

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

In Focus



Pro-Life Committee marks "Respect Life" theme in October

During the month of October St. Patrick's Pro-Life Committee will sound the theme of respect for life through a variety of activities for parishioners.

On the Sundays of October, at 10:30 and again at 11:30 a.m. in the parish center lounge, the committee will show videos relating to life issues. Watch the parish bulletin and the insert on Oct. 2-3 for details.

During October the movable bulletin board in the parish center will

be used to focus on respect for life.

On Oct. 3, Respect Life Sunday, all parish families, children, and teens are invited to participate in a prayerful, silent witness for the unborn, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Participants can meet at the southwest corner of Hessel Park for signs and St. Patrick's position on Prospect or Mattes. Late comers can register at Hessel Park. For more information call Lu Pillar (344-4909) or the parish office (367-2665).

Rain or shine, today's the day!

It's time for St. Patrick's annual fall picnic—yes, today, Sept. 26, 1-4 p.m. at the large pavilion in Crystal Lake Park.

This annual event is the perfect opportunity for new members of the parish to meet others in St. Patrick's parish family, and it's a good time for everyone to catch up on what's been happening with friends and neighbors during the summer.

The Parish Council will provide and serve fried chicken. The Knights of Columbus will serve iced tea and lemonade.

Everyone is asked to bring a side dish to share. And don't forget to bring table service for your own use!

Games for children and adults will begin at about 2 p.m. A volleyball net for the hardy and rental boats for more easy-going folks will be available.

Music will be performed by Sons and Daughters.

Yes, rain or shine, come along! The picnic's today!

Parish offers classes for adults

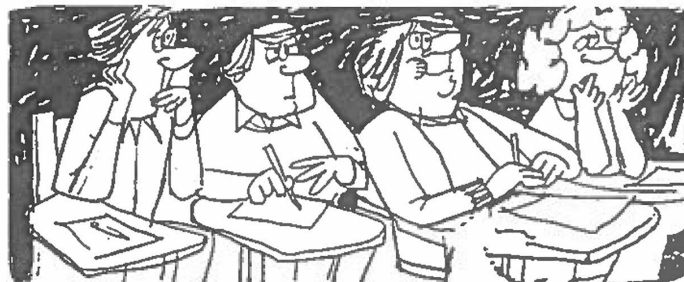
In a twofold approach this fall, Fr. Tim Nolan and Carolyn McElrath will collaborate in presentations on the documents of Vatican II and an introduction to the Bible.

On Sunday evenings, from 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., beginning Oct. 3, Fr. Tim and Carolyn will alternate as facilitators in exploring the documents that grew out of the Second Vatican Council, opening the Church to dialogue with the modern world. The first document to be explored is "The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church" (*Lumen Gentium*, 21 Nov. 1964), to be followed by "The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World" (*Gaudium et Spes*, 7 Dec. 1965).

On Saturday mornings, from 10 to 11 a.m., beginning Oct. 9, Carolyn

and Fr. Tim will present an overview and introduction to the Bible: the Torah, the historical books, the wisdom books, the prophets, the Gospels, the Letters, and Revelation. They plan to focus on how study and meditation on the Bible can help us live out our faith in today's world.

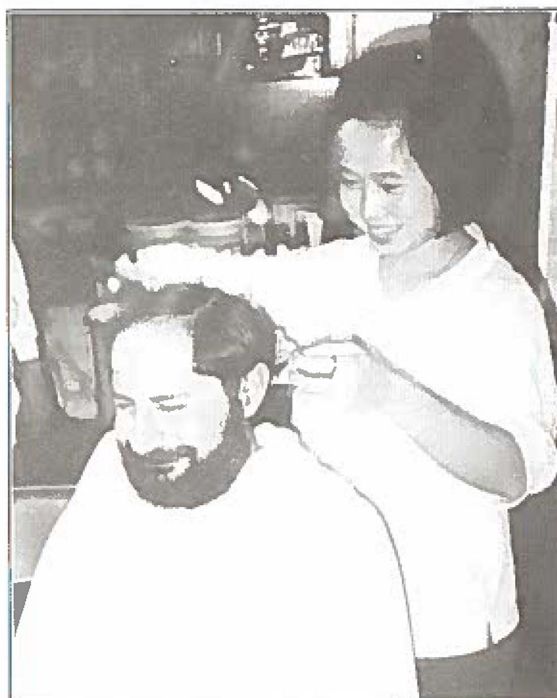
For information, call the parish office (367-2665)—or simply come to a scheduled session. With an understanding of the changing demands presented by life today, the facilitators say that people are welcome to attend any or all sessions.



Respect life ... celebrate life!

A true peace is always more than the mere absence of war or violence. Genuine peace must be based on justice and truth, enriched by love. ... Christian believers have reason to hope and thus to continue to work for the more perfect realization of Christ's kingdom here and now, in the courts, in the streets, and in the human heart.

NCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities





Human life is precious because it is the gift of a God whose love is infinite; and when God gives life, it is forever.

Pope John Paul II



in our parish library

Redemptive Intimacy

A New Perspective for the Journey to Adult Faith

by Dick Westley

Redemptive Intimacy came out of small group experiences and is designed to facilitate and be a resource for them. It is at one and the same time the story of Dick Westley's own journey and an invitation to others to explore their own story.

It is a strong statement about the relationship between faith and life. The central theme of this book is that for Christians redemption and intimacy are really one and the same.

"If you are somewhat embarrassed by the rather simplistic and childish way you continue in adult life to speak of faith to your children," Westley writes, "who find what you say about God and Church totally unbelievable, then you have had some of the same experiences I have had and will find this book helpful."

His work is founded on two basic assumptions: that God is revealing himself to us in our experience, and that dialogue, faith sharing, and experience sharing in the name of the Lord are an essential work of the People of God. He says, "We are called not only to do something, but also to be something—or better, to be the Lord together. Our doing



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

must flow from our being."

Ideally this book should not be read alone; it has been written with deep conviction about the importance of experience and the absolute necessity of all of us sharing our faith and experiences with one another. "If you are alone," Westley says, "this book might be a good way for you to take the initiative of starting such a group. Usually, in every parish or neighborhood there are those who are starving for dialogue and faith sharing, and they will eagerly respond if you but put out the call."

Available in our parish library.

Choir members, cantors needed

In a few short weeks choirs will be learning and practicing hymns and other sacred songs for use in Advent and Christmas liturgies. You can get in on the ground floor (so to speak) by joining now. Music director Mark Fisch says cantors are also needed to serve congregational singing.

Mark would be pleased to hear from you if you find the idea of praying through singing appealing. ("Those who sing pray twice.") Call him at 367-2665 or simply come to a rehearsal: 7 p.m. on Wednesdays for the 10:30 a.m. Mass or 6:45 p.m. on Thursdays for the 9 a.m. Mass.

Dick Westley to speak at Roncalli Society meeting



The fifth annual fall conference of the Roncalli Society will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 12. The featured speaker, Dick Westley, will address members, guests, and friends on "Small Faith Communities: Facing the Future."

Dick Westley is no stranger to St. Patrick's parishioners. He has spoken here twice, each time sharing his experiences with small "base communities."

His most recent project is an ongoing newsletter published by the Thomas More Association titled *In the Meantime: Articulating the Vision of the Church*. The name developed out of his belief that "the Church that was has not yet fully passed from the scene, and the Church that is aborning has not yet fully made its appearance. What we have is Church 'in the meantime.'"

Well-known for his experience with parish base communities, he will speak of the impact and role of these groups on the future of the

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Parish Council News



At their September meeting Parish Council members noted that volunteers are still needed to help make a new parish pictorial directory a reality. Miriam Nirider is spearheading the activity but needs help of various kinds.

Parishioners who are able to schedule their photograph sessions in October are likely to have prints available for Christmas gift giving. By special arrangement, photo sessions can be scheduled over the Thanksgiving weekend for families that may be joined by out-of-town students for the holiday.

An update of the diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal: \$67,209 has been pledged; of this amount, \$44,400 has already been paid.

And for the St. Patrick's Catholic Education Foundation: \$88,209 has been pledged, of which \$28,450 has been paid. Fr. Remm plans a presentation to the parish on the Foundation on the last Sunday of September at all Masses, with an open parish meeting on Sept. 30, 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room, to answer questions parishioners may have.

The Sacrificial Giving renewal has been planned for Nov. 13-14. Cards for pledging the gift of "treasure" as well as "time" and "talent" will be handed out at all Masses on that weekend, with parishioners asked to return them that day if possible or to bring the cards back the following weekend, with all cards brought to the altar with our more traditional gifts of bread and wine on Nov. 20-21.

The Council's workshop on objectives is planned for Oct. 23, 9 a.m. to

noon, with all committee members and staff participating. Joe Pavia will facilitate the workshop.

Appreciation Night for members of all standing committees of the Council and for staff is planned for Nov. 11. Fran Cousin and Miriam Nirider are heading up the planning team.

The revision of the timetable for the budget process means that committees need not present information supporting new and continuing programs until Jan. 11, after the holidays.

The Council heard plans for the second annual "You can Make a Difference" day. Parishioners are asked to bring non-perishable food items to Mass on Oct. 16-17 (or to the parish center until Oct. 20). Volunteers are needed to pack the food items for delivery to the Eastern Illinois Food Bank on Oct. 23. Drivers with vans are needed to help with delivery.

The Social Action Committee has been working on developing a relationship with a "sister church" in Bethlehem. Council members agreed to the committee's proposal to donate \$500 from the budgeted Refugee Fund to Habitat for Humanity to be used in finishing the house being built for a parish family whose home was destroyed by fire several months ago.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held Oct. 21. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings.

Church. His topic will be developed through several presentations, each followed by dialogue, reflection, and/or questions.

The conference will be held at the Mennonite Church of Normal, 805 S. Cottage, Normal, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee for the day is \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers, and includes lunch. Interested persons are welcome to use this opportunity to join the society and attend the conference at the member rate.

The Roncalli Society, a group of priests, religious, and lay men and women of the Diocese of Peoria, has as its theme remaining faithful to the spirit of Vatican II within today's Church.

For information about the society and its goals, or to register for the conference, call Diane Moss (815/434-5458), or mail your registration to Diane Moss, 602 Arch Street, Ottawa, IL 61350. Although walk-ins will be accommodated, pre-registration by Oct. 1 will be greatly appreciated.

Parish Wish List

A list of items not a necessity but nice to have, useful, perhaps even advantageous to the operation of the parish, but not included in the parish's operating budget:

- Two mobile coat racks to be used for participants in Children's Liturgy, for large receptions in the multipurpose room, etc. (\$450 each)
- Park benches and hardy perennials for a sitting area outside the parish center (\$300)
- Brick and concrete ramp to replace the wooden one at the east entrance to the church—more attractive and less slippery in wet or snowy weather, and requiring far less maintenance than the present ramp (\$1000)
- Large video projector (\$2000-\$4000)
- Organ renovation (\$8000)

Fr. George Remm will be happy to discuss the wish list with interested parishioners or to answer any questions about individual items on it.

"I promise you ..."

Although you may not recognize the name of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, the devotion that she helped popularize in the 1600s is familiar to Catholics to this day.

Margaret Mary, while a Sister of the Visitation, experienced visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To her, and through her to the world, were given promises that have exerted a strong influence on popular Catholic piety and devotion to the Sacred Heart.

She is perhaps best remembered for promoting this great promise of Jesus: "I promise you in the immense mercy of my Heart that to all those who will receive Holy Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months, my almighty love will give the grace of contrition at the end of their lives. They will not die in my disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments. My Sacred Heart will be their safe refuge at that last moment."

Margaret Mary was born in the Burgundy region of France in 1647. As a young girl she suffered from a crippling rheumatic condition. At 24 she entered a convent of the Sisters of the Visitation, founded by St. Francis de Sales, at Paray-le-Monial.

There, between 1673 and 1675, she received four visions of Jesus concerning devotion toward his heart, a symbol of his love for humankind. At a time when this congregation of religious placed emphasis on the ordinary and the simple, Margaret Mary's visions were mistrusted by her religious superiors and the other sisters, yet she persevered in communicating the messages of love Jesus gave to the world through her.

Her considerable patience and trust in the Lord during all her trials contributed greatly to her eventual canonization. By the time of her death in 1690 the opposition from her community was at an end and the devotion to Jesus' Sacred Heart had

spread beyond the confines of her convent.

Through the efforts of Margaret Mary, the feast of the Sacred Heart, the Friday following the octave day of the Feast of Corpus Christi, was established in 1856. In 1899 Pope Leo XIII consecrated the whole world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. (It is interesting to note that the devotion to the Sacred Heart is not exclusively Catholic; many English Puritan theologians are known to have promoted it as well.)

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus consists primarily in attention to the inexhaustible source of mercy and love poured out for us by God through the pierced heart of Christ. His heart symbolizes God's love for us in a very human way.

We remember St. Margaret Mary on Oct. 17.

Parish Council committees to set objectives

Last fall at an all-parish workshop held by the Parish Council, participating parishioners established 5-year goals for St. Patrick's. Those goals defined the mission of the parish for the next 5 years.

The Parish Council, committee members, and staff work long and hard to achieve the goals set at the workshop. To assist their efforts, each committee sets annual objectives in working toward those goals. The objectives are specific steps the committee will take during the year that will help move the parish in the direction indicated by the goals.

On Oct. 23 the Parish Council will again sponsor a workshop for all committee, Council, and staff mem-

What's the scoop at Holy Cross School?

Holy Cross School opened the 1993-94 school year with 434 students, the school's highest enrollment since 1968. Among these are 73 boys and girls from 43 St. Patrick's parish families. On Sept. 12 St. Patrick's families of Holy Cross students gathered at a get-acquainted session in the multi-purpose room.

As children and parents adjust to the demands of the new school year, the PTC has managed to provide plenty of entertainment for September. Hot Dog Day gives families an opportunity to have lunch with their children at school and to make new friends. A party at Skateland on Sept. 20 brings families together to socialize as well as exercise. Chris Main

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bers at which committee objectives are shared and discussed. While each committee will ultimately set its own objectives for 1993-94, the workshop's forum for the sharing of ideas among the many who plan our parish activities will help to foster more effective coordination.

If you have ideas for realistic and achievable objectives for any of the parish committees for 1993-94, please jot them down in a note and send it to the chairperson of the appropriate committee or to Council member Joe Pavia. All committees (and Joe Pavia) have mail bins in the parish center.

If you'd like to participate in the October workshop but are not a committee, staff, or Council member, just drop a note to Joe. You will receive notice of the meeting time and place. Your participation on any level is welcome.

Yes, you can make a difference again

This year's "You Can Make a Difference" campaign will focus on food for families. Parishioners are asked to bring nonperishable food items to the church when they come to Mass on Oct. 16-17. The food donations will be brought to the altar along with our more usual gifts of bread and wine.

The food items collected will be delivered to the Eastern Illinois Food Bank, which serves the needs of more than 140 local agencies that provide food to those who need it, among which is our local St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Watch for the insert soon to appear in the weekly parish bulletin; it will provide details about the food drive, including the kinds of nonperishable food items that can be donated.

Volunteers will be needed to help sort and box up the food contributions. If you can help for a couple of hours on Sunday, Oct. 17, Thursday, Oct. 21, or Saturday, Oct. 23, call Deacon Bill McClellan (352-1893) or leave a message for him at the parish center.

Prayer for today's youth

Blessed are you, Creator, God of New Beginnings, for you constantly challenge us to move beyond our pasts, and you call us into fresh possibilities for the future.

Blessed are you, Lord of the Impossible, for because of you we never get discouraged and never cease to hope, believe, and strive for a happier, fairer, and wiser world.

Blessed are you, God of the Covenant, for you make promises and never break them, for you trust us to do good and love us when we fail, and you daily renew our confidence and courage.

God of Unconditional Love, help us to believe in ourselves as you believe in us. Help us to see our potential as you see it. Constantly provide us with the new opportunities that your Covenant promises, and inspire us with the dreams to follow new paths of potential growth and goodness.

and Ginger Timpone have put together an outstanding After School Specials Program!

All fund-raisers sponsored by the PTC will raise money for the school playground. Phase I was completed during the summer; it involved making the playground safer for children. Phases II and III will be completed as funds become available.

St. Patrick's parishioners active at Holy Cross School include Tom and Helene Kacich, PTC Presidents; Freda De Cerbo, PTC Vice-President; and Randy and Theresa Coverstone, PTC Treasurers. Nick and Rosemary Sabbia serve as organizers of the Holy Cross Support Group for St. Patrick's families whose children are enrolled at Holy Cross School. Dorothy Maduzia serves as St. Patrick's representative to the Holy Cross Commission on Youth Education, and Gigi Simon chairs St. Patrick's Education Committee, which seeks to maintain a close relationship with Holy Cross School.

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.

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How you can help Matthew House

The children of Matthew House will soon be back in school. A major focus of Matthew House this fall is to obtain mature volunteers to help with tutoring and homework on weekdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Also needed are volunteers who can spend time with the youngsters on weekends ("grandparent" program), mature drivers to pick

youngsters up from school, maintenance workers, and meal helpers 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Some very special ways to provide outings for the children include gift certificates to McDonald's, pizzerias, Market Place Theatre's \$1.00 movies, or Kohl's for such necessities as new shoes.

Please call Vera Wachter (344-3999) or Carol McCarty (253-2516) if you can be a part of this volunteer program.

Local Pax Christi group studies "just war" criteria

Given the persistence of war in today's world, the Church's criteria for determining when resorting to open warfare is justified merit close examination.

The general framework of the so-called just war theory was developed by St. Augustine (354-430) not long after the conversion of Roman emperor Constantine. Within this framework, however, the Church's teaching has evolved to reflect changing times and continuing revelation.

For a war to be considered "just," each of the following criteria must be met:

1) Just cause. The purpose of the war must be to resist impending danger against innocent life or basic rights.

2) Competent authority. The decision to go to war must be made by a competent authority, responsible for the common good.

3) Comparative justice. The issues involved in the conflict must be sufficiently compelling to warrant risking the destruction caused by war.

4) Right intention. The objective of the war must be to resolve the conflict and pursue peace (not, for instance, to retaliate for an offense).

5) Last resort. All alternative means of resolving the conflict must first be exhausted.

6) Probability of success. There must be a reasonable probability that resort to war will resolve the conflict.

7) Proportionality. The cost and damage associated with the war must not exceed the good pursued.

8) Discrimination. Innocent civilians must never be the target of an attack.

Application of these criteria to specific situations requires subjective judgment and interpretation. Political leaders may proclaim that a war is just without making a sincere effort to verify that the criteria for a just war have been met—or can be met.

Others argue that in the heat of conflict, leaders are unable to examine the criteria in a dispassionate and unbiased manner, bringing into question the practical usefulness of the just war theory as a guide for setting policy on war and peace.

Given the nature of modern warfare, moreover, the likelihood that such criteria as proportionality and discrimination can be met is extremely slim. Statements by recent popes indicate a narrowing of their interpretation of just cause and of comparative justice, undoubtedly reflecting the growing and indiscriminate devastation inflicted during modern warfare.



Welcome to new parishioners Barb and Larry Brunette, Regina and Thomas Galer-Unti, Marianela Gonzalez, Joseph Hinchliffe, Celia and Scott McCartney, Kathleen and Walter Mikolaitis, Tim and Vicki Phillis, Marguerite Plesko, Edgardo Jose Salvarini, Ching-Yee Szeto

Farewell to parishioners who have moved from C-U: Peter and Suzette Atkins, Vicki Cross, Anthony Ernst, Connie and Pat Lawhorn, Dale and Vittorina Lilyfors, Peg and Rich Stevens

We welcome the following recently baptized into our faith community: Elizabeth Carol Ruth Davis, Glynn Clark Edward Davis, Luke Thomas Dale Davis

Congratulations to the following couples married at St. Patrick's: Bruce Patrick Miller and Laura Marie Michalowski, Charles Stephen Trainor and Gaye Lea Dunn

Please pray for Ona Ryan and Frances J. Weir, deceased members of our parish.

Quick fixin's from the kitchen of ...

Linda Weber

Father's Day Hashbrown Casserole

32 oz frozen hashbrown potatoes
1 t salt

1/4 t pepper
1/2 c chopped onion
1 can cream of chicken soup
16 oz sour cream
2 c grated cheddar cheese
1 c crushed corn flakes
1/2 c melted margarine



Thaw hashbrowns. In a large bowl mix all but the corn flakes and margarine. Place in greased 9 x 13 inch pan or dish. Sprinkle corn flakes on top and drizzle with margarine. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.



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