

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



Parishioners offer a fond farewell to Bill and Jane McClellan

On a stormy Sunday evening in June St. Patrick's gave tribute to two loved parishioners who had served the parish well, both as a couple and as individuals: Deacon Bill McClellan and his wife, Jane.

At the reception, which was hosted by the Parish Council, many came to extend their personal appreciation to Bill and Jane for what this couple had come to mean to them during the years of their life in this faith community.

After spending an hour or so in a seemingly endless receiving line of well-wishers, Bill and Jane were invited to be seated to receive more formal words of appreciation. Jean Daly, speaking first on behalf of the parish as Council president, assured them of a permanent place in our hearts.

Sr. Charlene Cesario recalled the many ways she had personally experienced the couple's warm hospitality and their assistance with program offerings in pastoral care and spirituality.

Fr. George Remm remarked with appreciation on Bill's enrichment of parish life as deacon, as a preacher of homilies, an inviting presence at the Catholic Worker House, a willing participant in the work of the Social Action Committee. He noted as well Jane's quiet and unassuming presence in the parish, giving encouragement to many, spiritual guidance to those who sought it, prayerfulness that inspired others to prayer.



Deacon Bill and Jane McClellan visit briefly with Mary Fonner and Lori and Tom McDonough at the reception in their honor on June 1.

And after words had given voice to loving and grateful hearts, Jim Mayer (accompanied by Steve Peet—soon to depart as well) entertained with wit and grace.

Then back to the receiving line they went, Bill and Jane, giving themselves again to all those who sought a moment to wish them well, reluctant to say good-bye.

Reflections of a parish trustee

By Barbara Wysocki

It is becoming customary now for trustees, as they wind down their term, to offer some thoughts, reflections, or insights on St. Patrick's.

I can truly say the experience has been tremendous! A virtual magical mystery tour! For those who think the criterion for this position is a monopoly on wisdom, I found it to be just the opposite—more of a learning experience and spiritual journey

where my companions are the staff, the members of the Parish Council, my counterparts—Bob Haessly and Joe Tobias and, most of all, the parishioners of St. Patrick's. Thanks to you all, I've climbed to the remote corners of the church attic, eaten some of the best food at religious education suppers, participated in some very spiritually moving retreats and objective workshops, and learned more about church

finances than I'll ever need to know.

It is neither accidental nor pure luck that I could have these three great years. It really has a lot to do with the concepts and principles that have been put in place over the past ten years.

The first of these is *development*. As a parish we truly have a strong sense of who we are and where we're going, both in the practical sense and the spiritual. Just read our mission statement. While we may not respond

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as church to the *n*th degree as any one of us may want in a particular area, we have chosen the more challenging course of moving forward in several areas—social action, liturgy, education, and, yes, even the physical plant—in a very deliberate and prayerful manner. Consequently, my time and energy were not consumed with money matters, and I could plant trees, work the Cellar-to-Garret Sale, and enjoy the Trees of Christmas. Yet in just the past three years the parish has redone the parking lot, replaced



Welcome to new parishioners

George and Lisa Amaya, Wilma Deem, Mark Freedman, Willard Garrison, Cristy and Kevin Krakora, Amy Santos, Blanche and Patrick Vasnaik.

Farewell to parishioners who have moved from C-U:

Margaret Connor, Kathleen Funk, Bill Heffernan, Ed Housey, Miriam Lancaster, Julie Rickard, Delores Scheidel, David and Pam Tazik.

We welcome the following recently baptized into our faith community:

Edgar Eiby Lujano, Luke Joseph Zola, Anne Rose Zola, Keegan Patrick Forbes, Adelle Kathryn Austin, Natalie Sofia Austin.

Congratulations to Amanda Thao Tang and Wilfred John Despe, and to Trudy Lynn Price and Michael John Timpone, married at St. Patrick's.

Please pray for deceased parishioners Donald W. Chamberlain, Viona G. Perry, Lucille B. Sansone, Anne Duchene, Helen Margaret Thompson.

the heating units in the church, and, most recently, begun planning for a new kitchen. We also adopted a sister church, tithed support for Dr. Susan Nagele, provided a computerized synthesizer for the music program, and extended ourselves to the Hispanics in our community. Setting goals and finding a mechanism to follow through on them really works!

The second principle is *stewardship/sacrificial giving*. The fall effort known as Time, Talent, and Treasure should be looked upon as an invitation not just to renew our effort, but to intensify our involvement in the life of the parish to whatever degree we can. Strange as it seems, participation is truly a gift, and it's what we're called to do. Unfortunately we all know of parishes where the energy and talents of lay people are neither appreciated nor encouraged, beyond filling up the pews and turning in an envelope.

It is not coincidence that both of these principles came to be household words (at least at our house!) in the years since Fr. Remm came to St. Patrick's. If he didn't originate them, he certainly embraced them, and I deeply appreciate having had the opportunity to work with him in seeing to completion some of the items I mentioned. I'm thankful for his

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untiring service to this parish, the model he offers us for being Christian, and the openness and trust he's placed in the trustees.

So my parting advice (since I hope I'm wiser now than I was three years ago) is to wash your face and eat your vegetables. "Be of one heart and mind. . . . Bear witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and pay great respect to each other." (Acts 4:32-35)

God has known you since the time of your conception.

You are not here by chance.

God has not lost track of you through the years

or forgotten you.

You are here at the perfect time.

You are in the right place.

You lack nothing that God's grace cannot give you.

God has allowed you to be here to fulfill through you

God's special purpose for this generation.



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Farewell, Steve, and Godspeed!

After three years of service to St. Patrick's as parish Music Director, Steve Peet leaves this summer, heading eastward to be closer to family and his home state of New Jersey.

In three short years Steve has developed a number of new music ministries at St. Patrick's. He put his ideas into action by developing a children's choir and a junior high handbell ensemble. He also reassembled the funeral schola, a much appreciated ministry in the parish.

In addition to these efforts, Steve brought a number of new ideas to the already existing contemporary (9:00) choir and the traditional (10:30) choir. Many parishioners will fondly recall music with an international flair during his tenure here. Steve enthusiastically welcomed and encouraged new choir members and cantors to ministry. In particular, the group of



active cantors has nearly doubled during his three years at St. Patrick's.

Steve shared his seemingly boundless energy and talents not only with St. Patrick's parishioners, but also with the broader community. He coached a number of piano and voice students at the

U of I and at EIU, provided accompaniment for Holy Cross School Masses, and served as music director for the C-U Theatre Company's production of "Carousel" and for the "Singing Valentines" that give so much pleasure to so many in mid-February.

Steve will be sorely missed at St. Patrick's as well as in the community at large. Best wishes to you, Steve, and Godspeed!

Looking at relationships

In a study many years ago, the Catholic Theological Society of America identified seven significant criteria for "creative growth and integration" in relationships:

1. Is the relationship self-liberating?
2. Is the relationship other-enriching?
3. Is the relationship honest?
4. Is the relationship faithful?
5. Is the relationship socially responsible?
6. Is the relationship life-serving?
7. Is the relationship joyous?

Although the original study, published in the Seventies, was on human sexuality, these criteria might easily be applied to any relationship. Do they mark our relationships with family members? with our faith community? with our local civic community? with our business associates? with parish committees or civic groups or organizations?

Bereavement

Journaling can help

For some who are grieving, keeping a journal of one's thoughts and feelings can help in dealing with grief.

You need not compose perfectly formed sentences or even logically connected phrases—what you write needs only to be what you yourself want to express at this particular time during your journey.

You may find yourself writing frequently at first, then less often.

Writing can serve as a form of prayer. Steps on your spiritual journey. Or merely a reflection of your journey of healing.

You may be uncomfortable writing, at first, "hitting your stride" only after you have been journaling for a time.

There is no wrong way to keep a journal—just as there is no wrong way to grieve. Keep your own pace. Don't worry about how others look at you; like snowflakes, no two of us are alike.

Remember, God's love is boundless. And patient.

"I am truly grateful . . ."

Dear Father Remm,

Thank you for forwarding \$11,953 in pledges and \$8,118 in payments representing gifts from members of St. Patrick Parish to the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center. Including gifts sent directly to our office, your parish totals are now \$13,868 in pledges and \$9,648 in payments. I am truly grateful for the generosity of your parishioners. Thank you also for your personal gift of \$500.

We continue to make very good progress in our efforts to establish the Cultural Center. Nearly \$26.3 million has been raised overall and the diocesan appeal in Peoria went extremely well, with more than \$1.1 million reported to date. I am touched by the enthusiasm of the people in Peoria, and we will use their good example as we begin working in the Diocese of Gary, Indiana, and other dioceses across the country. We also look forward to the Center's ground breaking on September 11 and the beginning of construction soon thereafter.

I sincerely appreciate the support you and the members of St. Patrick Parish are giving this historic project, and I hope that your prayers for the success of our efforts will continue.

Asking God's abundant blessings upon you and your ministry, I remain

Sincerely yours in the Lord

Adam Cardinal Maida
Archbishop of Detroit
Chairman, Pope John Paul II
Cultural Center Campaign



in our parish library

Walking with Loneliness

By Paula Ripple

Loneliness is something everyone experiences at one time or another. It can be a constant companion for some. The popular view of loneliness seems limited to one of fear and hesitation. No one really wants to be lonely.

Paula Ripple, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration (La Crosse, Wisc.), offers in this book a message of hope and healing for all who encounter the mystery of loneliness. She relates loneliness to a creative energy within us, an energy that can open new doors to life. In our experiences of loneliness we have the capacity for great hope and growth. She relates many personal stories that provide readers with insights to their own experiences of loneliness.

"Loneliness is a companion whose presence has played a significant role in my life," she writes. "I have walked with its constant and relentless presence, knowing it sometimes as an insistent prod and other times as a cajoling temptress. I have walked with it when its burden seemed heavy and when it gave rise to dancing feet and a song-filled heart. On some days I associate its presence with feelings of discouragement as the challenge appears too costly for me. On other days it gives rise to a desire to scale the heights and explore the depths in pursuit of its meaning. But, whatever the differences I have known, the surest thing for me is that loneliness is a companion I know well. And I carry the conviction that its possible gifts are

so great that to run away from it would be to reject constant offers of life."

And again: "Because we are free, it is sometimes too easy to run away from life at those very moments when life's call is the most costly and meaningful. It is too easy for us to walk toward the possibility of new and deeper life only to turn away when something tells us that to continue will lead us from familiar places into the unknown regions of our own heart and soul—there to discover and explore the rich spaces of new life for us."

And: "There may be no human companion more challenging, no human experience more filled with the possibility of greater life than loneliness."

Paula Ripple has published a number of books, articles, and cassette tapes; she is a well-known conference and retreat speaker, a former teacher and dean of students at Viterbo College, and has done pastoral work. And her writing will touch your soul.

Urbana Knights announce Martell Scholarship winners

The Urbana Knights of Columbus are pleased to recognize five Fr. Charles Martell Scholars for 1997.

Lori Marie Mueller, daughter of Glenn and Linda Mueller. Lori was an altar server, has taught children's religious education class, and helped clean St. Patrick's church. She has been a tutor at Lakeside Terrace, volunteered at Carle Foundation Hospital's Maternity Ward, Shop with a Cop, and Adopt a Park. She is a scholar athlete, Statistical Secretary of the Key Club, member of the National and Spanish Honor Societies and Student Senate, and student leader for Campus Life (a nondenominational Christian Group for High School Students). Lori plans to attend Eastern Illinois University.

Tal Daniel Prendergast, son of Letitia (Angie) Prendergast. Tal has been an altar server, a member of St. Patrick's Youth Group, and a Carle Foundation

Hospital volunteer. He is a member of the UHS National Honor Society, a volunteer for the Edge-Scott Volunteer Fire Dept., and a state-certified EMT. Tal plans to major in Agricultural



Martell Scholars, 1997
(from the left): Zachary Long, Catherine Kingery, Lori Mueller, Tal Prendergast. Inset: Paul Amberg.



Mechanization at the University of Illinois.

Catherine Elizabeth Kingery, daughter of Kevin and Ruth Ann Kingery. Catherine has taught religious education at St. Patrick's for five years. She is a member of the Key Club, National and German Honor Societies, Year-book Editor, UHS Newspaper, and received Academic Monogram. Catherine plans to major in Business Administration at the University of Illinois.

Zachary Yemma Long, son of James and Mary Long. Zach is an Eagle Scout, received the Serra altar server award (five years), teen bible study, and St. Patrick's Senior High Youth Group. He received the UHS Technical Education Dept. Award for Architectural and Engineering Design,

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How we found God one Sunday

Michael was having a difficult day one Sunday morning. He stomped over to where other children were building with blocks, and with a swift kick knocked down their tower, scattering blocks everywhere. Later he walked over to two children looking at a book. He snatched the book out of their hands and sat down on a pillow, drawing his shoulders around the book with a "leave me alone" posture.

Soon he threw the book down and wandered over to a table where some children were drawing pictures. He picked up a large black crayon and drew heavy marks on each child's paper.

Consoling the children as best I could, I looked for something that would channel Michael's energy. I took the group outside to play, hoping that playing outdoors and searching for springtime surprises would provide an outlet for all that pent-up energy of his.

Later, back in the room, we gathered in a circle, and I began telling a story illustrating how Jesus shows us God's love. Michael couldn't concentrate. He pulled the hair of the girl on his left and kicked the boy on his right. I stopped the story and said, "Michael, if you can't listen to the story and let other children listen, you'll have to leave the circle."

Michael continued bothering those around him. Finally I told him to leave the circle and sit at a table some little distance from the group. He stood up and walked away dejectedly. His head was down, his shoulders were stooped, and his feet shuffled. When he reached the table, he slumped down in the chair and put his head in his arms.

Completing the story, I asked the children how Jesus shows us God's love and listened intently to their answers. Then I asked, "How could we show Michael that we love him?" The children responded quickly: "We don't love Michael!" Startled, I replied, "We may not like what Michael does, but we can love Michael. How can we show him that we do love him?"

"We can tell him," said one child. "We can pray for him," said another. I

nodded my head affirmatively. Then one little girl said quietly, "We can ask him to come back to the circle." "Would you like to do that?" I asked. She nodded. So she and two other children escorted Michael back to his chair in the circle.

I said a prayer for all the children, including Michael. Then they scattered as their parents came for them. As I closed the classroom door and looked down the long hall, I saw a young boy running toward me. When Michael reached me, he threw his arms around me and said, "I'm not going to let you go!" I reached down and hugged him tightly, silently giving thanks to God that the other children were able to relate their Bible story to what was happening right then and there in their lives, that love and forgiveness had been experienced as a reality, and that Michael had found a safe place to be that day.

Name withheld on request

When we share our faith stories, we are changed; and those listening to us are changed as well. In Focus welcomes faith stories that tell of God's working in our lives. Send yours to the Communications Committee, c/o St. Patrick's, or drop it off at the parish office. Be sure to include your name and a telephone number where you may be reached. Names will be withheld on request.

Here's an idea for making recycling easy!

A parishioner writes:

I live in an apartment building where a lot of students live. I noticed how much food and clothing are thrown away when they move because there's too much for them to carry. So I put up this sign by the mailboxes in early May and again in August:

"Moving? Got too much stuff? Give it to me and I'll get it to someone who needs it.

Unopened, nonperishable food will go to a local food panty.

If it's summer, . . .

Yes, summer has arrived at last. To most youngsters, it probably means long hours of summertime fun with friends, with a few chores to provide balance. For teens, it may mean time to "empty out my head," (as one teen viewed it), time to goof off with friends, time to make a few bucks. But for St. Patrick's adults, it means **TIME TO CLEAN OUT!**

Yes, it's time to clean out drawers, closets, cupboards, basements, garages, attics—to set aside useful items and clothing for the parish's most successful fund-raiser, the Cellar-to-Garret Sale.

The sale, sponsored annually by St. Patrick's Guild, will open on Thursday, Sept. 11, and will need all those unwanted or no longer used items you find in all those places in your home where things just seem to multiply to fill all available space—and then some.

Donations are already being accepted. You can deliver items to the white garage across the alley from the church any weekday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. So start gathering your "treasures" now! (And you might start training to get in shape so you can help tote those boxes and lift those frames to set up for the sale itself! The call for helpers will go out in just a few weeks, and you'll want to be among those who answer the call!)

Clean clothing and housewares will go to a resale shop.

Drop it off at apartment #..."

I bring the food to the parish center to be distributed by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The other items I give to our Cellar-to-Garret sale or to one of the resale shops in town. Most years, I get 4-8 big bags of good "stuff" that would otherwise have been thrown away. I once got a load of clothing that I thought I'd better launder, but most of the time everything is clean and usable.



First Communion was celebrated at Holy Cross Parish on May 3. Among the children who received Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time that day were six youngsters from St. Patrick's Parish who are enrolled in Holy Cross School. The beaming boys and girls are shown here with their pastor, Fr. George Remm. From the left: Jennifer Fitton, Jacob Krueger, Vincent Christman, Jonathan Vimr, Dustin Sanchez, and Brooklyn Clevenger.

Hello, St. Patrick's!

My name is Sr. Lori Kirchman, and I am very happy to say that I will be your new Music Director.

I grew up in Bradley, Illinois, and received my bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Illinois in 1980. After graduation I taught K-6 music in a public school in Morrisonville, Illinois, for two years and then entered the Springfield Dominican community.

After teaching K-8 music for eight years, I became the organist/liturgist at our Motherhouse. During my four years in that position I spent summers working on my Master's degree in Liturgical Music at St. John's in Collegeville, Minnesota. I will complete that degree when I give my graduate organ recital on July 20!

When I was a student at the U of I, I attended St. Pat's several times and found it to be a very welcoming place. I look forward to serving as your Music Director. Together I hope we will be able to worship in a way that will integrate the Paschal Mystery into our everyday lives.

Sr. Lori

Giving wisely

Charitable organizations are not always what they seem. If you want to be sure that the organizations that you give to will make good use of your gift, there are several ways you can go about it. Most organizations have a newsletter that describes their projects, and most provide occasional financial statements. The statements show where they get their income, how much goes toward their programs, and how much goes toward administrative and fundraising expenses.

There are also some independent groups that evaluate charitable organizations by looking at their financial statements and the way that they are governed. Some provide information by mail; others are on the Internet. Here are some organizations that you can contact to verify that your gifts are being used wisely by the organizations that you give to:

National Charities Information Bureau
19 Union Square West
New York, NY 10003
<http://www.give.org>

This organization has brief evaluations of charitable organizations on the Internet that include both financials and governance. Full reports can be re-

quested by mail or e-mail. The first report is free, additional reports cost \$3.50 each.

GuideStar

<http://www.guidestar.org>

This organization focuses on financial information, getting most of the information from IRS forms. Listings for over 40,000 charitable organizations are available.

Philanthropic Advisory Service

Council of Better Business Bureaus
4200 Wilson

Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203

<http://www.bbb.org/reports/charity.html>

Reports on charitable organizations are available from this source on the Internet. They can also be requested by mail. Up to three reports will be provided at no charge.

St. Thomas the Apostle

There are several stories about Thomas in the gospels. When Jesus announced that he was going to Jude, the disciples protested because the crowds there had recently tried to stone him. It was Thomas who said, "Let us go along, to die with him." Cheerful? No, not at this dangerous

moment! But he sounds like a man who is trying to be faithful even in difficult times. And he sounds like a man who loves Jesus very much.

The other story earned him the name Doubting Thomas (poor guy!) After Jesus's death, Thomas did not believe the first reports of the disciples who had seen the risen Lord. He said, "I will never believe it without probing the nail prints in his hands, without putting my finger in the nail marks and my hand in his side." We can imagine him thinking that his friends were in denial about Jesus's death. It could easily have been so since they all loved Jesus and had such high hopes for him. But once Thomas met the risen Lord, his response of faith was more insightful than anything the other disciples had said before, "My Lord and my God!"

There is not a lot of information about the ministry of the apostles after the resurrection of Jesus. Thomas, though, is believed to have gone to India to preach the gospel there. This may well be true because there was an ancient Christian community there when the first European missionaries arrived in the 17th century. Thomas's tomb is said to be near the city of Madras in southern India.

We honor the apostle Thomas on July 3.

Dr. Susan Nagele a welcome visitor

Last week Dr. Susan Nagele came home to St. Patrick's, where she spoke at weekend Masses to tell us a little about her life and work in Africa in association with the Maryknoll Missionaries.



Fr. George Remm wears the stole, made in Africa, that is Susan's gift to the parish.



Susan, caught in a moment of relaxation after speaking at Mass.

Jubilee 2000

What led me to Jesus?

Pope John Paul II has designated the third millennium as a "new springtime of Christianity." He invites the Church to prepare for the anniversary of the coming of Jesus Christ into the world with three years of preparation.

In 1997 the Church is focusing on Jesus Christ, with the theme "Jesus Christ, the one savior of the world, yesterday, today, and forever."

The Diocese of Peoria, in the May 25 issue of *The Catholic Post*, has undertaken a monthly series intended to help us prepare for the Jubilee. In its first installment, we were asked to consider what has led us to Jesus. One person's response, published in the *Post*, might provide food for thought as we reflect, too, on what or who leads us to Jesus Christ: "Jesus is the light of my life, my

guiding star, my closest friend.

"My mom taught me when I was very young to reverence the name of Jesus by bowing my head whenever it was said in prayer. And whenever Jesus's name was said in vain, I should pray, 'May your Holy Name be praised, O Lord.' I am 86 years old now, and I've never forgotten to do what my mom told me.

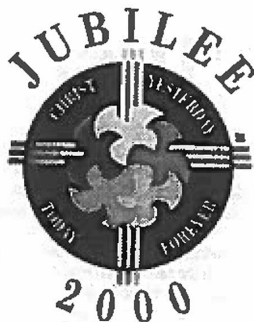
"Jesus has been my guiding light all through the years—and through Jesus I realize that faith is alive. ...

"Jesus has been by my side throughout the years in the trials, heartaches, blessings, and love in the raising of my large family, in my nursing profession, and in my quiet times when

I talk to him.

"A young granddaughter said to me recently, 'Grandma, you love Jesus a lot, don't you?' Yes, I love him a lot, and I need him always.

"I say Jesus's name many, many times a day, but not in vain, for I always add, 'I love you.'" (By Pat Dickerson, St. Augustine Manor, Peoria. Reprinted by permission.)



Parishioners pray in many languages

The Holy Spirit, who once came in wind and tongues of flame, acts in our lives today with the same vigor. This holy force draws our parishioners from many callings, ancestries, and nations.

To honor the Spirit and to celebrate our diversity, at Pentecost Masses the following parishioners offered petitions in a variety of languages:

Latin, Daniel Walsh and Bill Nelson
Arabic, Dominic Youakim and Joseph Youakim
Czech, Elizabeth Vlach and Eva Vlach

French, Emile Talbot and Jean-Philippe Motley

Italian, Antonio Musumeci and Jim Risatli

German, Shelley Keke and Carole Rebeig

Vietnamese, Lieu Ngo and Ut Ha
Swahili, Blanche Vasnaik

Gaelic, Walter Maguire and Pat Holden

Lord, hear our prayer.

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Academic Monogram, Varsity letter in soccer, and Peterson Award for Track. Zach plans to study Architecture at the University of Illinois.

Paul E. Amberg, son of Gene and Ellen Amberg. Paul is a member of the St. Patrick's High School Youth Group, assisted as liturgical teen minister and in-service projects, participated in the Annual UHS Thanksgiving Dinner, Food for Families, and Habitat for Humanity. He was one of three awarded the Outstanding Spanish Student award, member of the National Honor Society, track team, and Drama Club. Paul plans to study Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois.

Parish Council News



does not receive a copy as part of the random sampling but wishes to participate in the survey will be given the opportunity to do so.

At their June meeting Council members heard some good news. Sr. Lori Kirchman, a Springfield Dominican, has accepted the position of music director and is expected to take up her duties here in mid-August. She will be living with other Springfield Dominicans in Philo. Steve Peet will be able to stay for a few weeks beyond the end of his contract period (June 30) to help in the interim.

Two religious education coordinators have also been hired: Peter Amberg will serve as Youth Activities Coordinator, Brandon Lipska as Junior High Program Coordinator.

Parishioners' pledges (527 were received) for the diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal total \$82,587. That's good news; if pledges are paid in full, all funds in excess of the parish goal will be returned to St. Patrick's.

The ad hoc committee for the parish needs assessment survey is developing questions for the survey instrument, which is scheduled to be mailed to a random sampling of parishioners during the second week of September. Council, committees, and staff will be asked to review the instrument and provide feedback before it is finalized and mailed. Any parishioner who

Council members received their committee liaison appointments for the year: Tom Korder to Building and Grounds; Frank Modica to Communications; Cindy Kelly to Education; Allen Booth to Financial Affairs; Pat Holden to Liturgy; Chuck Milewski and Dave Palmisano to Social; Richard Keane to Social Action; Peter Bloome to Personnel.

Members then turned to allocation of funds remaining after all expenses are paid at the end of the fiscal year, estimated at about \$30,000. They agreed once again to allocate a 10% "tithe" in support of Dr. Susan Nagele's work in Africa; 4% to our sister church in Beit Jala, near Bethlehem; 4% to El Centro Por Los Trabajadores (the local center for outreach to Hispanics); 8% to support the vicariate ministry to the Hispanic community; and the remainder to the kitchen renovation fund.

The five-year goal-setting workshop has been scheduled for Nov. 14-15. Cindy Kelly and Jean Daly will co-chair the workshop, assisted by Peter Bloome. A resource person will also be sought to guide participants through the goal-setting process.

Fr. Remm gave special recognition to Barbara Wysocki, who will soon

complete her term as parish trustee. He thanked her warmly for her service to the parish and expressed his personal appreciation for her "fine advice, wisdom, understanding, and support."

The Council will not meet again until Aug. 21. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings.

They came to paint

Young and not-so-young, tall and not-so-tall, fourteen parishioners in all came to help paint the parish center trim on a near-perfect day in June. Working from the ground up and from the rooftop down, Zabrina Atkins with Carol Yokell (*top*) and Tony Sheehan (*bottom*) and seem not to have found it too strenuous a task!



Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Clara Butler

Cheesy Baked Onions (for two)



1 medium onion	1/4 t salt
1 T butter	1/2 c milk
1 T flour	1/3 c sharp cheddar cheese

Slice onion and separate into rings; place in a greased 1-quart baking dish and set aside. In a small saucepan over low heat, melt the butter; stir in flour and salt until smooth; gradually add milk. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir for 2 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in cheese until melted. Pour over onion rings in baking pan. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes, or until onions are tender and cheese is browned.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3:00pm Latino Mass 4:00pm Coffee	7:00pm Centering Prayer	7:00pm Financial Affairs	9:00am Guild Ornament Wrkshp 5:00pm SVDP	6:30pm Building & Grounds Com 7:00pm Baptism Prep	10:30am Mass - Care Center 10:45am Mass - CCNH	
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3:00pm Latino Mass 4:00pm Coffee	7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Evan. 7:00pm Social Action		9:00am Guild Ornament Wrkshp 5:00pm SVDP	10:15am Moms Group 6:30pm Communications Com	10:30am Mass - Clark-Lindsey 10:45am Mass - CCNH	
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