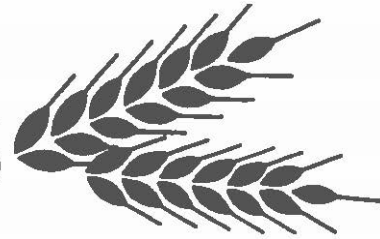


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



Sr. Barbara Bowe to present parish pre-Lenten retreat

On Saturday, Feb. 21, Sr. Barbara Bowe, RSCJ, will both challenge and encourage St. Patrick's parishioners to transform their lives and society in a one-day pre-Lenten retreat.


The day will begin with Mass at 8 a.m. in St. Patrick's church, followed by continental breakfast in the parish center. Between the opening prayer at 9 a.m. and the closing prayer at 2:45 p.m., Sr. Barbara Bowe will offer three presentations on "Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving." Time has been reserved for prayer or discussion.

Sr. Bowe is Associate Professor of

Biblical Studies at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she teaches courses in New Testament and early Christianity and serves as Director of the Biblical Spirituality Program. She has authored books and numerous articles in the field of biblical history. Before coming to CTU, she taught at Maryhill School of Theology and the Sister Formation Institute in Manila.

Registration for the retreat is necessary so that sufficient materials can be prepared for participants. To register, call the parish office (367-2665); please indicate whether you plan to "brown bag it" or prefer the box lunch (\$5.00). The deadline for registration is Friday, Feb. 13.

People helping people, 1997

 The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a volunteer organization that serves the needs of the people who come to St. Patrick's for assistance throughout the year. Jesus said, "Feed my people." The Society, with the generous support of the parish, does that in many ways.

The Monday soup and food volunteers—Marjorie Allain, Rose Breen Nickie Davis, Irene Vattano, Betty LaBerge, and Sophia Zeigler—made 893 gallons of soup for the Catholic Worker House soup kitchen. They also packaged foods donated by Town and Country Catering Service to be given out daily to the needy who come to St. Patrick's for food.

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Kim Knake featured on Discovery Channel

Kim Knake, son of long-time St. Patrick's parishioners Connie and Ellery Knake, was featured in a recent segment of "Home Matters," a program on the Discovery Channel. The segment aired Oct. 4, 1997, and will be shown again on Feb. 2 at 12:45 p.m.

Kim is restoring an old barn in Longmont, Colorado, that was slated for demolition. The barn was moved about three miles to some property that he owns.

According to Connie, he hopes to convert it into an antique store and

"Remember, . . ."

The first sign of Lent is the mark of the cross made with ashes on our foreheads. Because of the ashes and the words "Remember, you are dust ..." we may be thinking about death on Ash Wednesday. But the cross is a sign of both death and life, of Jesus's life given for us that we might live. We don't "do Lent" because we are going to die—we do it because we want to live more fully, more richly.

What is there that we spend ourselves on—our time, our energy, our money—that really is pretty trivial? What is there that we don't spend enough of ourselves on? Our family? Our friends? The needs of the poor? Our relationship with God?

Lent is a time to spend a bit of ourselves on things that really matter. It is not a time of grim austerity; it has a

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community center. She talks to Kim about once a week, and he's slowly making progress with his dream.

Connie says that he also wants to preserve a small part of Colorado history, a feeling that Kim echoed during an interview for the show.

"I think a barn is just a visual for people to realize that's where we've come from," Kim said.



Focusing on staff . . .

It is with pleasure that we introduce the remaining three members of our parish staff: Leslie Risatti, parish secretary; Ray Alane, business operations; and Bill VanCleave, maintenance. If you've lived in the parish for any length of time at all, you've probably already met them or at least spoken with them on the telephone. But take another look, find out something about each one that you haven't known yet, and let them know they're appreciated when next you see them.

Leslie Risatti, parish secretary

Leslie Risatti began as a part-time secretary with Nancy Steerman, who was the full-time secretary at that time. With the arrival of Fr. Remm in 1986, Nancy agreed to stay on during the period of transition. There were many new faces in the two years following: when Sr. Rosemarie Tomlianovich left, Sr. Charlene Cesario



Leslie Risatti

Alane. "New faces bring new outlooks," Leslie remarked with a brilliant smile, "and that always makes life interesting!"

In addition to new faces, the parish underwent several technological changes: new computers, new printers, new software programs, new records to be kept, and a new fax machine. "Challenges abound in the parish office," Leslie added.

Lately, Leslie's personal life has undergone some major changes as well. She and husband Jim are "childless" for the first time this year. Daughter Carrie lives in Virginia while attending law school, and daughter Gabriella has just left for a semester of study in France. So it looks like Leslie and Jim will become experts on the subject of communication!

St. Patrick's is known in the community as a place to come for help, and it makes one feel pretty good when a note or phone call comes in with thanks for help received at St. Patrick's. Leslie is often the first contact people have with St. Patrick's when seeking information or planning to register or wanting to get acquainted with the parish or the local community or needing assistance.

Thank you, Leslie, for the bright smile on your face and in your voice that makes our first impression on the many who come or call.

Ray Alane, business operations

A native of Springfield (Ill.), Ray Alane joined the Navy a couple of years out of high school. He served two years on a carrier and two years in Washington, D.C. Upon discharge, he entered the University of Miami,

agreed to serve as pastoral associate; Genie Grady handed over the responsibilities of business operations to Coleen Golema, who in turn handed them on to Ray



Ray Alane

Florida. Having by this time acquired a family to support, he pushed himself to complete his Bachelor of Business Administration studies in two years and nine months.

After 13 years in Florida, he returned to Springfield and joined the IRS. He was sent to Peoria and was later transferred to Champaign. He worked with the IRS for 34 years. During that time he kept the parish books, under pastor Fr. Martell, for 14 years as an unpaid volunteer. When he retired from the IRS, the position of business operations was open; he applied and was hired. He says the job keeps him busy, but with far less stress than when he worked with the IRS. /

Ray's wife for 45 years is Virginia, herself a very active member of St. Patrick's, but her involvement in the parish is a story in itself. Ray and Virginia have two daughter; Karen, in Minneapolis, has one daughter, and Kathy, in Indianapolis, is the mother of two boys.

When asked about his official duties in the parish, Ray put it in a nutshell: he does all the bookkeeping and is responsible to Fr. Remm. He may answer the telephone when you call, if the secretary is not in her office. And if you come to the parish center early in the morning, you may find him making a pot of coffee—which is *not* part of his official job description!



Bill VanCleave

Bill VanCleave, maintenance

As you relax at Coffee Shop on Sunday morning, do you ever wonder who came in late the night before to set up the tables and chairs after the Saturday wedding reception? If a



Welcome to new parishioners Eric Boder, Margaret Grosch, Linda and Mark Jackson, Maria Lozano, Wes Newport, Amy Lori Reeder, Margaret Ware.

Farewell to parishioners who have moved from C-U: Jennifer Hamburg, George and Joy Hauersperger.

We welcome the following recently baptized into our faith community: Austin Michael Williams, Allison Caroline Herman.

Congratulations to Laura Anne Buker and Paul Frederick Brockhurst, married at St. Patrick's.

Please pray for deceased parishioners John Wavering, Natalie Catherine Liesen.

"For us and for our salvation"

The underlying understanding many of us have of Jesus' suffering and death is that Jesus' purpose on earth was to suffer and die in order to save us from punishment for our sins, and that Jesus serves as a model of the courage and stoicism with which we should meet our own deaths.

Yet according to the gospels, Jesus' purpose and goal was to announce the imminent, immediate coming of the reign of God and to explain and exemplify the unexpected and demanding form that reign would take.

In the course of announcing, explaining, and exemplifying the coming reign of God, Jesus antagonized all the powerful social groups who saw no need for any changes that might have an impact on their roles. Jesus also alienated many of the common people whom he championed, and even some of his own followers, by insisting that the reign of God was a participatory phenomenon that called for the active transforma-

tion of all, including the renunciation of hard and fast traditional categories of righteousness.

Jesus was not executed because his death was the way God had decided to save us. Jesus was executed because when God sent Jesus to save humanity, as the gospels detail, powerful people conspired to kill Jesus in order to avoid the threat of social and personal transformation that he represented. That's why Jesus, left only with the options of death or abandoning his mission, allowed himself to be put to death.

God let Jesus die not because that was God's choice for how to save the world, but for the same reason that God allowed the sin of Adam and Eve, the human sin the preceded the flood, and sin since the Resurrection. Freedom, as God explained in speeches to Job, is part of the gift that God gave creation; not only humans but the seas, the wild animals, all of creation has freedom. The misuses of that freedom, either in human sin or when the ostrich lays its eggs in a footpath where human or beast may trample them (Job 39:13-18), are not God's responsibility but the tragic side effects of God's good gift.

In Matthew 13, Jesus describes God's strategy of letting the weeds (sinners) grow up alongside the wheat (virtuous) until the harvest, lest uprooting the weeds destroy the wheat as well. His prayer in the garden of Gethsemane following the Passover meal demonstrated that Jesus did not want to die. The free will of humans created a situation in which he saw no options capable of advancing the reign of God other than his own death.

There is a significant difference between saying that God sent Jesus to suffer and die to save us, and saying that God sent Jesus to save us and because of human sin Jesus ended up having to die to do it. The reason for the difference is that we are called to follow Jesus. If Jesus is our model for how to live, then it is important that we understand how and why Jesus died.

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In Focus needs computer volunteer



If you enjoy reading *In Focus* and find that it helps you know more about St. Patrick's and the people who are Church here, if you can use page-layout software and spare a few hours to page the newsletter, please call to volunteer. Even if you can't commit to putting in the time each month but can do it occasionally, please do call anyway; we'd like to set up a roster of page-layout artists with rotating responsibility so the task remains a pleasant and creative one, and not a burden.

If you can help, call Mary Lou Menches (344-1125 evenings, 244-4701 days). Or leave your name and a message at the parish office (367-2665). We'll keep our collective fingers crossed meanwhile!



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Happy Valentine's Day to our Readers . . .



from the staff of
In Focus!



in our parish library

Modern Saints: Their Lives and Faces

By Ann Ball

The idea for this book grew out of the reactions of a group of the author's fifth-grade students to a photograph of St. Therese, the Little Flower, in her wheelchair. Comments ranged from "Where are the roses?" to "You mean she was real?"

Modern Saints contains the life stories of 55 saints, beati, and holy people of the last 150 years, along with their pictures, most of which are actual photographs. These pictures alone make the book unique and an invaluable record of sanctity in our own time. The book presents the lives of many Americans and of saints from the 19th and 20th centuries, many of whom are already familiar to most Catholics.

The author spent ten years in researching the lives of modern-day saints and validating true and unretouched photographs to show that they were indeed real human beings. She also succeeds in demonstrating the perpetual vitality of the Roman Catholic Church and strongly affirming that there are people living among us today

who are saints, who may even one day be recognized as saints. "Instead of romanticized portraits of the saints, what we really need," Ann Ball writes, "is the assurance that there have been and always will be real, warm, flesh-and-blood people who have lived the sort of lives that made them fit candidates for canonization. We need to know that we too have the opportunity to become saints." And so she wrote this book.

Christmas greetings from the Holy Land

In late December the following brief note was received from our "sister parish" in the Holy Land:

Dear Father George Remm and dear colleagues as well as parishioners,

On Dec. 25, at Midnight Mass, in the Holy Grotto of Bethlehem, we will remember you and all your dear parishioners.

Yours,

Father Abdel-Nour

Parish Wish List

The parish wish list is intended to present to parishioners a list of items that, although not included in the parish budget, might be acquired through earmarked donations. Such items in the past have included the patio and benches on the east side of the church and coat racks used for large gatherings in the parish center.

Items on the wish list are not absolutely essential to the running of the parish, but they open new opportunities for enriching the spiritual or community life of the parish for helping parish organizations do their work more effectively.

The Archives Committee has

requested that the following items be placed on the parish wish list:

- Funds to duplicate and preserve the blueprints for the church. St. Patrick's has only one copy now, and it is getting worn. The committee is looking into options and costs.

- Desktop publishing software to be used to prepare the parish history in time for the parish's centennial in 2001, at about \$700.

- A second fireproof file cabinets for the parish archives, at \$800.

Fr. Remm will be happy to discuss the purpose of the wish list with interested parishioners or to answer questions about items on it. Donations in any amount will be gratefully received; it is not necessary to contribute the whole amount for any item.

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kneeler in the church has come loose or a door handle needs repair, do you know who is the one you should report it to? When the parish grounds are looking especially nice with newly mown grass, do you know whom to compliment? The answer to all of the above is Bill VanCleave.

These are a few of the many tasks Bill performs in his position as custodian for St. Patrick's Parish. In the summer, it's mowing grass and trimming bushes and trees; in the winter, it's shoveling snow and putting out the ice melt bright and early of a morning. Bill is also the Food Service Sanitation Supervisor of our parish and plays a key role in maintaining food safety in the parish kitchen.

Bill attends Twin City Bible Church, at Lincoln and Michigan Avenues in Urbana—after he has put out the ice melt at St. Patrick's. An Urbana native, Bill is a man of many hobbies. Perhaps the most unusual of these is metal detecting; he is vice-president of the Relic Hunters Club of Monticello.

Bill also enjoys working with his computer; he is the one who makes most of the signs posted on doors of the parish center. He has his own web page, where you can view another of his hobbies, photography. His favorite photographic subject is fireworks.

If you visit Bill at <http://www.soltec.net/billvanc>, you will meet his 11-year-old Sheltie, named Magic. You will also hear about his sister Connie Shaw's lakehouse in Indiana, one of Bill's favorite places to relax.

Oh, and by the way, Bill is single and open to changing that circumstance—if the right woman comes along.

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calm, peaceful joy about it. Lent is a time to refocus ourselves on the things that matter most deeply to us and to receive the new heart that God wants to give us.

All who come will be marked with ashes on Wednesday, Feb. 25, during Mass at 7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 5:15 p.m., and during a brief service at 7:30 p.m.

Greetings from Janet House in Micronesia!

I hope your holidays were enjoyable and restful!

On Christmas Eve we went to the parish Mass, which was said in Pohnpeian. It wasn't as crowded as last year, but it was good to see everyone dressed up and to talk to my host family for a while. Afterward, snacks and punch and pop were provided by PATS (Ponape Agriculture and Trade School) in the staff dining hall. A small group of us sang Christmas carols for a couple of hours.

Christmas morning, Abby and I opened our presents together. After the 8 a.m. PATS Christmas Mass, Julie, Abby, Cathy, and I attempted to make brunch for the students in the student kitchen. We were pretty disgusted with the filthy state of things and found that things were not set out for us to cook, and that the stoves didn't have enough kerosene in them. We were pretty peeved and moved to the staff kitchen to complete our task. So the students got a real (and rare) treat when they got to dine in the staff kitchen!

In the late afternoon I went to my host family's house. I had forgotten to bring my flashlight, so two of my host sisters, Angie and Olivia, came back with me to get one. They asked me to stay overnight at their house. I think they really enjoy it when I say overnight there; it seems to mean so much to them! So I packed my backpack with overnight stuff along with a flashlight.

We sat around and talked for the most part, but I was content. I feel awkward at times because I know only a bit of the language and can't understand everything. I also feel like I am disappointing my host mom when I don't understand her. We get by, though, and I really feel welcome there.

My host family is awesome! When



Micronesia JVs; Janet House is second from the left, front.

I started giving hugs to my host mother and sisters, they thought it was rather strange, but they are getting used to it and have come to understand it and expect hugs from me now. I dare not hug my host

brothers or father, though. I think that would be taboo, especially since my host parents show absolutely no affection in public and very little affection in the privacy of their home. Married couples do not even walk together; the man walks in front and the woman walks a distance behind. Males and females do not typically "hang out" together around the house, either. It is rather interesting.

On the 26th I tried to prepare for our retreat in Chuuk. The group of Jesuit Volunteers there were to plan the meals and accommodations, and our group of Jesuit Volunteers had to come up with activities and topics for the retreat. Fr. Curran had been invited to join us, but we'd changed

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Q: When may non-Catholics receive Holy Communion in our church? And may Catholics now receive

Communion during a worship service in a Protestant church?

A: One of the requirements for a Protestant to receive Communion with Catholics is that his or her faith in the Eucharist (regarding the true presence of Jesus) must be in harmony with that of the Catholic Church. This is because the Eucharistic Sacrifice and sacrament celebrate and signify the oneness of faith of those who share it.

In reality there are significant variations of belief between Catholics and the official positions of most Protestant churches about what is happening at a Eucharistic Liturgy, and what the Eucharist is. Consequently, a Catholic may not receive Communion in a Protestant service, nor a Protestant in a Catholic service. (Such a policy is also a matter of courtesy and respect for the beliefs of other churches whose regulations are similar to our own.)

That being said, there are specific conditions under which persons who are not Catholic may receive Communion. They must (1) be in danger of death, or in urgent need (e.g., persecution, imprisonment); (2) be unable to

have access to a minister of their own faith; (3) ask for the sacrament on their own initiative; (4) have faith in the sacrament in accord with the belief of the Catholic Church; and (5) be properly disposed—that is, be aware of no serious offense against God that would be contradictory to that union professed in the Eucharist.

The bishop of a diocese may allow reception of Communion by non-Catholics in certain other "urgent necessities." Bishops have, for example, allowed non-Catholic parents to receive Communion at the marriage of their Catholic son or daughter, non-Catholic spouses to receive Communion at the funeral of the Catholic partner, non-Catholic graduates to receive Communion with their classmates at a baccalaureate Mass, and so on. But only the bishop has the right and responsibility to judge whether inter-Communion may take place. Of course, the conditions concerning faith in the sacrament and proper disposition must also be present, as noted above.

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

Parish Council News

Council members have been studying the results of the parish needs assessment survey. For each question they consider the data for it, what the report tells about it, what supports the response, and what should be done to further, support, or change the condition indicated. As members work through the survey questions over the next several months, Fr. Remm plans to take notes of the discussions to share with parishioners in his Pastor's Reflections in the weekly bulletin.

The Council officially accepted the five-year goals formulated during the November workshop. Standing committees and other parish groups are asked to develop objectives that will help the parish move toward achievement of those goals and to present them to the Council by Feb. 19.

The parish has received the first rebate (\$136) from the Diocese of Peoria's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Any additional payments made will be returned to the parish, now that we have met our assigned goal for the diocese. A gift of \$15,000 received at year's end will be held to complete the kitchen renovation if needed, with remaining funds added to the Centennial Fund.

Fr. Remm reported that a Pastors Board has been established for the Catholic High School. It is made up of pastors from St. Thomas (Philo), St. Malachy (Rantoul), St. Matthew and Holy Cross (Champaign), and St. Patrick (Urbana). An interim Education Commission has also been established; Dorothy Maduzia will represent St. Patrick's on it. The fund drive will run until June; in January Bishop Myers will meet with people in this area who might commit large gifts.

A non-smoking policy has been adopted for all parish facilities, effective Aug. 20. By way of special arrangement for the two staff members who smoke, a smoking area has been designated for their use; new employees will be expected to observe the no-smoking policy.

It has been proposed that the parish undertake the Parish Nurse ministry, which is designed to assist people unable to get basic care because they lack health insurance. Three parishioners (Carol Humpherys, Rosemary Mathy, and Lilia Peters) completed the 40-hour training program presented at St. Patrick's by Carle Clinic, and others are interested as well. St. Matthew's has a parish nurse, and Holy Cross has two. The budget for the first year, \$4900, would be largely offset by reductions in the pastoral ministry budget to accommodate the program.

The proposal describes the role of the parish nurse as health counselor, health educator, advocate (assistance in navigating the health-care system), referral agent, support-group developer, and recruiter/trainer of volunteers (on a variety of levels to provide services to the congregation). The program would operate under the oversight of Sr. Charlene. The question of potential liability will be referred to the diocese for clarification.

Fr. Remm presented a proposal for a coordinator for Latino ministry to assist in communicating with the Hispanics in this area. The coordinator would report directly to the pastor and serve as staff liaison to the Latino community, beginning July 1 on a part-time basis, with a stipend of \$300 per month or \$3600 per year. This ministry is viewed as an outreach to Hispanics that no other parish is undertaking at this time, yet one that is essential to prevent their drifting away from the Catholic Church.

Joe Tobias presented a proposal for an ad hoc Vocations Committee to promote consciousness of religious vocations, pointing out the recent Bishops Synod's recommendation

that all parishes support a vocations committee. The proposal suggests a group functioning on a continuous basis, open to both men and women, especially young people. The first year would probably be devoted to determining what the committee should do before it could recommend a specific program.

April 18-19 was the date set for the next Parish Council election. The election committee will be headed up by outgoing president Jean Daly, who will be joined by another outgoing Council member and three members from the parish at large.

These notes have been necessarily selective since they cover both the December and January meetings of the Council. Complete minutes of the meetings are posted on the bulletin board in the office wing of the parish center and on the bulletin board in the church vestibule for those who are interested.

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

From Religious Leaders for Community Care

The C-U Good News

Working together to make local schools more inclusive communities, 95 leaders met for an evening meal and work session in November. The group included 8 school board members, 9 central office personnel, 24 principals, 12 other community leaders, and 42 rabbis and ministers. The working groups reaffirmed the desire of RLCC and public schools to be in partnership, listing new commitments and strategies for the coming year. A steering committee is to meet in January.

Rev. Charles Nash and Ron Simkins have been meeting on behalf of RLCC to think and pray about responses to the possibility of a KKK rally in C-U in 1998. They are in contact with other local leaders, hoping that nothing materializes but wanting to be ready if something does. Keep them in your prayers.



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of In Focus is February 8.

Three school chums and evangelization

Sometimes we evangelize others by our ordinary acts of faith without realizing the effect we are having. Such is the story of three friends, Barbara Becker Hughes, Kathy Shaw McKenzie, and Chris Shaw Langendorf, who met in kindergarten at Leal School. Tom-boys all, they were inseparable through most of grade school.

While the Shaw family has always been faith-filled through thick and thin, the Becker parents were indifferent to religion. Yet, Barbara's mother dropped her children off at the First Presbyterian Church (Urbana) on most Sundays.

When Barb was in fourth or fifth grade, her father took a job in California. The three friends stayed in touch through letters. Several times Barb flew back to Urbana to spend time with the Shaws. It was during these weekend visits in grade school and junior high, when Barb went to Mass with the Shaw family, that the seeds of faith sown earlier began to grow.

Another St. Patrick's family (who wishes to remain anonymous here) had an equally strong influence on Barb through their close friendship with her parents, both here in Urbana and on their visits to California, when they stayed with the Beckers. Barbara wrote of her conversion in a condolence letter to this recently widowed parishioner:

"I give thanks to God for you both, because you touched my life at a very early age, in a very special way. You probably didn't realize it, but I saw God in you both, when I was young. I didn't understand it then, but I spent my life looking for him. I saw God also in the Shaw family. It gave me hope that God did exist. It took me until 1979 to realize finally that God was always there, just waiting for me to acknowledge him in my heart. And now I understand more about what was happening when I was a child, and I thank you for God's light that you allowed to shine through you to me."

Through the mid-sixties and early seventies Barb became involved in the counterculture movement. She is currently an artist who home-taught

From Nancy Costa:

An Evangelization Minute

Have you ever read a particular scripture verse so many times that you felt you knew it by rote? Or heard it so often that there wasn't any spark of newness in it anymore? That's how it was for me with these verses from St. Luke's gospel:

"And you, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins."

I had prayed these words literally

her children and lives near Taos (New Mexico) with her husband, a carpenter. Kathy and Chris had lost track of her until they heard from her in the late eighties, and they had no idea of their influence on her. Neither did the widowed parishioner: "I had no clue!" Just as we often don't know when we are evangelizing, so too we can't know where or how God is going to direct our unknowing evangelization. Today Barbara Becker is a faithful, highly enthusiastic Lutheran, surprised to find out that her father was raised in and left the faith she has chosen.

Barbara's father, a physicist and a rather distant parent who was absorbed in his work, spent his last years in a nursing home in California, a victim of Alzheimer's disease. During an early morning visit with him, Barb slowly read aloud the Twenty-third Psalm, explaining it as she went along because he'd indicated that he didn't know what it meant. Barb felt that she was able to pass along God's message of hope to her dad; she wrote: "I know in my heart that my dad is being touched by God. He is a different man. He loves affection now.... I believe that he began to seek God in the midst of the Alzheimer's, and I now feel that he has found him."

thousands of mornings and was comfortable with the revelation of John the Baptizer's mission 2000 years ago, in another time and a faraway place. But it was during the formation period of our parish evangelization team that this passage became personal.

Each one of us who is baptized into the life, death, and resurrection of

Jesus Christ is a prophet of God. The role Jesus gave us is to go and spread his message, to teach and inspire others, to help them become better Christians. He is our announcement and our proclamation.

God uses each of us to bring his message to the world. We are people

of great hope and faith. It's up to us to share this Good News with all the holy family of God.



Let us begin each day mindful that we are indeed witnesses to Christ in our actions and in our words.

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.

What kids say to God

Dear God,
In school they told us what You do.
Who does it when You are on
vacation?

Jane

Dear God,
Are you really invisible, or is that
just a trick?

Lucy

—From an e-mail correspondent

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the plans to many times that he wasn't able to. Just before we left for the lagoon island of Falous, we put out a fire in the church. Gwelan has spotted the fire as she was walking by, and a bunch of us gathered water and ran to the rescue. Someone called the fire department. By the time I got there, the flames were out, and we began cleanup. There were tons of candles on a makeshift "staircase" from the Feast of the Holy Family, when each family put a candle in the front of the church. I guess no one watched them, and one of the fell and caught the wood on fire. There was very little visible damage, but Gwelan was quite shaken up about it.

Off to Falous we went. It took two boatloads to get all 17 of us and our stuff there. I thought the retreat went all right, but it probably would have helped if we'd had a Jesuit there to give us more insight and keep us from getting too down on ourselves or too wrapped up in certain topics.

We slept under the stars in the cool breeze. The drought here is good for something in that we didn't have to worry much about being rained out. The snorkeling was awesome there, and we saw a lot of new coral and algae and fish we hadn't seen in Pohnpei. And I swam through a hole in a rock, feeling like the Little Mermaid. Being the morning person I am, I awoke in time to see the sunrise both mornings. The sun, the clouds, the sand, the coral, the ocean, and the waves all got together and performed a beautiful dance!

On the night of the 31st, I went to the big Christmas/New Year's party at my host family's house. We watched movies and drank sakau for most of the time. We ate around 10 p.m. (thank God I'd eaten dinner earlier!) and opened presents after the stroke of midnight and after candy was thrown out to everyone. My host mother made a beautiful skirt for me that I wore the next day. At about 12:30 or 1 o'clock a couple of the staff members came with some of the students and paraded around

banging cans and pots and ringing bells and shouting—one of the Micronesian traditions now. I lasted until about 3 a.m., then headed for bed!

Now I'm finishing up some grades and report cards for the Staff Trainees. I also have to get ready for Monday, when school starts again. I'll be teaching a college math class for the STs in addition to my other classes; it will be quite a challenge.

My garden is kind of at a standstill because of the drought. We received about 30 seconds of rain last night and about 20 seconds this morning—and that was a huge blessing! It's strange being in a tropical climate during a drought. Soon we'll be taking bucket showers, thanks to El Nino!

Take care, and God bless you.

Peace,

Janet House

Janet House's letter was dated Jan. 5. Letters may be addressed to her at Ponape Agriculture and Trade School, P.O. Box 39, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia 96941.

Archives Committee Parish History "Question of the Month"

The Archives Committee has requested pictures and memorabilia of parish history: photos of groups or individuals taken at First Communions, Confirmations, TEC (Teens Encounter Christ), CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish), and family weddings, mementos of (for example) the 75th Anniversary Rededication of the Church, old newspaper clippings about the parish or parishioners, picnics, ice cream socials, dinners, dances.

This month the committee asks again that you lend whatever such items you may have. They can now scan or duplicate most items and promise to handle them with great care. They will, of course, return items to you if you so desire.

Now is the time to get these items to the committee so they can be incorporated into records as they are prepared. Put any items in the Archives Committee mailbox in the parish center, or leave a note and someone will call you. You can also call Judy Conover (367-2109) if you have information or questions.

Anything that you can contribute will add to our knowledge of parish history and enhance our celebrations in 2001 and 2003!

Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Pat Whelan

Swiss Steak

1 1/2 lbs round or rump steak
2 T flour
1 t salt
1/8 t pepper
2 T vegetable oil
1 clove garlic, if desired

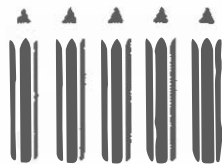
1 1/2 c canned whole tomatoes
3 thinly sliced large onions
sliced mushrooms to taste
1 c beef stock, broth, bouillon,
or French onion mix (liquid)

Cut excess fat from steak; cut meat into about 3 pieces so it is easy to handle. Combine flour, salt, and pepper, and dredge steak in mixture. Pound steak with mallet, or plate held on its side, until most of the flour has disappeared into steak.

Heat oil in skillet; brown steak in oil (about 20 mins.). Add garlic, if desired. When steak has browned, add vegetables and stock or other liquid to keep vegetables from burning. Turn down heat and cover skillet. Simmer about 2 hours or until tender.



Holy Cross newsline



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As you may have read in the *News-Gazette*, Holy Cross Parish will be adding space to its school building this year. The last addition included plans for adding on to the school at a later time. The addition will adjoin nicely to the current structure.

On Jan. 7 Sr. Kathleen fell in her home and broke her leg. She will have a walking cast for 4-6 weeks. Please remember her in your prayers.

A school Mass was held on Jan. 16 in remembrance of the 25th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade court decision legalizing abortion. A collection (monetary donations or prayers) was given to the local Birthright organization. Birthright provides services (counseling, transportation to doctor's appointments, baby clothes, and formula) to pregnant women to help them carry their pregnancy to term.

Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 25-Jan. 31, focused on "Restoring Faith in Education." Each day had a theme: Monday, Faith in Our Community (included a spelling bee); Tuesday, Faith in Our Students (jeans day); Wednesday, Faith in Our Nation's Catholic Schools (including button day and Beanie Baby Giveaway); Thursday, Faith in Our Volunteers/Parents (included an open house); Friday, Faith in our Teachers/Staff (included an all-school Mass).

A "Princess Diana" Beanie Baby, donated to the school by the Santarelli family, will be raffled off during Catholic Schools Week, with one raffle entry for each school family and each member of the faculty and staff to thank them for all they do for the school.

In Focus seeks a volunteer to gather and write about information of interest to parishioners about Holy Cross School programs, activities, and calendar events. More than 80 youngsters from over 50 St. Patrick's families are enrolled at Holy Cross School, and our readers are interested!

Please call Dorothy Maduzia (367-2819) or Mary Lou Menches (344-1125) if this role appeals to you.

Parishioners who volunteer to serve in shifts from 4:15 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, are Carole Rebeiz, Johanna Bradley, Jim McKown, Agnes Nemeth, George Pennacchi, Michael Compo, Margaret and Wayne Oaks, Byron DeHaven, and Madonna Sanford and daughter. Last year they gave out food packages to 1658 families.

Needs are a-plenty throughout the year for the less fortunate. In 1997 the Society helped 30 travelers with gas, 51 with bus tickets, 55 with overnight lodging, 19 with medication, 20 with meal tickets to Steak 'n' Shake, and many more in a variety of other ways.

The Society supports the Catholic Worker House by donating \$100 per month to help with operating expenses. In addition, the Society sent its companion chapter in Jamaica \$700 to support its work there among the poorest of the poor.

The local chapter relies on St. Patrick's parishioners for cash donations to help them carry out their mission. Financial support comes to the Society through Feed the Hungry collections, contributions to the Poor Box in the back of the church, and the special collections requested throughout the year.

Last November, 103 parishioners donated \$3065, which enabled the Society to prepare 200 Thanksgiving food baskets (at a cost of \$3554.74) for delivery to needy families in the C-U area. The list of recipients' names was compiled from those provided by the Mental Health Center, Family Services, Columbia Village, Steer Place, Skelton Place, Lakeside Terrace, and Louise Tanner, North End.

When the Society asked for volunteers to sort foods for packaging and to deliver the food baskets, the response was tremendous: 156 persons help with the project, arranging the foods for packaging and delivering them during the three days before Thanksgiving. Holy Cross SVDP members also help with this project every year. Special thanks to John Sherlock, Harry Forrester, Tom Shay, Jim Davis, Skip Whitesell, Dan Harrington, Joe Lamb, Mike Ducey, and Paul Miller.

The Society received many thank you notes. Kathleen Kessler, of the Mental

Health Center, wrote: "We would like to take time to thank parishioners of St. Patrick's and the St. Vincent de Paul Society for the generosity you showed to clients of our Community Support and Residential Services teams. You delivered baskets to over 70 of our clients. Our clients have come to look forward to these baskets each year. Many would have gone without a nice Thanksgiving dinner without your thoughtfulness."

Another wrote: "Thank you so much for the nice big box of wonderful food that I got from you. I am on a very low income and I wouldn't have had a Thanksgiving dinner if it hadn't been for you. I think it is wonderful that you do this for needy people." Yet another wrote that she is 90 years old and live alone; she thanked us for all that good food.

Leo Wood came back from one delivery, all smiles, saying that "the lady was so grateful for the food that she gave me a big hug." Compliments were plenty, and affirmed the Society's resolve, with your help, to continue this project in the future.

"We thank you all, each and every one of you, for your generous support throughout the years," said Sophia Zeigler, president of the local SVDP, with feeling. "You help to serve the people who come to us, the ones who cannot help themselves. Your generous contributions put this food on their tables."

Beyond the Twelfth Day of Christmas

*When the song of the angels is
stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the shepherds are back with
their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:*

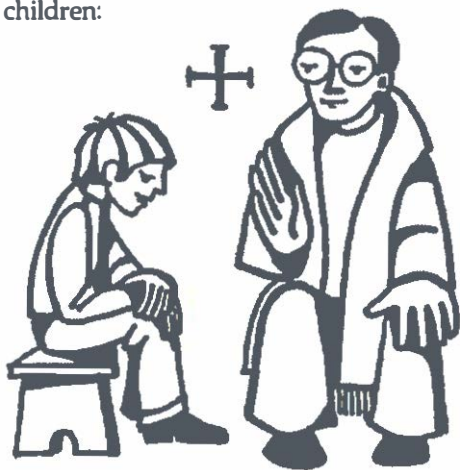
*to find the lost
to heal the broken
to feed the hungry
to release the prisoner
to rebuild the nations
to bring peace among people
to make music in the heart.*

—From an e-mail correspondent

Parish celebrates First Reconciliation

On Dec. 2, 1997, 64 young parishioners received First Reconciliation at St. Patrick's. Parents were active participants in preparing their children for this significant step in their relationship with God, and parents and siblings gathered with them for the celebration.

"O my God," all prayed, "I am sorry for my sins. In choosing to sin and failing to do good, I have sinned against you and your Church. I firmly intend, with the help of your son, to do penance and to sin no more." We can but pray the same, together with these children:



Christina Alexander, Laura Alexander, Ryan Alexander, Michael Bialeschki, Adriana Black, Erin Bray, Abby Brown, Jason Brown, Justin Brown, Neil Cech, Grant Cinker, Jordyn Conerty, Mical Cottingham;

Amanda Darbonne, Melissa David, Timothy David, John Dimit, Mark Dixon, Justin Drook, Zoe Foote, Samuel Freidhof, Cesar Garcia, Diego Garcia, Cassandra Glazier, Samantha Ingram, Justin Jarrett, Caroline Jones;

Tomasz Kalbarczyk, Catherine Keane, Roby Kinmey, Anne Kingston, Mandy Kirby, Megan Kirby, Christian Kurtz, Theresa Laumann, Kevin Melander, Stephen Mesker, Jimmy Miklasz, Andrea Moreno;

Ian Nelson, Jonathan Nelson, Hao-Phu Nguyen, James Onderdonk, Ellie Pierce, Lucas Raab, Abigail Rapp, Emlyn Resetarits, Christine Rinkenberger, Charles Sandusky, Blake Sawyer, Trisha Sawyer, K. Avery Schael;

Adrienne Shoemaker, Molly Smith, Kyle Stutes, Maciek Swiech, Michael

Towns, Ryan Trummer, Zachary Turner, Ben Valocchi, Sarah Wahl, Arielle Walker, Jimmy Wallace, Marla Westervelt.

Other young parishioners celebrated this sacrament with classmates at Holy Cross School on Jan. 24:

Kirsten Faught, Thera Hubler, Clair McTaggart, Christine Milewski, Nathaniel Perry, Natalie Timpone.

Our parish priests, Fathers George Remm and Gene Kane, were assisted by Fathers Tom Royer, Richard Mullen, and George Wuellner.

Ellen Amberg, Children's Program Coordinator, expressed gratitude to catechists Linda Bowers, Tammie Kirby, Mary Tierney, Anne Pierce, Linda Weber, and Alicia and Steve Miklasz for their assistance in preparing our children for First Reconciliation, and to Jean Tierney and Amanda Heater for providing babysitting during the preparation classes.

Archives Committee plans collection of parish family histories

St. Patrick's will be celebrating the parish centennial in 2001-2003, and the Archives Committee is preparing materials that will be used during the celebrations. Next month all registered parishioners will receive a letter requesting that they write a brief family history, all of which will be put into book form commemorating the 100th anniversary of St. Patrick's Parish. Sample histories will be included with the letter.

This is a wonderful opportunity for each family history to be recorded, and the committee hopes for 100% participation. When the letter arrives (marked Centennial 2001-2003), please take a moment to read it and begin conversations with your family as to what information you wish to record. Please be aware that there will be a deadline. Even though it may seem a bit early to begin this project, there will be much to do once the family histories are submitted!

Mary reveals God's healing power

On Feb. 11, 1858, Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous outside Lourdes, a small city in the south of France. Bernadette saw Mary 18 times. During one of these apparitions, Mary identified herself as the Immaculate Conception. During another, Mary asked Bernadette to dig for water with her hands, indicating the exact spot. Bernadette did as she was asked, and from her digging a spring was born. After 140 years the spring still flows, producing around 27,000 gallons of water per day.

Many miracles have taken place here, some recognized officially by the Church but many more that remain hidden. Many people return to their homes with a renewed faith and a desire to serve God through the poor and the oppressed. Just the existence of Lourdes is a constant reminder of the healing power of God. At Lourdes this healing power is experienced through the intercession of Mary, and so this anniversary of her appearance to Bernadette has been designated as a memorial to Our Lady of Lourdes.

In 1992 this memorial to Our Lady of Lourdes was fittingly designated by Pope Paul II as the World Day of the Sick. We are called upon to pray for the healing of our brothers and sisters who are ill, whether that illness be physical, mental, or spiritual--to see in them the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising achieved the salvation of us all. We ask the intercession of Mary, his mother and ours, for the good of all.

On Feb. 7-8, the weekend preceding this feast, a communal anointing of the sick will be offered during all Masses at St. Patrick's church. All who are ill are invited to present themselves for this anointing while the assembly prays in silence for the sick of the parish, the diocese, and the world.

New policy approved for parish families with children in Holy Cross School

A new policy affecting parish families with Holy Cross students has been approved for implementation in academic year 1998-99. Information has been sent to parish families with children currently enrolled in Holy Cross School. The policy is published here to inform other interested parishioners.

Holy Cross School Fees and Financial Arrangement Policy

School fees and financial arrangements for the children of St. Patrick's parishioners enrolled in Holy Cross School are as follows:

1. Who is eligible?

Eligible children are children of a registered family living and practicing the Catholic Faith and contributing to the support of St. Patrick's Parish.

a. A family must be registered and supporting the parish for one year prior to enrollment to receive tuition benefit. Out-of-area transfers or converts to the Church are excluded.

2. Tuition and Fees

Children of St. Patrick's Parish attending Holy Cross School as full-time students are Category 2.

Participants as defined in the *Holy Cross Family Handbook* as a "registered (Catholic) family of any surrounding parish in the Peoria Diocese, in good standing":

a. Holy Cross will determine Category 2 tuition rate for primary and kindergarten students annually. (1997 rate is \$1,850 for primary students and \$1,350 for kindergarten students.)

b. Assessment fee: An additional fee, currently \$100 per child, shall be paid for capital improvements that Holy Cross Parish makes beyond those covered by the cost-per-pupil costs. St. Patrick's Parish will pay the capital improvement fee upon request. Payment of the capital improvement fee does not require the tuition support application process.

c. School Category 2 tuition and assessment fees shall be paid to St. Patrick's Parish.

- Different billing and payment plans are available. Late fees will be assessed for late payments.

d. Other fees at Holy Cross School are the responsibility of the student's family.

e. St. Patrick's Parish will follow Holy Cross School refund policies for tuition and books. These situations will require a coordinated effort between St. Patrick's Parish and Holy Cross School. Readmission policy is set by Holy Cross School.

3. Tuition Support

St. Patrick's Parish will financially support tuition costs at Holy Cross School for eligible children. To evaluate the level of need for tuition support, the parish will use Private School Aid Service (PSAS). This service will help evaluate a family's ability to meet the cost of tuition in an objective and confidential manner. An oversight committee to determine the tuition commitment will use the service.

a. Tuition commitments must be finalized by April 30. (The deadline at Holy Cross is May 1.)

b. PSAS applications for tuition support can be obtained from the parish office. The application must be completed and returned to PSAS by March 17. A completed application includes a copy of the applicant's most recent tax return.

c. St. Patrick's Parish will pay PSAS application fee, currently \$12.

d. Results from PSAS will go to a member(s) of the oversight committee. The committee/committee member and applicant will determine the amount of support based on the PSAS result. A payment plan will be selected.

e. Process for appeal: All appeals for decisions on tuition support are as follows: first level: full oversight committee; next level: Finance Committee.

4. Oversight Committee

The purpose of this committee is to work with parishioners in determining tuition commitments at Holy Cross School. It is a subcommittee of St. Patrick's Finance Committee. Information in both of these committees is kept in strictest confidentiality.

a. The committee will consist of three members. Two of the three members will be parents of Holy Cross students.

b. The pastor may participate as an advisor to the Oversight Committee.

c. A monthly report of committee activities and the tuition program will be given to the Finance Committee.

5. Default of Payment of Tuition or Fees

The Oversight Committee will review tuition revenues monthly. Parishioners at risk for default of tuition payments will be identified and contacted.

a. Parishioners whose payments are beyond 30 days overdue will be contacted verbally by a member of the Oversight Committee. Parishioner will have 15 days to pay payments due.

b. Parishioners have the option to reapply for additional support at this time if their financial situation has changed. Parishioners are encouraged to pro-actively make these arrangements before tuition payments are due to avoid late fees.

c. Tuition payments must be current for receipt of report cards. This program is coordinated with Holy Cross School.

d. Parishioners in default of payment of tuition or fees at the end of the school year will not be allowed to re-register as Category Two participants at Holy Cross School the following year. Parishioners can then be made current by:

- Fulfillment of previous year's tuition and fees, and
- Tuition commitment inclusive of payment plans.

Approved: January 1998

Members of St. Patrick's Youth Group enjoy the ski slopes on their December weekend in Wisconsin.



From Dr. Susan Nagele:

"Greetings to all of you!"

The following letter was dated Nov. 16, 1997.

Recently I received a copy of Joan Chittister's newsletter "The Monastic Way" for November. She wrote a reflection on the fast pace of life and (in part) she wrote: "We rush from birth to death, from place to place, from natural conception to test tube, cloning in record time, with little or no opportunity to integrate any of them in our souls, to evaluate them with our minds, to come to grips with the effect of one part of life on us before we are faced with the demands of the next." This is certainly one of the impressions I had of the States during my three-month leave there this past summer. I was not able to get used to it and wondered whether, after 12 years in Africa, I could go back to it.

There have been many stresses on this continent of Africa and in my own life this past year, but a hectic pace of life was not one of them. Marj Humphrey was not able to return to work with us for health reasons. The SPLA began a big offensive in March, and from their point of view they were quite successful. There were many difficulties with the local authorities in Nimule and with their health care workers whom we were supervising. After much prayer and reflection I made the decision in April to move on from Nimule when I returned from my leave in August.

At the end of August I visited

Lotimor, near Mount Naita, in the far eastern part of the Diocese of Torit, almost on the Ethiopian border. Two Irish priests, myself, and another health care worker are beginning a new pastoral outreach to the Toposa people. They were displaced to this area by the war five years ago. The Toposa have land and cattle but no health or educational services. Two years ago some of their leaders asked the Diocese to come work with them. It is a hard place to get to, with bad roads and scarce water sources. But the landscapes, mountains, and birds along the way are beautiful.

Because our house is still being built, I have been helping at a health center in Narus since October. Narus is a six hour drive from Lotimor but still a home for Toposa. Some of these people have come with illnesses that have gone on for years because there were no health care workers to help them. Otherwise, the healthy ones are very healthy because their daily lives are pretty normal and not much disrupted by the war.

On Nov. 24 I will begin a one-month language course in Toposa. After that I will spend Christmas in Lotimor/Naita. There will be plenty of stables with cattle, shepherds, and beautiful bright shining stars overhead. I will be with other missionaries and people who are full of faith, very reflective, and trying to do the will of God in their lives. All of this has brought me much peace, and I pray that God will give the same to each of you. For those of you struggling with the pressures of a fast pace of life and little time to integrate, evaluate, reflect, and pray, I hope this

Jesus is coming to my house?

How would you have answered this question? "If you knew for certain that Jesus was coming to your house next Sunday, what would you do to prepare for his visit?" Well, here's how a class of St. Patrick's fifth- and sixth-graders answered it:

"I would greet him just like a family member, but I would give him the biggest chair at the supper table."

"I would have a birthday party for him."

"I would look for some Catholic music."

"Well, my mom would be cleaning the house like crazy. I'd most likely be as jumpy as a rabbit."

"I would try to be nice to everybody—even my sister and my brother."

"I'd practice my prayers, and my dad would get the Bible out just in case Jesus wanted to read from it."

"I'd turn all lights off and light candles for light. I'd pray like heck and bring out my special rosary."

"My brother would clean his room. I would clean my room. My parents would clean the house."

"I would leave everything the way it is, because he has already seen it before."

"I would pray with my family."

Now, what was *your* answer?

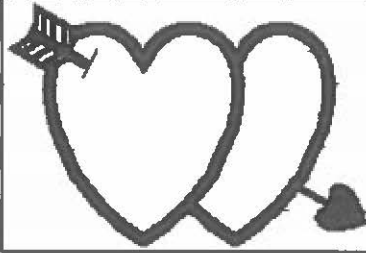
Christmas will provide you with at least a remembrance of the simple life that still exists in some parts of this planet.

Thank you for all your prayers and support during this past year. Peace in Sudan is still a very long way off, but we try to keep its memory alive in our daily lives and ministry. May God bless you with the same in the New Year.

Merry Christmas,

Susan

You may write to Susan at the following address: DOT c/o NCA, Box 52802, Nairobi, Kenya.



February 1998

St. Patrick's Parish
Urbana, Illinois

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00am RCIA 9:00 & 11:00am Religious Ed 10:15 Children's Liturgy 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm Jr-Sr High Youth Group	6:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Education 7:00pm Pro-Life	6:00pm Education Appreciation Dinner	9:30am Moms Group 3:00pm Bible Study 5:00pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Children's RelEd St. Pat's 6:30pm Children's RelEd St. Joe 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm RCIA	7:00pm Choir 7:30pm Building and Grounds	10:45am Mass Champaign County Nursing Home	
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Because the In Focus calendar is prepared in advance of scheduled events and meetings, please check the weekly bulletin to confirm dates and times for specific listings. deadline for the next issue of In Focus is February 8, 1998.

SVDP- St. Vincent DePaul
RelEd-Religious Education
KofC- Knights of Columbus

