

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



*Some June happenings you won't want to miss*

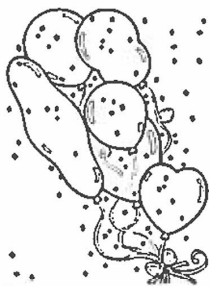
## Reception, ice cream, paint day highlight calendar

A myriad of activities are slated for the month of June at St. Patrick's Parish, including the following events you won't want to miss:

### June 1

#### Farewell Reception for Deacon Bill and Jane McClellan

On Sunday, June 1, a reception will be held in St. Patrick's parish center in honor of Deacon Bill McClellan and his wife, Jane, in appreciation of their service to the faith community of St. Patrick's Parish.



The reception, from 6:30-8 p.m., will be highlighted by a presentation at 7 p.m.

All parishioners are invited to join in extending appreciation to Bill and Jane. Bill retired from the University of Illinois a couple of months ago, and he and Jane have

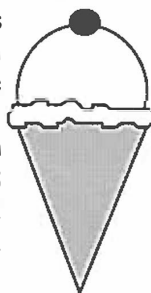
been making plans for their move from C-U in July. You won't want to miss this opportunity to wish them godspeed!

### June 8

#### St. Patrick's Parish Annual Ice Cream Social

Rain or shine, the annual ice cream social is sure to tickle your taste buds with delectable ice cream treats, outside or inside the parish center.

Come one, come all, on Sunday, June 8, from 6-8 p.m., to enjoy fellowship and fun with family, friends, and other friendly parishioners! The price is modest: a donation of one dollar per serving, just one dollar, folks! Bring lawn chairs or blankets if you hope to be seated outside, and promise your children face painting and games planned just for them! Sorry you missed out



on last year's social? Then come on Sunday, June 8, rain or shine!

### June 14

#### All Parish Paint Day

The Building and Grounds Committee has organized an All Parish Paint Day, to



which YOU are invited, to beautify and protect our investment in our parish buildings.

When? Saturday, June 14, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Rain date: June 21.) Do they really expect you to work 8 hours? Well, no; but they hope you will donate at least a couple of hours during that time. Sign-up sheets will be posted in Coffee Shop and after Masses on May 31, June 1, and June 8.

All work will be outside, and you're asked to bring a paintbrush and stepladder if you can. Lunch will be provided.

Questions? Call Bill VanCleave at the parish office (367-2665).

## Excitement fills air at Presidential Summit on Community Service

By Barbara Wysocki

The moment I cleared security at Marcus Foster Stadium in Germantown (Pa.) I could feel the electricity and excitement that was to mark the Presidential Summit on Community Service. The stadium was filled with young people in bright new T-shirts, bearing the already familiar logo of this initiative. The shirts and their color would eventually be the mechanism to distribute the eager workers to various sections of Germantown for the most televised cleanup campaign in history, but for now they added a human rainbow to the bright sunny day and the events that were about to unfold.

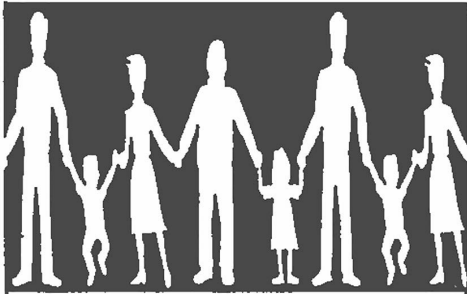
When the program started, four presidents, perhaps two or three wannabes, four first ladies, and a president's daughter were on stage. The sight made quite an impression on this veteran history teacher! The moment, however, was not just a glimpse of our past but a vision of what could be—a setting aside of political differences and a fresh mobilization of people to the cause of children



*Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala addresses summit participants.*

that was both positive and, as far as I could tell, unprecedented.

The first day of the summit built up like a crescendo, from the  
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**Welcome to new parishioners:** Ken and Vickie Bierman, John and Mary Cottingham, Chris and James Kouzmanoff, Bonnie and Joel McArthur, Phyllis and William Mischo, Stacey Mowry, Harold and Lucille Pearson, Valerie Prescott, Kathy and Keith Walker.

**Farewell to parishioners who have moved from C-U:** Patricia Cruzan, Patricia Jones, Todd Koretke, Roger Loucks, Stephen Meyer, Alberto Porqueras-Mayo.

**We welcome the following recently baptized into our faith community:** Allison deBlouwe, Joshua David Lynn, Justin Anthony Young, Peter Donnell Millsap.

**Congratulations to Heather Elizabeth Mackinder and John Richard Valenziano, Linda Danielle Strack and Donald James Price, Angela June Robinson and Peter John Wanserski, married at St. Patrick's.**

**Please pray for deceased parishioners:** Dorothy J. Emery, Chris M. Kouzmanoff, Dorothy Elliott, Donald Chamberlain, Judith Saak.

## Parish high school graduates plan for future

**M**any of our 1997 high school grads will find it easy to keep up with good friends. A fair number will be continuing to lay the groundwork for their future through study at local or nearby institutions.

Paul Amberg will be attending the University of Illinois next year in LAS and continuing his study of Spanish. Kevin Gnagey is working at Metcad and will be attending the University of Illinois in business or public administration next year.

Kathleen Ebeling plans to study business management at Parkland College. Catherine Kingery will be enrolling in the UI College of Commerce. Daniel Kingery is moving to the University of Chicago to study political science.

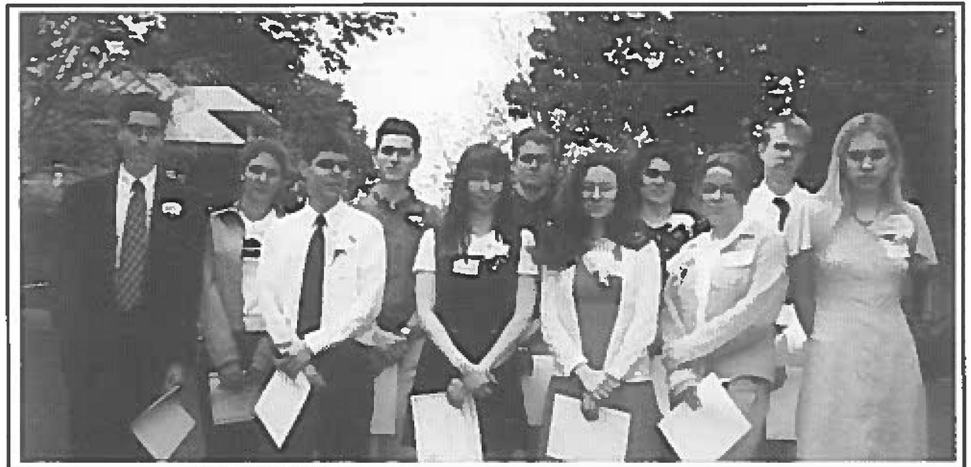
Zach Long will be studying architecture at the University of Illinois. Courtney McCusker will also be at the UI, but study-

ing biology. Lori Mueller will be attending Eastern Illinois University, where she will be enrolled in General Studies and pursuing her interest in Spanish.

Aaron Pijanowski will study set design in the UI Fine and Applied Arts Department. Tal Prendergast plans to pursue his interest in fire science at Parkland or the University of Illinois, working at Urbana Fire Department. Bart Skorupa, at the University of Illinois, plans to study business. Melissa Sonka will be enrolled in speech and hearing science at the University of Illinois.

Jean Tierney will study criminal justice at Parkland College. Lynn Vabic will be at the University of Illinois, studying psychology. Mindy Whitt will study business at Parkland.

Dagmar Gsell plans to return to Germany, where she will continue her study of linguistics.



*St. Patrick's 1997 high-school graduates (front row from left) Daniel Kingery, Courtney McCusker, Lynn Vabic, Dagmar Gsell, Jean Tierney; (back row) Paul Amberg, Catherine Kingery, Aaron Pijanowski, Zach Long, Lori Mueller, Bart Skorupa.*

### Holy Cross School Newsline

## Fr. Mullen to retire June 11; final day of school May 30

**B**eginning and Advanced Bands held their Spring Musical on May 2; volunteers were "appreciated" at Mass and brunch on May 8; May 12 was Support Staff Appreciation Day; and on May 16 (Cafeteria Staff Appreciation Day) students enjoyed free ice cream, compliments of the cafeteria staff. The school picnic is scheduled for May 28, and May 30 is the final day of school.

Holy Cross Parish celebrated First Communion on May 3. Six St. Pat's students

made their First Communion on that day: Vincent Christman, Brooklyn Clevenger, Jennifer Fitton, Jacob Krueger, Dustin Sanchez, and Jonathan Vimr.

Flannery Ellis, Theresa Lawrence, and Doug Main will each have a poem published in the 1997 edition of the *Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans*.

Thanks to all who joined the AT&T Learning Points Program. A color inkjet printer is being ordered with the points.

Congratulations to the following eighth-

graders from St. Patrick's who graduated from Holy Cross School on May 21: Ben Bermingham, Raven Buffo, Michael Bullard, Emily Kacich, Theresa Lawrence, Brad Mayer, Lori Randolph, Jacob Thompson, Nicole Weisiger. And congratulations to their families too!

Best wishes to Fr. Richard Mullen, pastor of Holy Cross Parish, who is retiring on June 11. A farewell reception will be held in his honor at Holy Cross Parish Center from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 8.

# Evangelization: Preparing for the Jubilee Year 2000

**E**vangelization. There's that word again. At St. Patrick's we're trying to make *evangelization* more than just another word in our vocabulary. It has been 22 years since Pope Paul VI issued his apostolic exhortation *On Evangelization in the Modern World*, and we are well into the decade of evangelization proclaimed by Pope John Paul II. Still, for most Catholics, the word *evangelization* conjures up visions of televangelists, evangelists we have encountered on TV.

What is Catholic Evangelization? There is no easy, one-sentence answer, but Pope John Paul II, who speaks more readily of mission than of evangelization, suggests the following three areas of mission:

1. Helping those who are already believers to revitalize their faith.

2. Helping those who have lost their Christian belief and are in need of a renewal or revitalization of their faith.

3. Bringing to those outside the Christian sphere the Good News of Jesus Christ. The pope proposes that we do this by our witness, our proclamation of the Good News, conversion, baptism, and formation of local churches and Christian communities.

What is important to realize is that all of us, as believers, are called to implement this renewal in the Church, this mission, this evangelization. At St. Patrick's a group of parishioners has been called together to serve as a team to help the parish implement the evangelization process.

Team members were commissioned on Pentecost Sunday, but the Holy Spirit was called upon to bless abundantly all parishioners so that all of us may carry forward the vision of mission, of renewal, of conversion. How will this be accomplished? The team is charged with implementation, but for evangelization to become a reality, everyone must take seriously the importance of sharing the faith and helping when called upon. Evangelization is not the work of the team members, but rather the work of the Holy Spirit in and through all of us.

If this concept seems daunting, perhaps it would be helpful to invoke the prayer of Archbishop Oscar Romero, martyred in San Salvador in 1980. Titled "Creating the Church of the 21st Century," it says in part:

*We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny*



*St. Patrick's evangelization team (from left): Sr. Charlene Cesario, Cliff Maduzia, Mary Yemma Long, Nancy Costa, Lenore Nagele, Joe Rasmussen.*

*fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. ... We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something,*

*and do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.*

## Members of evangelization team share thoughts

### CLIFF MADUZIA

I was one of 20-some asked to be on the evangelization team. Only a small portion of that number responded by joining the team. It is that response that is evangelization. We respond because we have heard God's call to put our faith into action. We don't know where our action will lead. We don't know what God wants.

I had a vague idea what evangelization was when I arrived for the first team gatherings. I have been exposed to much and learned some during our many sessions in a few short months. That is another vital part of evangelization, the ongoing conversion of heart brought on by struggle and change and growth. Learning the truth in our hearts that Jesus saves.

One other piercing aspect is taking on the world. It pierces because there are so many burdens that can be lessened. The world is so big. But evangelization means that our meager steps are fitting into God's plan to convert the world.

### NANCY COSTA

As I reflected on my experiences so far, I wrote this poem to express the feelings in my heart and the profundity of God's love. This message is for all of God's children; we have been entrusted with the mission to take this Good News to all people.

### *Evangelization:*

#### *Spreading God's Word to Every Nation*

Commanded by the Incarnate Word—  
Go, and tell what you have heard.  
Sin defeated! Hope reborn  
From blood poured out and body torn.  
The miracle of the cruel tree  
Has paid the debt and made us free.  
Easter light, the gift of grace,  
Our eyes are opened to see God's face.  
Called to be Christ's hands, Christ's feet,  
Healing, holding those we meet.  
As perfect love casts out all fears  
So perfect love helps dry the tears.  
Our faith, once hidden, now revealed  
And with the Holy Spirit sealed,  
God's sons and daughters, his vision  
sharing—

A world of peace, of love, and caring.  
Christ alive in you, in me  
For we are his epiphany!

### JOE RASMUSSEN

I have to admit that when I first regarded the concept of evangelization, the hairs on the back of my neck bristled and my stomach turned. "I can't go before people and express my faith the way I've seen TV evangelists do with such fervor!"

Well, I've come to understand a little bit about the whole evangelization process and,

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# Extra! Extra! Read all about it: Christ is risen!

By Jan Bellington

For the last three years I've been a catechist for one of the fifth/sixth grade religious education classes at St. Patrick's. I've been routinely challenged to devise lesson plans that won't leave my students moaning in protest and slumping in boredom. The kids are great but a tough audience, to say the least.

As we approached this year's Lenten Season, I began to think of ways I could expose my students to the entire story of Christ's passion and resurrection in just a week or two. Of course, it was my hope to do this in such a way that the kids might remember some small part of what they'd been exposed to—not an easy task! The events of Holy Week are rich in potential for bringing deep and lasting meaning to one's faith life, and I wanted to challenge my students' am-

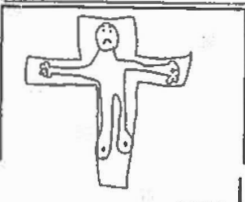
bivalence about their religion and their relationship with God.

Because two heads are usually better than one, I checked in with another fifth/sixth grade catechist, Tracy Johnson. I had been thinking about asking my students to be newspaper reporters. She had found a good animated videotape chronicling the events of Holy Week according to the Gospel of Mark. We merged the two ideas and finalized our plan. Students would report as eyewitnesses (via the videotape) on all that occurred during Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday and concluding with the resurrection of Christ. Students watched the video and then wrote copy for the front page of the mock newspaper each created.

One student's work, that of Daniel Golaszewski, is included. I think you'll be as interested as I was in this eyewitness account!

A + My Point of View

Jesus is always right.



Jesus proves that he is special  
Daniel Golaszewski  
Jesus said to Peter  
you are going to follow  
me three times before  
the rooster crows "No!"  
I will not be true  
you. But I will tell Peter  
because he did say I  
would and he was right.

He could not believe that  
Jesus was resurrected.

Judas betrays Jesus  
Daniel Golaszewski  
Judas is a scoundrel  
so people say. He betrayed  
Jesus and he was  
the best friend and his  
name was Judas. Jesus  
was Jesus was praying  
in the garden of  
Gethsemane. Judas said  
"The one I kiss is  
the one you want."  
Judas said  
to the crowd  
and the light  
of the night  
went up and  
kissed Jesus.  
The crowd  
of people  
kissed Jesus  
and he was  
betrayed.

Jesus prayed that he is  
the son of the father  
and he was crucified.

Pontius Pilate asks people  
today Pontius Pilate  
asks his people if  
they should crucify  
Jesus. The crowd says  
"Crucify, crucify."  
The crowd says "No!"  
The son of God and  
what he was doing  
and they kill him.  
Pilate told his people  
that Jesus was  
innocent and he  
had a wife. He  
said Jesus was  
innocent. He  
said Jesus was  
innocent. He  
said Jesus was  
innocent.

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## In Focus

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## Listening an attitude of the heart, soul

It was Holy Week. I wanted to spend time in prayer and meditation, but I was finding it extremely difficult to block out all the things that tugged at me. The laundry called. The ironing was piled high. Tabletops were dusty. Meals had to be prepared. There were errands to be run.

Daily chores and the normal day-to-day care of my family awaited me. I was pulled, frustrated, almost sorrowful that this week might pass before I could benefit from it. I told God I was fearful I wouldn't know what God wants for me.

Somberly I began my tasks. My hands were busy, but my mind was elsewhere. Slowly, as I performed my tasks, I realized that I had been reflecting on God's word, and I could indeed hear God's voice.

It was then that I realized that listening is an attitude of the heart and soul. I heard some things I didn't want to hear, like Judas, who said "rabbi" and then gave Jesus a kiss of betrayal. Or Peter saying that he was ready and willing to die for Jesus, and yet shortly afterward he denied any association with him. The voice of doubting Thomas also resonated: "Unless I see ... I will not believe." What sting their words must have

had!  
I was brought to tears as, like the apostle Paul, I admitted to being a sinner, even "chief of all sinners." God responded by reminding me of Christ's words as he hung on the cross: "Father, forgive them ... " I dried my tears. Could he have meant those words for me? And to Peter at the seashore, as he restores him to discipleship: "Peter, do you love me? ... Feed my sheep." These words assured me that God, who was able to use Peter, could also use me.

I felt uplifted and renewed. How grateful I was. Even though my hands had been busy, God had found a way to speak to my heart.

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.*

## Building Community: The story of St. Patrick's Moms Group

By Rita Lampe

St. Patrick's Moms Group had its start in September 1992. I felt a need for a support group of other mothers where I could feel comfortable talking about and exploring my Catholic faith. With some encouragement from Gary Laumann, I placed a notice in the parish bulletin, and a couple of other mothers called me. One of these was parishioner Eileen Westervelt; the other was Nancy Brandt, who moved to Germany last year with her husband and daughter.

My idea was to have a very informal group, where moms could talk while children played. And for the first year, that's how the gatherings went. As the group grew, someone suggested that we find a volunteer to help watch the children so the moms could have a little more coherent discussion. I placed a notice in the parish bulletin, and God sent us an angel by the name of Mary Walsh. Mary has been a faithful and loving presence to us and to our children since 1993.

With continued growth and change, the group became more focused and started to have topics for discussion at each meeting. These included "Parenting Styles and Discipline," "Sharing Our Faith with Our Children," "Marriage Enrichment," "Everyday Spirituality." Other topics were coordinated with the Church's liturgical seasons. The Moms Group continues to outline topics for group discussion, and the atmosphere remains informal, with minimal structure.

It has been a real blessing for me to see how much our group has changed and grown over the last four years and more. In the beginning, it was sometimes hard to see that this was something that would take root, yet it certainly has! The group has been a

great source of support and connection to St. Pat's for me, and I have developed some wonderful friendships. I thought it might help everyone see the benefits and fruits of the Moms Group by asking one of our members to write a few words about her experience with the group. She writes:

"My husband and I moved to Urbana in the winter of 1996. It was daunting to move to a new town with our three children, then aged 4 years, 2 years, and 3 months. We didn't know anyone, and we were eager to join a parish. Our former parish had been small—150 families—and we had been very involved, so we were overwhelmed by the size of the parishes in Champaign-Urbana. However, after attending Mass at St. Pat's, we knew we had found our new parish family.

"As a stay-at-home mom, I was very happy to learn that St. Pat's had a Moms Group. I will admit that it did take a little bit of courage to bundle up the three kids and attend my first meeting. However, I can honestly say that becoming a member of the Moms Group is the best thing I've done since we moved to Urbana. I have made wonderful friends who have supported me in many ways over the past year. These faith-filled women have served as role models and as sounding boards. In addition, my children look forward to attending the meetings and have made friends of their own through the Moms Group. I feel privileged to have been able to be a part of this group."

*The St. Patrick's Moms Group meets from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the parish center on first and third Thursdays of each month. Rita Lampe, the group's coordinator, is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She can be reached at 359-2102.*

## St. Anthony of Padua practiced what he preached, feast day June 13

It has been said that if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans. Anthony of Padua, whose feast we celebrate on June 13, certainly had big plans for his life, plans that did not correspond with those that God had in mind for him.

Anthony, perhaps one of the most famous disciples of St. Francis of Assisi, was born to a wealthy family in the year 1195 in Lisbon, Portugal. At the age of 15 he entered the Augustinians, devoting himself to prayer and study. He acquired such a thorough knowledge of scripture that in later years Pope Gregory IX would call him "the ark of the testament."

In 1219 a number of Franciscan missionaries were martyred for the faith while preaching the Gospel in Morocco. When their relics were returned to Portugal in 1220, Anthony was overcome with a great desire to die for the faith and sought permission to join the Franciscan Order. In 1221 he received the Franciscan habit and was permit-

ted to travel to Morocco to preach Christianity to the Moors.

God had other plans for Anthony. Almost as soon as he set foot on African soil, he became seriously ill and had to make plans to return to Portugal. Again, God had other plans for him. During the return voyage storms drove the ship to the coast of Sicily, where Anthony found refuge among the Franciscan brothers there. A stranger among them, he was assigned to an obscure hermitage where he spent many months performing domestic duties, hiding his intellectual abilities.

God intervened in Anthony's life again. While he attended a ceremony for the ordination of some hermits, it was announced that the priest who was to give the homily was ill. When no one volunteered to give the homily in his place, Anthony did so in obedience to his religious superiors. Not much was expected from this pot-scrubbing friar, so his eloquence, zeal, and intellect

amazed all in attendance.

When Francis of Assisi heard of Anthony's talents, he sent him to preach the Gospel throughout all of Italy. Anthony's preaching was so powerful that the churches could not hold the crowds that gathered to hear him and he had to preach in the marketplaces and town squares.

He had a special talent for converting heretics and reconciling enemies. Because of what he said, parents and children made peace with each other. People gave back things they had stolen. People who had told lies admitted them publicly and corrected them. His words were especially powerful because everyone knew that Anthony practiced what he preached. He was a humble person who chose to live in poverty. So many people experienced the love of God through his work that he became known as a "wonder worker."

Toward the end of his life, Anthony made  
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## Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Sophia Zeigler

### PINEAPPLE-COCONUT COFFEE CAKE

2 c all-purpose flour  
1 t baking soda  
1/2 t ground allspice  
1/4 t salt  
1/2 c (1 stick) butter, softened  
1 1/4 c granulated sugar  
2 large eggs  
1 c sour cream  
1/2 c canned crushed pineapple, well drained



#### Topping and garnish

1/2 c firmly packed brown sugar  
3 T butter  
2 T milk  
1/8 t salt  
2/3 c canned crushed pineapple, well drained  
1/3 c shredded sweetened coconut

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease a 13 x 9 inch baking pan. Mix together flour, baking soda, allspice, and salt. Beat together butter and sugar at medium speed until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in sour cream and 1/2 c drained pineapple. Gradually beat flour mixture into butter mixture at low speed, just until blended. Scrape batter into prepared pan; smooth top. Bake until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, about 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, prepare topping. In a saucepan combine brown sugar, butter, milk, and salt. Boil until mixture thickens enough to coat back of spoon, 3-4 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes. Stir in 2/3 c drained pineapple.

Remove pan from oven. Spoon topping evenly over cake; sprinkle with coconut. Place pan on wire rack to cool slightly before serving.

## St. Anthony of Padua practiced what he preached

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his home in Padua, dying there in 1231 at the age of 36. Within a year of his death he was canonized; the Paduans built a beautiful basilica where the saint's relics remain to this day.

Images of St. Anthony, including one of St. Patrick's own stained-glass windows, often depict him dressed in his Franciscan habit and holding a book, a lily, and the child Jesus. The book represents his knowledge and love of scripture; the lily, his chastity. As for the child Jesus, legend has it that a friend of Anthony's once looked through a window and saw him holding the child Jesus in his arms and gazing at him in rapture.

Another legend surrounds the saint's designation as "finder of lost objects." As the story goes, a novice ran away from the monastery with a valuable prayer book which Anthony had been using. Anthony prayed for the recovery of the book, and the novice returned to the monastery—with the book and a tale of a terrifying vision!

## Team members share variety of thoughts on evangelization

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in particular, Catholic Evangelization. For me, it's the idea of servanthood and discipleship in both quiet and overt ways. In small everyday life circumstances and larger life-affirming (or -changing) moments. In sharing one's faith and struggles openly with the Lord's help.

I'm slowly moving closer to an evangelizing spirituality. The Holy Spirit works in many ways, and I pray this new Catholic Evangelization will influence our families, our friends, and eventually our society.

### MARY YEMMA LONG

"So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us." (2 Cor. 5:20).

To me evangelization means that we represent Christ in all we do and say, in how we live. As part of the evangelization team, I dream of sharing the exciting Good News of Jesus Christ so others can experience what an adventure we are on with God. One

of our evangelization goals is "to bring about in all Catholics such an enthusiasm for their faith that, in living their faith in Jesus, they freely share it with others." That is being an Ambassador for Christ, and we are *all* called to this.

From early in my life I have felt God's call and have responded in joyful service, in returning my talents to God. But it was due to a transforming "breakthrough" experience a few years back that my relationship with the living Jesus Christ became very real and personal to me. The result has been an enthusiasm to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others through the study of God's Word in Scripture. In getting to know God through Bible study and applying what we learn to our lives, we are transformed into "a new creation in Jesus Christ." We see others, we experience life in a new way—a way of "Kingdom thinking." This is exciting, and you are all cordially invited to join the adventure!

### LENORE NAGELE

Because I have worked with the RCIA for many years, I thought I had a pretty good handle on what evangelization is. In my experience, evangelization was rather passive in that it had already taken place before the men and women came to us to seek entrance into the Catholic faith. However, coming into the faith is only one component of evangelization. I have come to understand that Catholic Evangelization is really the work of all God's people, indeed it must be an integral part of our faith. Also, a concerted effort must be made to reach out to other cultures and nationalities by spreading the Good News, by being welcoming, and by living a Christ-like life. What direction will evangelization take at St. Patrick's? I see this as a challenge not only to the evangelization team, but also to the entire Christian community of St. Patrick's.

## Parish Council News

# New officers elected, four join group in April

At their May meeting Council members learned that the church's fire alarm and security alarm systems had been put out of commission by lightning, but that both had been replaced promptly and an insurance claim filed.

Income for this fiscal year, although down slightly from the year before, will allow us to finish the year in good shape. Through the generosity of parishioners St. Patrick's has met the parish's goal for the diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal.

Ben Mueller, of the University's Laboratory for Community and Economic Development, has agreed to work with the ad hoc needs assessment committee in preparation and analysis of the parish needs assessment survey, now scheduled for early September. Although the mailings will be sent to a random sample of parishioners, anyone not receiving a survey who wishes to participate will be able to do so.

Committees have been asked to study the document from the ad hoc Committee on Committees outlining guidelines for implementation by standing committees of the Council. Responses to the Council by Sept. 8 will enable Council members to take these



into consideration at their Sept. 18 meeting.

A subcommittee of the Financial Affairs Committee will be formed, with members drawn from the group of families who have children enrolled at Holy Cross School and chaired by Terry Moreau. This group will study the problem of the shortfall to the parish in tuition payments this year and offer suggestions on how it might be remedied.

Following expressions of appreciation and gratitude to outgoing members for their years of service to the parish—Dick Justice, Miriam Lancaster, Bill Nelson, and Cathy Salika—the results of the April Council election were announced and new members warmly welcomed: Richard Keane, Cindy Kelly, Tom Korder, and Dave Palmisano.

In his last official act as Council president, Dick Justice presided over the election

of Council officers for the coming year. The nominating committee presented its slate of nominees, who were thereupon elected by acclamation: secretary, Tom Korder; vice-president, Peter Bloome; president, Jean Daly.

And in her first official act as Council president, Jean Daly asked that each member record three choices, ranked by preference, for appointment to a committee as its liaison with the Council.

Building and Grounds presented a bid (\$2380) from Bash Pepper to replace the roof of one of the parish garages. The committee also recommended that the parish purchase two light poles from Illinois Power (\$2107) and connect these to the parish's system as a way of saving on rental fees now paid to Illinois Power. These items will be voted on at the next Council meeting.

Building and Grounds has also planned a parish-wide "Paint Day" for June 14 (rain date: June 21) to paint the outside trim of the parish center.

The next Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 19. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings.

## Bereavement

### Tears bring hope

The National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved is sponsoring a national retreat, "Tears Bring Hope," at Bellarmine College, Louisville (Ky.), July 25-27. This retreat (for the bereaved, their families, and those who minister to the bereaved) will give participants an opportunity to spend time in prayer, quiet, and reflection, focusing on the necessity of working through the grieving process in order to bring hope to shattered lives.

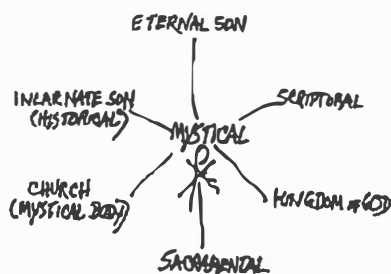
Registration and more information may be obtained from NCMB, 606 Middle Ave., Elyria, OH 44035. Cost of the retreat, \$175, includes housing, conference room, and meals. (Those wishing to attend Saturday only pay \$75 for retreat and meals.) Registration must be made by June 13.



## "Who do you say that I am?"

To Christ's question "Who do you say that I am?" the apostles answered, "Son of the living God." We know this by faith. But even move now, with the fuller revelation of God, he is all of the

above, and we could add much more, especially as we celebrate Easter, the Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi. The list is almost endless from Scripture and his own words. He is the Word of the Father, his Wisdom, the Giver of the Spirit, our Savior, our Shepherd and Vine, our Light, and the Way, Truth, and Life. Both immanent and tran-



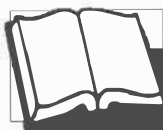
scendent Emmanuel. In short, Christ is the Lord of all our lives, our Beginning and Eternal Destiny.

And so we pray and let him be in us! We ponder his words and images.

We genuflect and share him as our Food. We serve and listen to him as his children, our Brother.

G.K.

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



## in our parish library

### *Catholics Coming Home*

By Carrie Kemp and Donald Pologruto

Many of the millions of inactive Catholics are looking for a way back to their church. Trailblazers in this vital area of ministry, Kemp and Pologruto share moving and inspiring stories and, most importantly, they share their secrets of successful outreach. The authors show how, with time, commitment, honesty, and appropriate skills, a broken relationship with the Church can be mended and made stronger than ever.

In Part One the authors introduce the phenomenon of inactive Catholics, first by presenting statistical information about who they are and why they leave the Church, followed by actual accounts of real, flesh-and-blood inactive Catholics.

In Part Two they introduce their model of outreach to inactive Catholics. And in Part Three "we challenge the Church to become a reconciling community. We believe that in the process of facing its own woundedness, the Church gains renewed energy and viability at all levels. Whether Church is perceived to be the institutional structure, the parish community, or individual Catholics living out their baptismal call to serve the Kingdom, ongoing reconciliation gives hope to the gospel message."

Carrie Kemp is pastoral minister in an archdiocesan parish in Minnesota. With Pologruto and her husband, Gary, she co-founded Inactive Catholic Ministries. Donald Pologruto is a Paulist priest whose current project is Paulist Ministries of Reconciliation, which offer diocesan workshops and parish renewals.

St. Patrick's has a process for outreach to inactive Catholics called "Re-Membering Church." The team holds sessions year-round and stands ready to assist parishioners in outreach to loved ones and friends who have become inactive. Call team leader Barb Wysocki (367-5014) or watch the bulletin for announcements of upcoming sessions.

### Religious Leaders for Community Care: Good News in C-U

**E**mpty Tomb potluck dinners, on second Saturdays, provide a place where Christians from different backgrounds meet, worship, and experience fellowship. Participants are asked to bring a main dish and one side dish; table service and drinks are provided. A program follows, with child care for children 5 and under. May's program (May 10) was given by the Male Chorus of Church of the Living God P.G.T. The next dinner will be June 14. For more information, call 356-2262.

The RLCC-sponsored unity service will be held on Sunday, June 8, at 5 p.m. at New Hope Church of God in Christ. St. Patrick's priests are participating members of RLCC; they'd like to see many familiar faces from the parish in the assembly in affirmation of Christian unity! All are welcome at this community-wide worship service.

The New Hope Job Training Initiative, now known as New Hope Ministry Next Step Program, assists those who are willing

to take steps to improve their lives. Participants and mentors work together to establish long-term goals. Two primary services provided are (1) job search help and training and (2) support and training for people with health, education, and family problems. This program is sponsored by RLCC under an ecumenical interracial board; the program director is Eloris Nash (New Hope Church of God in Christ). For information, call 351-1577, Mon.-Fri., 1-5 p.m.

The first year of the tutoring program (sponsored jointly by RLCC, C-U Schools, and the Urban League) brought exceptional growth, with 6 sites now serving 110 elementary-school children through May 29. A UI student is consulting parents, students, and schools to evaluate how well the program has met their goals. Volunteers are essential in this attempt to give all students the chance to be successful academically. For information or to volunteer, call the Urban League (356-1364).

### Lenten Fish Fries great success; raise \$2,500 for Knights' charities

**T**hanks to the generous contributions of many folks, the Lenten Fish Fries enabled the Urbana Knights of Columbus to raise about \$2500 for charitable works, especially the Father Charles Martell Scholarship.

More than 50 parishioners contributed pies, cakes, and other desserts for the events. Many of the contributions came through the help of Sr. Marie Golla and the generous weekly contributions of Sophia Zeigler, who again baked the magnificent custard-filled dessert for which she is known.

John and David Palmisano consulted Alan Strong (parishioner-owner, Silvercreek Restaurant) about ways in which the fish fries could be improved. Alan made some suggestions. John made some suggestions. David made some suggestions, and everyone else did just what they were told. Len Butler, Martin Zeigler, and Tom Kacich help John and David set up the hall for each of the fish fries. The kitchen crew—Tom and Chuck Shaw, Steve Beckett, Terry Langendorf, Jerry McArthur, Mike Daly, Glenn Mueller, Alan Strong, Jim Risatti, and others—help to serve the food more quickly than ever.

Several spouses, children, and "significant others" contributed in a variety of ways to serving and cleanup; their help was much appreciated. Chris Stohr was unable to make a good estimate of the number of dishes, tableware, and pots washed by Ed Clancy, but he estimated that collectively it must have run into the thousands. Bill VanCleave not only prepared some of the nicest artwork for the dessert table, but he also helped to serve pie and to clean up afterward. The Knights were particularly grateful for his help in cleanup!

This from Grand Knight Chris Stohr: "I think we not only had good fish (cod, by the way) served efficiently and with a smile, there was good humor in the kitchen. The Knights thank everyone who helped for your generous contribution of time, energy, and a few good jokes!"



Deadline for submission of information, articles and news items for the next issue of In Focus, July 1997, is **June 15**.



## Congratulations to First Communicants and families!

On Sunday afternoon, April 27, St. Patrick's church was just about as crowded as it gets, perhaps even rivalling the numbers that swell our assembly on those High Feasts of Christmas and Easter. Why? Well, 49 youngsters were there to receive Holy Communion for the very first time, and they were joined by their parents and sponsors, siblings, doting aunts and uncles, and friends to celebrate this special occasion with them. The church was overflowing, an almost palpable sense of joy everywhere.

All 49 boys and girls are in the accompanying photograph, but since you probably won't be able to identify many there, here are their names. Rejoice with them, for they are God's children as well as our own, and this day they feasted on the Bread of Heaven!

Laura Alexander, Ryan Alexander, Timothy Beckenholdt, Michael Beckwith, Allison deBlouwe, Camille Bookter, Christopher Brown, Karina Bugarin, Tomas Bugarin;

Tony Bui, Thuy Bui, Christian Bunyan, Thomas Bunyan, Neil Cech, Rebecca Crawford, Joshua Daly, Cody Downes, Nakita Downes, James Ducey, Katelin Errington;

Nathaniel Foote; Michael Handal, Jessica Grove, Eric Houston, Kathryn Jean,



Ashley Kerr, Jared Kimball, Robert Kimmey, Adam Kirby, Anna Mayer, Clair McTaggart;

Eric Melander, Kathryn Millsap, Nicholas Perez-Jandrich, Brendan Peters, Christopher Plunk, Christine Rinkenberger, Thomas Rohl, Trisha Sawyer, John Schingel;

Sara Sligar, Pamela Sroka, Michael Stofflet, Kyle Stutes, Shawna Tazik, Timo-

thy Turner, Kristina Walker, Emily Westervelt, Lauren Williams.

*May the gift of Eucharist support you as you journey through life. May Jesus help you enjoy all of life's blessings and weather its storms. May God bless you and keep you. May the Lord Jesus guide you and bring you peace, love, and joy.*

## Celebrating sacrament of First Communion a parish, family event

On the day of First Communion the director of religious education was approached by the mother of one of the communicants. She related how her husband had been reluctant to participate in the preparation of their son but was slowly drawn into the process. He started by listening to his wife work on the lessons with their son, and then he asked to have time with the boy. Finally, he helped him gather and choose materials for the souvenir book of family and sacramental history that each first communicant was to make.

The mother showed the DRE a letter her husband had given their son that very morning. He told him of his great love for him and said he was grateful for their time together preparing for this special day. The mother thanked the DRE for the opportunity the preparation process had given her family. She said that if any other process had

been used, this letter might never have been written.

This is a true incident, related in *Catechist* magazine by Kathy Drennan, Director of Religious Education at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Schaumburg (Ill.). Yet it might well have been the experience of St. Patrick's parents, who participate actively in the preparation of their children for First Reconciliation and First Communion. It is a beautiful demonstration of what is possible when parents take an active role in the religious education of their children.

We who received our sacramental preparation in the years before the Second Vatican Council probably remember classroom



teachers, principals, and parish priests directing the entire event. Parental involvement was limited to hearing our memorized answers to assigned catechism questions, to buying or making special clothing for the occasion, or planning the family get-together afterward.

Since that time Vatican II has affirmed that parents are the primary religious educators of their children, that parents communicate their faith mostly through their attitudes and their modelling of faith in God and life.

"It is within families that children have their primary experiences of God," writes Sr. Janet Schaeffler, O.P. (DRE at St. Paul Parish, Grosse Pointe, Mich.). "The Church's ministry for faith formation can no longer be a ministry geared only to children; it must be a ministry to families. They need

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## Parishioner gains valuable insight at volunteer summit

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Germantown cleanup to a reception with Governor and Mrs. Edgar, to a Taste of Philadelphia, to a celebrity gala that featured Oprah Winfrey, Wynton Marsalis, Tony Bennett, and some incredible stories of volunteerism and personal commitment.

The incredible energy carried over to Monday (probably because most delegates got very little sleep!) as we settled in for the working sessions. Each delegation was first seated with delegates from other cities of comparable size; focused questions posed by well-trained facilitators encouraged us to think about what's working well in our respective communities and what's not.

Our room was particularly graced with delegates from the flooded cities of North Dakota, who kept denying the rumor that they had come to Philadelphia just to take a shower! They were extremely grateful for the signs and words of support and the diversion from problems back home.

The next session found all of the C-U Eleven back together, faced with the task of putting together an action plan that we could implement on our return. We worked until 6 p.m. and then adjourned to Penn's Landing for more of Philadelphia's hospitality, which featured brats, Philly sandwiches (of course!), live entertainment, and fireworks.

Tuesday morning started with a panel of political practitioners that included Mayor Daley, Henry Cisneros, and Donna Shalala. The talk was practical but not pessimistic, upbeat but not a pep rally. Audience members raised issues like cutbacks in federal funding to the poor, the resistance of groups to this initiative, and the need to relax the laws regarding liability for people serving in a volunteer capacity.

Then it was on to another session, this time with the delegations of the six other Illinois communities invited to the summit. Mrs. Edgar sat in, heard our reports, and agreed to shepherd the work of implementation in Illinois.

The proceedings concluded with a program in front of Constitutional Hall, where the Founding Fathers met to draft the Consti-



*The Illinois delegation discusses issues at a working session of the Presidential Summit on Community Service.*

tution. Mrs. Clinton, George and Barbara Bush, General Powell, and the Philadelphia Orchestra sent the delegates on their way, back to their hometowns to begin the real work of the summit.

Three weeks have passed, and my life has returned to normal. Despite the hype, I'm still convinced that I was part of a once-in-a-lifetime event. I went to Philadelphia with as much openness as I could muster, and I wasn't disappointed. I grew to know and appreciate the other delegates from C-U; all have tremendous gifts they are willing and generous enough to share. Collectively, we complemented one another on several levels, and I look forward to a long association with them as we move forward.

I am especially excited about the prospects for young people. I have long felt that young people face incredible challenges living in this time and place, and that, despite technological and other advances, they have become less visible and increasingly voiceless in matters that profoundly affect their lives. We need to enfranchise them in our communities in ways that are meaningful and personally fulfilling for them and for the community at large.

I am eager to get on with the work!

## Parents need to play role in preparation for receiving sacraments

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to be helped to see the kitchen table, the rocking chair, the bassinet, and the bedside as places of prayer" (*Religion Teacher's Journal*).

One of the most important goals in religious education today, she asserts, is to "help families feel free to pray together at home and to celebrate God's presence through ritual actions." For this reason St. Patrick's, like many other parishes, takes a family approach to sacramental preparation. Over 4-6 weeks, in the fall for First Reconciliation and in the spring for First Communion, families come together for a series of evening sessions at the parish center to prepare for these special passages in their children's

faith life.

In the classrooms, catechists guide the children through lessons about the sacraments and how we celebrate them. While children meet with their teachers, parents get together for some adult learning and sharing. Parent sessions cover such topics as developing faith at home; church teaching and moral development; the Catholic vision of Church, Word, and Sacrament; the history of the Mass and our present experience of the Mass.

Each session ends with family prayer, and all are sent forth to continue this process at home through other lessons, prayers, and activities. The faith sharing that goes into these weeks of preparation leads to a truly




joyful and meaningful celebration of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

At St. Patrick's, celebrating first sacraments is a parish and a family event. Through our preparation programs, both children and parents grow in their appreciation and understanding of our faith and draw closer together spiritually as families. Sharing together at home and as a parish family deepens everyone's understanding of what it means to be the Body of Christ.

May God bless all our children and families who celebrated First Communion this spring. May learning, sharing, and celebrating our faith be a process that continues for a lifetime.

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## St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Feast of Corpus Christi 9:00am Commissioning Council Members 3:00pm Latino Mass 6:30pm Bill McClellan Farewell Reception	<b>2</b> 9:30am Archives Com 7:00pm Education Com 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Pro-Life Com	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00am Guild Ornament Workshop 5:00pm SVDP	<b>5</b> 9:30am Moms' Group	<b>6</b> 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	<b>7</b> 8:45am Trustees Meeting
<b>8</b> 3:00pm Latino Mass  6:00pm Ice Cream Social	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Centering Prayer	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Financial Affairs Com 7:30pm Parish Council Exec Com	<b>11</b> 9:00am Guild Ornament Workshop 5:00pm SVDP	<b>12</b> 6:30pm Building & Grounds Com 7:00pm Baptism Prep	<b>13</b> 10:30am Mass-Urbana NH 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	<b>14</b>  Outside Paint Day
<b>15</b>  Fathers Day 3:00pm Latino Mass	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Centering Prayer	<b>17</b> 7:30pm Personnel Com	<b>18</b> 9:00am Guild Ornament Workshop 5:00pm SVDP	<b>19</b> 9:30am Moms' Group 7:00pm Parish Council	<b>20</b> 10:30am Mass-Clark-Lindsey 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	<b>21</b> Outside Paint Day (if it rains on the 14th)
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