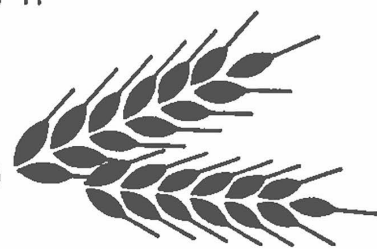


S T P A T R I C K ' S P A R I S H

In Focus



Parish prepares for diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal

After a somewhat disappointing Annual Stewardship Appeal drive last year at St. Patrick's, the Parish Council is calling on parishioners to increase the amount given to the diocesan fund drive this year.

Last year donations from St. Patrick's parishioners fell \$632 short of our \$65,900 goal—the first time the parish has failed to meet the goal set by the Diocesan Chancery in the nine-year history of the Annual Stewardship Appeal.

When a parish takes in less than its mandated goal, the shortfall must be made up from the parish's general fund.

St. Patrick's parishioners have historically pledged—and given—more than the amount needed to meet the goal set for us by the diocese. The surplus, which was returned to the parish, was used entirely for retiring the parish's debt.

This year the Diocese of Peoria is asking for an average increase of 3 percent on parish assessments. At St. Patrick's, that means a diocese-mandated goal of \$68,000. The Parish Council, hoping to be able to continue the program of reducing the parish debt from surplus donations, has boosted the parish goal to \$73,000. Formerly \$70,000, this represents the first real increase in the parish goal in three years.

"I believe we are fortunate," said Father Remm. "Other dioceses require significantly more. Many dioceses not only have an annual appeal but also take parish assessments on top of that."

According to the Peoria Chancery, the Joliet and Belleville dioceses have both parish assessments and stewardship appeals.

The Diocese of Peoria operates on proceeds from the ASA and its investments, said Father Remm. "This diocese is well run. It is not top-heavy with administrative costs," he said.

The chair of this year's ASA drive at St. Patrick's is Lissa May-Mudrick; she is assisted by John Duffin. They will be aided

by 9 team captains, each of whom will recruit 10 other workers to attend a May 3 workers' meeting, staff pledge-card tables after the Masses on May 6-7 and May 20-21, and prepare envelopes for a mailing on May 21 to parishioners who have not filled out pledge cards by that date.

"This is a good way to get people involved in the parish, to see how things work, and to meet new people," said Lissa, who is serving as ASA chair for the second time. "I'm just hopeful that we can do better for the parish this year. And I think it's really important that we get more people involved. If we could get more people to give, even if just a little, that would help so much."

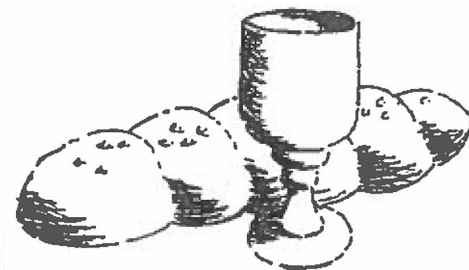
Diocesan figures show that last year only 48.6 percent of the Catholics in the Diocese of Peoria contributed to the ASA. The average gift was \$96.85.

This year's diocesan ASA goal is \$3.435 million, up from last year's \$3.403 million.

"It's important to know that the ASA benefits our parish, as well as the diocese as a whole," said Father Remm. As an example, he said, St. Patrick's participates in Pre-Cana and Marriage Encounter programs, which are funded by the diocese. The ASA also provides money to help operate Catholic Social Services, Cursillo programs, Newman Centers on college campuses, and the Respect Life Board.

The biggest portion of the ASA revenue—21 percent—goes to Vocational Development. Approximately \$706,000 goes to seminarian education, health care for retired priests, continuing education of clergy, the Diaconate program, vocational recruitment, and other costs.

Father Remm again stressed that any money collected beyond the diocesan-mandated goal is returned to the parish and is doubly important—it is used to retire the parish debt and it is counted by the diocese as "extraordinary income," meaning that it is not figured into the formula that determines a parish's goal for the next Annual Stewardship Appeal. ■



"We come to share our story, we come to break the bread"

On Sunday, Apr. 30, in two afternoon Masses, 48 youngsters from St. Patrick's will celebrate First Eucharist. Many have joined the Communion procession with family and friends, approaching the presider or other minister of Communion with arms crossed to receive a blessing. This time, they "come to break the bread"; they come to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

Our faith community welcomes these boys and girls to the table of the Lord:

Christina Bonse, Daniel Carvalho, Eduardo Carvalho, Mandi Heater, Morgan Holbrook, Margaret Kane, Steven Kimball, Ryan Kirby, Anthony Laccone, Danny Laesch, Sean Landsman, Patricia Mathy, Tu Nguyen, Maddy Pierce, Lisa Portis, Addam Randall, Alec Schingel, Amy Strong, Justin Stutes, Nancy Truong, Suzanne Truong, Nicole VanKim, Kristen VanUithoven, Pascal Youakim, Caitlin Zindars;

Christina Alexander, Jaclyn Althausen, Jarad Beckman, Thu Bui, Jessica Bush, Sam Call, Lauren Cylkowski, David Depew, Eric Depew, Andrew Helregal, John Henkelman, James McCartney,

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Dining in the Kingdom of God

By Eugene LaVerdiere, sss

Fr. LaVerdiere dedicates *Dining in the Kingdom of God* to "Uncle Willy" and then shares with us reminiscences of "feasting in the kingdom of God": as a young man of 15 years having lunch with his Uncle Willy (a priest and religious of the Blessed Sacrament, as is Fr. LaVerdiere) in the executive dining room at B. Altman's in New York, picking berries in the fields and woods of Maine and enjoying them at home with the family, devouring a breakfast of catsup and egg sandwiches in the church-school hall after Mass on schooldays in Lent.

These reminiscences are used to introduce his theme, Eucharist as a gathering of the community for a meal in common, a theme borne out by his study of meals with Jesus in Luke's gospel. He writes:

"A meal is not so much about food as it is about people. In all meals it is the guest list, not the menu, that matters. Blessing and prayers, liturgical and non-liturgical, have to do with the people who have come together to share the meal."

He continues: "The community meal ... is certainly an epiphany, a manifestation, of the church community. Like all prayer, it participates in the community eucharist, where meals, even the most ordinary, reach their highest expression in sacramental self-offering and communion. Every Christian meal reveals aspects of the kingdom of God, where guests are welcomed, people share with one another, broken covenants are renewed, and all are reconciled."

And: "Just as Christian family and community meals participate in the eucharist and reveal important aspects of it, the eucharist itself participates in the heavenly table of the Lord, anticipating it, revealing it, and promoting it.

"Meals permeate the entire fabric of Christian life. Little wonder Luke saw Jesus' Last Supper as announcing the kingdom of God (22:16, 18). Little wonder he saw every other meal with Jesus as part of the origins of the eucharist and as revealing its implications for the life of the church."

Fr. LaVerdiere then explores the series of ten meals with Jesus wherein Luke sets out the demands of eucharist: a great banquet at the house of Levi, a great dinner at the house of Simon the Pharisee, the breaking of the bread in the city of Bethsaida, hospitality at the home of Martha, a noon meal at the home of a Pharisee, hospitality at the house of Zacchaeus, the Last Supper Passover meal, the breaking of the bread at Emmaus, and with the community in Jerusalem.

"Responding to the gospel call of eucharist," he writes, "we do well to read one story at a time, holding our celebration of eucharist to its light, attending to one issue after the other, beginning with the most basic.

"The gospel is about the kingdom of God, and eucharist is the heart of the gospel. Blessed is the one who dines in the kingdom of God!" ■

(We come to share..
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Christine Misztal, Alisa Modica, Quynh Nguyen, Sean Price, Megan Raab, Katuryn Schuster, Molly Smith, Teresa Sonka, Kevin Stanford, Anata Walsh.

After each First Communion liturgy, participants will gather in the parish center for refreshments and socializing. First Communicants, parents, brothers and sister, aunts and uncles, grandparents, godparents, friends—all will share the joy of the occasion with our pastoral staff, religious-education staff, and First-Communion catechists Linda Bowers, Paula Strong, Mary Tierney, and Deb Wagner.

A real party, you might say!

The following St. Patrick's children attending Holy Cross School received their First Communion on Apr. 22 with classmates at Holy Cross: Matthew Fitton, Caitlin Galer-Unti, Iain Millsap, Catherine Nguyen, Garron Sanchez, and Alicia Tucker. ■

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Quick Fixin's from the kitchen of...

Norma Jean Gremer No-Knead Refrigerator Rolls

2 pkgs dry yeast
2 c warm water
1/2 c sugar
2 t salt
6 1/2 - 7 c flour
1 egg, beaten
1/4 c soft shortening or butter, melted

Dissolve yeast in the water; add sugar, salt, and about half of the flour, and beat for 2 minutes. Add beaten egg and shortening, then gradually beat in remaining flour until smooth. (You may find it easier to knead



until smooth.) Cover the dough with a damp cloth and place it in the refrigerator. Punch it down occasionally (if you feel the need!). About 2 hours before baking, shape and let rise on greased baking sheet. Bake at 400 degrees for 12-15 minutes.

This dough will keep well in the refrigerator; just remember to dampen the cloth occasionally.

Makes great pigs-in-a-blanket: parboil the hot dogs, wrap them in dough, and let rise; bake and enjoy. With the baseball strike over, they're right in season! ■



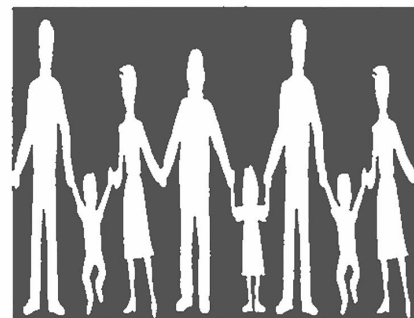
Bill Nelson fills Council vacancy

Having completed his "Candidate Questionnaire" for this year's Council election, Bill Nelson was prepared for several weeks of waiting and wondering whether he'd be elected to serve the parish as a member of the Parish Council. He was a candidate last year but was not elected.

Then Bill received a telephone call from the Council's president, Fran Cousin. A vacancy had been created by Mark Simon's resignation from the Council, and according to the Council's By-Laws, runners-up in the previous election are to be given first consideration in filling it. Bill agreed to serve the remainder of Mark's term, and his name was consequently withdrawn from this year's list of candidates.

Bill and his family moved to Urbana and St. Patrick's in 1989, when Bill came to the U of I to do postdoctoral research. His wife, Millie, joined Christie Clinic. They have since become members of a parish base community, and Bill has participated in the parish high-school religious education program as a teacher.

In his candidate questionnaire Bill stated as a parish goal that St. Patrick's "continue to strengthen its religious education program, not only for school-aged students but for parishioners of all ages." As a result, he noted, "our lives of faith and our identity as Church will improve [and] fortify us to reach for a second goal: ecumenical outreach to other denominations and faiths."



Welcome to new parishioners
Angela Adams, Gregory Mendoza,
Virginia Stevenson.

**Farewell to these parishioners who
have moved from C-U:** Robert
Asmussen, Steve and Elizabeth
Wick.

**We welcome the following, recently
baptized into our faith community:**
Alex Gene Corry, Rian Kathleen
Dicke, Emma Victoria Dust, Ben-
jamin Ross Henkelman, Hannah
Allison Lee, Elizabeth Marie
McGiles, Sofia Patricia Ortiz, Dustin
Jason Ragle, Daniel Alan Schuele,
William Gordon Richard Tolone,
Jackrin Jaime Vidhayasirinun Walsh,
Jonathan Ralph Watkins.

**Congratulations to Kendra Nicole
Niehaus and John Andrew Wright,
married at St. Patrick's.**

**Please pray for deceased parishio-
ners Betty Jean Arie, Bertha Jane
Perdue Brownfield, Ellen Duane
Goff, Joseph M. Handal, Kathryn M.
Hudnut, Fr. Richard Powers, Ann
Willis. ■**

God's Love

Sometimes when the rain falls
Or when I'm feeling really sad
Or if I get lonely
Or if I've behaved real bad,
I'll get loved by you.
I'll feel better through and through.

Sometimes when I've fallen,
Scraped my knee and bruised my pride,
In the distance you'll be calling
And running by my side.
I've been loved by you.
I wish you knew
How much I like being loved by you.

*Nikki Parker,
6th-grade Wednesday
night class*

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!

**St. Patrick's Third Annual
Ice Cream Social
Sunday, May 14
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

The whole family is welcome for fun and refreshments. Bring blankets or lawn chairs (some seating will be provided) and sit for a spell while you enjoy a delectable cone (donation: \$1.00).

The event will be held rain (the parish center) or shine (outside on the parish lawn). See you there!



**Deadline for submission
of information, articles,
and news items for the
next issue of *InFocus* is
May 14.**

Getting acquainted with our newest members



At the Easter Vigil, seven men and women were received into the Church as "neophytes," or new Christians. Some of them became interested in our faith very recently, and others have been mulling it over for some time. They share their stories with us:

Joyce Baird, an industrial engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, writes: "My inquiry into the Catholic faith spans many years, in fact most of my adult life. I have read much, visited Rome, and attended Mass in many Catholic churches in the U.S. and overseas. At the Christmas Eve Mass, I determined that this would be the year when I would accomplish my goal." Joyce is married, with five grown children and one granddaughter, Brittany.

Impressed by the fulfillment she saw in her Catholic fiancé and his family, and in her own Catholic family, *Shelly Sechrest*, a nurse, felt they were influencing her "in a silent way. Therefore I came to St. Patrick's to learn from the Church and hopefully to become as fulfilled as my family."

As a nurse, Shelly sees many co-workers and clients who need the guidance and prayer she has learned through RCIA. "...now every day I try to include God in my thinking and the guidance that I give."

A native of Canton (Ill.) whose family still lives there, *Kelly Hartford* inquired into the Catholic faith because she was dissatisfied with her church. She was

looking for a more traditional church, and her Catholic boyfriend sparked her interest in the Catholic Church.

Kelly works for the Family Preservation program of Family Services of Champaign County. In her spare time she likes to read, sing, work out, go for walks or bicycle rides, and fish.

"I feel lucky that I began the RCIA program at St. Patrick's because it has been a wonderful experience to feel the welcoming community of the Catholic faith," writes *Jeff Hegstad*, a graduate student at the UI in Soybean Breeding and Molecular Genetics. "I am looking forward to joining the Church and hopefully to give back to St. Patrick's for all it has given to me in the past few months."

Jeff, who grew up in the Lutheran faith tradition, comes from Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, near Minneapolis. He is looking forward to his marriage to Christi Grossman, his sponsor, on June 24 in Duluth, Minnesota. Jeff came to learn more about Christi's faith so that they could worship together and raise their family in a single faith.

The same motives brought *Ellen Tolone* to the RCIA program. Ellen and her husband, Bill, have a son, Billy, born the day after Christmas, 1994. Ellen was Protestant and Bill Catholic. They wanted to worship as a family, in one and the same church; they chose the Catholic Church.

Ellen, who comes from the Quad Cities,

worked as an internal auditor at the UI but now enjoys being a stay-at-home mother to Billy. Bill is from Normal and is a Ph.D. candidate in computer science.

"My father is Catholic," shares *Tamela Clevenger*. "My mother is Baptist. As a child, I attended both churches. As an adult, I grew to feel more comfortable in the Catholic Church." Since Tamela's fiancé is Catholic, she decided to become a Catholic so they could attend the same church and share the same religious values.

Tamela has a Masters of Social Work from the UI and works for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Mary Ducey is single, with two grown children and three grandchildren. She is the office manager at Franklin Magnet Middle School, a fulfilling job because she works with students, parents, and teachers.

Of her inquiry into the Catholic faith, Mary tells us, "My mother is a Catholic. Although we children were not raised in the Church, there has always been a curiosity present. I admire the life my mother has led and hope to find the same faith and peace she has exhibited. I like the sense of community at St. Pat's."

Here are seven enthusiastic new members of our church. We warmly welcome them into our parish family, even as we try to live up to their expectations!



The Holy Cross School Newsline

On Saturday, Apr. 22, First Eucharist was celebrated at Holy Cross. Children from St. Patrick's included Matthew Fitton, Caitlin Galer-Unti, Iain Millsap, Catherine Nguyen, Garron Sanchez, Kathryn Schuster, and Alicia Tucker.

Teacher Appreciation Week was observed Apr. 24-28. Holy Cross School faculty members from St. Patrick's Parish include Mary Kay Thompson, first grade; Mary Tate, fourth grade; Mary Anderson, fifth grade; Barbara Campbell, seventh grade.

On Monday evening, Apr. 24, the Spring Concert was held at Holy Cross School. Performances by students in grades five through eight were planned and coordinated by the University of Illinois School of Music.

Graduation ceremonies will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, at Holy Cross Church. And the final schoolday for Holy Cross students this year is Friday, June 2.



Joyce Baird



Shelly Sechrest



Kelly Hartford

**Let us pray, dear friends,
to God, the all-powerful Father,
that he will pour out the Holy Spirit
on these new members of the Church
to strengthen them with his abundant
gifts
and anoint them to be more like
Christ his Son.**

**All-powerful God, Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
by water and the Holy Spirit
you freed your sons and daughters
from sin
and gave them new life.
Send your Holy Spirit upon them
to be their helper and guide.
Give them the spirit of wisdom and
understanding,
the spirit of right judgment and
courage,
the spirit of knowledge and rever-
ence.
Fill them with the spirit of wonder and
awe in your presence.**



Jeff Hegstad



Ellen Tolone

*From Easter Vigil Service,
Confirmation*



Tamela Clevenger



Mary Ducey

Parish Council News



At their April meeting, Council members heard a presentation on Catholic Social Services, made by parishioner Dolores Siegel, who is Diocesan Family Counseling Coordinator for CSS. Dolores outlined the many services available, which include family counseling, adoption and foster care of children, women's counseling and support services (including problem pregnancies), natural family planning, and Education for Living program, and networking with legal and medical professionals. Institutions supported include Jesu Children's Enrichment Center, Cabrini Hall, St. Anne Hall Residential Treatment Center, and Guardian Angel Home.

Sharon Monday-Dorsey updated information on the environmental concerns project. The Social Action Committee did not receive the grant applied for from the U.S. Catholic Conference but are able to continue without it. Dan Martin's presentations at Holy Cross, his MillerCom lecture at the U of I, and his meetings with several area groups completed phase 1.

Phase 2, in cooperation with Central States Communications, provides education and training on waste reduction at an area-wide gathering on Wednesday, Apr. 26. Phase 3, planned for next year, will offer parishioners suggestions on alternatives to employ in waste reduction and recycling.

On the feasibility study for the proposed area Catholic high school, Fr. Remm reported that the first phase of the study has been completed. Its purpose was to determine whether the area would provide enough students for such a school and the response of parishes to the concept of funding through parish assessment.

Of the 13 pastors interviewed, 3 favored the proposed school, 7 were opposed, and 3 expressed mixed feelings. Parishioners expressed strong concern that mandated assessments to finance the

proposed school would affect the financial viability of many of the parishes involved. In response to those concerns the Howard Braren firm presented a budget model in which operating funds would come primarily from tuition and fund raising, with tuition rates determined by family income. Some support from parishes might be needed by families unable to pay their full share of the tuition.

The Task Force voted in favor of initiating the second phase of the study, which is intended to determine whether there is enough capital available for the proposed school.

A \$25,000 bequest from the John Buhs estate has been received and, as agreed earlier, has been applied to the parish's centennial fund.

The shortfall of \$632 in funds pledged last spring to meet our parish's goal of \$65,926 (set by the diocese) for the 1994 Annual Stewardship Appeal will be made up from the parish's general revenue. Because of the shortfall this year, there were no rebates of surplus funds to the parish, which are used to defray the parish debt.

Council members approved the purchase of a new computer and music software for Steve Peet. Funds budgeted but not used for vocalist stipends will be redirected for this purchase.

The proposed operating budget of \$431,500 for FY 1995-96 was approved unanimously.

Council members discussed the feasibility of expanding child care, currently available only during 9:00 Mass on Sunday, to include other Masses and/or other parish events. To preclude liability-related problems, the child care now available is arranged by parents themselves; it was suggested that some expansion of this arrangement might be pursued. ■

St. Julian of Norwich

Julian of Norwich spent much of her life as an "anchorite." We don't hear much about anchorites these days, but in other times they served as counselors or advisors for God's people.

Anchorites lived in small apartments, called anchorholds, attached to parish churches. They promised to stay in the anchorhold for the rest of their lives.

They spent their time in prayer and spiritual reading, and in giving guidance to those in need of help. Julian of Norwich became one of the better-known anchorites, and people came from long distances for her advice.

We don't know much about Julian. We don't even know her baptismal or family name. Anchorites became part of a parish church and took that church's name for their own. Julian served at St. Julian's Church in the town of Norwich, England, and that is how she was—and is—known.

When she was 30 years old, Julian suffered a grave illness and had a vision of the passion and death of Jesus. She recovered, but this vision gave a tremendous new meaning to the rest of her life and led her to become an anchorite.

Julian was a quiet person with a deep faith in the goodness of people. She used simple, practical examples to help others understand Jesus' passion and his love for us. She was also very intelligent and completed many writings that reflect on the deepest questions of the Christian faith. Her reflections are so brilliant that she is sometimes called the first great woman writer of the English language.

Julian's most important point was that Jesus is love; he showed us love for the sake of love. ■

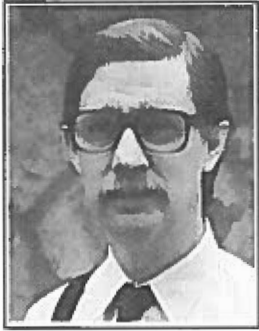
Three elected to serve on the Parish Council

On Apr. 1-2 parishioners elected the following to serve three-year terms as members of the Parish Council: Allen Booth, Jean Daly, and Lissa May-Mudrick.

Those going off the Council at the expiration of their terms are Fran Cousin, Walter Maguire, and Joe Pavia. Faithful to their commitment to the parish, the pastor, and the Council, they will soon know the bittersweet experience of being free on third Thursdays to pursue other adventures. They have earned the gratitude and appreciation of their co-parishioners!

The newly elected members will be seated on the Council at the conclusion of Old Business during the May 18 meeting and will be commissioned at a parish Sunday liturgy soon afterward. One of the first matters the new Council will deal with is the annual election of officers: president, vice-president, and secretary.

New and continuing members will be counting on the prayers and support of all of us, on whose behalf they serve.



Allen Booth

"I hope a primary goal of our parish can be to make our faith an increasingly relevant resource for making personal decisions in an ever-changing, shrinking world. Young adults in particular need to sense a credible, caring Church body reaching out to them."



Jean Daly

A parish goal: "to have all people, from the newborn and their families to the very elderly, feel the caring of our parish family and be aware that we (all of St. Patrick's) will always be there to share in their joys and their sorrows with our love and our prayers and our deeds."



Lissa May-Mudrick

Parish goals in the near future should include "examining the effectiveness of various committees" and "continuing to provide a broad base of services to our parish community."

Pax Christi prays for an end to nuclear weapons



In continuing its observance of the Year of Nonviolence, Pax Christi held a prayer service on Apr. 20 to pray for peace and an end to nuclear weapons.

Members pray especially that the Spirit of God guide the deliberations and outcome of the UN Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), Apr. 17 - May 12. The outcome of this conference has serious consequences for the future of nuclear weapons, which continue to threaten our planet.

As implied by its title, a primary purpose of the NPT is to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons beyond the nations already possessing them at the time the treaty was signed. The nations already possessing nuclear arms were the U.S., the USSR, France, Great Britain, and China. What is less well known is that the treaty also calls for these five nations to work toward disarmament. Thus, the ultimate objective of the treaty is the elimination of all nuclear arms.

Since the signing of the treaty, at least three more nations have become nuclear powers. Moreover, in the eyes of the non-nuclear states, the disarmament efforts of the original five nuclear states are woefully inadequate and reflect a lack of sincerity. The U.S. plans to spend \$300 billion on nuclear weapons over the next 10 years. A series of new weapons is being developed, and new means of weapons testing are being devised.

Two options to be considered at the NPT Conference are (1) indefinite extension of the treaty and (2) limited extension of the treaty, with another review scheduled at a specified point in the future. Non-nuclear states are pressing for the second option as a means of pressuring the nuclear states to honor their obligation to move toward disarmament.

The issues raised by the NPT Conference may seem more political than religious, but they have profound moral and religious aspects. The use of nuclear weapons would inevitably kill and harm countless innocent people and irreparably damage a wide area of the earth. The sanctity of human life and the holiness of God's creation requires that we take such threats seriously.

In their 1993 reflection *The Harvest of Justice Is Sown in Peace* the U.S. Catholic bishops state, "Indeed we abhor any use of nuclear weapons. ... The eventual elimination of nuclear weapons is more than an ideal; it should be a policy goal."

Pray for serious, genuine, successful efforts at the elimination of the nuclear threat from our world.

If you'd like to know more about the Pax Christi organization, its goals and functions, or the activities of the local group, you can ask Mary Johnson (337-1166). ■



Spring cleaning 1995

Many hands made light work of putting a spit-and-polish shine on the church interior. Even St. Patrick responded to the call for helpers!





May 1995

St. Patrick's Parish, Urbana

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7 Annual Stewardship Appeal 9:00am Mother-Daughter Breakfast 5:30pm Handbell Choir 6:30pm Jr & Sr High Religious Ed	8 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Chastity Ed	9 9:30am Funeral Schola 7:00pm Financial Affairs Com 7:30pm Parish Council Executive Com	10 5:15pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Religious Ed, Urbana 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Choir 7:30pm Environmental Workshop	11 6:30pm Building & Grounds Com 7:00pm Choir	12 10:30am Mass-Urbana NH 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	13
14 Mother's Day 9:00am & 11:00am Religious Ed 10:15am Children's Liturgy 5:30pm Handbell Choir 6:00pm Ice Cream Social	15 7:00pm Centering Prayer	16 7:00pm Beginning Experience	17 5:15pm Children's Choir 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Choir	18 10:15am Mom's Group 7:00pm Parish Council 7:00pm Choir	19 10:30am Mass-Clark-Lindsey 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	20
21 Noon Mass Hosted by the Teens 1:00pm -4:00pm Religious Ed Picnic	22 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Liturgy Com	23 9:30am Funeral Schola 7:00pm Graduation at Holy Cross	24 5:15pm Ascension Mass 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Memorial Prayer Service	25 Ascension Thursday Masses at 7:00am, 12:10 & 5:15 9:30am Archives Com 7:00pm Knights of Columbus 7:00pm Communications Com	26 10:30am Mass-Americana NH Urbana 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	27
28 5:00pm Handbell Choir	29 9:00am Memorial Day Mass & Breakfast 7:00pm Centering Prayer	30 7:00pm Homily Prep	31 5:15pm Children's Choir 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Choir	<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>		

