

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

In Focus



Generous parishioners make good stewardship possible

This August St. Patrick's church will undergo major repair and maintenance. The brickwork will be tuckpointed, washed, and sealed, and the wood trim will be repaired and repainted.

The Parish Council accepted a bid of \$31,640 for this project, which will require approximately two weeks to complete.

As the centennial of the founding of St. Patrick's Parish approaches, the careful maintenance and preservation of this building, where we

and all those men and women who have gone before us in faith have worshiped, becomes increasingly important.

In these times, when news of agencies running in the red and the term "deficit spending" no longer causes a surprised lift of the eyebrow, it is very encouraging indeed to know that parishioners' consistent tithing and generous donations, with responsible fiscal management, now enable the parish to undertake such a project without having to borrow

from the Diocese of Peoria or a local bank—and without asking members of the parish to dig deeper and deeper into their pockets to support the undertaking financially.

Parish Council members felt encouraged by the realization that the parish is able to take good care of its facilities, to make good use of funds set aside for just this purpose. They want all parishioners to be encouraged too, knowing that their generous contributions are being put to good use. ■

At the 9:00 Mass on May 29 the graduating seniors of the parish stood before their co-parishioners in a public recognition of their achievements.

Richard Keane, Grand Knight of the Urbana Knights of Columbus, presented the annual Charles H. Martell Scholarship, this year not to a single student but to four deserving graduates: Alice Duncanson, Molly Healey, Brian Pacino, and Beth Spese.

Congratulations, seniors! Congratulations to Rahul Alexander, to Patrick Morrow and Alice Duncanson, to Andrew Fernandez and Daniel Joyce, to Aaron O'Connor, to Brian Pacino and Matthew Palmisano and Beth Spese, to Eric Weber, Molly Healey, Ronda Neimerg, Amanda Koehler, and Abigail Levin. Congratulations one and all! ■



Graduating seniors honored





in our parish library

Earth Prayers from Around the World

Edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon

The subtitle of this little book tells it all: "365 Prayers, Poems, and Invocations for Honoring the Earth." The editors describe this book as "a call to prayer" that was compiled as a result of their growing realization of the extent of the damage being done to the earth's life systems. They put out a call for prayers for the earth and received a worldwide response from people of diverse prayer traditions reflecting the richness of their several religious, ethnic, and cultural heritages.

Topically organized, the poems, prayers, and writings about the earth have been gathered from such as Walt Whitman, T. S. Eliot, Margaret

Atwood, Robert Frost, Annie Besant, Thich Nhat Hanh, Black Elk, Wendell Berry, Pablo Neruda, Starhawk, the Book of Psalms, and W.E.B. DuBois.

Resources that readers might like to delve into in greater depth can be garnered from the Acknowledgments section. The book also includes a detailed contents listing, a seasonal calendar with specific events cross-referenced to selections in the book, and an index of first lines.

A rich resource for a growing awareness of the beauty of God's creation and our role in preserving it even as we revel in it. ■



Welcome to new parishioners Blanche and Fred Bayer, Jeff and Kathleen Kading Blue, Cherie and Derek Hebda, Kimberly Hendrickson, Terry Moreau, Tyler Prevett, Heather Anne and Thomas Sotzen, Rosemary Tabbert.



Farewell to the following parishioners who have moved from C-U: Alison and Spencer Ely, Veronica Hackman, Fr. William Isermann, Janet and Lloyd Lipska, Christopher McCann, Jane Ann Montes, Amy Numrych, Nancy Rowley.



Congratulations to these couples, recently married at St. Patrick's: Cherie Ann LeMay and Derek Alan Hebda, Tracy Lee Cascio and Stephen Charles Johnson, Lisa Michelle Mueller and John Robert Menees, Jr., Martha A. Stroud and Dana P. Merry, Thanh Nga Thi Tran and Trong Thanh Tran.



We welcome Katie Elizabeth Appel, recently baptized into our faith community.



Please pray for deceased parishioner Kenneth E. Fuchs.



Quick fixin's from the kitchen of ... Katharine Schrader

Pickled Beets

- 1 16-oz can of beets
- 1 t salt
- 3 T sugar
- dash of pepper
- 4 cloves
- 1/2 c beet liquid
- 1/2 c vinegar



Drain beets, saving 1/2 cup of the liquid. Put beets and liquid in a medium-sized pan and add vinegar, salt, pepper, and sugar. Bring the mixture to the boiling point, then remove from heat. When cool, add cloves and refrigerate until served. ■

Pastoral care givers keep us in touch



Eucharistic ministers to the homebound and to various nursing homes (from the left): Jean Costello, Connie Knake, Grace Conlee, Lu Pillar, Grace Bowen, Loretta LaFave, Nancy Steerman, Mary Corcoran. **Not shown:** JoAnne Arie, Mary Lou Bloome, Pat Doebel, Margaret Erlandson, Mary Lou Menches, Pat Minogue, Judy Yasunaga.



Eucharistic ministers to Carle Foundation Hospital (from the left): Grace Bowen, Gigi Simon, Grace Conlee, Connie Knake, Lu Pillar. **Not shown:** Jean Daly, Pat Doebel, Judy Hummel, Marie Davis, Mary Maglione, Marguerite Maguire, Ruth Plymire, Terri Ruedi, Peter Tan.

Champaign County Nursing Home volunteers (from the left): Mary Sleeter, Toni D'Urso, Florence Chevalier, Louie D'Urso, Ida D'Urso, Teresa Zapp, Rose Norton, Ann Conlin, Norma Kroes, Mary Paris, Monica Ritten. **Not shown:** Pat Donze, Bob Leach, Kathy Leach, Gladys Reinhart, Joe Sleeter, Paul Ziegler.



You might not notice these ministers, the pastoral care givers. They are not seen serving the assembly at Mass or making copies in the parish office, nor are they heard from the choir loft. But our parishioners who are unable to come to Mass, whether due to a short hospitalization or a long-term illness, look forward to their weekly visits, their help and companionship at a nursing-home Mass or Rosary, and, if they are also eucharistic ministers, to the gift of Holy Communion that they bring.

About 40 members of St. Patrick's serve in pastoral care through three separate ministries.

Communion to the homebound and to residents of nursing homes is facilitated by Loretta LaFave (367-0985). Eucharistic ministers bring Our Lord and their own friendly smiles to parishioners in their homes or at the Royal Fontana, Americana, and Urbana nursing homes every Tuesday morning. Some ministers serve other individuals, visiting them in their homes or at Clark-Lindsey Village, on other days of the week.

Catholic patients at Carle Foundation Hospital are offered Holy Communion and companionship by our lay ministers on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On other days of the week Fr. Remm, Fr. Nolan, and Sr. Charlene serve Carle patients. Grace Bowen (356-3491) schedules the Carle team.

At Champaign County Nursing Home, ministry involves helping residents with poor mobility move from their rooms to the chapel for Mass on Fridays, for the Rosary on Mondays. Both residents and volunteers look

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Parish Council News



The June meeting of the Parish Council opened with an orientation for new Council members and a review of the Development Handbook and Council Constitution and Bylaws.

Parishioners' response to the diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal has been encouraging. As of May 23, \$68,320 had been pledged, exceeding our diocesan goal of \$65,926 and approaching the parish goal of \$70,000.

The portion of the pictorial directory to be prepared by the parish has been sent to Olan Mills for printing.

Council members' liaison appointments, designed to assure good communication between the Council and its committees, were announced: Richard Keane will serve as liaison to the **Building and Grounds Committee**; Pat Joseph, **Communications**; Mark Simon, **Education**; Cathy Salika, **Financial Affairs**; Walter Maguire, **Liturgy**; Fran Cousin, **Social**; Miriam Nirider, **Social Action**; Mary Long, **Personnel**; Joe Pavia, **Development**.

Members next discussed distribution of the end-of-year surplus, expected to be \$59,171. A tithe of \$5917 was earmarked to further the work of Dr. Susan Nagele, a parishioner who serves in Africa as a lay medical missionary. Next, \$14,000 was earmarked to repay in full our remaining debt to the diocese, leaving the parish debt-free except for \$34,000

owed to several individual parishioners (those who joined the "Generous Hearts" donor group to help finance the expansion of the parish center several years ago, when interest rates were around 16%). The purchase of the new copier, approved in April, was paid from the surplus as well.

The balance was allocated as savings to several funds in anticipation of future need: auto replacement, \$2000; roof repair, \$3000; heating and air conditioning, \$5000; office equipment, \$1500; organ replacement, \$1500. And approximately \$18,000 was allocated to the centennial fund to cover the cost of any major renovation needed before the parish's centennial celebration in the year 2001. ■

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)
- Organ renovation (\$8000)
- 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. ■

Give blood, a gift from the heart!

The next blood drive at St. Patrick's will take place on Sunday, July 17. The Champaign County



Blood Bank will set up in the parish center multipurpose room from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. to take these life-giving donations.

If you have previously donated blood or have been planning to do so, please mark this date on your calendar. Your participation in the blood-donor program will make a real difference to those whose very lives depend on it!

Call Tom or Lori McDonough (367-3171) or the parish office (367-2665) if you can help. ■

St. Patrick's InFocus

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.

Editorial board: Mary Lou Menches, 344-1125 or 244-4701; Marty Perry, 344-6321; Gary Riskowski, 344-4394; Katharine Schrader, 344-5995; Peggy Whelan, 367-3668.

Associates: Yvonne Barger, Amy Fahey, Dorothy Maduzia, Lori and Tom McDonough, Donna Price, Carole Rebeiz, Cathy Salika.

Articles and information for this issue were contributed by Yvonne Barger, Sr. Charlene Cesario, Harriet Davis, Tom Kacich, Mary Long, Mary Lou Menches, Carole Rebeiz, Leslie Risatti, Cathy Salika, Peggy Whelan.

Randy Coverstone crowned "King for a Day"



At the third annual Father's Day Breakfast at St. Patrick's, Randy Coverstone won the coveted title "King for a Day." Nominated by his daughter, Stephanie, Randy received public recognition for the special relationship he and Stephanie enjoy. The more than 85 people who attended this event, sponsored by the Social Committee, joined their applause to Stephanie's.

The "King for a Day" is selected on the basis of nominating essays submitted by children who complete the statement "My father should be King for a Day because . . ." The In Focus staff thought readers would enjoy reading Stephanie's; it is reproduced below. ■

Come along on the Interfaith Church Walk June 26

If you would like to see inside other C-U churches and learn something of their beliefs and practices, there may still be time for you to join the guided tour sponsored by the Council of Congregations.

You are welcome to visit any one or all of these:

2 p.m.: Emmanuel Memorial Episcopal Church, 102 N. State St., Champaign

3 p.m.: First Presbyterian Church of Champaign, 302 W. Church St.

4 p.m.: First United Methodist Church of Champaign, 210 W. Church St.

Plan to leave your car at Emmanuel Memorial's parking lot, north of the church, and walk to the others. (You are welcome to use the parking lot at each church if you prefer.)

What is the Council of Congregations? Since 1969 about 20 congregations in C-U have joined together to cooperate in service to the community. Delegates from the congregations meet monthly. Peggy Whelan, St. Patrick's representative, was recently elected president.

Annual contributions from the congregations provide funds to answer

MY FATHER SHOULD BE "KING FOR A DAY" BECAUSE..... He is the greatest Dad. He helps me with my homework and he helps coach my softball team. He plays games with me. He teaches me on our computer. If it's a half day at school he picks me up and takes me out to lunch. He built me a pretty playhouse that my friends and I could play in. When any of my toys break he fixes them. He can fix anything. I was the top seller at Holy Cross School for three years in the candy drive and it's because my Dad drove me all over town so I could sell.

He's The Best Dad In The Whole World,

By: Stephanie Coverstone
My Dad is Randy Coverstone

requests referred by Family Service's "First Call for Help." Incidentally, that telephone aid program is managed by another St. Patrick's parishioner, Margaret Stewart.

The Council offers two volunteer services. Hospital Support provides transportation and other emergency assistance to patients referred by hospital social workers. Friendly Visiting volunteers become companions to nursing home residents and to persons who are trying to maintain independent living at home. Roy Meyer of St. Patrick's is a volunteer in this latter program.

New volunteers, and new persons who may need these services are

always welcome. They may call Peggy Whelan (367-3668) for details.

Delegates to the Council of Congregations welcome the opportunity to know one another in an atmosphere of common religious experience. Last winter, Christian and Jewish delegates enjoyed some gentle humor: Arriving at Wesley United Methodist Church for a meeting on a night when choir rehearsal was scheduled, delegates found prominently posted a sign with a directional arrow indicating where the "Messiah" could be found!

Come along on the Church Walk and meet some nice folks! ■

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forward to these visits. Florence Chevalier (367-5548) and Norma Kroes (367-1596) guide this ministry.

In May, 21 of the 40 or so pastoral care givers attended a "Morning of Renewal" facilitated by Sr. Charlene, whose purpose was to affirm and express appreciation for the giftedness, the personal qualities, the ministers bring to those in need of love and comfort.

The morning started with a two-part video by Dr. James E. Miller, "The Grit and Grace of a Care-Giver," which explained that healthy care giving involves caring for yourself as you care for others and establishing boundaries in order to be able to be close to another. The conclusion was a stirring affirmation of the life-giving potential of care giving.

The video was followed by reflection and faith sharing, during which the care givers learned more about their private spirituality and how to reaffirm one another in their ministry. Participants enjoyed the session so much that many expressed an interest in continuing the process.

Anyone wishing to offer assistance to our parish sick and homebound should call the coordinator for the particular ministry, or the parish office.

Any parishioner who wants to be visited while a patient at Carle need only write "Catholic" in the box marked "Religion" to be put on the list for daily visits. Any parishioner who is homebound may call the parish office (367-2665) to receive the gift of the Eucharist every week. ■



Greetings from Deacon Rodger and Barb Adams

Many parishioners will remember Deacon Rodger Adams and his wife, Barbara, long-time members of this parish. It was as a parishioner that Rodger applied and was accepted for study leading to ordination as a permanent deacon with the intention of serving St. Patrick's Parish. And serve the parish he did, as deacon, for over twelve years.

Barb Adams, employed at Champaign County Nursing Home, spent many evenings with "adopted" young friends in the parish. It was no surprise to those who knew her as confidant that she chose CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) and, in southern California where they now make their home, has joined the chaplain department in a local Medical Center.

Rodger recently wrote to Fr. George Remm, thanking him for letters of recommendation. "I now have faculties in L.A. and am affiliated with a church here in Ventura, as the enclosed card shows." (The card identifies Rodger as deacon of the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, in Ventura.)

He adds: "I join the staff at a time of transition, so expect little trouble finding enough to do. I will be starting a Re-Membering Church group and will take over several ecumenical activities from a priest who is moving to his own parish.

"I have also associated with the deanery AIDS ministry and, through the deacon who is chaplain at the local state camp for convicted youth, a weekend retreat team.

"Barbara is doing well after seven months at St. John's and is preparing her documents to try for NACC certification late this summer. She enjoys the work, but finds the intensity and constant dealing with life and death issues difficult, along with a very variable schedule."

He mentions the possibility of a chance to visit Illinois in August, perhaps even to stop in C-U, and concludes: "I hope all is well with you and St. Pat's. Give our greetings to the folks."

Write to Rodger and Barb Adams at 1091 Loewe Lane, Apt. 201, Ventura, CA 93003.

Calling all EMs, lectors!

In the summertime many parishioners, especially students and faculty from the U of I, enjoy extended "time off" from the university—and from C-U. If you have ever been commissioned as a eucharistic minister or served as lector at Sunday Mass and are willing to substitute for a vacationing minister or be assigned to these ministries during summer months, please call Jean Daly (356-5645) to volunteer.

In Focus regrets!

In the last issue of *In Focus* the name of Mary Caitlin O'Rourke was inadvertently omitted from the list of young men and women about to be confirmed at St. Patrick's. We apologize for that omission, Mary Caitlin O'Rourke, and offer you our sincerest congratulations on your "coming of age" in the Spirit!

Four parishioners awarded the K of C Charles H. Martell Scholarship

Four St. Patrick's seniors have been awarded college scholarships by the Urbana Knights of Columbus.

The annual award, named the Charles H. Martell Scholarship in honor of the late pastor of St. Patrick's, is financed by the Urbana Knights with proceeds from fundraisers, particularly the Lenten fish fries that are strongly supported by parishioners.

This year's scholarship winners each received \$300 toward their college expenses. Scholarships were awarded to the following:

Alice Duncanson, a graduate of Champaign Centennial High School,



is the daughter of W. Thomas and Vera Duncanson. She has attended St. Patrick's for 9 years, religious education classes for 4 years,

and has been an altar server. She holds a part-time job and was active in school, yet has found time for volunteer work.

Alice has been a volunteer at Covenant Medical Center for 3 years and was editor-in-chief of her high school newspaper and a local teen magazine on AIDS. She also was a member of the principal's student advisory board at Centennial and the student member of the building curriculum committee. She plans to attend Antioch College, majoring in history/women's studies.

Molly Healey, a graduate of Urbana High School, is the daughter of Mary and Mike Healey. She plans to attend Southern Illinois Univer-

sity-Carbondale, majoring in respiratory therapy.

Molly also was a server at St. Patrick's and has been an assistant



Sunday School teacher for 2 years and a volunteer babysitter for the Beginning Experience support group. She helped plan and run the games at the

parish's annual fall picnic.

She also holds a part-time job and has been a volunteer at the Urbana Sweet Corn Festival. An active volunteer at school, Molly served on several committees and fundraisers, including Homecoming and Prom.

Brian Pacino, son of Colleen Pacino of Urbana, has graduated from



Urbana High School and plans to attend Chapman University in Orange, California, majoring in music. He has been a member of St. Patrick's for 3

years and active in the religious education program, including helping to plan the teen liturgies, and helping prepare food for the homeless. For the last 2 summers he has also worked part-time jobs.

At school, Brian participated in both varsity baseball and football

and was named a Big 12 Conference scholar-athlete for 3 years. He is studying classical piano for the tenth year and is a member of the Illinois Conservatory of Music.

Beth Spese, daughter of Jim and Tonya Spese and a graduate of St. Joseph-Ogden High School, plans to attend the University of Illinois, majoring in chemistry. She has been a



member of St. Patrick's all of her 18 years, and active in the parish religious education program.

At school, Beth helped establish a 3-on-3 basketball tournament to help raise money for the

Roundhouse in Champaign, a facility for runaway teenagers. In addition to playing three sports in each year of high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society, the German Club, and the Art Club.

The In Focus staff will enjoy a few weeks off before taking up the August/September issue, which will be published the last weekend of August.



This issue typically includes information about parish organizations, committees, and other parish groups for the benefit of summer newcomers to the parish and for all who are looking to become active in some special way for the coming year.

Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of In Focus is August 14.



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St. Patrick's Parish, Urbana

SUNDAY

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TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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.

					1 10:45am Mass- Champaign Cty. NH	2
3	4 9:00am Mass 	5 7:00pm Begining Experience	6 9:00am Guild 7:00pm SVDP	7	8 10:30am Mass Fontana NH 10:45am Mass- Champaign Cty. NH	9
10	11	12 7:00pm Financial Affairs	13 9:00am Guild 9:30am Mom's Group 7:00pm Building & Grounds Comm 7:00pm SVDP	14	15 10:30am Mass Clark-Lindsey 10:45am Mass Champaign Cty NH	16
17 Blood Drive	18	19 7:00pm Begining Experience	20 9:00am Guild 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Com- munications Comm	21	22 10:30am Mass- Americana NH Urbana 10:45am Mass- Champaign Cty. NH	23
24	25 7:00pm Liturgy Comm	26 7:00pm Homily Prep	27 9:30am Mom's Group 7:00pm SVDP	28 9:30am Archives Comm	29 10:45am Mass Champaign Cty NH	30
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