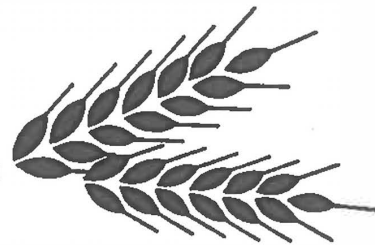


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In Focus



"Your mission . . . evangelization!"

St. Patrick's is about to embark on a parish mission this Feb. 17 through Feb. 22. The last parish mission was in 1987, so it has been nine years since we reviewed our journey of faith as a parish community in a concentrated period of time.

The theme for this mission is "Evangelization." Our Holy Father has been preaching Evangelization 2000, a time of preparation for the new millennium. He also speaks of a "New Evangelization," a new hearing of the Good News of salvation. It is hoped that this parish mission will help us to become more aware of the meaning of these themes as they apply to our personal lives and to the life we share as a faith community.

A parish mission is a time of prayer and preaching designed to bring about conversion of hearts and renewal of the spiritual energies of the parish. It will be a well-organized course of sermons and instruction along with religious exercises conducted continuously over several days.

Its purpose is to review, nourish, and increase the Catholic faith in us and to arouse in us a desire for renewal of life.

The facilitator of this mission will be Fr. Robert Weakley, a Franciscan priest who pastors St. Mary's Church in Lourdes (Ill.). He chairs the Evangelization Committee of the Cincinnati Province of the Franciscan Order. Fr. Weakley is a warm and dynamic speaker who will bring a broad pastoral experience to our mission.

Fr. Weakley will speak at all of the weekend Masses, including the teen liturgy on Sunday evening, so he can reach all parishioners. He will then lead us in prayer, preaching, reflec-

tion, and response on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. (Because Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the mission will not take the place of the usual Lenten rites or the liturgy of the day. But the mission promises to be a good way to start off the Lenten Season!)

The parish mission will follow this format:

Saturday and Sunday: Fr. Weakley will introduce the mission and its theme at all of the parish Masses.

Monday, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Each of us has a story, the story of our journey

with God, and we need to look at this story.

Tuesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m. How do we get in touch with our story, find where we are in this story?

Thursday, 7:30-8:30 p.m. How can we share our story with others? How do we go outside of ourselves to pass on our experiences with God to those around us?

All sessions will take place in the church. Thursday evening's session will be followed by a social gathering in the parish center, with refreshments provided by St. Patrick's Guild. ■

Seekers will find many parish Lenten opportunities

Lent is a time for seeking ways to draw closer to God and to grow in faith, hope, and love. St. Patrick's Parish offers a number of opportunities for such growth.

Mass is celebrated daily in the parish center multipurpose room Monday-Friday at 7:00 a.m. and Tuesday-Friday at 12:10 p.m. On Saturdays Mass is celebrated at 8:00 a.m. in the church. A Communion Service is offered on Mondays at 12:10 p.m.

If you can't make it to St. Patrick's for Mass, you might try one of the other parishes in town:

Holy Cross: 7:00 a.m. Monday-Friday; 8:15 a.m. Monday, Thursday, and Friday

St. Matthew's: 7:00 a.m. Monday-Friday; 5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

St. John's: 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 5:00



p.m. Monday-Saturday (during spring break, 12:00 only)

Covenant Hospital: 12:00 noon Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Many will want to begin Lent with the Ash Wednesday service. Receiving blessed ashes on our forehead reminds us of our fragile human condition. At the same time it strengthens us in our baptismal renewal and resolve as we journey toward the triumph of Easter. Ashes will be distributed during Mass at 7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 5:15 p.m. A Lenten prayer service at 7:30 p.m. will include distribution of ashes. (All services will be in the church on Ash Wednesday.)

All are invited to accompany Jesus

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Pray, pray daily for the “elect”

From Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday the Church keeps a time of penance and preparation for baptism. On the first Sunday of Lent the catechumens sign the Book of the Elect. Called by God, they are indeed the “elect,” chosen for initiation at the great Vigil of Easter. Those of us who are already baptized use this time to recover and renew what has happened to us: in baptism we have put on Christ.

Lent is then a time for praying daily for those who will be baptized, confirmed, and invited to celebrate the eucharist at Easter. (In fact, Lent began in the Church as a period of preparing to celebrate these sacraments with new members at Easter, and an essential part of the preparing has always been prayer.)

We pray especially for those “elect” of our parish and diocese. Pray alone or with others, pray at home and before your meetings at church. By your prayers, support and welcome these men and women who desire to live the Christian life more deeply.

*Holy God,
with arms stretched wide on the cross
Jesus embraces in boundless love
all who seek you.
Guide and protect those now called
to prepare for the Easter sacraments.
When these days of Lent are finished,
bring them through death
in the waters of baptism
and so to life in Christ
and communion with us
at your welcome table.
Make all of us together
fruitful branches of that cross,
the victory of your servant Jesus,
who is Lord for ever and ever.*



Welcome to new parishioners Agnes Brugger and Stephen Hill, Lisa Janicke, Jane and William Oldham, Thu Dang and Duc V. Pham, Eileen Welch.

We welcome these recently baptized into our faith community: Lindsey Marie George, William Lane Nelson, Elizabeth Christine Fahey, Lauren Marie Starr Koch, Shain Patrick Andell, Jamilee Rose Andell.

Please pray for our deceased parishioners: Helen Gullion, Alice Virginia Dunn, Bertha C. Berns, Dr. Shig Yasunaga.



In our parish library

The Bible Makes Sense

By Walter Brueggemann

The Bible Makes Sense is a how-to book of an unusual kind. Brueggemann, seminary professor of Old Testament and author of several books on Scripture, proposes that Christians should approach the Bible not as a collection of ancient documents but as our partner in an ongoing dialogue about our lives here and now. He explains how to enter into this dialogue, how to listen, and how to respond.

The book is not an introduction to the Bible, or a commentary on it. It is about the Christian way of approaching the Bible as the life-giving Word of the Lord addressed to us.

Brueggemann suggests that the Bible is precious to us because it offers us a way of understanding the world in a fresh perspective, one that leads to life, joy, and wholeness. It offers us a model, a pattern, through which we may think about, perceive, and live life differently.

It has, then, much to offer both to those entrusted with proclaiming this Word in a Christian community and to all of us who are called to live by it, to proclaim it in our lives and actions.

Suggestions for reflection, discussion, and meditation on particular passages provide outlines for group study and for the individual reader's own prayerful Bible reading. ■

Bible study with a purpose:

“Homily Prep”

“For me, homily prep is like a Bible study, but one with a special focus on serving the needs of the parish. It's not just ‘How do these readings challenge me?’ but ‘How do they challenge my parish community?’”

The foregoing observation was made by one of the regular participants in what has come to be called “homily prep.” Just what is homily prep? Well, the name pretty much identifies its purpose: to discern themes or threads especially relevant to the parish community in the scripture readings designated for the Sundays of the Church Year. Homilists and others find “homily prep” particularly useful in preparing for weekend parish Masses.

On the fourth Tuesday of the month participants gather in the parish center lounge at 7 p.m. Unlike many other parish groups, this one does not have a membership roster and takes no “legislative” action—it merely suggests or recommends. Officially the group has no powers, delegated or otherwise; unofficially it potentially has quite an impact on parish life.

The session is facilitated by Steve Peet; participants in-

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Feb. 11 World Day of Prayer for the Sick

On May 13, 1992, Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick, to be observed each year on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The purpose of this day is to encourage the Church throughout the world to remember the sick and to focus on our obligation to care for them.

He selected the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes for this observance because the continued response of the sick to the Virgin Mary's appearances at the shrine in Lourdes, France, in 1858 symbolizes the hope and the grace of those who accept suffering and make it an offering for salvation.

The Pope stated several aims for the World Day of the Sick. He hoped to make Catholics and the rest of society sensitive to the need for ensuring that

all the sick receive the best care possible. He wanted the sick themselves to value their suffering on both natural and supernatural levels. He encouraged all dioceses, Christian communities, and religious to be involved in pastoral care for the sick. He especially hoped to encourage and support volunteer activities in support of the sick. And he affirmed the importance of the moral and spiritual formation of all health care workers.

On Sunday, Feb. 11, let us resolve to pray for all the sick in the world, especially for the members of our parish who are ill, and to commit ourselves to some action in our own community and neighborhoods that will serve the sick and suffering in at least some small way. ■



Q. May divorced Catholics receive Communion?

A. One half of the answer to this question is simple: Yes. Divorced Catholics may receive Communion, as long as they remain divorced only, divorce being a lawful statement of the dissolution of a marriage.

The second half of the answer is not so simply stated, accepted, or understood. It must be understood from a faith (not just a legal) perspective:

Marriage, as a sacrament, is a statement of faith by a couple that they will enter into a union with one another, and with Christ, through the exchange of vows. Christ becomes present in that exchange, so that they might fulfill both their personal union with each other, the lives of children, and with God.

The Eucharist is a sacrament in which the Christian community receives and shares Christ together, as his mystical body; it is an expression of shared faith in his true presence within both sacrament and Church.

Divorced persons who remarry outside of this body that is the Church, or outside this sacramental union, may not receive Communion, as they have broken this faith-union.

The sadness this disruption brings is very great, and we must always sympathize with and personally support those who feel it, especially at key moments in their lives. ■

G.K.

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

Parish Council News

At their January meeting Council members regretfully accepted the resignation of Lissa May Mudrick, with warm thanks for her dedication to the affairs of the Council and to the parish during the time of her membership.

Following guidelines provided in the Council's by-laws, runners-up from the preceding election are given first consideration in filling a vacancy. Alta Tarter accepted the invitation to complete Lissa's term on the Council and was duly elected and appointed liaison to the Social Committee. John Mudrick was appointed to serve in this capacity with the Financial Affairs Committee. Jean Daly will complete Lissa's year in office as secretary to the Council.

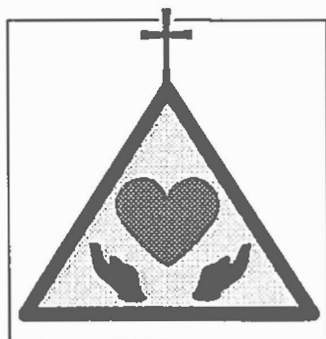
Sophia Zeigler gave a presentation to Council members on the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in our community. With 19 volunteers, the group provides 24-hour service for lodging, buys gas for stranded travelers or job seekers in

need and bus tickets for transportation to nearby cities, and distributes food daily at the parish center from the pantry the group maintains there. (In December alone, food was given to 143 people.)

Donations for the SVDP come from individual parishioners (some of them weekly), from the Feed the Hungry collections 7 times a year, and from poor-box donations. Food items are received from the USDA and weekly from Town and Country Catering and the St. Louis Bread Co. Two young parishioners, Greg McDonald and Doug Main, have assisted by preparing bags of food for distribution.

Sophia and several helpers make 2-3 gallons of soup daily for the Catholic Worker House, a practice that began many years ago when the House was opened.

A demographic profile of the parish, drawn from the parish's



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and Mary on their Way of the Cross. On the Fridays of Lent the Stations of the Cross can be made together at 5:15 p.m. in the church. (Steve Peet plans variations to enrich this



time-honored service; several different styles of music will be used and readings will vary from week to week.)

Evening Prayer on Wednesday evenings (6:45 p.m. in the multipurpose room) will provide an opportunity for parishioners to greet and worship with our RCIA catechumens and their sponsors. These prayer services, based on the Liturgy of the Hours, include elements of praise, thanksgiving, intercession, and reflection. It may give you just the quiet spot you need in the middle of a busy week!

The Communal Penance services will be scheduled near the end of March. Individual reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation is available regularly on Saturdays, 4:00-4:45 and 6:00-6:30 p.m. for those who wish to experience



the joy and peace of reconciliation with the Lord, with one another, and with oneself in this sacrament.

Scripture study can help us explore and deepen our relationship with God. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, God's timeless word, ancient yet ever new, continues to lead us to higher levels of understanding. To join a structured, small-group study of *Romans*, call Mary Long (328-2989) or Margy Palmisano (367-5510); although groups are already formed and have begun this study, they may help place



you with a group or help you form one of your own. If you prefer individual study or informal sharing with family and friends, daily readings listed in the bulletin with the Mass schedule might be useful. Or watch for the parish library's Lenten sale of booklets suggesting daily readings for Lent.

The *Parish Mission*, with "evangelization" as its theme, will give us a spiritual leap into Lent. On Feb. 17 and 18 Fr. Robert Weakley will preach at all weekend Masses, including the teen liturgy. He will also preach and conduct a service on the following Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Victoria Pifalo, the parish librarian, will offer for sale a selection of books, tapes, and religious articles suitable for Lenten use. A sale table will be set up at coffee shop on Sunday, February 11; afterward items can be purchased through the parish office for two weeks or so.

You are also invited to explore the following ways to join works to prayer:

The St. Vincent de Paul Society can use volunteers to assist with the making of soup and the distribution of food to applicants from 4:15-5:00 p.m. every other Thursday. Money saved by eating slimmer meals during Lent might be dropped in the St. Vincent de Paul box in the back of church or sent to the Catholic Worker House to help feed those who are hungry—and not by choice.

St. Jude's Catholic Worker House has a work day the first Saturday of each month, 1:30-4:30 p.m. All hands are welcome. While evening meals are not being served at present, anyone wishing to help with the noon meal may call Ellen McDowell (356-7101) for specific information. (Friends of the Catholic Worker House are still searching for live-in volunteers. Couples as well as single men and women may apply.)

Participating in the RCIA process in some way, perhaps as a parish

sponsor or through faith sharing in the catechumens' weekly sessions, may enrich your own understanding and appreciation of our faith as you reflect on and share it with others.

Joining the choir for Lent and Easter is a way of enhancing the worship experience for yourself as well as for others. Just see Steve Peet after one of the weekend Masses or call him (367-2665).



March 30, the Saturday before Palm Sunday, is spring cleaning day for the church. Many hands are needed to make light work of putting on a "shine and polish" for Easter.

Lent is an especially appropriate time to take a serious look at our personal use of natural resources. Consuming less, making the time and effort to recycle, and general conservation activities can be acts of penance when offered in a spirit of love.

Finally, the end of a busy week might be the time to unwind and compare notes with friends, or meet new acquaintances at the Friday night fish fry. On the first five Fridays in Lent the Knights of Columbus will be cooking pollock (white fish) to be served, either baked or



fried, with french fries and cole slaw. Many repeat customers from year to year have learned to count on a good meal and a friendly atmosphere. Doors will be open from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. ■

Thanks to Fr. George Remm, Fr. Gene Kane, and many friends from St. Patrick's who helped me through the Advent and Christmas seasons with their prayers, cards, and outpouring of love and sympathy on the death of my daughter, Carol Ann. She will be greatly missed. May God bless all of you.

Margaret Mayfield

"See the spirit of sharing!"

The Great Christmas Gift-Giveaway of 1995, sponsored by St. Patrick's religious education program, gave families an opportunity to experience the joy of sharing their blessings and helped teach our children the true spirit of Christmas.

Through the generosity of parishioners, 248 gifts were distributed to needy children through the Urbana Field Office of the Department of Children and Family Services.

The DCFS sent this note of appreciation: "Thank you for your generosity in the gifts donated by St. Patrick's Church. It is enlightening to see the spirit of sharing held by your congregation during such a hectic time. Many children had their



Jessica Bush, Patrick Daly, Natalie Krein, and Rachel Krein try to guess how many presents are under the Christmas tree. Wow—248!

holiday season brightened by your gifts. Thank you!"

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clude many of the parish staff: Fr. Remm, Sr. Charlene, Deacon Bill McClellan, others when available. They are joined by interested parishioners; among these frequently are Jean Daly, Dorothy Maduzia, Beth McDonald, Mary Lou Menches, Cathy Salika. Some come occasionally, others more regularly, and still others only once in awhile. The number of those participating may fluctuate from 4 or 5 to 8 or 9.

Do you have to know a lot about the Mass or liturgy or the sacraments or the Bible to be able to participate? No, no special education or degrees are required, only your openness to sharing the thoughts that occur to you in a prayerful reflection on the Sunday scripture readings—how they affect you, how they seem to "connect" with the needs, attitudes, or life circumstances of parishioners, how they may relate to local or national concerns.

The session opens with a prayer invoking the Holy Spirit's guidance. Then the group turns to the designated Sunday readings, usually those for a month or so later, and each is read

aloud in rotation. After a few moments to gather their thoughts, participants share what word or phrase or idea particularly caught their attention, and perhaps why. A lively though brief discussion ensues, until the facilitator moves the group to the following Sunday's readings. The process is repeated for all Sundays of the month.

During the discussion themes may emerge, reflections are shared, suggestions for appropriate liturgical hymns or rites or visual elements or actions may be offered. These are duly noted for future reference. The session usually draws to a close around 8:30 p.m. and participants head for home, often with new insights and a greater appreciation of the readings when they hear them proclaimed at Mass.

What do they get out of it? According to one, "It gives me an opportunity to think about the readings in the company of others before I hear them at Mass. This makes it more meaningful when I do hear them." Another said, "I have a chance to ask questions about things in the reading that puzzle me or that I don't understand. I like

More "kid stuff"

Here are a few more examples of amusing things students have written in papers, from the journals of grade-school teachers:

- The inhabitants of Moscow are called Mosquitoes.
- A census taker is someone who goes from house to house increasing the population.
- Water is composed of two gins. Oxygen and hydrogen. Oxygen is pure gin. Hydrogen is gin and water.
- One by-product of raising cattle is calves.

And, finally, this:

- To prevent head colds, use an agonizer to spray into the nose until it drips into the throat.

More another time. If you have come across some "darndest" sayings of kids that you'd like to share with readers of *In Focus*, drop a line to the Communications Committee at the parish office.

that—I don't often get a chance like that on Sundays!"

From another participant: "It makes me pay better attention when I hear the readings in the context of the group—I'm more aware of subtle meanings or connections between readings when I have the time really to think about them. They pass by so quickly at Mass! Sometimes I need more time if I'm really to understand what I've heard. This way I have a chance to savor them and remember them and think about them in relation to what's going on in my life."

Can you be a regular or occasional participant in this group? You bet! Do you need to "sign on" or register or let someone know you want to come? No, just come along. Do you have to bring anything? Just yourself. By coming do you make a commitment to come on fourth Tuesdays forever after? No, come when you can or when you want to come, and don't worry about not coming when you can't or don't.

"The Lord used the simple to confound the wise," one participant observed. ■

Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Donna Smith

Cherry Topped Icebox Cake

20 whole graham crackers,
divided

1 pkg (6-serving size) Jello

Vanilla or Chocolate Instant Pudding & Pie Filling

2 c cold milk

1 3/4 c thawed Cool Whip topping

2 cans (21 oz each) cherry pie filling

Line a 13"x9" pan with one-third of the graham crackers, breaking crackers, if necessary. Prepare pudding mix with cold milk as directed on package; let stand 5 minutes. Gently stir in whipped topping. Spread half the pudding mixture over crackers in the pan; add a second layer of crackers, and top with cherry pie filling. Refrigerate 3 hours.

Serves 12. ■



Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21

Lord our God,
in every age you call your people
to hear your word
and to do your will.

Renew us in these Lenten days:
washed clean of sin,
sealed with the Spirit,
and sustained by your living bread,
may we remain true to our calling
and, with the elect, serve you alone.

Amen!



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database in November, indicates a steady growth in the number of family units registered (as many as 69 in 1994), although the total number of family units has dropped slightly (from 1050 to 969, with 2547 total parishioners). To no one's surprise Urbana (644), Champaign (186), Ogden-St. Joseph (89), and Savoy (17) account for most of those family units.

The same database indicates 1286 married folks, 154 single, 90 widowed, and 55 divorced. About 477 of us are 12 years old or younger, 248 are in our teens, 286 are ages 19-29, 632 are ages 30-45, 424 are ages 46-62, 242 are ages 63-79, and 62 are 80 or older. This information, it was noted, "may be incomplete or inaccurate in some of its details. Census data may not reflect preschool children who have not been entered into the database and may continue to count older children who have left for college or other locations."

Of the \$80,270 pledged during last May's diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal, \$62,997 has been paid as of Nov. 30.

The Financial Affairs Committee submitted their projection of income for FY 1996-97 at \$449,800. This figure is based on an adjusted 6-month actual average income of \$8400/week. Council accepted this projection for next year's operating budget.

One new program was proposed to Council, "Evangelization 2000," by the staff. This is a one-year program, with the possibility of a year-by-year extension to the year 2000. The program calls for implementation of the National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the U.S., "Go and Make Disciples." Staff's objectives for the year are a first step, with thrust provided by the Parish Mission on the theme of evangelization, and information and ideas from a

Paulist workshop on "Creating an Evangelizing Parish" helping to build a solid foundation. A stipended position would be created, similar to that established for the parish RENEW program a few years ago, for administering the program. The total projected cost (stipend, workshop, supplies and equipment): \$3000-\$5000. Council members received the proposal for discussion and vote at their next meeting.

The Parish Council Election Committee will be chaired by outgoing president Mary Long, with other members to be announced. The committee's task is to seek out parishioners to stand for election to the Council in April. The committee will present its slate of candidates to the parish on Apr. 20-21, with the election scheduled for Apr. 27-28.

The Education Committee is searching for a successor to Stan Yanchus, who has resigned as coordinator of the parish's senior high religious education program. During the search, the responsibilities of this post will be carried out by Jean-Philippe Mathy.

Interest from contributions to the St. Patrick's Catholic Education Foundation amounted to \$14,060.72 in 1995. According to the provisions of the Foundation, 10% of this interest is to be reinvested in the endowment as a hedge against inflation; the remaining 90% will be used to support the parish's religious education program and to provide tuition scholarships so students can attend Catholic school.

Our parish's "sister parish" relationship with Assumption Church in Beit Jala came under discussion, with a view to discerning ways of raising parishioners' consciousness and interest, perhaps organizing a task force to coordinate communication and suggest specific kinds of interaction.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings.

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"—these are the criteria that must be met for an item to be considered eligible for inclusion on the Parish Wish List. The following items proposed by the parish music director, Steve Peet, met these criteria so well that the Council adopted all of them for the 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! ■

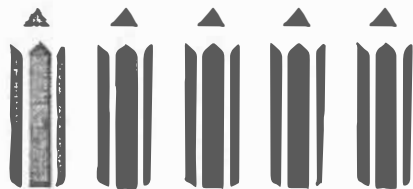
Holy Cross School Newslines

Fifty-four children participated in the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, Dec. 9, at Holy Cross Church. Among them were St. Patrick's Rachel Faught, Meria Huber, Sarah Burch, and Matthew Maduzia.

During January, the school faculty, staff, and students will strive to develop the virtue of perseverance. Parents were asked to explain to their children how important it is to stick to or keep with a commitment as long as new circumstances do not arise.

Report cards were sent home on Jan. 19; honor roll students will be recognized in next month's *In Focus*.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 28 – Feb. 3, is "Catholic Schools—Schools You Can Believe In." An academic open house will be held Jan. 30, 8:30–11 a.m. and 1–2:30 p.m. You are invited to sit in on classes to observe education in progress. Jan. 31 has been declared National Appreciation of Catholic Schools Day. On Thursday, Feb. 1, a local artist will demonstrate water coloring in each class. An all-school Mass will be cele-



brated on Friday, Feb. 2, with a focus on using the gifts God has given us. Because last-minute changes may be made in scheduled events for the week, please call the school office (356-9521) for more information.

On Feb. 6 and 7, Kindergarten Round-up will take place at Holy Cross School. If you have a child of kindergarten age for the upcoming school year, you should have received a letter inviting you to make a reservation to attend one of these meetings. Reservations can be made by calling the school office (356-9521).

Answers to the Rogues Gallery Quiz

A.7, B.1, C.2, D.4, E.6, R.8, G.3, H.5, I.2, J.1, K.6, L.8, M.5, N.2, O.4, P.7, Q.3, R.4, S.2, T.1, U.7, V.4, W.5, X.6, Y.8, Z.5, AA.4, BB.1, CC.2, DD.7, EE.3, FF.8, GG.6, HH.5

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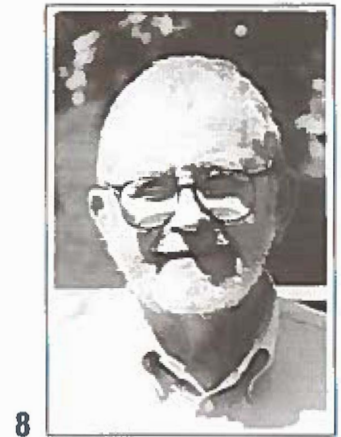
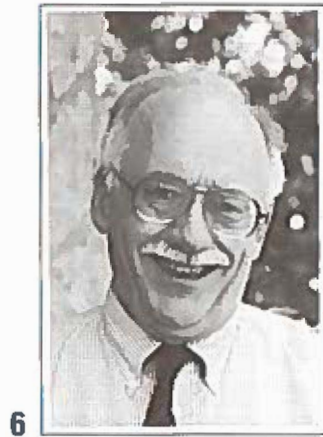
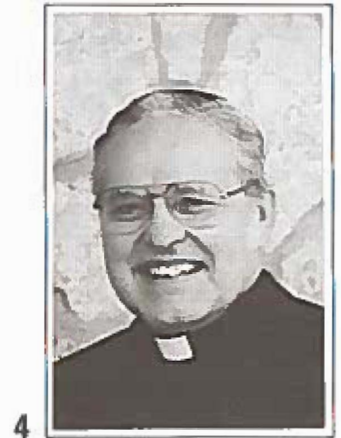
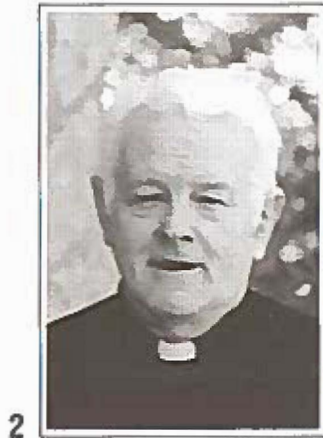


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Fr. Gene Kane (pictured here with Fr. Ronald Margherio of St. Bede's) celebrates his fiftieth class reunion and induction into the Order of Golden Bedans.

A Rogues Gallery for St. Patrick's!



Can you match these clues to the photos of parish staff members? Check page 7 for the answers.

- A. Deals with strammers, hammers, and tooters _____
- B. Accepts RSVPs for parish events by phone, fax, or mail (but not by carrier pigeon) _____
- C. Grew up in Champaign _____
- D. Has his pilot's license (don't tell his mom!) _____
- E. Became a Catholic as an adult _____
- F. Retired after a career as an IRS agent _____
- G. Used to teach first-graders _____
- H. Has a master's degree in anthropology _____
- I. Has a dog named Stretch _____
- J. May know more about what's going on in the parish than the pastor does _____
- K. Also works as the head of the Music Library at the U of I _____
- L. Has been named official parish curmudgeon, nicknamed "Sunshine" _____
- M. Is currently studying for a Ph.D. in theology at Loyola U. _____
- N. Another Loyola alum _____
- O. Helped establish the liturgy office for the Diocese of Peoria _____
- P. Teaches at Eastern Illinois U. _____
- Q. Coordinates ministry to the sick, hospitalized, and bereaved _____
- R. Mom lives in the parish _____
- S. Offers AA counseling _____
- T. Makes everyone else look organized _____
- U. Plays tournament bridge _____
- V. Has master's degree in liturgy from Notre Dame _____
- W. Has a dog named Chico _____
- X. Wears his stole "sideways" _____
- Y. Balances the parish's books _____
- Z. Spent a year in Peru _____
- AA. Fr. George Remm _____
- BB. Leslie Risatti _____
- CC. Fr. Gene Kane _____
- DD. Steve Peet _____
- EE. Sr. Charlene Cesario _____
- FF. Ray Alane _____
- GG. Deacon Bill McClellan _____
- HH. Carolyn McElrath _____



Parish Council celebrates Epiphany with parish staff and standing committees

Mary Long expressed Council's appreciation to committee members for their gifts of time and talent.

Madrigal singers from Uni High added to the festive occasion.

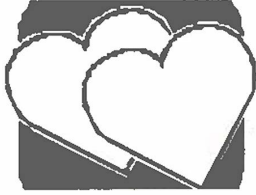


Christmas caroling party enjoyed by (clockwise, from the top) catechists Teresa Krassa, George Fahey, and Tricia Crowley with their Wednesday evening classes.



Santa late for lunch but he made lots of St. Patrick's youngsters and their parents very happy!






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St. Patrick's Parish, Urbana



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:00am & 11:00am Children's Religious Ed 10:15am Children's Liturgy 6:30pm Jr&Sr High Religious Ed	7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Education Com 7:00pm Pro-Life	1:00pm GROW 6:45pm Beginning Experiences 7:30pm Parish Council Executive Com	6:45am Bible Study 5:15pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Religious Ed, URB 6:30pm Religious Ed, St. Joe 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm RCIA	6:30pm Building and Grounds 7:00pm Baptism Prep 7:00pm Choir	10:30 Mass Urb Nursing Home 10:45 a.m. Mass CCNH	
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NH - Nursing Home

SVDP - St. Vincent DePaul

CCNH - Champaign County Nursing Home