

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

In Focus



There's still time to join the Founders' Council!

It was just about a year ago that Fr. George Remm described for parishioners his dream for St. Patrick's Parish, a dream that is probably shared by every adult member of the parish. His dream was "to hand on to forthcoming generations the values and beliefs that have blessed my life." The means he proposed for making this dream a reality was the St. Patrick's Catholic Education Foundation.

The purpose of the Foundation is to provide funds for tuition for St. Patrick's children to attend Catholic school and for the support of the religious-education program at St. Patrick's. In September 1993, Fr. Remm wrote:

"I am so excited about the establishment of the St. Patrick's Catholic Education Foundation. Here is a way that we, the present generation, may help to influence the generations to follow us. Those who came before us built the buildings that have given us a place to worship, a place to teach, and a place to gather in fellowship. Now we have an opportunity to make our contributions in turn."

As a result of Fr. Remm's dream, the Advisory Board's hard work, and the generosity of parishioners, the St. Patrick's Catholic Education Foundation has become firmly established. More than 77 parishioners have claimed a share in Fr. Remm's dream. They too wish to influence the generations of those who follow them in the Catholic faith. The Foundation had reached the \$200,000 level in pledges before the end of the first year. Even to Fr. Remm, ever the practical optimist, this was a major accomplishment for the parish!

A particularly important part of the development of any foundation is building a solid base early from which interest can be accrued for allocation as needed. Thus the generosity of parishioners at this early stage is especially significant.

Gifts in any amount are welcomed and important to the ultimate success of the Foundation. Of

the 77 parishioners so far who have chosen to contribute to the Foundation, 56 Donors have pledged or given varying amounts of up to \$5000.

Others have supported the program by electing to become members of the Founders' Council. Those who make a gift of between \$5000 and \$10,000, pledged or given before the September 30 deadline, will be acknowledged as Benefactors; their names will be listed for five years in the annual reports of the Foundation. So far, 7 parishioners have become Benefactors!

A Benefactor can become a Charter Member by making an additional gift of \$5000 or more.

A gift of \$10,000 or more, pledged or given by the September 30 deadline, enrolls the giver as a Charter Member of the Founders' Council; the donor's name will be listed permanently on the annual reports of the Foundation. So far, 14 parishioners have become Charter Members—one of them a former Benefactor!

Payment of pledges toward membership on the Founders' Council need not be made in a single donation but may be spread over five years, if desired.

How can you make a contribution to the Foundation? That's easy: just fill out a pledge card! They are available in the church vestibule and at the parish center. Or you can call the parish office (367-2665) to request that one be mailed to you.

If you have questions or would like additional information about the St. Patrick's Catholic Education Foundation, please call any member of the Foundation's Advisory Board:

Fr. George Remm (367-2665), Raymond Timpone (344-4093), Ruth Cromwell (359-9528), and James Fitzgerald (367-5517).

If you prefer, you may request an informational brochure about the Foundation by stopping by or calling the parish office (367-2665).■



In the past year many parishioners expressed their appreciation for the ways in which Fr. Paul Kinder touched their lives by making donations to the St. Patrick's Catholic Education Foundation in his name. As a result of these many donations—some of them \$5, some \$10, some \$100—Father Paul is a little less than \$2000 short of the goal, to be identified as a Charter Member of the Foundation!

As a Charter Member Father Paul's name would be listed in each annual report and mailing of the St. Patrick's Catholic Education Foundation. Seeing his name there would be a ready reminder to us of his continuing interest in our affairs.

Memorializing Father Paul in this way seems especially appropriate for this priest, who taught us so much about the Lord by the way he lived and loved.



in our parish library

The New Question Box: Catholic Life for the Nineties

By Fr. John J. Dietzen

Question-and-answer columns have been popular in the Catholic press for several decades. **The New Question Box**, by Fr. John Dietzen, is a collection of such columns syndicated by Catholic News Service. It won the 1992 Catholic Press Association Book Award in 1992 for the best popular presentation of the Catholic faith.

The author is a priest of the Diocese of Peoria, where he has been in pastoral work since 1973 and now heads Holy Trinity Parish in Bloomington (Ill.). His column first appeared in the diocesan newspaper, "The Catholic Post"; it now appears in more than 50 newspapers in the U.S. and Canada.

A decade ago, when Fr. Dietzen first gathered questions and answers for publication in book form, Catholics were still concerned about women wearing hats in church, whether the "confessional box" should be done away with, and whether people were permitted to drink from the chalice.

Today people are asking about AIDS, abortion and euthanasia, unmarried couples living together, and many complex questions about marriage, divorce, and annulment procedures. Questions about Scripture, the sacraments, the Mass, and the wide spectrum of lay ministry and other parish involvement reflect their own abiding desire to live according to the teachings of their faith.

Fr. Dietzen draws his answers from papal encyclicals, Vatican documents, bishops' pastorals, the Code of Canon Law, and the Bible. He also enjoys a wide circle of authoritative sources, whom he calls upon to provide definitive information on difficult subjects.

He writes as a caring pastor, with clarity and sensitivity in a straightforward manner, providing answers that are concise, plain, and to the point.

Good reading for anyone seeking a better understanding of matters of faith and conscience. ■



Welcome to new parishioners Marshall Bellville, Julie and Robert Benning, Yvonne Brady, Connie Burner, Morene Christman, James Duddleston, Margaret Kent, Michael Raimer, Laura Valerius, Sharon and Stan Yanchus.

Farewell to the following parishioners who have moved from C-U: Robert Adams, A. J. Alexander, Eileen and Michael Bierk, Mark Brockschmidt, Mary Daniels, Dominic and Karen DiBari, Lisa and Richard Dieker, Thomas Ehart, Mary Ann Hausmann, Patricia Hill, Margaret and Walter Messner, Mark and Sandy Mitchell, Kristi Nelson, Heather Sotzen.

Congratulations to these couples, married at St. Patrick's: Cynthia Marie Mottin and Kevin Bruce Kelly, Jacqueline Reynolds and Richard Lincicome, Kim Thi Nguyen and Gregory Patrick Jahiel, Dory Lee Elzaurdia and Herbert Schonken, Kristi Lynn Nelson and Ronald Scott Turner, Melinda Suzanne Miron and Bartholomew Anthony Basi, III, Tracy Ann Sonka and Brian Thomas Frizzell.

We welcome the following recently baptized into our faith community: Abigail Gabriella Brooks, Zachary Dean Philip Raimer, Daniel David Barger, Sylvia Stroub, John Paul Hogan, Kim Thi Nguyen, Tina Theresa Kim Tran, Austin Patrick Allen, Autumn Olivia James, Mikhayla Ann Eveland, Samuel Kenneth Rolson, Mildred Elizabeth Nelson, John Michael Fuson.

Please pray for deceased parishioners Marjorie P. Grein, Stella Kolb, Doris Booky, Clara Smetana.

Quick Fixin's from the kitchen of... Grace Conlee

Thomas Jefferson's Favorite Pasta

- 2 c uncooked elbow macaroni
- 2 3-oz pkgs cream cheese
- 1/4 c butter
- 2/3 c water
- 2 T snipped parsley
- 1/2 t dried basil
- 1/2 c grated parmesan cheese
- salt
- pepper



Cook macaroni according to directions on package; drain. Combine cream cheese and butter, and stir over low heat until softened. Stir in cooked macaroni, and add remaining ingredients. Mix lightly. Cook over medium heat until heated through, or put into casserole dish and bake at 350 degrees for 20 mins. Serves 4. ■

A wedding with a tale---

Many a bride, the week of her wedding, has a few surprises come her way ... three dozen more guests RSVP "yes" on the day after the caterer's deadline, a bridesmaid's dress needs one more slight alteration for that perfect fit but the seamstress has just left on vacation, the florist calls to say he is having difficulty getting the precise shade of pink gardenias requested but perhaps pink carnations will do? Ask any new bride and you will hear interesting stories about unexpected turns that rocked the well-planned wedding cart.

Well, Cindy Mottin, the coordinator of our junior-high religious education program, has a pre-wedding tale that tops them all. Sit back and enjoy a story that Cindy will someday tell her grandchildren, who will think "dear old granny" is surely exaggerating!

Cindy met her handsome fiancé via electronic mail. They were introduced by a mutual friend and fellow electronic mail user. At the time they met, via the computer lines in August 1993, Kevin, a Canadian, was employed as a microcomputer specialist in Toronto. During three months of communicating by e-mail and telephone, Kevin and Cindy developed a strong relationship based on a mutual appreciation, shared interests, honest and open communication, and a sense of humor laced with laughter—heard in both Canada and the U.S.A.!

In October, Kevin and Cindy decided to meet face-to-face at a Chicago restaurant. The love and affection present over the Internet was even more present in person, and their engagement was soon announced to family and friends.

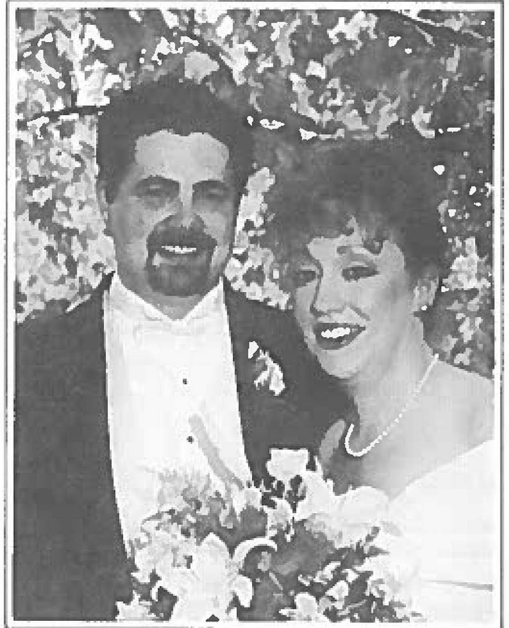
The wedding date was set for June 18.

Much planning was done to ensure that Kevin's move from Canada to his new home in Champaign-Urbana would go smoothly. The required immigration paperwork was completed per instructions received from the immigration office. During the first two weeks of June, Kevin was in Canada preparing for his move to the U.S., while Cindy was in C-U carefully finalizing the minute details of their wedding.

On the Monday before the wedding, Kevin, along with his three groomsmen, began the drive to C-U. All went well until the foursome arrived at the border. Unfortunately, they learned that not all the immigration documents were in order, and Kevin was not permitted to cross the border! The fact that his future bride awaited him at St. Patrick's Church in Urbana softened not one immigration official's heart.

A week of countless phone calls followed, to the national immigration office in Nebraska, to Senator Paul Simon's office, from Simon's office to the national immigration office to Toronto. As Monday became Tuesday and Tuesday became Wednesday and Wednesday became Thursday, Cindy and Kevin came to the startling realization that the groom might not be able to cross the border to marry his bride on Saturday!

But the prayers of family and friends, and the involvement and genuine concern of strangers at the national immigration office and Senator Simon's office, moved some paperwork if not some hearts, and at about 4:00 p.m. the evening before the wedding, Kevin passed the immigration barriers and flew out of Toronto. He arrived at Chicago's O'Hare Airport at 8:05 p.m. (just about the time the wedding rehearsal was ending at



Kevin and Cindy Kelly

St. Patrick's) and arrived in C-U at 11 p.m. (just after the groom-less rehearsal dinner ended). He was greeted with open arms by his American bride-to-be.

Cindy Mottin and Kevin Kelly were married in a beautiful wedding ceremony at St. Patrick's Church on Saturday, June 18. Fr. George Remm officiated, and many family members and friends attended. A joyous celebration took place at the Holy Cross Parish Center afterward.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were remarkably calm on their wedding day. To the uninformed guest they probably appeared to be a couple who had spent much time planning a well-organized wedding. However, their calm and peace were the result of an invaluable lesson learned, one that some married couples may take years to learn—that their lives and their love are in God's hands. ■

Enrollment of new eucharistic ministers planned



If you would like to serve our parish community through eucharistic ministry at Sunday Mass, call Jean Daly (356-5645) to volunteer. Many more eucharistic ministers are needed to fill the Sunday rosters, with 27 needed each week. (With the startup of Children's Liturgy in October, that number increases to 30.) A training session is planned—watch the Sunday bulletin for details.

Shut-ins and hospital patients also rely on our parish lay eucharistic ministers for Holy Communion. If able to help, call Sr. Charlene or leave your name with the parish secretary (367-2665) so you can be included in the next training session. ■



Parish Council News



At their August meeting Council members reviewed the Parish Report to the Diocese, which included some interesting facts: Of the total population (36,344) of this community, 2595 are counted as practicing Catholics—both adults and children—in 994 families. In the last fiscal year 29 couples were married at St. Patrick's, 34 parishioners were called home to the Lord, 46 infants and 9 persons 7 years and older were baptized. Seven persons embraced Catholicism, 34 young men and women and 8 adults were confirmed by the bishop in June, and 16 were confirmed by the pastor at reception to full communion with the Catholic Church.

The report also included information about our parish religious-education program, a list of parish groups and organizations, ecumenical and social-justice groups and activities in which parishioners participated, and a breakdown of the year's financial receipts and disbursements.

According to the latest figures for St. Patrick's response to the diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal, 456 pledge cards were received, with a total of \$70,205 pledged; of this amount \$29,341 has been paid. If all pledges are met, the parish's goal (which includes the amount due the diocese) will be achieved.

Camera proofs for the pictorial directory were received, checked, and returned to Olan Mills. It is hoped that the directories will be delivered to the parish office by the end of September. All families photographed for the directory will receive a free copy.

The role of the Committee on Volunteers was clarified: The committee's purpose is intended to welcome newcomers to the parish community and to acquaint them with parish interests and activities. Infor-

mation acquired about newcomers' interests are passed along to appropriate parish groups for followup by contacting interested newcomers for service or assistance to their groups.

Photographs of Parish Council members will soon be on display in the church vestibule and the parish center main hall to help parishioners identify Council members.

Fr. Remm observed that the bishop has asked Msgr. Campbell to head up the task force that is to oversee a feasibility study for the proposed Catholic high school for the C-U area. The first meeting of this task force is scheduled for Sept. 12, when members will hear from firms bidding on doing the study and report on communications with pastors on this matter.

The church roof was examined by Dale Kinsel, who said he believes that with proper repair the 90-year-old roof will be good for another 20 years or so. Bids based on his specifications for repair were received, and the Building and Grounds Committee recommended acceptance of the \$5300 bid from Advanced Sheet Metal & Roofing (Urbana). A vote on the matter will be taken at the next Council meeting.

The Sacrificial Giving renewal campaign is planned for Nov. 12-13, when parishioners will again be asked to consider what return they will make to the Lord for all that the Lord has given them—in gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

The workshop on parish objectives for 1995 will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15, with an open invitation to all parishioners for their participation in formulating the means by which individuals and groups can advance the parish toward achievement of goals set in 1990.

Barbara Wysocki's appointment as parish trustee, succeeding Shirley Splittstoesser, was confirmed by Bishop Myers. She will

be installed at the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Sept. 11.

The parish will bid farewell to Fr. Tim Nolan at a reception on Sunday, Sept. 11, 3-5 p.m. in the parish center main hall. Plans include a brief program, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Watch the weekly bulletin for more information.

Fr. Remm mentioned that Bishop Myers has asked Msgr. Duncan to help us with weekend Masses by sending priests from St. John's. Father hopes that they will be willing to serve our parish at any of the Masses on a rotating basis so that he can be present to all parishioners over a two- or three-week period, including Children's and Teen's liturgies.

He added that the bishop has given his permission for weekday Communion Services as necessary so that the parish can continue to offer at least one Mass each day with a Communion Service alternating when a second priest is not available—as has been done in recent years when one of our two priests was on vacation.

He expects to depend on Sr. Charlene for some things for which people have previously gone to him, with pastoral ministry his first priority rather than planning and meetings. He wants to involve the laity as much as possible.

Council members will gather at LaSalette for retreat Friday evening through Saturday afternoon, Aug. 26-27. They expect to use this brief time together to get to know one another better, to work and pray and play together. A focus of this retreat will be the Bible study program for parishioners to be offered over 10 Sunday evenings this fall.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Sept. 15. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings. ■

New coordinators join religious education program

"How can we teach our children family values?" is a not-unfamiliar question for which St. Patrick's religious-education program proposes this answer: Teach Gospel values and how to live them out in everyday life.

Again this fall pre-schoolers through high-school seniors are invited and encouraged to participate in the parish's program for studying their faith and thereby gaining the knowledge, courage, and insights for living it.

Volunteer teachers are led by a coordinator for each age group. Teachers and coordinators, in turn, are guided and assisted by Carolyn McElrath, St. Patrick's Director of Religious Education.

Returning seasoned coordinators are Cindy Mottin Kelly, junior-high program; Victoria Pifalo, library program; Rosemary Mathy, family life program; and Colette McMullen, St. Joseph-Ogden religious education program. Two serving this year as first-time coordinators are Ellen Amberg, children's program, and Stan Yanchus, senior-high program.

Ellen Amberg succeeds Jan Lipska as coordinator for the children's program, which includes pre-school through sixth grade. Under Carolyn's direction and with her guidance, Ellen will plan the course of study and provide support for the volunteer catechists. She will supervise the Children's Liturgy, celebrated at 10:15 a.m. on the first three Sundays of each month during the academic school year. She will also participate in preparation of youngsters for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Ellen brings to her new role two years' experience in teaching fifth and sixth grades at St. Patrick's. Previously she coordinated religious education for three years in Missouri, and before that served as catechist for a year in Oklahoma.

She comments, "I have always felt drawn to my church community as to a lifeline. After spending two years in this parish teaching and serving on the Education Committee, I was immediately interested



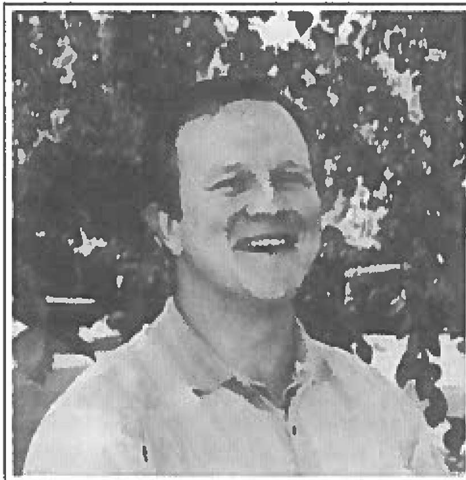
Ellen Amberg

when this position was posted."

Born in Belleville (Ill.), Ellen is the wife of Gene, Urbana's Superintendent of Schools. All of their five children, aged 9 to 19, have attended parish classes. Ellen points out that "the well-organized religious education here for the children is one reason why we chose this parish."

Asked whether she plans any changes to the program, she replies, "I expect the program to proceed in much the same way as last year. I will spend my first year learning more about how to keep standards high and to meet the expectations of our parish community."

How does Stan Yanchus feel about his new



Stan Yanchus

role as coordinator of parish senior-high students? "Incredibly excited! I became a Catholic just last Easter. I've been a teacher, coach, and youth worker for 11 years. To use my teaching experience in such a meaningful way is an opportunity for spiritual growth."

Stan's parents have been parishioners for about 15 years. Stan and his wife, Sharon, and their two children (a son, 12, and a daughter, 10) have lived in C-U for 25 years.

An English teacher and speech coach at Centennial High School, Stan is also affiliated with Parkland College's GED (General Education Diploma) program at the County Courthouse. He teaches adults basic subjects and preparation for the GED. "For 90 percent of my students, aged 16-60, classes are court-ordered as part of probation. I teach the students how to think, how to learn, how to get started in a positive direction. I find that very satisfying.

Stan hopes that parents will feel welcome to contact him and/or the volunteer teachers about any questions they have, or to ask for suggestions, especially for how to deal with students who question attending classes. He invites parents to "contact teachers about visiting a class, seeing materials, making suggestions, because we are working together in a familial effort."

Both Stan and Ellen will be available in Coffee Shop to talk with parents after 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Mass when children are in class. Carolyn and coordinators Cindy, Rosemary, and Victoria are usually also available in the parish center during those hours for consultation and assistance.

In the latter part of August, information about this year's religious-education program was sent to all parents registered in the parish. Parents who have not yet registered should get in touch with the parish office to do so and watch the weekly bulletin for announcements about class enrollment. ■

CATHOLICS

Inactive? Alienated? Confused?

If you've parted company with the Church over new changes, old rules, a marriage situation, hurt feelings or for any other reason, why not join us for an open meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 7 at St. Patrick's (367-2665) or
Tuesday, September 13 at Holy Cross (352-8748)



Now is a good time to join a choir!

Still summertime, you say? Oh, yes! But the choirs pick up on rehearsals very soon, with the advent of our new parish Music Director, Stephen Peet.

Now is the perfect time to start thinking about what form your music ministry might take—perhaps as a member of the choir or a cantor leading the assembly in song. You don't have to have a voice like Placido Domingo to join (but if you do, WOW!).

Not for you, you say? Well, maybe you play a musical instrument, like the guitar, violin, flute, or trumpet. (One of our more popular hymns calls for bongo drums—is that your instrument?) Some of our instrumentalists in recent times have been teens or young adults who have studied an instrument and like to play it at a Mass on occasion.

Bell ringers are also in demand—the parish has a great set of handbells for which willing hands are needed, no experience required!

And then, it's quite some time since the small group that made up the funeral schola last met; perhaps this is your "musical niche."

Joining the parish music program is a proven way to develop self-confidence, make new friends, and serve the Lord (and your parish). If interested, call Music Director Stephen Peet or leave your name with the parish secretary (367-2665). ■

A Parent's Prayer



Most loving Father, you have entrusted our children to us to bring them up for you and to prepare them for everlasting life. Assist us with your grace, that we may fulfill this sacred duty with competence and love. Teach us what to give and what to withhold. Make us gentle and considerate, yet firm and watchful. Keep us from the weakness of indulgence and the excess of severity.

Give us the courage to be disliked sometimes by our children, when we must do necessary things that are displeasing in their eyes. Give us the imagination to enter their world in order to understand and guide them. Help us lead them by our example. Amen.

St. Patrick's Guild elects officers for 1994-95

Elected to serve as officers of St. Patrick's Guild for the upcoming year, September 1994 through May 1995, are Virginia Alane, president; Leslie Risatti, vice-president; Mary Ann Luedtke, secretary; Toni Zwettler, treasurer.

This parish group provides for care of the church and altar, meals following funeral liturgies for bereaved family and friends, and ministry to residents of Champaign County Nursing Home. They also sponsor many popular parish events, including St. Joseph's Table, the Trees of Christmas exhibit, Oktoberfest, and the fundraising Cellar-to-Garret Sale in September. ■

First impressions can be lasting ones!

The following letter was received from a couple passing through Urbana who stopped to worship with us this summer. They took the time to share their impressions of St. Patrick's:

Dear Pastor, Parish Staff, Parish Council, Parish Trustees, and Parish Prayer Groups:

We are Roman Catholics from India visiting the U.S.A. On June 12 we were passing through Urbana to Seattle from N.J. and happened to participate in the 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's Parish.

We felt that the crucifix over the main altar was very touching, as if Jesus, apart from his agony, was struggling to reach every one of the congregation, including us. It shook us—enough material for meditation. When the Mass was over, we were the last to leave the church, at which time we were warmly greeted and welcomed, presumably by a lady parishioner, with a cheery smile.

This was an affectionate experience and we appreciate it. Thank you, thank you, St. Patrick's!

Sincerely,
M. K. Sam and
Mrs. Annamma Sam

Maryknollers acknowledge parish gift

Dear Father Remm,

I extend greetings from all Maryknollers, along with our heartfelt thanks for your generous gift of \$5,234 for the Mission account of Dr. Susan Nagele.

Your support is felt by Maryknollers everywhere as we share the message of God's love. It is this love of God our missionaries seek to put into action, as they work and live among the poor. ...

We hope you and all the parishioners of St. Patrick's Church find a deep satisfaction in knowing you share, in a most vital way, in the work of Maryknollers throughout the world. We thank you ... and want you to know your gift is a gift of hope and courage. I assure you that you, your loved ones, and your intentions are remembered in our Masses and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Rev. Robert J. Carleton, M.M.,
Director



Shirley Splittstoesser



Barbara Wysocki

Shirley and Barb take up their next challenge in life

Did you know that our pastor is a good short-order cook? Outgoing parish trustee Shirley Splittstoesser confides that Father prepared a delicious breakfast for his trustees once a month at his residence.

Fr. Remm, Shirley, and fellow trustee Bob Haessly met once a month to discuss current issues at St. Patrick's. Those gatherings helped them become acquainted with Father's point of view and provided the opportunity to share with him their own concerns and those of other parishioners.

Shirley is moving into a new phase of her life, having retired from teaching fifth grade at Wiley School in May and having completed her term as trustee in August. She and her husband, Walter, are looking forward to his sabbatical in Melbourne, Australia, from January to May 1995. Their son, Riley, will join them for a tour of Australia in mid-May. Their daughter, Dr. Sherry Barringer, with her husband and daughter, hopes to join them as well.

As trustee, Shirley says, she came to understand the parish workings in ways other parish involvements hadn't revealed to her. She gained a feeling of parish community that expressed itself in a variety of ways: a spiritual community, a place to feel at home, a truly diverse community. Parish programs touch so many groups and in so many ways that no one need feel excluded.

Shirley will be succeeded as trustee by Barb Wysocki, who began her three-year term in August. Barb, a social studies teacher at University High for ten years, and chair of the Social Studies Department there, is no stranger to parishioners. She serves as eucharistic minister and lector at weekend liturgies and has been a member of several different parish committees. Elected to the Parish Council, she also served as its president.

Barb says she accepted the appointment to trusteeship of the parish because "it offers a new opportunity to serve the parish in ways that are different from service as a Parish Council member or committee member. It seems to round out the opportunity for lay participation in parish life."

That what lies ahead for her as trustee is unknown merely adds to the challenge for Barb. She wants to use this time to meet that challenge, to become more aware of the concerns of parishioners, and to see issues from the pastor's perspective just as he seeks to see them from a parishioner's perspective.

Reflecting on her experience as parish trustee, Shirley said it gave her a renewed appreciation of the way Fr. Remm guides the parish. "He is well organized, but he also listens and seeks input. He has a great deal of foresight, evidenced by the establishment of St. Patrick's Catholic Education Foundation. His purpose is always to serve St. Patrick's—and, of course, the Lord—better." ■

St. Patrick's In Focus

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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Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is September 18.



"Through this holy anointing..."

On Sept. 3-4 the Anointing of the Sick will take place at all weekend Masses. Parishioners are encouraged to assist in any way they can to make it possible for the aged and infirm as well as those suffering from illness to seek the healing power of this sacrament.

The sacrament for the sick has undergone significant development during the past 50 years. The Constitution on the Liturgy of Vatican Council II recognized this development when it said, "Extreme Unction, which may more properly be called the Anointing of the Sick, is a sacrament not only for those who are in danger of death."

According to our new rite for Anointing of the Sick, an individual need not be in danger of death, but "dangerously ill" either from sickness or advanced age. Older people are considered eligible for the sacrament simply because of the general infirmities of old age, even if they are suffering from no serious specific disease.

What does it mean to be "seriously ill"? According to the American bishops' commentary on the new rite, "To be sick means bodily pain, psychic depression, isolation from one's profession as well as from normal human society, especially as experienced in the family. To be sick means discouragement or even despair, hardness of heart, spiritual dryness."

Thus, the illness need not be physical. Anointing of the Sick may be administered to people suffering from various kinds of spiritual or emotional crises.

The introduction to the Church's "Rite of Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick" notes that "the grace of anointing may sometimes result in the restoration to complete health, a clinical cure. But much more likely, the sacrament of anointing will enable Christians in spite of and through the illnesses that afflict them to follow and to identify with the suffering and risen Lord in responding to the call of the Father."

In this as in all sacraments, signs are given and received. In the sacrament of the sick the care and concern of the community are signs to the sick person of the Lord's own great concern for the bodily and spiritual welfare of the sick.

The sick in return offer a sign to the community. In the celebration of the sacrament they tell the community that in their present suffering they are prepared to fill up in their flesh what is lacking in Christ's sufferings for the salvation of the world.

This exchange of signs, this witness and communication between the sick and the healthy members of the community, is at

the heart of the sacrament. The sick are assured that their suffering is not useless but has meaning and value for their own salvation and the salvation of the world. At the same time the Church asks the Lord to lighten their suffering and save them, and the sick are to be seen as productive members of the community, contributing to the welfare of all by associating themselves freely with Christ's passion and death.

It is for these reasons that the celebration of this sacrament is a concern of the whole parish, indeed the whole Church. "Because of its very nature as a sign, the sacrament of the anointing of the sick should be celebrated with the members of the family and other members of the Christian community whenever this is possible. Then the sacrament is seen for what it is—a part of the prayer of the Church and an encounter with the Lord."

And so, during the anointing of all who present themselves to receive this sacrament of the sick, we add our prayers to that of the presider:

Through this holy anointing
may the Lord in his love and mercy help
with the grace of the Holy Spirit.
May the Lord who frees you from sin
save you and raise you up. ■

Volunteers and goods sought for Cellar-to-Garret Sale

This fall St. Patrick's Guild again presents the annual Cellar-to-Garret Sale, a major fund-raising event for the parish. Co-chairs are Irma Wait and Pat Donze.

The dates of the sale have been set, Sept. 22-24, but this event calls for everyone's help long beforehand if it is to be a success.

Here are some ways you may be able to help:

If you haven't already cleaned out your attic, cellar, garage, closets, do it now! Articles may be delivered to the parish center during office hours.

In the week before the sale, items will be sorted and marked in the parish center. Experienced Guild members and others can provide guidance in getting this necessary work done before the sale opens.

Cashiers are needed for the sale itself on Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday.

"Salespersons" to assist browsers and buyers have lent our Cellar-to-Garret Sale the note of friendly helpfulness that sets it apart from many another such event in the local community. Many helpers make for shorter time commitments!

And after the last customer has left, the cleanup crew gets to work, packing up the remaining items and restoring all to order for the parish's use on Sunday morning.

As you can see, there's quite a lot to be done! How can you help?

Call Irma Wait (367-6547) or Pat Donze (328-1005) to volunteer. ■



When you arise in the morning,
give thanks for the morning light,
for your life and strength.
Give thanks for your food
and the joy of living.

If you see no reason for giving thanks,
the fault lies in yourself.

—Tecumseh
From *Earth Prayers*

WHAT'S ON ST. PATRICK'S WISH LIST?

The parish wish list at present includes the following:

* Two mobile coat racks to be used for participants in Children's Liturgy, for large receptions in the multipurpose room, etc. (\$450 each)

* Large video projector (\$2000-\$4000)

* Scanner (\$2000), optical disk storage (\$1500) and imaging software (\$500) to preserve materials related to the history of the parish, preventing loss through fire or other catastrophe.

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

Small graces

My next door neighbor
died today.
We have not been here long;
we are building a small home.
She came by
last week
and asked us over for coffee,
a friendly person, laughing,
joking.

So one afternoon
we sat
and drank from mugs
and spoke of ordinary things,
her handiwork,
my first awkward attempts
at quilting,
the ways
of this neighborhood,
and of building
small houses.

I think
she was a good neighbor,
and I mourn today
that our first visit
was our last.

I am learning
not to take for granted
ordinary moments
and small graces.

—Roberta Porter, in *J/A '94 alive now!* Used with permission.

Christians and Jews of C-U exchange volunteer help

Each year the churches belonging to the interfaith Council of Congregations provide volunteers to care for children at Sinai Temple during the high holy day services on Rosh Hashana (this year, Sept. 6-7) and Yom Kippur (this year, Sept. 15).

Our Jewish neighbors reciprocate at Christmas and Easter, when the men of Sinai Temple serve trays at Covenant Medical Center so that the Christian aides can have the day off.

For child care, the Temple children are divided into small groups according to age. Toys, games, videos, etc. are provided. The volunteers have found their gift of time to be interesting and rewarding.

This year, dates and times when volunteers are needed are:

Sept. 15 (Thurs.) at 8:30 a.m. for a service from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sept. 15 (Thurs.) at 3:30 p.m. for a service from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

If you can help at one of these times, please call Peggy Whelan (367-3668), St. Patrick's delegate to the Council of Congregations, as soon as possible. ■



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St. Patrick's Parish, Urbana

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SATURDAY

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.



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is September 18.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10:15am Mom's Group NEW TIME! 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Personnel Com. 7:00pm BeFriender	2 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty. NH	3 5:00pm Anointing of the Sick during Mass
4 Anointing of the Sick at All Masses	5 Labor Day - Office Closed 9:00am Mass, followed by breakfast in the hall	6 7:00pm Beginning Experience 7:30pm Parish Council Executive Com.	7 7:00pm Re-Membering Church 7:00pm Pro-Life Com. 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	8 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Baptism Preparation	9 10:30am Mass-Fontana NH 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty. NH	10
11 3:00pm Fr. Tim Farewell Reception 6:30pm Bible Study	12	13 7:00pm Financial Affairs	14 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Building & Grounds 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	15 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Parish Council	16 10:30am Mass-Clark-Lindsey 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty. NH	17
18 Catechetical Sunday 1:00pm Parish Picnic 6:30pm Bible Study	19	20 7:00pm Beginning Experience	21 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	22 9:30am Archives Com. 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm K of C Meeting	23 10:30am Mass-Americana NH, Urbana 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty. NH	24 8:00am Renew Catechist Day
Cellar-to-Garret Sale						
25 9:00am RCIA 6:30pm Bible Study	26 7:00pm Liturgy Com. 7:00pm Prayer Group	27 7:00pm Social Action Com. 7:00pm Homily Prep.	28 9:00am Guild 7:00pm Communications Com. 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	29 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	30 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty. NH	