

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



"I will take you in my heart"

Sr. Lori takes leave of St. Patrick's

"I love you all, and I am sorry to be leaving, but I think that is what God wants me to do right now."

We must sadly bid our good-byes to Sr. Lori Kirchman, Director of Music at St. Patrick's since 1997. She was first affiliated with St. Patrick's as an undergraduate at the University of Illinois, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Music Education. She completed her Master's degree in Liturgy at St. John's University in Minnesota just before returning here to take up the position of parish Music Director.

At St. Patrick's Sr. Lori served as church organist, directed four choirs—the 9:00, 10:30, and children's choirs, as well as the funeral schola—and shepherded cantors, soloists, instrumentalists, and others in her continual



striving to enhance our experience of liturgy. She also participated in staff meetings and retreats, led homily preparation sessions, and guided the Liturgy Committee in its study of

liturgy and application of principles from Vatican II in carrying out its ministry to liturgical ministers.

During her tenure at our parish she resided at St. Thomas Convent in Philo, in a small group of religious from the Dominican Order of Springfield, Illinois.

Sr. Lori continues: "I will miss the people in the choirs, the people I worked with, and this congregation that sings so well. I truly enjoyed the Children's choir and hope they will continue to grow. Thank you for all the goodness you have given me. I have learned a lot here, and I will take you in my heart to spread God's word."

projects, such as last year's renovation of the parish center kitchen. Co-chairs of the event this year are Irma Wait and Pat Donze.

Irma says that volunteers are needed all through the week of Aug. 22. From Sunday through Thursday afternoon, workers are needed to set up, sort, and price donated items. You can come by during the day or evening; workers are invited to breakfast and/or lunch in the parish center. Organizers are agreed that it would be great to have whole families and teens helping.

Save Aug. 22-28 for the Cellar-to-Garret Sale!

The parish's annual Cellar-to-Garret Sale is coming early this year, starting with the pre-sale on Thursday, Aug. 26, and concluding with the bag sale on Saturday, Aug. 28. For those of you who are new to St. Patrick's, the Cellar-to-Garret Sale is a colossal rummage sale, a chance to clear out your home from cellar to garret, to purchase many unique items at a moderate price, and to help St. Patrick's.

The Sale is sponsored by St. Patrick's Guild. Last year proceeds from the Sale topped \$9000, all of which the Guild uses to support parish

Social justice requires social action

There are many social justice concerns, issues, and problems in our midst and around the world. How can we, as parishioners of St. Patrick's, respond? How should we respond? How can the parish's Social Action Committee (SAC) provide a mechanism for parishioners to become actively involved in social action to help solve some of these social problems and injustices in our local and world community?

First and foremost, the committee must be guided by the teachings and actions of Jesus Christ. Jesus said that the most important commandment is that we must *love God*. He said that the second most important commandment is that we must *love our neighbor as ourselves*. Therefore, the SAC must constantly ask, on behalf of all parishioners, who is our neighbor? Then we must follow up by getting to know our neighbors. When we discover that some of our neighbors have problems that require our help, we show our love for our neighbors by helping.

The SAC networks with many social action agencies and organizations on behalf of the parish as a means of becoming acquainted with our neighbors and their problems. These problems and needs provide the major basis for program development by the committee as the parish's response to the problems and needs of our neighbors.

A major program thrust of the SAC is to prepare a budget, funded by the Parish Council, to enable the committee to make a financial contribution on behalf of the parish to selected



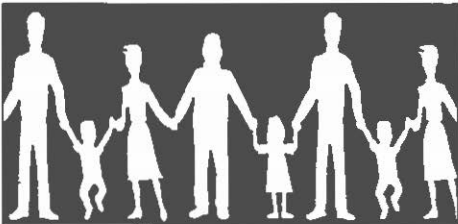
Parish Wish List

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."

One item is on the list at this time:

- 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.

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



Welcome to new parishioners Dorothy and James Davito, Sharyn DuPuy, Kathy Lea Keith, John and Margaret Kirwan, Annelies Moeser.

Farewell to parishioners who have left C-U: India Anderson, Regina Galer-Unti, Heidi and Rick Hardig, Pat and Rich Liesen.

Congratulations to these couples married at St. Patrick's: Christopher Damon Kintner and Leah Bottger, Christopher Thomas Jackson and Angela Noel Moore, Andred Nicholas Miller and Jennifer Ann Hummel, Benjamin Judd Quinton and Geraldine Mary Zeter.

We welcome the following recently baptized into our faith community: Paige Joy Whippo, Lauren E. Dawson, Jasmine Rose Domingo, Matthew David Potin, Kaitlyn Taylor Sammons, Benjamin Jacob Day, Jonathan Trevor Day, Malcolm Gabriel Thompson, Tori Rae Witruk, Jonathan C. Hanson, Brendan Edward Hosler, Maddison Buzicky, Noah Jack Sawlaw.

Please pray for deceased parishioners John "Jack" Cleland and Bernard H. Stork, Jr.

Council-committee liaisons appointed



Parish Council members have received their committee liaison appointments for the year: Building and Grounds, Dave Palmisano; Communications, Tim Brenner; Development, Tom Korder; Education, Cindy Kelly; Executive Committee, Carol Schrepfer; Financial Affairs, Richard Keane; Liturgy, Judy Huelsbusch; Personnel, Pulchratia Kinney; Social, Dwain Berggren; Social Action, Alice McLaughlin; Vocations, Dwain Berggren.

As liaison, the Council member's primary responsibility is to serve as communicator between the two groups, reporting to the committee about relevant Council matters and to the Council about relevant committee matters.

The liaison is an active, voting member of the committee and is expected to attend committee meetings and to participate actively in the work of the committee.



Archives Committee still hard at work

At a recent meeting the Archives Committee once again reviewed archival procedures, so important for the preservation of parish documents and records for generations to come. Members continue to meet on the fourth Monday of every month to keep one another advised of their activities as St. Patrick's Parish Centennial (2001-2003) approaches. Everyone in the group is working hard to provide the best possible records of our past as we look to the future.

The family history project is going well. Over 300 histories have been received and are being prepared for the computer. Publishers have been contacted, with a final selection to be made in the fall.

Waiting for a chance to offer your time and talent?

The spirit of stewardship is alive and active at St. Patrick's. The offering of time, talent, and treasure from a great many people help to make our community as active, vital, and pleasant as it is. Stewardship is a spiritual value, part of living a responsible Christian life, part of our response to God's love. With all the good things that God has given us, what return can we make to God?

Everyone has different gifts. What are yours? Can you drive? Are you strong and hearty? Do you have time to share with someone who is lonely? Can you make music, do home repairs, run a PC (or Mac), or answer the telephone? Can you help a group get organized? Can you cook and bake? All of these gifts of time and talent come to us from God and are needed by St. Patrick's parish community.

The annual Time and Talent stewardship drive will be early at St. Patrick's this year, Aug. 21-22 and Aug. 28-29 instead of late September. On the weekend of Aug. 21-22, the "Who and What Is St. Patrick's?" brochure will be

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The committee is still collecting historical information and pictures from parishioners. Your input is still needed to tell the whole story. Put on your thinking caps and let the group know about special events or stories you've enjoyed. Response so far has been meager—**THEY REALLY DO NEED YOU!**

Picture albums are being put together, information from newspapers gathered, interesting tidbits that will make our parish history book more personal are being collected, many subjects in pictures are being identified. Parish archivists are dedicated to finding anything and everything that enriches the story of St. Patrick's.

Write a note to the committee to let them know if you have information to contribute. You can put it in the Archives Committee mailbox in the parish center or call Judy Conover (367-2109). Anyone on the committee will be glad to hear from you!

Holy Cross Newsline



Farewell: On May 23, the families from Holy Cross said good-bye to principal Sr. Kathleen. She will be deeply missed. You can write to her in care of Sisters of St. Joseph, 45 W. 53rd Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64112-2806. Rosemary Costello has been chosen to succeed Sr. Kathleen as principal.

Congratulations: In April, 32 eighth-graders were confirmed; in May, 37 graduated. Also in May, 36 second-graders received their First Communion.

Poetry or short stories written by 15 Holy Cross students were published in *The Writers' Magazine*, distributed by the public library.

Students raised \$10,758.95 through their chocolate drive. The money will be applied to these projects: air conditioning 6 classrooms, technology, and cafeteria tables.

The Booster Club raised \$658 from a car wash and raffle, with proceeds going to the Holy Cross Athletic Fund.

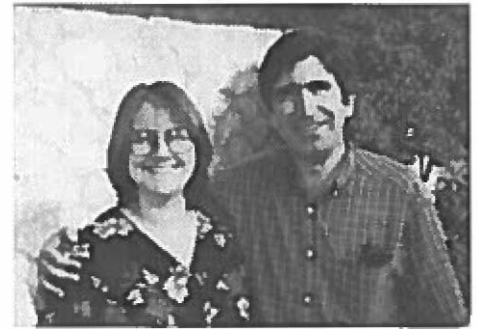
The sixth-grade Quiz Bowl team placed 14th in the state and 19th overall (out of 192 schools). The seventh-grade team placed 14th out of 56, and the eighth-grade team placed 19th out of 92 teams.

Students said good-bye to the school year by celebrating at West Side Park with a day of picnicking and games.

New program: A Junior Great Books Program, beginning in October, will be held over the lunch hour and recess. The 12-week program is designed to challenge the reader, increase vocabulary, and spark discussion. Adult facilitators are needed; to volunteer, call the Holy Cross School office.

Cliff Maduzia completes first step in diaconate

In May the Office of Lector was conferred on parishioner Cliff Maduzia, in company with other deacon candidates who have successfully completed the first two semesters in their course of study leading to ordination as permanent deacon. At this stage the deacon candidate is viewed as having demonstrated a firm desire to give faithful service as a deacon to the Christian community.



Cliff and Dorothy Maduzia

The following ministries may be engaged in by those on whom this office has been conferred: leading liturgical music, educating people about the sacraments, and serving as lector at any Mass celebrated in the Diocese of Peoria.

Although others can perform such ministries without receiving the Office of Lector, those who are commissioned by this official rite are usually leaders who organize and train others for these ministries. They need to receive training themselves to be leaders, and such training is a part of diaconal formation.

Congratulations, Cliff, on reaching this milestone. Be assured of the prayerful support of your faith community as you continue your journey to the diaconate!

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Once the Sale begins, workers can help in many ways: keeping the goods in order, giving directions to "customers," offering a welcoming smile. Need to stay off your feet? Offer to work a check-out table or to monitor a room.

Sale hours are as follows:

Thursday, Aug. 26: Pre-sale from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; small admission fee charged.

Friday, Aug. 27: Sale from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



At last year's Cellar-to-Garret Sale Leon Mayer consults with Pat Donze (left) and Clara Butler.

Saturday, Aug. 28: Bag sale from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; most items priced by the bag.

After 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, extra workers are needed to help box up the items not sold so that they can be donated to a charity.

Want to join in the camaraderie and fun? Call Pat Donze (328-1005) or just drop by the parish center anytime that week.



Help Wanted!

The 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).

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

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in our parish library

Looking for ways to improve your prayer life? St. Patrick's parish library has a good collection of books on prayer—how to's, meditations, types of prayer, devotions, and more. Most are located in the "242" call-number section. Here's a sampling.

Teach Us How to Pray, by Louis Evely. (242 Eve) "Prayer is a lost art," says Evely, who then goes about showing ways to pray. He urges the reader to "pray long, but with few words."

Prayer Making: Discovering the Varieties of Prayer, by Richard W. Chilson. (242 Chi) *Prayer Making* helps those searching for a fuller prayer life discover ways to uncover peak spiritual moments and allow them to blossom. Chilson shows how to free our minds and spirits from daily routines,

cares, and responsibilities so we can awaken our thoughts and feelings to meditative, prayerful involvement in the art and music of God's creation.

All You Really Need to Know about Prayer You Can Learn from the Poor, by Louise Perrotta. (248 Per) This book tells of one woman's encounters with the poor of the Caribbean Islands, and what they have to teach us about faith, perseverance, and prayer.

Family Prayer, by Dolores Curran. (242 Cur) Curran talks about traditional prayers, praying spontaneously, creating family rituals and celebrations throughout the year. This is a great book if you want to pray more as a family.

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.



Q: When children are leaving home for different schools, getting married, taking on new jobs, etc., what can a family do to help continue or renew the faith practices of young people?

A: When I was growing up, it was the family practice to attend Sunday Mass together. But if we walked out ready to go and were not dressed properly, we heard immediately from my dad, "Get back in there, and if you've got anything good to wear, put it on." No doubts, no excuses or arguments. A value shown.

Parents must answer this question, obviously and ultimately—basically, it seems to me, according to their own manner of expressing its value and the quality of their relationship with their children.

Example is the primary teacher. The reality of our own faith must be clear; the prayerful attitude we bring speaks loudest. The desire to be with God and with one another at Mass warms the triple relationship. So that, as when we attend a ball game together, we . . .

Enjoy it. The togetherness at church,

with families and people we know, and at the parish center forms a community we know experientially, singing, praying, communing, exchanging signs, bringing gifts.

Carry it over into a life-style that shows Christ, the Christ-commitment in work relationships, family activities. Parents and family are life-coaches for Christ as they are coached or tutored by other teachers.

We are dealing with the *transmission of faith*, a supernatural work. We are channels ("make me a channel of your peach," St. Francis prayed) of his grace. We ready ourselves, we wait, we pray—as St. Monica did for many years for her wandering son, St. Augustine. Only in his time, in his way are we blessed.

Openly discuss the Sunday experience so that there is immediate carry-over into the family life—in the car, at the table, watching a game. Children must not be threatened by such conversation, but enlightened and encouraged to participate. Teen years are most difficult, so teens must be helped in enjoying their lives as much as they can.

Finally, they alone must make their

Prayer for vocations



*Christ Jesus,
who on the shores of the Sea of Galilee
called the Apostles
and made them the foundation of the
Church
and bearers of your gospel,
in our day sustain your people on
their journey.
Give courage to those whom you call
to follow you
in the priesthood and the consecrated
life,
so that they may enrich God's field
with the wisdom of your Word.
Make them docile instruments of
your love
in everyday service of their brothers
and sisters.*

Pope John Paul II

own decisions about it. Otherwise, they may parrot what for them is a meaningless ritual. Our culture today does not encourage a faith response to life; technologies, secularism, "the almighty dollar," etc., rule and become the main guide. Only true witness to faith will draw others to decide for Christ, the Church, Mass.

I have ten nieces and nephews. Five practice the Catholic faith, five don't. Seven went to Catholic colleges, three did not. Their parents were, in my view, exemplary Catholics. I think their faith remains as it was when they were growing up. My prayer is simply that it be fruitful.

G.K.

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



No In Focus next month!
Deadline for submission of
information, articles, and news
items for the September issue of
In Focus is August 15.

Parish Council News

At their June meeting Council members heard plans for the patio project proposed by the Building and Grounds Committee. The patio will be located on the south side of the parish center, in the nook just outside the lounge, with access through a new door from the hallway between the main hall and the lounge. The patio area will include plantings and different types of stone weaving around the trees and through the entire area, with benches and tables placed to create several seating areas.

The Development Committee reported that 487 pledges have been received from parishioners, for a total of \$79,172, in the recent diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal.

The Catholic high school office reports that pledges amounting to \$6,277,792 have been received (60.75% of the goal). Dr. Ted Mittler, the principal, is expected to begin work on July 1. His time will be spent working with contractors on the design and furnishing of classrooms and labs, the curriculum, hiring faculty, and promoting the school.

This year's annual Time and Talent stewardship weekend is set for Aug. 28-29. Informational materials about parish volunteer opportunities will be provided the weekend before so that parishioners can come prepared, or at least with some ideas about areas of interest, to indicate how they will share their God-given gifts of time and talent.

Fr. Remm expressed his gratitude to Joe Tobias for all that Joe did and his wonderful support during his three years as parish trustee. He announced that Joe will be succeeded in this post by Steve Beckett.

Recommendations for allocation of end-of-year funds included \$10,000 for the patio project, \$1000 to purchase shoes for children in a Mexican orphanage, \$750 to fund a family concert for parishioners this summer, \$10,000 as seed money to establish a St. Patrick's Foundation for Catholic High School

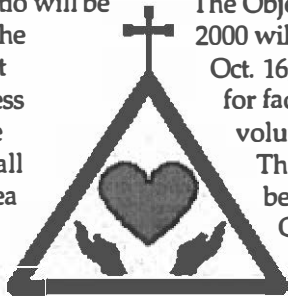
Tuition Assistance, \$15,000 for renovation of the parish center lounge carpeting and furniture, a 10% tithe of remaining funds to support the missionary work of parishioner Dr. Susan Nagele, and the rest to the Centennial Fund. All recommended allocations were approved by Council members.

The Objectives Workshop for 1999-2000 will take place on Saturday, Oct. 16; suggestions were requested for facilitators of the event and a volunteer to chair it.

The next Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Aug. 19 (the Council does not meet in July). All parishioners are welcome to attend these

open parish meetings.

For interested parishioners, minutes of Council meetings are posted in the church vestibule and on the bulletin board in the office wing of the parish center.



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distributed in the Sunday bulletin. This booklet lists many ways that you can offer your talents, either on a regular basis or "as needed." Some organizations will also be represented at tables to answer questions about what they do and what kind of help they need. On the weekend of Aug. 28-29, parishioners of all ages will be asked to express an interest in sharing their gifts.

What return can you make to God for all that God has given to you?

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organizations and agencies. Those currently receiving funding are:

- Center for Women in Transition
- Safe House for Women
- Catholic Worker House
- Council of Congregations
- Crisis Nursery
- Empty Tomb (includes the Christian Nurse Program)
- East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center
- Men's Emergency Shelter
- Matthew House
- Project Good Start
- Red Cross
- "Sister Church" in Beit-Jala, Israel

Others are added, on an emergency basis, using contingency funds in the budget.

Another SAC program is designed to involve the entire parish in the national Make-a-Difference Day project at the end of October. And the SAC, in conjunction with the Education Committee, sponsors Operation Rice Bowl during Lent.

Future issues of *In Focus* will include articles that briefly describe these organizations and activities and identify parishioners, associate members of the committee, who serve as parish liaisons with them. Information will also be provided on the kinds of volunteer assistance needed and how to volunteer. If you'd like to have more information right now, however, call committee chair Leon Mayer (344-6038)!

Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Pat Doebel



Strawberry Slush

- 1 large pkg frozen unsweetened strawberries
- 1 12-oz can frozen orange juice (with just enough water to get all the juice out of the can)

- 1 20-oz can unsweetened crushed pineapple, with juice
- 2 large bananas

Put each of the first three ingredients separately in a blender and puree. Cut the bananas into quarters lengthwise and slice. Stir all

ingredients together in a freezer container; cover and freeze until slushy.

The Year in Review: The Many Faces and Places for Garthering, 1998-99



St. Patrick's Guild hosted Cellar-to-Garret Sale . . .



parishioners gathered to enjoy a family picnic in early fall . . .



Parish Council "retreated" . . .



and so did the parish staff . . .

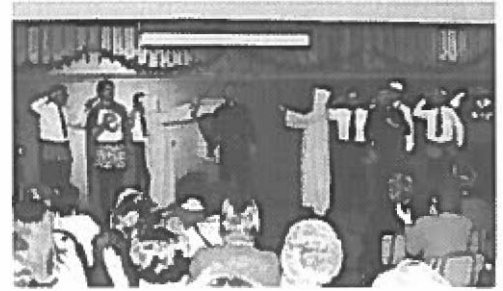




parish five-year goals were formulated . . .



Knights of Columbus entertained the women of the parish . . .



and hosted their popular fish fries . . .

the younger set polished and dusted high and low to prepare the church for Holy Week and Easter . . .



and the faith community rejoiced with new Catholics after the Easter Vigil.

July 1999

St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY

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TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4  Independence Day	5 9:00am Mass for the holiday 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Education Com	6	7 7:00pm SVDP	8 7:00pm Baptism Prep	9 10:30am Mass- Urbana NH 10:45am Mass- Champaign Cty NH	10
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St. Pat's delivers Meals on Wheels						

SVDP=St Vincent de Paul NH=Nursing Home