

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

# In Focus



## *The question of intinction*

By Fr. George Remm

Intinction is the ritual of dipping a consecrated host into the consecrated wine of the Eucharist so that Holy Communion may be received under both species.

Recently Bishop Myers has drawn attention to certain liturgical practices that he says "need attention and correction in some parishes and institutions of the diocese" (July 16, 1994).

In regard to intinction, he wrote: "Those receiving Holy Communion are not to intinct the host. Communion in the hands is not permissible with intinction. Communion by intinction is permissible, but self-intinction is reserved to ministers of the Holy Eucharist. Self communication by those other than priests and bishops is not permitted."

The issue, therefore, for Bishop Myers (indeed, for all U.S. bishops), based on the liturgical documents he referenced, is not intinction itself but self-intinction or self communication. Except for priests and bishops, all members of the Church are to receive Holy Communion from a minister. The Eucharist is to be given and received, ministered to a person, not taken by the communicant or self communicated.

Because many of our parishioners have been accustomed to receive the Precious Blood by intinction, this instruction by our bishop may cause some disturbance, worry, or upset. Further explanation and recollection may help to ease the discomfort and enable us to conform with the norms for receiving Holy Communion under both forms as practiced in our own

diocese and others throughout the U.S.

In the early Church the bread of the Eucharist was received in the hand and the Precious Blood was received by drinking from the cup. In the ninth century it became common to place the sacred Host in the mouth of the communicant instead of in the hand. The practice of offering the chalice to the Christian people lasted longer, but from the twelfth century Communion from the chalice was discontinued more and more in the West.

In the liturgical renewal following the Second Vatican Council, Communion under both forms was restored by a decree dated March 7, 1965. Drinking from the cup was—and remains—the preferred method as a clearer sign and response to Christ's words: "Take this, all of you, and drink from it." Intinction, as a method of sharing in the Precious Blood, was also permitted but was always administered by a priest or deacon. Ciboriums with a cup in the middle began to appear, and many clergy distributed communion under both forms from this kind of vessel.

On June 17, 1977, the Sacred Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship granted the faculty of distributing communion in the hand. The option of receiving the host on the tongue or in the hand is still the prerogative of the communicant. The minister obviously cannot place an intincted host in the hand of the recipient; it must be placed on the tongue.

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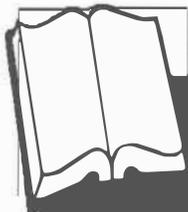


## *Ruth Seiwert works to make dreams come true*

Ruth Seiwert, at 93, is St. Patrick's oldest parishioner. She recalls attending Mass in St. Patrick's church with her parents when she was just 8 years old. The family farm was located where the present JMJ Division of Foods is now located, on North Lincoln in Urbana.

Helping with all the chores was a way of life for Ruth. When the farm wasn't producing, she went to Wisconsin and worked as a cook in a camp. She married, reared a family of four, and worked at the U of I for 17 years. She now resides in an apartment in Florida House, Urbana.

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## *Real Food: A Spirituality of the Eucharist*

By Robert Fabing, S.J.

"With our eyes open as we proceed up the communion line we can come to know our God. With our eyes open we can see what our God is doing. With our eyes open we can come to observe our God loving. The eucharistic love of Jesus is given out freely to everyone and without charge. Jesus loves differently than we do. It is this divine love that we hunger and thirst to love with. We are fed by watching Jesus love.

"As we experience the truth of this realization, the eucharist of the Lord becomes an ever deeper living home for us. Here is where we can come to be refreshed and filled with the very richness we have always wanted. Here we can come and see the people of God formed by the love of Christ. Here we can come and observe Christ's objective. We can feel Christ's changing action and love. This is where we are fed in a way that gives meaning and fulfillment to our lives.

"It is this eucharistic love of Christ that is real food—the subject of this book. It is

some of this experience that I wish to share with you," writes the author in his prologue to this little book.

*Real Food* centers its attention on the grace of the communion rite within the eucharistic liturgy. Its focus is the breaking of the bread and the distribution of the body and blood of Christ. It is a completion of the eucharistic dynamic, as Fr. Fabing view it, inasmuch as the grace of the sacrament is ministered by Christ to us through the actions of all those present at the eucharistic liturgy.

Fr. Robert Fabing, S.J., has done his doctoral work in the area of counseling psychology and ascetical theology. He is founder of several marriage counseling and family therapy institutes, director of the 36 Day Program in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola at the Jesuit Retreat House in Los Altos, Calif., author of two previous books, and composer of six albums of liturgical music. ■



Welcome to new parishioners Suzanne Bissonnette and Randy Kangy, Mark Brockschmidt, David and Caroline Foshee, Robert and Jennifer Hercreg, Julie and Kenny Rolson.

Farewell to the following parishioners who have moved from C-U: Paulo and Rosemary Batista, Anthony and Mary Bruce, Gaye Dunne, Kim and Roger Holland, Brian and Kathy Holloway, Bob and Mary-Alayne Hughes, Patrick Kennedy, Amy Jones Kidd, J. Michael Krisko, Bob and Kathy La-Branche, Margaret Ann Norton, Tyler Prevett, Ching-Yee Szeto, Lori Whittaker

Congratulations to these couples, married at St. Patrick's: Beth Colleen Dollins and William C. Wilkins, Tracie Lynne Beyers and Steven Hughes Fisher.

We welcome the following recently baptized into our faith community: Johann Yoong-Tzi Leong, Lauren Frances Penrose, Corrinne Marie Burns, McKenzie Nicole Stipes.

Please pray for deceased parishioner William G. Beagle, III.

## *Quick Fixin's from the kitchen of... Janet Riskowski*

### Grandma Betty's Popcorn Cake



1 lb miniature marshmallows  
6 T butter or margarine  
4 qts popped popcorn  
(about 2 microwave bags)

Melt margarine and marshmallows together over low heat. Pour over popcorn and mix well to coat all of the popcorn. Press mixture into a buttered container (a tube cake pan works well), or shape them into popcorn balls. ■



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is October 16.

# St. Patrick's bids farewell to Fr. Tim

For the last two years the people of St. Patrick's have enjoyed the rich and valued relationship of parishioner with a beloved priest. And, in turn, parishioners hope that Father Tim will be leaving our community feeling the quiet power of our love, like that of a guardian angel, always at his side.

When asked what he would most miss about St. Patrick's, Father Tim stated there was not one thing he would miss—instead, he would miss “lots of what St. Patrick's is,” combined to make the whole.

Father Tim went on to say that he has especially enjoyed the family nature of our parish ... the closeness we as a community have with one another. “Although St. Patrick's is large, there is a strong sense of family within the large parish community. The St. Patrick's people are genuinely concerned about one another.”

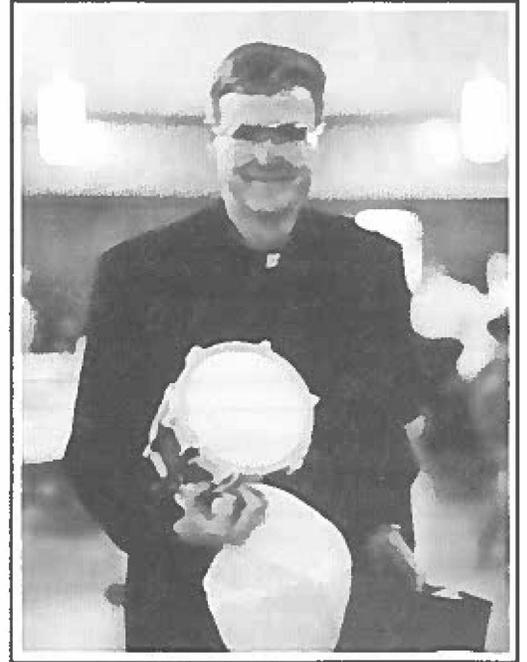
Father Tim has been a catalyst in many ways in promoting the closeness and the nurturing of relationships within the parish. It was his idea to begin the “daily coffee shop” after the 7:00 a.m. liturgy. In the past,

those who attended this Mass would often go out together for breakfast, gathering around a large round table at a local restaurant and sharing both coffee and community. At Father Tim's suggestion, this off-site traveling “coffee shop” moved to the parish center. Now if you come for the 7:00 a.m. Mass, you'll be invited to join others in the parish center at the “daily coffee shop” before you go on your way.

Someone makes the coffee; toast and often home-made jams are available; on some mornings Sophia Ziegler even scrambles some eggs. It is about as close to sitting around a kitchen table as one can get. And, as with every family community, a place is always made for anyone who stops in!

To Father Tim, this morning gathering exemplifies how our parish community is like a family community ... to him and to many others.

Father Tim says he will hold fond and cherished memories of his first



assignment as an ordained priest to St. Patrick's Parish, Urbana, Illinois. And those memories will be treasured because of the people he has grown close to in our parish community.

St. Patrick's Parish, in turn, will remember and keep in their prayers Father Tim Nolan, a priest who touched their hearts, their souls—and their funny bones! ■

## Ruth Seiwert works (continued from page 1)

Ruth's mind and hands are never idle. She likes to entertain with her witty jokes and stories and organ playing. And in her leisure time she has made countless gifts for friends and family: quilts, afghans, embroidered and crocheted pieces.

In the photograph on page 1, Ruth is shown with her number seven quilt, which she donated to St. Patrick's. Finished by a few parishioners, the 86 x 106 inch quilt is reversible, embroidered, finished with a light blue print, and edged with prairie points.

Ruth's dream and lifetime wish is to donate some of her handiwork to raise money for a very special gift to her church. When she saw the Parish Wish List, she knew just what to do with the money raised by the raffle of her quilt and afghan: pay for the electronic equipment and software needed to preserve records related to the history of the parish. Purchase of a scanner (\$2,000), optical disk storage (\$1,500), and imaging software (\$500) is seen as a way of preventing loss through fire or other catastrophe.

You can help to fulfill Ruth's dream and make one of the parish's wishes come true. Simply write your name, address, and phone number on a facsimile of the raffle ticket (reproduced here), enclose it with payment in an envelope marked “Ruth's Wish,” and put it in the Sunday collection or leave it at the parish office. ■

### ST. PATRICK'S PARISH QUILT AND AFGHAN RAFFLE

First Prize: 86 X 106 Reversible Quilt

Second Prize: 44 X 64 White Crocheted Afghan

TICKETS: \$1.00 (6 for \$5.00)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Parish Council News



At their September meeting Lenore Nagele made a presentation to Council members about the RCIA process and our parish's implementation of it.

Don Keefer and Sharon Monday-Dorsey presented information to the Council about the grants program of the National Religious Partnership in support of more responsible stewardship of our environment. They would like to apply for a grant in support of a proposal that would focus on both education and the encouragement of voluntary participation directed toward the goals of increasing our environmental awareness and gradually developing more environmentally sensitive life styles.

The contract for repair of the church roof (\$5300) was unanimously approved. The work will be done by Advanced Sheet Metal and Roofing.

On the last weekend of September Fr. Remm will preach on the gifts of time and talent as a valuable and valued form of responsible stewardship.

Council members hope for wide-spread participation by committee members and

other parishioners in the upcoming workshop to brainstorm suggested objectives for advancing the parish during the coming year toward the five-year goals set for 1993-98.

The Council will again host a special welcoming event for parishioners who have joined the parish in the last year. It has been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m.

The ad hoc Development Committee, which has been hard at work for several years now, was dismissed with thanks and accolades for their ground-breaking work in outlining and giving substance to basic principles for parish development.

Fr. Remm reported on the Sept. 12 meeting of the Task Force established to oversee a feasibility study for the proposed Catholic high school for the C-U area. The group met to hone the purpose of the Task Force, to see what members felt would be essential in such a feasibility study, and to review two proposals by firms seeking to conduct the study. Members asked that a couple of other proposals be sought to widen the field for selection of such a firm. Once a

firm has been selected, the Task Force will assist in developing the instrument for the study to be sure it includes essential elements.

In other matters, Council members reviewed the timetable for developing the parish's operating budget for fiscal year 1995-96, heard a report on the new telephone system adopted by the parish, based on a Centrix model, for potentially great savings to the parish, and gave some consideration to adding the refurbishing of the statue of St. Patrick in the church vestibule to the Parish Wish List.

The Building and Grounds Committee noted that the tuckpointing of the church is a little behind schedule and that work will soon be undertaken to widen the parking area on the east side of the church to accommodate elderly and handicapped parishioners.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Oct. 20. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open meetings. ■

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## *How are we going to get where we're going?*

Two good questions for any organization are "Where are we going?" and "How are we going to get there?"—two questions the St. Patrick's community asks periodically.

In Oct. 1992 the Parish Council held a workshop to formulate parish goals for the following five years, and then asked parish groups to develop objectives that would help move the parish toward those goals.

The goals that were established as a result of that workshop focused on community building, adult religious education, religious education of children, social justice, spirituality and family life, stewardship, and volunteer ministry.

Each year since then the Council, its committees, parish groups, and individual parishioners have met to develop specific, achievable objectives that enable the parish to make progress in these areas.

On Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon, the Parish Council is sponsoring a workshop for all members of the parish, especially those involved in parish groups and organizations. Its purpose is to stimulate brainstorming on objectives that will further our parish's advancement toward these goals in the coming year.

While each group or organization will ultimately set its own objectives for the year, the workshop is expected to provide a forum for the sharing of ideas among the many parishioners who plan our parish activities and events.

If you have ideas for realistic, achievable objectives for the coming year, please plan to participate in the workshop. If you cannot attend, then jot your ideas down in the form of a note and leave it in Mark Simon's mailbox at the parish center.

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# Introducing . . . Steve Peet, Music Director

St. Patrick's new music director, Steve Peet, has all kinds of ambitious plans for music making in the parish. And there's no reason to believe he can't do it.

After all, Steve has already conducted a 400-voice choir at the opening and closing ceremonies of the 1982 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, N.Y., led a junior choir at his home church when he was 11 years old, and conducted the adult choir there when he was 15.

And next summer he plans to be the accompanist for singer Nora Sirbaugh when they perform at the inaugural meeting of the Ivor Gurney Society in Gloucester, England.

Steve is a native of Davenport, N.Y., a small farming community in the Catskills. He received his undergraduate degree in organ performance at the State University of New York-Potsdam. He received a master's in accompanying and coaching from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J.

He has been there the past 11 years, attending school, working at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Somerville, N.J., and later as an administrator at Westminster.

He came to Champaign-Urbana in hopes of entering the doctoral program in accompanying at the U of I. While that hasn't yet come to pass, Steve was hired for the music director's position at St. Patrick's and is able to do some work as a coach for the opera department at the U of I.

"I'm quite content to be doing this now," he said. "This is a wonderful



university and a very nice community, and I enjoy being here very much."

His plans at St. Patrick's include starting music programs for children and a handbell choir for the junior high students.

And his plea for more instrumentalists for the 9 and 10:30 a.m. choirs has not gone unnoticed. "We've already got a nice mini-orchestra with violins and brass and flute and guitars and a clarinet," he said. "It's a terrific response. But we can always use more." And the two Sunday choirs "are off to a strong start."

In addition, Steve hopes to revive the St. Patrick's funeral schola, and he said he's always open to new cantors for Masses.

"I'm very, very pleased with what I've seen so far," he said. "The people have been very gracious and friendly to me."

When he's not conducting, teaching, or enjoying music, Peet may be playing bridge—he calls himself "a fanatic" who is a certified national master—or working on so-called older crafts such as caning and "old crocheting," or collecting old children's books (such as *The Hardy Boys* and *Nancy Drew*). He also likes to cook and bake. And he's single.

He's looking forward to enjoying the cultural amenities of Champaign-Urbana, particularly the music and theater programs at the U of I. He already has tickets to see the Chenille Sisters in early October and says that he tries "not to be a

musical snob." He enjoys virtually all music, from the classics to folk, blues, jazz, rock, and country and western.

Steve has studied piano since he was 7 years old but, interestingly, he is not the scion of parents with outstanding musical talents. His mother played clarinet, violin, and piano and a cousin is a public school music teacher, but that's the extent of his musical bloodlines.

"My piano teacher when I was eleven was a graduate of Julliard, and I think she had the greatest influence on me of anyone," he said. "She developed my skill and confidence as a musician."

She led him to those remarkably early stints as a choir director in his own parish. "I don't know if it's a gift or an aptitude, but it worked with me," he said.

That continued as, in 1982, as an undergraduate at Potsdam he conducted the choirs who battled the security, the weather, missed buses, and other problems in singing at the opening and closing ceremonies at the Lake Placid Olympics.

"We sang at the closing ceremonies in the stadium where the U.S. hockey team had just defeated the Soviets in that famous game," he said. "We were in that same stadium, and the atmosphere was just incredible. As we were standing in the hallways outside, waiting for the game to end, a roar came from inside and the first thing we thought was that the place was falling apart."

Things should be a bit quieter here, even when the St. Patrick's choirs are singing at Mass. And that's okay with Steve Peet.

"I feel most at home in a college town, and I already like it very much in Urbana. The pace is a little slower here than back East, and I like that." ■

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## A Litany

We pray in gratitude for those who teach and those who learn. Guide, O God, our teachers to present your good news, through word and example, to all who are entrusted to them.

**Grant wisdom and understanding to all who teach.**

Lead them as they seek to give direction through the confusion of conflicting values and questions of faith.

**Grant our teachers your inspiration and strength.**

Give them enthusiasm and patience, loving discipline and creativity, and a sense of humor.

**Grant, O God, the joy born of your Spirit to all those who learn.**

Impart to them inquiring minds, listening ears, and receptive hearts free from distraction and fear.

**Grant that your word take root in them.**

Fill their hunger and thirst with your life-giving Spirit.

**Grant wisdom and openness to each of us, teachers and learners all.**

Let us remember and affirm that we are all called to grow and share as Christians.

**Grant us insight to support one another in faith, in our teaching, and in our learning.**

These things we pray in the name of Jesus, the divine Teacher. Amen.

## Daily Mass and Communion Services at St. Patrick's



With the sure knowledge that the parish Mass schedule was to be reduced to one each weekday, Fr. George Remm, sensitive to the needs of parishioners, decided to take a survey.

Those who come regularly to daily Mass were asked their preferences regarding the time of that one Mass per day and regarding the type of prayer service to be held in lieu of Mass since only one could be celebrated each day.

The tally of responses revealed overwhelming support for alternating the time of Mass: at 7:00 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and at 12:10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Parishioners also chose to have Communion Services instead of some other kind of prayer service at times when Mass is not offered, i.e., at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at 12:10 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. (Bishop Myers has granted permission to Fr. Remm for Communion Services to be held in place of the second Mass each weekday.)

All Masses on Monday through Friday will be offered by Fr. Remm except in the event of emergencies, vacations, or required changes for diocesan or community events.

The following persons have agreed to preside at Communion Services: Mondays, Sister Charlene; Tuesdays, Mary Lou Menches; Wednesdays, Deacon Bill McClellan; Thursdays, Barbara Wysocki; Fridays, Carolyn McElrath.

In addition, Lenore Nagle and Ellen Amberg will be trained to preside at Communion Services.

For the convenience of those who wish to attend Mass on days or at times when Mass is not offered at St. Patrick's, here is the daily Mass schedule of the other churches in Champaign:

*Holy Cross:* Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 7:00 a.m.

*St. Mary's:* Mass is offered at Covenant Hospital Chapel at 12:00 noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

*St. Matthew's:* 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

*St. John's Catholic Chapel, U of I:* 8:00 a.m., noon, and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

So it is possible for our parishioners to attend Mass at neighboring churches each weekday at 7:00 a.m., around noon on each weekday except Wednesday, and in the evening.

We are well looked after indeed. ■

### In appreciation

#### From the family of Bill Beagle

Words alone cannot express our feelings of love and appreciation to everyone at St. Patrick's for everything that they have done.

Bill will be missed by everyone. He was a large part of the parish community, and he loved everyone here.

Your kind expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness during this tragic time in our lives were a testimonial to the kind of person Bill was.

We can be certain that his spirit will remain with us all.

We want to thank Mark and Joan Gerhart and David and Jane Lawrence especially; they lost not only a good friend, but a brother. We could not have gotten through this time without their love and support.

We also want to thank the ladies of the Guild. There are so many people who helped that we cannot begin to thank everyone, and Bill would want everyone to know that no matter how small, even if nothing but a small prayer, all that was said and done meant a great deal to us, especially to him. Bill had no acquaintances here—only good friends.

God bless you all.

Shelley and Brianna Beagle

Michael and Sarah Whitman

# The question of intinction

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Many of those who wished to receive under both species, but who did not want to drink from the common cup, then began to intinct the host themselves. This practice seems to have become a firmly established custom at St. Patrick's, and it is easy to understand why. Intinction by the priest distributing the hosts would preclude communion in the hand and also impinge on the liberty of the individual to receive under the form of bread alone. And for some, concerns about hygiene made drinking from the cup undesirable. Intinction by the communicant began to happen instinctively.

What was innocently overlooked was the firm custom of the Church that communion is ministered to the communicant, not taken. Self communication by anyone other than the priest is not a tradition in our faith. Moreover, the fullness of liturgical symbolism in drinking from the cup is lost by intinction.

My predecessor and I never made an issue of intinction, one way or the other. We simply permitted it to go on. Now, however, with the publication of the bishop's provisions and the good order that must prevail with various priests ministering to us, and because our parishioners who attend Mass elsewhere would probably be refused access to the cup for intinction, I must ask you to refrain from this method of self communicating.

I do not feel that the moment of Communion should ever become a time of confrontation. I do not want our ministers of Communion to become policemen/women "enforcing" the right way to receive Holy Communion. But I ask you to be sensitive to the order observed in our church.

At the same time I hope that the desire to communicate under both species will still motivate you to drink from the cup. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states that "the sign of communion is more complete when given under both kinds, since in that form the sign of the Eucharistic meal appears more clearly. The intention of Christ that the new and eternal covenant be ratified in his blood is better expressed, as is the relation of the Eucharistic banquet to the heavenly banquet" (240). The bishops of the

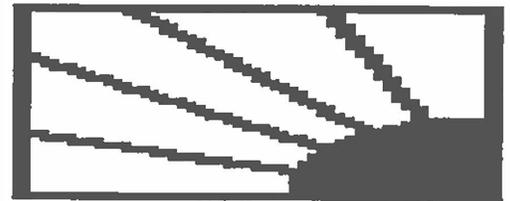
United States have affirmed the Church's traditional preference for reception of the Blood of Christ directly from the chalice.

The American Medical Association, through its Department of Medicine and Religion has stated: "It is the position of the AMA that, as far as we know, there have been no cases of transmission of germs to communicants using a common cup. The alcoholic content of the wine, plus the hygienic practice of wiping the cup and turning it to new position for each communicant, seems to remove any danger."

However, the Centers for Disease Control of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has been less assuring: "We are not aware of any specific episodes or outbreaks of any illness that have been associated with use of a common communion cup. ... Viral respiratory disease might be transmitted frequently by a common cup, but the association may not be recognized. ... The lack of documented occurrence of disease is reassuring that the practice is not gravely hazardous, but it should not imply that there are no risks. In summary, we cannot quantitate a risk for disease transmission by use of a common communion cup nor can we provide an absolute endorsement that the practice is safe" (letter to executive director of the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, September 4, 1985).

Therefore, at the same time that we encourage communion under both kinds, we ask that those who are sick with any communicable disease, including the common cold, refrain from receiving from the cup. Persons more at risk from opportunistic infections should also be aware of risk to their own health.

The Eucharist is the "sacrament of love" and the "bond of charity." It must always be the source of our unity in the saving death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The Church teaches that Christ is whole and entire under either species of consecrated bread or wine. We are grateful to receive Christ's Body and Blood and to be able to communicate under both forms. May we manifest our love and unity in understanding and acceptance of one another in the way we minister and receive this precious gift. ■



## Those "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer"!

Many people think that our church life shuts down in summer, with no religious education classes and no Children's Liturgy, with adult catechumens already received into the Church, and our youngsters' First Communion over but not forgotten.

Not so, not so. According to our parish staff, there is a steady stream of activity all summer long: weddings, new parishioners to register, farewells to those who are moving away, baptism celebrations and hospital visits and much, much more.

Not everyone gets to help celebrate their mother's ninetieth birthday, as our pastor, Fr. George Remm, did in August. The preparations started with cleaning her house in early August. The night before the celebration, Father Remm, his brother, two of his brother's sons, and some cousins gathered in his mother's living room to hear Father interview her on her past life. The session was recorded on video. In addition, the family tree was prepared (back to the 1700s!) and copies given to the three grandchildren.

On Saturday, Aug. 20, Father celebrated Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Martin de Porres Church with a gathering of ninety family members and old friends, including the cousins from Missouri they had visited in July. Formerly St. Joseph's, St. Martin's is the church where Father's parents were married and Father was baptized. Dinner was held in the parish hall after the Mass, with each departing guest presented with a rose as a memento.

In June, Father attended a Scripture Institute at Mundelein in Chicago, focusing on the evangelical power of the word. This institute influenced him a great deal and helped in preparations for the staff and council retreats and the upcoming area-wide retreat for religious education coordinators.

Does participating in a team tennis tournament fit your idea of how to spend the summer? It does for Ray Alane! His team won their League and was the only team

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## Those "lazy, hazy days of summer" (continued from page 7)

from Illinois to qualify for the Sectionals in five states, they beat Michigan and lost to Wisconsin, Indiana, and West Virginia. When he wasn't playing tennis, Business Operations Assistant Ray managed to input data about additional St. Patrick's youngsters enrolling for classes at Holy Cross School for the coming school year. He also prepared the annual reports to the parish and to Bishop Myers.

Parish duties kept Father Tim (until Sept. 14, our Assistant Pastor) busy for most of this summer. He did go to Pensacola, where it rained most of the time. And, to top that, it was while on vacation that he received the call from Bishop Myers notifying him about his pending transfer to Pekin. That news certainly overshadowed the lack of sunshine!

Deacon Bill McClellan claims that his ministry is part-time, yet he managed to start the revision of the background material for "Finding God in Daily Work" and wrote the first draft of a "Volunteer Opportunities in Peace and Justice" guide for the Social Action Committee. He spent ten days in June visiting a daughter in Lakewood, Colo., where he baptized a granddaughter, and he visited another daughter in Colorado Springs.

Parish secretary Leslie Risatti affirms that her work seems to stay at a steady pace all summer and stops only when she's on vacation. This year she spent an unusual vacation traveling with her brother and his family to Virginia. Highlights include being

surrounded by tame deer and seeing a real wild skunk for the first time in her life. Leslie's summer passions are water aerobics and gardening.

The work never stopped this summer for Music Director Steve Peet: one day he played the organ at Immaculate Conception Church in Somerville, N.J., and the next day he was on the road to Urbana, arriving on Wednesday. He started playing here the following Sunday. The early part of his summer was spent tying up loose ends in N.J. (where two people replaced him, one at the church and one teaching at the choir college).

Since arriving here, Steve has been busy getting to know people and familiarizing himself with the wide variety of music incorporated into our services.

If you are at all observant, you know that work never stops for our custodian, Bill Van Cleave. When he's not setting up the hall, he's taking it down or mowing the lawn or trimming the hedges or maintaining the parish center and the apartments, not to mention receiving donated items for our Cellar-to-Garret Sale.

Did you know that on Saturday nights Bill is often at the Parish Center from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m., taking down tables and cleaning up from a wedding or a party and setting up for coffee shop? Even so he did manage to get away to his sister's lakehouse in Indiana on four Sundays. Bill enjoys metal detecting in the local parks and is an amateur photographer. This year he took time-delayed pictures of the Fourth of July

fireworks from the stadium parking lot. He plans to enlarge the best ones for his own personally produced calendar!

Carolyn McElrath, parish Director of Religious Education, says she "learned German and forgot most of it, both in the same summer." She spent the rest of the summer working with new religious education coordinators Stan Yanchus and Ellen Amberg to help them get ready for this year's religious education classes. Preparations involved designing the curriculum, obtaining textbooks and other resource materials, preparing letters and registration materials for parents, and introducing Stan and Ellen to parish computers and software. But Carolyn did manage to work in a couple of weeks in Michigan visiting family with her husband, Dale.

In July Sr. Charlene attended two courses at Notre Dame Retreats International. One of these, on contemplative living, was taught by Dr. James Finley, who had had Thomas Merton as Spiritual director for two years. Afterward, she went to King's House, in Belleville, for a centering prayer retreat given in the spirit of Fr. Thomas Keating; the retreat master had been Fr. Keating's disciple for eleven years.

Sister also participated in a homecoming celebration in Minneapolis, where she had taught first grade. Imagine being given hugs and kisses by former students!

Remember last summer? It was good while it lasted, wasn't it? And remembering helps us savor the good things of life. ■

## Meet St. James of Jerusalem, "Brother" of Our Lord

Scripture refers to James along with other "brothers of the Lord," but did Jesus really have brothers? Certainly this goes against the Catholic teaching that his Mother was ever a virgin, and some people of other faiths have argued this point.

The problem seems to be one of language translation. Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus and his first disciples, uses the same word for both brother and cousin

since it provides no word for cousin. St. James of Jerusalem, then, was a close relative of Jesus but not another son of Mary and Joseph.

There has been much discussion on whether this James was also "James the son of Alphaeus," who was one of the twelve apostles. Although there is much doubt about whether this James was one of the twelve, it is believed that he became the first leader of the Christians of Jerusalem after the risen Christ appeared to him.

James played an important role in the development of the early Church and is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles and in the letters of Paul. He also participated in the Council of Jerusalem, where Paul and Barnabas were told to preach the gospel to all the Gentiles in addition to the Jews.

He later became known as James the Just.

The Letter of James is commonly believed to have been written by him but could have been written by the person who replaced him as leader of the church of Jerusalem.

James was martyred at Jerusalem around the year 62. According to Hegesippus, a converted Jew, he was taken to the pinnacle of the Temple and told to dissuade the assembled people from belief in Jesus. He did the contrary, and so he was thrown from the pinnacle and stoned to death. ■

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Carolyn McElrath ▼



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▲ Fr. George Remm



Fr. Tim Nolan ▼



▲ Bill McClellan



Carolyn and Fr. Tim ▲



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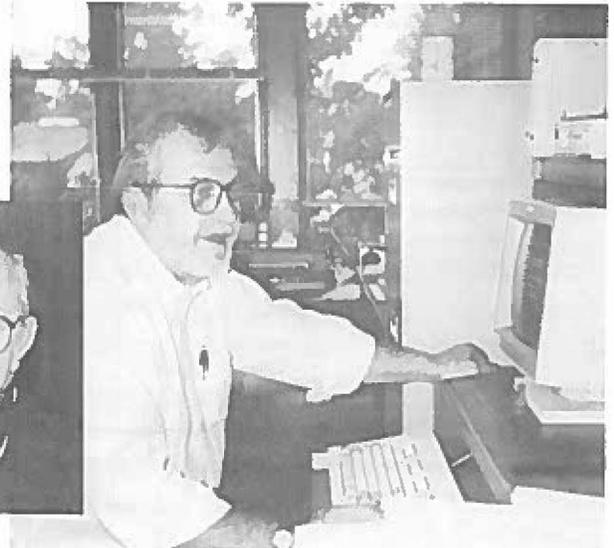


◀ Sr. Charlene Cesario, sscm ▼



Bill Van Cleave ▲

Ray Alane ▼





# October 1994

## St. Patrick's Parish, Urbana

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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> <hr/> <p> Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of In Focus is October 16.</p>						
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