

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



*Dialogue into the Millennium*

## *"Invisible lines of connection: The re-emergence of mystical thinking"*

On Nov. 3 Rabbi Lawrence Kushner will be the featured speaker for St. Patrick's "Dialogue into the Millennium." His topic, "Invisible Lines of Connection: The Re-Emergence of Mystical Thinking," is an exploration of ordinary stories in which the sacred makes a surprise appearance. If you have the gnawing suspicion that the *apparent* brokenness, contradiction, and confusion that assaults us daily conceals a hidden unity, then you too may be part of the great mystical reawakening.

Respondents to his talk will be

### *An evening of prayer and fellowship*

The Church recognizes November as the month of All Souls. In observance of All Souls month, all parishioners are invited to come together for an evening of prayer and fellowship on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. to remember and honor deceased loved ones. After the service in St. Patrick's church, all are invited to join friends for refreshments in the parish center.

Christ is the morning star  
Who when the night  
Of this world is past  
Brings to his saints  
The promise of  
The light of life  
and opens everlasting day.

—From a prayer of St. Bede

Rev. Jack Good, pastor of Community United Church of Christ, and Professor Brigit Kelly from the University of Illinois. Sinai Temple will host the reception that follows the lecture.

Rabbi Kushner has served as rabbi of Congregation Beth El in Sudbury (Mass.) for the past 27 years and is widely regarded as one of the most creative religious writers in America. Through his lectures, articles, and books he has helped shape the present agenda for personal and institutional spiritual renewal.

He originated the concept of synagogue *havurot*, family fellowship groups, led his congregants to

publish their own prayerbook, *V'tahaer Libenu*, the first gender-neutral liturgy ever written, and conducted over 75 *kalla* weekends for personal religious growth.

A native of Detroit Michigan, he graduated *Phi Beta Kappa* from the University of Cincinnati and was ordained rabbi from the Hebrew Union College in 1969. Before assuming his present pulpit, Kushner served as Rabbi at Congregation Solel in Highland Park, Ill.

All are welcome to attend the Millennium Series lectures, made possible through a grant from the Illinois Humanities Council and contributions from local churches, institutions, and individuals.



### *Sacrificial Giving and "Tithing"*

"Tithing." If you say the word, it sounds a little bit uncomfortable even as it rolls off the tongue. Tithing—it's almost as if you're not saying it exactly right.

Some folks admit that they are not completely sure what that strange word means. In a recent conversation the term "tithing" was brought up. "Isn't that something that babies do when they are getting their first teeth?" someone asked, rather facetiously.

Hmmm. If you ask any minister or priest, they will probably agree that it is a bit like pulling teeth, but babies are usually not involved.

Another person in that conversation about "tithing" also seemed a little bit uncertain about its meaning but said he thought it had to do with pain or something that hurt. Perhaps he was closer to the reality of tithing than he realized!

"Tithing." From an Old English word meaning "the act of levying or paying no tithe." And what does "tithe" mean? "Tithe. From an Old

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## St. Patrick's staff

Have you met everyone on our parish staff yet? Do you know what they do at St. Patrick's? You think you recognize them when you see them, but you can't match the name to the face? Maybe this will help!



*Fr. George Remm, Pastor*  
Need we say more?



Welcome to new parishioners Judy Diers, Anna Henry, Susan and Skip Hublein, Tonya Kendrick, Leslie and Matthew Mio, Lisa and Jay Moorman, Chinyere and Chukwyna Onyeagocha, Lia and Boris Petracovici, Thomas Powers, Jaime and Andrew Stout, Cassiette West-Williams, Michael Williams.

Farewell to parishioners who have left C-U: David Cole, Phillip Musser, Diana Najm.

Congratulations to these couples, recently married: Christopher Dale Schmitz and Mary Kay Bluhm, Daniel Shane Ferguson and Amanda Lynn Wiziecki.

We welcome the following recently baptized into our faith community: Kayleigh Danielle Ritten, Christopher Ryan Gatsche, Hans Josef Herzog, Tyler Lee Langendorf, Samantha Brooke Stout.

Please pray for deceased parishioner Theresa L. Golaszewski.



*Fr. Gene Kane, retired*  
Helps with Mass and the sacraments and with alcoholism counseling.



*Sr. Charlene Cesario, SCCM, Pastoral Associate*  
Coordinates spiritual growth opportunities, especially for the sick, the homebound, the aged, and the grieving.



*Dan Murphy, Deacon*  
Assists at Sunday Mass, preaches, works with the WATCH program and the Evangelization Team.



*Carolyn McElrath, Director of Religious Education*  
Coordinates religious education for people of all ages. *Ella habla español.*



*J. Mark Baker, Music Director*  
Uses piano and organ to make music for all parish liturgies with our volunteer musicians. You can call him "J. Mark."



*Leslie Risatti, Parish Secretary*  
Knows WHAT's happening, WHERE it's happening, WHEN it's happening, and HELPS it all happen.



*Ray Alane, Business Operations Manager*  
Keeps the books (not the bookie).



*Bill VanCleave, Maintenance*  
Sets it up, takes it down, sets it up, takes it down... and makes everything work right.



## 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).

## The CREW Review

### Canoeing with God and the Young Adults

Over the summer some of the CREW had the opportunity to go canoeing with the Young Adults group. It was a fun day, filled with fellowship and laughter. Mike Bullard, one of the canoeists, writes an account of his experience.

The trip started out bright and early in the church parking lot, with everyone standing around and chatting amiably. When we left, we knew we had a long drive ahead of us. Luckily, we had a van to ride comfortably in.

When we arrived, finally, at the canoe-rental place, we stood in line for a while to sign contracts stating that we were responsible for all damage done to us, our car, other people's cars, the canoes, the river, the animals, miscellaneous foreign countries...

We then had to get our gear. A large canopy had been set up to house the life jackets and such. A boy was handing out the jackets like water. I started to feel like the place was a little, um, impersonal.

The sun was shining as we waited for the shuttle bus to take us to the put-in point. A "few others" were also there—maybe around two hundred others. They ranged from young to old. I wondered then whether any of them knew how to canoe, and I began to realize what the form was for that we had to sign.

When the buses came, truckloads of people moved like cattle toward them. We were lucky to get on and also get actual seats, unlike the two dozen others standing in the aisle. The ride was nice and bumpy, but we got there in one piece. I was glad to get off!

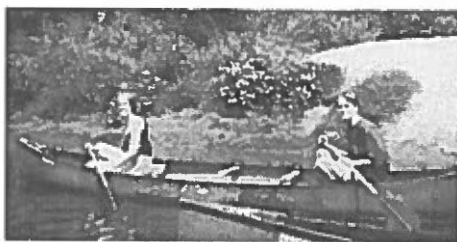
At our destination, the hordes flowed out of the buses, not unlike locusts. After the buses came the canoe racks. Workers stood at the top of an embankment, hurling the canoes down the steep slope to the surging crowd fifteen feet below. I could just picture one of them thinking, "Here! Take it! Just leave me alone!"



CREW and Young Adults focus on fun

As soon as we had picked up our canoes, we saw that two of our group members had already tipped their canoe. In the shallows. No more than two feet from shore.

After that the trip went pretty smoothly. We canoed through the large traffic jam, and then it was clear sailing. It was a nice relaxing trip, besides the fact that half the group intended for the other half to be totally soaked by the end of the day. We even had a nice stop on a sand bar. When we docked and got a bus ride back, I



Mike Bullard and friend

tried to dry off, which is easier said than done.

Lunch soon followed at a nice table in a park-like area. Everyone seemed tired and hungry, so we rested for a while.

The ride back was completely uneventful, that I know of. I was asleep most of the time so I didn't notice anything at all. I was tired. It had been a wonderful day. Thanks to God!

By Mike Bullard

*"The CREW Review" serves as a forum for parish teens to write about their experiences with the youth group, or CREW (Christ Renew Everyone's World) as they call their group. Please pray for our teen group and for a continued outreach to all young people.*

## Social Action Committee considers new directions and initiatives

The Time and Talent exercise in August spelled success for the Social Action Committee (SAC). Committee membership grew from 2 to 12, not even counting the Committee's Council liaison and the staff representative. The committee now has the "person power" to expand their programs and activities.

The first priority of the committee will continue to be the networking with and funding of community organizations that serve the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the neglected and abused, refugees, disaster victims, and similar groups in our local community. However, the SAC is actively considering some new initiatives for carrying out its mission:

1. Involvement in efforts to improve race relations in our community.

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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

Did you realize that the parish library has a collection of children's books? It's in classroom 4, the kindergarten classroom in the parish center. Here's a small sampling of what's available. (Information in parentheses is the call number to help you locate the book on the shelf.)

For the younger set: *Dear God...* This set has cute pictures and *short* thoughts on things like waiting (179 Fit), Thanks for Jesus (232 Fit), Bless our food (249Fit), I need you (231 Fit).

Want to help your child learn some simple Bible verses? The *God Cares When I'm...* series (220.5 Mur) features everyday situations that children face, with a Bible verse given at the end of each story. Titles include:

*God Cares When I'm Disappointed*  
*God Cares When I'm All Tired Out*  
*God Cares When I Don't Like Myself*  
*God Cares When I'm Sorry*  
*God Cares When I'm Worried*  
*God Cares When I'm Thankful*

Want some simple prayers to try with your children at home? Consider *Lord, I am one of your Little Ones* (249 Pui). It has beginning prayers, everyday prayers, prayers of thankfulness, and more.

Looking for some role models? Want to celebrate All Saints Day in a special way? *Saints and Heroes for Kids*, by Ethel Pochocki (234 Poc) offers role models, not superstars. This book includes saints from the early years of Church history as well as more modern Catholics, including Mother Teresa, Dr. Tom Dooley, and Archbishop Romero.

*Saints of the Seasons for Children*, also by Ethel Pochocki (922 Poc), is written for kindergartners through sixth-graders. The book contains short biographies of saints for any time of the year.

*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.*

## Focus on ministry

### Servers

The server frees the presider from attending to various tasks so he may give full attention to presiding. However, the need of the presider and of the whole assembly is not for purely mechanical help but for someone who can anticipate the needs of the moment and meet those needs with grace and reverence.

Servers aid the presider in a variety of ways during the Mass, carrying articles to be used, assisting with the book of prayers (Sacramentary), offering incense, and preparing the altar for the eucharistic sacrifice.

\* Time commitment is at the

discretion of the server, who submits preferences for Mass times and frequency for scheduling. Servers are needed for all parish weekend and special liturgies.

\* Training, scheduled with the coordinator, takes place in the church and includes a review of procedures during Mass and practice in handling the Sacramentary, processional cross and candles, and incense and censer.

\* Who may serve? Adults, teenagers, and children in fifth grade or older. Men and women, boys and girls.

Coordinator: Janet Althausser, 367-5397, janelalthausser@carle.com; assisted by Melissa Althausser, 332-5566.



## The Archives Committee offers a potpourri of news

Autumn finds the Archives Committee gearing up for the coming year with news of activities and information.

For those of you who purchased a St. Patrick's Rose last spring, the committee wants to remind you about the cold-protection instructions included: In areas where temperatures fall below 28-30 degrees Fahrenheit, roses must be protected. The best methods are (1) a soil mound over the bud union or (2) a wire mesh cylinder around the bush stuffed with leaves (preferably oak) with soil mounded over the bud union.

If anyone has an interest in history, the Archives Committee could use your assistance with several projects. Nancy Steerman could use help in preparing histories of various ministries and activities. The group is beginning to consider some souvenir-type items to be distributed during the Centennial celebration and could use help from someone in selecting items. They would also welcome assistance in filing newspaper articles about parishioners and other materials. It doesn't need to take a great deal of your time—most projects require only a few hours a month. Call Judy Conover (367-2109) if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Many of you may remember the Archive Committee's open house, or "show and tell," in March 1997. Members heard many favorable comments about that event, and are planning another for March 18/19, 2000, in the main hall of the parish center. Planning is just beginning, so watch *In Focus* and the bulletin for further announcements. The committee hopes everyone will attend.

Picture scanning will be one of the features of the March 2000 festival. The group's computer and scanner will scan any pictures you may have



## 1999-2000 Parish Objectives Workshop What next?

The question "What next?" is one that a group of parishioners pondered at the Parish Council's annual Objectives Workshop on Oct. 16. The workshop is part of St. Patrick's long range planning process.

In 1998 parishioners met to set five-year goals for the parish that identify areas for growth. Each year since then parishioners have brainstormed ways in which the Council, its committees, and other parish organizations can work toward these goals.

The upcoming Jubilee Year gives us some additional things to think about. What can we do to further the freedom of the children of God, the connectedness within the human family, compassion and effort on behalf of the suffering, the imagination to respond to God's goodness with mercy, justice, and praise, and repair of the natural world and human society? These are key concepts of Jubilee.

Brainstorming elicited about 20 objectives for parish groups to work with in the coming year. These were evaluated for relevance to the five-year goals and the themes of the Jubilee Year, and will now be referred to the committees and other groups to set objectives for themselves.

By Jan. 11 committees of the Parish Council are asked to present (1) a final report on how they did with their 1999 objectives, (2) the objectives they have planned for the year 2000, and (3) their budget requests for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2000.

Although participation in a workshop of this kind is a lot of work, those who do find that it is good to gather as a faithful community to discern where our parish needs to grow and how we can accomplish it. And many parishioners working together on such a task is a wonderful experience.

A special thank you to all the participants who spent a sunny fall Saturday indoors helping to provide direction for the parish!

## "If you love me, feed my lambs"

November is the month of All Saints and All Souls—and Thanksgiving Baskets for the most needy.

Each year at this time parishioners have the opportunity to follow Christ's admonition to "feed my sheep" in a very real way through support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society's drive to provide Thanksgiving dinners for the needy of the C-U community.

For this project the Society is asking for a donation of \$10 to cover the cost of a food basket. The Thanksgiving food basket will include a canned ham, soup, sweet potatoes, stuffing, eggs, vegetables, fruit, cranberries, Jello, dinner rolls, pumpkin pie, coffee, and sweets.

Their goal this year is to feed 200 families. The names of recipients are provided by North End residents, Mental Health Center, Family Services, and others who know of people in special need.

Please put your donation in an envelope clearly marked "Thanksgiving Dinners" and place it in the Sunday collection or drop it by the parish office during the week.

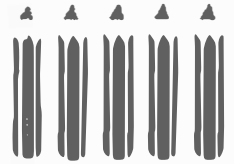
The Society also needs volunteers to make up teams of two to deliver the food baskets on Nov. 22-24. (All deliveries will be made during daylight hours.) If you can help, please leave your name and telephone number with the parish secretary or Society member Sophia Zeigler (328-2671).

Feeding Christ's loved ones is a great responsibility—and a great privilege. What a wonderful way to give thanks for all that we ourselves have received.



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of In Focus is November 14.

## Holy Cross newsline



The 1999-2000 school year is off to a good start at Holy Cross School, with 427 students; 78 from St. Patrick's families, 50 from other parishes, and 13 who are not Catholic. Tuition for this school year is \$2100 per student plus a \$100 fee per student to help cover capital expenditures needed to keep the school operating.

**Fund raisers:** Boy Scout Troup 9 is having an annual Christmas wreath sale. Wreaths are made of balsams from Vermont and are decorated with red berries, pine cones, and red ribbons. Cost: \$20. Delivered 11/19-21. Want some? Call the school office before Nov. 10.

Congratulations to students, who sold \$52,000 worth of magazines and music, earning almost \$21,000 for the school.

Mary Bartko and the Athletic Booster Club held a Walk/Run race in September, bringing in another \$2226 for the purchase of warmup suits.

**Booster Club news:** The Varsity Baseball Team ended its season 7-6, with a first game regional win.

**Religious Education:** The first parent meeting for Reconciliation preparation was held Oct. 13 for second-grade students.

**New Corinthians,** a new program introduced Sept. 30, is designed to help parents learn more about their faith while addressing sensitive issues with their children.

**Thanks to sponsors:** A free drug-prevention book cover will be distributed to students for the next 2 semesters, sponsored by Timpone's, Reynolds Towing Service, Architectural Spectrum, Burdett Marketing Consultants, and Mark Faught, DDS.

**Please pray:** Eugene Johnson, maintenance, is on dialysis.

Caught up  
in your beauty,  
I speak of  
my heart's desire;  
to find  
the fullness of life,  
dwelling in your  
presence forever.



Psalm 27

# Parish Council News

At their October meeting Council members welcomed Denise Kennedy Bell, Assistant to the Champaign City Manager for Community Relations, who described "Study Circles on Race Relations," a national movement dedicated to improving race relations.

On two Sundays in October each parish in the Diocese of Peoria is asked to take a count of the numbers at Mass. Our parish's count: 1278 on Oct. 9-10 and 1344 on Oct. 16-17.

The parish has received our first rebate check from payment of pledges for the diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal. The amount received will augment the Centennial Fund, as will any other rebates to come.

Fr. Remm plans to establish a committee of parishioners to deal with parish financial support for the Thomas More High School and to appoint parish representatives to the new high school's Education Commission.

Lists of volunteers from the Time and Talent weekend have been given to committees; these include only the names of people thought to be new volunteers, so it is possible that some volunteering parishioners may be overlooked by the process.

A draft of objectives from the parish Objectives Workshop, attended by about 30 parishioners, was given to Council members and will be placed in committee mailboxes for reference as committees set their objectives for the coming calendar year.

With several committees participating, planning is underway for parish events to welcome the Jubilee Year. Guest lists for a dinner (6:30-9 p.m.) will be made up of names provided by local shelters, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Catholic Worker House, and agencies working with the underprivileged and needy of the area. Later in the evening (11 p.m.-12:30 a.m.) a liturgy will welcome in the new year and the new millennium. Invitations may be sent to several local churches for an ecumenical service.

The Millennium Mass on Feb. 6, with Bishop Myers presiding, will draw all priests of the diocese from their parishes, including ours. Parishes may also be asked to provide ushers and choirs for the event. Our staff is considering the possibility of offering a second Mass on Saturday evening to accommodate

parishioners who normally go to 10:30 or noon Mass at St. Patrick's, since we will not be able to offer these on that Sunday. There is some concern that Krannert may not be large enough to accommodate all who will come for the Mass. Tom Korder will serve as parish liaison for this event with Krannert Center.

Members agreed that asking for progress reports on committee objectives twice a year instead of three times would suffice to keep committees focused on their objectives and to inform Council on progress. With the objectives for the next calendar year, committees will be asked to provide progress reports only in June and in January, with new objectives for the following year also due in January.

The next Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Nov. 18. 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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of parish activities, old or recent. If you come across pictures of events at St. Patrick's, please bring them with you that weekend. You will be able to wait while they are scanned and take them home with you, so there won't be any danger of losing precious photos. Later the pictures will be printed and added to the Archives collection.

Does anyone have pictures of the inside of the old rectory before it was torn down? There are none in the parish archives, and the committee would be delighted to have copies. Again, bring them to the March 18-19 event for scanning.



*As a bird  
struggles through a storm  
then soars on calmer breezes,  
so joy can come to us  
from sorrow given to our God.  
Not a surface-skimming happiness  
vanishing in the gloom,  
not a rigid explanation of the dark,  
joy rests deep within  
as we sense  
Christ travels through the tumult with  
us,  
holds up our weary wings,  
and rejoices with us  
as we rise  
toward home.*

—Roberta Porter  
From *Alive Now*, Nov./Dec. 1999  
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2. Development of education about social issues and justice.
  3. Greater involvement of parishioners in response to social justice issues and problems.
  4. Facilitation of prayer for the resolution of social issues and problems.
  5. Study of problems related to the issue of a living wage.
  6. Development of a process for responding to natural disasters or other crises in our community.
- At SAC meetings in the near future committee members will continue to identify other new directions and initiatives, prioritize these, and develop specific programs to address some of these new areas.

Of crucial importance in this new venture is continued interest and active participation of members, of course. But the committee invites other parishioners to share in this new venture as members of the SAC. Contact Leon Mayer (344-6038) or Bob Haessly (344-7123).

Ideas, suggestions, and requests are welcome from any parishioner. The committee meets November, January, May, July, and September, with special meetings added as needed. The next meeting is Monday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the parish center. Watch the weekly bulletin for announcements of SAC meeting dates and location.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society: "People Touching People"

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a worldwide organization that supports the poor and needy in their own area.

There is no end of the needy who come to St. Patrick's 365 days a year for assistance. The assistance may be for travelers who need gas to get to their destination, a bus ticket, lodging, medication, food, or perhaps a pair of hard-toed shoes needed for a job.

Father Remm and the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society try to fill these needs. Parishioners make very generous donations to the Feed the Hungry Collections, the Poor Box (near the votive candles in the back of the church), and monthly donations. With your very welcome support, SVDP members are able to do what Jesus asks of us: "Feed my people." The local chapter of the Society, operating out of St. Patrick's, aided over 2000 people in 1999 with your help.

The Society has many volunteers that the needy never see; without their support, members would be unable to undertake these works for the poor.

The Society is grateful for Matt Fejes's Town and Country Catering Service, which donates leftovers from catering meals. On Monday mornings these donations are picked up by Rose Breen, Betty LaBerge, or Sophia Zeigler and brought to the parish kitchen. Then the preparations begin!

With help from Marjorie Allain, Nicki Davis, Mary Tavis, Betty LaBerge, Irene Vattano, Betty Esser, Rose Breen, and Kay Evans, Sophia Zeigler packages or freezes the food or makes soup for the Catholic Worker House. Many plastic bags and dozens of plastic containers are filled with different foods from catering and other donations and given out during the week to the needy who come to St.

Patrick's for their food. These food kitchen helpers start at 9:00 a.m. and work without pause until the parish kitchen is made spotlessly clean again after their labors.

The Society orders other food from the Eastern Illinois Food Bank at 14 cents a pound twice a month. Volunteers who load and unload the truck include Byron DeHaven, Chuck Matz, Tony Sheehan, Don Borg, Wally LaBerge, and Bill VanCleave. Once a month the Society is qualified for free U.S.D.A. foods. (The heaviest delivery was 11,000 pounds!)

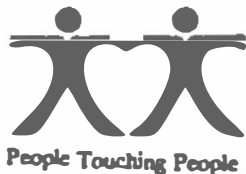
Members are thankful for two high school students, Erin Hatch and Brett Czajkowski, who come on Mondays after school to get 40 paper bags ready and set out canned foods on the tables to make it easier for Angie, Becky, and

Judy, and their staff from DSC, who fill the bags on Tuesday afternoons. Erin and Brett handle about 500 items, a big job and well done. Thanks also to Johnny Ray Palmisano, who comes in weekly to help where needed.

"People touching people" is exemplified by the next group of volunteers, who greet and hand food bags to the walk-ins on weekdays, 4:15-5 p.m. Those sched-

uled for regular days are Margaret Stewart, Carole Rebeiz, Jim McKown, Agnes Nemeth, Rosemary Laughlin, George Pennacchi, Mike Catanzaro, Margaret and Wayne Oakes, Byron DeHaven, Bob and Madonna Bluffo Stanford and their two children, and Mary Kay Stenger.

Cliff and Dorothy Maduzia contacted the Society to offer day-old food from Jerry's IGA twice a week and from Sweet Indulgence Bakery. Leon and Pat Mayer volunteered to pick up bread weekly from the Panera Bread Co. Junior High religious education classes, together with one of St. Patrick's base communities, fill 200 Thanksgiving Baskets annually as their contribution to the needy.



Sophia Zeigler checks food supplies in the SVDP pantry.

Special thanks to the 12 members of the Holy Cross St. Vincent de Paul Society who help to deliver the Thanksgiving food baskets. A big job well done.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is very grateful for all the help received from parishioners during the Thanksgiving Basket drive, donations, and the many other kinds of help needed in the month of November. You surely know the old saying "Many hands make light work." May you, in return, enjoy the Lord's richest blessings.!

## Sinai Temple thanks child care volunteers

St. Patrick's parishioners joined volunteers from six other C-U congregations to babysit for our Jewish neighbors during their September High Holy Days. Parents who were thus freed to attend Temple services sent praise: "caring," "skillful," "professional," "a wonderful job for our children!"

Volunteers from St. Patrick's were Sandy Anderson, Sarah Jackson, Kay Kimbrell, Christy Lee, Marcia Raab, Charline Waldron, and Leo Wood.

Sinai Temple, St. Patrick's, and a dozen other churches in town are members of the Council of Congregations. Every year the Council sponsors child care at the Temple, recruiting babysitters from member churches. The purpose is to return the kindness of those who volunteer to fulfill duties at Provena Covenant Hospital and Lutheran Social Services on Christmas Day and Easter Sunday, substituting for Christians who wish to attend religious services.

As usual this year, those "caring professionals" who went to Sinai Temple for 2 hours that Monday or Saturday found likable children grouped by age, and plenty of toys, games, and help. Why not make this interfaith gift of love by volunteering next year when you see it announced in our Sunday bulletin?

## Proclaim Jubilee!

The year 2000 has been proclaimed a Year of Jubilee by Pope Paul II. Every fifty years the Church celebrates a Jubilee Year (sometimes called a Holy Year). This Jubilee Year has a special significance for many reasons: It coincides with our entering into a new millennium; the themes chosen by our parish for the year 2000 are very fitting for our times as a nation and as a member of the global community; and the themes give us an opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and one another in our community.

The origins of a Jubilee Year are found in the Book of Leviticus: the Lord tells Moses that once he enters the land given him, the land shall observe a Sabbath for the Lord. Later the people were instructed to "sound the trumpet ... and hallow the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land and its inhabitants." The people were to forgive all debts and free the slaves. They were to declare a year of the Lord, a Sabbath Year, a Holy Year. It was a year to let the land lie fallow, a year to honor their God with rest, prayer, and action.

Pope Paul II, when declaring Jubilee Year 2000, called the Church to seek unity among all peoples, to apply more fully the teachings of Vatican II,



and to use this time for reconciliation and healing. Accordingly, throughout the year St. Patrick's will concentrate on the five themes stated below.

The themes are universal and offer a creative challenge and profound opportunity to explore God's call to us in this specific time and place.

\* *Liberation*: a call to freedom for the oppressed among us, from the oppression within us.

\* *Connectedness*: a call to take seriously our relationship with all of God's creation—the whole human community, our planet, and our environment, and to honor and respect all in our stewardship of it.

\* *Suffering*: a call to stop and listen, to be silent and hear how we can respond to the suffering in the world.

\* *Imagination*: a call to dream dreams and fashion visions that can be transformed into acts of forgiveness, works of mercy and justice, and celebrations of praise for God's saving grace.

\* *Repair of the world*: a call to prayer and acts of reconciliation and healing for the brokenness in our lives and the world.

St. Patrick's has all the ingredients necessary to live and proclaim jubilee. We are Gospel people who can make holy this Sabbath year. What an opportunity! Let's not miss it.

## Anointing of the Sick The giving and receiving of signs

The anointing of the sick will be administered at all Masses at St. Patrick's on Nov. 27-28 to all "whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age."

In this sacrament of the sick a sign is given by the Church to the sick person, and the one who is sick gives a sign to the community. The care and concern of the community are signs to the sick person of the Lord's own great concern for the bodily and spiritual welfare of the sick.

The sick in return offer a sign to the community. In the celebration of this sacrament they give witness to their promises at baptism to die and be buried with Christ. They tell the community that in their present suffering they are prepared to fill up in their flesh what is lacking in Christ's sufferings for the salvation of the world.



This exchange of signs, this witness and communication between the sick and the healthy members of the community, is at the heart of the sacrament of the sick.

The sick are assured that their suffering is not useless but has meaning and value for their own salvation and the salvation of the world. At the same time the Church asks the Lord to lighten their suffering and save them. The sick are seen as productive members of the community, contributing to the welfare of all by associating themselves freely with Christ's passion and death.

Thus the celebration of this sacrament is a concern not only of the sick person and the anointing representative of the Church, but of all the faithful in that time and place.

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English word meaning one-tenth part of one's annual income in kind or money; contributed voluntarily for charitable purposes."

On Nov. 13-14 we're bound to hear more about tithing, one way of responding to the invitation to "sacrificial giving," or another term for "stewardship of treasure." Putting one's gifts, even the gift of "treasure" to good use rather than socking it away for another day. Giving until it hurts. (It's supposed to "hurt," isn't it, if it's "sacrificial"?)

During last August's stewardship drive, when St. Patrick's parishioners

were asked to consider sharing their God-given time and talents, tithing may have taken on a special meaning. Tithing of time and talents? What a concept! And so easily, then, applied to a sharing of one's "treasure," yet another gift.

Perhaps tithing, whether of time or talent or treasure, will one day help us turn the focus from receiving to giving, with tithing a reality that helps us share God's generosity in ways we've never before realized were possible. In one of the great Christian paradoxes, giving truly is receiving.

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## WATCH *We Are The CHurch*

Twenty-eight parishioners enthusiastically completed St. Patrick's first WATCH weekend, Sept. 24-26. WATCH, an acronym for We Are The CHurch, is a program that offers a parish-wide opportunity for renewal, especially significant as we prepare to enter the Jubilee Year. WATCH calls people to a deeper relationship with God, and a richer relationship with one another in the Body of Christ.

Leadership was provided by a team of parishioners from Holy Cross and other parishes where the WATCH program has been held for a number of years. They spoke from their own experiences in areas such as prayer, grace, sharing God's love, and responding to a call for action. Meditation and prayer, music, small group discussions, visual images and fellowship deepened the experience.

The first evening, participants engaged in quiet meditation to soft music in the church illuminated only by many candles. The next evening, after a full day of talks, discussion, shared meals, and laughter, the group held a reconciliation service and had the opportunity for individual (sacramental) reconciliation with a priest. On Sunday the group interacted with parishioners at Coffee Shop and worshiped with parishioners at the 10:30 Mass.

Dave Palmisano and Frank Rentschler took care of the corporal needs of WATCH participants by providing great meals. The WATCH Team, including Jerry Manint from Bement, Don Efinger from Peoria, Dave and Sharon Aschinger from Holy Cross, and Dan and Pris Murphy worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the weekend very special. A chapel was created in the lounge, and prior to and

during the talks the team prayed for the presenters and the participants.

Although the weekend was packed, participants said that they grew to know and appreciate one another in new ways. Margy said, "This was a wonderful, spirit-filled weekend where I was privileged to get to know fellow parishioners in a deeply personal way!" Lu shared that she did not come into the weekend with any particular expectations, not really knowing much about WATCH, but she thought "it was a very encouraging, fruitful, and peaceful time," and the talks, meditations, and liturgies were "great, helpful, encouraging." Chuck said the weekend was "good for the parish. But it was also *good for me.*" Sharyn wrote that "this is a very good program and an



important part of building fellowship within the parish and among the parishes." Theresa said this was the first retreat she had ever attended, and she "prayed for God to lead" as she came to "examine my relationship with God," and she is still "trying to absorb all the information and feelings." Tracy found the talks, meditations, and liturgies "touching, moving, intense, enlightening." Elaine "enjoyed the love each person showed." Leo thought "WATCH was a great experience. I would recommend it..." Peter

enthusiastically asserted that the program should be shared "with the rest of the world!"

A consensus of those who experienced the weekend was that it should be offered again so that others might also benefit from it. The next WATCH weekend will take place Feb. 25-27, and you are invited to participate. More information about the program may be obtained from Mary Long, Evangelization Coordinator and WATCH Board President (367-2665), or from any of the participants in the September retreat weekend.

## *The Presentation of Mary*

On Nov. 21 the Catholic Church commemorates the Presentation of Mary in the Temple. Traditionally, a child was presented in the Temple as a sign that his or her entire life would be dedicated to God. As with Mary's conception and birth, certain details have no clear apostolic foundation. However, since Scripture does inform us about Mary's relatives, tales about a special occasion for commending her to God in Jerusalem seem plausible.

The feast signifies for us Mary's total dedication to God, in readiness for her future vocation as mother of the Incarnate Lord. She is seen once again as the best example of a person totally open to hearing God's message and doing God's will.

### *Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .*

Judy Conover

#### *Dilled Mushrooms*

2 6-oz cans sliced mushrooms, drained, or 1 lb fresh sliced mushrooms  
4 T margarine

1 1/2 t dill weed  
1/2 t seasoned salt  
1/2 t garlic salt  
1 t lemon juice

Mix all ingredients and put in small casserole. Bake at 350 degrees until mushrooms are tender (about 1/2 hour for fresh ones).



*A letter from Susan Nagele*

*To Fr. Remm and all the good people of St. Pat's:*

Greetings to all of you. I suggest you choose your favorite drink and sit down in a comfortable chair to read this. What I have to write is a big surprise even for me.

On Sept. 20 I came to Lokichokio after attending an area meeting for Maryknoll. The meeting included all Association members in Kenya, Sudan, and Tanzania.

I was shocked to find that Fr. Tim, Flora, and Sr. Frances had come as well. During the previous week Fr. Tim had begun to look into many things that had been unaccounted for by the Sudanese workers during his three-month leave. The workers went on strike and began threatening the safety of the parish team. They made wild and ridiculous accusations about Fr. Tim and Flora to divert attention away from themselves. Apparently there was also a list of accusations against me, but these weren't discussed because I wasn't present.

The local authorities not only encouraged these accusations but expelled Flora and gave her 30 days to leave the area. All three arrived in Loki completely humiliated and



exhausted after being insulted and intimidated not only by the workers but by the authority that is supposed to support and protect us. They went to Kenya and Uganda to rest, and I remained here with Ydo Jacobs, our project coordinator, to await Dr. Martin, our health coordinator. We also called Auxiliary Bishop Akio Johnson Mutek. They arrived two days ago, and the bishop will go into Sudan to sort out the problems with the people involved....

*01 October 1999*

I have since come to Nairobi and attended a workshop on the eradication of guinea worm. Guinea worm is transmitted when a person drinks contaminated water. This tiny microscopic worm grows to 3 feet long and usually comes out from the legs or arms over several days or weeks. It causes a lot of pain and swelling that prevent the person from doing his or her normal work for all that time.

I am directly involved with Ethiopian health care workers in a cross-border collaboration project to prevent transmission of the disease to Ethiopia, which is very close to stopping transmission and eradicating the disease in that country. Sudan, unfortunately, accounts for about 50,000 cases, over half the cases in the world. We have a lot of work and a long way to go! A highlight of the meeting was to meet health care workers from northern Sudan and find some common ground where we can work together. The eventual eradication of guinea worm will require peace, and every little step we can

make to work together will hopefully lead to an end to the war.

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and support. Hopefully we will be able to solve this most recent difficulty quickly and get on with our plans for the future. We keep you all in our prayers too and hope you and your loved ones are well and abundantly blessed by God.

*07 October 1999*

Thank you *very* much for your donation of \$5909.95 on July 20. I am currently in Narus, southern Sudan, waiting to return to Lotimor. The bishop has been very supportive, and we are hopeful. Again, many thanks.

*Peace + God Bless,  
Susan*

*Items needed for Christmas auction Dec. 12*

The St. Patrick's (Guild-sponsored) North Pole Expo will be here before you know it (as we always say about Christmas and Tax Day). And of course it's true; Dec. 12 is but 40 days away. A few parishioners have been working hard making ornaments for sale at the Expo—watch especially for the "Angels Everywhere" ornament table. And the "sweets" table will be laden with plates of Christmas cookies and other portable delectables. But for the auction, donated items are needed, and that's where you come in.

What do you have at home, or what could you make, that's kind of special that would tempt parishioners to join in the bidding and make a handsome donation just so it could grace their home or shorten their Christmas shopping list or add a tasty treat to a holiday table? Last year's auction included a handsome homemade creche, a

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And so it is also in this time and place, at St. Patrick's in Urbana, when we celebrate this sacrament communally. As we will on the First Sunday of Advent, at all Masses when we gather to worship, the healthy and the sick, in the giving and receiving of signs.

*Through this holy anointing  
may the Lord in his love and mercy  
help you  
with the grace of the Holy Spirit.  
May the Lord who frees you from  
sin  
save you and raise you up.*

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## Learning about community services *Family Life Skills Learning Center*

Domestic violence and spousal abuse are serious social problems that tear apart families and hurt individuals.

Repairing the damage caused by these problems requires intensive teaching to learn life skills that can overcome years of abuse. In Champaign County this kind of special teaching can be found at the Family Life Skills Learning Center.

At a Parish Council meeting earlier this year, Dixie and Larry Carter talked about the Family Life Skills Learning Center, an organization that ministers to people experiencing spouse abuse and domestic violence.

The Center teaches life skills to people with the goal of restoring the individual and possibly the family. According to Dixie, skills taught include learning to process emotions such as hurt, anger, shame, and guilt. All clients are accepted with unconditional love.

Dixie and Larry were asked by their pastor to become facilitators for a counseling program to serve hurting couples because he was overwhelmed by the needs of so many suffering people in his church. He asked the Carters to participate in the program because he knew about their own experiences with domestic violence and how they overcame it.

Dixie estimated that over 400 adults will use the services of the Center this year. And the program is being expanded to include middle school and high school students.

Most people hear about the Center by word of mouth, especially from others who have been through the program. Other individuals are referred through the court system or the Department of Children and Family Services.

At the Center there are 17 teachers and 3 office staff. The

teachers receive special training to become facilitators for the program. The Center also depends on volunteers to lend a hand. Anyone who wants to volunteer at the Center can call Becky (351-3033).

Financial help comes from grants, donations, and fees paid by clients on a sliding scale, from \$6-\$12 per hour. The Center receives no state aid, Dixie said. Staff and teachers receive some compensation for their work.

The Family Life Skills Learning Center is located at 1702 Interstate Drive, Champaign. Interested people can find the Center by driving on Mattis north of Interstate 74 and turning right at the second stop light (Interstate Drive).

The Center celebrated its 10th anniversary in Champaign on Oct. 3. The program was started 15 years ago in Quincy, Illinois.

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lovely wreath, a decorated Christmas tree, hand-crocheted baby blankets and bonnets, really special pies, tasty rolls, Beanie Babies, and



more—much more! If you can plan to bring something for the auction, please call the parish office (367-2665) and "make Leslie's day"! (That's Leslie Risatti, parish secretary, but also president of St. Patrick's Guild.)

The North Pole Expo will be held on Sunday, Dec. 12, in the main hall. The "sweets" table and "Angels Everywhere" ornaments tables will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The auction will begin at 10:30 a.m.

## *St. Martin de Porres, patron of interracial justice*

Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru on December 9, 1579. His mother was a free black woman and his father a Spanish nobleman. Martin was illegitimate; when his father saw his dark skin, he despised him and for many years abandoned his son.

Even as a young child, Martin exhibited a call to holiness. He decided to enter religious life and chose the Dominican Priory of the Holy Rosary, requesting not to be a priest or a brother (both would have been barred to him by Church and State law because of his race) but to be admitted as a lay servant, doing the lowliest tasks in the house.

Martin never forgot where he came from. His ministry extended to the poor and most abandoned of the city of Lima; they flocked to the priory by the hundreds. Martin slept only a few hours; he spent his days working and giving service to the needy and his nights in prayer.

Martin was an organizer. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, schools, and a home for young women to stay in before being married. His charity embraced not only the people of Lima but even the animals that came to him to be healed.

Dominicans are called mendicant friars because they beg for their living. Martin begged in order to help the poor so that they would be able to help themselves. He spent his whole life doing good for others.

Martin predicted his own death, falling sick with a fever. With his Dominican brothers around his bed, chanting the Salve Regina and the Creed, he died on Nov. 3, 1639. The Church honors him on Nov. 5.



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## St. Patrick's Parish

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	<b>1</b> All Saints Day 7:00am 12:10pm & 5:15pm Mass 7:00pm Pro-Life Com 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Over 21 7:00pm FGDW	<b>2</b> All Souls Day 7:00am 12:10pm & 5:15pm Mass 9:00am Bible Study 6:45pm First Reconciliation Class 7:00pm Financial Affairs Com 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir	<b>3</b> 5:00pm SVDP 6:00pm Children's Rel Ed, Urbana 6:15pm Choir 6:30pm Children's Rel Ed, St. Joe 7:30pm Centennial Lecture, Rab'ri Kuslucz	<b>4</b> 5:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Building & Grounds Com	<b>5</b> 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH 7:00pm Senior Citizens	<b>6</b>  9:00am Building & Grounds Work Party
<b>7</b> 9:00am & 11:00am Children's Rel Ed 10:15am Children's Liturgy 6:30pm Jr/Sr High Rel Ed 6:30pm Bible Study Leaders	<b>8</b> 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Over 21 7:00pm Education Com 7:00pm Social Action Com 7:00pm FGDW	<b>9</b> 9:00am Bible Study 6:45pm First Reconciliation Class 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir 7:30pm Parish Council Exec Com	<b>10</b> 9:30am Funeral Schola 5:00pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Children's Rel Ed, Urbana 6:30pm Children's Rel Ed, St. Joe 7:00pm Memorial Service 7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Lecture Series Mtg	<b>11</b> 9:00am Building & Grounds Work Party 9:00am Guild Mtg (Vote) 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Baptism Prep	<b>12</b> 10:30am Mass-Urbana NH 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	<b>13</b> Stewardship of Treasure Weekend  9:00am Building & Grounds Work Party
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Thanksgiving Baskets				Parish Office Closed		
<b>28</b> Communal Anointing of the Sick at all masses 6:30pm Bible Study Leaders	<b>29</b> 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm FGDW	<b>30</b> 6:00pm First Reconciliation Celebration	<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.</p> <p>Deadline for the next issue of In Focus is November 14.</p>			