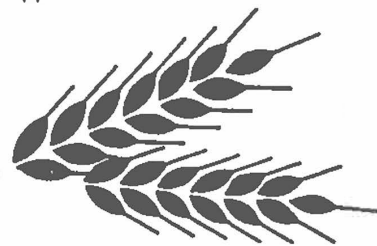


ST PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



## Introducing Fr. Eugene Kane

For Fr. J. Eugene Kane, coming to St. Patrick's will be a lot like renewing a fine old friendship.

First, he gets to return to his roots--the farmland near Thomasboro that has been in his family for more than 100 years. Although he won't be working the soil there, he will be mowing the lawn on the property, about 12 miles from Urbana.

Second, he'll be a lot closer to family and friends. His sister, Virginia Skelton, lives in Champaign. And almost as soon as he was back in Champaign County, he was renewing old friendships. On one weekend in June he attended the 50th reunion of his graduating class from University High School in Urbana. The following weekend he was to attend the 50th reunion of his graduating class from Champaign High School.

How can someone be a member of two high school classes? That's nothing--Fr. Kane actually graduated from St. Bede Academy in Peru. He attended Uni his first year, Champaign his sophomore year, returned to Uni for his third year, and finished at St. Bede's.

His first eight years of schooling were spent at Holy Cross School in Champaign, where many of today's St. Patrick's parishioners send their children.

Third, he is reunited with Fr. George Remm. "Fr. Kane was present at my home parish, St. Patrick's in Peoria, at the time I was ordained and said my first Mass in my home parish," said Fr. Remm. "He was administrator at St. Patrick's because our pastor had just died. Fr. Kane was very kind and hospitable to me, and I've never forgotten that."

Although he is formally retired, Fr. Kane, 68, hopes to celebrate Mass daily at St. Patrick's in addition to two weekend Masses. His participation in other activities will depend on his health.



A life of athletic pursuits has taken its toll on Fr. Kane's knees. One has already been replaced and may need to be replaced again, and the other knee also is giving him trouble.

"I can't stay on my feet for too long," he said. "And I really think a lot of it came from athletics. I played a lot of basketball and racquetball and tennis. I played racquetball as recently as 10 years ago. But I just can't do those things anymore.

"But I do swim as often as I can."

## To all moms and (especially) dads: a little church humor

*The following e-mail message was posted "in the hope of lightening up your day." It was dated Apr. 4.*

My wife had to work one Sunday, so I had to take care of the kids and get us all to Mass.

We had a 12:00 Tee-ball game, so the latest Mass we could attend was 10:00. It was a little hectic getting out of the house, what with the time change, and cooking pancakes for breakfast, and the kids then deciding they wanted French toast. Nevertheless, I persevered and rushed into the back of the church at 10:05. The kids' hair wasn't perfect, but they looked presentable.

I snuck into the cry room, which seats about 40 people. Of course there were no seats.

Some of the parents put some children on their laps, and three seats opened up for us. (Boy, would they regret that!)

I've been attending church in the cry room for about 5 years now. After Mass is over, I don't know if I've fulfilled my Sunday obligation, but I know I've been part of a community known as the church.

After the gospel, I was straining to listen to the sermon, when my 6-year-old, Patrick, whispered to me, "Dad, is darn a bad word?" I distractedly replied something like "I don't know, Pat, it's not too bad, but you probably shouldn't say it." He said, "But damn is a really bad word, isn't it?" I whispered back, "Yeah, that's a real bad word."



## in our parish library

While it is well known that the parish library has many books of many different kinds, it is also true that the library stocks periodicals, magazines, and newspapers through paid subscriptions and donations. These include:

<i>America</i>	<i>Catholic Parent</i>
<i>Catholic Post</i>	<i>Catholic Update</i>
<i>Concilium</i>	<i>Origins</i>
<i>Tablet</i>	<i>U.S. Catholic</i>
<i>Youth Update</i>	
<i>National Catholic Reporter</i>	

The major accomplishment for the parish library this year was the elimination of a large number of outdated books. With shelves less crowded, browsing is more enjoyable and productive.

The goal for the coming year is to replace the card catalog with a computerized database of the library's holdings. Once the database is complete, it will be possible to print a list of the books in the library for easy consultation by staff, by library visitors, and by shut-ins.

The parish library has benefited from the work of many volunteers who have assisted when a library open house is posted: Grace Bowen, Angie Gliniecki, Pat Minogue, and Gigi Simon. Volunteers are needed to help with setting up the computerized database; even a small time commitment would be helpful.

For further information or to volunteer, call Victoria Pifalo (398-6017), parish library coordinator. ■

*(Introducing Fr. Eugene Kane... continued from page 1)*

Fr. Kane's road to the priesthood began at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. After two years there, Bishop Schlarman asked Fr. Kane to attend St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Ill. There he earned a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in religion.

He was ordained June 6, 1954, by Bishop William Cousins. He served six years at St. Patrick's in Ottawa, also teaching at Marquette High School, then moved on to St. Patrick's in Peoria. He became chaplain at Bergan High School in Peoria, served for eight years as pastor of St. Patrick's in Elkhart, and in 1974 was named rector of St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria.

He served at St. Pius X in Rock Island for 12 years, most of that time as pastor.

Following a sabbatical, he was named pastor of St. Mary's Parish in El Paso in 1990. He retired from St. Mary's in early June this year.

Through the years Fr. Kane has served on the diocesan committee on liturgy and music.

He still includes playing the piano and listening to music among his hobbies.

And Fr. Remm said that St. Patrick's parishioners are blessed to have Fr. Kane back in Champaign-Urbana.

"Gene is a very good preacher, and I think we can look forward to his sharing his gifts and talents and experiences," he said.

"It's also good for St. Patrick's because Fr. Kane is a man who shares the vision of Vatican II and the spirit of the liturgy, that is, the full participation of all the people in their roles.

"We certainly want to welcome him and hope that St. Patrick's will be for him a good parish home, that he will feel welcome in the parish." ■

The next *In Focus* will be published Aug. 26-27; there will be no newsletter at the end of July.

Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the August/September issue of *In Focus* is August 13.



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

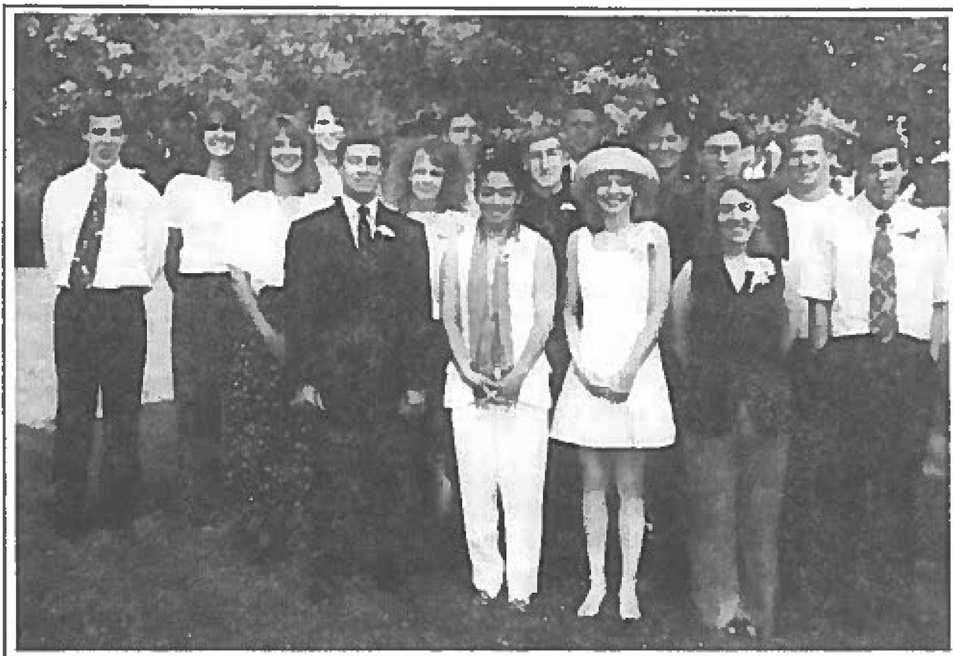
*Mary Sleeter*

### Lazy Day Lasagna

- 1 12-oz container cottage cheese
- 2 c shredded mozzarella cheese
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 c chopped parsley
- 1 t onion powder
- 1/2 t dried basil leaves
- 1/8 t pepper
- 1 32-oz jar spaghetti sauce
- 3/4 lb cooked ground beef
- 9 uncooked lasagna noodles
- 1/4 c water
- grated parmesan cheese



Mix first 7 ingredients until well-blended; set aside. In a bowl mix spaghetti sauce and cooked meat. Spread 3/4 c spaghetti-meat sauce in a 12 x 8 x 2 baking dish; layer 3 uncooked noodles on top of sauce, spread with 1/2 the cheese mixture and 1 1/2 c sauce; layer until all ingredients have been used. Pour water around edges of casserole. Cover tightly with foil. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes; uncover and bake 15 minutes more or until noodles are tender. Let stand 10 minutes before serving with parmesan cheese. Makes 16 servings.



*From the left, front row: Mark Lundeen, April Yasunaga, Gabriella Risatti, Daniela Munoz, Ryan Riskowski; middle row: Sarah Paulsen, Lyndsey Cousert, Michael Mabry, Gian-Paulo Musumeci, Benjamin Langendorf; back row: Michael O'Rourke, Kristina Harshbarger, Natalie Weistger, Terry Delanty, Charles Campo, Matt Lipska.*

## Parish honors graduating seniors

On Sunday, June 4, St. Patrick's honored its graduating seniors with a brief recognition ceremony at 9:00 Mass followed by a reception in the parish center. Several were named Fr. Charles Martell Scholars by the Urbana Knights of Columbus [see separate story, this issue].

Know that your parish is proud of your achievements, pleased to have shared with you membership in this faith community and rejoiced in your "coming of age" in the Church. As you take your next steps in becoming citizens of the world, the marvelous creation given over to our stewardship by its Creator, know that you are in our hearts and our prayers:

Charles Campo, majoring in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Illinois; Lyndsey Cousert, Physical Therapy, University of Evansville, Indiana; Terry Delanty, Microbiology, University of Illinois; Krissy Harshbarger, Sports Administration, Ball State, Indiana; Ben Langendorf, Kinesiology, Parkland Community College; Matt Lipska, Chemistry, University of Kansas; Mark Lundeen, Political Science, Colorado State University.

Also Mike Mabry, Business, University of Wisconsin; Daniela Munoz, Communications, University of Wisconsin; Gian-Paulo Musumeci, Biochemistry, University of Illinois; Mike O'Rourke, Computer Science, Parkland Community College; Sarah Paulsen, Civil Engineering, University of Illinois; Gabriella Risatti, Business, University of Illinois; Ryan Riskowski, Physics, University of Illinois; Natalie Weisiger, College of Liberal Arts and Science, University of Illinois; April Yasunaga, Biology, University of Illinois.

Congratulations to all of you! ■



Welcome to new parishioner Joyce Baird.

Farewell to these parishioners who have moved from C-U: Michael Brown, Jennifer Collins, Alan Dust, Jean and Ray Heinzen, Jennifer and Robert Hercreg, Margaret Koenn, Dan and Monica Lee, Colette and Mike McMullen, Doug and Melissa Sawyer.

We welcome Anna Therese Lampe, recently baptized into our faith community.

Congratulations to Lisa Ann Reno and Steven Edward Meid, married at St. Patrick's.

Please pray for deceased parishioners Dorothy Webster, Florence Stork, Frances Lawhead.



The next blood drive at St. Patrick's will take place on Sunday, July 16. The Champaign County Blood Bank will be set up in the multipurpose room, parish center, from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. to take these life-giving donations.

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

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



## Two teens from St. Patrick's invited to Boys State

Each year high school students who have completed their junior year are invited to the annual Boys State, sponsored by the Illinois Department of the American Legion.

Two participants in this year's Boys State, June 10-16, are parishioners Peter Amberg and Matt Kacich, both students at Urbana High School.

Peter, son of Ellen and Gene Amberg, is a member of the National Honor society and concert band, and a soccer player. Matt, son of Helene and Tom Kacich, is student senate parliamentarian, member of the Spanish Club, and usher at St. Patrick's.

Boys State participants learn about city, county and state government by organizing governmental units and conducting elections for various offices. ■



Peter Amberg



Matt Kacich

## Volunteers and goods needed for Cellar-to-Garret Sale

This fall St. Patrick's Guild again presents the annual Cellar-to-Garret Sale, a major fund-raising event for the parish. Co-chairs are Irma Wait and Pat Donze.

The dates of the sale have been set for Sept. 21-23, but this event needs everyone's help long beforehand if it is to be a success. Here are some ways you may be able to help:

If you haven't already cleaned out your attic, cellar, garage, or closets, do it now! After July 5, articles may be delivered to the parish center during office hours or to the parish garage. Organizers ask that donations be in good condition—clean, mended, in working order—so be selective in what you set aside for the sale!

In the week before the sale, items must be sorted and marked in the parish center. Experienced Guild members and others can provide

guidance to volunteers in getting this necessary work done before the sale opens.

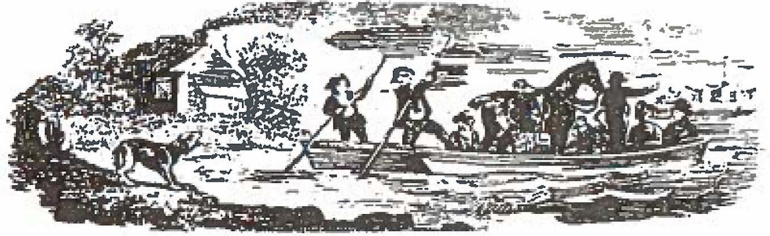
Cashiers are needed for the sale itself on Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday.

"Salespersons" to assist browsers and buyers have lent our Cellar-to-Garret Sale the note of friendly helpfulness that sets it apart from many other such events in the local community. The more helpers, the shorter the time commitment for each!

After the last customer has left, the cleanup crew gets to work, packing up the remaining items and restoring all to order for the parish's use on Sunday morning.

As you can see, there's quite a lot to be done. How can you help?

Call Irma Wait (367-6547) or Pat Donze (328-1005) to volunteer. ■



## A canoe trip beckons

The Urbana Knights of Columbus Council 5752 hopes that many members of St. Patrick's Parish will join them in getting at least a little wet on July 15.

The Knights are sponsoring a canoe trip down Sugar Creek in western Indiana, through Turkey Run State Park.

The group will leave St. Patrick's at 7:30 a.m. and return around 5 p.m. They will be taking a 12-mile trip that lasts 3-5 hours. The excursion is described as "gentle."

The trip goes through low, rocky cliffs and wooded areas with numerous beaches along the way that are ideal for fishing, swimming, or sunbathing. The group will pass under two of Parke County's famed covered bridges. There are very few rocks and rapids; this is described as "the ideal trip for the less adventurous."

Open to all members of the parish, the trip costs \$16 per canoe (\$5 extra for a third person in the canoe). The cost does not include transportation to Turkey Run, which is about 75 miles southeast of Urbana.

For more information or to make reservations, call Tom Kacich (344-6760).

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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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**Coming next fall:  
Powerful Lessons in  
Personal Leadership  
(Ten Studies in Joshua)**

Last fall, under the leadership of Mary Long and Margy Palmisano, a group of 14 parishioners began a series of meetings to do a study on "Christ Our Joy: A Study of Paul's Letter to the Philippians."

The goal was to give this group a small-group bible study experience with the idea of training them to be facilitators, or leaders, of other small groups. This original group would become a Leaders Group, which would meet to do the study together each Sunday evening; these leaders would then facilitate other groups during the week, employing the techniques practiced on Sunday evening.

By January the network of bible study groups was in place, with the Leaders Group and three small groups meeting to study "Fruit of the Spirit." In all, 45 parishioners were doing this study last spring.

This system provides support for leaders/facilitators through the Leaders Group, where they test-run the study, learn leadership techniques, and receive background information on how best to facilitate a study.

Using this method, participants discover what Scripture is revealing to them and grow as a community as they get to know one another. They have the opportunity to study the bible first as individuals, then to discuss the topic as a group, exploring what God is teaching them. They make application of this teaching to their lives and are naturally led into prayer.

Through this approach fellowship, prayer, and mission spring from the bible study.

Do you have a longing to grow spiritually, to get to know Our Lord better, to recognize God's call to you? Then plan to join the fall study on "Powerful Lessons in Personal Leadership (Ten Studies in Joshua)."

The study will begin in September and end before Thanksgiving. Groups will meet once a week, with different groups meeting on different evenings and during the day. Some groups will meet at the parish center, others in homes.

Watch for an informational flyer in August for more specific information. If you can't wait for August, pick up your phone now and call Mary Long (328-2989) or Margy Palmisano (367-5510). ■

God prepared for himself  
a dwelling among hu-  
mans,  
he has set the stone  
and lighted the fire.

Today,  
he multiplies the bread  
and joins our hands  
together:  
now our hearts are but  
one.

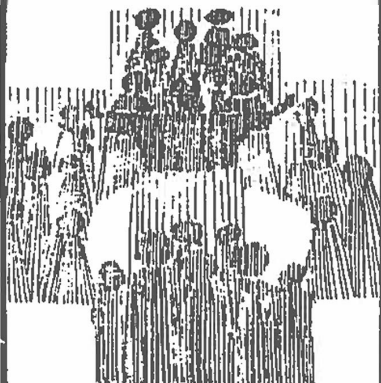
God with us, God in us,  
we are the body of Christ!

Here is the promised land  
where the human assem-  
bly  
knows the love of God.

Here is the festive space  
where the human family  
gives a face to God.

Here is the house of  
peace  
where those who share  
receive the gift of God.

Here is the open temple  
where those who adore  
become witnesses of God.



**Understanding Luke  
Some resources  
from the parish library**

As we move back into Ordinary Time in the Church Year, we will begin hearing the gospel of Luke at Sunday Mass. Here are some books from the parish library that can help enrich your understanding of this gospel.

*Real Living*, by Mary Nilsen, is designed for discussion groups of young adults, but individuals can find it useful as well. Each chapter gives a selection from Luke's gospel and some thought-provoking questions. This is a good introduction to Luke's gospel. (60 pages)

*I, Luke*, by Kenneth Taylor, is a modern translation of Luke's gospel. It reads like a letter from Luke, who tells the story of Jesus in very personal terms. There are no historical notes, but the translation makes clear some of the points that often raise questions for readers. (101 pages)

*Luke*, by Eugene LaVerdiere, is a popular commentary on the gospel by a well-known scripture scholar. The complete text of the gospel is given in the Revised Standard Version translation. The commentary gives historical background and an interpretation of the text. (296 pages)

*The Gospel of Luke*, by Carroll Stuhlmueller, is a shorter commentary by another contemporary American theologian. The text of the gospel are given in the CCD translation, which is a bit dated now, but the commentary is concise and insightful. Questions in the back can be used for review or discussion. (97 pages)

*The Gospel According to St. Luke*, from the "Cambridge Bible Commentary Series," uses the *New English Bible* translation of the gospel. The commentary by E. J. Tinsley is aimed at college students and interested adults. The map of biblical Palestine and the plan of the temple in Jerusalem are very helpful. (214 pages)

*The Gospel According to St. Luke*, by Alois Stoger, is from the series "New Testament for Spiritual Reading." As the name suggests, this work is intended for spiritual reading. It takes a leisurely and reflective approach in contrast to the historical approach of some of the other works mentioned here. The translation of the gospel is the author's own. After every two or three verses, he pauses to reflect on the meaning of the passage. (531 pages, in two volumes)

The translation of the Bible that is used at parish Masses is the *New American Bible*. It is a clear, contemporary translation, and it provides footnotes that make difficult passages easier to understand. You might check the title page of your own Bible to see if that's the one you have; if not, you could sign out one of the many copies of the *New American Bible* available in our parish library to see how well it fits your personal needs. ■



# Parish Council News



At their June meeting Council members learned a little more about the work of the parish business operations assistant. Ray Alane explained briefly the several funds he keeps up-to-date, the month-end reports he prepares for the pastor, the monthly reports for committee chairs and liaisons, check-writing procedures, and the like.

Members then reviewed portions of the Council By-Laws dealing with members' responsibilities to Council and to the committee each serves as liaison. They also received the council's calendar of monthly events, the five-year parish goals set in 1992, and their liaison appointments for the coming year.

An updated photo inventory of parish furnishings, equipment, and other items will be undertaken soon. This inventory will include not only the parish center, but also the priest's residence and rental property.

Generous parishioners are still sending in responses to the diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal, with indications that this year, if pledges are paid in full, the parish may be able to meet its commitment to the diocese and have funds remaining to

pay against incurred debt or major expenditures (e.g., for roof repair).

Preparations are underway for the annual Parish Council retreat at La Salette Aug. 25-26, and the date was set (Oct. 14, 9:00-noon) for the annual fall workshop on setting objectives for the coming year to meet parish goals.

In response to the suggestion that the parish charge rent to Carle for use of parish parking spaces, it was observed that the result would be loss of St. Patrick's tax-free status and loss to parishioners of free access to Carle's lot on Sunday mornings.

Allocation of the expected year-end surplus was discussed in broad outline. As customary, our tithe of the surplus, about \$7100, will be sent to support the work of parishioner Dr. Susan Nagele, volunteer lay missionary in Africa. The rest will be allocated to debt retirement, a gift of \$1000 to our parish's sister church in Beit Jala (outside Bethlehem), and the roof-repair fund.

With no Council meeting in July, members will meet next on Thursday, Aug. 17, at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings. ■

*(To all moms and (especially) dads... continued from page 1)*

At that point my 4-year-old, Breandan, said, "I know a really bad word." I wasn't paying attention and for some reason said, "What is it?" Breandan shouted "F\*\*\* is a really bad word." I clenched my teeth and squeaked out, "Breandaannn Francissss" (I'd never used the old first-middle name before), and he said, "But Dad, I didn't say f\*\*\*, I just told him that f\*\*\* was a bad word." "Okay, Breandan, just be quiet." "Dad, are you mad at me for saying f\*\*\*? I didn't say f\*\*\*, I just told Pat that f\*\*\* was a bad word."

The little boy next to me turned to his father and said, "Dad, what does f\*\*\* mean?" I was so embarrassed and red that I thought I was about to pass out. I think the man on the other side of me was saddened by the whole thing, because he kept biting his lip, shaking his shoulders, and tears were running down his face.

Things quieted down after that. Then, right before the Lord's Prayer, Bridget, my 2-year-old, announced "Daddy, I went poopy." I looked down and sure enough, in the rush to get out of the house, I hadn't put a diaper on her and "poopy" was streaming down her stockings. Of course, I hadn't brought a diaper bag either. I was in a panic.

Two mothers escorted me and Bridget out and took her into the ladies room and cleaned her up. I thanked them profusely and realized that my only course of action was to leave the church and never come back. But I had left my two sons in the cry room. I thought briefly of deserting them, but my wife would definitely kill me when she came home. So I did the bravest thing that I've ever done in my life. I walked into the cry room to get my kids and flee.

Communion was just over. Do you know what happened? First, the man who had been crying started to clap, and then the whole cry room started to clap. People hugged me, and I was invited home to lunch more than once.

This is my church, this is why I love the church.

Sorry to write such a long message, needed to cathart.

P.S. I did not make one word of this up. Also we lost the Tee-ball game, and my wife went into hysterics when I told her my sad tale.

*Reprinted with permission of the brave father*

## **Knights assist handicapped children in Urbana**

The Urbana Knights of Columbus Council 5752, based at St. Patrick's, has donated \$1200 to the East Central Cooperative Educational Program for the Handicapped.

The cooperative, based at Prairie School in Urbana, is using the money for a number of projects:

- \$250 for a three-station frame for a swing that can be used by wheelchair-bound children
- \$395 for a special Intelli Keys keyboard
- \$572 for computer programs to provide access to Macintosh computers and labs for severe and profoundly handicapped students.

"We want to thank you for your generous donation for students with severe and profound disabilities," wrote Carol Barnett, assistant director of special education in the Urbana school district. "Through your generosity, we will be able to expand the opportunities for our students to access the computers that are available in our buildings and make one of our school playgrounds more enjoyable for some of our students in wheelchairs."

Much of the money the K of C donated came from the proceeds of the annual Tootsie Roll sales, from fish fries, and from pancake and sausage breakfasts of the past year. ■

## Knights announce the Charles Martell Scholars for 1995

The Urbana Knights of Columbus established the Fr. Charles Martell Scholarship as a memorial to the longtime pastor of St. Patrick's Parish. Fr. Martell is remembered especially for his commitment to the youth of the parish.

The Knights of Columbus take particular pleasure in recognizing the scholarship, religious commitment, and community spirit of St. Patrick's teenagers. Fr. Charles Martell Scholars must be graduating seniors and members of St. Patrick's Parish; they must have received the sacrament of Confirmation and be recommended by members of the parish and community. This year the Knights recognize six distinguished scholars.



*Judith Yasunaga*, daughter of Shig and Judith Yasunaga, plays flute at 10:30 Mass at St. Patrick's and taught first-graders in the parish religious education program. At Urbana High School she was a member of the National Honor Society, Junior Athlete of the Year (cross-country, softball), Scholar Athlete, Student Government, and German Honor Society. She also volunteered at Carle Foundation Hospital. Judith now works as a cook at Kamakura Steak House. She will be remembered as the pitcher who broke the long losing streak at UHS. Judith plans to study Biology (Pre-Medicine) at the U of I.



*Sarah Paulsen*, daughter of Marvin and Karen Paulsen, taught first-graders in the religious education program and helped in planning teen liturgies. At Urbana High School she was a member of the National Honor Society, German Honor Society, Scholastic Bowl Team, Girls' State delegate, and student mediator; she lettered four years in academics and swimming (one year as captain), three times a state qualifier. Sarah tutored at-risk children and volunteered at Special Olympics, Carle Foundation Hospital, Habitat for Humanity, and Safe Rides for Teens. She plans to study civil engineering at the U of I.



*Michael Mabry*, son of Ed and JoLeen Mabry, participated in the St. Patrick's Parish Youth Group and served with distinction as a discussion leader for the Jr. High Youth Group. At Urbana High School he was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Illinois State Scholar, Captain of the Soccer and Swim Teams, lettered three years in academics, soccer, and swimming, and was a Scholar Athlete (three years). Michael helped in the Food for Families, Key Club, the UHS Thanksgiving Day Dinner; he also served as assistant coach at the Urbana Park District. He is an Eagle Scout. He plans to study Finance/Economics at the U of I.



*Gabriella Risatti*, daughter of Jim and Leslie Risatti, was server at St. Patrick's for 5 years, helped with the parish religious education program, and was a Jr. High Youth Group catechist. At Urbana High School she was a member of the National Honor Society and French Honor Society, Scholar Athlete, Captain of the Swim and Basketball Teams, Track, Student Government, Newspaper, Key Club, Prom Committee, Peer Tutoring, and Safe Rides for Teens. Gabriella is recognized for her infectious enthusiasm and smiling disposition. She plans to study Business at the U of I.



*Charles Campo*, son of William and Peggy Campo, participated in religious education and Junior and Senior High School Youth Groups at St. Patrick's. At Urbana High School he was a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society, musician (jazz, concert, and marching bands), lettered in Academics and tennis for three years, and Student Government for four years. Charles started his own carpet cleaning business two years ago. He plans to study Urban and Regional Planning at the U of I.



*Ben Langendorf*, son of Chris and Terry Langendorf, was an altar server for 6 years and participated in parish religious education and Junior and Senior High School Youth Groups at St. Patrick's. At Urbana High School he was a noted Varsity football player. Ben was a volunteer waiter for the "Ladies Knight Out" and helped to build the Prairie Playground in Urbana. Ben is described as a conscientious, hard-working student by his teachers. He plans to study Kinesiology at Parkland College.

The Knights of Columbus join the parish in congratulating the Fr. Charles Martell Scholars—and all of the seniors upon their graduation. We wish them well in their spiritual, community, and work careers. ■



## What's on St. Patrick's wish list?

The generosity of many parishioners has made possible the acquisition of items once included in the Wish List: a large video projector for use with all levels of religious education (estimated at \$2000-\$4000) and electronic equipment and software to preserve materials related to the history of St. Patrick's, preventing loss through fire or other catastrophe (estimated at \$4000).

Gifts both large and small have been received for these items—*In Focus* readers will remember, for example, the raffle of Ruth Siewert's quilt and afghan, which raised \$647 toward the purchase of the electronic equipment and software.

St. Patrick's Guild has offered to cover the difference between the actual cost of these items and donations already received for them.

So what's on St. Patrick's Wish List, now that these items have been removed?

The Parish Council agreed to add one item: a new crozier to replace the one missing from the statue of St. Patrick that stands in the church vestibule. The crozier—a staff originally intended to represent a shepherd's crook—is a symbol of a bishop's responsibility to care for the flock entrusted to his care. Patrick was consecrated a bishop and so is usually shown with the crozier in one hand and a shamrock (according to legend, his way of explaining the Holy Trinity) in the other. Estimated cost of the crozier: \$350.



## Young and young at heart enjoyed the Mother's Day ice cream social

It's said that the third time is usually the charm. Well, it was, for the Mother's Day ice cream social! Two years ago the social was in July, but the heat and the bees sent us inside to enjoy our ice cream and one another's company. Last year the ice cream social was in May, on Mother's Day, but the afternoon was cloudy and a bit chilly. This year the weather couldn't have been nicer, with a brilliant blue sky and cotton-puff clouds.

What did we forget? Oops—the key to the parish center! Once that was in hand, everything went smoothly.

The menu was expanded this year to include root beer floats as well as ice cream cones and sundaes. More than 100 treats were served!

Tables were set out on the front lawn, and many families brought blankets for "picnicking." Giant bubbles floated as children played to the sounds of Mitch Miller. Skip the Clown again made charming and funny balloon hats, and Miriam Nirider and John Minor led a sing-along.

A pleasant surprise was the visit from a parish family who had moved away 11 years ago: Rick and Karen Gamache and their children (many of them now quite grown up). They had attended the oldest son's, Gabe's, graduation from Loyola (in Chicago) and decided to show the younger children their former parish. When they saw the parishioners out on the lawn enjoying one another and the day at the ice cream social, they were reminded of why this parish was so special for them, and they stopped for a brief visit.

The ice cream social was planned and presented by the members of St. Patrick's Social Committee: Alta and Barb and Amy dealt with the cone hassle; Alta picked up and delivered all those chairs to Yankee Ridge School; Ellen and Peggy provided the games and prizes; Chris, Rosemary, Linda, Miriam, Leo, and Julie set up, dished out, and cleaned up. And, as usual, Grace offered sage advice.

Photos taken during the ice cream social are on display in the parish center.

If you missed out on this good-time event, plan to come next year! Better still, plan to come to the next event, the "Fall Festival" (parish picnic) on Sunday, Sept. 17. ■

## When is the feastday of Jesus' grandma and grandpa?

Did you remember that Jesus had grandparents? Although they are never mentioned by name in the New Testament, tradition tells us that their names were Anne (or Anna, in Hebrew), and Joachim, the parents of Mary, Jesus' mother. The feastday of Grandma Anne and Grandpa Joachim is celebrated on July 26.

Using sources from Christian tradition, from the Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke, and from other Jewish writings, we find that the legend of Anne and Joachim was first compiled in the year 150 in a short text called the "Protevangelium of James," or the "Book of James."

According to legend, Joachim and Anne were very old and had had no children, a fact that brought upon them public reproach. Remembering that God had blessed Abraham with a son in his old age, Joachim went off to the desert to pray and fast for forty days and nights. An angel appeared, comforted him, and promised a child to the couple.

Meanwhile Anne mourned, believing that she was now not only childless but a widow as well. Walking in her garden, she sat down under a laurel tree and wept. But the Lord sent an angel to Anne also, announcing that she would bear a child "who would be spoken of in all the world." Anne vowed to give such a child to the Lord.

The angel also revealed to her that Joachim had received the same message and was returning from the desert. First, however, Joachim went to the Temple to offer gifts to the Lord.

Nine months later, Anne and Joachim had a daughter, whom they named Mary.

Joachim was believed to have witnessed the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple, dying shortly after. Anne is invoked as the patron of grandparents, married women, and childless couples desiring to have children. ■





## Altar servers, thank you!

If the altar servers look suddenly older to you this weekend, you're not doing a Rip Van Winkle—the members of the Serra Club are taking the place of the more youthful parish altar servers to give them a weekend off and to enable them to gather at one and the same Mass (9:00) for a well-deserved recognition ceremony.

At the breakfast that follows, each altar server will receive a certificate from the Serra Club and co-signed by the pastor, acknowledging their service to the parish at our Sunday liturgies.

Young people of St. Patrick's are eligible to become an altar server when they reach fifth grade. Boys and girls are trained in the church, learning the names and uses of items used in or related to Sunday liturgies, such as cruets, carafe, incense boat, sacristy, cincture, Sacramentary.

While servers note their preferences for the Mass times at which they'd like to serve, many servers are willing to fill in whenever needed. Servers can also volunteer for holy days and undergo training for the special services and liturgies of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter.

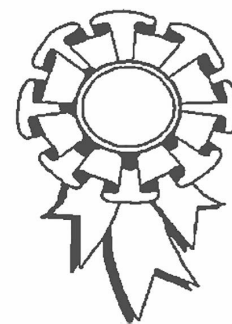
To help servers become more aware of liturgical seasons and participate in them more knowledgeably, they wear cinctures

that are the color of the season: green for Ordinary Time, purple for Advent and Lent, red for Pentecost and Good Friday, white for Easter and special feasts.

Serving at the altar is a special opportunity for St. Patrick's young people to enhance our parish gatherings for worship and to grow in understanding and appreciation of our eucharistic celebrations.

St. Patrick's young people who have served as altar servers this year are Melissa Althaus, Mike Artz, Ben Bermingham, Johanna Burke, Kristin Cantrell, Anthony DeCervo, Trisha Downes, Mary Erlandson, Laura Fahey, Katie Gordon, Katie Healey, Bob Kacich, Christy Laesch, Mike Larsen, Adam Long, Zach Long, Gabriel Mathy, Chris McDonald, Greg McDonald, Maciek Misztal, Dawn Morano, Nick Musumeci, Wally Musumeci, Nicole Parker, Nick Pavia, Tal Prendergast, Bob Rank, Jason Retz, John Rinkenberger, Gina Sabbia, Katie Schrepfer, Scott Shannon, Anna Skorupa, Ellen Stohr, Nick Trotter, Joe Yasunaga, and Than Yasunaga.

A grateful parish thanks you, one and all! ■



## Local Knights Council receives plaque

The Urbana Knights of Columbus Council 5752 has been honored with a plaque by the C-U Special Recreation agency for its help in sponsoring the Very Special Arts Festival Apr. 20-21 at the Springer Recreation Building, Champaign.

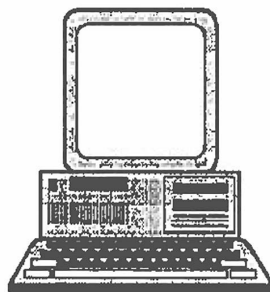
About 180 youth—117 without disabilities, 41 with disabilities, and 23 "at risk"—participated in the festival. They enjoyed a number of workshops, including arts and crafts, music, drama, and dance.

Money provided to the arts festival by the Urbana Knights and two other area Knights of Columbus councils provided t-shirts for the participants, lunches for 50 volunteers, and arts and crafts supplies.

"The Very Special Arts Festival is a unique program that exposes area classrooms including children with disabilities to the arts," wrote program coordinator Tammy Berlinger in a letter of thanks. "Your support has made this program even more special."

Support of the festival is part of the Knights' mission of helping the mentally handicapped. Much of the funds for their donation came from the sale of Tootsie Rolls, a weekend event held annually in mid- to late October.

The Knights thank St. Patrick's parishioners and the people of Urbana for their support. ■



## In Focus needs computer volunteer

In late November the parishioner-volunteer who lays out the pages of *In Focus* expects to have her hands and time full with the arrival of an eagerly awaited infant. If you can relieve her of the paging responsibility for this newsletter for a couple of months, she and her husband will be very grateful. Any page-layout application, such as PageMaker or QuarkXpress, can do the job handily.

Time commitment? About 3-5 hours Nov. 19-22 and again Dec. 17-20. If you can help, call Mary Lou Menches at 244-4701 (days) or 344-1125 (evenings). No, it isn't Mary Lou who's having the baby—it's Amy Fahey!



## Summertime and the livin' is easy—or is it?

The Easter Season is passed and Ordinary Time is settling in. It's summertime, and in the summer parish life may seem very ordinary indeed. With university, high school, and grade school graduations duly celebrated, many parishioners are heading out on long-awaited vacations.

What may seem like a "down time" for some of us is actually a very busy time for the parish staff. With the surcease of weekly programs, our staff make plans for self-nurturing through retreats, honing skills at workshops, and replenishing physical and spiritual energies by a good old-fashioned vacation.

*Fr. Remm* made his annual retreat early in June at King House. The retreat master was Msgr. Andrew Cusack, who oversees an international conference for priests each year. During the first week of July Father plans to visit Deacon Rodger and Barb Adams, former long-time members of St. Patrick's, in Ventura, Calif.

In late July *Steve Peet*, parish Music Director, will attend the annual conference of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians in Cincinnati. A few weeks later, in mid-August, he's off to England.

*Deacon Bill McClellan* slipped away for an early but brief vacation in late May. He and his wife, Jane, drove to Austin, Texas, where they visited with their daughter Jennifer and her family. (Jennifer, Jim, and their four children were members of our parish during the 1990-91 school year and still miss St. Patrick's; they send greetings.) They drove through heavy rains in southern Missouri and saw some of the severe flooding on both sides of the Mississippi River—a hard reality not fully appreciated when viewed only on television.

*Carolyn McElrath*, parish Director of Religious Education, got away for a few June days with her mother, in Phoenix, before heading off to South Bend and the Notre Dame Pastoral Liturgy Conference, "See, I Am Making All Things New," on the renewal springing from the Second Vatican Council, taking stock of the present, and looking ahead to the next generation of renewal.

A summer given to workshops and retreats begins in mid-June for *Sr. Charlene Cesario*, Pastoral Associate, with her religious community's workshop on "17th-century Spirituality as Experienced by Our Father Founder, Francois Delaplace." In late July Sister will participate in two workshops at Notre Dame: "Body Praise, or the Spiritual Life Embodied," and "Focusing: A Bodily Way of Prayer." And in August, she will participate in the annual St. Patrick's staff retreat and the Parish Council retreat. Because in August Sister will be a Councilor to the provincial administration of her religious community, the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary, in this capacity she will also attend the provincial administration retreat in Batavia (Illinois).

Godspeed! Safe journeys to all. May you return refreshed and renewed in both body and spirit, with much to share during the coming months! ■

## Have you ever seen a church walk? (Please pardon our pun!)

Some surprises and some familiar scenes await you if you can be ready on short notice for the Church Walk to take place today, June 25.

Parishioners and their guests are invited to visit behind the scenes in three local houses of worship during the sixth annual Church Walk of the Council of Congregations.

You may join the tour at any or all of these points, all of which are in Champaign:

2 p.m.: Grace Lutheran Church, Springfield and Prospect

3 p.m.: St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 905 S. Russell

4 p.m.: Faith United Methodist Church, 1719 S. Prospect

St. Patrick's donates money annually, as do about 20 other C-U congregations, to the inter-faith Council. The funds are used when Family Service's "First Call for Help" requests that the Council meet needs such as rent, prescriptions, electric bills, etc. (All payments are made to the provider, i.e., to the landlord, the pharmacy, the power company.)

Meetings feature speakers who are active in solving peace and justice issues in C-U. In addition the Council operates two services that have drawn volunteers from St. Patrick's: Franne Davis serves for Hospital Support, and Roy Meyer visits two elderly gentlemen at Champaign County Nursing Home.

If you'd like to hear more about the goals and work of the Council of Congregations, or about the Church Walk, call Peggy Whelan (367-3668). ■

### Council-committee liaisons appointed

Parish Council members have received their committee liaison appointments for the year.

Bill Nelson will serve as the Building and Grounds Committee liaison; Cathy Salika, the Communications Committee; Miriam Nirider, Education; Jean Daly, Financial Affairs; Allen Booth, Liturgy; Pat Joseph, Social; Richard Keane, Social Action; and Dick Justice, Personnel.

As liaison, the Council member's primary responsibility is to serve as communicator between the two groups, reporting to the committee about relevant Council matters and to the Council about relevant committee matters.

The Council member who serves as liaison with a standing committee is an active, voting member of that committee and is expected to attend committee meetings and to participate actively in the work of the committee. ■



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