

In Focus



Christ, our Light!

The Easter Vigil is the most solemn liturgy of the Church year. It begins with the kindling of a new fire and, from it, the lighting of the Paschal candle. Why fire?

Fire is a rich image in Scripture: God chose a pillar of fire to lead the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt. Fire consecrates as it consumes the burnt sacrifice offered as a holocaust to God. Smoke from a fire ascends to the heavens even as our prayers ascend to



God. Fire gives warmth and safety from marauding beasts. Fire speaks to us of deliverance, of offering, of prayer, of safety.

It is especially the light that comes from fire that the liturgy of this night

celebrates. When the new fire has been kindled and the Paschal candle has been lit from it, the presider exclaims: "May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds!" These words set the stage for all that follows.

First, a leisurely Liturgy of the Word, with more readings than we hear on other days. We hear and reflect on what God has done since the dawn of creation to save his people and to reveal himself to us. The Gospel proclaims Jesus rising from the dead, Jesus who revealed God to us more fully than all else that God has done. Fire gives safety; fire gives light, as does God.

Next, the Rite of Initiation, in which the Elect—our catechumens and candidates—are baptized and received into the Church. They have been enlightened by what they have learned of the faith and by the life of prayer that they share with us. They have asked to become part of the Body of Christ. Fire gives light; fire consecrates, as does God.

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Bishop Gumbleton to speak April 24

The Roncalli Society's Spring Gathering features Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton, Auxiliary Bishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit and pastor of St. Leo's Church. Bishop



Gumbleton has devoted himself to the causes of world peace and the improvement of life for the millions of people living in poverty around the world. He will speak on the challenge of being citizens of one of the wealthiest countries on earth and living the gospel.

Bishop Gumbleton was ordained to the priesthood in 1956, earned a doctorate in canon law in 1964, was ordained a bishop in 1968. He was a member of the U.S. Bishops Committee that drafted the pastoral letter "Challenge of Peace," and he was founding president of Pax Christi,

USA. He has won numerous awards over the years for his peace and justice efforts.

The Spring Gathering on Saturday, Apr. 24, will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Fellowship Hall (1508 W. Moss Ave., Peoria). Registration begins at 9 a.m., the program at 9:30 a.m. Box lunches will be provided at a cost of \$5 each. The program concludes at 3 p.m.

To register, send your name and address to The Roncalli Society, P.O. Box 6606, Peoria, IL 61601-6606. There is no registration fee for members, students, and those on fixed income; for others, \$5. (Enclose \$5 for each box lunch and specify turkey, roast beef, or veggie.)

The Roncalli Society, a group of priests, religious, and lay men and women of the Diocese of Peoria, has as its theme remaining faithful to the spirit of Vatican II within today's Church. For information about the Society and its goals, come to hear Bishop Gumbleton and pick up a leaflet about the Society.

Yes is a very becoming word

*Unless you say Yes
when you want to say No,
when you can't,
when you don't want to,
when it's impossible—
Unless you say Yes,
tremblingly, in the dark,
you will never know
who you might've become.
There is always No—
Yes is once, many times.*

—Sarah Reynolds
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The Council a great learning experience, three say

Working on the Parish Council has been a great learning experience, according to the three outgoing members, Pat Holden, Frank Modica, and Marnie Fuesting.

All agreed that they have benefited from their involvement on the Council, and that it's the people on the Council who have made the hours of meetings worthwhile.

Serving on the Council for the past three years has been a positive experience for Pat. "It's been rewarding to work with a great group of people," she said. Before her election to the Council, Pat thought that the Council was an elite gathering. It didn't take very long for her to discover that the people on the Council were open and accepting. "I found them very approachable and non-judgmental," she said.

Pat has learned a great deal about



Pat Holden

the workings of the parish during her tenure. She has served as Council liaison with the Financial Affairs Committee and with the Social Action Committee.

Since her election to the Council, Pat has become more active in parish activities and knows more people. "There isn't anyone I wouldn't talk to," she stated.

Her outward participation has been limited since she suffered a compression fracture from a fall over a year ago. Her doctor determined that she had a degenerative medical condition that has affected her mobility. Medical treatments and restrictions from her doctor have inhibited her ability to

attend many meetings. Nevertheless, Pat has been working behind the scenes, making phone calls and doing work on her computer for the Council. She's also been quite busy in her kitchen since Sr. Marie Golla has asked her to bake pies for funeral meals.

Working on the Council has been a way for Frank Modica to show appreciation for all the gifts of grace that he has received from St. Patrick's. "St. Pat's has given so much to me since I came back to the Church," said Frank, "and I wanted to give something back."

During his three-year term Frank has served as Council liaison with the Liturgy Committee and the Communications Committee. Committee work has been one of the most rewarding aspects of serving on the Parish Council.

Marnie echoed Pat's and Frank's sentiments. "I've enjoyed the fellowship with other Council members," Marnie said. She has served for almost two years, finishing the term begun by Peter Bloome, who moved out of the C-U area. Marnie has served as Council liaison with the Education Committee and the Liturgy Committee.

Marnie was able to apply her

personal job experiences with the University's Board of Trustees to her time on the Council. "Lots of Parish Council work involves financial decisions and coordinating the various parish committees. I kind of expected the Council to be what it was," she said.

During her service on the Council she learned how things come together. So much Council work involves meetings. "I appreciate what it takes to get things moving," Marnie added.



Marnie Fuesting

Parish Wish List



A list of items not considered a necessity but nice to have, useful and perhaps even advantageous to the operation of the parish, but not included in the parish's operating budget—this is the parish's "Wish List."

Two items have recently been placed on the wish list:

- The Advent Wreath Stand, made by the father of a parishioner, made it possible to display the wreath attractively, accessibly, and safely. Made of walnut, it cost a modest \$250.

- Clip art (electronic and/or printed) for illustrating *In Focus*. Two or three software packages or books could be purchased for about \$100, eliminating the need for scanning printed pieces or manual pasteup.

Fr. Remm will be happy to discuss the purpose of the wish list with interested parishioners or to answer questions about items listed.

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Finally, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, scarcely different from the way we celebrate at any other Mass—except that we come to it with heightened awareness of God's work, of the presence of the risen Lord, of the blessedness of faith shared. We are nourished. We are set afire to carry the light of Christ wherever we go, in all that we do.



Welcome to new parishioners John and Jennifer Currey, Kevin Engle, Ibrahim and Widad Handal, Jennifer Herring, Jeffrey Howerton, Milorad and Sheoler Ketchens.

Farewell to parishioners who have left C-U: Laura Dopheide, Stephen and Deborah Hogan.

We welcome the following recently baptized into our faith community: Allison Marie Senger, Sierra Margaret Halpin, Brittany Farah Hegstad, Mark Hunter Kastl.

Please pray for deceased parishioners Dorothy Frances Cole, Elizabeth Martina Dicatorato, John A. Palmisano, Fred A. Goglia.

Fr. Vincent Doan Bui writes from Zambia

My dear friends,

Today [Feb. 16] is the first day of the Vietnamese Lunar New Year. Since I am the only Vietnamese person living in Zambia, I celebrate this New Year by myself again!

This is my second year working in Zambia as a seminary formator:

teacher, mentor, and spiritual director. I am also a handyman for our seminary. I am becoming more involved with the life of the local church and have become a resource to several religious communities for giving workshops, days of prayer, days of recollection, and retreats. And I am often called by religious priests and sisters to assist them with computer problems!



Regarding my future with the Society of St. Sulpice, I have been accepted by the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., to pursue my graduate studies in canon law. This program will bring me back to the U.S. as a student for at least four years. I will return to the U.S. this August to begin my studies. This change will bring me closer to you, and once again I can be "home"!

This past Jan. 13 was my parents' 55th wedding anniversary. I have a feeling that it will be their last major celebration together, since my mother has not been well. The Sulpicians have granted me a trip home to Vietnam this April for a 16-day visit with my family. My parents had decided to hold off the celebration so we could celebrate together in April.

Life has certainly changed for me. It is amazing to know how and where God has led me. I believe God would not lead me where his grace would not sustain me. I believe, too, that I have learned to become more dependent on God's love. This August I will begin to write another chapter in my life story, and I will

Catholics worldwide pray for vocations on April 25



In 1964 the Fourth Sunday of Easter was designated by the Church as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Our private prayers on that day should also address the Church's needs for priests, brothers, sisters and deacons. Pope Paul VI prayed in these words:

"O Lord Jesus, always living to make intercession for us, extend our horizons to the entire world where so many brethren make silent supplication for the light of truth and the warmth of love, so that answering your call, many young men and women may prolong here your mission, edify your Church, and

become the salt of the earth and the light of the world."

In preparation for the 34th observance of this day, Pope John Paul II provided us with an absorbing prayer that you may wish to meditate upon:

Holy and provident Father, you are the Lord of the vineyard and the harvest, and you give each a just reward for their work.

In your design of love you call men and women to work with you

for the salvation of the world. We thank you for Jesus Christ, your living Word,

who has redeemed us from our sins and is among us to assist us in our poverty.

Guide the flock to which you have promised

possession of the kingdom.

Send new workers into your harvest and set in the hearts of pastors

faithfulness to your plan of salvation, perseverance in their vocation, and holiness of life.

Amen!

Help Wanted!

Communications Committee needs volunteers to page *In Focus*. If you can use paging software (PageMaker or QuarkXpress) and can spare a few hours 3-4 times a year, call Mary Lee Brady (344-3752) or Mary Lou Menches (344-1125).



continue to do it with great faith in God and in those who grace me with their love and support.

Please send my greetings to the people at St. Patrick's and to those people who helped me to grow. Please know that you and all are in my prayers and thoughts. May God bless you today and always.

Love,

Vincent

Until his move in August, Fr. Vincent Doan Bui will continue to receive correspondence at Emmaus Spirituality Center, P.O. Box 32-0084 Woodlands, Lusaka, Zambia, C. AFRICA.



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in our parish library

Some recent additions to St. Patrick's parish library will be of special interest to parishioners who are following the "Dialogue into the Millennium." Authors of the first two books listed below are featured speakers in the "Dialogue." For users' convenience, the books have been placed on the New Books shelf, to the right as you enter the library.

Kushner, Lawrence. *God Was in This Place and I, I Did Not Know: Finding Self, Spirituality, and Ultimate Meaning.* (296 Kus) Kuser uses various interpretations of Genesis 28:16 (Jacob's dream of the ladder between heaven and earth) to consider questions such as "Who is God?" "What is God's role in history?" and "What is the nature of evil?"

Pazdan, Mary Margaret. *Joel, Obadiah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.* (224 Paz) The author provides a

commentary on these "Minor Prophets" from the Old Testament.

Did you enjoy reading about Pope John Paul's recent visit to St. Louis? There are two new items in the library that may interest you:

"Pastoral visit of Pope John Paul II, St. Louis, Missouri, January 26-27, 1999." (262 Pas) This official program of the Pope's visit contains the readings and music from the Papal Mass as well as information about the Pope.

"Special Papal Visit Commemorative Issue [of the *St. Louis Review*]." (262 Spe) The *Review* is the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. This special edition also contains several articles about Pope John Paul II.

If you have trouble locating books or other materials in the library, call Frances Drone-Silvers (398-1458), parish library coordinator. She will be pleased to help.

From Jean Daly *An evangelization minute*

This past Valentine's Day I received a beautiful letter from my granddaughter. I found the letter at clue #5 of a Valentine's Day scavenger hunt she had prepared for me, ending at my jewelry chest with the words "Here you will find one more thing that I hope you'll treasure!"

In expressing her love, she mentioned many little things I'd given her:

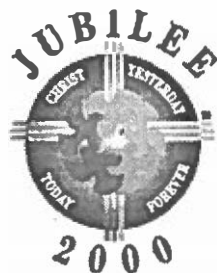
- a hug whenever I'm sad
- a compliment when I'm insecure
- something small, but special, for each holiday
- sharing your house and all its contents
- giving of your time and energy cheerfully for the family

At the very end she said that even with all of the family things, she noticed that I still had enough energy to help the community through the church, and that she admired her "Gramma."

Everything she said was so touching and humbling ... making me aware that the closeness we have is a very meaningful part of her life, and emphasizing the importance of the bond between our two generations.

Evangelization is a reaching out, and we grandparents have the opportunity to reach across the "busy parent generation," sharing our time to talk, listen, encourage, reassure self-worth, and nourish the faith that will be their strength for a lifetime.

I hope *you* will find many ways to reach out to other generations, in your own family, in your community, in your church!



Archives Committee needs your help

The Archives Committee continues to work on the church records in preparation for our Centennial to begin in 2001. Thanks to all of you who have submitted histories for the Family History project. Preparation of the materials is beginning, with the hope that the book can be published at the start of the Centennial.

Also in process is the research for historical information to be included in our Parish History, to be published in 2003 at the end of our Centennial celebration. What the Archives Committee needs now are your memories of amusing or interesting incidents that you can recall, whether a long time ago or last year. Without these lighter recollections, reading the Parish History might be very boring!

Here is your chance to share some of the things that have made it fun to be a parishioner. What happened at that special event that turned a possible disaster into a funny story? What would "Father" (whichever one was involved at the time) do or say when he found out about—? Did anyone ever find out who hid the garter snake in the old confessional one dark Saturday afternoon? Lots of these stories are needed to fill out the record on what has made St. Patrick's such a great place to worship and such a great community to be a part of.

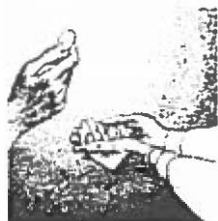
Please give the committee your input. Judy Conover is ready and willing to hear all the stories you can think of; just call her at 367-2109. She will be glad to take the information when you call, or make arrangements to get back with you in the near future. You can also leave information in the Archives mailbox in the parish center.

You have seen the "Archives Question of the Month" in several

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Parish Eucharistic Ministers renew commitment

The Diocese of Peoria recently requested that each parish submit a list of all Eucharistic Ministers for approval to renew their ministry for a three-year period. The list of St. Patrick's Eucharistic Ministers was submitted, and renewal for all current ministers was granted by the Vicar General's office; it is made public here in accordance with stated policy.



Eucharistic Ministers have been given the task of giving the Eucharist to communicants during Mass and/or of carrying the Eucharist to the infirm and aged. This ministry is important in the Church. Each minister must strive more earnestly than ever to live the Christian faith. By a life of faith and service, they witness their deep love for the Eucharist and devotion to this mystery, which beautifully symbolizes and wonderfully achieves unity in the Church.

As Eucharistic Ministers the following have resolved to give the Body and Blood of Christ with reverence and care to their sisters and brothers for the service and growth of the Church and are hereby commissioned to perform this ministry with these resolves.

Amberg, Ellen
Anderson, Beth
Baird, Joyce
Blanck, Jill
Bowen, Mary Grace
Bowers, Linda
Brady, Mary Lee
Burke, Sandra
Cengel, Keith
Cengel, Marie
Cesario, Charlene
Conlee, Grace
Corcoran, Mary
Costello, Jean
Daly, Jean
Davis, Marie Ann
DeCerbo, Freda
Doebel, Pat

Erlandson, Mary
Essex-Sorlie, Diane
Feistritzer, I.
Fettig, Lyle
Fettig, Patricia
Fonner, Mary Kay
Freedman, Mark
Gallagher, Patricia
Gnagey, Gerri
Gnagey, John
Golla, Marie
Grady, Meg
Griffin, Geraldine
Harris, Peggy
Healey, Mary
Hegstad, Christi
Hegstad, Jeff
Heidbreder, Steve

Huelsbusch, Judy
Hughes, Paul
Hummel, Judith
Justice, Patricia
Keane, Richard
Keane, Trudy
Kearns, Margaret
Kimmey, Robert
Kinney, Pulchratia
Kirchman, Lori
Knake, Connie
LaBerge, Betty
LaFave, Loretta
Lancaster, Cesarea
Laumann, Bernadette
Laumann, Gary
Long, Judy
Long, Mary
Luedtke, Mary Ann
Maduzia, Clifford
Maduzia, Dorothy
Maguire, Margaret
Maier, John
Mathy, Rosemary
McDonald, Beth
McElrath, Carolyn
McLaughlin, Alice
Menches, Mary Lou
Milewski, Charles
Minogue, Pat
Modica, Frank
Murphy, Lamar
Murphy, Priscilla
Musser, Phillip
Musumeci, Diane
Nagele, Lenore
Nguyen, Duyen
Noonan, Ellen
Palmisano, Margy
Palmisano, Theresa
Parker, Janice
Penrose, Alice
Peters, Bridget
Pillar, Jim
Pillar, Lu
Plymire, Bill

Plymire, Ruth
Portis, Diane
Powell, Barbara
Powell, David
Rebeiz, Carole
Rhodes, Roy
Riley, Jeffrey
Ritten, Don
Ritten, Monica
Robinson, Roxie
Roney, Ellen
Roth, Susan
Roth, Timothy
Ruedi, Harry
Ruedi, Terry
Sabol, John
Salika, Catherine
Schlatter, Dorothy
Schrepfer, Carol
Shannon, Peggy
Shoemaker, Kathy
Simmering, Carla
Steerman, Nancy
Stohr, Christopher
Szewczykowski, Melissa
Talbot, Elizabeth
Tan, Peter
Taylor, James
Taylor, Lauretta
Thomas, Mia
Thomas, Sara
Thompson, Mary Kay
Tierney, Mary
Trotter, Eileen
Tully, Ann
Vasnaik, Blanche
Vichugsananon, Deena
Vitosky, Joseph
Weir, Cecelia
Weir, Morton
Whelan, Peggy
Wood, Leo
Wysocki, Barbara
Yanchas, Ardsley

Due to the number of people requiring this ministry, new ministers are always needed. If you feel that you have a calling to this ministry, please contact Mary Lee Brady (352-4743) for Mass ministry or Sr. Charlene Cesario at the parish office (367-2665) for pastoral ministry to the infirm and aged.



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of In Focus is April 11.

Annual Stewardship Appeal May 1-2, 1999

The diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal is made each year to provide funds for the Diocese of Peoria to administer the many programs that help people throughout the entire diocese. Included are seminarian development (so very important, given the present-day shortage of priests), the diaconate program, the Cabrini Home for Unwed Mothers, Hispanic ministry, Newman Centers for college students, and many aspects of pastoral care.

The Annual Stewardship Appeal is your opportunity to support the work of many in reaching out to God's people who are being made aware of the goodness of the Lord. It also gives you a way to practice, as a part of your Christian life, the "Stewardship of Treasure" by contributing a portion of your resources.

In addition to supporting the diocese, your donations benefit our own parish, both from the programs offered by the diocese and from a direct contribution of any funds collected beyond our parish goal. At St. Patrick's this money will be set aside for the upcoming Centennial celebration and preparations for this momentous parish event. Thus each one of us will also benefit from the proceeds of the stewardship appeal.

Father Remm has asked Jean Daly and John Duffin to co-chair the drive this year. They will be assisted by Terry Moreau, Mary Ann Luedtke, Joe Tobias, Ray Alane, and many volunteers.

A great deal of organization precedes the actual weekend, including initial meetings in Peoria and at St. Patrick's, planning sessions at the parish level, and recruitment of helpers to accomplish the numerous tasks involved.

The ASA team anticipates enthusiastic support from parishioners again this year. Please mark your calendars and arrive on the May 1-2 weekend prepared to give cheerfully, knowing in your heart that many will benefit from your generosity.

Parish Council News

At their March meeting Council members discussed responses to the parish needs assessment survey pertaining to use of the parish library and adult education programs. It was observed that the library is accessible during office hours, even when it is locked, simply by asking the parish secretary for a key, and that many of its holdings are particularly appropriate for research of various kinds and by staff as well as the general public.

The Centennial Fund exceeds \$100,000; the bishop has signed a resolution from St. Patrick's requesting that it be considered a major renovation fund so that interest may be treated as extraordinary income. Continued growth of the fund will be essential for underwriting the cost of renovation work done for the parish's centennial.

"Beloved"

In the mornings before the family awakens, I read Scripture and pray quietly. Today, the word that came to me in prayer was "Beloved."

My youngest daughter came to me in the dark, coughing (she has asthma). She climbed into my lap, and I put my arms around her, hoping for her to rest quietly with me. She sang "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," she poked her toes into the curtain next to us and pretended they were a dog. She squirmed, she coughed, she chattered, she snuggled close. I sat and held her, and silently spoke the word "Beloved."

The scent of her hair was sweet. The feel of her skin was soft. The look of her small face and bright eyes in the darkness stirred something intimate and gentle in my heart. What I could

St. Thomas More's fund drive has reached nearly \$5.7 million. The school's executive committee, after reviewing bids, has accepted the low bid submitted by Roessler Construction (Rantoul). Holy Cross's fund drive for the school has reached about \$180,000 in pledges. St.

Patrick's drive in support of the school is planned for Mar. 20-21.

Our parish goal for the diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal was set at \$75,000 (the same as last year's), with \$60,061 to go to the diocese.

All funds exceeding \$60,061 will be allocated to the Centennial Fund.

The Council's ad hoc election committee, chaired by outgoing president Cindy Kelly, is busy contacting potential candidates for the election on Apr. 17-18. Names of parishioners for consideration by the committee should be given to Cindy (355-0541).

The latest draft of the report from the ad hoc Committee on Committees has been submitted to Fr. Remm.

To clarify the differences between parish council and pastoral council, an ad hoc committee was appointed (Judy Huelsbusch, Tom Korder, Joe

Tobias). They will study the materials on pastoral councils and make a presentation on the subject to the Council.

Council members adopted the suggestion of a New Year's Eve celebration coupled with parish outreach, inviting families and individuals (names obtained from local service agencies) who might otherwise not have a celebratory way to welcome the new millennium. The parish would offer a meal, entertainment (music, games), a church service around midnight to which the entire parish would be invited. Although it was recognizing that many parishioners will have other plans for the evening, members agreed that it is important to involve as many parish groups and individuals as possible to secure widespread support of the event.

The next Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Apr. 15; all parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings.

More complete information about issues discussed by the Council is given in minutes of the meetings. These are posted in the church vestibule and on the bulletin board in the office wing of the parish center.



have viewed as an annoying interruption of my prayer time seemed to me to be the perfect lesson in learning to love. It was a momentary "comprehension" of the nature of God.

I come to God in the darkness, and God invites me into the lap of rest and comfort, whispering "Beloved," inviting me to be still. Full of myself, I chatter and squirm instead, but the arms of Love are around me, delighting in me, even in my restless activity.

Later in the morning I nudged my 10-year-old into action. (She does not take kindly to being roused from sleep.) She glowered and harrumphed and turned away. In the grace of the moment I was able to see past her crabbiness and embrace this other beloved child in the same gentle acceptance Christ expressed to the little children in the Gospel stories.

This is the face of God that Jesus

shows to me. As much as I might want to think that I'm spiritually mature, at the core I am still a child—restless, playful, sweet, cranky, self-centered. But the child in me is also honest, aware that I am not yet full-grown, aware that I don't know all there is to know. I seek independence but need the lap of the One who loves me, who loves us all and delights in our very being. I am thankful for the encircling arms of the One who whispers over us "Beloved."

Cynthia L.

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.

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issues of *In Focus*. Lots of questions have been presented, but few parishioners have responded. Members have found that disappointing and hope for better this time. They aren't just being nosy, they want to include the stories and anecdotes that will bring the Parish History to life. They want you to be a part of it.

Below are the questions we have asked in the past. If you can provide answers to any of them, please call Judy (367-2109) or leave the information in the Archives mailbox. In most cases of memorabilia, they can have copies made so that the original can be returned promptly.

- Do you have pictures of Main Street around the church anytime from 1901 until the parish center was constructed and opened in 1965? They are eager for photos of the houses that once filled that space.

- Do you have pictures of groups or individuals taken at First Communion, Confirmations, TEC, CRHP, etc.?

- Do you have memorabilia related to St. Patrick's—mementos such as the 75th Anniversary Re-

Gardeners, landscapers, bring your green thumbs!

The Building and Grounds Committee will hold a landscaping workday at the parish center on Saturday, Apr. 17, beginning at 9 a.m.

Anyone willing to help with preliminary landscape work on the west and south sides of the parish center is encouraged to join in.

Committee members will be removing rock and old plantings and preparing the ground for the planting of perennials later in the spring.

Volunteers are asked to bring shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, pickup trucks, and anything else that would be useful in the project.

Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.



dedication of the Church, parish picnics, ice cream socials, dinners, dances, etc.?

- Do you have memorabilia of any kind that you think might be of interest to parishioners?

- Do you have newspaper clippings for events that took place at St. Patrick's?

- Do you have anything else you think the committee might be interested in?

- Do you have documentation on marriages at St. Patrick's in the 1930s? Parish records are incomplete for that period.

- Many parishioners have served in the armed services in our almost 100 years. Please give their names, branch of service, when they served, and during which wars they served.

- Can you supply the dates of terms for five ladies who were president of the Altar & Rosary Society (precursor of St. Patrick's Guild) prior to 1926? Their names: Miss Mary Dougherty, Mrs. Thomas Daly, Mrs. John Houlihan, Mrs. Timothy Riordan, Mrs. Charles (Grace) Whitmore (Mrs. Whitmore's term ended in 1926 but the starting date is unknown).

- If you have served on a committee in the past but are no longer working with it, do you have any files tucked away in a closet or filing cabinet? Spring is here, so now's the time to get rid of them by

turning them over to the Archives Committee!

- Does anyone know the origin of the grandfather clock that stands in the reception area of the parish center? How did it come to St. Patrick's?

- Can you provide names of former or present members of St. Patrick's parish who have made significant contributions to our world? The list can be quite long; it will be included in the Parish History. Those listed so far are Don Bitzer for the computer world, Nick Britsky for his art, Roger Ebert, Wilfred Lancaster for his work in the Library field, Susan Nagele for her missionary work in Africa, Penny Patterson for her sign-language work with Koko the gorilla, and Constantin Rebeiz for his research.

Help! Your help is essential to the success of the Parish History! Call Judy today!

On a lighter note...

- Save the whales. Collect the whole set.
- A day without sunshine is, like, night.
- On the other hand, I have different fingers.
- I was lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.
- I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.

Quick fixin's from the kitchen of ...

Anne Britsky

Thai Peanut Stir-Fry

Sauce: Mix together
2 T creamy peanut butter
2 T vinegar
2 T soy sauce
1 T brown sugar

1 t garlic powder
1/8 t ginger
1/8 t cayenne pepper (or to taste)
scant T cornstarch


Saute 1/2 pound of thinly sliced beef, pork, or chicken in 1 tablespoon hot oil. Add a one-pound bag of frozen stir-fry vegetables (or an assortment of cut vegetables, such as broccoli, carrots, mushrooms, red pepper, water chestnuts, etc.). Add 1/2 cup water. Cook over medium high heat about 5-7 minutes to retain crispness. Add sauce; heat through. Serve over cooked rice.



Easter

April 1999

St. Patrick's Parish
Urbana, Illinois

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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 April 11 1999.</p> <p>RelEd- Religious Education SVDP- St. Vincent DePaul</p>				<p>7:00am Morning Prayer 5:45pm First Communion Family Potluck 7:30pm Holy Thursday Service</p>	<p>7:00am Morning Prayer 3:00pm Stations of the Cross & Veneration 7:30pm Good Friday Service</p>	<p>8:00pm Morning Prayer 7:30pm Easter Vigil Service</p>
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	<p>7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Pro-Life OFFICES Closed</p>	<p>9:30pm Moms Group 6:45pm First Communion Class 7:00pm Financial Affairs 7:30pm Parish ExecCom</p>	<p>5:00pm Rel Ed 5:00pm SVDP 6:00pm Children's RelEd, St. Pat's 6:30pm Children's RelEd, St. Joe</p>	<p>7:00pm Baptism Prep 7:00pm K of C</p>	<p>10:30am Mass Care Center of Urbana 10:45am Mass Champaign County Nursing Home</p>	
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<p>2:00pm First Communion Mass Reception follows</p>	<p>9:30am Archives 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:30pm ASA Workers' Meeting</p>	<p>7:00pm Homily Prep</p>	<p>9:30am Funeral Schola 5:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Choir Guild Noon Mass and Salad Luncheon & election of officers</p>	<p>7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Communications</p>	<p>10:45am Mass Champaign County Nursing Home</p>	
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