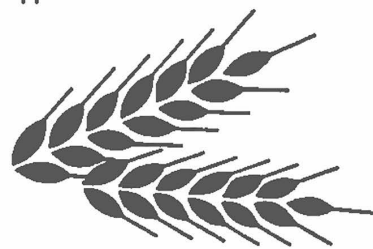


ST PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



"May the wind rise up to meet you"



"May the wind rise up to meet you and gently kiss your face" was the final blessing sung by St. Patrick's parishioners to Jan Lipska at the children's picnic and teens' barbecue at the parish center on Sunday, May 15.

In addition to songs sung by the children's religious education classes, skits, and gifts of a quilt signed by all the children in the classes and posters from various classes and parish staff, Fr. Remm presented Jan with large framed pictures of "The Rising Christ" and of St. Patrick's church as gifts from the parish. Gigi Simon, on behalf of the Education Committee, gave Jan the book *Prairie Landscapes*.

Tributes were also recorded in thank you notes to Jan from the high school confirmation candidates, portions of which were shared by Carolyn McElrath at the barbecue.

"I really appreciate your dedication to the parish and to our confirmation class," one wrote. "Your

whole family will be missed in our parish." Another wrote: "Thank you for being so understanding about my mixed feelings about religion. It has made me feel a lot better knowing that my feelings are understandable, and it has also helped me to have a role model who is so into religion."

And from another teenager: "You probably don't realize the example that you have set for all of us. You have shown us how to love and enjoy our faith. ... Thanks to you and the environment at St. Patrick's, I am looking forward to continuing my faith through college and the rest of my life."

Fr. Remm observed: "Few people have given so much to the children of St. Patrick's Parish as Jan Lipska has. As Coordinator of Children's Religious Education and Children's Liturgy, and as Coordinator of High School Religious Education, Jan has deeply and positively influenced the religious development of many children and their families."

Jan's influence extends beyond the parish to the entire Diocese of Peoria. She served for five years on the Commission on Catholic Education and as president of the commission for the last two years. In our parish and in the diocese, Jan's kind, gentle, and gracious presence will truly be missed.

As Jan and her family—her husband, Lloyd, her sons, Brandon and Matt, and their dog, Muffin—make the transition to their new home in Topeka, Kansas, we wish them all the very best and will keep them in our thoughts and prayers and in our hearts. As the blessing song of farewell concluded:

*Have you seen that we are on a journey?
Sharing roads of sorrow and of joy?
To me it seems with every step we learn
It's just God's way of blessing us at
every turn." ■*

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.

Parish Council News



Since their March meeting, Council members have been busy wrapping up action on the operating budget for the next fiscal year, preparing a slate of candidates for a parish-wide election to fill 4 vacancies, electing new officers, and the like.

Parishioners' response to the diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal has met the goal (a little over \$65,000) set for St. Patrick's by the diocese, with a little left over to be applied to debt reduction. \$68,320 has been pledged so far, still a little short of our overall goal of \$70,000, but not by much.

The work of parishioners on our pictorial directory will soon be completed and sent on to Olan Mills, where camera work and manufacturing will be done.

Pledges for St. Patrick's Catholic Education Fund have topped \$200,000! So far, \$201,680.50 has been pledged, with \$134,180.50 actually paid. Only 3 months remain for pledges from those who wish to be listed as benefactors or charter members.

The operating budget for next year, approximately \$420,250, was unanimously approved. Members also approved the purchase of a new copier for the parish office for \$7500, with the first year's service under warranty. The present copier will be offered to a parish that does not have one.

Council members also approved a resolution to accept a bid for tuckpointing the church. The bid amount, \$31,640, also includes the cost of washing and sealing the brick, repairing and repainting louvres and window frames, and replacing and resurfacing the brick apron at the front of the church. The bishop's

approval will be sought before the contract is let. The cost will be met almost entirely by funds already saved in a special account established for church maintenance.

A candidate has been chosen to fill the position of parish Music Director upon Mark Fisch's resignation at the end of June. Pending fulfillment of diocesan requirements for church employees, a contract will be finalized with Stephen Peet, who expects soon to begin work on his doctorate in music at the U of I.

The parish's farewell to Mark Fisch will be on June 25-26 at all the Masses, with receptions after the 9:00, 10:30, and noon Masses in the multipurpose room.

Newly elected Council members Cathy Salika, Mark Simon, and Dick Justice were warmly welcomed to the Council to fill vacancies created by completion of terms by Bill Plymire, Jeannie Rasmussen, and Chuck Shaw. Miriam Nirider, who had completed a term begun by another parishioner, was elected to a 3-year term of her own. And Richard Keane, first runner-up in the April election, was welcomed to serve the remaining 2 years of the term for which Jason McArthur was elected, Jason having resigned because of school and work commitments.

With the seating of the new Council, the election of officers was held. Elected by acclamation were Fran Cousin, president; Mary Long, vice-president; and Dick Justice, secretary. Members gratefully accorded another year's honorary (non-voting) membership to Judy Conover as recording secretary.

Commissioning of new members and officers will take place during the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, June 5.

The next Council meeting has been rescheduled from June 16 to June 9. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings. ■

Parish Council elects officers for 1994-95



Fran Cousin, president

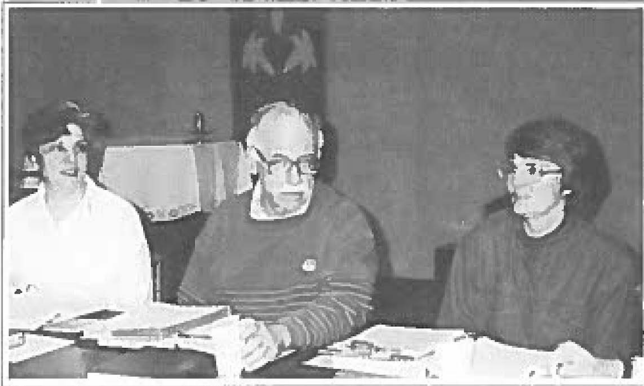


Mary Long, vice-president



Dick Justice, secretary

Finding God in Daily Work



Facilitators Sr. Charlene Cesario, Deacon Bill McClellan, Jane McClellan.

The Finding God in Daily Work program held its last session on Monday, May 9. Facilitated by Sr. Charlene Cesario, SSCM, Deacon Bill McClellan, and Jane McClellan, the program began Jan. 31 and met for 13 sessions. The group of eight participants also gathered with facilitators for a weekend retreat.

The weekly sessions included short instructions on Christian spirituality, prayer based on Scripture, small- and large-group interaction, and work project reports by participants, who had been learning to see, hear, and respond more readily to God in their workplaces.

Participants were asked to respond to four questions posed during the last couple of weeks of the program.

The questions and some of their responses are as follows.

What led you to participate in Finding God in Daily Work?

"I felt a need to integrate the spiritual dimension into the work

arena. Work and non-work activities seemed too compartmentalized, with work bringing out responses that were more often than not spiritually muted. I wanted to know how to become aware of God's presence, even during moments of pressure and stress."

"Since work has always been an important, yet stressful, part of my life, the name of the program was both intriguing and mysterious. I was anxious to learn more about it."

"I felt the program might help me find a better perspective for my attitude toward work."

What aspects of the program are the most meaningful for you?

"The weekly exercises (homework, if you will) and prayer commitment. The search to discover and recognize God in my workplace. The week-

end retreat ... the unwrapping of 'gifts.' Being together with our group each week. The commitment and efforts of our facilitators: Bill and Jane McClellan and Sr. Charlene. Getting there through snow, ice, sleet, and rain ... we had 'em all!"

"Analyzing my personal values and those of the workplace."

"The program requires a thorough analysis of the work environment in all of its aspects—job functions, physical space, interrelations with supervisor and other employees, and how these things affect me and others. I have never done this type of analysis before and found it helpful in that it provided many insights about the job and myself. It uncovered a much more complicated and intertwined set of interrelationships between job, self, others, and God than I ever knew existed. This analysis was not solely an academic exercise—it was infused with a spiritual character which broadened its scope and meaning."

"The retreat was a really neat experience in focusing on the positive aspects of those around us. The sharing in small or large groups was also a good opportunity to grow closer to others in our parish. Lastly, the structured approach to both the positive and negative aspects of my job in a prayerful way was very helpful."

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Participants Phil Musser, Don Keefer, Laura Keefer.



Participants Jeannie Rasmussen, Kathy Dyson, Cindy Mottin. Not shown: Carol Bosley, Nancy Costa.



in our parish library

Clever Foxes and Lucky Klutzes

by William J. O'Malley, S.J.

From the author's introduction:

"Some truths are simply too enormous to capture in ironclad treatises: love, honor, passion, freedom, heart-weariness. Trying to cram a rhino into a pram.

"My dictionary takes 42 lines to define love, and after all that precision, I sighed. ... A muddy kid in a doorway, with a fistful of dandelions, says love too. And a lot better.

"The great human truths are inescapable, and yet elusive. So for centuries tribes gathered by the fire to try to make sense of their struggles to live with dignity by telling stories of those who discovered—painfully—what human living is for. Evil was compacted into dragons and griffins (often in disguise), but it was always an evil that could be over-

come by courage and tenacity ... and luck.

"So I invite you to hunker here by my fire and enter through the flames into a world where weak princes can turn into brave bears and damsels need not resort to swooning but stand up to be counted. You might find the world we resign ourselves to could really be more like that world."

This introduction really tells the reader quite a lot about what to expect—and quite a lot about the author himself. He is, in truth, a Jesuit priest who teaches theology and English at Fordham Preparatory School in the Bronx, New York. He has published 20 books and four times that number of articles—many of them for the periodical *America*. He directs plays (72 so far). In *Clever Foxes* he's written something to be enjoyed, learned from, savored, and shared.

Enjoy! ■

Do you know our best-kept secret?

"We do have a parish library, and it has at least 500 books," asserts parish librarian Victoria Pifalo, assistant Health Science Librarian and Assistant Professor at the U of I.

Victoria has finished cataloging the new books she ordered—new books have been given a shelf of their own—and is in the process of cataloging the standing collection of books, tapes, records.

The library now subscribes to "Catholic Parent" and "Origins," two serial publications from the Catholic News Service.

Parishioners need not wait for the library to be open: the key to the library is now hanging on a nail in the hallway outside the library. If the

key is not there, another can be borrowed from the parish secretary on weekdays during regular office hours.

Victoria is grateful for the help of volunteers Grace Bowen, Angie Gliniecki, Jan Modica, Pat Minogue, and Gigi Simon, who repaired books, set up book displays, and assisted with the recent Library Open House.

Future plans for the parish library include a computerized list of the collection to be shared with shut-ins and a complete inventory to be conducted this summer. If you have questions or suggestions of material for our library, leave a note for Victoria in the library's mailbox, or call her at 398-6017. ■



Welcome to new parishioners Karen and Shawn Allen, Cecylia and David Bordua, Iris Denhart, Edward Galezewski, Steven Meid, Krystyna and Leszek Nikiel.



Congratulations to these couples, recently married at St. Patrick's: Robert James Twohey, Jr., and Mary B. Tavis, Charles Edward Thompson and Sandra Marie Palombi, Matthew John Gremer and Cindy Ann Babb.



We welcome the following recently baptized into our faith community: Hannah Marie Graham, Catherine Anna Nikiel.



Please pray for deceased parishioners Jordan Daniel Doan, Jean E. Smith, Laurence N. Burke, Ralph R. Squire, Vincent J. Krause, Keqi Joseph Wu.



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of In Focus is June 12.



Letter to parishioners from Jan Lipska

Dear friends,

It is with a heavy heart that I sit down to say farewell to you. I remember coming to St. Patrick's 11 years ago, new to the area, a little unsure of what I would find in this new parish. We had lived in so many, some welcoming but most not. I remember that every Sunday we came to Mass and heard about coffee and donuts, my boys would beg to come over. I really didn't want to because my experience with Coffee Shops in other parishes was that if you didn't have a friend there already, all you got were coffee and donuts. I finally gave in, one Sunday. I couldn't believe it! Someone actually came up to me and said: "You're new here, aren't you?" This person sat down and welcomed us to the parish, asked where we had come from, and made us feel really welcome. I was shocked. In all my years I had never felt welcomed to a parish so quickly. You made us feel like it was important that we were here.

This is just one of my many memories of St. Patrick's. What a unique, open, welcoming people you are! Over the years you have helped me grow as a person, supporting me, caring for me, making me feel that my contribution was important, remembering me in your prayers. St. Patrick's is the parish that nurtured the faith life of my children, Brandon and Matthew. It is the parish community that reached out to my husband, Lloyd, and gently guided him through the RCIA and into the Church in April 1987. Everything I have given to you and your children has been returned to me tenfold and more.

In my many adult classes and retreats over the past years we have been asked to name significant

people, places, and events in our faith journey. This exercise not only helps us chart our journey but also helps us remember those who have guided us to a deeper faith and awareness of God's love. As I share that story in the future, you, the people of St. Patrick's, will become what you are: my most important event. You are part of the story, the very fabric of my life.

When I first began as Coordinator of the Children's Program, I found myself becoming very attached to all of these wonderful children and then being in tears at the end of the year as they moved to other parts of the country or back to their home countries. It seemed unfair that we should meet and then part, never to meet again. Then one day I either had a revelation or, more likely, came to a deeper understanding of all I had been taught about Church. That understanding was that we are all part of the Body of Christ, his Church. (How many times have you heard that?) But it is more than that, for each Sunday as we gather to celebrate, all of those children and parents, all of those people who have been so special, are part of the celebration I attend. I will never be alone, I will never be truly separated from you, for wherever I am I will be joining with you to celebrate Christ present in the Eucharist and in our daily lives.

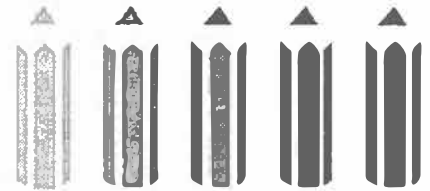
I thank all of you for your kindness and the many gifts and notes I received on Sunday, May 15. They will be treasured and pulled out when I need some TLC. God bless each and every one of you. Thank you for your loving support for me, my family, and the children and teens of this parish.

I carry each of you in my heart.

Jan



What's the news at Holy Cross School?



May has held excitement for Holy Cross students. It is the month for class field trips, interspersed with quality learning time for students as the school year draws to a close.

The final day of the school year will be June 3. On that day, Mass (coordinated by teachers and students of kindergarten and first grade) will be offered, final honors ceremonies held, and—at last!—students dismissed for the summer.

But before that occurs, each class takes their own field trip: kindergartners to Skateland, fifth-graders to Springfield (Ill.), eighth-graders to Washington, D.C. And, for those disappointed earlier, the deferred trip to Chicago to see "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Volunteer Appreciation Day was observed on May 12. Volunteers were invited to Mass with the school children and to a brunch following.

Holy Cross School Graduation Day was May 25. Graduating eighth-graders from St. Patrick's included Hayley Ellis, daughter of David and Bonnie Ellis; Bob Kacich, son of Tom and Helene Kacich; Luke Koehler, son of Richard and Gwendolyn Koehler; Christopher McDonald, son of Christopher and Beth McDonald; Sarah Mytty, daughter of Al and Ruth Mytty; David Simon, son of Mark and Gigi Simon; Marybeth Sprague, daughter of Rodger and Mary Sprague; and David Weisiger, son of James and Mary Weisiger. Congratulations and best wishes to these students and their families! ■

What do you really know about national health care proposals?

St. Patrick's Pro-Life Committee has been studying several of the proposed national health plans in light of eight basic principles identified by the U.S. bishops as central to any health-care solution. These are universal access, comprehensive services, quality, cost containment, equitable financing, pluralism, respect for life, and concern for the poor.

Many of the proposed health-care plans not only do not conform to these basic principles but even actively violate them.

It is important for us, both as Catholics and as members of the community at large, to become informed on the particulars of the health plans being proposed. Each is actively supported by well-meaning individuals or groups, many of whom do not understand or take into account the Catholic perspective.

Do you want a plan that caps health-care cost increases at less than the rate of inflation? Such a plan certainly makes health care more affordable, but it also means that less money is available for health care each year, effectively rationing health care.

The Surgeon General of the U.S. supports abortion, particularly for the mentally and physically handicapped, as do several of the health plans. In fact, some plans distribute the costs for euthanasia and abortion across all members, directly contrary to the Catholic's duty to assist the defenseless.

Some health plans shut out segments of the population based on immigration status; another places treatment decisions with a "national board of health" instead of with one's personal physician. Such a board might decide that an individual's "quality of life" was not sufficient to justify treatment costs. How many lives would be sacrificed to a budget deficit?

Each plan is actively being pushed forward. No one is going to wait for you to find the time to study the particulars of each. A plan will be chosen whether you assist in the choice or not. If you do not speak out, your wishes will be ignored. The proposal makers have constructed their plans to suit themselves; they have no reason to change their plan unless we provide those reasons.

God's gift is Life; your life, the lives of your family and friends and co-workers and faith community depend on your voice. It's time to speak out.

Concerns about "health care rationing," the funding of abortion through health care, and other aspects of individual health care proposals should be communicated directly to our legislators. Their addresses are:

- The Honorable Thomas W. Ewing
House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
- Senator Paul Simon
Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
- Senator Carol Moseley-Braun
Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

You may wish to call 1/800/LIFE-YES to send a single pre-written message on one or the other issue (3 letters to 3 legislators), or both messages (6 letters to 3 legislators). The charge, \$9.25 for the single message, \$11.25 for both, would be included in your telephone bill. ■

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. ■

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.

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Like father, like son!



Matt Fejes is following in his father's footsteps. Joe Fejes, who passed away eleven years ago, is remembered by parishioners for his many contributions to St. Patrick's and to this community. He, with his wife, Ann, owned the Town and Country restaurant in Urbana for many years. They were very generous in supporting St. Patrick's functions, providing food and many other gifts too numerous to mention.

Matt, their son, is also in foods; he has the Town and Country Catering Service. Matt too is very generous to St. Patrick's. You have probably eaten his baked chicken at parish picnics or some of the other foods prepared and delivered to the parish for one function or another.

For the last six years Matt has donated to the parish the surplus food from his catering parties. Once or twice a week containers filled with good food end up in our parish kitchen, where their contents are made into soup for the Catholic Worker House soup kitchen. The food that cannot go into the soup pot is packaged and given to the needy who come to St. Patrick's for food. These donations of his fill many empty stomachs! The needy are very thankful as they leave our parish center with a bag of food. Matt, al-

though not present to hand out the food to those in need, is certainly behind the scenes "feeding the hungry."

We too are grateful. Thank you, Matt! ■

Congratulations, Lenore!



Lenore Nagele, coordinator of St. Patrick's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program, has been chosen to receive the diocesan Religious Education

Coordinator of the Year award for "outstanding contributions to Catholic education."

Lenore has served as RCIA coordinator for about 10 years, helping a hundred or more adults enter the Church through this process.

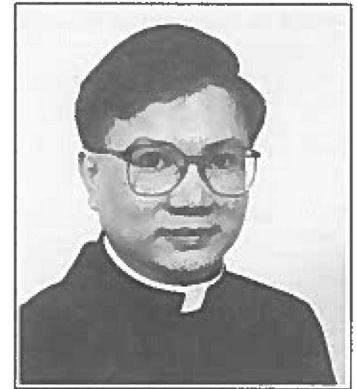
She was nominated for the award by Fr. George Remm, who wrote, "I have watched Lenore develop into a vibrant witness of faith, a competent facilitator, a deeply spiritual disciple, a student eager for growth, a caring, happy, and sensitive leader. ... Those who have entered the Church each year under her supervision are her best testimonials and her best awards."

Carolyn McElrath, under whose guidance and supervision Lenore serves, wrote: "Perhaps Lenore's greatest gift is her deep and abiding

spirituality, which empowers her with energy and enthusiasm and at the same time a calmness that is truly welcoming to all those who come to inquire into our Catholic faith."

Lenore will be presented with the award at the Summer Catechetical Institute at Bradley University, Peoria, on June 10 at 11:15 a.m.

Congratulations, Lenore! ■



Deacon Vincent Bui writes . . .

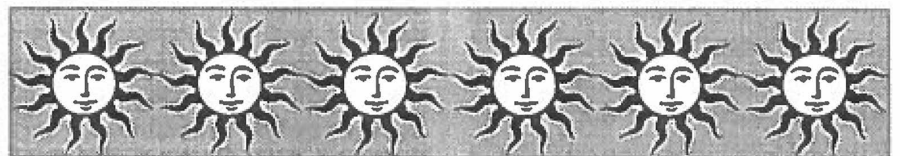
Thank you for remembering me in your prayer, especially on my Ordination Day. It was the most joyous celebration in my life. Many friends from Baltimore, Lansing, Peoria, and Urbana-Champaign came to celebrate with me. We collected over 1000 lbs. of canned goods.

Thanks for the ordination gifts. Thanks for your friendship, support, and prayers. Please know that you and the people of St. Patrick's have a special place in my heart.

I hope I will see you soon. May God bless you.

Peace,

Vince



Finding God in daily work, from page 3

"I was especially glad to receive the handouts on prayer, as I hope to improve my personal prayer life in the areas that are weak."

"The personal interaction and intimacy in the small groups."

How have things been going for you since you acquired a renewed sense of seeing as God sees in your day-to-day activities?

"GREAT! I finally get it!"

"I feel a deeper sense of God's presence in my workday, especially more of an awareness of God in the people I encounter in my work situation."

"I have noticed the presence of God much more in my daily work since starting this program."

"I find the activities in my work have become much more meaningful, and I feel a greater responsibility to do God's will in my work."

"It's a beautiful and comforting feeling to recognize God's presence in the place where I spend most of my waking hours. It's also very humbling to realize I may sometimes try to take control and therefore fail to accept God. This program has helped me to be more aware and thankful."

Do you feel a part of bringing forth Kingdom values in your workplace and in yourself?

"Yes. I feel fortunate that I work for a company that has values and endeavors to live by them. It's good to know that God is there and that he needs me there to be a part of his divine plan."

"Very much. I now realize that I must be a light and set an example for others to help pull them through the difficult times ahead."

"I do feel a certain level of calmness and peace in the work situation which I believe is a result of the class."

"Sometimes. This fluctuates dramatically since, in my weakness, I

am often overcome. In those moments I realize that, if it were not for the grace and mercy of God, I would be counted among those who struggle against Kingdom values instead of support them. On my own I am capable of only ineffectual efforts to represent God's values in the workplace. The most valuable gift of the program is that it teaches us to ask for God's grace, strength, and mercy in these areas and to listen for his response."

Finding God in Daily Work has been a richly graced experience for all three facilitators, who will again offer the program this fall—on consecutive Monday evenings from Sept. 12 through Dec. 12. Watch the parish bulletin for more details, or ask Sr. Charlene, Deacon Bill, or Jane about it. ■

Linda Weber completes two-year diocesan program



On May 21 Linda Weber participated in a Recognition Ceremony at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria, receiving from Bishop John Myers a certificate acknowledging her completion of the two-year Lay Ministry Leadership Program.

The first year's curriculum included study sessions on Church, Liturgy, Doctrine, Social Justice, and other topics of a general nature essential to the development of an informed lay ministry in the Church.

Second-year emphasis is on development of skills and understandings related to specific areas of ministry. With Fr. Remm's approval, Linda Weber chose family life ministry.

Linda actively supports family life not only at home but also at St. Patrick's through her generous and imaginative service with the Social Committee, most recently helping parishioners celebrate Mother's Day at the parish's Ice Cream Social. She also assists with the Pre-Baptismal program.

Congratulations on your achievement, Linda! ■

In appreciation



Our deepest thanks to Fr. Remm and Fr. Nolan for all they did at the time of Ralph's death. Their kindnesses brought tears to our eyes and smiles to our faces.

Mark Fisch's songs were beautiful and touched our hearts. We truly enjoyed the reception, prepared by the St. Patrick's Guild, that followed the funeral. The food was delicious, and it was comforting to be able to visit with family and friends. Thank you all for the kindness shown to us during this difficult time.

The Ralph Squire Family

An open letter to St. Patrick's confirmandi

Rahul Alexander * Charles Campo * Jon Daly * Terrence Delanty * Patrick Morrow * Katrina Downes * Alice Duncanson * Andrew Fernandez * Kristine Harshbarger * Daniel Joyce * Benjamin Langendorf * Matthew Lipska * Mark Lundeen * Michael Mabry * Daniela Munoz * Aaron O'Connor * Michael O'Rourke * Brian Pacino * Martin Pacino * Matthew Palmisano * Sarah Paulsen * Ryan Riskowski * Gabriella Risatti * Beth Spese * Robert Spese * Eric Weber * Natalie Weisiger * Judith Yasunaga * Molly Healy * Lindsey Cousert * Ronda Neimerg * Gian-Paolo Musumeci * Amanda Koehler * Abigail Levin

Congratulations on your soon-to-be confirmation! When you were an infant, far too young to speak for yourself, your parents and godparents made a profession of faith on your behalf. For years they have willingly borne the responsibilities that accompany this profession of faith, waiting for that time when, having learned to speak for yourself and to bear the responsibility for your own decisions, you were ready to confirm that profession for yourself. And that glad day now approaches at last!

A momentous event, your confirmation—for you and for all of us in your larger family, the faith community at St. Patrick's. With great love and rightful pride we celebrate your "coming of age" in the Spirit. We call on you to take your rightful place among us, to love and serve and bear witness with us to the Father, who gives us his only son, to Jesus, who loves us unto death and beyond to life everlasting, and to their Holy Spirit, with whom in a special anointing you are to be sealed.

The strength this sacrament confers is the power of God himself—a gift that may best be realized as you draw on that power in service with and for others as a member of his body on earth, the Church. We welcome you to this life of loving service, modeled for us by the Christ who washed the feet of his friends as well as of that one who was to betray him. We offer you, in return, companionship in his service and the prayerful support not only of the faith community that is your parish, but of all members of his body the world over.

All of us, all your parish friends and family, rejoice with you in your confirmation in the Spirit! ■

Help crown this year's "King for a Day"

On Sunday, June 19, following the 9:00 Mass the Social Committee will once again honor the fathers of the parish at a Father's Day Breakfast.

This free event features food prepared by the families attending. (Recipes are given out as reservations are made.)

A popular feature of this event is the essay contest, in which children have a chance to have their father crowned "King for a Day."

Watch the Sunday bulletin for more information about reservations—this breakfast is by reservation only! ■

InFocus needs new computer volunteer

After over three years Donna Price, who has volunteered to perform the computerized page lay-out for InFocus, is now stepping down. If you have access to a computer, a page layout application such as PageMaker, etc., and have an eye for graphics, come join us! Contact Mary Lou Menches at 244-4701 (day) or 344-1125 (evening). ■

Quick fixin's from the kitchen of ... Elaine Theobald

Easy Cheesy Lemon Bars

1 17-oz pkg Pillsbury Lemon Cake mix

1/2 c butter or margarine, melted
1 egg, slightly beaten

1 13.5-oz pkg Pillsbury Lemon Frosting mix

1 8-oz pkg cream cheese, softened
2 eggs

Combine cake mix, butter, and slightly beaten egg. Mix with a fork until moist. Put into a 9 x 13 inch pan, greased on the bottom only. Blend frosting mix into the cream cheese. Set aside 1/2 cup of this mixture. Add 2 eggs to remaining frosting mixture and spread on top of the cake mixture in the baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes. Cool; spread with the reserved frosting mixture.




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