

# In Focus



## New piano "a wonderful gift" from a grateful donor

When they were small children growing up on Chicago's South Side, Robert and Shirley Wittbrodt were dependent on the generosity of others to help them attend St. Augustine grade and high schools.



"We didn't have a lot of money, but the parish paid for us to go to school," said Shirley (now Shirley Penny). "And we never forgot that. My brother always said he wanted to give back to the Church."

And indeed they have.

Robert Wittbrodt, known to many in Champaign as "Bob the Milkman" because of the dairy route he once had, died on May 9, 1992, at the age of 69.



His will stipulated that upon the sale of various properties he owned throughout Champaign and Urbana, proceeds be given to Holy Cross School to establish an education trust fund for needy students. Interest from the principal of the \$123,000 fund will provide an estimated \$6000 annually for scholarships.

In addition to that donation, Shirley Penny gave her fee as executor of her brother's estate to St. Patrick's Church for the purchase of a new piano, now located in the choir loft, as a memorial to her brother.

She said she learned of the need for the piano through the "wish list" published occasionally in *In Focus*.

The piano, a 52-inch upright Yamaha, was blessed and formally dedicated at the 10:30 Sunday Mass on Jan. 30 in memory of Robert Wittbrodt.

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## St. Patrick's Day dinner dance is on!



Hoping to restore this highlight of March to its annual status, the Social Committee has announced the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, to be held this year on Saturday, Mar. 12.

The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a dinner of Irish stew,

salad, Irish soda bread, and dessert, and end with dancing to the music of "Mr. Bop"—Kelly and Chris Sturdyvin, St. Patrick's own d.j.

The evening will also include some contests and games. Coffee and soda will be provided; anything else is BYOB.

Tickets are \$6 for individuals, \$10 for couples. They are available by advance purchase only during Coffee Shop on Sundays through Mar. 6.

How can anyone resist this inducement—a door prize of Sunday Brunch for two at Jumers! ■



## *In Focus needs your help*



Elsewhere in this issue you will find a description of how *In Focus* is planned and produced. Members of the Communications Committee hope you will be intrigued, interested, induced through reading it to pick up the telephone or a pen to volunteer occasional or regular assistance.

Committee members actually do the planning for each issue. If you can give an hour once a month to sharing of ideas and brainstorming presentations and angles on subjects of interest to parishioners, come along to the next meeting: Feb. 23, 7 to 8 p.m. in the parish center.

Other volunteers are needed to follow up on the ideas generated during the planning sessions. This follow-up can mean making a few telephone calls to get information out, or to gather information so that an article or story can be written. Or writing about something committee members think other parishioners will want to read about.

Writing an article may require doing a little research (some of us regularly consult Fr. Remm's Catholic Encyclopaedia), or interviewing 2-3 people, or simply writing one's own thoughts on a subject. It's a lot like writing a letter home about something going on or someone you know here at St. Patrick's. Easy stuff, sometimes!

The greater the pool of volunteer writers, the less frequently one may be called on.

You may have seen recent notices in our parish bulletin asking for

someone to take on the editing of the calendar of parish events and activities that is included in each issue of *In Focus*. The volunteers who have handled this say that one needs only DOS experience; the program is simple, easy to learn. Information is culled from the parish calendar, distributed to staffers for last-minute changes, corrections entered, and the calendar printed out and saved on computer for the following month's editing. An hour to prepare, an hour or less to make final changes. A piece of cake—sound good to you?

*In Focus* also needs someone who can be called on at the last minute to lay out pages, using PageMaker or some other paging program, on any computer that can read DOS files. The associate member who now does this, incorporating graphics from her

own collection, says she's able to page an issue (and does a good job of it, too!) in 4-6 hours, with interruptions. But sometimes when called she has to say she isn't free to take it on, and the committee has no recourse but to call on professionals—or to cut and paste and scrounge illustrations from here and there. Having a couple of other computer-volunteers to call on at such times would reduce stress levels enormously!

Photographs of parish events and activities are always in great demand; readers especially enjoy them and repeatedly ask for more in every is-

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## in our parish library

### *Holy Thursday* *by Francois Mauriac*

"To give us life, Jesus made himself the Bread of Life. In this sacrament of love, Jesus continually offers long life and faithful personal friendship. To make this love more real, he gives his body to be our Bread of Life."

These words of Mother Teresa of Calcutta were offered to prepare readers for this new edition of Francois Mauriac's beautiful remembrance of Jesus' gift of himself through the Eucharist.

Meditating on his own intensely vivid memories of the Holy Thursdays of his youth, the author carries us to the heart of the mysteries of our Faith as they are experienced

through the events of Holy Week.

In a recording he made to be released after his death Mauriac said: "I believe, as I did as a child, that life has meaning, direction, and value; that no suffering is lost; that every tear and each drop of blood counts; and that the secret of the world is to be found in St. John's Deus caritas est—God is love."

Written with deep religious sensitivity, this beautiful memoir restores our sense of the splendor of Jesus in the Eucharist and his role in our daily struggle for holiness. ■

## What do the Scrutinies have to do with me?

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent the Church presents us with the Scrutinies as a part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. "Okay," you say; "That's fine for those people who are coming into the Church. But what do the Scrutinies have to do with me?"

The Rite explains them in this way: "The Scrutinies ... are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. [They] are meant to uncover, then heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the Elect; to bring out and strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good.

"For the Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the Elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the Elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all."

When the Church teaches the Elect about sin, it is not a list of don'ts that is taught. For the most part, the Elect do not need to learn that it is wrong to be dishonest or abusive, either to others or to themselves. But it may be new for them to consider the effect of sin on the community that they are about to join, and on their growing relationship with God.

In a way, it might be easier for the Church to teach this if no one ever sinned after baptism. Then the Church could say to the Elect, "See how different our lives are from those of everyone around us." But we know that this is not the case. Catholics do sin.

Because Catholics do sin, therefore, we join the Elect in the Scrutinies. We kneel after the homily and consider our individual sins and

those of the community we are a part of. We know the effects of sin, and we want to turn a way from sin.

The message we give the catechumens by so doing is this: "If you join us, you join a community that is struggling with sin. The grace of baptism is not that it prevents us from sinning ever again. Instead, baptism brings us into a community that reminds us of the effects of sin and challenges us to live the life that God wants for us. This is how God enlightens us and protects us from sin."

So we pray as much for ourselves as for the Elect: "Lord Jesus, you are the true light that enlightens the world; stir up the desire for good in these Elect, whom you have chosen for your sacraments." ■



## Roncalli Society focuses on the new catechism

The Spring Gathering of the Roncalli Society will focus on an introduction of the new catechism and on consideration of its implications for catechesis and pastoral ministry in general, and for how we understand the nature of the Church.

Guest speaker Jane E. Regan is Associate Professor of Theology at

St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn. In her letter of acceptance to the Roncalli Society, she states: "The decision to promulgate a world-wide catechism does have far-reaching significance for our sense of ourselves as the Church."

The Society's Spring Gathering will be held at Bradley University, Peoria, on Monday, Mar. 21, from mid-afternoon through evening. Although plans are still being finalized, the speaker will make two presentations, one around 3 p.m. and the other around 7 p.m., with a supper break and annual business meeting between.

The Spring Gathering will be free for paid-up members. Guests are most welcome at a cost of \$5 each. The supper break is at one's own expense.

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

For information about the Society and its goals, or to register for the Spring Gathering, call Diane Moss (815/434-5458). ■



Welcome to new parishioners Jean Day, Ann and Christopher Graham, Lucia and Robert Scully, Michael Swindeman.



Farewell to parishioners who have moved from C-U: Bill and Mary Ann Dilla, Susan and Tim Edwards, George and Karen Francis, John Grout, Thang Nguyen, Bill and Rilla O'Shaughnessy, Len Prazak, Catherine and John Stierman, John Tapella, Jill Zehren.





## *Slip on your trenchcoats, would-be reporters!*

It's probably true that no **In**

**Focus** reporter ever hopped the *Orient Express* to get a story. Or covered the Cellar-to-Garret sale for the *Vatican* newspaper. Nevertheless, parish journalists are pros.

Here's what you'd find if you were to visit the next monthly meeting of the Communications Committee:

The meeting's purpose is to plan the April issue of *In Focus*, due in the parish bulletin Mar. 26-27 (Palm Sunday weekend).

Please excuse a little confusion; members meet in February to work toward a mid-March deadline for the issue date-lined April. A schedule helps.

The committee chair provides one, together with a list of suggestions for articles. Scanning the list, staffers focus on the needs of the parish. How provide background to help events "come alive"? How answer the familiar questions who? what? when? where? why? How support growth in understanding our faith? Our readers' comments, opinions, suggestions are shared—and are most welcome.

The meeting, held to one hour, moves quickly through the items on the list that recur in every issue: names of new parishioners, marriages, Parish Council news, recipe, book review, calendar of the month's parish events and activities. (The staffer who has edited this important page on computer for some time has regretfully resigned. Will someone with DOS experience volunteer and win the lofty title *Calendar Editor*?)

Lofty titles are readily assumed by these members of the *Fourth Estate*: *Food Editor*, *Religion Editor*, *Book Review Editor*, *Foreign Correspondent*, etc. It helps keep things in perspective!

Next dealt with are events that recur annually: Easter, First Communion, Parish Council elections. Members try to think of fresh approaches to take for these events.

Eventually each chooses an article to write, or volunteers to gather information for someone else to write up, or suggests someone who might be able to write about the topic in question. Someone may volunteer to take pictures of an upcoming event.

Associate members and parishioners known to be involved in or knowledgeable about topics on the list may be asked to help with articles to be written.

"Anything else? Anything for fun?" the chair asks. Brainstorming brings forth the fact that Apr. 1 is Good Friday, so April foolishness won't be appropriate this year. Some other source of fun must be found....

All promise solemnly to be faithful to the mid-month deadline for turning in their work. That deadline is important because it signals a point in the publication cycle when the issue moves beyond speculation to hard copy and begins to move away from committee control.

In the third week the chair assesses the material turned in and shapes the best balance of readability, usefulness, timeliness, and last-minute news. If everything expected is in hand, all can be handed on to the volunteer typist. If not, the chair holds onto everything and puts it into the computer as late pieces come in. By the Friday after the deadline, the final printout is scheduled to go to the parish staff for their review.

On the following Monday morning any last-minute changes are put in place and the electronic files are

given over to the associate member who lays out pages on a Macintosh computer, adding the graphics that lend liveliness and interest to the page. When photos are planned, space is left for them to be added as the last step in getting all ready to go to the printer.

Without the help of this desktop computer whiz, committee members would have to revert to the former cut-and-paste method, so the "Page Editor" is very popular and can have most any kind of perk (short of an expense account).

Some last-minute touches are done by another associate, who puts down screened photo images, the *In Focus* logo, and sundry other things. Finally the issue is ready for the printer.

When it gets off in good time on Friday morning, the printer donates collating and stapling. But if there just isn't time to get that in before they close for the weekend at 5:00 Friday afternoon, members take care of that themselves on Friday evening or Saturday morning—trying to stay ahead of the associate members who insert the copies into 750 parish bulletins, ready for distribution at all weekend Masses.

When plans have been made to write, to edit, to produce, the committee's hour together is up and a closing prayer is offered.

There won't be world news on page 1. No cartoons this time, and no crossword puzzle, either. Not one editor wore the traditional green eye shade or used the blue editing pencil; no orders were shouted from a city desk. But journalists have been in action.

Do you know how they do it? If you come to the next meeting, you just might notice that one of the members carries, on a key ring, a brass tag stamped "Orient Express." ■

## Parish Council News

At their February meeting Council members heard a presentation given by Lori McDonough about St. Patrick's involvement with the Champaign County Blood Bank. Since 1983 parishioners have given 650 pints of blood, enough to help over 2400 people. One person has given as many as 91 pints, another more than 50 pints. The list of St. Patrick's donors includes 223 names (although not all are able to give blood during each of the twice-a-year scheduled visits of the Blood Bank), with ages ranging from 16 to 75.

The parish has received its first rebate check, for \$2637, from the Diocese of Peoria's Annual Stewardship Appeal. It was immediately applied to reduction of the parish debt. Our ASA goal for the diocese was \$61,725; \$68,354 was pledged, and \$64,722 has so far been paid. All payments over the goal of \$61,725 will be applied to debt reduction.

An update on St. Patrick's Catholic Education Foundation: \$187,838 has been pledged, and of that amount \$117,338 has been paid.

The election committee has 6 nominees so far for a slate from which the parish will elect 4 new members to fill vacancies on the Parish Council.

In a close vote (5-4) members approved a motion allocating \$4000 to the Liturgy Committee's budget for the next fiscal year for vocalists, to be used "for paid section leaders or however best used by the choir director."

The Financial Affairs Committee's estimate of projected income for 1994-95, \$420,250, was accepted. Other action on the operating budget for the next fiscal year was deferred to the March meeting.

The Building and Grounds Committee has been getting bids for tuckpointing the church building.



One bid received, for tuckpointing alone, is \$17,500. Another, which includes washing of the brick exterior and sealing as well as tuckpointing, is \$36,000. More bids will be solicited before any action is taken.

The new computer and printer for the parish office have been purchased, to be installed in a few days.

The next meeting, Mar. 17, will deal only with the operating budget for the next fiscal year. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings. ■

## Parish Wish List

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

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

- Park benches and hardy perennials for a sitting area outside the parish center (\$300)

- 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. ■

## Setting the record straight

To conserve space in the February issue of *In Focus*, the Annual Statement of Condition submitted by the St. Vincent de Paul Society was condensed. Only the totals for expenditures and income were given, with a listing of the kinds of uses to which donations were put.

To our considerable regret, this condensation was a source of misunderstanding for some of our readers and of some discomfort for SVDP members. Reproduced here in full, with our apology, is the itemized Statement of Condition:

**Bank balance Jan. 1, 1993: \$2081.54**

**Income (total, \$12,189.75):** Feed the Hungry, \$6735.08; gifts from parishioners, \$890; Poor Box donations, \$439.67; Mass Fund donations, \$290; 150 Thanksgiving dinners, \$3835

**Expenditures (total, \$10,870):** Freezer purchase, \$454.99; Thanksgiving dinners, \$2784.02; Jamaica, \$600; Catholic Worker House, \$652; Carroll Center dinners, \$250; poinsettias, \$299.25; lodging for travelers, \$1243.43; Illinois Food Bank, \$3511.90; infants' clothing, \$56.95; medication, \$79; Steak-and-Shake meals for travelers, \$73.84; bus tickets for travelers, \$453.09; gas for stranded travelers, \$227.30; miscellaneous, \$184.38

**Bank balance Jan. 1, 1994: \$3401.14**

**Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is March 13.**



## What's happening with our parish pictorial directory?



The cameras are gone, the parish center is filled once again with the hustle and bustle of business-as-usual. We've long since received the photographs we ordered. So what's next?

Well, a number of things are next. St. Patrick's parishioners have been busy gathering information and pictures to fill out the directory:

- \* A parish history has been written—and rewritten—to convey a sense of who we are here and now as a parish, with a better grasp of our parish roots.

- \* A parish roster has to be compiled in the format requested, listing the names, addresses, telephone numbers of all registered members of the parish.

- \* Pages with photos showing parish groups and parish activities must be gathered and laid out, ready for the camera.

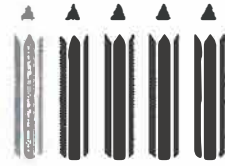
- \* Photos of parishioners unable to come for a photo session are to be laid out on pages, ready for the camera.

- \* A suitable cover, one that fittingly depicts our church community, must be designed and prepared for the camera.

Much of this work has been completed, but some remains to be done. When ready, all will be bundled up and sent off to Olan Mills—and after that, proofs of the pages, ready to print, will be checked by parishioners and staff. And after THAT, books will be printed, bound, and (at last!) delivered.

Whew! There's a lot more to this business than most of us realize! ■

## What's the news at Holy Cross School?



Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 31 - Feb. 5, began with an all-school liturgy and an open house at

Holy Cross School. On Wednesday afternoon the entire school enjoyed a skating party at Skateland. On Friday afternoon students participated in the annual school talent show, with acts from all ages.

Due to bad weather the Feb. 9 trip to Chicago to see "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" was postponed until later in the school year. Three busloads of sixth-through eighth-graders are eagerly awaiting that trip!

Feb. 11 was a school holiday for youngsters, enabling faculty and staff to be on retreat for the day.

Judging for the Holy Cross Science Fair was scheduled for Monday, Feb. 21, with exhibits on display 7-8 p.m. Students from sixth and eighth grades participate in the Science Fair as a part of their science curriculum.

First- and second-graders planned a trip to Krannert on Friday, Feb. 25, to see the local production of "Tatterhood."

The Honor Roll for the second quarter included the following parishioners from St. Patrick's (asterisk indicates High Honors):

Fifth-graders Ben Bermingham\*, Michelle Feltes, Emily Kacich, Tom Koehler, Rebekah Kunkel\*, Lori Randolph, Nicole Weisiger.

Sixth-graders Kirstin Anderson, Anthony DeCerbo, Meredith Main\*, Virginia McCreary\*, Mariana Simon.

Seventh-graders Alayna Bonse, Christy Laesch, Adam Long, Gina Sabbia\*.

Eighth-graders Hayley Ellis\*, Lucas Koehler, Sarah Mytty, David Simon. ■

## An invitation to—spring cleaning? Yes!

Our Lenten journey is a kind of spring cleaning for the soul. But there is another place in need of sprucing up this spring, St. Patrick's church.

If you've never helped with spring cleaning of the church, give it a try this year: Saturday, Mar. 26 (yes, the weekend before Easter), 9:00 a.m. to noon.

The church is a large building, but many hands really do make light work. The work isn't difficult, and no one says you can't have a good time while you do it.

Reservations not required. Casual dress. Time commitment of choice. Brooms, dust cloths, donuts provided.

How can you resist an invitation like this? ■

## 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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## What does the vernal equinox have to do with Easter?



**H**ow does the Church determine the date of Easter, the feast that seems to float on the spring calendar?

Easter has always been connected to the Jewish Passover, because Christ celebrated Passover with his Apostles the night before he suffered and died.

For the Jewish people, Passover is always on the fourteenth day of Nissan. But since the Jewish calendar is a lunar calendar consisting of 12 months of 29 and 30 days, 14 Nissan does not fall on the same day on our calendar each year.

Obviously it does not take exactly 12 moon cycles for the earth to travel around the sun—our definition of a year. With a year that is short by 5 days, in only 12 years the month of April would fall in the seasonal conditions of February.

Julius Caesar tried to correct that by consulting with an astronomer, Sosigenes, who determined that it took exactly 365.25 days between one "crossing" of the equator by the sun to the next observed crossing of the equator (tropical year). The "crossing" occurs at the vernal equinox, when the hours of daylight are equal to the hours of night.

Sosigenes recommended abandoning the lunar calendar, adding one day to alternate months to make a 365-day year and, every four years, adding one day to February, which had 28 days. So our modern calendar owes much to Julius Caesar.

Up to the second century, Christians celebrated Pasch on the Sunday following the Jewish Passover. There were some quarrels over whether the day started at sunset or on the following day. All arguments were settled by the Council of Nicea, which ruled that the feast of the Resurrection should be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox. And this rule is followed to this day.

In 1582 the calendar, becoming increasingly out of phase with the seasons, was corrected once again by adoption of the Gregorian calendar, which provided for only one leap year in every four.

Also in 1582, 10 days were dropped during the month of October in a correction to make up for days gained during the 16 centuries of the Julian calendar. In 1918, the Soviet Union changed from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar and consequently dropped 10 days in February in making their correction to the calendar.

This year the vernal equinox will fall on Mar. 20. The next full moon will be on Mar. 27, and so Roman Catholics and Protestants will celebrate Easter on Sunday, Apr. 3.

According to the Julian calendar, the vernal equinox will fall on Apr. 2, the next full moon will be on Apr. 25, and Orthodox Easter will by Sunday, May 1.

But no matter the date, we all affirm our belief that Christ is truly risen! ■

## Piano donor, continued from page 1

"I was very happy to do this for St. Patrick's and for my brother," said Ms. Penny. "He was my brother, but he was also my best friend."

After he moved from Chicago to Champaign in 1954—establishing a Bowman Dairy route here—Robert suggested that other family members follow him. Shirley moved here in 1956 and helped him in the milk business.

He worked for Bowman for 10-12 years, she said, then ran a grocery store and worked for a linen service. After that time, he began to invest in local rental properties.

That kept him busy, she said, until shortly before his death when he suffered a stroke and later a fatal heart attack.

Shirley said she isn't "as active at St. Patrick's as I'd like to be," but that she helps with cooking and baking for funeral dinners. She regularly participates in 7:30 Mass at St. Patrick's and then takes her husband Gilbert to Nazarene church services.

The day the piano was dedicated was an emotional day for her.

"As I was walking into the church that day, I heard the piano being played, and I felt as if my heart was standing still," she said. "I thought to myself, what a glorious tribute to my brother!"

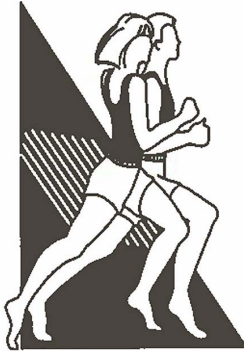
"That was the same day that the Holy Cross newsletter came out with a story about the fund. It was a doubly glorious day for me."

Mark Fisch, St. Patrick's music director, said the piano is a tremendous addition to the music program.

"It's a wonderful gift," he said. "It gives us a much bigger sound. The old piano had a much smaller soundboard, so this helps a great deal—especially in the bass range."

It is indeed a wonderful gift. The parish is very grateful, both to Robert Wittbrodt and to his generous sister, Shirley Penny. ■

# St. Patrick's Day Run/Walk benefits Catholic Social Service



The fourth annual St. Patrick's Day Run / Walk will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday,

Mar. 12, at Lake of the Woods Park in Mahomet. The 5-mile run and 5-K walk (3.3 miles), healthful as well as fun, will benefit the Family Counseling Center of Catholic Social Service, which serves Champaign and Piatt counties. Second Wind Running Club is managing the race.

Early registration fee is \$12; after Mar. 7, \$15. Entrants are urged to

seek pledges from those who will not be able to join in the race themselves; the fee will be waived for anyone with \$25 in prepaid pledges. The first 300 registrants will receive T-shirts.

Proceeds will help CSS counselors meet the needs of poor and neglected children and troubled, non-functioning individuals and families.

Following the race, awards will be presented to participants in six age groups. Special prizes will be awarded to top fund-raisers and to those whose costumes are judged



Bill Volk of St. Mary's, Jo Ann Hesselmann of St. Patrick's/Tolono, and Tom Costello of Holy Cross invite your participation in the fourth annual St. Patrick's Day Run/Walk.

most in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day. Entertainment and refreshments are on the after-race agenda at the Elks Lake Pavillion.

To register for the race or for information, call Mary McGrew (352-4786) or Jill Schneider (356-9639). ■

## Quick fixin's from the kitchen of ... Sophia Zeigler

### Copper Pennies

- 2 lbs carrots, peeled, sliced into 1/4 inch "coins"
- 1/2 c vegetable oil
- 1 c sugar
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 large green pepper, diced
- 1 can (5 1/2 oz) tomato juice
- 3/4 c red wine vinegar
- 1 t prepared mustard
- 1 t worcestershire sauce
- 1 t salt
- 1/4 t pepper



Cook and drain carrot slices. Combine all remaining ingredients in a large bowl; mix well. Add carrots, and mix well. Cover and refrigerate at least 3-4 hours. May be served cold as a salad or warm as a side dish. May be stored in refrigerator for up to 2 weeks. ■

## Help with In Focus, continued from page 2

sue. Many parishioners never leave home for a parish event without their cameras. Can you help dress up In Focus and help shut-ins get a feel for what it was like to see what you saw through the lens of your camera? All photos gratefully accepted; all photos gratefully returned. (Well, we did lose two, somehow.)

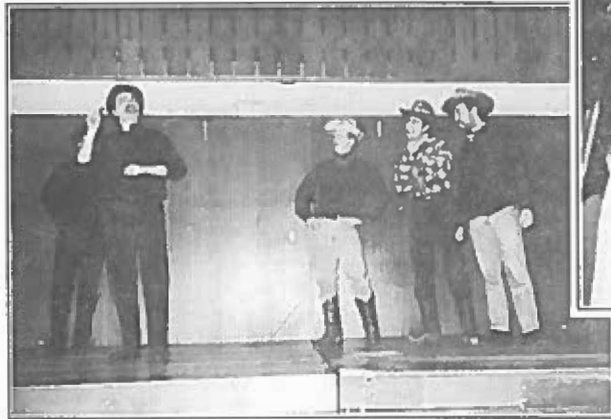
Does anything described here interest you? Is there any way you can help? In Focus is, after all, a newsletter by parishioners about parishioners and parish events. The more who are involved in getting out the word, the more genuine the Word that is heard.

Call any member of the committee (names and phone numbers in every issue) for more information, or Mary Lou Menches (344-1125 or 244-4701).



# Ladies Knight Out, 1994!

Salad, chicken with rice, baby carrots, fragrant loaves of bakery bread, carrot cake—and entertainment too. Attendees were treated royally to food, singing, and dancing—with nary a dish to wash!





# March 1994

## ST. PATRICK'S PARISH, URBANA

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY


THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 9:00am Guild Meeting & Workshop 7:00pm Beginning Experience 7:30pm Development Comm	<b>2</b> 6:00pm RE 6:30pm RE-St. Joe 6:45pm Lenten Evening Prayer 7:00pm RCIA 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Pro-Life Comm 7:00pm SVDP 7:30pm Over 21 Group	<b>3</b> 6:30pm Family Security Seminar 6:45pm Choir 7:00pm Personnel Comm	<b>4</b> 10:45am Mass, CCNH 5:15pm Stations of the Cross 5:30pm K of C Fish Fry	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> **NO JR HIGH RE** 8:30am Lenten Library Display 9:00am RE 9:00am RCIA 10:15am Children's Liturgy 11:00am RE 6:30pm RE	<b>7</b> 7:00pm Education Comm	<b>8</b> 6:30pm Family Security Seminar 7:00pm Financial Affairs Comm 7:30pm Executive Parish Council	<b>9</b> 9:30am Mom's Group 6:00pm RE 6:30pm RE-St. Joe 6:45pm Lenten Evening Prayer 7:00pm RCIA 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Building & Grounds Comm	<b>10</b> 6:30pm Family Security Seminar 6:45pm Choir 7:00pm Baptism Prep	<b>11</b> 10:30am Mass, Fontana NH 10:45am Mass, CCNH 5:15pm Stations of the Cross 5:30pm K of C Fish Fry	<b>12</b> 6:00pm St. Patrick's Day Dance
<b>13</b> 8:30am Lenten Library Display 9:00am RE 9:00am RCIA 10:15am Children's Liturgy 11:00am RE 6:30pm RE	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00pm Beginning Experience 7:00pm First Communion Prep	<b>16</b> 6:00pm RE 6:30pm RE-St. Joe 6:45pm Lenten Evening Prayer 7:00pm RCIA 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm SVDP	<b>17</b> 6:45pm Choir 7:00pm Parish Council	<b>18</b> 10:30am Mass, Urbana NH 10:30am Mass, Clark Lindsey 10:45am Mass, CCNH 5:15pm Stations of the Cross 5:30pm K of C Fish Fry	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:00am RE 9:00am RCIA 10:15am Children's Liturgy 11:00am RE 6:30pm RE 6:30pm Teen Reconciliation Service	<b>21</b> 7:30pm Communal Penance Service - St. Matthew's	<b>22</b> 7:00pm Homily Prep 7:00pm First Communion Prep 7:30pm Communal Penance Service - St. Patrick's	<b>23</b> * 9:30am Mom's Group 6:00pm RE 6:30pm RE-St. Joe 6:45pm Lenten Evening Prayer 7:00pm RCIA 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Communications 7:30pm Communal Penance Service - Holy Cross	<b>24</b> 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm K of C Meeting	<b>25</b> 10:30am Mass, Americana NH 10:45am Mass, CCNH 5:15pm Stations of the Cross 5:30pm K of C Fish Fry	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>  Palm Sunday 9:00am RCIA	<b>28</b> 10:45am Mass, CCNH 7:00pm Liturgy Comm 7:30pm Social Action Comm	<b>29</b> 6:00pm St. Mary's Seder Supper 7:00pm Individual Reconciliation	<b>30</b> 4:00pm Individual Reconciliation 6:45pm Lenten Evening Prayer 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm SVDP	<b>31</b> 5:45pm First Communion Families Seder Supper 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	<p>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.</p>	