

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



## Trees of Christmas exhibit opens December 1

Only some of the women who have been making Christmas ornaments throughout the year are shown here, displaying their handiwork. From the left, front: Zola Risatti, Clara Butler, Mary Sleeter, Rose Brown, Ida D'Urso, Louise Lawhead; rear: Sophia Zeigler, Yvonne Barger, Virginia Alane, Grace Conlee, Ann Britsky, Joan Ellsworth, Lori McDonough.

St. Patrick's Guild's annual exhibit, Trees of Christmas and Holiday Traditions around the World, opens Dec. 1 with a Parish Night for parishioners. Ribbon cutting will take place in the parish hall at 6:30 p.m.

The exhibit consists of Christmas trees authentically decorated in the traditions of 22 countries. A special "community tree" will be decorated with parishioners' favorite ornaments; model trains will run on tracks under this tree.

Included in the exhibit are a Jesse Tree;

Town of Bethlehem, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa displays; and a miniature replica of Jerry and Nancy Steerman's home decorated for the holidays.

Beginning at 7:00 p.m., parishioners will be entertained by both adult choirs, the Handbell Choir, and the Children's Choir. Plans include a special surprise for each child, refreshments, and homemade Christmas cookies and ornaments, made by Guild members, available for purchase.

A donation of \$2 per family is re-

quested. To make your reservation, call the parish office (367-2665) with the number you expect to have in your party.

The exhibit will be open to the public on Saturday, Dec. 2, and continue through Friday, Dec. 8. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Homemade cookies and handmade ornaments will be available for purchase; each child will receive a free candy cane. The admission fee is \$1 for adults, 25 cents for children. ■

## Make a lunch date with Santa

On Sunday, Dec. 17, St. Patrick's will have a very special lunch guest—none other than Santa Claus himself. The event begins at noon, with festivities continuing until about 3:00 p.m.

The fun-filled afternoon includes lunch, a holiday craft to take home, and a visit and photo opportunity with Santa for each child. The lunch menu includes a fruit cup, pizza, cookie, and drink.

Only 80 tickets will be sold, so purchase yours early! The cost per child is \$5, with a \$20 family limit (there is no charge for adults).

Tickets will be available Dec. 3-13 at Coffee Shop on Sundays and from Alta Tarter (367-4089). ■

## Advent 1995

*In the Beginning is the Word.*

*After the Word comes Silence.*

*Within the Silence resides Stillness.*

*Within the Stillness burns the Flame.*

*Within the Flame, consuming Love.*

*Within the Love, longed-for Union.*

*In the Union Love is born.*

*In the Love the Flame consumes.*

*Within the Flame Stillness rises.*

*In the Stillness Silence grows.*

*Out of the Silence the Word is spoken.*

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## in our parish library

## Why do Catholics do that?

by Kevin Orlin Johnson, Ph.D.

Subtitled *A Guide to the Teachings and Practices of the Catholic Church*, this book offers lucid explanations of a great array of Catholic customs and beliefs. The author, a scholar and religion columnist, blends religious history and a deep appreciation for art with a respect for tradition in his explanations of the rituals and symbols of the Catholic faith.

A glance at the contents page will intrigue even the most casual reader with such entries as these:

Faith of Our Fathers: What the Church Has to Work With  
 Feed My Sheep: How the Church Makes Laws  
 That Old-Time Religion: Why the Church Still Guards the Old Testament  
 The Church's Family Albums: Other Good Books Besides the Bible  
 In Memory of Me: A Short Guide to the Meaning and Structure of the Mass  
 Until We Meet Again: The Ceremonies of the Christian Funeral  
 The Stations of the Cross: The Logic of Their Development  
 The Rosary: A Garden of Christian Images  
 The Rite Stuff: The Many Faces of the Universal Church  
 The Pope: What He Does and Why It Matters  
 Priests, Bishops, and Deacons: The Church's General Staff  
 A People Set Apart: The Laity in the Modern World  
 A Different Order of Life: Monks, Nuns, and the Rules That Guide Them  
 If those don't do it, try passing this one by—Saints: How You Get to Be One.

There are chapters on vestments, relics, the sign of the cross, sacramentals, holy water, incense, candles, the Miraculous Medal, church music, symbols—and more.

The postscript, *If You'd Like to Know More*, is an extensive annotated bibliography that will help you do just that.

You get an idea of the author's writing style from the chapter titles above: entertaining without being condescending, conversational but not superficial, humorous yet respectful. The book carries the imprimatur of Bishop Charles Grahmann of Dallas. (Yes, there's an explanation of imprimatur too.) ■

**Q.** Why don't the servers ring the bells anymore when the priest enters for Mass, or during the Mass after the consecration?

**A.** Bells are rung either in church steeples, at church doors, or at special moments within the Mass **simply as reminders**: "It's time to pray" (the ringing of the Angelus at 6 a.m., noon, and 6 p.m. proclaims), "It's almost time for Mass to begin" (the bells in the church steeple tell us), "Our celebration is about to begin" (as the priest enters), "Christ is now present in the form of bread and wine" (after the consecration during Mass).

These are a "wake-up call." They say "pay attention, realize what we're doing." When the Mass was in Latin and usual-

ly not very involving for people, the bells were needed. But now emphasis is on the sacredness of the moment, and this may be signified as well (or maybe even better) by silence. Silence expresses well the awe that God's presence brings. As God said to one of the prophets, "Be still and know that I am God." Or as Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote (in "The Habit of Perfection"):

Elected silence, sing to me  
 And beat upon my whorled ear,  
 Pipe me to pastures still and be  
 The music that I care to hear.

G. K.

*Questions about elements of Catholic practice or Catholic teaching may be sent to the Communications Committee in care of the parish office.*



**Welcome to new parishioners** Samuel Crawford and Mercedes Munoz, Kathy and Michael Dixon, Stephen Heidebreder.

**Farewell to parishioners who have moved from C-U:** Katherine Cleary.

*We'll catch up with newly wedded, baptized, and deceased members of our parish next time.*

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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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*Deadline for submission  
 of information, articles,  
 and news items  
 for the next issue  
 of In Focus  
 is December 10.*

## St. Patrick's Parish Council News

At the November meeting Sr. Charlene summarized the staff's in-depth study of *Go and Make Disciples*, a national plan and strategy for Catholic evangelization in the U.S. "Evangelization" is defined as bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself. Given that definition, the staff saw evangelization as leading to discipleship, where the two elements of witness and sharing become a part of our daily conversion and living out of our faith in community.

The staff has developed evangelization goals and objectives, which were shared with the Council. Fr. Robert Weakley, a Franciscan from Our Lady of Lourdes (near Metamora), who will conduct the parish mission at St. Patrick's Feb. 17-22, will be guided by these in seeking to imbue parishioners with an understanding of evangelization and discipleship and how these play out in our day-to-day life.

If you volunteered your time and talent in late September but have not yet been contacted by someone from St. Patrick's, don't give up! The first mailing of volunteers' names and phone numbers to the appropriate parish committees and organizations was shredded by those new-fangled machines at the post office and had to be mailed again. But you should hear from someone soon! Committees were reminded of the importance of prompt follow-up.

About \$10,000 in pledges made during last spring's diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal remain unpaid. If your last payment hasn't been sent in yet, you'll want to do that soon. The unpaid balance between the diocesan goal set for our parish and the amount paid by parishioners will otherwise have to be made up from the parish's general revenue.

Fr. Remm recently attended two meetings related to the feasibility study for a Catholic high school in the C-U area. The meetings were to determine what needs to be done; a possible site and

a projected goal for putting a building on that site need to be identified. A local architect examined the plans used for a high school in Rapid City (S. Dak.) and proposed them as a model for this location. The cost of such a building, with auditorium and air conditioning added, would be about \$5.7 million, a figure that does not include furnishing and equipment or the approximately 40 acres needed for athletic fields, future expansion, and the like.

Council members approved placing on the Parish Wish List several items requested by Music Director Steve Peet. Donations have been received to restore the crozier to the statue of St. Patrick in the church vestibule, so this item has been removed from the list.

The Council decided to combine their traditional Epiphany Party and Committee Appreciation Event this year. The event will include a catered meal on Jan. 6.

Members agreed to send the pastor of our sister church in the Holy Land a "tithe" (10%) of St. Patrick's Christmas collection this year. Ways of educating parishioners about our sister parish were discussed. If you'd like to know more about the people of Assumption Church and their faith community, you might seek out Joseph Youakim, whose family roots are there. Did you know that the new processional cross used in the church was hand-crafted there? Fr. Remm made arrangements for it through Fr. Abdel-Nour, the pastor of Assumption Church.

The next Council meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings. ■



**December 8—**

## The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

Nine months before Christmas, on Mar. 25, Christians celebrate the feast of the Annunciation in honor of the conception of Christ by a young girl, Mary.

On Dec. 8, nine months before the celebration of her birth (Sept. 8), we honor the conception of Mary.

The Church teaches that Mary was free from sin from the moment she was conceived, a special grace that prepared her to be the mother of God. Mary her-

self did not earn this freedom, it was simply God's gift.

The medieval scholar Duns Scotus wrote that "no one owes more to Christ than Mary, the immaculate one." Mary's conception day became a feast in the seventh century.

In observance of this holy day, Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's on Dec. 7 at 5:15 p.m., and on Dec. 8 at 7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 5:15 p.m. ■

### Junior-high students help

On Sunday evening, Nov. 19, the Junior High Youth Group helped to pack over 150 Thanksgiving food baskets for distribution to the poor and needy of our local community.

"The young people always throw themselves into this project so enthusiastically that it is a real joy to have them help," said Sophia Zeigler, president of the Urbana St. Vincent de Paul Society.

They do indeed throw themselves enthusiastically into the project—it usually takes them only an hour or so to pack all the food baskets! All agreed that it is a good way to help. "What I like about it is that we are really helping, not just sending money someplace and we never see where it goes," said one. Another echoed this sentiment: "It makes me feel like I really do make a difference." ■

# Parish engaged in earth stewardship

St. Patrick's parishioners celebrated Earth Stewardship Weekend (Oct. 28-29) in a variety of ways. In his homily that weekend Fr. Remm encouraged all to be mindful and responsible stewards of the earth's resources. He added, by way of



example, that he had walked the 10 blocks from his home to the church that morning.

Approximately 30 parish families responded to the earth stewardship survey and pledge card.

Six families indicated that they had walked to church that weekend, 2 families rode bikes, and 6 families car-pooled.

Pledges were also made. Nine pledged to contact elected officials about environmental issues, 12 would become involved in environmental issues, 19 pledged to study and learn more about the environment, 22 agreed to pray for an attitude of reverence and respect toward all creation, and 25 pledged to recycle, save energy, and consider other life-style changes.

Many comments were offered, including gratitude that St. Patrick's is focusing on this crucial issue, support for a kitchen dishwasher, use of reusable cups, conservation of farmland, picking up of waste and recycling wherever one happens to be, and a neighborhood earth club for children. One person pointed out the need for better bus service on Sundays, and

another was not in favor of substituting cloth for paper towels in the restrooms.

Over 100 reusable plastic cups were sold at the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast. These may still be purchased for \$1 at the parish office, where handouts on conservation and recycling practices are also available.

In coming issues of In Focus, the environmental task force plans to present information about opportunities for involvement in prayer, study, practices, and legislative issues regarding earth stewardship. The group is already at work on plans for a parish-wide workshop scheduled for Saturday, May 11. ■

## Do you know about SAFE house?

In alternate months the Parish Council invites a speaker to provide information about opportunities for social action in our community. At the October Council meeting, Herb Corten spoke on SAFE House, a haven for those who seriously seek to overcome their addictions.

SAFE (Substance Abuse Free Environment) House is a community-wide cooperative effort spearheaded by Canaan Baptist Church and endorsed by the Champaign and Urbana police departments.

C-U's SAFE House attacks the problem of drug abuse through education, prevention, and access to rehabilitation. Resident participants live in a structured and disciplined environment, their days filled with classes, chores, and programs designed to assist in overcoming addiction.

The daily regimen consists of a simple breakfast, prayer, chapel, and three hours of classroom activities aimed at teaching self-esteem, work habits, and work ethic. Lunch is followed by chores and physical activities, dinner, study hall, and devotions, with lights out by 10:30 p.m.

Residents who complete the 12-month program are allowed to reside at the SAFE House for an additional three months while they work. Their income is saved until they have enough to establish their own residences. Once they graduate, they are encouraged to continue participation in the classes that helped them to break free from their addictions and to share their experiences with others.

For men or women who want to escape a negative environment at home or on the streets, SAFE House has a walk-in program to provide temporary relief. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., group sessions are held for members of the community. The sessions are secular in nature and utilize a 12-step approach to recovery.

At present, SAFE House provides a residence program for men only, at 505 E. Bradley, Champaign. It is hoped that in the future a residence program for women can be established.

SAFE House needs men to volunteer service at the home, and both men and women to serve on the board of directors. In cooperation with the local police departments, SAFE House volunteers meet with individuals seeking to recover from their addictions. Specially trained volunteers explain options available in the community and assist and encourage addicts to commit to one of the programs.

The Parish Council encourages parishioners to become involved in this program, which has a successful track record. To learn more about the work and mission of the SAFE house, as well as volunteer opportunities, call 378-SAFE. ■



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

Lori McDonough

### Cran-Raspberry Jello Salad

- 1 6-oz pkg Raspberry Jello
- 1 1/2 c boiling water
- 1 16-oz can whole cranberry sauce
- 1 20-oz can crushed pineapple
- 1 c sour cream

In a bowl dissolve Jello in boiling water; add cranberry sauce, stirring until the sauce melts. Add drained pineapple, stir. Chill until partially set; pour 1/2 the mixture into a 6 1/2 cup ring mold (or 8" x 8" dish). Chill until almost firm. Let the remaining Jello stand at room temperature. In a small bowl stir the sour cream; spread it evenly over the almost-firm Jello in the mold. Gently spoon the remaining Jello mixture on top of the sour cream layer. Chill until firm. (Also delicious frozen.)

Serves 12.

# St. Patrick's teens join in Youth Rally

In late October members of St. Patrick's Junior- and Senior-High Youth Groups traveled to Belleville (Ill.) for the Youth Rally at Our Lady of the Snows shrine on World Youth Day. The following account was written for *In Focus* by Thomas Schrepfer.

We had a great time at the rally. Events included an opening ceremony, a keynote address, Mass, an excellent outdoor dinner, a dance, and a closing candlelight service.

This was my second time at the Youth Rally, and as before it was quite simply a blast. I was awakened to a brisk morning, hustled into a cozy van (next year we get a bus) with five other teens from the youth group, and shuttled off to Belleville.

When we got there, I was struck by the size of the complex; the shrine, gift shop area, and surrounding forests covered several acres. By the time the ceremony started, the shrine was packed with young Catholics (800-1000) ready for a good time.

The speaker, a Guam native named Jesse, brought the entire crowd to its feet with a song he'd composed that incorporated the songs of such popular artists as the Rembrandts and Hootie and the Blowfish. He then gave a humorous speech that covered such topics as friendship, parenting, and



Some of St. Patrick's teens who attended the Youth Rally (from the left), Thomas Schrepfer, Tung Nguyen, Kate Schrepfer, and Scott Shannon, with Stan Yanchus, high school program coordinator (far right).



Ready and waiting at the Rally are Junior High students (from the left) Margaret Olson, Allen Strong, Nikki Parker, Lyndsey Yanchus, Danielle Schaub, Marissa Womer, and Dan Yanchus.

music. This was followed by Mass, with a homily by the bishop of Belleville.

After Mass we enjoyed a scenic outdoor dinner—we'd worked up a good appetite by then!—and a dance, where this writer met several people and made some new friends, including Jesse himself.

The evening ended with a spiritual candlelight service. Two lines of people headed up opposite sides of the surrounding hillside, meeting at the top. Candles were handed out and lit as every other light within miles (it seemed) was extinguished. Except for the candlelight, it was completely dark. Then, as stirring music played in the background, the two lines converged at the bottom of the hill and moved up the middle to kiss a cross that had been blessed by the Pope himself.

All in all, the Youth Rally was a stirring spiritual event, and I recommend it to anyone wishing to meet new people and expand their religious horizons. ■

For information on attending the Youth Rally next year, call Stan Yanchus, Senior High coordinator, or Cindy Kelly, Junior High coordinator, at St. Patrick's (367-2665).

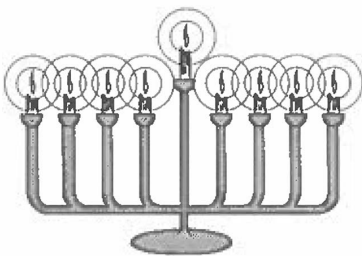
## Hanukkah: the Feast of Lights

No doubt as a young boy, Jesus celebrated the Jewish Feast of Lights, or Hanukkah.

Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days in commemoration of a marvelous event in the history of the Jews.

Many thousands of years ago, the land of Israel was ruled by the Syrians, who did not allow the Jews to practice their religion. For three years, an army of Jewish rebels fought to free their land, and in a great victory managed to recapture Jerusalem, the most important city of Israel.

In order to make the great Temple of Jerusalem holy again, the Temple lamp had to be relit and kept burning at all times. Because of the War, however, only a tiny jar of the special



oil blessed by the priests could be found. The jar provided only enough oil to keep the lamp burning for one day, and eight days would be needed to prepare more oil for the lamp.

Rather than wait, the people lit the lamp. Through a miracle, the lamp burned steadily for eight days until the new oil was ready.

The eight days of the feast of Hanukkah are in memory of the eight days the Temple lamp continued to burn on its meager supply of oil. Today a special eight-branched candlestick, called a menorah, is lit in the homes of Jews celebrating this feast. One candle is lit each day until all eight candles glow.

Hanukkah is a cheerful time, marked by parties, special foods, songs, games, and gift giving. Menorahs light the windows of homes to remind passers-by of the great power of God. Cries of "Happy Hanukkah" are heard, and Hanukkah cards are exchanged.

This year Hanukkah begins at sunset on Sunday, Dec. 17. ■

## ***Catholicism a faith for 'whole people'***

"What initially attracted me to the Catholic Church and what I continue to discover is the 'substance' of this religion. I am very much drawn to the history and the sincerity of this Faith. I am so excited to be drawn into this process." In these words one of the inquirers into Catholicism expresses the feelings of others participating in the parish process known as the RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

In October these men and women came to learn something about Catholicism and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Those among them who choose to continue the process will be enrolled as catechumens on Sunday, Dec. 3. Chosen by God, they respond by choosing to deepen their knowledge and explore this Faith to which they have been drawn.

Individuals in the group have been attracted to the Roman Catholic Church by its "historical constancy and social justice teachings," by "a sense of tradition and community," by "a need for a religious framework for my family," by the informative nature of the presentations on Church history and teaching (given by Carolyn McElrath, parish Director of Religious Education), by the faith sharing in the group sessions, and by the way our services touch the heart and apply to our daily lives.

One inquirer sums it up this way: "The Catholic Church speaks to us as whole people, not just as brains. We feel and see and smell and love as well as think. Touching holy water and singing hymns and smelling incense lets us be with God not just in our minds but in our selves."

Pray for our catechumens as they continue their journey of Faith. ■

## **Children's Reconciliation program prepares parents, too**



*Children and their parents at a prayer service concluding a Reconciliation preparation session.*

"I think I've forgotten more than I ever learned," said one parent after the first session of the children's preparation for Reconciliation.

Taking time from busy schedules to attend these sessions and to help with the preparation of their children for this sacrament of God's loving forgiveness, parents

agreed that they also learn a lot from the program.

The aim of the program is not simply to impart information, but to help inspire the hearts and minds of both parents and children to welcome and celebrate this sacrament. Prayer services for the children and their parents together at the end of each program session, as well as suggested homework, prayers, and activities for the entire family, help to

do just that. After four sessions in preparation, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday evening, Dec. 5. Parents as well as brothers and sisters of the children making their First Reconciliation are invited to participate not only in the prayer service but also in receiving this sacrament. ■

### **From our readers:**

## ***Hard-earned wages!***

*The following was given to Artha Chamberlain by her mother, Mrs. Emma Littel, of Sauk City, Wisc.*

An artist was employed to retouch a large painting in an old church in Belgium, and he rendered a bill for \$67.30. The church trustees, however, requested an itemized bill, and the following was duly presented, audited, and paid.

\$ 5.12	Correcting the Ten Commandments
\$ 7.14	Renewing Heaven, adjusting stars
\$ 3.06	Touching up Purgatory and restoring lost souls
\$ 7.17	Brightening up the flame of Hell, putting new tail on the Devil, and doing several odd jobs for the damned
\$ 6.13	Putting new stone in David's sling, enlarging the head of Goliath
\$ 3.39	Mending the shirt of the Prodigal Son and cleaning his ear
\$ 3.02	Embellishing Pontius Pilate and putting new ribbon on his bonnet
\$ 2.20	Putting new tail on the rooster of St. Peter and mending his comb
\$ 5.18	Re-pluming and re-gilding left wing of guardian angel
\$ 5.02	Washing the servant of the High Priest and putting carmine on his cheek
\$10.30	Taking the spots off the son of Tobias
\$ 5.26	Putting earrings in Sarah's ears
\$ 4.31	Decorating Noah's Ark and putting head on Shem
\$67.30	Total

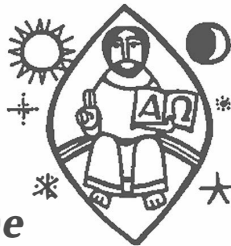
## Parish Wish List

"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." The following items proposed by Music Director Steve Peet fit these criteria so well that the Council adopted all of them for the Parish Wish List:

- Ensonique Electric Keyboard/Synthesizer, for use in parish liturgies and other functions requiring a portable keyboard (\$2400)
- Four bells to complete the parish's three-octave handbell set: C-4 (\$229), C-sharp-4 (\$229), D-sharp-4 (\$197), F-sharp-4 (\$178)
- Storage case for the handbells (\$120)
- Cleaning and machine polishing of the entire handbell set (\$750)

- Instruments to complete an Elementary Orff Instrumentarium for use with the Children's Choir, in liturgies, and in religious education classes for musical enrichment: bass xylophone (\$500), alto xylophone (\$280), alto metallophone (\$270), soprano xylophone (\$220), soprano metallophone (\$200), 2 alto glockenspiels (\$160, total), 2 soprano glockenspiels (\$140, total), 12-inch floor timpani (\$100), package of rhythm instruments (\$90), storage cart (\$200)

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—although, in this case, you may want to ask Steve about them! ■



### Advent one

"Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
That he may instruct us in his ways,  
and we may walk in his paths."

O house of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord!



### Advent three

Strengthen the hands that are feeble,  
make firm the knees that are weak,  
Say to those whose hearts are frightened:  
Be strong, fear not!

Here is your God,  
he comes with vindication;  
With divine recompense  
he comes to save you.

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,  
the ears of the deaf be cleared;  
Then will the lame leap like a stag,  
then the tongue of the mute will sing.



### Advent two

A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,  
and from his roots a bud shall blossom.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him:

a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
A spirit of counsel and of strength,  
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord,  
and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord.

There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord,  
as water covers the sea.

On that day  
The root of Jesse,  
set up as a signal for the nations,  
The Gentiles shall seek out,  
for his dwelling shall be glorious.



### Advent four

The Lord himself will give you this sign:  
the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son,  
and shall name him Immanuel.



# December 1995

## St. Patrick's Parish, Urbana



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. Deadline for submission for the next calendar is December 15, 1995.

10:45am Mass  
CCNH  
Trees of  
Christmas  
Family Night  
6-8pm

Trees of  
Christmas  
begins



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9:00am RCIA  
9:00am & 11:00am  
Children's R.E.  
10:15am Children's  
Liturgy  
5:30pm Handbell Choir  
6:30pm J.H. / H.S. R.E.

7:00pm Centerig  
Prayer  
7:00pm Education  
Com  
7:00pm Pro Life

7:00pm Beginning  
Experience  
7:00pm  
Reconciliation  
Celebration

5:15 Children's  
Choir  
6:00pm Rel Ed  
7:00pm Choir  
7:00pm Pro-Life  
7:00pm SVDP

1:30pm Discussion  
5:15pm Mass  
Immaculate  
Conception 7:00pm  
Catechism  
7:00pm Choir  
Befriender Potluck

10:30am Mass  
Urbana NH  
10:45 CCNH  
Immaculate Conception  
Masses: 7:00am  
12:10pm  
5:15pm

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9:00am RCIA  
9:00am & 11:00am  
Children's R.E.  
10:15am Children's  
Liturgy  
6:30pm J.H. / H.S.  
R.E.

7:00pm Centerig  
Prayer  
7:00pm Conference  
Personnel  
7:30pm Personnel

9:30am Funeral  
Schola  
3:30pm E.D.  
7:00pm Financial  
Affairs  
7:30pm Ex Council  
& Dev.

5:15 Children's  
Choir  
6:00pm Rel Ed  
7:00pm Choir  
7:00pm SVDP

1:15pm Discussion  
7:00pm Baptism  
Prep  
7:00pm Choir

10:30am Mass  
Clark Lindsey  
10:45 Mass CCNH

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9:00am RCIA  
9:00am & 11:00am  
Children's R.E.  
12:00pm Teen Liturgy  
10:15am Children's  
Liturgy  
12:00pm Lunch w/ Santa  
5:00pm Handbell Choir  
6:30pm J.H. / H.S. R.E.

7:00pm Centerig  
Prayer  
7:00pm Liturgy  
7:30pm Communal  
Penance,  
St. Matthew's

7:00pm Beginning  
Experience  
7:30pm Communal  
Penance,  
St. Patrick's

5:15 Children's  
Choir  
6:00pm Rel Ed  
7:00pm Choir  
7:00pm SVDP  
7:30pm Communal  
Penance,  
Holy Cross

10:15am Moms  
Group  
1:30pm Discussion  
7:00pm Choir  
7:00pm Parish  
Council  
7:30pm Pax Christi

10:30am Mass  
Americana NH  
10:45 Mass CCNH

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Regular Sunday  
Morning Mass  
Schedule  
4:00pm Children's  
Mass  
6:30pm Family Mass  
10:30pm Traditional  
Mass

Christmas Day  
Masses:  
7:30 am  
10:30am  
Noon 12:00pm  
No 9:00am  
Mass

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7:00pm SVDP

7:00pm Knights of  
Columbus

10:45 Mass CCNH

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