

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus

Recognizing the gifts acknowledges the Giver

"To each person, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."
1 Cor. 12:7

It is easy to see the gifts of the Spirit in the lives of the apostles and saints. But the gifts are given to each person. Can you see the gifts of the Spirit in yourself or in someone close to you? This might be a good way to reflect on the feast of Pentecost.

Take some time to be with a family member or friend, and bring along something to write on. On one sheet, write the gifts that you recognize in yourself. On another, write

the gifts that you see in your partner. Your partner should do the same. As you do this, ask the Spirit to help you see his gifts in yourself and in your partner. After all, God knows us better than we know ourselves! When you have both had enough time to think about it, give your partner the sheet that lists his or her gifts.

Now consider the gifts that you and your partner see in you. They come from God, and God invites us to develop and use them. He also invites us to share them; they are given for the *common* good.

* Are there gifts here that you could develop more fully?

* How can these gifts be put to use in your family, church, or community?

* How can they help you grow closer to God?

* Is there one gift that you would like to focus on for a while?

You might look over these gifts during your prayer time for a few days. Ask the Spirit if there is something that you can be doing to develop and use your gifts. And thank God for his action in your life and the gifts he has given to you!

The Church's Greatest Need

What does the Church need?

The Church needs the Spirit, the Holy Spirit.

He it is who animates and sanctifies the Church.

He is her divine breath, the wind in her sails, the principle of her unity, the inner source of her light and strength.

He is her support and consoler, her source of charisms and songs, her peace and her joy, her pledge and prelude to blessed and eternal life.

The Church needs her perennial Pentecost. She needs fire in her heart, words on her lips,

prophecy in her outlook. She needs to be the temple of the Holy Spirit.

In the empty silence of the modern world the Church needs to feel rising from the depths of her inmost personality, a weeping, a poem, a prayer, a hymn—the praying voice of the Spirit, who prays in us and for us "with sighs too deep for words."

She needs to listen in silence and in an attitude of total availability to the voice of the Spirit who teaches "every truth."



The Church needs to feel flowing through all her human faculties a wave of love, that love which is called forth and poured into our hearts "by the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

This is what the Church needs; she needs the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit in us, in each of us, and in all of us together, in us who are the Church.

So let all of us ever say, "Come, Holy Spirit!"

—Pope Paul VI

Ice cream coming up!

It's that time of year again, when the summer sun gets hot and the treats get coooooool! Don't miss the annual St. Patrick's Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. The Social Committee will be serving up taste-tempting treats come rain (in the parish center) or shine (on the parish center lawn).

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and join parish friends and

acquaintances for an ice cream cone, sundae, or root beer float (\$1 donation per serving). There'll be plenty of music and fun, including a clown and face painting for the kids.



Summer Haiku

*Ancient monk melting in summer sun.
Ice cream koan.*



in our parish library

Mentoring: The Ministry of Spiritual Kinship

By Edward C. Sellner

There is an emerging consciousness in our society and Church of the importance of people acting as mentors and guides to others. Developmental psychologists affirm the contribution mentors can make regarding career and professional choices. Self-help groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous demonstrate the value of sponsors for ongoing recovery. In the area of Christian spirituality the need for sponsors in the conversion process and spiritual guides for ongoing adult transformation is recognized as important, if not essential, to the life of faith.

Mentoring in its broadest sense, Sellner says, is something any of us can do—and need to do, especially when we've entered mid-life.

Spiritual mentoring is generally characterized by greater depth and may be more explicitly concerned with vocation and relationship with God, but it cannot, he asserts, be totally removed from the more ordinary forms, since they are closely intertwined.

Spiritual mentoring is an age-old Christian tradition, a calling and a gift more common than perhaps pre-

viously thought. It depends on mutuality, reciprocity, and friendship rather than on a relationship in which someone has all the answers and the other is a passive recipient of such wisdom. As a contemporary form of ministry, it is much needed.

Mentoring in its most fundamental sense is about transformation, helping someone else encounter his or her deeper self.

Sellner discusses the rich history of mentoring, from psychological and theological perspectives, in the context of spirituality and his own experiences with significant mentors. He presents C. S. Lewis as an example of how spiritual mentoring can be an effective ministry for any one of us and how it can take a variety of forms. He explores the tradition of "soul friend" that has made a significant contribution to Christian spirituality and goes on to examine specific areas of spiritual mentoring, offering suggestions on how to continue to discern our own "call of life to the soul."

"I believe that spiritual mentoring is a daily occurrence," he writes, "done by all sorts and all ages of peo-



Welcome to new parishioners Paul and Shelley Campbell, Philip Garnier and Cathy Acevedo, Regina and Joseph Gilmartin, Robert and Amy Kerby, Thomas and Tracy Like, Lisa Roberts, Margaret (Peg) Schulte, Robert Stanford.

Farewell to parishioners who have moved from C-U: Lilian Ozga.

We welcome the following recently baptized into our faith community: Margaret Joyce Bergan, Daryann Talora Birt, Sean Michael Kermath, Lena Marina Shaw, Charles Edward Shepherd, Piotr Stefan Swiech, Cora Jean McQueen, Abegael Lauren Kerns.

Please pray for deceased parishioners Patricia Ann Arnold, Hilbern "Hank" Osterhoff.

ple without theological degrees or ministry certificates. It is an ancient Christian practice in which people discover a companion on their sacred journeys, a soul friend who is revealed as another self."

This book evokes the essential role of mentoring in the journey toward wholeness. The author tries to give ordinary people confidence in their own ability to be a soul friend to another, to show how we may help and support one another on life's way by a deeper appreciation of what it means to be a spiritual friend, a sister or brother in Christ.

Anything can become a pathway to God

In my complicated spiritual journey I spent several years as an atheist after family tragedies and anger directed at the Church. It was nature and the longing to express my feelings about it in paintings that gradually re-awakened my spiritual awareness. Now every painting is a celebration of the presence of God in everything I see around me.

I paint botanical mandalas (circular designs with a definite center of emphasis) and was delighted to come across the saying "God is an intelligible sphere whose center is everywhere and circumference nowhere." I began painting in mandala form long before I knew anything about Eastern religions; I discovered them in Christianity as well (rose windows, for example).

I also find God in music, especially the Taize chants and John Michael Talbot's recordings. But any classical music can transport me, often to the point that I can't do anything but listen and rejoice. When I listen to current pop music, I find that the love songs also are often really appropriate for singing to God. I'm not much of a singer, but singing always opens my heart.

I find that anything at all can become a pathway to God if I just look for the spirit in it!

—Sandi

When we share our faith stories, we are changed; those listening to us are changed as well. 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. Names will be withheld on request.

Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is June 7.



Archives Committee "Question of the Month"

Here is a list of former parishioners for whom the Archives Committee has addresses. They will be invited to submit a family history for inclusion in our Parish Centennial book. There are many others whose current addresses are unknown. Please, if you are in contact with any other former parishioners, give the committee their addresses so they can also be invited to submit their family histories. You can leave the information in the Archives mailbox in the parish center, or call Judy Conover (367-2109).

Rodger and Barbara Adams
 Don and Maryann Bitzer
 Masyl Brown
 Sr. Mariana Burkhardt
 Roger Ebert
 Mark and Joan Gerhart
 Fred Goglia
 Jeff and Lori Hatley
 Russell and Joy Hauersperger
 Steve Hauersperger
 Stephen and Helen Horodenski
 Joe and Ruth Jilka
 Tim and Hanne Kelley
 Sr. Mary Paul Kinder
 Dick Kinder
 Dorothy Lierman
 Lloyd and Jan Lipska
 Frank Mabry
 Frank and Mary Maglione
 Bill and Jane McClellan
 Jim and June McMullen
 Mike and Collette McMullen
 Clarence and Joanne Millsap
 Tom Moran
 Alan and Ruth Mytty

Susan Nagele
 Bill and Mildred Nelson
 Bill and Dorothy O'Connell
 Bill and Rilla O'Shaughnessy
 John Pescitelli
 Len Prazak
 Julie Barrymore Primmer
 Samuel and Ruth Rank
 Anna Reinhart
 David and Nancy Riddle
 Fred and Irene Schlorff
 Eileen Scott
 Thomas Shay
 Peter and Karen Shirron
 Herb and Marina Sliger
 Kay Stubing
 Bill and Carol Subick
 Floyd and Jean Tevebaugh
 Judson and Peg Thorne
 Sr. Rosemarie Tomlianovich
 Richard and Peggy Valentine
 Bob and Joan Waller
 Catherine Warren
 Ruth Weinard

Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Peggy Whelan

Thick and Healthy Tomato-Cheese Veggieburgers

1 pkg (4 patties) veggieburgers
 1 c canned tomatoes with green pepper and onion
 grated Parmesan cheese

Place veggieburgers (I use Green Giant Harvestburgers, Southwestern Style) on microwave-safe plate, top each with 1/4 cup tomatoes. Loosely cover with plastic wrap, allowing vents for steam to escape. Heat on high 2 to 2-1/2 minutes, or until hot. Remove wrap; sprinkle burgers with grated Parmesan cheese.

This recipe can be varied by using as a topping any vegetable moist enough to soften the burger and by adding a different cheese.



Parish Council News

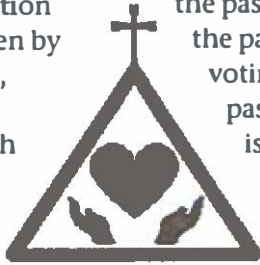
At their April meeting Council members heard a presentation about Matthew House given by Tamara (Youngman) Cibis, founder and director.

Matthew House works with children who have been terribly abused at home, helping them realize that God will take on the burden of their troubles and leave them free to learn, to grow, and to aim toward a goal. This process places the children after school each day in loving homes, where they receive one-on-one attention.

Tamara invited St. Patrick's to consider being a sponsor, at a cost of \$3000 a year for five children. As a sponsor the church would provide a committee of three persons: a teacher, someone from business, and a counselor to oversee the house. A training program is provided for volunteers. She will give the Council secretary a packet that includes information about the program, legal matters, liability, and a copy of the contract so the request can be considered.

In their continuing review of the parish survey, members discussed responses to Question 4 about parishioners' positions on and cooperation in social, environmental, and political issues. There was considerable discussion on the possibility of providing transportation for those who cannot get to church on their own, but without resolution for action. In discussion of Question 5, asking parishioners to identify different life circumstances experienced while a member of the parish, it was observed that perhaps a better job of communicating the kinds of caring help available from the parish needs to be done.

Materials have been received describing parish pastoral councils, which will help Council members study the differences between this



kind of parish advisory assistance to the pastor and that now provided by the parish council, with a view to voting on whether to change to a pastoral council when the study is complete.

Council members unanimously approved the operating budget (\$476,700) for the coming fiscal year. ASA pledges and payments on May 2-3 totaled \$58,933 toward our overall parish goal of \$75,000; mailed returns have not yet been tabulated.

The Vicar General of the diocese addressed members' liability concerns for the new parish nurse program, saying that since there are no procedures involved that would generate medical liability, it was safe to say that nurses involved in the program would be covered by diocesan liability insurance (as are other parish volunteers), as long as it is clear that they are representing the parish and not a hospital or other organization.

It was noted that the parish telephone system, now so old that parts are not available for repairs, must be replaced. Bids will be sought; the cost is expected to be about \$4000. The copy machine, about 5 years old, also needs replacing; the cost may be about \$8000. Motions to replace both were tabled until the June meeting.

Outgoing Council members (Jean Daly, Allen Booth, and Chuck Milewski) were warmly thanked for their service to the parish, and recently elected members (Pulcratia Kinney, Dwain Berggren, and Judy Huelsbusch) were welcomed and seated on the Council. Members then voted on the slate of Council officer candidates presented by the nominating committee and unanimously elected Cindy Kelly president, Tom Korder vice president, and Pulcratia Kinney secretary. Judy Conover's renewed commitment to serve as

recording secretary for the coming year was gratefully acknowledged.

Complete minutes of Council meetings are posted each month on the bulletin boards in the office wing of the parish center and in the church vestibule for those who are interested in a fuller commentary.

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

From Mary Fonner An Evangelization Minute

You have probably heard this advice, attributed to St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the gospel always. Use words when you must."

The other day I was remembering a woman who exemplified this bit of advice. I knew her only briefly ten or fifteen years ago. We happened to teach in the same school for a few months. Her name escapes me. Her face will not come clearly to mind. Nor do I know her religion. She taught part-time, and we did not have much chance to converse with one another. I remember only one significant discussion with her, and I don't even remember her words. The thing about her that does stand out in memory is her quiet, gentle nature, and most of all her cheerful, persevering hope that all would be well. While traveling in a car together, we spoke of some problems in her life, and in the world in general. In low key conversation she left me with no doubt that the source of her strength and serenity was her hope in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Her faith and hope were contagious. We are Easter people. This is the Good News that we share—the news that the world is hungering for.



Choirs round out a singing marathon

For an idea of what constitutes a singing marathon, just take a look at the recent schedule for parish musicians and their music director:

Tuesday, Apr. 7, 7:30 p.m.: Choir members from St. Patrick's 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses gather for the next-to-last practice before Holy Week's Triduum begins on Holy Thursday.

Wednesday, Apr. 8, 5:15 p.m.: Children's choir meets for practice.

7:30 p.m.: The combined adult choirs meet for their final practice before Holy Thursday. Families are rushing dinners to get members off to church on time. From the Triduum (Latin for "three days," referring to Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday) through Confirmation and First Communion, Music Director Sr. Lori Kirchman has invited members of both choirs to sign up for each Mass. As a result there is a different choir at each service, depending on who is available. Susan and Sam Reese, parishioners 15 years ago who moved back to C-U last year, relate, "It was nice combining the two choirs because we got to meet new people" and were challenged by harmonizing with new partners. "It was fun and new for us. We serve at Holy Week as a Lenten obligation, not as a burden at all."

Thursday, Apr. 9, 5:45 p.m.: Carl and Bernadette Nelson and family arrive for the First Communion Seder, as do Jim and Eileen Westervelt and family. The Nelsons have two sons, Ian, a second-grader, and Jonathan, a fifth-grader, in the class. The Westervelts' daughter, Marla, is also in the First Communion class.

7:30 p.m.: Jim (9 a.m. choir) and Carl (10:30 a.m. choir) barely get their families home when it's time for them to come back to sing in the Holy Thursday services. Carl shares with us, "Managing family activities and being in the choir was a chal-



lenge. We met (that challenge) as a family and not as individuals."

Friday, Apr. 10, 7:30 p.m.: Choir members are ready for the Good Friday service to begin. Chris McDonald's resonating baritone voice calls out, "Behold the Cross, on which our Salvation is hung." Sue Handal, a parishioner for five years and 10:30 choir member for two years, participated in Holy Week services, Confirmation, and the 2:00 p.m. First Communion Mass. She tells us, "It wasn't that difficult. I like to attend all these services, and my children attend with me." Sue has enjoyed meeting members of the 9 a.m. choir and getting to know people in the parish through the choir. She has encouraged her son, Alfred, 12, to join her in the choir this year when it didn't interfere with his schoolwork; she is preparing him to be a member next year.

Saturday, Apr. 11, 7:30 p.m.: The Easter Vigil begins in darkness until the elect bring in their candles, lit from the New Fire, to illuminate the congregation's candles and spread the soft, warm light of the Resurrection all through the church. Jim Mayer points out that the Psalms between the readings were sung differently

this year. Sr. Lori used a team cantor approach, where two cantors with different voice ranges, such as a tenor and a soprano or a soprano and an alto, alternated in singing the verses.

By 11 p.m. the Vigil Service was over. Susan Reese says, "We put in many hours, but we enjoyed it too. People come in looking forward (to singing) and leave with satisfaction." Sr. Lori was pleased that Holy Week went so smoothly. She praised the choir members for their dedication.

Sunday, Apr. 12: The Vigil is over but Easter is not. Sr. Lori and her cantors and trumpeters are performing at all the regularly scheduled Masses. The 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. choirs may be sleepy-eyed, but they are in full voice for overflowing crowds at their respective Masses.

Tuesday, Apr. 14, 7 p.m.: First Communion preparation for the Nelsons and the Westervelts and all the First Communicants and their parents.

Wednesday, Apr. 15, 5:15 p.m.: Children's choir practice

7:00 p.m.: Choir practice for Confirmation and First Communion
Thursday, Apr. 16, 7:00 p.m.:

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Choir practice for Confirmation and First Communion

Sunday, Apr. 19: Regular schedule of Masses and choirs at St. Patrick's. In the afternoon, Sr. Lori directs the children's choir at a benefit concert for empty tomb, inc., held at Faith United Methodist Church in Campaign. Five children's choirs from five churches in C-U raised \$2300 for empty tomb. Sister tells us, "It was a good experience for our children to be with children from other faiths. They felt good about themselves and their singing."

Tuesday, Apr. 21, 7:00 p.m.: Parents and First Communicants gather for the last First Communion preparation before the Apr. 26 services.

Wednesday, Apr. 22, 7:00 p.m.: Members of the combined choir gather for the last practice before Confirmation and First Communion.

Thursday, Apr. 23, 5:45 p.m.: Bishop John J. Myers and our Confirmation candidates and their parents dine together in the multipurpose room.

7:00 p.m.: Sr. Lori and the combined choir are prepared to accompany the Confirmation Mass and service. The candidates are confirmed by Bishop Myers after his homily. Marilyn Murphy of the 10:30 choir relates that it was thrilling for her to participate in three different parts of Catholic sacramental life, even though it was during such a short time frame that it took a lot of planning and organizing the rest of her family's life. Carl Nelson, who participated in seven services over the seventeen-day period, said, "It was never a burden. They were all wonderful services."

Sunday, Apr. 26: Choirs sing at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Doug Salokar, former Music Director at St. Patrick's now finishing work on his Ph.D. thesis, kindly substitutes for Sr. Lori as organist so she can rest up for the afternoon's two additional Masses.

2:00 p.m.: First Communion Mass

for 30 children accompanied by their families and friends. Not sure how many choir members will come, Sr. Lori counts them as they mount the stairs to the choir loft. Jim Mayer, who helps with Children's Liturgy this year, is cantoring for the 2 p.m. Mass so that he can celebrate with his two god-children afterward. Bernadette Nelson is responsible for the three of their four children present, while Carl sings once again. Jim Westervelt lectors, then sits with his daughter, Marla, for a while before returning to the choir loft. Michael Amberg, who helped with Children's Liturgy all year, plays the drums. Choir member Susan Reese also plays the trombone. John Minor sings, cantors, and plays the guitar. April Yasunaga, a religious education volunteer this year, plays the flute. And many others who sang at the earlier Masses return to provide a fulsome sound for the two First Communion services.

4:00 p.m.: Second First Communion Mass for another 30 children, their families, and friends. Suzanne D'Andrea, music coordinator for Children's Liturgy last year, cantors. As the families and First Communicants stream out of church after satisfying the need for photographs, choir members are satisfied with their labors, and Sr. Lori is justifiably tired.

The choirs will take their annual summer break after the 10:30 Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, returning again after Labor Day. Each choir will have an end-of-the-year party. After her annual retreat, May 11-17, Sr. Lori will be working on two mini music camps: the 4th-8th Grade Children's Choir and the Junior High Bell Choir.

God bless all our parish musicians—choir members, cantors, instrumentalists, and their leader—for their generous and inspiring service throughout the year, but most especially for their Triduum through Pentecost "marathon" so lovingly and joyfully served!



Q: Why do we pray to the saints since we have Jesus as our intercessor and redeemer?

A: We pray to the saints for the same reason we go to persons who have "connections" or influence when we want a job or something done. As we do with friends, we tell them our needs, asking for help with problems or just "lending an ear" for support. As in politics people would go "to the boys in the back room," so Mary and the saints are there for us in the mansions of heaven. They are our back door to the head of the Mystical Body, Jesus. He used the term "gate" or "vine" for himself.

Let it be clear: we *worship* only God. But since Mary was pre-eminent in her fidelity to God, we give her a special devotion, just as we keep

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Mom's and Dad's or a friend's photo in a special place at home. The lived tradition of Christians is that we support one another in words, service, and prayer as we are "many parts but all one body."

Those who are saints are persons who have lived lives of heroic love, and so the Church canonizes them, or elevates them publicly to this state. Their holiness or saintliness is known by what they have done for others, out of love of God, even to the giving of their lives for others as martyrs, e.g., St. Stephen. They include, of course, such great persons as St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Therese the "Little Flower," and the great St. Teresa of Avila. Others are saints but not yet officially declared so, e.g., Mother Theresa, Matt Talbot, Dorothy Day.

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.

Finding God in Daily Work is for any Christian involved in the workday world seeking to notice and respond to God in that setting: the business office, factory, department store, hospital, school or college, or the home.

Finding God in Daily Work will help you to

- * gain skills for analyzing, understanding, and transforming the climate of the workplace;
- * learn how to see and hear God more readily in work situations; and
- * discover ways of responding to God in work and in prayer, and to find peace and greater fulfillment in both.

Finding God in Daily Work is neither an academic course nor a set of informational talks. Rather, it is an experience of community, of people from a variety of workplaces who

Christ is the one mediator. But Mary and the saints intercede for us before him. The work of the Holy Spirit is to help us grow in saintliness, love. We go in the back door but come out the front door, as it were.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could revive devotion to them, as we are all in the family? We need to give children saints' names at Baptism so that they will constantly hear their saint's name, so that they will develop a relationship that is as effective in their lives as subject to hero, student to mentor, disciple to the Lord.

G. K.

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

come together to realize in their own ways the goals stated above.

Finding God in Daily Work builds on life experiences of participants through

- * weekly sessions and an off-site weekend retreat;
- * individual and group projects that look in depth at the values and relationships in one's workplace;
- * regular personal prayer based on Scripture;
- * short instructions on themes in Christian spirituality; and
- * small- and large-group interactions.

Sr. Charlene Cesario, SSCM, will facilitate *Finding God in Daily Work*, assisted by Joyce Baird.

For more information on *Finding God in Daily Work*, call Sr. Charlene at St. Patrick's Parish (367-2665) or Joyce Baird (398-9101), and watch for news of the program in the weekly bulletins.

The Body and Blood of Christ

A timely look at the feast

Touring southern Illinois one hot Saturday in June, friends and I visited the chapel of the Poor Clare monastery in Belleville. No cool air stirred in the chapel, and the heat settled into the pews with us.

We realized it was the day before Corpus Christi when we saw a bare-foot nun decorating the altar with flowers. Through the screen that partly separated the cloistered altar from us in the public section, we watched her, bare feet perhaps relieving the warmth of her full gray habit.

When she finished her task, she noticed us, wilting, perspiring. She walked quickly away into the cloister and returned, bringing us an electric fan.

Later, I read in the Catholic Encyclopedia that the feast of Corpus Christi duplicates Holy Thursday "without the sorrowful associations of Good Friday." I hadn't thought of it before, but a more leisurely celebration of Holy Thursday fit with my memory of how we were served, saved from the heat by the sister with the fan.

The Catholic Encyclopedia went on to say that during the first thousand years of the Church's history, the Eucharist was seen as a sacred action rather than as an object. Sacrifice and meal were the emphasis of devotion.

In the twelfth century, controversies arose that caused a new movement to make the reserved Sacrament an object of cult. Heated disputes aroused the curiosity of the faithful. Viewing the Eucharist became as important as receiving it.

The feast itself originated from the piety of an Augustinian nun, Juliana of Liege, France. About 1209 she described visions of the full moon in

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splendor but for a dark area on one side. She reported to superiors her understanding that the dark side was caused by the lack of a feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. In 1247 the bishop instituted a feast in Liege, and by 1317 it was celebrated throughout the Church.

The Divine Office and the Mass for this feast express the mind of the Church that the Sacrament expresses the death and resurrection of the Lord.

Returning to this original concept of the Blessed Sacrament, the Second Vatican Council legislated a suitable balance in regard to the Sacrament: "The liberty of the faithful must not be restricted ... but popular devotions such as Benediction, Forty Hours, visits are accidental to the Eucharist," reads the Catholic Encyclopedia. We are instructed "not to dissociate the Real Presence from the Mass that gives it to us ... a procession is not to be independent of the Mass, in which Christ gives himself as food to associate us in His sacrifice."

Adoption of the term "Body and Blood of Christ," rather than the former Latin "Corpus Christi," for this feast reflects our return to the traditional attitude toward the Eucharist: "so simple, so plain that it can be grasped by children, while it cannot be exhausted by theologians.

We celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ this year on June 14.

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. Can you help keep your newsletter "in focus"?

Ellen Amberg

Wife, mother, coordinator, volunteer

When two First Communion celebrations take place in our parish on the same day, it is obvious that our pastor will have had a busy day and that much work will have gone into the receptions that follow.

Perhaps less obvious is the role of the quiet, gracious woman who worked behind the scenes for months to bring children and parents to this moment of shared sacrament.

As coordinator of St. Patrick's Children's Program, Ellen Amberg's responsibilities consist of three areas: classroom education, liturgical celebration, and sacramental preparation.

Facilitating the classroom teaching includes recruiting, training, mentoring, and assisting 40-50 volunteer teachers and assistant teachers. This part of her job requires a good bit of organizational planning. While she enjoys working with the teachers, she also very much appreciates the opportunity to work directly with the children when occasionally called to substitute in the classroom. Ellen is very quick to say, "Nothing [I accomplish in my job] is possible without very dedicated and faith-filled volunteers."

Ellen herself receives direction from Carolyn McElrath, St. Patrick's Director of Religious Education, under whose guidance she works. She also meets monthly with Fr. Remm to plan the reflections on the Sunday readings for Children's Liturgy, which is celebrated three Sundays a month during the school year.

Ellen enjoys engaging with families and helping to build a strong sense of scripture. She senses that the "liturgy comes to life in a different way each week." She says, "I feel the Spirit really guides me."

Each week Ellen works with a

team of people who want to help make Eucharist meaningful for families.

This team includes

musicians, a rotating list of host families, and other volunteers who bring their creative talents to the liturgical celebrations.

First Communion and First Reconciliation preparation flow both from the classroom instruction and the shared family liturgical experience. Children and their parents attend a series of evening meetings to deepen their understanding of and promote more meaningful experience of the sacraments.

Ellen also works with families to assist in preparation for the baptism of children aged 3 to 12. She considers this opportunity a gift, because they "come with such open hearts. ... The way they latch onto God is neat to see."

Ellen grew up in Belleville (Ill.) and earned a degree in English from St. Louis University. Since her marriage, she has moved around a good bit and has always made parish life a focal point, a lifeline. She has found community and identity in ministering to others.

Ellen and her husband, Gene, who is Superintendent of Urbana Schools, have lived in Urbana for six years, together with their four sons and one daughter, ages 13-23. She does a balancing act as wife, mother, a religious education coordinator, and volunteer in the children's schools.

"I am grateful to be here," she said, "grateful for all the ways the people of St. Patrick's have helped me grow and inspired me to believe more deeply."



Ellen Amberg

What kids say to God

Dear God,
Thank you for the baby brother, but
what I prayed for was a puppy.

Joyce

Dear God,
It rained for our whole vacation and
is my father mad! He said some
things about you that people are not
supposed to say, but I hope you will
not hurt him anyway.

Your friend
(But I am not going
to tell you who I am)

Dear God,
Why is Sunday school on Sunday? I
thought it was supposed to be our
day of rest.

Tom L.

—From an e-mail correspondent

“May your First Communion bring you closer to Jesus”

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon
in April over 60 youngsters, in two
Masses, received the Lord Jesus in the
Eucharist for the first time.

Carefully and neatly dressed, their
outward appearance reflecting the
inner readiness that followed weeks
of preparation, the boys and girls
came surrounded by godparents,
families, and friends. Yet each met
Jesus in his or her own heart, alone
and at the same time one in the Lord
with the assembled faith community.



“Blessed is the mother . . .”

The following Mother’s Day prayer, handsomely inscribed, was sent to
mothers of children baptized at St. Patrick’s from May 1997 to May 1998:

*Blessed is the Mother
Who lets the Lord
be her guiding hand,
Whose faith brings
her family courage,
Whose wisdom comes from God,
And whose children love and honor her.*

*May our Divine Lord
and His Blessed Mother
reward you with the
love, joy, and contentment
you so richly deserve.*

—Helene Kacich

The best wishes of the members of the St. Patrick’s Pro-Life Committee
accompanied the congratulatory greeting and prayer, which celebrated the
baptism of the following children:

Nicholas Antonio Amaya, Nikolas Zelman Atwood, Adelle Kathryn Austin,
Natalie Sofia Austin, Matthew Buckley Campbell, Keegan Patrick Forbes,
Morgann Elizabeth Graham;

Alexandria Paige Harnisch, Caroline R. Jones, Jacob William Koziarz, Keith
Charles Lee, Amanda Marie Lowry, Miguel Lucio, Hannah Elizabeth Mazurek,
Peter Donnell Millsap;

Monica Lynn Nagele, Sara Diane Nagele, Emily Jane Oldham, Osaetin Tobi
Omo Osagie, Ana Maria de Guadalupe Patron, George James Pennacchi, Laura
Catherine Pennacchi, Sara Isabella Pennacchi;

Cole Kenneth Rolson, Charles Cornelius Sandusky, Kiera Lorraine
Sandusky, Caitlin Della Schutz, Nicholas Craig Vercellotti, Alec Vitosky,
Caitlin Vitosky, Julia Rose Welle, Anne Rose Zola, Luke Joseph Zola.

*May our Divine Lord and His Blessed Mother reward you with the love, joy, and
contentment you so richly deserve.*

United with their families and
friends, we too pray:

*May the grace of God grow deep roots
in your hearts as you receive Jesus in this
sacrament . . .*

Margaret Bergan, Michael
Bialeschki, Adriana Black, Anneliese
Booth, Erin Bray, Abby Brown, Jason
Brown, Justin Brown, Duat Bui, Hai
Bui, Gina Burns;

*May you experience joy as you receive
the love, peace, mercy, and hope that are
the gifts of Eucharist . . .*

Grant Cinker, Jacob Cocagne,
Jordyn Conerty, Micah Cottingham,
John Danner, Amanda Darbonne,
John Dimit, Mark Dixon, Justin
Drook, Kirsten Faught, Zoe Foote,
Samuel Freidhof;

*May you grow in love and faith, as
God’s unique creation, within the com-
munity of Jesus . . .*



Cassandra Glazier, Lorena Graney,
Jordan Harpst, Samantha Ingram,
Justin Jarrett, Caroline Jones, Tomasz
Kalbarczyk, Juliana Kalipeni,
Catherine Keane, Anne Kingston;

*May you remember Jesus’ sacrifice
and may your lives reflect the love and
compassion of Jesus . . .*

Mandy Kirby, Megan Kirby,
Christian Kurtz, Theresa Laumann,

Bishop Myers confirms 40 at St. Patrick's

In the very early days of the Church, not long after Stephen's martyrdom, Philip traveled to Samaria and "preached the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ." Crowds of men and women believed and were baptized. When the apostles heard, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. There "they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."

On Apr. 23 Bishop John J. Myers, a successor to the apostles, in a ceremony steeped in history laid hands on the young men and women and adults presented to him, prayed over them, and—as in the days of Peter and John in Samaria—they received the Holy Spirit.

The gift of the Spirit would enrich, sanctify the People of God once again and ever more.

The bishop prayed that God would send the Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide. "Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them," he prayed, "with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence."

He anointed them with chrism, making the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate, saying "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."

In the intercessions that followed, all prayed that those confirmed by the gift of the Spirit "give witness to Christ by lives built on faith and

love," that "their parents and godparents who led them in faith may always encourage them to follow the way of Jesus Christ," that "the work of the Spirit begun at Pentecost may continue to grow in the hearts of all who believe."

With Bishop Myers the entire community of faith that is St. Patrick's Parish prays for the sons and daughters of God, confirmed by the gift of the Spirit:

Melissa Ann Althaus, Alayna Elizabeth Whittingham Bonse, Johanna Ruth Burke, Michael Andrew Campo, Kristin Marie Cantrell, Klementyna Sabina Chrzanowska, Megan Lee Cousert, Jacob Adam Douglas, Helen Estabrook, Katherine Flynn Gordon, Amanda L. Hartke, Sara Ann Ingram, Susan Nicole Ingram, Jason Lawrence Kimball, David Phillip Leming, Adam Yemma Long, Jessica M. Lundeen, Gabriel Patrick Mathy, Kristin M. McCartney, Kelly Anne McCusker, Tung Hoang Nguyen, John Rinkenberger Jr., Laura Kate Schrepfer, Michael Alexander Shannon, Sandra Elizabeth Shannon, Matthew Lee Simeone, Clare Rose Tierney, Nathan Wauthier.

Also Alan Bonse, Paul Buckley Campbell, Rebecca Cruz, William Brian Erickson, Jeffery Escobar, Patti Mae Good, La'Shonna Deon Madison, Cristobal Alberto Munoz, Laura Ann Osmond, Maria E. Venditti, Michael Dominick Wipfli, Richard Michael Wyninger.



Cristobal Alberto Munoz with Bishop Myers



Melissa Althaus with Fr. Remm

God our Father, complete the work you have begun and keep the gifts of your Holy Spirit active in the hearts of your people. Make us ready to live his Gospel and eager to do his will. May we never be ashamed to proclaim to all the world Christ crucified living and reigning for ever and ever. Amen.

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Kevin Melander, Stephen Mesker, Eric Metcalf, James Miklasz, Andrea Moreno, Ian Nelson, Jonathan Nelson;

May Jesus be with you always to strengthen, guide, and comfort you...

Hao Nguyen, Khai Nguyen, James Onderdonk, Ellen Pierce, Collin

Price, Lucas Raab, Abigail Rapp, Danielle Reno, Emlyn Resetarits, Charles Sandusky, Avery Schael;

May God protect you throughout life's journey and may your faith stay strong throughout your life...

Adrienne Shoemaker, Maciej Swiech, Michael Towns, Ryan

Trummer, Zachary Turner, Benedetto Valocchi, Alec Vitosky, Caitlin Vitosky, Arielle Walker, James Wallace, Marla Westervelt.

May celebrating the sacrament of Eucharist strengthen your faith and help you trust in God's special plan for your life.

Youth activities, looking back and looking ahead

By Peter Amberg

Starting off at St. Patrick's as Youth Activities Coordinator, I set a few goals to achieve. First, I wanted to offer a social calendar for youth; second I wanted to provide service projects to involve them with the community. I realized that these goals would not be easily achieved, as an immediate response from youth is hard to come by.

In terms of community service activities, the Youth Groups prepared the Thanksgiving baskets for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and helped clean the church in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

Having a major impact in service events was hampered by the fact that regular social activities were not in full gear. I believe that greater participation in social events will increase participation in community service projects. I realize that many youth

typically do not look to the Church for their social outings, but I hope to help them know the Church is available for their fun fellowship and support.

One of the bright spots on the social calendar this year was the December ski trip to Wisconsin. The trip was very successful; we ended up taking two buses. I want to thank all of the chaperones once again; they made the trip possible.

I've learned that most families have time for only a few trips instead of monthly activities, so I have decided to offer mostly large trips this summer to encourage more people to participate.

The High School Youth Group has been invited to a Cubs baseball game at Wrigley Field on June 23. On Saturday, July 11, combined Junior and High School Youth Groups will

go to Six Flags, St. Louis. (Anyone interested in chaperoning for either of these trips, please contact me by mail at the parish center, by phone at 384-7619, or by e-mail: pamberg@students.uiuc.edu.)

For the rest of this year and into 1999 I expect to pursue the same goals, with increased participation in social events and service projects in the community. The first social event is planned for August and will be volleyball and a cookout.

I look forward to an event-filled year ahead, and I hope to see all of you at the social events this summer.



Peter Amberg

St. Patrick's parishioners honored

Several members of the parish were recently cited for special honors by the University of Illinois.

Diane Musumeci, professor of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese, received the Campus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. She was honored for "bringing innovation to the introductory language program with the same concerns for supportive classroom environment, course organization, and excellence in teaching that characterize her own classes."

She also received the Lynn M. Martin Award for Distinguished Women Teachers.

Sr. Marie Golla, academic adviser in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, received the Campus Award for Excellence in Advising Undergraduate Students for "initiating a mentoring project for undergraduate students, which matches students

with mentors from the local community in a variety of fields, including medicine, the legal profession, and local government."

She also received the Academic Advising Award.

David Zola, educational psychology, was honored with the Amoco Foundation Award for Innovation in Undergraduate Instruction for his innovative approach to teaching, "using costume, drama, and popular media to illustrate important concepts and theories, and encouraging students to think critically and work collaboratively."

Garron M. Lukas, clinical associate professor in the department of surgery, College of Medicine, was selected by third-year medical students to receive the Raymond B. Allen Instructorship Award, also known as the Golden Apple Award.

Jeffrey T. Christensen, Division of

Public Safety, was a recipient of the Chancellor's Distinguished Staff Award. In addition to his normal duties as Police Officer IV, "he volunteered for a number of special assignments, wrote the first operations manual for watchmen, and is the department's training officer. He gives oral presentations to campus groups and teaches law enforcement courses at Parkland College."

Mary Ann See, Office of Printing Services, was also a recipient of the Chancellor's Distinguished Staff Award. She was honored for excellence exhibited in her overall work performance (Photographer I), which has proven to be highly valuable to Photographic Services. "She helps us all face the challenges of maintaining quality, adding new services, serving customers, promoting our operation, solving problems, and just getting the day-to-day work done."

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St. Patrick's Parish, Urbana, Illinois

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	9:30am Archives 7:00pm Centering Prayer	7:30pm Personnel Com.	9:30 amMoms' Group 7:00pm Memorial Service 7:00pm SVDP	7:30pm Bldg & Grounds	10:30am Mass CCNH	
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	7:00pm Centering Prayer	7:00pm Financial Affairs 7:00pm SVDP 7:30pm Parish Council: Executive and Development Com.		7:00pm Baptism Prep 7:00pm Knights of Columbus	10:45am Mass CCNH 10:30am Mass Care Center	
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6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. Ice Cream Social	7:00pm Centering Prayer	7:00pm SVDP 7:30pm Centennial Ideas Mtg.	9:30 amMoms' Group	7:00pm Parish Council	10:45am Mass CCNH 10:30am Mass Clark-Lindsay	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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	9:30am Archives 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Liturgy	7:00pm SVDP	<p>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. The deadline for the next issue of In Focus is June 7.</p> <p>CCNH-Champaign County Nursing Home SVDP- St. Vincent DePaul</p>			
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