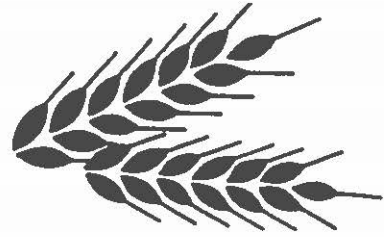


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



"If we were giving out gold medals ..."

The plea for volunteers to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society with the annual Thanksgiving food baskets was outstandingly successful. Sophia Zeigler, president of the local chapter, promises a report for the next issue of *In Focus*, adding "You all deserve a

medal—a big thank you to you all!"

Sophia extends special recognition to five teenagers: "If we were giving out gold medals, they'd go to Rick Smith, Robbie Grove, Matt Call, Patti Hand, and Greg Kingery," who worked from 7:30 to 10 p.m. filling 200 food baskets, and to coordinators Brandon Lipska and Peter Amberg. "All of you gave so much of yourselves to help the needy. I know you were very tired. I enjoyed meeting you. You may all be proud of a job well done!"

Meanwhile, SVDP members continue with their more "ordinary" tasks: making soup for the Catholic Worker House, seeing to it that there are enough food items on hand for the many needy folks who apply to St. Patrick's, and helping those who need bus tickets, gas, or lodging. The group is always in need of volunteers who can help, regularly or occasionally, with their compassionate ministry. Call Sophia (328-2671) if you'd like more information or wish to volunteer.

*In the Beginning is the Word.
After the Word comes Silence.
Within the Silence resides Stillness.
Within the Stillness burns the Flame.
Within the Flame, consuming Love.
Within the Love, longed-for Union.*

*In the Union Love is born.
In the Love the Flame consumes.
Within the Flame Stillness rises.
In the Stillness Silence grows.
Out of the Silence the Word is spoken.*

And the Child is born.



We honor Mary, the Mother of God, on her feast, the first day of the new year. Masses are at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31, and at 9 a.m. and noon on Thursday, Jan. 1.

We've entered the "Year of Luke"

When asked to name their favorite story from the Bible, most Christians probably name something from the Gospel of Luke. These stories are indeed unforgettable, and the Christian tradition is graced by this gospel from Luke's hand.

It is the only gospel to describe the angel's annunciation to Mary of the coming birth of Jesus, and the visit of the shepherds at his birth. It is the only gospel to tell the parables of the Good Samaritan, of the prodigal son, and of the rich man and Lazarus. It is the only gospel to name many of the women who followed Jesus. It is the only gospel to relate the story of Jesus and the disciples on the road to Emmaus. And Luke's version of the Christmas story is proclaimed by Linus on the Charlie Brown Christmas special!

Archaeologists and textual experts usually date the writing of the Gospel



of Luke at around the year 80. One piece of evidence that helps with this dating is that the gospel contains nearly all of the Gospel of Mark, so the Gospel of Luke must have been written after about 70, when the Gospel of Mark was written. In addition to having the Gospel of Mark as a source, Luke shares a large chunk of material with

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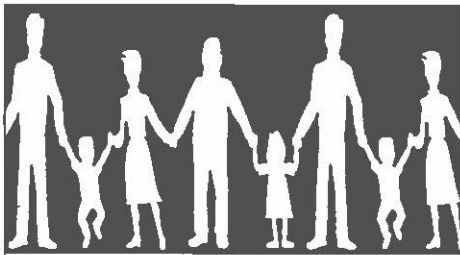
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the Gospel of Matthew, material that appears neither in Mark nor in the Gospel of John. Luke also had a source of information that he alone used.

The portrait of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke is of an itinerant prophet who is attracted to the poor and the outcast. He explains that his ministry is to them, and he envisions the heavenly banquet as being set for the disenfranchised. The evangelist draws powerful portraits of despised members of society, and much of the wonder of this compelling gospel is its address to sinners.

We read the Gospel of Luke in Year C of the lectionary, which began with the First Sunday of Advent and will end with the feast of Christ the King (Nov. 22, 1998). In art, the evangelist Luke is portrayed with a bull by his side. We celebrate his feast day each year on Oct. 18.

—From *Liturgy 90*, Nov./Dec. 1997.
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Welcome to new parishioners Beverly Biand, Susan Butkus, Rita Black-Morocoima, Robert Dodd, Jeffrey Hasenstab, Chely Montalvan Jones, Jeanne Kinney, Fred Sanders.

Farewell to parishioners who have moved from C-U: Mary Lou and Peter Bloome, Virginia Herweh, Patricia Joseph, Dave Nisbet, Maureen and Jason Rothgeb, Catherine Sexton, Jessie and William Zukosky.

We welcome the following recently baptized into our faith community: Jeffrey Randall Shumway, Alexandria Paige Harnisch, Caitlin Vitosky, Alec Vitosky, Kiera Lorraine Sandusky, Charles Cornelius Sandusky.

Congratulations to Kelli Renae Purcell and Matthew James Yentes, recently married at St. Patrick's.

Please pray for deceased parishioner Daniel J. Gleason and John Wavering.

In Focus needs computer volunteer

In mid-January, when the next issue of the parish newsletter, *In Focus*, starts taking shape, the Communications Committee will need help from someone who knows how to lay out the pages on computer. Any page-layout application, such as PageMaker or QuarkXpress, does the job handily. Time commitment varies, of course, depending on a variety of factors, but most are done in 5-7 hours.

In the last few weeks, two parishioners who have given their time generously and cheerfully for some time, Julie Herman and Cristy Nowak, have had to withdraw their able assistance. Julie has her hands full, both figuratively and literally, with a beautiful infant. Cristy is busy with preparations for moving her family to the West Coast.

The committee is grateful to Julie and to Cristy for their help with *In Focus*—as we are to each and every volunteer who has made publication of the newsletter possible. But it's time to ask for your generous support again. (We can't afford to wear out our welcome with our one remaining page-layout volunteer, Joan Poletti.)

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. If you can't commit to putting in the time each month but can do it occasionally, please call; 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!



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is January 18.

Parish History "Question of the Month"

As part of the St. Patrick's Centennial celebration, the Archives Committee is planning to produce a book containing histories of our families. Current parishioners will be getting details in a few months. But the committee also wants to include information on former parishioners; members have names and addresses of some families who left the parish in 1978 or later, but would like to get in touch with those who left before then.

If you think any of the families or friends from that period would be interested, please give their names and addresses to the Archives Committee, which will contact them in the spring.

Please address your information to: Archives Committee, St. Patrick's Church, 708 W. Main Street, Urbana, IL 61801. Or you may leave it in the committee's mail box in the parish center (be sure to include your own name and telephone number in case there are questions).

The committee will be grateful for your help!

*Effortlessly,
Love flows from God into us,
Like a bird
Who rivers in the air
Without moving her wings.
Thus we move in God's world
One in body and soul,
Though outwardly separate in form.
As the source strikes the note,
Humanity sings—
The Holy Spirit is our harpist,
And all strings
Which are touched in Love
Must sound.*

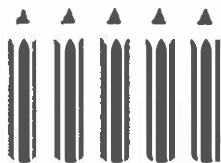
—Methchild of Magdeburg
(1210-97)

Bereavement

Living a life in transition

"So we begin a new life. Chapter one. If only it felt as easy as it sounds in books," writes Stephanie Ericsson in *Companion through the Darkness*. Many of us anticipate the new year as a time for starting over, beginning with a clean slate, getting it right this time. For those of us who have experienced the death of a loved one, entering a new year without a person who has shared our past takes on a new meaning. We may resist moving into the future when our grief guides us to reflect on the past, our memories, our unfulfilled dreams. We may even feel disloyal to the person who died if we begin to invest in life again, or fear that their image or memory will fade if we go forward. These are normal feelings.

Do not let the hoopla of New Year's push you into an uncomfortable place; rather, let your grief be your guide. Opportunities for growth and creativity may lie ahead, but move forward with tiny steps. A new year, "a new life," a "chapter one," may all seem overwhelming. The life of one grieving may better be described as a life in transition or one between "chapters." What comes next will build upon the history and memories, love and wisdom, faith and hope of previous "chapters." May the transition be a blessed one.

*Holy Cross
newsline*

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.

*St. John Bosco the Father
Flanagan of his day*

Spencer Tracy's portrayal of the priest who founded Boystown USA can give us a picture of the warmth and understanding of St. John Bosco's care for homeless boys in nineteenth-century Italy.

Born in 1815 in a village near Turin, John Bosco was left poor and fatherless at the age of two. He was encouraged to become a priest to work with boys like himself. When he went to the seminary at the age of 18, the clothes he wore were donated by his village.

His ministry was in Turin, which was becoming an industrial town. Teenaged boys from the countryside came to the city looking for work. John Bosco felt pity for their living conditions. Many of the boys were troubled and had been abused and neglected. Even before he was ordained, he began taking a group of boys out to the country every Sunday for sports, a picnic, singing, and prayer. As he taught them their catechism, he tried everything, even acrobatics and tightrope walking, to impress them with God's love for them.

After ordination in 1841, Don Bosco (as he was called) opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales to house boys. Eventually he trained them as shoemakers, tailors, and printers. By 1856 the institution had grown to 150 boys and added a printing press for publication of catechetical pamphlets. Don Bosco needed, and trained, assistants who understood his gentle teaching methods.

In 1859 he gathered 17 helpers and founded the Salesians for education and mission work. Later he organized Salesian Sisters to assist young girls.

Today the Salesians serve around the world. A Salesian known and loved by many University of Illinois students—and St. Patrick's parishioners—is Fr. Britto Berchmans, formerly of the Newman Center and now in Rome.

St. John Bosco is the patron of young working boys and men, and Catholic publishers. His feast is celebrated on Jan. 31.



This photo of St. John Bosco reveals his warmth as well as the stubble on his chin—he took no time to shave, so busy he was teaching the boys of God's love for them.

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In Focus 

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Please leave news items in the Communications Committee mail bin in the parish center, or call a committee member. All submissions are subject to review and/or editing by the committee. By lines are generally omitted.

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in our parish library

Could You Come Back to the Catholic Church?

By Lorene Hanley Duquin

"Do you feel separated from the Church because of divorce, doubts, painful memories, lifestyle?" "Do you sometimes feel an inner tug drawing you back?"

Sixteen million Catholics feel separated from the Church, and 40% of them say they'd come back if the Church really wanted them. This book was written for them—and for their relatives and friends who are trying to address their concerns and needs: the real reasons that caused them to leave in the first place, the problems they may have about doctrinal matters, the doubts they may have experienced, the anger they may still harbor toward God and toward the Church.

The book opens up avenues for discussion about the changes in the Church since Vatican II and seeks to help people work through past hurts and painful memories that may have been caused by those who represented the Church in their minds. It talks about who makes the rules in the

Church and what one has to believe to be a Catholic.

One section deals with the dilemma of divorced and remarried Catholics and whether or not there is a place for gays and lesbians in the Church. Other sections take readers through the need to find the right priest to assist the journey back and how to approach the sacrament of Reconciliation after a long absence. Another chapter answers frequently asked questions that people have when considering whether they could ever return.

Catholics, separated or not from the Church, will find much to reflect on. To those who've been away and decide they want to come back, the Church says "Welcome home!"

Solution to the puzzle on page 8.

"A day of joy and feasting, of happiness and mirth, and every year it cometh here to gladden all the earth." Notice that the initials of the words in the lower half of the puzzle spell a holiday message.

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.

The Catholic POST **FAITH alive!**
 PostScripts
 Youth Corner
 Capsule movie reviews
 The Way I See It
 Sunday scriptures
 Catholic programs
 LOOKING BACK Question Box

The Catholic Post, the official publication of the Diocese of Peoria, presents news of special significance for Catholics, with items gathered from local, regional, national, and international sources.

Each issue includes an article from Bishop John Myers, reviews and ratings of current movies being shown in the area, happenings in parishes around the diocese, discussion of the gospel, and faith questions and answers.

Letters to the editor, a personal forum called "As I See It," faith questions (and answers), and a youth page hold the interest of subscribers young and old.

The next time you hear that our parish's subscription drive has opened—that should be any day now—take a look at the copy left in the parish center lobby for the riches it offers readers and send in your subscription. For the low, low subscription price of less than \$20 a year, this weekly diocesan publication is a bargain!

Two renewal events scheduled for February

Haven't got your 1998 calendar yet? Well, it's time you did! And here are two events for you to mark on it. On Feb. 14, the parish will offer a Married Couples Retreat, which will be facilitated by Bob and Mary Jean Connelly. And on Feb. 21, Sr. Barbara Bowe, RSCJ, will facilitate the Parish Pre-Lenten Retreat. Both events are sponsored by the Evangelization Team. Watch the weekly bulletin for additional information as it becomes available.

Sermons from life

I have gotten more "sermons from life" from my kids than from any amount of spiritual reading. I keep seeing my own relationship with God and the way God treats me as the way I should treat my kids, and I understand how God can love me the way he does by the way I respond to my kids.

A friend told me once about his experience at a Zen retreat in California, where the teacher mentioned how he had traveled to Asia as a young man to learn the ways of the monks. He sat on the banks of the Ganges River for 20 hours at a stretch, his legs burning with pain and his eyes longing for rest, with little food, drink, or sleep. He explained that the effort to overcome deprivation and distraction took him to higher states of clarity and vision and taught him patience.

I was thinking about this as my son and his pal staged a sword fight in the hallway. I thought about the repeated reminders and admonishments I deliver to our children through the day, the noise, the lack of sleep, the long waits for them to get dressed, to clean their room, to get out of the car.

"C'mon, we're going into the store now. Put down the soccer ball. No, we can't take the dog with us. What are you doing? That cookie's probably been under the seat for a month. C'mon. Now! I mean it. Don't worry about the cookie, we'll throw it away when we get home. Let's go!"

Suddenly it clicked. I understood why monks must sit in snow on the banks of the Ganges—they don't have children!

It occurred to me that, in my search for self-improvement and spirituality, I have everything I need in my own home. Every parent does. There are the long hours we sit without moving because one twitch might waken the fretful baby in our arms. There is the excruciating effort to stifle a smile when our son tells us in earnest tones that he didn't pick up his toys because he was hit with a bass at school and suffered brain damage.

There are the tests of concentration when I'm talking to someone on the

phone and our child appears in the doorway in nothing but boots and a gun belt in the final scene from "High Noon."

There are the years and years of getting to sleep after midnight because only when the kids are asleep can we get my chores finished, and then we're up again at 6 a.m. to make lunches and get breakfast and shuttle them to school before we go, bleary-eyed, to work.

We may travel the globe to find tests of will, patience, deprivation, and selflessness, but parents live these every day. All the components are



Q: My brother has been away from the Church for a long time. Now he wants to come back, but he says he doesn't know how. He says he feels funny about just "showing up," although he has slipped into church a few times to see what it's like these days. What should he do?

A: There really is no right way or wrong way to come back to the Church; canon law requires only confession and a return to Mass and Communion. If that's all your brother wants or needs, he should be able to find a sympathetic and understanding priest in a parish, in a local retreat center, at a Catholic college or Newman Center, or in a Catholic hospital. He shouldn't give up if he can't connect with someone on his first or second try. Somewhere, there is a priest waiting for his call!

Different people have different needs, however. If he's not ready to talk to a priest, he could try going to Mass. It doesn't have to be on a Sunday when the church is bursting with people; he can slip into a weekday Mass in the morning or on his lunch hour, probably without even being noticed.

Increasingly, parishes are starting outreach programs to connect with people who have left the Church. Some are very simple, not much more than a greeting card before Christmas or Easter with an invitation to "come home" and the names and telephone

there: rituals, generosity, penance, guilt, and desperate prayer, punctuated by moments of transcendent clarity and unmatched joy.

Teresa Last name withheld by 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.

numbers of priest and/or lay persons willing to listen and to help if the returning Catholic wishes to talk about why he or she left.

Others have adopted or devised programs for inviting Catholics to a series of informational sessions designed to identify needs, answer questions, and reacquaint people with the Church. Participants return to the Church on their own when ready. There are also 12-step programs where people meet in small groups and help each other on their journey back to the Church, parish missions for returning Catholics, and a number of other programs.

Our own parish outreach program, Re-Membering Church, is designed to help returning Catholics recognize and understand why they left the Church—what hurt or anger or apathy may have prompted the break—and to facilitate the healing process, meanwhile preparing them for the Church they will find on their return (quite different, probably, for someone who left the Church many years ago).

The spiritual longing your brother feels is God trying to draw him back to himself. Coming back to the Church is not an event as much as it is a process, and it starts when he opens himself to the movement of God in his life.

Questions about Catholic practice or Catholic teaching may be sent to the Communications Com-

Parish Council News

At their November meeting Council members reviewed the five-year parish goals resulting from the workshop and were advised to share them with committees so that objectives can be formulated for the coming year.

Fr. Remm pointed out that just \$4196 is needed for the parish to fulfill our commitment to last spring's diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal. Any funds received beyond that amount will be returned to St. Patrick's and added to the Centennial Fund.

For the kitchen renovation, the Guild has pledged \$40,000; Coffee Shop, \$1000; and the Knights of Columbus, \$1500. Fund-raising possibilities for the remaining \$14,080 needed will be considered at the next couple of Council meetings.

Fr. Remm mentioned that he has been asked to provide the names of potential donors in the \$25-50,000 range for the new Catholic high school.

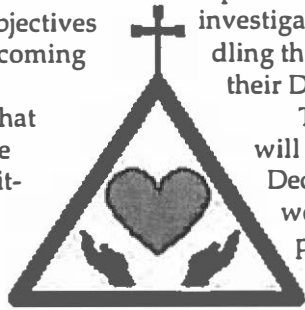
Results of the parish needs assessment survey are being examined for correlations. Council members will discuss the results, which will be shared with committees and staff, at their December meeting.

The Council has been asked to consider making all of St. Patrick's

facilities smoke-free in recognition of the needs of parishioners with allergies and the need to set a good example for parish youth. Members will investigate the procedure for handling this request and take it up at their December meeting.

The next Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings.

For parishioners interested in reading the full minutes of Council meetings, these are generally posted 2-3 weeks afterward in the church vestibule, on the bulletin board in the staff wing of the parish center, and on the bulletin board in the parish center's main hall.



Song to Winter

*Moonlight glimmers over fields of
freshly fallen snow,
sending sparkles like tiny diamonds.*

*Glittering stars pierce a frosty night sky,
their distant dazzling fire unfelt in the
cold.*

*Snowflakes fall reverently upon a
sleeping meadow,
like a quiet hymn to the night.*

*A gleaming golden moon perches above
a row of evergreens,
drawing eyes heavenward, homeward.*

*Clusters of icicles cling to the roof of a
cozy home;
their chill cannot creep into its rooms.*

*Winter dreams flourish when autumn
blossoms fade.
Crisp, bitter cold and blustering winds
cause
hands and hearts to huddle by warm
fires.*

*Another November gone, another season
passed.*

One winter closer to home.

Honor the Christ Child

Clothe an infant this Christmas by contributing diapers for distribution to Birthright, Crisis Pregnancy Center, and others from Dec. 21 through Jan. 31. Contributions may be placed in marked containers in the church vestibule or brought to the parish office during office hours. Diapers of all sizes, for boys and girls, are accepted.

Companions of Christ

Even the earliest liturgical calendars have a series of saints' feasts on the days following Christmas. These saints have been called "comites Christi" (companions of Christ).

On Dec. 26 the Church honors St. Stephen, the first martyr. Stephen was one of the first deacons, and his preaching challenged some of the Jewish leaders. The story of his ministry and his death is told in chapters 6 and 7 of the Acts of the Apostles.

On Dec. 26 we also remember King Wenceslas, the tenth-century Bohemian king who was also a martyr. Remember "Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen"? The story told by this familiar carol takes place on this day.

Dec. 27 is the feast of St. John, author of the fourth gospel and of some epistles. How fitting that John's feast is celebrated at Christmas time! His gospel opens with "In the beginning was the Word; the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." John, too, is said to have died as a martyr when advanced in years.

The feast of the Holy Innocents is observed on Dec. 28. When King Herod realized that the Magi were not going to tell him where to find the newborn king, he ordered that all the boys in Bethlehem under two years of age be killed. Jesus and his parents had already escaped to Egypt. The story is told in Matt. 3:16-18.

If you start to feel that Christmas is too sentimental, look to these companions of Christ. You will find a young man, an old man, and little children, all of whom died because the world resisted Christ. You will find a fiery preacher, the author of a gospel, and those too young to have given expression to their faith. All, in their own ways, lived lives touched by the Christ Child. When we live with faith and with courage, we do the same.

From Rachel Beda:

An Evangelization Minute

I'm Rachel, and I'd like to thank you. I'd like to thank you for your evangelization of me. I was baptized here at Easter a year and a half ago, and I will always be grateful to this parish and the special people who helped bring me here.

Being Catholic is wonderful.

How did I learn this? I think God does the really difficult part, but a lot of people helped him reach me.

I tend to ask a lot of questions, and a lot of people spent the time to give me thoughtful answers. I remember a great many moments when a light would go on and something new would suddenly fit into place.

I think, though, that some of the most important things I learned were not in the answers to my questions, but in people's actions.

One of the most powerful things for me is watching people take Communion. The first time I came to St. Patrick's, I came with a friend. I came because I had seen that being Catholic was important to my friend. I admit that I found all the standing and sitting and kneeling in Mass very confusing, even scary. But I remember very clearly watching my friend take Communion. I cried. There was

something overwhelmingly beautiful about it.

My friend is now my husband, and we take Communion together.

Thank you all for sharing this precious gift with me.

Assistance with research on adolescent suicide sought

A parishioner, Lavina Noronha, is working on a doctoral thesis in the UI School of Social Work. For her research Lavina needs to make contact with parents of adolescents regarding adolescent suicide.

Parents of adolescents (ages 12-17) who attempted suicide in the last 12 months are needed for this research, entitled "Parental Response to the Suicide Attempts of Adolescents." The study focuses on how parents have coped with the attempt, what professional, personal, or religious resources they have used, what their needs are, and what they think the professionals should do to address this issue effectively.

All information received will be kept confidential. Please call Lavina (333-5974 or 328-3423) for more information.

*O Lord Jesus,
stretch forth your hands
in blessing over your people
to heal and to restore
and to draw them to yourself
and to one another in love.
Amen.*

*Oh, Señor Jesús,
extiende tus manos
para bendecir a tu pueblo
para sanar y restaurarlo.
Acercalo a ti y concede
que se una
en mutuo amor.
Amén.*

*Seigneur Jésus,
étends tes mains blessées pour
répandre
ta bénédiction sur ton peuple
pour guérir et restaurer
pour attirer les tiens à toi
et les rapprocher les uns
des autres dans l'amour.
Amen.*

*Herr Jesus,
strecke deine Hände aus
umd segne dein Volk
heile und erneuere es
umd zieh alle hin zu dir
umd zueinander in Liebe.
Amen.*

Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Virginia Alane

Aunt Ethel's Garden Salad

1 15-oz can tiny peas, drained	<i>Dressing</i>
1 12-oz can white "shoe peg" corn, drained	1 c sugar
1 15-oz can french-style seasoned green beans (drain, save 1 T liquid)	3/4 c vinegar
1 c finely chopped celery	1/2 t salt
1 c finely chopped onion	1/2 c salad oil
1 c finely chopped green pepper	1 T bean liquid

Bring dressing to boil, remove from heat, and cool. Combine vegetables and pour cooled dressing over them. (Keeps well in refrigerator for up to two weeks.)



Kitchen renovation to begin Jan. 3!

The long-awaited and carefully planned renovation of the parish kitchen is scheduled to begin right after the start of the new year with removal of all cabinetry on Jan. 3. Completion of the project is projected for Feb. 20. Obviously, the kitchen will be closed during this period—but watch the weekly bulletin for changes in schedule while the project is underway. Coffee Shop *will* be help on Sunday mornings during the renovation.

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36I	37B	38A	39C		40K	41I	42J		43H	44I	45L	46J	47L		48A
49L	50D	51K		52H	53D		54C	55A	56B	57D	58B	59F		60B	61I
62E R	63C		64A	65G		66H	67I	68K	69A	70D	71M	72J		73C	74F
75H		76L	77H	78F		79J	80C	81L	82H	83A					

A. Welcome drink on a cold winter night.

83 8 38 64 55 2 69 48

B. The snow glistened in the _____ of the storm.

24 13 58 29 37 56 10 17 60

C. A spread for toast, in Georgia.

26 63 80 54 39 7 73 35

D. Hanging, as icicles from the eaves.

25 57 19 70 50 28 53

E. What ends on December 31st.

Y E A R
9 14 1 62

F. In good health.

59 15 74 78

G. ___ Christmas tree.

65 77

H. What the President did to the Nation's tree.

75 52 66 23 82 43 34

I. Santa and parents are working hand - _____.

36 41 20 67 5 44 61

J. Unfortunate event for the Christmas turkey

42 27 11 72 79 46

K. A good book for a cold winter evening is Agatha Christie's *The Mysterious _____ at Styles.*

68 6 22 40 18 51

L. Jam _____, jam tomorrow, but never jam today.

4 49 31 76 45 81 12 32 47

M. Spice up the holidays.

30 71 3 16 21 33

Merry Christmas 1997



January 1998

St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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 January 18.

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Feast of Mary, Mother of God 9:00am & noon Mass 6:30pm Building & Grounds Com ???	10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	

Parish Office Closed

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00am & 11:00 am Children's Rel Ed 10:15am Children's Liturgy 3:00pm Latino Mass 6:30pm Bible Study Leaders	6:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Pro-Life Com 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Education Com	7:30pm Parish Council Exec Com	9:30am Moms Group 3:00pm Bible Study 5:00pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Children's Rel Ed, Urbana 6:30pm Children's Rel Ed, St. Joe 7:00pm Choir	7:00pm Knights of Columbus 7:00pm Baptism Prep 7:00pm Choir	10:30am Mass-Care Center 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	
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