Luke Koehler, Bria Mayer, Chris McDonald, Sarah Mytty, Michael Sabbia, David Simon, Jennifer Smith, Marybeth Sprague, Elaina Tucker, David Weisiger. ■

St. Patrick's In Focus

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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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Because the In Focus calendar is prepared in advance of scheduled events and meetings, please check the weekly bulletin to confirm dates and times for specific listings.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9:00am , 11a Religious Ed 2:00pm ReMembering Church 6:30pm Jr. High Youth Group 6:30pm Sr. High Youth Group ASA Commitment Sunday	3 7:00pm Education Comm 7:30pm Liturgy Comm	4 9:00am Funeral Schola 1:45pm Rosary, Champaign County Nursing Home 7:00pm Beginning Experience 7:30pm Development Comm	5 9:00am Mom's Group 6:00pm Religious Ed: Urbana 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Pro Life 7:00pm Choir (10:30a Mass)	6 12:10pm National Day of Prayer - Mass 6:45pm Choir (9a Mass) 7:00pm BeFriender	7 10:45am Champaign County Nursing Home, Mass	8 8:45am Trustees
9 8:00am Hospitality Table 9:00am , 11a Religious Ed Mother's Day	10	11 1:45pm Rosary, Champaign County Nursing Home 6:30pm Guild Salad Supper 7:00pm Financial Affairs Comm 7:30pm Parish Council Exec Comm	12 12:45pm MM Bandage Rolling 6:00pm Religious Ed: Urbana 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Choir (10:30a) 7:15pm Bldg & Grnds	13 6:45pm Choir (9a Mass) 7:00pm Baptism Prep	14 10:30am Fontana NH, Mass 10:45am Champaign County Nursing Home, Mass	15
16 1:00pm Children's Program Picnic 5:30pm Teen Liturgy 6:30pm Sr. High Youth Group 6:30pm Jr. High Youth Group ASA Commitment Sunday	17 7:00am , 12:10p, 5:15 p Ascension Holyday Mass 9:00am Mom's Group	18 9:00am Funeral Schola 1:45pm Rosary, Champaign County Nursing Home 7:00pm Beginning Experience	19 5:15pm Ascension Holyday Mass 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Choir (10:30a Mass)	20 7:00am , 12p, 5:15p Ascension Holyday Masses 6:45pm Choir (9a Mass) 7:00pm Parish Council Seating of New Council	21 10:30am Urbana Nursing Home, Mass 10:45am Champaign County Nursing Home, Mass 7:00pm Pre-Cana	22
23 9:00am Server Appreciation at 9:00 a Mass 2:00pm Pre-Cana	24 7:30pm Social Action Comm 90th Anniversary - Dedication of St. Patrick's Church - Masses in the church	25 1:45pm Rosary, Champaign County Nursing Home	26 12:45pm MM Bandage Rolling 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Communications Comm 7:00pm Choir (10:30a Mass)	27 6:45pm Choir (9a Mass) 7:30pm Knights of Columbus	28 10:30am Americana NH, Mass 10:45am Champaign County Nursing Home, Mass	29 Ordinations - Cathedral, Peoria
30 Pentecost	31 9:00am Memorial Day Mass at Woodlawn Cemetary					