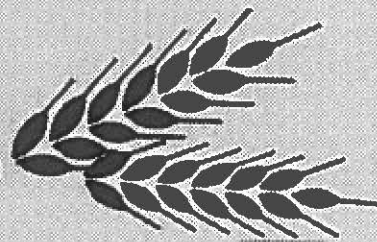


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



## The Three Days: Getting Ready for Easter

Holy Thursday brings to an end the Forty Days of Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday.

Marked by prayer, almsgiving, fasting, and the preparation of the catechumens for baptism, the season of Lent is brought to a close and the Three Days begin as we approach the liturgy of Holy Thursday evening.

These Three Days, the Easter Triduum, is the center, the core of the entire year for Christians. They mark the mystery around which our entire lives are played out. We measure these days in step with the catechumens: our own rebirth is revitalized as we participate in their initiation rites, just as we have supported them along their way.

### HOLY THURSDAY

On Thursday evening we enter into the Triduum together. Whether presider, baker, lector, preacher, wine maker, greeter, altar server, minister of the eucharist, decorator, or person in the last pew of the church, we begin by hearkening to the word of God.

Afterward we, like Jesus, do something strange: we wash feet. Jesus gave us this image of what the Church is supposed to look like, feel like, act like.

Then we celebrate the eucharist. Because it is connected to the other liturgies of the Triduum, the evening has no real ending. Whether we stay to pray awhile or leave, we are now in the quiet, the peace, and the glory of the Triduum.



### GOOD FRIDAY

We gather quietly in community on Friday and again listen to the word of God. After the homily we pray for all the world's needs--for the Church; for the Pope, the clergy, and all the baptized; for those preparing for initiation; for the unity of Christians; for Jews; for non-Christians; for atheists; for all in public office; for those in special need. *Continued on P. 2* —

## For Widows and Widowers: "Life after Loss"



"Life after Loss," a program that offers the opportunity for the widowed to experience healing, comfort, and hope, is a one-day retreat consisting of video presentations, individual journaling, and small group sharing sessions.

This retreat is recommended for widows and widowers who seek to resolve the grief they are living with after the death of a spouse and to start the healing process. It

is intended to help them find peace and joy once again.

The "Life after Loss" retreat will be offered at St. Patrick's on Saturday, Apr. 29, in the parish center. It begins at 9 a.m. and concludes with Mass at 5 p.m., followed by supper.

The video "Invincible Summer: Returning to Life after Someone You Love Has Died" leads viewers through the seasons of grief using the theme of the seasons of the year, offering both help and hope throughout. Time for reflection is provided so that participants can sort out their feelings and

thoughts, then all join in sharing their stories and feelings, listening to and supporting one another. Thus the wounds of loss and grief begin to heal.

This retreat is not recommended for those widowed for less than four months because their loss may be still too fresh in minds and hearts.

Reservations for the retreat may be made by calling Sr. Charlene Cesario (367-2665, days) or Donna Guzy (469-7204, evenings). A donation of \$15 covers the cost of both lunch and dinner. The deadline for reservations is Apr. 19. ■

Then there is another once-a-year event: the holy cross is held up in our midst and we come forward, one by one, to do reverence with a kiss, a bow, or a genuflection. This communal reverence of an instrument of torture recalls the painful price of salvation, in the past and even today.



During the veneration of the cross we sing of the sorrow and the glory of the cross by which we have been saved.

We continue in fasting and prayer and vigil, in rest and quiet, through Saturday. This Saturday for us is God's rest at the end of creation, Christ's repose in the tomb.

### EASTER VIGIL

Hungry now, pared down to basics, the committed members of the Church, the already baptized, gather in darkness and light a new fire. From this blaze we light a

great candle that will make this night bright for us and will burn throughout the Easter season.

We hearken again to the word of God with some of the most powerful narratives and proclamations of our tradition.

We then pray to all our saints to stand with us as we go to the font and bless the waters. The chosen of all times and all places attend to



what is about to take place. The catechumens renounce evil, profess the faith of the Church, and are baptized and anointed.

All of us renew our baptism promises. For us these are the moments when death and life meet, when we reject evil and give our promises to God. All that is done is done in the communion of the Church. So together we go to the table and celebrate the Easter eucharist.

*Christ is risen!*  
*Christ is truly risen!* ■

## Parish Council News

At their March meeting Council members heard about Habitat for Humanity from parishioner Jack Collins, who has worked with the organization for some time. Since its founding in 1976 Habitat has built about 80,000 homes for 400,000 people in 62 countries. With "sweat equity" part of the requirement for ownership, new homeowners share construction and other chores with volunteers, putting in 200-500 hours of work. They must have the ability to pay their mortgage, and Habitat follows up to be sure payments are being made. Volunteers help in a variety of ways, including providing meals for workers, answering phones, actually working on construction of the home. In this area it costs \$45-50,000 to build a 3- or 4-bedroom house. Many St. Patrick's parishioners have

worked with Habitat, and the University's chapter has enrolled over 500 student volunteers.

On June 10 a party and raffle will be held as a fund raiser for the new Catholic High School. The first prize is a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, with a second-prize moped and some cash prizes. The number of tickets, priced at \$50 each, is limited.

The Long Range Planning Committee has held its first meeting. The group will meet bimonthly and hopes to be able to present a plan in the fall of 2001 that identifies anticipated changes in the community in the long term, the potential effects of these changes on St. Patrick's Parish, and how we might address them.

The Building and Grounds Committee has received a gift of \$2000 toward the cost of landscap-

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ing, etc. This and other funds enable them to move ahead with the project.

The next Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Apr. 27. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings.

For those interested in a more complete report of Parish Council deliberations, the minutes of Council meetings are posted in the church vestibule and on the bulletin board in the office wing of the parish center. ■

# CREW and Destination Jesus 2000

Teens from St. Patrick's recently traveled to Indianapolis for Destination Jesus, a weekend prayer festival that allows young people to find Jesus, welcome him into their lives, and build a daily relationship with him.

Making Christ the center of their lives is the goal of the song-, prayer-, and community-filled weekend. The Blessed Sacrament was placed at the center of a gymnasium that was thereby effectively turned into a church, and young people surrounded the altar and committed the weekend to praying, adoration, singing, focusing on vocations, listening to talks, and sharing with others—a spiritual effort to empty themselves so that Christ might fill them.

In addition to emphasis on



Dining at Destination Jesus (from the left): Nikki Parker, Erin Byrd, and Danielle Schaub.

Mass and the sacrament of Reconciliation, available throughout the weekend.

This year—the second for teens from St. Patrick's—over 700 teens from around the country were in attendance. Many of our teens invited Christ into their lives and expressed a desire to know him more fully.

Patrick Howey and Nikki Parker, both from St. Patrick's, were active participants in the Stations of

the Cross on Friday evening. Two others, Danielle Schaub and Jacqueline Kalipeni, participated in the closing Mass on Sunday with the Most Reverend William L. Higi, bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette (Ind.).

During "Open Microphone," a time when teens have the opportunity to stand before the assembly and say what the weekend meant to them, Jacqueline Kalipeni and Elise

Riehle from St. Patrick's gave moving accounts of how Jesus had touched their hearts.

St. Patrick's parishioners can be very proud of our young people. They represent a hope for the future and for the Church. We can look to them as models for what it means to open our hearts to Jesus Christ. We pray that the Holy Spirit continues to fill and act in all! ■



Elise Riehle shares with 700 teens how Jesus touched her heart during Destination Jesus.

prayer in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the weekend offered the staples of daily



Taking time out for a bit of fun are some of the CREW from St. Patrick's.

## Good Things Happening... April at St. Patricks

- 1 CREW auction
- 7 K of C Fish Fry
- 8-9 Council Election
- 11 Communal Penance Service
- 14 K of C Fish Fry
- 15 Church Spring Cleaning
- 20 Holy Thursday
- 21 Good Friday
- 22 Easter Vigil
- 29 Life after Loss Retreat
- 30 First Communion

## "We are the Church" —Yes!

Twenty parishioners enthusiastically completed the second WATCH weekend retreat at St. Patrick's Feb. 25-27. WATCH (We Are The CHurch) offers a parish-wide opportunity for renewal. It calls people to a deeper relationship with God and a richer relationship with one another in the Body of Christ.

The first parish team, with the assistance of several speakers from Holy Cross Parish, provided leadership for the weekend. They spoke from their own experiences in such areas 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. On Friday evening, participants experienced quiet meditation to soft music and beautiful slides in the church, which was illuminated by candlelight. Each person wrote on a leaf-shaped paper something he or she wanted to let go of for the weekend and then burned the leaf to symbolize turning it over to God.

On Saturday evening, after a day of talks, discussion, and laughter, the group held a reconciliation service with priests providing the opportunity for individual reconciliation.

On Sunday participants enjoyed Coffee Shop and celebrated with the parish at 10:30 Mass. They sang the WATCH theme song, "All Are Welcome," at Communion as Minette Sterneke "signed" the words in a prayer of graceful gesture.

A team of more than 30 people helped to make the WATCH weekend special indeed. Dave Palmisano, Frank Rentschler, Connie Shaw, and a dedicated kitchen crew provided great meals and waited on the participants hand and foot. The WATCH team included spiritual directors Deacon Don Efinger from Peoria and Deacon Dan and Pris Murphy, and leaders Minette Sterneke and

Dave and Bonnie Ellis. They worked tirelessly to keep the weekend flowing smoothly and on schedule.

Cliff Maduzia set up a chapel in the lounge; before and during the talks, team members and parish volunteers prayed for presenters and participants.

"Agape" letters from other WATCH communities lent encouragement and prayerful support. It was estimated that about 8000 WATCH participants throughout Illinois and several other states were praying for participants in our WATCH weekend retreat!

The men and women who participated in this retreat said that they grew to know and appreciate one another in new ways. Steve said that not only did the group grow in community, but that "we grew in the Body of Christ through the Holy Spirit, through one another." He hoped to see more people from the parish take part in the next WATCH weekend to use all the new round tables! Mary was touched by "all the work the WATCH team and the people who prayed, made meals, etc., did to show that it was important to them to help with WATCH."

Carol said that much touched her, "starting from the top, Minette's caring and joyous personality, Deacon Don's 'heart talk,' the Friday evening meditation in the candlelit church and slide images (wow!), Pris's courageous journey, Ed's sharing talk, the music, Fr. Kane (he's super!!)."

Peggy said "actually, everything this weekend touched me most." Pulchratia enjoyed the "speeches that contained personal stories, and the faith sharing small groups." Curtis considered it "time well spent" and "better than I had imagined." Bridget was "touched by God through the people I met." Tom liked "the open, friendly atmosphere and the friendships that developed." He added: "This is a fantastic program—a great out-



reach for the parish. I wish more people would attend!" Cliff expected to get a lot of information from the weekend, but he found instead "some information and a good amount of faith sharing. This was *much* better!"

The next WATCH weekend retreat will be Sept. 15-17, and you are invited to participate. Everyone is welcome to participate, whether a parishioner or Catholic or not.

More information about this parish renewal program may be obtained from Mary Long, Evangelization Coordinator and WATCH Board president (367-2665), but you can learn much from the enthusiastic participants of previous weekends. It won't take much to get them talking about it, and you may find your questions answered without asking! ■

**Q:** What should I do with the palms I have left from last year?

**Q&A**

**A:** Many people use them to decorate a crucifix or shrine; others braid them and keep them on a home altar or picture of Christ or Mary. The palms are sacramentals and so are meant to remind us of a truth of our faith. They may be buried or burned and thrown away.

— FR. GENE KANE

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

## Social Action Committee Reacts to Injustice of Economic Sanctions

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; anointing me and sending me ... to proclaim liberty to captives ... to release prisoners.*

The Social Action Committee, in response to the Jubilee Year themes of liberation and justice, discussed the impact of the economic sanctions on Iraq and its ruinous effects on the lives of ordinary citizens.

In February members met with Mohammed Al-Heeti, an Iraqi-American business man and 17-year resident of C-U. He showed two videos, "Why?" and "Silent Weapon: The Embargo against Iraq," which depict the intense suffering and loss of life experienced by the Iraqi people since economic sanctions were imposed in 1990.

Before the Gulf War, Iraq had a high standard of living, with plenty of food, clean water, and one of the best health care systems in the region. Since the sanctions, the quality of life has plummeted to disastrous levels. Over a million people have died as a result of the sanctions. UNICEF reports indi-

cate that approximately 6000 children under the age of 5 and elderly are dying each month from conditions attributable to the sanctions, including malnutrition, amoebic dysentery, and diarrhea.

During the Gulf War Iraq's water and sewer systems were severely damaged and remain in disrepair because chlorine and replacement parts are banned under the embargo. There are no working ambulances or incubators for at-risk infants because parts needed for repair are not allowed into the country. Medicines are in very short supply or unavailable. Two of Mohammed's cousins, age 20 and 40, died from asthma due to the lack of inhalers. Pencils and medical journals are also banned under the sanctions program.

The video "Silent Embargo" pointed out that the policy of economic sanctions is cruel and immoral because it results in the suffering and death of the most vulnerable in Iraq. Christians were urged to take a stand on this policy from leaders of the Catholic

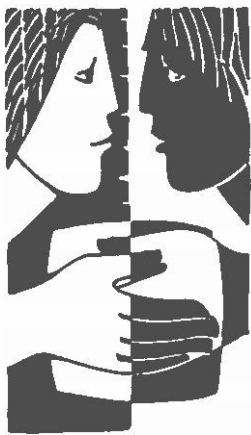
Church, the World Council of Churches, and other Christian denominations.

Sharon Monday-Dorsey presented materials used in a letter writing campaign in the Diocese of Joliet sponsored by the Office of Peace and Justice ministry as a sample of what could be done locally. She also presented a petition calling for the de-linking of economic and military sanctions.

Committee members discussed how this information might be presented to the parish and will continue this discussion at their next meeting.

If you would like to view the video or receive information on the impact of the economic sanctions on Iraq, contact Sharon (344-3016, ayuda@prairienet.org). The video and information can be incorporated into your Lenten practices, reflection, and action within your family, Bible study, base community, and religious education programs. ■

## From RLCC: The C-U Good News



The Religious Leaders for Community Care (RLCC) have developed the following mission statement: "The purpose of Religious Leaders for Community Care is to unite the religious leaders of Champaign County through racial reconciliation and working together for the social, ethical, economic, and spiritual betterment of all people who live in our communities."

The group's March bulletin included information on the success of "pulpit exchanges" in the area, which participants said helped to expand their understanding of God's call to work together to address both institutional and individual racism.

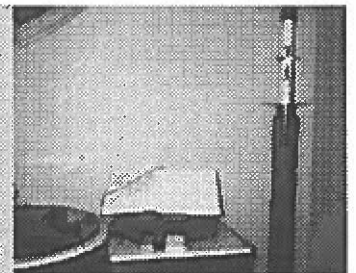
On Mar. 23 the tenth annual gathering of religious leaders and school officials took place. Its stated purpose was to renew the partnership between public schools and religious communities in C-U, to improve children's learning in our community, and to identify specific ways to collaborate.

On Apr. 4 a bus will take local residents to Chicago

to participate in the "National March to Protest the Prison-Jail Industrial Complex." The five-mile march from the doors of Gov. George Ryan's downtown Chicago office to the doors of Cook County Jail has attracted ministers, civil rights activists, juvenile justice and prison reform advocates, parents, students, and educators. The bus will leave early in the morning and return late that afternoon; approximate cost per person is \$18. For information or to reserve your seat on the bus, call Rev. Charles Jackson (356-0323) or Ms. Teressia Cowper (356-4161). ■

### Pray for the Elect!

During Lent our prayers are requested for the Elect, the men and women who are preparing to enter the Church during the Easter Vigil. The Book of the Elect containing the signatures of those who have accepted God's invitation is placed in the baptistry of the church as a reminder to all of us, who with them have entered this period of purification. Yes, pray for the Elect!



## Quick Fixin's from the Kitchen of... Mary Kay Fonner

### TOMATO CHOWDER

#### Part 1:

2 c diced potatoes  
3/4 c onion  
1 c diced celery  
1 large can diced tomatoes  
1 t salt  
1/4 t pepper  
1/4 t oregano  
2 1/2 c water

#### Part 2:

3 T margarine, melted  
1 t Worcestershire sauce  
1/4 c flour  
1 T parsley  
3/4 t salt  
2 c milk  
1/2 t dry mustard  
1 1/2 c cheese  
(try cheddar)



Combine and simmer Part 1 ingredients until veggies are tender. Mix Part 2 as for a cream sauce. Combine Parts 1 and 2. **Do not boil**, as milk will curdle.

## Focus on Ministry

### CANTOR



The cantor assists the assembly in singing hymns and acclamations. This ministry includes singing the verses of psalms and sometimes of other songs while the assembly or choir sings the refrains.

This minister works closely with the organist and must have a good sense for when leadership and support are needed and when the assembly can function quite well on its own. The cantor needs musical abilities and a good sense for the way we pray through music. What the cantor does *is* prayer—not only the content, but the presence to the assembly and style of presentation.

Time commitment includes practice on one's own and warm-up with the organist before Mass. The cantor serves during the Mass of choice whenever possible. Cantors are needed for all parish weekend and special liturgies.

*Music Director:* Dr. J. Mark Baker, 367-2665,  
bakerlo@soltec.net

## St Mark, Wimp or Winner?

On April 25 we honor the winged lion of God: Mark the evangelist.

A critical look at St. Mark's career as an evangelist might focus on some negative aspects: he was not an apostle, he was not an eyewitness of the events he recorded, he seemed to be a quitter on a missionary journey, and he had an undistinguished literary style.

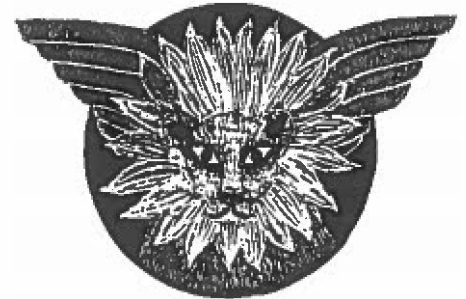
But shall we take a closer look?

Scholars say that Mark was probably a member of one of the earliest Christian communities in Jerusalem. His mother, Mary, owned a house there, where early Christians gathered to pray. The fact that Mark returned to Jerusalem, leaving Paul and Barnabas to continue their missionary journey without him, has led to speculation that he was simply homesick. Paul himself was displeased and, despite Barnabas's urging, refused to let Mark join them on their second journey. (Later, Paul and Mark were reconciled.)

It is true that Mark was not present for the incidents he recorded in his gospel. But learning of these from the eyewitness accounts of Peter, Mark was able to give apostolic origin to his gospel. He drew on other sources too, composing his great work between 60 and 70 a.d.

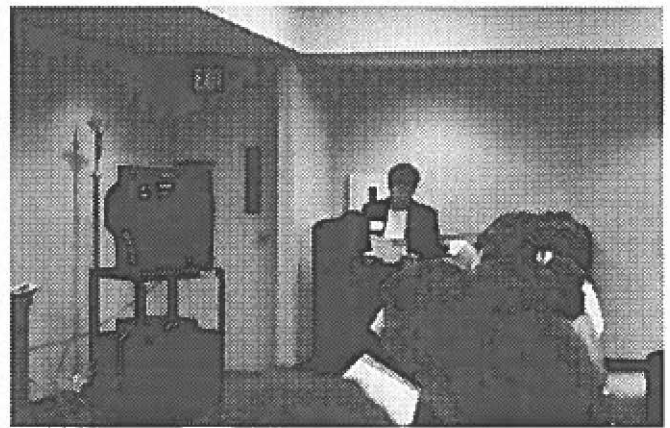
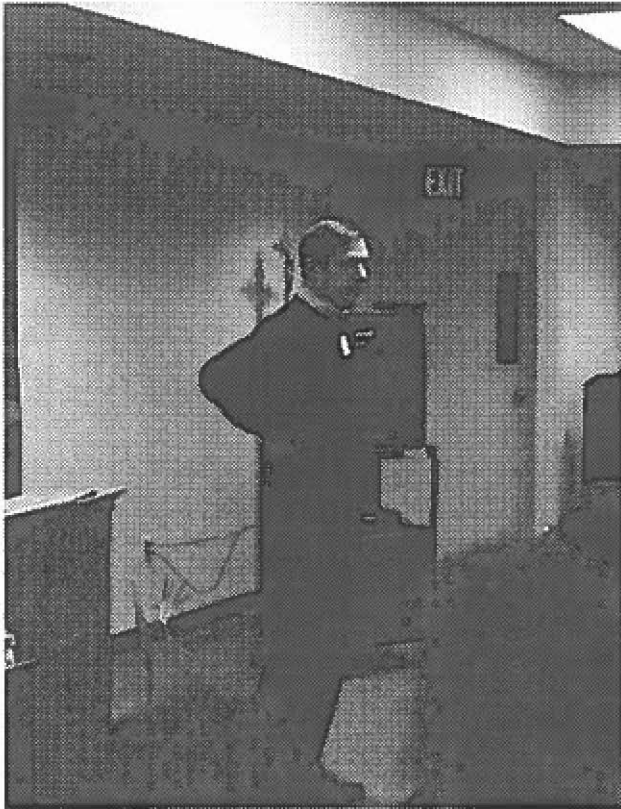
Mark's is the oldest of the four gospels, shorter than the other three and not written in high literary style. But his popular approach, direct and colloquial, is well suited to the details he gives of everyday life. His greatest contribution as an evangelist is his revealing the emotional reactions of Jesus.

The winged lion is Mark's symbol: the lion derives from Mark's description of John the Baptist as a "voice of one crying out in the desert," which artists compared to a roaring lion, and the wings come from the application of Ezekiel's vision of four winged creatures to the four evangelists.



For helping us to understand the human side of Jesus, even the most critical viewer will find Mark a winner. Tradition says he won the prize of martyrdom while working in Alexandria, Egypt. His bones are said to rest in the Cathedral of St. Mark in Venice, Italy, where the people are so proud of their patron that for centuries the winged lion has been a symbol of the city! ■

## Fr. Mike Schaub and Sr. Sandra Brunenn Led Parishioners in an Experience of Prayer During the Parish Lenten Retreat



### in our parish library

If the parish Lenten retreat, facilitated by Fr. Mike Schaub and Sr. Sandra Brunenn, whetted your appetite for prayer, you may find these books helpful:

*Centering Prayer in Daily Life and Ministry*, ed. Gustave Reininger. Centering Prayer allies meditation with silent prayer and offers a powerful method of attending to the word of God. This collection offers key insights into the meaning and practice of centering prayer from several proponents.

*Open Mind, Open Heart: The Contemplative Dimension of the Gospel*, by Thomas Keating. This book is designed to initiate the reader into a deep, living relationship with God, "where one is open to the Infinite and hence to infinite possibilities."

*The Mystery of Christ: The Liturgy*

*as Christian Experience*, by Thomas Keating. Recovering a deeper sense of the liturgical year, Fr. Keating provides a remarkable collection on the experience of Christ in the liturgy and the contemplative dimension of Christian worship.

*Lift Your Sails: The Challenge of Being a Christian*, by Vincent Dwyer. "The winds of God's grace are always blowing, but we must make an effort to lift our sails." Fr. Dwyer blends psychological insights with the teachings of the great spiritual masters to show how this vision can help us to grow spiritually.

*A Taste of Silence*, by Carl J. Arico. Fr. Arico explores the fundamental practice of centering prayer and its impact on one's life, providing a historical foundation, balance, insight, a degree of

humor, and peace of mind.

*The Loving Search for God: Contemplative Prayer and The Cloud of Unknowing*, by William A. Meninger. A Trappist monk and retreat master, the author explains contemplative prayer in terms that make it approachable.

*Invitation to Love: The Way of Christian Contemplation*, by Thomas Keating. Fr. Keating outlines the stages of spiritual growth in which the regular practice of contemplative prayer initiates a healing process that might be called "divine therapy."

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If you have trouble locating books or other materials in the library, or want to know whether the library has something on a subject of interest to you, please call Frances Drone-Silver's (398-1458), parish library coordinator. She will be pleased to help. ■

## Blessed Joseph Kowalski, a Model of Steadfastness

Last June Fr. Joseph Kowalski was beatified as a martyr. He was only 31 years old in 1942, when he was brutally executed by guards at the infamous Auschwitz concentration camp. His only "crimes" were his zealous dedication to the religious education of the young and, during confinement, his caring ministry to his abused fellow prisoners.

Following is a chilling account of the events of Fr. Kowalski's last moments on earth, as reported in *Salesian* (Winter 1999-2000 issue):

"It was very hot. The guards were going mad killing prisoners and amusing themselves with acts of cruelty. At times they would drown some in the cesspool; others were hurled into the muddy waters of a deep canal they were digging. Those who showed any sign of life were dumped into a huge empty barrel lying on its side. Meanwhile other torturers were throwing Father Kowalski into the mud for their sadistic entertainment, then into the cesspool. Beating on him, they forced him on toward the barrel. He knelt on the barrel and in a loud voice began reciting his prayers, which made a vivid impression on the other prisoners, who were awaiting a similar fate. ... One witness said to another that the world has never heard a prayer like that."

Surviving witnesses reported that Fr. Kowalski's body was recovered from the cesspool the following morning.

The hostile authorities in wartime-occupied Poland did not allow Fr. Kowalski to exert his positive influence on young people, but his dedication and steadfastness are an inspiration for us today. As we pray, let us ask Blessed Joseph Kowalski to intercede for us: that young people will answer God's call to service in religious life or ordained ministry, and that many who have strayed from the Church will be moved to return. ■

## The Present Moment, Good and Bad

I am the mom of a four-year-old and a one-year-old. My mind races to the future with every choice I face — how will this affect them in the future? Will there be any peace in their future? How do I meet their educational needs? their social needs? their physical needs? In such a way that is good for their futures as spiritual women.

The list goes on and on; there are days when it runs through my head non-stop. But what came to me today is that when I feel besieged by such thoughts I can use them as an opportunity to consent to God's action in my life, to God's presence in my confusion and my concern.

I think that the thoughts and fears that arise during a day are opportunities to invite God into my life. I picture myself as a little child following after God and continually asking to be picked up and held—and once held, squirming out of God's embrace. But even as I squirm, my relationship with God is deepening. I keep turning back to God, invite God into my life, to become part of me, without diving into the fear or worry or concerns of the day.

My "journey" seems to be, inevitably, marked by peaks and valleys. The times of struggle, when I try to "reconnect" with God, can sometimes be very hard, but these are times of real growth for me. I am finding that God, who is ever faithful and who loves me even more than I love my own children, will also be my guide on this journey.

— Cathy D.



*When we share our faith stories, we are changed, and those we share them with are changed as well. Do you have a story to share? Send it to the Communications Committee, c/o St. Patrick's, or drop it off at the parish office. Be sure to include your name and telephone number, although names will be withheld on request. ■*

## Parish Wish List



Over the years generous parishioners have made possible, through their donations, purchase of items or equipment not regularly included in the parish's operat-

ing budget but useful to have, or the construction of oases of peace and relaxation on parish grounds for the enjoyment of all.

The current parish wish list includes several such items:

- ✓ Five CPUs to upgrade existing office computers for Internet accessibility, approximately \$600 each
- ✓ Sound Mixer Unit for Teen Liturgy choir and musicians, \$1000

- ✓ Clavinova keyboard for Teen and Children's liturgies, \$1600
- ✓ Eight round tables for parish meetings, \$139 each
- ✓ Two benches for the new patio, \$700 each

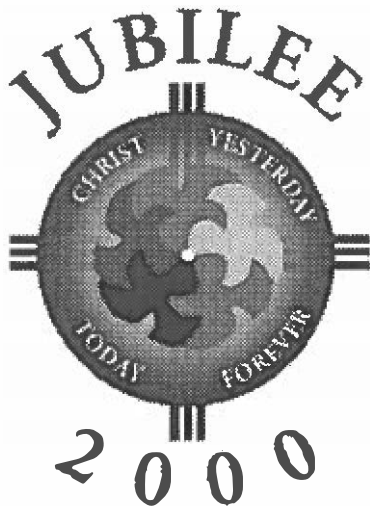
Donations earmarked for a specific item, in whole or in part, will be gratefully acknowledged! If you would like more information about any of these items, Fr. Remm will be happy to discuss them with you. ■



## From Jason Retz: An Evangelization Minute

I am a junior at St. Joseph-Ogden High School, where I participate in lots of activities, like track and bike. I am also a core member on the CREW youth group.

Through this past year I have come much closer in my relationship with God. Once my father started in the RCIA program, I really saw how my faith related to me. My family and I started helping at the Catholic Worker House, and my perception of many things changed. I saw how just putting a smile on your face can brighten someone's day. But this is just one example.



Over the last year our youth group has been working on our mission. I told some of my friends from school that we were going on a mission, and they were almost as excited as I was. They told me everything they could about mission. Because they have had these experiences before, they told me they got to work with the people they were helping, and this really got me excited about our mission.

I believe that the people we'll be helping in Washington, D.C., will be just as glad as I am once we arrive. Seeing us coming from Urbana, Illinois, halfway across the country to help them, will be as great an experience for them as

for us. When they see that someone really cares about *them*, it might change their lives; only God knows. I know it will change mine.

## Maryknoll Thanks St. Patrick's for Support of Dr. Susan Nagle

Dear Fr. Remm and parishioners,

It takes gifted men and women passionate about their Christian faith to serve the poorest of the poor overseas. And it takes friends like you to help make our work possible in 14 countries around the world.

On behalf of our missionaries, and those they serve overseas, I thank you for your ongoing support that accomplishes miracles of healing and hope. Your prayers and financial support are truly the lifeblood of Maryknoll's work.

St. Patrick's Parish made donations totaling \$7909.95 to Maryknoll Mission Association of the Faithful in 1999.

Again, I thank you for being our partners in this essential work and pray that you feel a deep sense of satisfaction from the accomplishments of our missionaries overseas.

In Christ's peace,  
Vicki Armour-Hileman  
Lay Missioner and Co-Director

## Fr. Michael Van Acker to Speak on Care for the Dying

All who care for the homebound, the hospitalized, the residents of nursing homes are called to be agents of God's love in their care for the sick, the dying, and those physically separated from their faith communities.

During this Jubilee Year all caregivers are invited to treat themselves to a day of renewal in their ministry on Saturday, Apr. 29, at the Cater Inn (1224 W. Pioneer Pkwy., Peoria), from 10 a.m. to 3

p.m.

Fr. Michael Van Acker, the chaplain at OSF St. Mary Medical Center, Galesburg, will lead participants to a deeper appreciation of their role as caregiver. He will speak on "Caring for the Dying."

Cost for the day is \$20, which includes continental breakfast and lunch. The Cater Inn can be reached by taking the University Ave. exit from I-74, driving north to Pioneer Pkwy., and then east on Pioneer Pkwy. to Cater Inn (on the right).

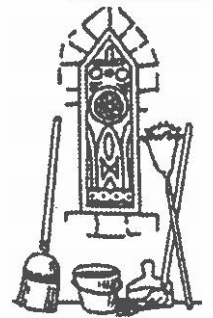
So that all who come may be accommodated, you are asked to register by sending your name, address, and the \$20 fee to: Pastoral Care Network, Office of Family Life, 412 NE Madison Ave., Peoria, IL 61603.

Car-pooling from St. Patrick's may be arranged; if you'd like to participate, please leave word at the parish office (367-2665) and indicate whether you can plan to drive. ■

### Come clean!

Everyone is invited to join in cleaning St. Patrick's church on Saturday, Apr. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon.




If you can dust, brush, polish, or shine, come to help prepare our church for the weeks of Easter.



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is April 2.

# St. Patrick's Parish, Urbana, IL

## April 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Because the In Focus calendar is prepared in advance of scheduled events and meetings, please check the weekly bulletin to confirm dates and times for specific listings. Deadline for the next issue of In Focus is April 2, 2000</p>						CREW Auction 5:00pm RCIA
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9:00am 11:00am Rel Ed 10:15am Children's Liturgy 6:30pm Leaders Bible Study 6:30pm Teen Reconciliation	7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Over 21 Club 7:00pm Pro-Life	9:30am Bible Study 6:45pm First Communion Class 7:00pm Financial Affairs 7:00pm Bible Study	5:00pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Rel Ed. Urb 6:30pm RelEd St Joe 7:00pm RCIA 7:00pm Choir	6:45am Men's Bible Study 6:45pm Bible Study 7:30pm Bldg&Grounds 7:00pm Choir	10:45 Mass Champaign County NH 5:30pm Fish Fry 6:30pm Seniors Stations of the Cross 5:15pm	CREW Spaghetti Dinner 6-8pm 6:30-9:00pm Cursillo 8:00am-1:00pm CREW Car Wash in St. Joe Parish Council Elections
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Easter Sunday 	Easter Monday Offices Closed 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Evangelization	6:30pm Liturgy 6:45pm First Communion Class 7:00pm Homily Prep	9:30am Schola 11:20am Choir 5:00pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Choir	7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Communication Com 7:00pm Parish Council	10:30am Mass Manor Care	Widow-Widowers Retreat 5:00pm BINGO
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