

In Focus



Bishop Myers call us to "look beyond"

In his letter to all Catholics in the Diocese of Peoria, to all of us who make up the Church in this place, Bishop John Myers set before us the theme of this year's Annual Stewardship Appeal: "Look beyond."

He points out that as our bishop he is called to look beyond the city of Peoria to recognize the needs and strengths of the local Church that stretches across Illinois from east to west, to look beyond the needs of today to those of the next millennium.

He asks us to look beyond as well, beyond our parish to see ourselves as an integral part of the larger Church, the Church of Peoria with its many parishes and missions and hospitals and institutions, even the larger Church that numbers over a billion members worldwide.

This is a tall order—and yet, can we afford to ignore it? Many very important ministries and services are beyond the resources of any one parish, and some of those services directly affect individuals, even here in our own parish. Other services enable us as a parish to do our job better. Significantly, these services make it possible for us to help one another, much as the early Christians helped one another.

We've been hearing about the early Christians in Sunday Scripture readings: how they sold their property and possessions and divided them among all according to need, how they prayed together, praising God, and broke bread together, how they devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and spread the Good News of the risen Jesus, how Jesus became known to them in the breaking of bread, how they chose members from their community to look after the needs of all, how the word of God continued to spread and their number increased by leaps and bounds.

Can we do that still, today? Bishop Myers suggests that we can, and he presents the Annual Stewardship Appeal as one means to accomplish it. Our contributions

support diocesan efforts to organize, inform, and motivate a positive response to attacks on the sanctity of life; to recruit, train, and care for our priests, deacons, and religious; to promote strong marriages; to nurture an understanding of what it means to live together in an accepting, loving, caring community of

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Three parishioners elected to Parish Council

On the Apr. 17-18 weekend St. Patrick's parishioners elected Carol Schrepfer, Tim Brenner, and Alice McLaughlin to three-year terms of service on St. Patrick's Parish Council. The newly elected will take up their responsibilities at the midpoint of the Council's May meeting.

The first task of the newly constituted Council will be to elect officers (president, vice-president, and secretary) from among their membership to see the Council and the parish into the new millennium.



Tim Brenner



Alice McLaughlin



Carol Schrepfer

Grow your very own "St. Patrick's Rose"

Jackson and Perkins has developed a yellow rose with a light green tinge at the edges of the outside petals and has named this rose "St. Patrick's." Last week the Sunday bulletin contained a flyer picturing this lovely flower. Now you have the opportunity to grow this rose in your garden, enjoy the blossoms for many years to come, and help with parish centennial decorations—all at the same time.

The parish Archives Committee has arranged to have these roses offered for sale at St. Patrick's. It is

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Christians 202 parishes strong, working cooperatively for the betterment of all.

What we are asked to do, each of us, is to "look beyond" our personal, family, and parish needs to the needs of the larger Church, and to make a gift, perhaps one that is truly a sacrifice, to serve the needs of Christ in today's world.

On May 1-2, the weekend of our parish's ASA drive, we will have the opportunity to make that gift. St. Patrick's has been asked to contribute \$60,061 toward the needs of the diocese; the Parish Council has set our goal a bit higher (\$75,000) to augment the Centennial Fund. Donations exceeding the \$60,061 will be rebated to the parish and be allocated to the Centennial Fund. What gift can you make?



Welcome to new parishioners Lezli Cline, Victoria Cross, Margaret Duffy, Carolyn Jones, Celeste and Sean Matheson, John Silbernagel, Angharad Valdivia.

Farewell to parishioners who have left C-U: Cheryl and William Resetarits, Marydell and Rod Forbes, Tara Burghart.

We welcome the following recently baptized into our faith community: Kathy Lea Keith, Kevin Michael Steffes, James Clifford Griswell, Sharyn Richards DuPuy, Steven Eugene Retz, Angela Marie Thiele, Kerry Marie Wheeler, Alexis Marie Jones, Julian Christopher Boswell, Ailin del Carmen Valdivia McCarthy, Mauricio Candelario Garcia Mendez, Sierra Marie Poor, Anthony Enrique Rasmussen.

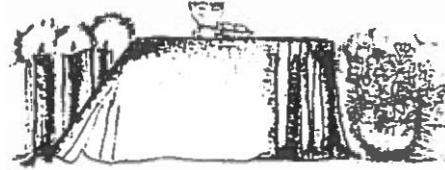
Please pray for deceased parishioners Ronald Dominic Macedo and Nicholas Trotter.

Parish youngsters celebrate First Communion April 25

The prayers and congratulations of parishioners are with our parish's First Communicants:

Timothy Anderson, Christopher Berg, Andrea Betenia, Rhiannon Bettivia, Sophie Bui, Hillary Casey, Sarah Cylkowski;

Mary Danner, Griffith Dawson, Jordan Dimit, Amanda Dixon,



Ashleigh Ducey, Shannon Duncan; Hermieleen Fernandez, Michael Fitzgerald, Peter Floess;

Alejandro Gonzalez, Aaron Helregel, Kathryn Henkelman, Patrick Keane, Erich Kerby, Evan Kersey, Mary Kimball;

Anne Machesky, Alexander Mouschovias, Nicholas Navarre, Hannah Noonan, Anthony Rasmussen, Bryan Shoda, Jeremy Towns, Paige Whippo, Dominique Youakim.

The following parishioners receive their First Communion at Holy Cross Church on May 1: Bridget Fahey, Ian Tate, Laura Welle.

Their parents and the teachers who prepared our parish boys and girls for their First Communion merit our thanks: catechists include Anne Pierce, Mary Tiemey, and Tracy Wszalek; also Alayna Bonse, Anna Cech, John and Mary Rose Cottingham, Linda Glazier, Laura Osmond, and Linda Patterson. Holy Cross First Communicants were prepared by the pastoral staff and the second-grade teacher.



Help Wanted!

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their fond hope that this rose will be adopted as our Parish Rose. Illini FS (Urbana) has generously agreed to provide the rose bushes at \$5 each, half their regular price. The quantity is limited; orders will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Checks should be made payable to St. Patrick's Parish.

Orders can be placed and payment made after all Masses this weekend, with pickup on Mother's Day weekend (May 8-9). Jerry Steerman and Jim Sternburg, both of whom are rose experts, will staff the table for taking orders and for pickup of the rose bushes. They will be glad to answer any questions you may have about growing roses.

The committee has a twofold reason for making these rose bushes available. Of course, their beautiful blossoms will provide enjoyment each year during the spring and summer. The committee also hopes, however, that parishioners who purchase the rose bushes will provide blooms for displays of the St. Patrick's Rose during the parish Centennial Celebration, 2001-2003.

For those who are not sure they can grow roses, the committee offers the following:

The rose bushes will arrive in pots. When planting, remove the rose bush from the pot and place it in the soil at the same depth it was in the pot. Each needs plenty of room in the flowered. It should be watered thoroughly at planting time and frequently during the summer and fall. It is recommended that watering be done at ground level to avoid wetting the leaves, and never after 4 p.m.—morning watering is preferred. Plants should be fed regularly through mid-August and dusted for insects, using products a garden supply center can recommend. They should be protected from severe winter cold with soil or mulch. In the spring, remove the covering and prune if necessary; strong canes should be shaped to a uniform height of 9-12 inches.

More detailed instructions will be provided when you pick up your order.

They answered God's call

From the first Inquiry class in the fall, the seven neophytes (new Christians) who came into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter were called to this faith. In the very beginning, they may have been called to find out more about the Catholic Church, our faith, St. Patrick's Parish.

During the process we call RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), these men and women became more knowledgeable and better informed about Catholic theology, history, and traditions. But in essence the RCIA process is a spiritual journey, a conversion of heart and an answer to God's call.

In the words of Cliff Griswell, "I started going to church—I liked the church, the Mass, the people—and finally this fall I was called to the Church and the RCIA program." Cliff has been married to Diane, a Catholic, for eight years and has helped Diane in the Catholic upbringing of their children, ages 7, 5, and 2 1/2. Cliff is a delivery driver for U.S. Foodservice. He commends Carolyn McElrath (Director of Religious Education) and Lenore Nagele (RCIA Coordinator) for their spiritual direction and the good job they do in presenting the RCIA process.



In preparation for her marriage to fellow Wisconsinian Mark Theisen, Angela Thiele was advised to participate in the RCIA process in order to answer some questions she had about her faith and to receive the sacrament of Confirmation before the July 24 wedding. "I am attending graduate school (in the School of Social Work) in C-U, so I called some parishes about the RCIA, and St. Pat's welcomed me and has been very supportive of my questions."



"There is a time for everything, and the time is right for me now to become a Catholic," according to Steve Retz. Steve's call to the Church was influenced by the strong Catholic faith of his wife, Carol, and son, Jason, 16. Steve has been led on a path toward becoming a strong believer.



"Every day, week, month, and year I grow stronger in faith." He enjoyed the RCIA classes and the solid friendships he made as the Elect helped one another on their walk with Jesus. Steve works for Glaval Van, on the road all over Illinois. He has been coming to St. Patrick's with his family since they moved to Illinois ten years ago. RCIA has helped Steve meet other members of our parish and feel welcome here. He looks forward to our greetings and encouragement in days and months to come!

"I was first interested in the Catholic faith because I am marrying a Catholic in July. It soon became much more than that, however, through the RCIA process. I soon felt my heart telling me that this is where I belong. It has been a true conversion of the heart," shares Kathy Keith, who recently received her B.A. in Sociology from EIU. Kathy lives with her mother and brother in Villa Grove and plans to marry Chris, a graduate student at Eastern Illinois University, on July 3 at St. Patrick's. They hope to make their home here.



"Initially, marriage was the reason I began to inquire into the Catholic faith," says Kevin Steffes. "As I attended the first few RCIA classes and Mass, it became an exploration of my beliefs and faith system. Throughout this journey I feel that I have grown close to the parish community, but also to God. My spirituality and understanding grow and deepen by the day." Kevin originally came to this area in 1991 as a student; now he manages the Taco Bell on University Ave. in Urbana. Kevin appreciates our closeness at St. Patrick's and says parishioners have been "tremendous."



"I am a Catholic who has been away from the Church community," shares Kerry Wheeler. "I have two small children [Kevin and Abigayle] and felt the need for my faith to become a strong part of my life again. Coming back to my faith has made me realize how much more I can

love by having God with me." Kerry is a CNA in the Oncology Unit at Carle Foundation Hospital.



Divorced for twenty years, Sharyn DuPuy raised her four children in the Catholic Church and went to Mass for such a long time that, although she hadn't joined the Church, she always felt Catholic. She used to work with troubled teenagers but for the past four years has worked for Human Kinetics Publishing in Champaign. "We were active in St. Matthew's Parish while [the children] were growing up. When I moved to Urbana and began attending St. Patrick's, I found the atmosphere so friendly and the people so active and concerned that I decided it was time for me to make a commitment to God and the Church."



Give a warm welcome to each one of these new Christians in our parish family, and pray for them and their families as they continue to answer God's call to conversion of heart.

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in our parish library

Christ is risen, and we continue to celebrate during the seven weeks of Easter! Our parish library offers these books focusing on the Resurrection:

He Is Risen, by Thomas Merton. (232.9 Mer) A short book of meditations on the mystery of the risen Christ.

Jesus Risen: A Historical, Fundamental, and Systematic Examination of Christ's Resurrection, by Gerald O'Collins. (232 Oco) This is a scholarly work dealing with theology, faith, hope, and Revelation.

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May brings thoughts of Mary and the rosary. Here are two interesting books offering some different views on this ancient form of prayer:

Praying the Rosary—with the Beatitudes, the Way of the Cross, and an Examination of Conscience, by David Konstant. (248 Kon) These are beautiful and thought-provoking meditations on



Q: Why do Catholics pray to Mary? Do you believe that she is able to answer prayers like God can?

A: No, we do not believe Mary is divine, or like God, or that she can do what God can do. She is human, like us. The Church has always reserved a special honor for Mary, but we pray to her in much the same way that we pray to other saints—or the way we ask other people to pray for us.

The Church honors Mary as the greatest of the saints because of her great fidelity to God and because of her intimate relationship with Jesus, who took his human flesh from her.

Fr. John Dietzen, in *Catholic Life in a New Century: The New Question Box*, points out that for Catholics there is an even more personal reason. Since Jesus received from her his humanity, and since he shares this very life with those who believe in him, Mary is also our mother. The Church has always recognized the words of Jesus on the cross to John, "Behold your mother," as addressed to the whole Body of

"old standards" of prayer. The meditations for the mysteries of the rosary are based on Gospel accounts. The examination of conscience is based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-13 and is quite helpful.

Praying by Hand: Rediscovering the Rosary as a Way of Prayer, by M. Basil Pennington. (248 Pen) Using a string of beads to accompany silent or spoken prayer is a practice found not only in Christianity but also in Buddhism, Islam, and other religious traditions. The author, a Trappist monk and a leader of the Centering Prayer movement, talks about how the rosary helps one to concentrate and how this spiritual practice can provide strength and guidance for daily life.

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.

Christ on earth, whom she loves, cares for, and prays for as for her own child. "This is the reason," he notes, "for one of the loveliest titles we have for Mary, calling her our Blessed Mother."

Some Catholics, in their over-enthusiasm or sometimes serious lack of knowledge or understanding, go so far as to suggest that if Jesus seems reluctant to help us we need only go to Mary and she will obtain for us what he will not. Fr. Dietzen observes that Jesus is Mary's savior as much as he is ours, and as God he is the infinite exemplar of whatever saving love she or any of the rest of us may have. Even to imply that Mary outshines Jesus in mercy or compassion only dishonors the Mother of Christ.

As long as we keep this perspective (and our Catholic tradition certainly does), the prayer and honor we give to Mary can be nothing but a source of joy and pleasure to her son.

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

From Religious Leaders for Community Care

The C-U Good News

A service on Friday, May 7, will be held by Church Women United at Grace Lutheran Church (313 S. Prospect, C.) in observance of May Friendship Day. The theme of the service is



"God's Sweet Surprises: Angels, Mentors, Friends," inviting us to recognize the mystery and surprise of Christ, who lives in us and in each person. Local churches assisting are St. Mary's Catholic, St. Luke's CME, and First United Methodist of C. The service begins at 7 p.m.; child care is provided. Participants will find this a rewarding opportunity to worship and socialize with others outside normal church circles.

On the first Wednesday of every month an ecumenical worship, prayer, and sharing group focuses on aspects of reconciliation. The group meets at New Covenant Fellowship, 7:30-9 p.m. For information, call Ron Simkins (355-2038).



Parish Wish List

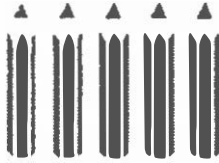
A list of items not considered a necessity but nice to have, useful and perhaps even advantageous to the operation of the parish, but not included in the parish's operating budget—this is the parish's "Wish List."

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.

Holy Cross newsline



Sr. Kathleen, Holy Cross School principal, received the Distinguished Graduate award from St. Theresa's Academy Mar. 26.

The ground-breaking ceremony for St. Thomas More High School was held Mar. 30, followed by a luncheon for volunteers. Bishop Myers participated in the ceremony and attended the reception following at the Holy Cross Parish Center.

Sports: Contratulations to Holy Cross teams!

Volleyball season is over for 6th-, 7th-, and 8th-graders. The 7th- and 8th-grade teams participated in Regionals.

The 7th-grade basketball team participated in the Diocesan tournament in Peoria, and the 8th-grade team went to the IESA Regionals.

The track season began in April, and the Athletic Banquet was held Apr. 11 to honor Holy Cross athletes.

RCIA: Many hands doing God's work

What a joyful Easter Vigil celebration we experienced again this year! As Fr. Remm said, many parishioners are responsible for its success. Carolyn McElrath, parish Director of Religious Education, and Lenore Nagele, RCIA Coordinator, want to thank specifically all who contributed to the successful culmination of the RCIA process.

Jean Daly, Bob Dodd, and Lu Pillar participated in small-group sharing with RCIA participants during the year. Deacon Dan Murphy, Paul Gallagher, Sr. Charlene Cesario, and Fr. Remm spoke on topical issues. Sr. Lori Kirchman included the candidates' Confirmation names in the Litany of the Saints, Sr. Marie Golla prepared the certificates of Initiation for each candidate, and Bill VanCleave prepared the Easter name tags.

Fine arts program: The second-graders went to Staerkel Planetorium, and 7th-graders participated in the Agriculture Open House in March.

The 3d- to 6th-graders went to Krannert to see "New Kid," a production from the Canadian Green Thumb Touring Group.

Students acted, danced, and sang in their production of "Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory," Apr. 15-18.

6th- to 8th-graders will host a music program Apr. 26 and a band concert Apr. 22.

Special prayers: Mrs. Beiser died Mar. 9. Please continue to keep her and her family in your prayers.

The First Communion families participated in the Seder Meal in March. First Communion will be celebrated at Holy Cross on May 1.

Teachers appreciated special prayer remembrances during Teachers Appreciation Week, Apr. 19-23.

The 8th-graders leave Apr. 27 for their class trip to Washington, D.C. A safe trip!

Alan Bonse, who came into full communion with the Catholic Church last year, was joined by his wife, Lauren, and their children, Alayna, Georgina, and Christina, in hosting the reception in the parish center following the Easter Vigil.

The Communications Committee took pictures of the new Catholics, and Carole Rebeiz interviewed them and wrote an article introducing them in this issue of *In Focus*.

Last (but not least), it is you, the faith community of St. Patrick's, who are so important to this whole process. The candidates for Initiation are brought before you periodically during the year at Mass, and the candidates indicate that they feel the support and acceptance of the Church community and are appreciative of the prayers offered on their behalf. Thanks to all of you for your time, your talents, your support and prayers. May God continue to bless our efforts on behalf of the Church!

Prayer for vocations



*Mary, virgin who listened
and virgin of the Word made flesh in
your womb,
help us to be open to the Word of the
Lord
so that, having been welcomed and
meditated upon,
it may grow in our hearts.
Help us to live like you the beatitudes
of believers
and to dedicate ourselves with unceas-
ing charity
to evangelizing all those who seek your
Son.
Grant that we may serve every person,
becoming servants of the Word we
have heard,
so that remaining faithful to it
we may find our happiness in living it.*

Pope John Paul II

Rev. Larry Brunette to Concelebrate Memorial Day Mass at Woodlawn

St. Patrick's parishioners will observe Memorial Day with a Mass at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 31, in the Catholic area of Woodlawn Cemetery.



Fr. Larry Brunette, with ordination oils still fresh from his ordination May 29, will concelebrate that Mass with Fr. Remm.

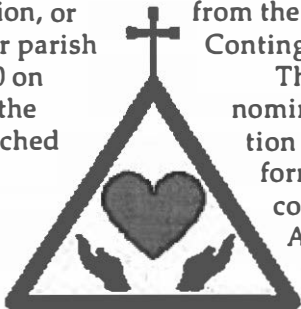
Following the Mass, participants will gather at St. Patrick's main hall for breakfast and to take the opportunity to give their warm congratulations to Fr. Brunette. Bring a breakfast item to share; coffee will be provided.

It is suggested that participants bring their own lawn chairs for the outdoor Mass. In case of rain, or if the cemetery grounds are too wet, Mass will be celebrated instead at St. Patrick's church.

Parish Council News

At their April meeting Council members learned that the funding for the new Catholic high school has reached about \$6 million, or about 70% of the goal. Our parish drive raised about \$87,000 on pledge Sunday and, with the mailing that followed, reached approximately \$102,000. Including the \$130,000 raised from the drive for large donations, our parish has contributed over \$230,000 to the high school fund.

The Parish Centennial Fund has reached \$135,673. Fr. Remm raised the question of inviting an architect and a structural engineer to look into the possibility of expanding our church on the east side to increase capacity because more Masses can't be added and the population of Urbana is expected to continue to grow. This consider-



ation could be made one aspect of study by a long-range planning committee, to be appointed by Fr. Remm in fulfillment of one of the parish's five-year objectives.

The operating budget for fiscal year 1999-2000 was approved with one minor change, moving \$1400 from the Centennial Fund to the Contingency Fund.

The ad hoc committee to nominate members for election to office in the newly formed Parish Council consists of Fr. Remm, Mary Ann Luedtke, Joe Tobias, Cindy Kelly, and Frank Modica.

The search for a parish music director to succeed Sr. Lori has begun. The search committee has placed advertisements and will meet in mid-May to review applications (closing date: May 15).

The Building and Grounds Committee plans eventually to update all landscaping of parish grounds, with the initial part of the project to include replacement of

some plantings and removal of some of the rock mulch on the south side of the parish center, following a design developed by Mike Brunk.

Don Borg, retired from the Illinois Dept. of Rehabilitation Services, has suggested replacement of the wheelchair ramp on the east side of the church with a ramp that meets current state specifications and is more in keeping with the design of the church.

The next Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on May 20; 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. Plans for the party following their December meeting and decided to move their annual Epiphany celebration to Jan. 16.

For parishioners who want more complete information about issues discussed at Council meetings, minutes are posted in the church vestibule and on the bulletin board in the office wing of the parish center. The next Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Jan. 21; all parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings.

News from the December meeting will appear in the next issue of *In Focus*.

"Mary, I have done all I can do!"



After 15 years of marriage and five children, I wanted my husband to share my faith. This was really brought home to me when my son came home one day very upset because he had somehow gotten the idea that only Catholics went to heaven. Obviously, he reasoned, his father would be excluded from heaven, and anywhere his father couldn't go, he didn't want to go either. He clearly stated his intention to "quit trying to get to heaven."

After this, my desire for my husband to share my faith intensified. I had been praying for a long time for a resolution to this. Now I decided to attend the weekly Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at our parish. It was about

nine blocks to the church, but I attended faithfully, walking through all kinds of weather, waiting for something to happen. It finally did.

As I was walking home after the novena one night, I suddenly stopped dead in my tracks and said right out loud, "Mary, I have done all I can do! I will leave this in your hands." At that moment I felt a burden lift from my shoulders. Mary lifted the burden and would handle it all, and my wish to have my husband share our faith would be granted, I was sure.

As it turned out, my faith in Mary was completely justified! Soon after this "act of faith," my husband asked me to arrange for him to see the parish priest. He then began studying to become a Catholic, which he subsequently did.

My faith in Mary is just as strong today as it was then, even though

complete reliance on her or on God is sometimes not easy. In this month of Mary, let us all remember that her intercession is very important and can obtain much.

Name withheld on request

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.

First and oldest Marian litany is Gaelic

At about 750 A.D. Brogan of Clonsast composed for the Irish laity, in their native language, the first and oldest litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although the language may strike us today as somewhat strange, even quaint, it presents Mary to us in several lovely aspects as our intercessor, beloved daughter of the Father, mother of the Son, and spouse of the Spirit.

- great Mary
- Mary, greatest of Marys
- greatest of Women
- Queen of the Angels
- Lady of the Heavens
- Woman full and replete with the Grace of the Holy Spirit
- Blessed and Most Blessed
- Mother of Eternal Glory
- Mother of the Heavenly and Earthly Church
- Mother of Fondness and Forgiveness
- Mother of the Golden Light
- Honor of the Sky
- Sign of Tranquillity
- Gate of Heaven
- Golden Casket
- Couch of Love and Mercy
- Temple of the Divinity
- Beauty of the Virgins
- Lady of the Kindreds
- Fountain of the Gardens
- Cleansing of the Sins
- Washing of the Souls
- Mother of the Orphans
- Breast of the Infants
- Solace of the Wretched
- Star of the Sea
- Handmaid of God
- Mother of Christ
- Spouse of the Lord
- Shapely like a Dove
- Serene like the Moon
- Resplendent like the Sun
- Canceling of Eve's Disgrace
- Renewal of Life
- Beauty of Women
- Chief of the Maidens
- Enclosed Garden
- Pure locked-up Fountain
- Mother of God
- Eternal Maiden

- Holy Maiden
- Prudent Maiden
- Serene Maiden
- Chaste Maiden
- Temple of the Living God
- Throne of the Eternal King
- Sanctuary of the Holy Spirit
- Virgin of the Root of Jesse
- Cedar of Mount Lebanon
- Cypress of Mount Zion
- Purple Rose of the Land of Jacob
- Flowering like a Palm
- Fruitful like the Olive Tree
- Glorious Son Bearer
- Light of Nazareth
- Glory of Jerusalem
- Beauty of the World
- Noblest born of the Christian Flock
- Queen of the World
- Ladder of Heaven

Hear the prayer of the poor. Despise not the sobs and the sighs of the wretched. Let our longing and our groans be borne by thee before the Creator, for through our ill deservingness we ourselves are unworthy to be heard.

O mighty Lady of Heaven and Earth, destroy our wickedness and our corruptions. Uplift the fallings of the feeble and the fettered. Loose the enslaved. Repair through thyself

the transgressions of our evil ways and our vices. Grant to us through thee the blossoms and ornaments of the good deeds and the virtues. Appease for us the Judge with thy prayers and with thy intercessions. Let us not for mercy sake be carried off from thee in a foray before our enemies. Nor let our souls be enslaved. And take us to thyself forever under thy protection.



We beseech and pray thee further, O Holy Mary, through thy great intercession with thy only Son, ever Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, that God may protect us from all straits and temptations.

And ask for us from the God of the elements that we may obtain from Him forgiveness and pardon of all our sins and crimes, and that we may obtain from Him moreover, through thy intercession, the lasting habitation of the heavenly Kingdom forever and ever in the presence of the saints and holy virgins of the world.

May we deserve it, may we inhabit it in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Frances Johnson

Rhubarb Short Cake

Sauce:

- 2 c rhubarb, cut into small pieces
- 2 T butter
- 1 c sugar

Short Cake:

- 1 c sugar
- 1/2 c oleo
- 1 egg
- 1/2 c milk
- 1 c flour
- 1 t baking powder

Arrange rhubarb in an 8 x 8 or 9 x 9 inch baking pan. Dot rhubarb with butter and cover with sugar.

Cream sugar and oleo; add egg and mix well. Combine baking powder and flour, and add alternately with milk, stirring well. Pour batter over rhubarb and bake at 350 degrees for 50-60 minutes.





May 1999

St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY

MONDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Because the In Focus calendar is prepared in advance of scheduled events and meetings, please check the weekly bulletin to confirm dates and times for specific listings. Deadline for the next issue of In Focus is May 16.

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The Annual Stewardship Appeal is this weekend
2:00pm First Communion at Holy Cross

<p>2 12:00pm Teen Liturgy 2:00-4:00pm Religious Ed Picnic</p> 	<p>3 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Education Com 7:00pm Pro-Life Com</p>	<p>4 7:00pm Financial Affairs Com</p>	<p>5 5:00pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>6 12:10pm Mass for the National Day of Prayer 7:00pm Choir 7:30pm Building & Grounds Com</p>	<p>7 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH</p>	<p>8 8:30am Evangelization Team</p>
<p>9 Mother's Day</p> 	<p>10 7:00pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p>11 7:30pm Parish Council Executive Com</p>	<p>12 9:30am Funeral Schola 5:00pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>13 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Baptism Prep 7:00pm Knights of Columbus</p>	<p>14 10:30am Mass-Urbana NH 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17 7:00pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p>18 7:00pm Liturgy Com</p>	<p>19 5:00pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>20 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Parish Council</p>	<p>21 10:30am Mass-Clark-Lindsey 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH</p>	<p>22 March for Jesus</p>
<p>23 Pentecost</p> 	<p>24 9:30am Archives Com 7:00pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p>25 7:00pm Homily Prep</p>	<p>26 9:30am Funeral Schola 5:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>27 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>28 10:30am Mass-Manor Care 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH 7:00pm Communications Com</p>	<p>29 Ordinations in Peoria 11:00am Larry Brunette to be ordained in Springfield</p>
<p>30 Trinity Sunday 1:00pm Baccalaureate at St. Joe</p>	<p>31 Memorial Day 9:00am Mass at the Cemetery, breakfast 7:00pm Centering Prayer</p> 					

SVDP=St Vincent de Paul NH=Nursing Home