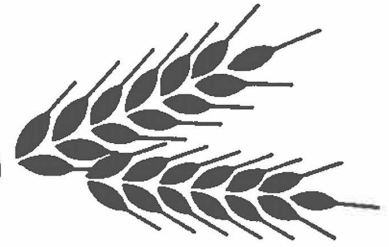


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In Focus



Thankfulness comes from the heart

Thank you, God,
for today with all it brings.
For tomorrow, should there be one.
For the warming of the sun
on my growing-old bones.
For the freshening wind
that scours my yard
of fallen leaves.
For the scent of autumn.
For the first frost
and the last mosquito,
a portent of things to come.
For the first snow
that covers the bare soil
of this year's garden.
For warm blankets and warm pets
in the chill of the night.
For embraces and smiles
that warm the heart.
For kind words and kind thoughts
that warm the spirit.
For brother and sister,
family and friends,
companions on my journey.
For priest and confessor
and saints and sinners.
For prophets who cry out
your message of salvation today.
For sickness and health.
For your Food for my journey,
the Staff of Life.
For birds of the air and
fishes of the deep
and beasts of the field.
For Brother Sun and Sister Moon
and the stars in the heavens,
for all your Creation.
For infants and children,
for teenagers too,
and the ancients among us.
For hunger and thirst
for Justice.
For life and all it brings—
for You, my Lord and Creator,
my Sweet One, my loving Father,
my God, my All! ■



It took the resources of all three—Kay and Graham Evans with the large ladder and Chris Main with the small one—to mount the three-part Advent banner for a final check.

How the Advent banner came to be

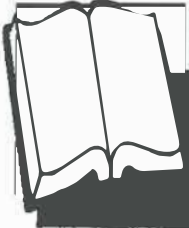
There's more to making a banner than one might think! First, the design. Chris Main, coordinator for liturgical art and environment at St. Patrick's, thumbed through catalogs and books, looking for a good design for the banner, then modified and embellished it. The final design looks like one piece but is really a large center panel with two side panels.

Then the fabric. Chris and seamstress Kay Evans made a dozen or more trips between the fabric stores in town and St. Patrick's to check the colors under the lights in the church and the effect of distance on both color and visibility. They soon learned that very bright is fine from the vantage point of the congregation. They also compared fabric samples with the vestments to be worn at Mass during Advent to avoid hues that clashed.

Next, the pattern. Or, at the very least, the sheer size of the pattern! The small pattern they started with had to be increased many times to achieve a width of 50 inches for the center panel and 30 inches for each of the side panels. Not a small task!

Then, of course, the cutting and sewing. Luckily, Kay has a sewing table permanently set up in her basement and so could leave the large pieces of material laid out after a session of sewing. Each time she worked on the material, she had to roll up one edge of the fabric to pass it through the sewing machine. It was also difficult to keep the satin pieces smooth as she sewed them to the background material. (Each piece was basted to the background before it was machine-stitched.) Kay estimates that it took about 100 hours in all to complete the

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in our parish library

Prayers for Dawn and Dusk

By Edward F. Gabriele

"Some moments of the day speak of and symbolize deeper experiences of time and life. Two special times are dawn and dusk. The rising of the sun evokes images of birth or new life. With the sun's setting at dusk emerge images of death and dying. In religious discourse, dawn and dusk became times when people adored and thanked God, gave praise, and expressed their need for forgiveness." So writes the author, a liturgical theologian who has worked as a consultant and lecturer in pastoral liturgy for numerous Christian communities.

Prayers for Dawn and Dusk is composed of morning and evening prayers that follow the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent,

the Sacred Triduum, and Easter. Prayers are also included for special needs.

The prayers are short and help the reader move comfortably into meditation, and attention has been given to inclusive language, especially for the psalms (taken from *Psalms Anew*). Although intended primarily for individuals, the book can easily be used by small prayer groups, base communities, or faith-sharing groups.

"Praying at dawn begins the day with an offering to God of our attention, work, relationships, and hopes. Ending the day with prayer allows us to review what we have done and who we have been, and to offer our day once again to a loving God." We need only begin to end well. ■



The name Lucy means "light." We celebrate the feast of St. Lucy on Dec. 13, midway through Advent, and the light of Lucy guides us toward the coming of Christ, our Light.

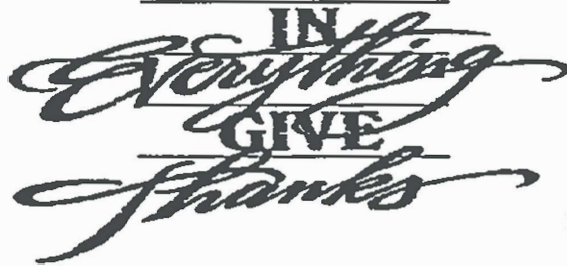
According to legend, Lucy was a young woman born at Syracuse, in Sicily. One day she went to the shrine of St. Agatha with her sick mother. While praying there, Lucy's mother was cured.

Lucy decided to devote her life to helping the poor and broke off her impending marriage to a pagan nobleman. He was incensed at her action and accused her before the Roman consul of being a Christian who would not honor the laws of the Empire. She bravely confessed her faith and was killed.

Since her name represents light, Lucy was popularly invoked against disease of the eyes. She is especially honored in northern countries, where at this time of year the nights are long and cold. There Lucy, the light-bearer, is remembered with "Lucy candles" and "Lucy fires." In Sweden the children serve their parents breakfast in bed on the morning of St. Lucy's Day—a candlelight breakfast of coffee and sweet saffron breads baked in swirls, called "Lucy cats." In Hungary children plant wheat seeds on her feast day so they can carry the newly sprouted green shoots to the manger of the Christ Child on Christmas Day. (The wheat is the "living straw," a powerful sign of the promise of spring and new life in Christ.)

The Geminid meteor showers also occur around St. Lucy's feast day; consequently they are often called St. Lucy's Lights. On a dark, clear night it is possible to see as many as 50 meteors an hour.

Lucy's Lights and the light of St. Lucy are truly appreciated during the dark, dreary days of mid-December! ■



Quick Fixin's from the kitchen of...

Joan Ellsworth

Christmas Bourbon Balls

- 3 c finely crushed vanilla wafers
- 1 c powdered sugar
- 1 1/2 T cocoa
- 1 1/2 c finely chopped walnuts
- 3 T corn syrup (light or dark)
- 1/4 - 1/2 c bourbon (or dark rum)



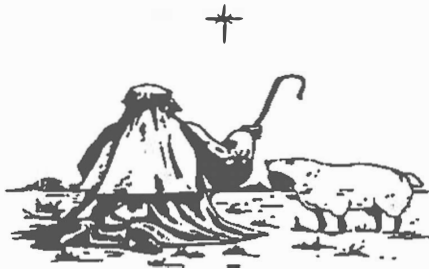
Mix wafers, cocoa, walnuts, corn syrup, and bourbon together, and shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll balls in powdered sugar, and wrap each in waxed paper. Store in a container with a tight-fitting lid for aging, usually one month. Store in a cool place, but do not freeze. Makes approximately 3 dozen balls.

(How the Advent banner came to be...
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banner. Chris observed, "It was a labor of love for Kay!"

Finally, the "dress rehearsal." Was hanging the banner a cinch? Not with a 12-foot ladder and a 70-inch rod and 3 very large panels! To find out whether any adjustments were needed, Kay and her husband, Graham, joined Chris for the "dress rehearsal" shown in the accompanying photo. Besides helping to wrestle with the ladder, Graham made the secure knots in the fishing line that were to hold the rod and banner in place against the back wall of the sanctuary.

At the banner's center is a cross-shaped star, representing both the star of Bethlehem and Jesus' cross, flanked by four candles over holly. Rays of light extend outward to 12 stars, which represent the 12 tribes of Israel. ■



Some Christmas "Factoids"

In ancient times people of northern Europe stopped counting the days during winter. Because there was no outside farm work to do, there was no need to keep track of time. They called this free time "Yule." This word comes from the same root word as the word "wheel"—they thought the year was like a wheel, and the days of Yule connected the old year to the new.

Candy canes are reminders of St. Nicholas's crosier, the shepherd's staff that bishops carry.

The writer Thomas Nast drew pictures of St. Nicholas in the 1800s but mixed up legends about this saint with myths about the Norse god Thor. That's why Santa Claus is shown traveling by reindeer and living with elves at the North Pole. ■

We wish to thank ...

The staff of *In Focus* wish to thank our readers for your forgiving and patient acceptance of our shortcomings, your kind and generous support of our efforts to share with you information about the comings and goings and doings of the people of St. Patrick's parish, the Church in this time and place.

We represent great diversity in personalities, interests, and talents, few as we are. We enjoy what we do, but we do it with dogged determination when the spirit lags. We are Mary Lou Menches, general factotum; Gary Riskowski, "religion editor"; Cathy Salika, Council liaison for the present, who shares her love for liturgy with our readers; Katharine Schrader, leader of prayer and all-'round assistant; Peggy Whelan, stimulator of ideas and interviewer and writer on almost any topic.

And there you have it—or us. We'd like there to be more of us and promise to embarrass you with gratitude should you join us!

We want especially to thank each and every one of you who has sent information our way, who has written for *In Focus*, who has shared photographs with all of us, who has volunteered assistance with the many tasks that go into the preparation of an individual issue.

So thanks to all of you from all of us: Judy Conover (for news of the Parish Council), Amy Fahey (for page layout of *In Focus*), Donna Price (for years and years of page layout that looked better and better every month), Dorothy

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Thanks too to all of you who have written for *In Focus*, sharing your knowledge, favorite recipes, or your thoughts with our readers: Ellen Amberg, Sr. Charlene Cesario, Carolyn McElrath, Lenore Nagele, Lu Pillar, Hazel Remesch, Shirley Splittstoesser, Sophia Zeigler, the Bertha Reinhart family, Yvonne Barger, Carol Bosley, Janet Riskowski, Tom Kacich, Fr. George Remm, Cathy Salika, Shelley Beagle, Virginia and Ray Alane, Harriet Davis, Grace Conlee, Scott Shannon, Barb Wysocki, Mary Long, Steve Kellmeyer, Jan Lipska, Miriam Nirider, Helen Squire, Elaine Theobald, Connie Shaw, Steve Brandt, Margaret Mayfield, Joan Hanratty, Jeannie Rasmussen, Mary Johnson, Fran Cousin, Doris Klapperich, Ellen McDowell.

And that's just for the last twelve months! (If we've missed anyone, please accept this humble and sincere apology.)

*May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May he turn his face to you and give you
peace. Amen!* ■

What's on St. Patrick's wish list?

The parish wish list at present includes the following:

- *Large video projector (\$2000-\$4000) for use with all levels of religious education
- *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.

You will notice that the wish list has grown shorter. The two mobile coat racks to be used for participants in Children's Liturgy and large receptions in the multipurpose room have been purchased, as have the patio benches (have you tried them yet?) for the new patio constructed at the east side of the church.

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.

Parish Council News



At their November meeting Parish Council members were addressed by Lu Pillar on the work of the parish's Pro-Life Committee. The group is St. Patrick's liaison with the diocesan Respect Life Board, which sponsors the Family Life Resource Center in Peoria, established in 1980. The mission of this Center is life in all its aspects, from a natural beginning to a natural end. About 80 percent of its funding is from contributions. The Respect Life Board supports the Center through "Pennies for Life" contributions (a penny for each year of one's life). At St. Patrick's next year a basket will be placed in the back of church for "Pennies for Life" donations on Respect Life Sunday, the first Sunday in October.

In the Development report, executive committee members said that they were well pleased with Walter and Shirley Splittstoesser's presentation on Sacrificial Giving, as well as with Shirley's In Focus article on the topic.

Fr. Remm said that the \$30,000 needed to finance a feasibility study for a Catholic high school in the C-U area is now in hand; the contract for the study will probably be awarded to the Howard Braren Company. The architectural aspect of the study will be donated.

Liaisons were asked to make sure that committees contact those who signed and

returned time and talent cards in the fall.

The report from Liturgy's ad hoc committee on the Stations of the Cross was reviewed and its recommendation accepted. The group advocating that pictorial Stations be restored to the church will be contacted and the ad hoc committee's report will be discussed with them. The recommendation that was approved was to purchase suitable, illustrated booklets for parishioners' use in making the Way of the Cross and to reserve the question of purchasing permanent Stations until plans are made for refurbishing the church in preparation for the parish's centennial celebration.

Council members gave the Newcomers Reception, attended by nine new parishioners, a "thumbs up" evaluation. Suggestions for the future included (1) planning a special welcome for newcomers as a part of a parish-wide event like the fall parish picnic and (2) offering complimentary tickets to parish dinner dances such as those held on New Year's Eve and St. Patrick's Day. These might enable more parishioners to meet and greet newer members of the parish.

The next Council meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings. ■



"You couldn't get me up there for BIG bucks!" one parishioner was heard to say. But "up there" is just where the workers went, painting the wood trim, caulking the windows, sealing the brick against damage from rain and sleet and snow. And now St. Patrick's church is snug and fit for several more years of community worship in prayer and song.

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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Reconciling . . .

Our loving God:
"You are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you." (Isaiah 43:4)

"Even if a mother should forget the child she has nursed, I will never forget you." (Isaiah 49:15)

Response:
"My God,
I am sorry for my sins
with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you,
whom I should love above all else.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,

to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin."

Forgiveness:
"Our savior, Jesus Christ,
suffered and died for us.
In his name I pray upon you
God's pardon and peace."

Reconciliation:
"God has in Christ forgiven your sins
and reconciled you.
In time, let us come before the Church,
in the midst of our brothers and sisters,
to confirm and complete what is begun this day
for our own good and the good of all.
Go now in peace."



Welcome to new parishioners Wojciech and Zofia Chrzanowski, Joseph and Kathleen Epstein, Laura and Michael Fitzgerald, Kathleen Funk, Sheila Lyons, Alicia and Steve Miklasz.

Farewell to the following parishioners who have moved from C-U: Jeff and Kelli Appel, Mark Brockschmidt, Daniel and Kathryn Chamberlain, Carrie Curtis, Maureen Drummond, Patricia Jones, Karen Livingston, Robert and Sally Milligan, Colleen and James Pacino, Hazel Remesch, Amy and Rick Spaulding, Deb and Randall Wright.

Congratulations to these couples, married at St. Patrick's: Melinda Marie Thompson and Jeffrey Dale Barnard, Joey Lynn Landeck and Philip James Sexton, Karon Lynn Ehler and George Ferdinand Hammel.

We welcome the following, recently baptized into our faith community: Adam James Dressen, Frances Irene Grum, Mark Evan Plunk.

Please pray for deceased parishioners Barbara S. Brunette and Irene Dolores Lippert.



the trees of christmas: a celebration of holiday traditions

Have you ever wondered how people in far-away places like Italy and Russia celebrate Christmas? For example, why do Germans put apples and oranges on their trees? What kind of tree do Brazilians use in a climate that does not support conifers? Do you know the symbols of the Jewish Hanukkah festival and the African American Kwanzaa?

The display "The Trees of Christmas and Holiday Traditions around the World" will answer those questions and more. From Saturday, Dec. 3, through Friday, Dec. 9, St. Patrick's main hall will be filled with the aroma of balsam, the sound of carols, and the holiday decorations traditional to 22 countries, as well as displays of Hanukkah and African American

Kwanzaa. Handmade ornaments and homemade cookies will be offered for sale.

To make this display authentic, educational, and interesting, members of St. Patrick's Guild have researched the holiday traditions of 22 countries. Most of the ornaments have been made by hand; starting in January, 10-15 women have met weekly to make ornaments for the trees, with extras for sale during the display.

The centerpiece of this year's exhibit will be an Austrian tree, a flocked white pine decorated with white and gold ornaments and with red candles and candle holders. Also featured will be a ceramic nineteenth-century wintry New England village. ■

Preparing for Christmas: Reconciliation



The weeks before Christmas are probably filled with preparations for gift-giving, special meals, "connecting" with relatives and friends by mail and by telephone, even by travel. Yet the Scriptures of the season present John the Baptist crying out in the desert, "Reform your lives!"

The kind of preparation John urged is offered to us during the fourth week of Advent through a communal celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation, offered on three consecutive evenings in the participating parishes: Monday, Dec. 19, at St. Matthew's; Tuesday, Dec. 20, at St. Patrick's; Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Holy Cross.

Following a service that includes the singing of hymns, readings from Scripture, homily, reflective examination of conscience, and expression of sorrow for sin, priests from the three parishes will be stationed at intervals in the church, with a priest in the Reconciliation Room and another in the vesting sacristy, to hear those who present themselves to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Individuals will also have the opportunity to receive this sacrament, of course, during the usual Saturday afternoon and evening hours throughout Advent, with the additional accommodation of individuals on Friday, Dec. 23, from 4 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m.

RCIA: Catechumens join us in our journey of faith

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which the Church helps to form and guide adults as they journey to faith through prayer, study, and discernment.

For several weeks, some perhaps for several months, inquirers have met to learn about the Church. The next step, for those who wish to pursue this interest in Catholicism further, is their enrollment as catechumens.

The rite of enrollment will be celebrated at St. Patrick's on Sunday, Dec. 4, at the 9:00 Mass. These men and women will be remembered in prayer at the other Masses that weekend as well.

Every year, as we see and help inquirers and catechumens on their journey to faith, we learn more about the ways that God has brought us to faith. Can you identify the ways that you yourself came to faith? Was it through

the examples of others in your family during your growing-up years? Was it through your religious education, either in a Catholic school or in Sunday-school classes? Might it have been through experiences of birth and death and marriage? Were there times of special growth in faith during your lifetime? By what means do you continue to grow in faith today?

The catechumens walk hand in hand with all of us at St. Patrick's as we journey to faith together. When you hear of a special step they are taking, as on this day of enrollment, think about a comparable step you yourself may have taken (or may be taking) in your own faith journey. And when the Church prays for them, you may find yourself in that prayer. On Dec. 4, for

example, the Church speaks these words to those about to be enrolled:

"God gives light to everyone who comes into the world. Though unseen, he reveals himself through the work of his hand, so that all people may learn to give thanks to their Creator. You have followed God's light, and the way of the Gospel now lies open before you. Set your feet firmly on that path and acknowledge the living God, who truly speaks to everyone. Commit your lives daily to his care, so that you may come to believe in him with all your heart. This is the way of faith along which Christ will lead you in love toward eternal life. Are you prepared to begin this journey today under the guidance of Christ?" ■



The Holy Cross School Newslines

The theme for the second quarter at Holy Cross School, "Responsibility to Oneself," has been the focus of many activities. The Food for Families collection was a great success, with children encouraged to spend a small portion of their own money for a donation of food.

A band concert was scheduled on Nov. 15 for fifth- through eighth-graders who participate in the band portion of the music program. And a prayer service led by Deacon John Lalande was held on Nov. 23 before youngsters left for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Approximately 95 students and adults are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Cross. Seventh- and eighth-graders are invited to prepare for the sacrament by providing service to the community, increasing their knowledge about the faith, and spending more time in prayer. (Holy Cross students who are members of St. Patrick's Parish may be confirmed either at Holy Cross or at their own parish.)

On Sunday, Dec. 11, the annual Christmas concert will be held in the school gym. This concert is the result of work done by teachers from the U of I Laboratory School of Music. Children in kindergarten through grade four will sing Christmas songs. Those in grades five through eight will have the opportunity to perform at the Spring Concert.

SAC invites parish to Christian perspective on environmental awareness

"The natural world and the human will go into the future as a single, sacred community or experience disaster on the way."

—Fr. Thomas Berry, Passionist priest and author of *Dream of the Earth and Universe Story*



St. Patrick's Social Action Committee has been working during the summer months to develop a proposal on environmental awareness from the perspective of faith and justice.

The proposal, to be submitted to the U.S. Bishops Conference's small grants program, focuses on education and the gradual development of goals and activities that promote environmentally sensitive practices in the parish and in parishioners' lifestyles.

The proposal is also based on a "model community" approach developed by Central States Education Center, a local nonprofit organization. Model community programs focus on education and goal setting each year in waste prevention, reduction or elimination of toxic chemicals, recycling, and purchase of recycled products.

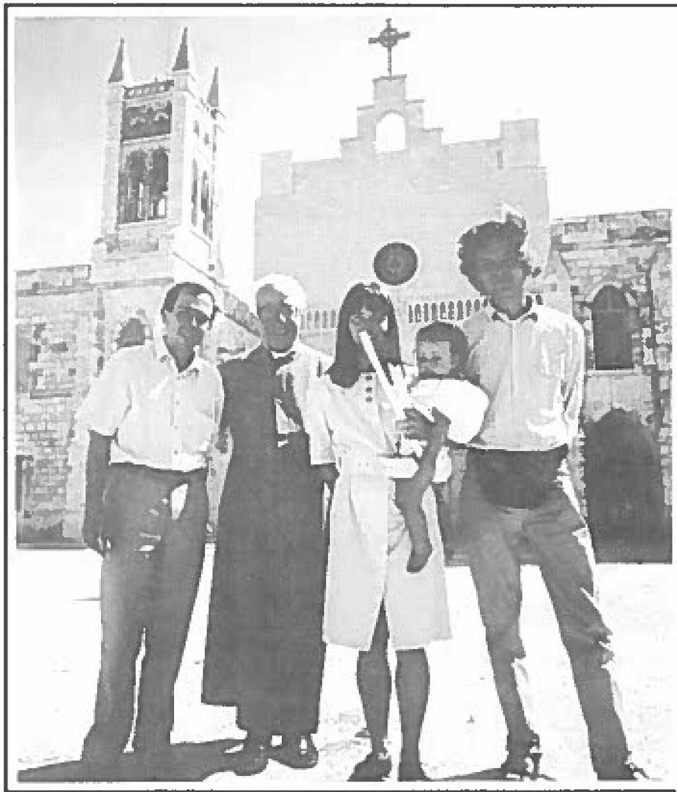
Using this framework as a base, the Social Action Committee has identified three phases to the program, which members hope to implement next spring:

1. A presentation on the moral and theological aspects of the environmental crisis and our response from a Christian perspective. A nationally recognized speaker is invited, and plans include networking with other parishes and churches to host this talk, tentatively planned for the first week of April.

2. Training and consultation by Central States on waste reduction, recycling, and reduction of toxic chemicals. This phase will focus on how the parish as an organization can become more "environmentally friendly."

3. Education and seminars for parishioners on how to implement environmental practices at a household level. Attendees will also be invited to involvement with local, national, and international environmental projects. Sessions are planned for both youth and adults.

For more information on this project or to participate in it, call Don Keefer (337-0768), chair of the Social Action Committee, or Sharon Monday-Dorsey (344-3016).



Annunciation our “Sister Church” in the Holy Land

About a year ago St. Patrick's Parish Council approved adoption of a parish church in Beit Jala, outside Bethlehem in the Holy Land, as our "sister church." The church, neo-gothic in design and built in 1952, is named for the Annunciation.

The pastor of this parish of about 1000 families is Fr. Abdel-Nour. In the 30 years of his priestly ministry there, he has baptized, confirmed, and educated most of the youth of the parish—there are about 30 baptisms and 5 weddings a year.

The Catholic elementary and secondary schools operated by the parish have a combined student population of about 1000 students, approximately 80 percent of whom are Christian. The schools are staffed by 32 lay teachers and 4 women religious.

Social and civil service needs of the parish community are handled by the community of St. Vincent. This group helps the needy with school fees, hospitalization and surgical costs, medication, food, and clothing, since many people lack jobs and/or medical insurance.

In addition to the two schools, there is a seminary on the premises. Each year the parish sponsors 2 seminarians from Beit

Jala; altogether there are 60 seminarians who come from several parishes to prepare for the priesthood. The parish also has its own Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs.

Throughout the year the parish organizes pilgrimages to Holy Land shrines: the Nativity, in Bethlehem; Holy Week, the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem; Mar. 25, Nazareth; Apr. 21, St. Elias, Haifa; June 24, St. John the Baptist, Ain Karem; Aug., Tomb of the Virgin Mary, Jerusalem.

Fr. Abdel-Nour hopes (God willing) to continue his priestly ministry in Beit Jala for many more years, developing social and spiritual friendships with the families of his parish. His Christmas wish is to have the parish bells automated.

St. Patrick's Social Action Committee is seeking to help make Fr. Abdel-Nour's wish a reality. The estimated cost of automating the bells is \$6000. Committee members are accepting contributions of \$5, in return for which a candle will be lighted in the name of the donor, or that of a loved one, at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. A nice Christmas gift, both for Fr. Abdel-Nour and for the donors. Look for committee members staffing a table for this purpose at Coffee Shop after 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Mass. ■

How to get help— and give it

St. Patrick's has a hidden but valuable resource, a prayer network sometimes referred to as the Prayer Tree (which puzzles participants) and, more aptly, the Prayer Line.

"The greatest thing one person can do for another is to pray for him," writes Corrie Ten Boom. "If at this moment you pray for someone, even though he is on the other side of the globe, the Lord Jesus will touch him."

Is it hard? Well, one parishioner member of the Prayer Line recently expressed the satisfaction of being able to serve the parish community from her kitchen table. (It doesn't sound too hard!)

Another parishioner who has relied on the Prayer Line often said she felt great relief in the fact that she could call just one person and know that many others would be praying for her intention, regardless of how insignificant or how noteworthy it might seem to anyone else.

Need the prayer support of others when preparing for an exam? for marriage? for a doctor's visit? for safe travel? for the birth of a child? for relief from tension or stress? for recognizing one's vocation in life? for healing of mind or body or family relationships? Just ask. All intentions are held in the strictest confidence by participants on the Prayer Line.

If you'd like to ask for prayer support, call Mary Fonner (367-0026) or Lori McDonough (367-3171). They'll get your intention to others on the prayer network. If you'd like to be one of the pray-ers, just let them know you'd like to join them; you too can serve the parish community from your kitchen table! ■

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Christmas Day Masses: 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00 pm	OFFICE CLOSED 11:00am Rosary CCNH	7:00pm Social Action Com. 7:00pm Homily Prep.	7:00pm SVDP		10:30am Mass Americana NH 10:45am Mass, Champaign Cty NH	5:00pm Mass  Dance 8:00 - 11:00 pm
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