

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



K of C Grand Knight Chris Stohr (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) is shown here with three of the 1998 Charles Martell Scholars: Michael Shannon, Michael Campo, and Bob Kacich. Katie Rentschler is shown in photo at right.

## K of C announces Martell Scholarship winners

The four recipients of the 1998 Father Charles Martell Scholarships, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, exemplify qualities of hard work and service in the parish, at school, and for the larger community.

**Michael Campo**, an Urbana High School graduate, has volunteered with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Carle Hospital. Michael plans to attend the University of

Illinois in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. A graduate of St. Joseph-Ogden High School, **Michael Shannon** will attend Southern Illinois University. He has been active in 4-H and student council.

**Katie Rentschler** is going to Parkland College in the nursing program. She was a cheerleader at Judah Christian School and

participated in the Affordable Housing Network.

**Bob Kacich** has been a parish usher and altar server, and he helped with coffee shop at St. Patrick's. An Urbana graduate, Bob will attend Parkland to study kinesiology.

Congratulations to each of these young Martell Scholars, ready to take their next step in life with the help of the Urbana K of C and supported by the prayers of their co-parishioners.

## Archives Committee receives grant

The Archives Committee has received a \$300 grant from the Preservation and Conservation Association for Phase II of the microfilming of parish historical records. Two years ago a PACA grant paid for Phase I: microfilming the Parish Council minutes, bulletins, newsletters, and pictorial directories. Phase

II will cover the historical records of parish organizations and ministries now being compiled by Nancy Steerman. Nancy has completed over 90 notebooks filled with these records; this project will preserve and protect them from catastrophic loss.

In the award letter to Fr. Remm, Karen Lang Kummer, Executive Director of PACA, said, "St. Patrick's Parish is a tremendous asset to Champaign County and your dedication to preserving your building and its history is wonderful."

# Finding God in Daily Work

## Toward an integrated spirituality

*Finding God in Daily Work* is a special program to be offered by St. Patrick's Parish this fall. It is designed for any Christian involved in the workaday world seeking to notice and respond to God in that setting: the business office, factory, department store, hospital, school or college, or the home.

The goals of the program are:

- To learn how to see and hear God in the workplace

- To discover ways of responding to God in work and in prayer
- To find peace and fulfillment in work and in prayer

Sessions will be held in the parish center, 7:00-9:00 p.m., from September to December 1998 on the following dates: Sept. 28; Oct. 5, 12, 26; Nov. 2, 16, 23; Dec. 7. In addition, an off-site weekend retreat is planned for Oct. 16-17.

Sr. Charlene Cesario, SSCM, assisted by Joyce Baird, will facilitate *Finding God in Daily Work*. For more information, call Sr. Charlene (367-2665) or Joyce Baird (398-9101).



*Welcome to new parishioners* James and Patricia Bergan, Margaret and Richard Bronson, Tara Burghart, Edward and Martha Darbonne, Bonnie and Jim Hudson, Michael and Norma Kerns, Gregory and Julie McConaha, Robert and Julie McDonald, Alice McLaughlin, Angela and Peter Wanserski.

*Farewell to parishioners who have moved from C-U:* Joey Guerra, Kim and Charles Hadlock, Stephen and Deborah Hogan, Barbara Irving, Jeanne Kinney, David and Rita Lampe, Christina Manuel, Dorothy Reis.

*We welcome the following recently baptized into our faith community:* Benjamin Andrew McDonald, Alexander Andres Feistritz, Toni Marie Henk, Marisa Paige Worner, Taylor Madison Worner.

*Congratulations to these couples, married at St. Patrick's:* John Girard Sorenson II and Dawn Michelle Hafner, Michael Joseph Hodits and Freda Anne Dye DeCerbo, Jonathon Matthew de Fiebre and Amy Lori Reeder, Calvin Royce Mischo and Stephanie Ann French.

*Please pray for deceased parishioner* Carolyn Gilliland.



## Take a turn paging *In Focus*

If you can use page layout software (PageMaker or QuarkXpress) and can spare a few hours to page this newsletter, please call Mary Lou Menches (344-1125 evenings, 244-4701 days). The Communications Committee seeks 3-4 volunteers.

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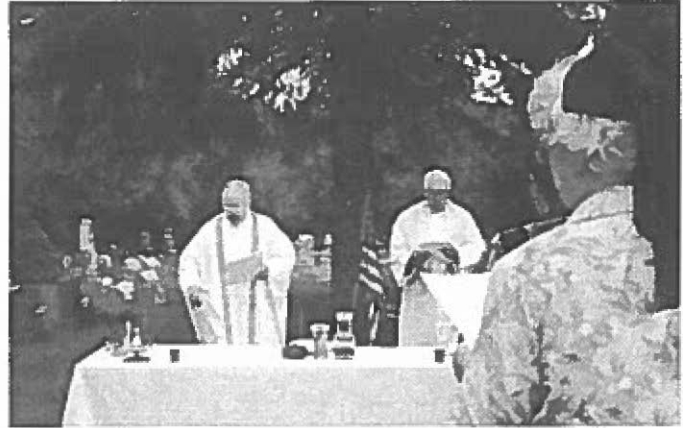
St. Patrick's *In Focus* is published on the last weekend of the month in Urbana, Illinois. News items and information may be submitted by mid-month for the next issue. Written materials must include the name and telephone number of the writer.

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 memoriam*

On Memorial Day about 70 parishioners braved the possibility of rain and already soaked grounds at Woodlawn Cemetery to pray for the deceased of St. Patrick's, their own beloved dead, and all who died in our nation's wars. The Mass was celebrated outdoors by Fr. George Remm and Fr. Gene Kane, with music provided by the "bell choir" (Sr. Lori, Cathy Salika, and Lucille Salika) to underscore the singing of the assembled congregation. Afterward folks repaired to St. Patrick's parish center to enjoy the fruit and bakery items they'd brought to share. [We are indebted to Lucille Kocher for photos commemorating the event.]

## Homily Prep group invites participation

Would you like to discuss the Sunday scriptures and have some input into the homilies? Then please come to the Homily Prep meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Anyone is welcome, and you do not have to make the commitment of coming every month. Come whenever you can, and you will both enrich the committee and be enriched by the prayerful discussion. The group meets in the parish center lounge at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Sr. Lori (367-2665).

## *Parish Council News*

Because this issue of *In Focus* was going to press as the Parish Council met, news of the June Council meeting will be included in the next issue.

## Need Help? Tell *In Focus!*

Beginning with the next issue in late August, *In Focus* will be featuring a Help Wanted column. This is another way for parish groups and organizations to find volunteers who can fill specific needs. Committees can use this column as a way to fill vacant positions. Parish organizations that are planning a special project can use it to get new people involved.

Help Wanted ads are limited to 30 (count 'em!) words, including the name of the sponsoring organization and the name and telephone number of a contact person. They can be dropped off in the Communications Committee mailbox. The deadline is the same as the deadline for articles, which is printed in the weekly bulletin two weeks before each month's deadline.

The deadline for ads for the late August issue is Aug. 16.

## *In Focus* regrets

In the June 1998 issue of *In Focus* the poem "A Mother's Day Blessing," which was written by Helen Kunic, was incorrectly credited to Helene Kacich. We regret the error.



## Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . . Clara Butler

### Scalloped Corn

1 stick margarine  
 1 small onion, chopped fine  
 ½ medium green pepper, chopped fine (optional)  
 Mix and microwave to saute.

Add:

1 15-16 oz can whole grain corn, with liquid  
 1 15-16 oz can cream style corn  
 3 eggs, well beaten  
 Mix well, and pour into baking pan or casserole.  
 Spread with ½ c sharp cheddar cheese.  
 Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

### 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 cabinet 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.



in our parish library

### New Catholic Encyclopedia

The *New Catholic Encyclopedia* is prepared by an editorial staff at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. In several volumes the encyclopedia covers the teachings, history, organization, and activities of the Catholic Church with information about all institutions, religions, philosophies, and scientific and cultural developments affecting the Catholic Church, from its beginning to the very past. The latest supplement goes through 1987.

The *New Catholic Encyclopedia* is an excellent source for answers to many questions regarding the Church and the people who have influenced and inspired Catholics (and indeed everyone). Each article, informative in itself, also includes a bibliography for further research. This truly is an excellent resource book and readily available for use in the parish library.

Would you like to review a book occasionally for *In Focus*? The book can be recent or a classic—anything that is available in our parish library. Interested? Contact Mary Lou Menches (344-1125) or put a note in the Communications Committee mailbox in the parish center.

# Do miracles still happen?

A couple of years ago, in January, I sat in my doctor's office and asked him the results of the tests. He looked me straight in the eye and said, "It's bad news. You have lung cancer." My world exploded as he went on to explain that it was a type that could not be operated on. I was given two options: try chemo or go home and wait to die—at this point, in three months.

I drove straight to church and called Fr. G---- and my wife. Fr. G---- didn't talk much then but held us and listened, and prayed with us. We decided to go with the chemo.

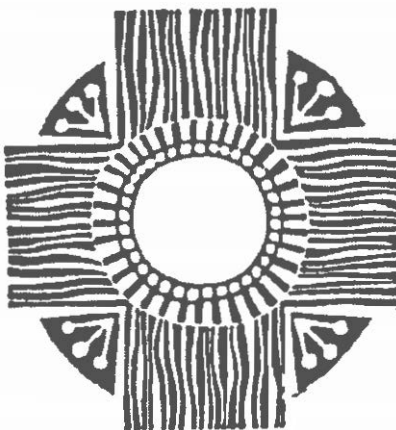
A few days later I wound up in the hospital for a couple of weeks with two one-inch tubes coming out of my chest to drain the fluid. When you are just lying there hooked up to all kinds of equipment, you have a lot of time to think. And that's something positive.

During my first week in the hospital, my wife lost her employment due to "downsizing." This also proved to be positive.

When I went to the hospital, there were two very important items I took with me. They never left my hands no matter what was being done to me. They were my rosary and my St. Augustine's Prayer Book. I started to recite the rosary with more energy than ever before. I found myself going spiritually to places

that I didn't know existed, for example, the Garden of Olives.

I pictured the moonlight and the deep shade of the olive grove, the sleeping disciples, Jesus bowed down in agony, the cry from his heart: "O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me, nevertheless not as I will but as you will."



I kept coming back to this mystery of the rosary, and I found that my prayers were changing. At first I was praying for God to remove the cancer from my lung. Now I was praying for strength, courage, and wisdom to carry me down this path I must walk. I was now at peace with myself, and I totally accepted what I must carry.

The two "positives" I mentioned before? First, I did not know or understand centering prayer or contemplation. With so much time to think and to pray, it's different for me now. Second, my wife was free to be at my side to get me on my feet. A company called a week after I got home and offered her employment—a third the driving distance and 25 percent more in salary.

Oh, yes; it has been 27 months since I was told that I had cancer and three months to live. I still have the tumors, but.... Do miracles still happen? **Yes!** God has indeed blessed my life and allowed me to touch—and be touched by—others in my community.

*Name withheld by request*

## What kids say to God

Dear God,

Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before, you can look it up.

Bruce

Dear God,

If you give me a genie lamp like Aladdin, I will give you anything you want except my money or my chess set.

Raphael

Dear God,

My brother is a rat. You should give him a tail. Ha ha.

Danny

Dear God,

Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother.

Larry

*--From an e-mail correspondent*

# Who was St. John Mary Vianney?

In the second quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, if you had a need for forgiveness, or were perplexed about the direction of your life, or had any kind of spiritual problem, you might have traveled by foot or horseback or carriage or ship to the village of Ars, France. There, it was said, the parish priest could read hearts and minds. The insight and advice he gave in confession (not yet called Reconciliation) drew pilgrims from all over France and overseas.

His name was Jean Baptiste Marie (John Mary) Vianney. Born in 1786 on a farm, he learned his prayers and received the sacraments while hiding with his family from the anti-Catholicism of the French Revolution. The risk of being beheaded for

Christ gave him a great desire for the priesthood. At the seminary he was backward in his studies, but because he showed holiness and common sense, and because priests were needed after the massacres of the Revolution, he was ordained. At first he was denied the faculties to hear confessions because his grasp of moral theology was judged poor.

Assigned to the village of Ars, the newly ordained priest, preached until his tears came, visited homes, built an orphanage, decorated his church, and lived in gospel poverty. His people were shocked to see his light on late at night, his customary meals of cold potatoes, and his smiling refusal to accept the comforts they thought a priest

deserved. They came to love him because he remained gentle, kindly, and good-humored.

John Mary Vianney's ability as a confessor attracted crowds of penitents. For 30 years he willingly spent 20 hours a day hearing confessions and counseling. He relaxed for an hour or so at noon by teaching catechism to children.

Honors came to the saintly priest--which he was sure he did not deserve. As his death approached in 1859, pilgrims came to his bedside to seek his blessing, for he was known as a saint long before Rome began the process of canonization in 1872.

St. John Mary Vianney is the patron saint of parish priests. His feast is Aug. 4.

## New date for Cellar-to-Garret Sale!

St. Patrick's Cellar-to-Garret Sale, the Guild's popular annual fund-raiser, has been moved to Thursday, Aug. 27, through Saturday noon, Aug. 29.

**Be sure to mark your calendars!**

## Archives Committee Question of the Month

Fr. Remm has completed a project to inventory and copy all parish records in the Chancery Office in Peoria. St. Patrick's now has copies of the deeds, contracts, and other documents pertaining to parish properties.

The block on which St. Patrick's church stands has

changed considerably over our near-century. Does anyone have pictures of Main Street when the houses were still there? The rectory was built in 1902, and three other houses were located to the east of it. The Archives Committee would like to document these with pictures.

If you have pictures tucked away somewhere, would you let the committee borrow them for duplicating? They will be returned promptly. The pictures can be left in the Archives Committee's box in the parish center, or call Judy Conover (367-2100).

## From Ellen Noonan: An Evangelization Minute

When I was first asked to give this Evangelization Minute, I was pretty surprised. I couldn't think of what I did in my daily life to bring people closer to Church or to Christ. Then it hit me that Lenore had said "minute"—when could I ever talk just one minute?

After giving it some thought, I decided that the real basis of evangelization is prayer. I do pray for others and have been the recipient of many prayers during my 12 years here at St. Patrick's, first for my marriage to Pat and during our years of trying to have children. I really believe that my family of Pat, Hannah, and Samuel are the results of prayers of our community here at St. Patrick's.

Pat and I are a part of the St. Patrick's Prayer Tree, and that allows us to be supportive of our community right in our own home. At 9 p.m. when our phone rings, we know it is Lori with requests to add to our prayer lists. Pat starts his day at 3 a.m. praying for all those on the list; I start mine (several hours later, I might add) doing the same.

One of the ways I like to pray is listening to Christian music. Since I have young children of my own and provide day care, I am often listening to "Kid's

Praise" tapes. I was reminded just this week of what an impact my actions have on the children I take care of. The past two months we have had the same



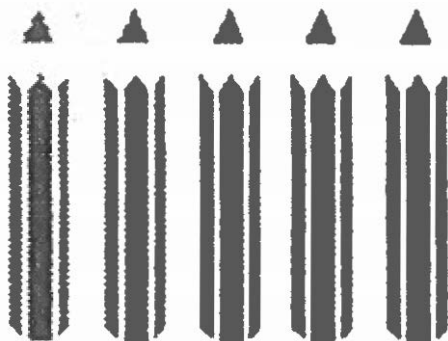
tape in our van, and if any of you have listened to "Salty Songbook" for any length of time, you know that while the songs are catchy and cute, after 20 or so hours you tune them out. Well, Alec, a three-year-old I have in my care, must not feel that way. He told me that he sang the "Jesus on High" song for his mom this week. Now I can't tell you what song he is talking about, but he knows. When he told me this, I had to stop and think about what else he had heard in my home and my van that he could repeat. I can only hope that it is all as good for him as "Salty Songbook" and "Jesus on High."

This reminded me again of the impact I have had not only on my own children, but on those in

my home every day. Most of the time they are a true symbol of Jesus to me, and I try to be the same for them. Now that is not always easy, and I will not pretend that it is always the case, but it is something I strive for.

With the prayers and Christian music that we share with our children, Pat and I hope to teach Hannah and Samuel the importance of their faith and prayer in their daily lives. Sometimes when I look at them I think they just might be further down this path than I am. Often it is they who will remind us to pray when we are out to eat, and there have been times when Hannah has asked that we pray for her daddy when he is working as a truck driver and the weather is bad or when he is working late. Prayer is such a simple yet important way to teach our children about their faith.

If any of you are interested in more information about the Prayer Tree, you can contact Sr. Charlene at the parish office. It does give great support to those in need, and it allows those who pray an opportunity to serve Christ, our Church, and our community right in our own home.



### *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 70 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.



**Q: How do we get along at home all summer?**

**A: The piece below sounds good to me. I don't know what book it comes from, but put it together with the Golden Rule and you've got it made!**  
--G. K.

## 20 Ways to Talk, Not Argue

Instead of this...	say this...
Battle of the sexes	Relations between women and men
Critique	Comment
Fight	Discussion
Both sides	All sides
Debate	Discuss
The other side	Another side
Having an argument	Making an argument
The opposite sex	The other sex
War on drugs	Solving the drug problem
Litigation	Mediation
Provocative	Thought-provoking
Most controversial	Most important
Polarize	Unify
Attack-dog journalism	Watchdog journalism
Automatic opposition	Genuine opposition
Focus on differences	Search for common ground
Win the argument	Understand another point of view
The opposition party	The other party
Prosecutorial reporting	Investigative reporting
The argument culture	The dialogue culture

--Deborah Tannen

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

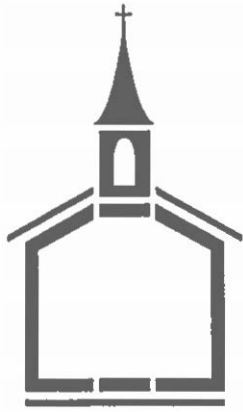


**Parishioners congratulate St. Patrick's graduating seniors on their Recognition Day following the 9:00 Mass.**



Deadlines for submission of information, articles and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is August 16.





## Can you add to this list?

Whose names should be added to this list of sanctuary workers from the very beginnings of the parish's Altar and Rosary Society? That's what Nancy Steerman wants to know.

"Because of the important contributions the women of the Altar and Rosary Society made to the parish, especially in the very early years, I want to make sure no one's name is omitted when their involvement is given recognition," Nancy says.

Following are the names she was able to gather, names of women who have cleaned the church, who have cared for the altar and the flowers:

Barbara Adams  
Ann Arner  
Grace Atherton  
Doris Booky  
Rose Breen  
Maysal Brown  
Margaret Bryant  
Mrs. Maurice Burns  
Catherine Carter  
Florence Chevalier  
Betty Daly  
Dorothy Douglas  
Ida D'Urso  
Beatrice Edwards  
Bea Ellsworth  
Marla Ferraro  
Zelda Fitzsimmons  
Thelma Foster  
Doris Green  
Norma Gremer  
Eileen Goff  
Helen Godfrey  
Helen Halpin  
Ramona Hayes

Helen Hordinski  
Betty Howell  
Frances Hudson  
Louise Kannapel  
Eleanor Kerns  
Connie Knake  
Mary Laroe  
Frances Lawhead  
Louise Lawhead  
Mrs. Robert Little  
Sonya Lowry  
Mary Ann Luedtke  
Carrie McGreevy  
Anna McDonough  
Martha Miebach  
Joan Millsap  
Dorothy Moffitt  
Sarah Nugent  
Lois Poeschl  
Angie Prendergast  
Lucille Rasmussen  
Gladys Reinhart  
Helen Reynolds  
Magdelin Reynolds

Rose Mary Reynolds  
Doris Roedl  
Rosalia Rund  
Cathy Rutledge  
Kay Schneider  
Alice Schrader  
Mrs. Terry Schroder  
Delores Scott  
Eileen Scott  
Mariana Sliger  
Merle Steerman  
Nancy Smith (Steerman)  
Eileen Sternberg  
Lois Stried  
Pauline Strong  
Lollie Vowels  
Joan Waller  
Beulah Washburn  
Luella Wavering  
Eileen Wikoff  
Ann Willis  
Rita Winchester  
Lynda Wirth  
Sophia Zeigler

Is there someone who has been overlooked here—you, your mother, spouse, sister, daughter? If you know of others, especially from the early years of the parish, please call Nancy Steerman (328-1217), drop a note in the Archives Committee mail box at the parish center, tell Leslie Risatti, parish secretary—whatever is most convenient for you.

## God,

Alpha and Omega,  
In you we have  
Our beginning  
And our end.  
When loved ones die,  
Soothe our grief

And help us  
To release them  
With the assurance  
That they will be  
With you  
Always. Amen.



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## St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 6:45am Men's Bible Study 10:15am Mom's Group 5:00pm SVDP	<b>2</b> 7:30pm Building & Grounds Com	<b>3</b> 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	<b>4</b> Independence Day 8:00am Mass & Breakfast
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