

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



Dialogue into the Millennium

"The Future of Religion and the Future of the Planet"

The lecture series resumes Jan. 27 with a challenging consideration for the New Year: "The Future of Religion and the Future of the Planet." Robert McKim, Associate Professor in the Program for the Study of Religion and the Department of Philosophy at the University of Illinois, will address this thought-provoking topic from several perspectives.

Among the questions he asks us to consider in preparation for his talk are the following: How should the religious traditions respond to the increasingly diverse character of our society, and to our modern awareness of religious diversity? What attitude should members of a



religious tradition take to the world views of other traditions? How should the religious traditions respond to extremely pressing contemporary global problems such as the loss of biodiversity, the destruction of native habitat, and global warming? Are there uniquely religious solutions to such problems?

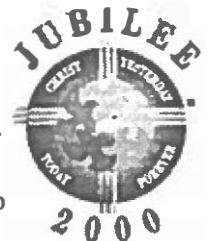
When we stop to think of the hatred that has ravaged the Balkans and the overwhelming number of environmental disasters we read about almost daily, we realize how important are the questions he raises. His last question forces us to consider how our religious tradition can help us in seeking ways to

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Have we got a deal for you!

According to the newspapers and television, all the New Year "millennium hype" is proving to be a bust. Too many people are being scared off by Y2K and fear for their lives with too many outrageous parties. So the offers of special hotel packages and cruise weekends to ring in the New Year are going unclaimed.

Well, St. Patrick's offers you a grand entrance into the next millennium at no cost and with no fear. With two events the parish will celebrate the anniversary of 2000 years of Christianity, the end of one millennium and the initiation of



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Mary's Thoughts: December 26

*Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your
heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your
sentence;
he has driven your enemies
away.
The Lord, the King of Israel,
is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.*

I do love the gifts, but what good is gold?
Better a blanket to keep out the cold.
Frankincense smells sweet when I'm near a goat,
But Joseph could do with a scarf and a coat.
What's myrrh? Will it heal all the pain that's to come?
Right now I need something my senses to numb.

To be in a manger, we could not foresee,
But, good Magi, you meant well, and soon you will see
How the Babe loves to play with the coins at his feet;
And his swaddling clothes now smell ever so sweet.
He's happy, contented, just hear Him purr.
Must be 'cause I rubbed Him with some of that myrrh.

This Christmas poem was written by the late Dorothy Mueller, sister of parishioner Artha Chamberlain.



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address these issues.

Professor McKim has taught a wide range of courses and published extensively in the areas of applied ethics, the philosophy of religion, and the history of philosophy. His most recent book, *Religious Ambiguity and Religious Diversity*, will be published this year by Oxford University Press.

Respondents are Bruce Hannon, a professor of geography, and Steve Shoemaker, director of the University YMCA. Peggy Grossman, a member of St. Patrick's and a professor in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics at the University of Illinois, will serve as facilitator for the evening, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

Afterward all are invited to stay for conversation and refreshments. There is no admission fee for the lecture series.



Welcome to new parishioners Dominic and Mary Kate Arend, Lisa Carlson, Chris and Kim Evangelisti, David and Melanie Fierke, Nursalim and Shinta Hadi, Polly Kroha, Doris Nelson, Daniel Rubenacker, Antonia and Martin Staedele, Ann and Henry Szujewski, Angela Waldhoff, Douglas Wolters.

Farewell to these parishioners who have moved from C-U: Sam Fugazzotto, David and Lella Schaaf.

We welcome the following recently baptized into our faith community: Madelyn Kay Evangelisti, Kyrie Nichole Arenas, Alexis Richelle Cribbett, Nicholas Michael Ragle, Stanley Vlach, Joseph Christopher Cengel, Eli Thomas Evans.

Please pray for deceased parishioner Blair Carlson.

Anna taught us something important

A few years ago, when our Anna was just four years old and Sarah seven, we were on our way home from the country when we came across a life-sized stable with lots of hay. Succumbing to their pleading, we stopped to investigate.



Yes, there was hay, real hay. It was bitterly cold, and both girls had runny noses, but off they went. Inside, they found a doll, a bit worn and torn, no doubt from many playful days of rocking and holding, and with no clothing. They pulled some of the loose

hay together into a kind of cushion and laid the doll carefully in the space they'd created. To "keep the baby warm," Sarah gave up her scarf and tucked it around the "baby Jesus." They sang some songs they made up on the spot, crooning softly and taking turns smoothing and tucking and patting the doll.

Finally it was time to go. After some resistance Sarah left the manger scene and ran to our car, but Anna couldn't leave so easily. She started to come, then stopped, looked at me and looked back at the baby Jesus, uncertain what to do. Then she darted back into the stable and emerged with both arms tightly wrapped around the doll. She would not leave the baby Jesus there alone.

Anna knew that Jesus was not meant to stay in a stable forever, even if he was born there. He wasn't meant to be politely viewed, patted on the head, and then left behind. The good news she taught us was that Jesus comes with us! The real place for Jesus is outside the stable, in the world with you and me, in our real lives, in our homes and in our hearts.

Kathryn A.

How St. Patrick's tithes as a parish

Most of the contributions that St. Patrick's Parish receives are used for parish programs, the staff, facilities, and materials needed for what we do. But a significant portion also goes toward the needs of the poor and the missionary work of the Church. This is how we as a parish honor the biblical practice of tithing.

Following is a partial list of donations that the parish made during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1999:

- Susan Nagele and the Maryknoll Missionaries: \$5,909
- Our sister church, Beit Jala, near Bethlehem: \$2,850
- Shoes for Mexican orphans: \$1,000
- Catholic Relief Services: \$3,406
- St. Vincent de Paul Society for local food distribution: \$10,850
- Operation Rice Bowl: \$1,037
- Good Friday collection for the Holy Land: \$378
- Pennies for Life: \$329

In addition, the parish made grants totaling \$7,965 to several groups in our community, including the American Red Cross, the Men's Winter Shelter, and Women's Shelter, New Hope Job Counseling, the Catholic Worker House, and Matthew House.

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.

Have you a dream?

On Jan. 17 we remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose speech "I Have a Dream" urged us to hope for the future.

Have you a personal dream in that same spirit?

Join St. Patrick's parishioners sharing their dreams for the future. Put a note in the Communications Committee mailbox in the Parish Center. Sign your name or not, as you wish. *In Focus* will publish as many as possible received by Jan. 16.

Philip Krein and Brigit Kelly: University Scholars

"The University Scholars program is the premier recognition accorded to faculty members at the UI by their colleagues," said Chet Gardner, the University's interim vice president for academic affairs. "In honoring these outstanding members of the faculty, selected by their peers, we recognize at the same time the highest values of the University."

Of the ten faculty members at the University's Urbana campus chosen to be 1999-00 University Scholars, two will be familiar to St. Patrick's parishioners: Philip Krein and Brigit Kelly.

Philip Krein, a well-known international scholar in the field of power electronics, has also been a strong



Philip T. Krein

research contributor in electrostatics. His research and leadership in teaching have established the UI as a leader in power electronics, a key enabling technology for energy processing critical in the development of personal computers, industrial automation, and high-performance communication networks. His new

textbook, *Elements of Power Electronics*, has been called the best work in the field. He is the faculty adviser for the College of Engineering's design-project courses to build and operate hybrid-electric vehicles.

Brigit Kelly is a nationally recognized and award-winning poet. She has held two National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellowships and is the recipient of a Nation award, a Poetry Society of America Award, a Theodore Roethke Poetry Prize, and a Lamont Poetry Prize. Her book *To the Place of Trumpets* won the Yale Series of Younger Poets Award, one of the most important prizes a young poet can win. She has been active in planning the English department's proposal for a master's of fine arts in creative writing and revived the University's long-defunct play-writing course.

Their faith community can only rejoice in the recognition, so well deserved, that Philip and Brigit have received for developing and sharing their God-given gifts. Congratulations to you both!



Brigit Kelly

"I thoroughly enjoyed the experience"

Dear Father Remm,

I want to thank you for the invitation to give the talk in the ongoing series at St. Patrick's. I want to thank you for arranging the dinner beforehand, and the opportunity to meet so many people. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and I was happy to deal with the assigned topic. Please pass on my greetings and my thanks to the folks who provided us with the wonderful dinner, and all those who took part in seeing that the program went smoothly. Evidently you have reason to be proud of your parishioners, and the undertaking of such a project.

With fraternal love,

+ Lambert, O.S.B.

Archabbot Lambert Reilly, O.S.B.

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Ecumenical memorial prayer vigil Jan. 22

On Jan. 22 people from the C-U community will gather for a declaration on the sanctity of human life on this 26th anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe v Wade* decision legalizing abortion.

The prayer vigil is sponsored jointly by Lutherans for Life, the Pro-Life Committee of St. Patrick's Church, Twin City Bible Church, and Right to Life/Champaign County. The service will be held at St. Patrick's church this year, beginning at 7:30 p.m., and will be followed by fellowship and refreshments in the parish center.



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).



in our parish library

Are you spending a lot of time on the Web? Want to use it to meet spiritual goals or improve your understanding of the Catholic faith? Here are a few sites that might interest you.

National Conference of Catholic Bishops
www.neebusee.org

This site has daily readings, movie reviews, lists of dioceses and bishops throughout the U.S., and a number of things relating to Jubilee 2000.

Catholic Internet Resources
gabriel/franuniv.edu/int_res.html

Lots of links! Lists orders, apologetics, and much more.

Official Catholic Sites on the Web
www.americapress.org/links/
links_official.htm

Includes the Vatican, Bishops' Conferences of various countries, parishes, Catholic colleges and universities.

Diocese of Peoria
www.dioceseofpeoria.org

Read Bishop Myers's pastoral letters, search for parish Web sites,

find out about TEC, link to important Catholic sites.

Holy Cross School
www.emi.k12.il.us.hes/

Under "spirituality" you will find good links to Catholic and Christian Web sites.

Need someone to pray for you? Try this site:

St. Louis Archdiocese
www.archstl.org

Under the "prayer and faith resources" you can request that orders of contemplative nuns pray for your special intentions.

Need some history? Looking for a volunteer project?

Catholic Encyclopedia (1913 edition)
www.newadvent.org/cathen/

This is a volunteer project to put the entire text of this encyclopedia on the Web. You can read what's already been input or volunteer to help create this resource. The New Advent site (www.newadvent.org) also has links to the Holy See, various catechisms, and the Code of Canon Law.

St. Patrick's parish library does not provide Internet access. If you don't have Internet access at home, try one of the public libraries. Site addresses are current as of late November 1999. Remember, Web sites can often move or even disappear!

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

Social Action News

A word of gratitude is more than in order to Leon Mayer and Robert Haessly for their dedication to keeping social justice issues before the parish as members of the Social Action Committee.

For the last few years Leon and Bob have faithfully kept the Social Action Committee alive and well. Sometimes single-handedly they have coordinated Operation Rice Bowl and Make-a-Difference Day, and they have networked St. Patrick's with many of the service agencies that address the needs of our community's hungry and homeless, abused and neglected. Also they never gave up on recruitment of new members. Their commitment to social action has St. Patrick's members giving of their talent and time to about 16 community groups.

At the Social Action Committee's December meeting, Leon passed the gavel to Mary Collins, and Bob gave his pen to Carol Mosley. Together, Mary and Carol will guide the committee, which now has six new members.

In December the committee developed some objectives that will address immediate social needs in our community and educational needs in social justice for St. Patrick's. At their January meeting members will develop strategies for achieving the objectives.

The committee continues to welcome new members, for "the harvest is great, and...."

Focus on ministry

Ushers

It is the usher's ministry to greet people warmly, to welcome strangers, and to help people find adequate seating before Mass begins. Ushers pass out any materials needed by the assembly for Mass, assist those with special needs (people in wheelchairs, for instance), take up the collection, help with good order at communion, distribute parish bulletins in the course of saying goodbye to everyone.

* Time commitment is at the discretion of the usher, who serves



during the Mass of choice. Ushers are needed for all parish weekend and special liturgies.

* Training takes place "on the job," with guidance from one's peers.

* Requirements? A desire to serve and a gift for hospitality. The usher should be comfortable at welcoming the regulars and the strangers. May women serve as ushers? Of course!

Coordinator: Lou Fincham, 344-7462

Lord, Thank You

Lord,
Thank you for giving
me the heart to feel
something that is so incredible
Thank you for creating love
the one true thing that is hard to find
Thank you for giving me the ability
to dream and have hope for the future

And Lord
Thank you for giving me a hard life
a life full of heartache and pain
Thank you for letting me cry when
it's just time to let it go
Thank you for understanding me when
nobody else wants to
Thank you for believing in me
when I am out all alone
Thank you for sheltering me when
I am out in the cold

And Lord most of all
Thank you for loving me
when I feel like nobody else does

Of all the people that have promised
me many things, you have been the
only ONE to keep them all
You have been there to carry me
when my feet were tired, to sing to me
when I couldn't sleep, to tell me the truth when
everyone else lied, and for loving me
when nobody else did

Lord Thank You
for everything that you have done
Thank you for always being by my side

Lord,
Thank you
Thank you
Thank you

By Jacqueline Kalipeni
September 27, 1999

The CREW Review

A gift, and giftedness, shared

Recently while on vacation I strolled down to the beach to watch the sunset. The beach was very crowded with people jogging, playing beach games, talking on cell phones, and generally enjoying themselves.

Just at sunset I saw a single dolphin swimming only 20 yards out. Four times I saw this single magnificent animal roll across the surface of the ocean to the backdrop of the setting sun. I was awestruck by the pure beauty of it. In my excitement I glanced around to see the reactions of others. To my surprise it appeared that only one other person on the beach had seen the vision. Others around me had missed it, preoccupied with socializing and

activities. While I felt really blessed to have seen it myself, I was saddened for the people who had missed it.

So often in life we get caught up in work and bills and ourselves that we fail to notice the specialness of life—specialness and special people. My heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of you special people who have contributed your time and talent to supporting the CREW.

Teens are living at a time when the top three causes of death in their age range are car accidents, AIDS, and suicide. Depression among teens is at an all-time high. The media are obsessed with violence and sex and more tied into this generation than at any other time in history.

Young people today desperately need a personal relationship with Christ. They need fellowship and positive role models, and they need to

know how special and important they are to our parish and to all of the Catholic Church. They are the future of our religion.

Those of you who have supported our teens, I thank you and I boldly ask for more. Those of you who have not found the time to get involved, I encourage you to give of your spirit—in time, in contributions, and especially in prayer. Reach out. Do not fail to share God's vision for our teens.

As a gift to us all, Jacqueline Kalipeni—just one of our talented teens—shares her award-winning poem "Lord, Thank You" in this issue of *In Focus* for us to enjoy this holiday season.

Merry Christmas, and God bless you!

Deborah Riley
Senior-High Religious Education
Coordinator

Parish Council News

At the December Council meeting Fr. Remm noted that the balance for the Centennial Fund now stands at \$153,553 and that the parish received a rebate of \$6000 from the diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal.

Bishop Myers intends to establish a governing board for the High School Foundation. Each parish in the C-U area has been asked to nominate four parishioners, and from this pool of names the bishop will select nine

people to serve as the governing board. Initial terms will be for 3, 2, and 1 year, with three members rotating off each year and new appointees serving 3-year terms.

The "Dialogue into the Millennium" lecture series continues to draw well; an estimated 260 people attended the December lecture.

About 70 responses to invitations

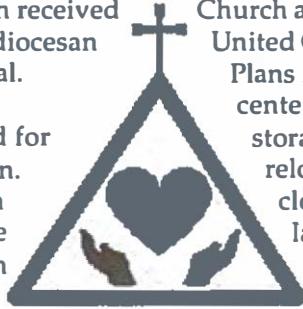
Can you help with Meals-on-Wheels deliveries?

If you enjoy the challenges of winter, you may enjoy braving the cold and the snow to bring a hot meal and good cheer to shut-ins, for whom February can be a dreary month. St. Patrick's parishioners are needed to cover three routes for Meals-on-Wheels deliveries during the week of Feb. 14-18. Meals are picked up at 10:30 a.m., and although the routes can vary greatly, deliveries are usually finished within two hours.

Two volunteers are needed for each route: a driver and someone to read the directions and deliver the food. You may volunteer for one, two, three, or even all five days. Once you are familiar with a route, it becomes a cinch. It is also desirable to have a few experienced subs in case they are needed. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

To volunteer, please call Elizabeth Talbot (351-6039).

to the New Year's Eve meal have been received so far from four agencies, and 30-40 parishioners have volunteered to help serve or host, with even more offering to send desserts. Planning for the ecumenical prayer vigil has included representatives from the First Presbyterian Church and the Community United Church of Christ.



Plans for refurbishing the parish center lounge include a new storage cabinet along one wall, relocating the door to the closet for easier access, a large round table with six chairs on casters, new couches and love seats (not on casters), vertical

blinds with side draperies, stackable chairs, etc., for an estimated cost of \$58,000. St. Patrick's Guild has pledged \$24,000 plus approximately \$4000 (proceeds from the North Pole Expo) and income of about \$10,000 expected from next year's Cellar-to-Garret Sale. With the \$15,000 allocated by the Council last summer, about \$53,000 may be available to defray the cost of refurbishing. Building and Grounds members hope to be able to reduce costs through volunteer labor. Work would be done during the summer months. Council members voted approval of a resolution to remodel the lounge at a cost not to exceed \$60,000, subject to approval from the Diocese of Peoria.

Committees' proposed budgets for FY 2000-01 are due in January, together with their objectives for the coming year.

The Epiphany party (the Council's way of recognizing and expressing appreciation for the work of committee members) was attended by only about half of the committee members last year. This year letters of appreciation will be sent instead.

The next Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Jan. 20. 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.

Knights plan Super Bowl Breakfast

Even if your favorite team is not playing in the Super Bowl this year, the day won't be a total loss: the Urbana Knights of Columbus will hold a special Super Bowl breakfast at St. Patrick's that day.

From 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 30, the Knights will feature a competition of their own: Omelets vs. Biscuits and Gravy. "Coaches" will be Jim Risatti (for the Omelets) and Steve Beckett (for Biscuits and Gravy). They'll be looking for "team members" over the next few weeks. Call them if you'd like to volunteer.

This event is intended to be a fundraiser; cost will be \$6 for adults, \$3 for children, \$15 for the whole family.

The Knights will serve lots of extras with the main course of omelets or biscuits and gravy: fresh fruit, coffee, orange juice, and milk.

Other Knights News

Tootsie Roll sales gross over \$2000. The Knights' Tootsie Roll sales brought in \$2076, including about \$990 in collections Sept. 17-18 at Schnucks and Jerry's IGA. The rest of the money came from the sale of boxes or cases of Tootsie Rolls at St. Patrick's.

Salute to Sister Marie Golla planned. Sr. Marie, who died in October after a long illness, had undertaken many projects for the Knights of Columbus. The Knights are considering making an appropriate award in her name, perhaps a scholarship or continuing the lecture series she organized in celebration of St. Patrick's Parish Centennial.

Ladies Knight Out takes shape. Steve Beckett, chairman for the annual Ladies Knight Out, says he hopes to keep the ticket price in the neighborhood of \$12, rather than last year's \$17. The menu includes choice of a chicken breast or a small ribeye steak, with rice or baked potato, salad, cheesecake, appetizers, and beverages. Needed are kitchen help in making the dinner on the day of the event, wait staff, a clean-up crew, and entertainment. Small gifts and prizes are also welcome. When is it? Feb. 12, at St. Patrick's main hall.



Q: Why, on a day the whole world knows as New Year's Day, does the Church celebrate a feast of Mary?

A: The Gospel of the Mass for the feast known as the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrated on January 1—yes, New Year's Day!—gives us several reasons for rejoicing as well as reasons for the many different titles that the first of January has had over the years.

The Gospel, from the second chapter of Luke, is a continuation of the story begun at Midnight Mass on Christmas. Today we hear that the shepherds did what the angels told them to do: they found Mary and Joseph and the newborn Jesus, and then they went to tell their neighbors that a savior was born.

Mary treasured what was said about her child. In joy, the shepherds sang the angels' song of glory in heaven and peace on earth. Eight days after his birth, Jesus was circumcised and received his name, which means "savior."

This first day of the new year is observed as the World Day of Prayer for Peace. For some churches, today is the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus or the feast of the Circumcision. For Roman Catholics, today is the solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, a feast that has been on the Church's calendar for over 1500 years.

We celebrate today the fulfillment of the promise made to Mary by the angel Gabriel. The Son of God is now Mary's child. Mary is the mother of God.

For all these reasons, a not-unworthy beginning for a new year!

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



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of In Focus is January 17.

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another, and the beginning of a great and holy Jubilee Year. The ideas for these events grew out of a Council discussion of the Jubilee Year themes of Connectedness, Sabbath, Forgiveness, and Repair of the World.

On New Year's Eve St. Patrick's will host an alternative "New Year's Party" for people unable to celebrate in the traditional (secular) way. Invitations have been sent to agencies and organizations that serve the homeless, the unemployed, the mentally challenged, and the economically challenged. From 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. the parish hall will be the scene of a meal (served by parishioners) and fun and games. People from the C-U community and people from St. Patrick's faith community will "connect" and enjoy one another. It is hoped that this meal together will be a beginning of living Jubilee in repair of the world through relationships.

Later, at 11 p.m., St. Patrick's will host an Ecumenical Prayer Vigil. Planned with the First Presbyterian Church in Urbana and the Community United Church of Christ, a service of joy, forgiveness, Sabbath stillness, thanksgiving, and commissioning will close out the millennium and welcome the New Year. Invita-

tions have been sent to all the Christian Churches in the C-U area.

If we reflect but a moment on the significance of this time in our history, we can hardly fail to experience a deep joy and gratitude. It is mind boggling, awesome, to look back at what has been and where we now are, whether in religion, science, medicine, literature, history, art, or technology. At the same time our commitment to Christ beckons us to seek forgiveness as individuals and as a nation, to forgive others and to seek forgiveness for our part in the brokenness of our world. Our vocation as Christians continues to call us in some way in our daily lives, at work or at home, to repair the world with love and justice.

Jubilee has its roots in the Hebrew tradition of Sabbath. Every seven years (later every 50 years) the land was to lie fallow for a year, debts forgiven, and honor and praise given to God. This ecumenical service with people who share a common heritage is an opportunity for us to make a good beginning this Jubilee Year 2000 by practicing Sabbath together in worship of God through Christ.

It is hoped that many from St. Patrick's will participate in the ecumenical prayer vigil as one way to begin a year in God's favor. For we are a Jubilee people; we are God's people.

Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Peggy McKown



Oatmeal Cookies

2 c raisins	4 eggs	2 t cinnamon
1 1/2 c water	1 t vanilla	1 t salt
1 c shortening	1 t soda	4 c Quick Oats
2 c sugar	3 c flour	1 1/2 c nuts (optional)

Combine raisins and water in a saucepan; bring to a boil; remove from heat and cool. Cream together shortening and sugar; add eggs and vanilla and blend well. Add flour, cinnamon, and salt, and stir to blend. Stir in the quick oats and mix thoroughly. Add nuts (optional) and raisins with remaining raisin water. Blend well. Drop by heaping teaspoons onto baking sheets. Bake at 400 degrees for about 15 minutes, or until lightly browned.

January 2000

St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1
Solemnity of
Mary, Mother
of God
9:00am Mass
for the feast
5:00pm Mass
for Sunday

<p>2 Epiphany</p>	<p>3 7:00pm Pro-Life Com 7:00pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p>4 7:00pm Financial Affairs Com</p>	<p>5 5:00pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Rel Ed, Urbana 6:30pm Rel Ed, St Joe 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm CREW Mission</p>	<p>6 6:30pm Bible Study Leaders 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Communications Com 7:30pm Building & Grounds Com</p>	<p>7 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 Baptism of the Lord 9:00am & 11:00 Children's Rel Ed 9:00am RCIA 10:15am Children's Liturgy 6:30pm Bible Study Leaders 6:30pm Jr/Sr High Rel Ed</p>	<p>10 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Education Com 7:00pm Social Action Com</p>	<p>11 9:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study 7:30pm Parish Council Exec Com</p>	<p>12 9:30am Funeral Schools 5:00pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Rel Ed, Urbana 6:30pm Rel Ed, St Joe 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm RCIA</p>	<p>13 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Baptism Prep 7:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>14 10:30am Mass-Urbana NH 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH</p>	<p>15</p>
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