

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



## To my fellow parishioners

By Tom Korder

Former Council member and president

At the end of my three years on Council I wish to offer thanks and some thoughts.

As I am sure has happened in the past, not everything went perfectly smoothly these past years on the Council. And it only took me all of the 3 years to figure it out:



people are people and we misunderstand each other. But you should know that all of the Council members I have served with have taken their role as stewards of the parish very seriously. They believe they have the responsibility to aid, guide, and monitor the direction and health of our community. The parish needs to recognize and support this role. The Council is made up of thinking, caring parishioners, just like you. If you have a problem or question, *talk* to one of them directly.

To those parishioners who are not involved in activities around the parish: *Don't wait to be asked; volunteer!* There are many exciting things happening in this parish that need your support, energy, knowledge, and input right now, including the CREW mission, the Centennial Celebration, the newly formed Vocations Committee. In addition, all of the Council committees could use your help in some way, large or small: *Building and*

*Grounds, Communications, Education, Financial Affairs, Liturgy, Personnel, Social Action, Social, Vocations.*

What I will remember always about my time on Council is the people I have gotten to know and the friends I have made. I especially appreciated their support during the illness and passing of my father this past year. In particular I wish to thank the members who came on the Council with me three years ago, David Palmisano, Richard Keane, and Cindy Kelly. Their wisdom, good humor, and generosity have taught me much.

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## Remembering those we love

A memorial service for deceased members of St. Patrick's Parish who died in the spring, summer, and fall of 1999 will be held on Wednesday, June 14, at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room of S. Patrick's parish center. Families and friends of the deceased are invited to attend.

During this service your loved one will be remembered with the sharing of memories and prayers. Grief is real, necessary, and acceptable. We are here to support you in your process of grief. Our focus for the evening, recognizing your needs and limitations, is to provide you with an opportunity to pray in community for your loved one.

After the service there will be a social gathering.



## CREW made it "a very good year"

Parish teens had no difficulty completing the statement "My favorite thing about CREW this year was ..." Having a good time and doing fun things together was only part of their experience of CREW.

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## Meet Christ at "Emmaus Days" summer vocation sessions

"Do nuns have feet?"  
"Do priests have jobs?"  
"Do they ever eat or sleep?"

The questions older generations asked about religious life are not the questions of young people today. The Diocese of Peoria offers summer vacation programs, called Emmaus Days, to answer today's questions. The theme of this year's program is "Lord, help me to be what you want me to be."

Emmaus Days are intended to foster religious vocations, but each participant is encouraged to discern his or her own call, whatever it may be. The program has been expanded to sessions for young women as well as for young men.

Emmaus Days for Young Women require registration RIGHT NOW—BY MAY 30. See below for registration information.

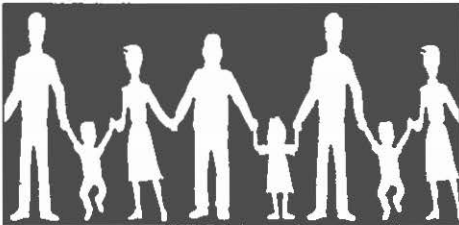
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## Wanted: A Daily Missal

Do you have a Daily Missal that you no longer use?

A devout Catholic resident at a local nursing home takes great comfort in the prayers and reads from her Missal each day. She is a model of religious devotion. The Missal she has been using is falling apart, and she has asked for a replacement.

If you have a Missal that would fill this request, please call Mary Grace Bowen (356-3491). It would not have to be a current version, but the daily readings are meaningful to her.



Welcome to new parishioners Kenny Ayoka, Carolyn Kwiatkowski, Ryan Perry, Salva Soriano, Tim and Mary Kay Stephens, Miguel and Michelle Alvarado, India and Jeramy Anderson, Chris and Gina Isabelli Cherny, Katherine Dombrowski, Shawn and Christine Flaningam, Susan Haas, Robert and Nicole Kneer, Richard and Patricia Liesen, Sherrybeth Garcia-Perez, Marie and Geraldine (Desmarteau) Mazur, Matthew and Theresa Rademacher, Jacob Walter, Catherine Watson, Margaret Zoll.

Farewell to these parishioners, who have moved from C-U: Vincent Pagan, Theodore and Pam Jeurissen, Robert and Barbara Soltau.

Welcome to the following baptized into our faith community: Jacob Howard Feisman, Wyatt Douglas Wolfersberger, Eric James Cimarusti, Mason Parker Flaningam, Sean Matthew Neaville.

Congratulations to these couples, married at St. Patrick's: Courtney Tang and Mitchel Mathews, Sara Lynn Webb and Christopher Earl.

Please pray for deceased parishioners Albert Burgstrom, William L. Whitten, Elizabeth Lewis.

## Jesus Day 2000

Members of C-U churches will join the global celebration of Jesus Day 2000 on Jun. 10 by gathering for a morning of worship and music in the park. The rally will be followed by a day of service to demonstrate our faith in practical ways.

The theme for Jesus Day 2000 is "on earth as it is in heaven," a day on which

- \* no one goes hungry
- \* no child is fatherless
- \* no one suffers alone
- \* the streets are filled with singing

There will be a variety of ministry opportunities in which churches, families, or individuals can be involved—new activities or a continuation of existing local outreach. The vision is for churches to network in sharing ministries on that day.

To further the effort, the Jesus Days Web site will serve as a clearinghouse of information for the day's activities and a way for churches throughout the community to connect with one another as well as with other community ministries. The hope is for this partnering ministry to continue throughout the year after Jesus Day itself.

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This program has been organized diocesan-wide for young women for the first time through the collaboration of five communities of religious women: the Heading Avenue Franciscans, the East Peoria Franciscans, the Nauvoo Benedictines, the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart (Frankfort, Ill.) and the School Sisters of Notre Dame (Berwyn, Ill.).

The purpose of the overnight sessions is to give a positive experience of religious life to girls and young women. "It gives them an understanding of what religious life is like; it doesn't mean they are going to enter the convent." Prayer, games, and talks shared with sisters fill the days.

The dates are as follows:

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Also, as has been true throughout my life, it has been strong women who have helped me the most. I offer my humblest thanks to those Council women with whom I have had the honor to serve on the Council's Executive Committee: Cindy Kelly, Carol Schrepfer, Pulchratia Kinney, and Jean Daly. If we accomplished anything during this time, it is because these women led me, helped me, encouraged me, and most importantly, gave me their friendship.

But the best part of being on Council has been the opportunity to get to know Father Remm and Sister Charlene. Three years ago I had passing contact with both of them, but now I feel I can call them both friends. What a blessing it is for us to have these wonderful religious as part of our community! I would encourage each of you to take the time to get to know them.

And finally I'd like to close with a quote that was a favorite of my mom's. Of all the lines from all the plays that I worked on and she saw, this is the one she remembered:

*My mother used to say to me,  
"In this world you must be oh, so smart or  
oh, so pleasant."*

*For years I was smart. I recommend  
pleasant. You may quote me.  
Elwood P. Dowd, in *Harvey**

- June 5-6 (Session 1): For 7th-, 8th-, and 9th-graders; cost: \$10
- June 7-9 (Session 2): For 10th-, 11th-, and 12th-graders; cost: \$20

Remember, you must register by May 30! Phone or e-mail Sister Janice Keenan, 2408 W. Heading Ave., West Peoria, IL 61604. Phone: 309/674-6168. E-mail: [srjkosfWmtco.com](mailto:srjkosfWmtco.com). You can obtain a registration form from Jean Daly at the parish office (367-2665).

Since 1984, Emmaus Days for Young Men have invited boys and teens to overnight sessions with their peers. Priests and seminarians join them for prayer, meals, sports, and discussions. Not every participant will plan to enter the priesthood or religious life, but most will deepen their prayer

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## First Communicants welcomed to the Lord's Table

On a sunny Sunday afternoon, dressed in their "Sunday best" and on their best behavior, 49 parish youngsters approached the Lord's table for the first time. Parishioners coming to the noon Mass on Apr. 30 were perhaps surprised, but surely pleased, to participate, witness, and welcome about half the group to their First Communion at the parish Mass. A second Mass was celebrated with the remaining children, their families, and friends.

May these youngsters frequently join us at table, eager to be nourished by the Jesus they are coming to know and love:

Michael Althaus, Kyrie Arenas, Valerie Arenas, Jacob Bayles, Gretchen Booth, Christian Clabaugh, Molly Cinker, Shane Conerty, Renee Durant, Tyler Faught;

Rachael Graham, Taylor Glenn, James Griswell, Lusiana Hadi, Laura Hapke, Garrett Harpst, Christina Helregel, Zita Hubler, Adam Jessee, April Jessee;

Allison Jones, Branden Jones, Laura Kadzere, Karolina Kalbarczyk, Andrew Koch, Johanna McCarthy, Lydia McDonald, Matthew Melander, Fernanda Caetano Mendes, Luiz Felipe Caetano Mendes;

Kelsey McGraw, Samuel Noonan,



## Msgr. James Campbell confirms 39

On May 3 Msgr. James Campbell, delegated by Bishop John Myers, invoked the Holy Spirit upon high-school and adult confirmands at St. Patrick's in a celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation.

For many this sacrament signals a change in life's direction. Those whose initiation into God's family took place in infancy affirm and make their own the baptismal promises made on their behalf so many years earlier. Assisted, strengthened, inspired by the indwelling Spirit, all are now better prepared to take up the responsibilities that go along with "coming of age" in their faith.

May these newly confirmed take their place with a growing sense of belonging, accompanied and supported in their journey by all God's people:

*High-school confirmands:* Michael

Courtney Osmond, Jordan Panepinto, John Patterson, Regena Pauketat, Janet Pauketat, Colleen Peters, Kaitlin Reinhart, Geena Sanfratello;

Nolan Sons, Laura Sligar, Kammie Sturdyvin, Fumiaki Takezawa, Tami Takezawa, Benjamin Thompson, Nicholas Thompson, Stanley Vlach, Andrew Wszalek.



James Amberg, Michael Anthony Bosley, Sarah Jo Brenner, Duyet Bui, Michael S. Bullard, Drew Bunyan, Anne Taylor Crossetti, Anthony D'Angelo DeCerbo, Jeremy Paul Delanty, Mark Stephen Douglas, Trisha Downes;

Adam Joseph Gentile, Patrick Hatch, Colin Sage Holbrook, Ines Miriam Hubler, Mija Helena Hubler, Jacqueline W. Kalipeni, Theresa Ann Lawrence, Robert Lee McCartney III, Gregory McDonald;

Domenico Musumeci, Walter Musumeci, Amy Nguyen, Marisa Nguyen, Nicole Parker, Eric Taylor Portis, Jason Patrick Retz, Cain Schaub, Danielle Schaub, Julie Sonka, Thomas H. Tounshendeaux Jr., Theodore James Turner, Jacob Anton Youakim.

*Adult confirmands:* William Lee Cowan, Maria Ann Okuniewski, Chukwuma Onwumere Onyeagocha, Sarah Anne Shafer, Sarah Beth Smith, Jaime Stout.



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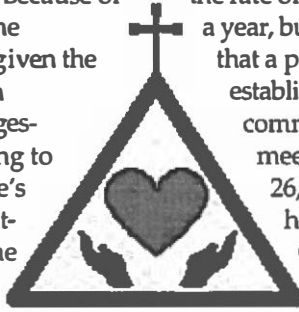
## Parish Council News

At their May meeting Council members received the working draft of standing committee guidelines and guidelines for standing committee by-laws. Because of the real changes it contains, the standing committees will be given the opportunity to review it, with questions, concerns, and suggestions to be submitted in writing to the Council via the committee's liaison by Sept. 1. The committees that don't meet during the summer may need to call members together specifically to attend to the document in order to respond by the date given.

The generous response of parishioners to the Annual Diocesan Appeal has brought in pledges of nearly \$73,000 so far.

The High School of St. Thomas More will hold open house on Sunday, June 11. The number of enrolled students, now at about 50, is expected to increase after families have the opportunity to see the building, which is nearly completed.

The Long Range Planning Committee (Fr. Remm, Mary Ann Luedtke, Barbara Wysocki, Ed Clancy, Carol Bosley, Chad Beckett, Tom Kacich) has met a couple of times so far. In April they were joined by



Frank DiNovo of the Regional Planning Commission, who told them that Urbana is not expected to develop much in the next 5-10 years, especially without another interchange from I-74 to attract development. St. Joseph is growing at the rate of about 100 families a year, but it seems unlikely that a parish will be established there. The committee's next meeting will be on June 26, when they hope to hear from April Getchius, Director of Community Development in Urbana.

Renovation work on the parish center lounge is expected to begin June 15, and groups planning to use the room have been asked to call the parish secretary for available alternatives.

The Building and Grounds Committee shared a roofer's concern about the condition of the church roof: the original slate, nearing 100 years, is getting brittle and the felt under it crumbles when handled. It may be necessary to reroof the church in the next year or so.



Pulchratia Kinney



Carol Schrepfer



Dwight Raab

The Council's ad hoc nominating committee presented its slate for Council offices, and all were elected "by acclamation": Pulchratia Kinney, president; Carol Schrepfer, vice-president; and Dwight Raab, secretary.

Council-committee liaison appointments were made, as follows: Building and Grounds, Tim Brenner; Communications, Joyce Baird; Education, Chris Stohr; Financial Affairs, Richard Bronson; Liturgy, Judy Huelsbusch; Personnel, Carol Schrepfer; Social Action, Alice McLaughlin; Social, Dwain Berggren; Vocations, Dwain Berggren.

A letter has been received from Marilyn Warburton, former parishioner now living in Mexico to whom St. Patrick's gave \$1000 last year for shoes and other items for children in an orphanage there. The shoes lasted only for about six months, and she is requesting another gift to replace them—children there are as

hard on shoes and their feet grow as fast as do the feet of children here! Last year she received \$3000 from three parishes and a few individuals last year, and she hopes to raise twice as much this year for the increased need. The Council will take this request into consideration when looking at allocation of unspent funds at the end of the fiscal year.

The next Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on June 22 (preceded by an orientation session at 6 p.m. for new members). All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings.

For those interested in a more complete report of 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.

## Get ready for the Cellar-to-Garret Sale!

When doing your (late) spring cleaning of attic, basement, garage, and closets, remember the parish's annual Cellar-to-Garret Sale, sponsored by St. Patrick's Guild.

This year the sale will be held Aug. 24-26.

As before, many "departments" will be filled with donated items for your browsing pleasure and purchase at unbelievably reasonable prices.

Some items, however, have been found to have little or no resale value, and you are asked not to bring them. These include torn or stained upholstered furniture, large appliances (e.g., stoves), artificial Christmas trees, fire-

place equipment, drapery rods, shutters, kitchen cabinets, textbooks and magazines, tires and rims.

Volunteers are needed to help with all aspects of the sale—setup, sorting, pricing, assisting browsers, cashiering, cleanup. Volunteering for even an hour or two can be an enormous help, so don't hold back because you know you can't spend an entire morning or afternoon at it. You'll find a tremendous satisfaction in helping, and you'll probably make some new friends as well!

Watch the weekly bulletin for further information as it becomes available, especially for drop-off dates and times.

Your generous donations of clean, usable goods are the reason this sale continues to be successful, year after year. Thank you!

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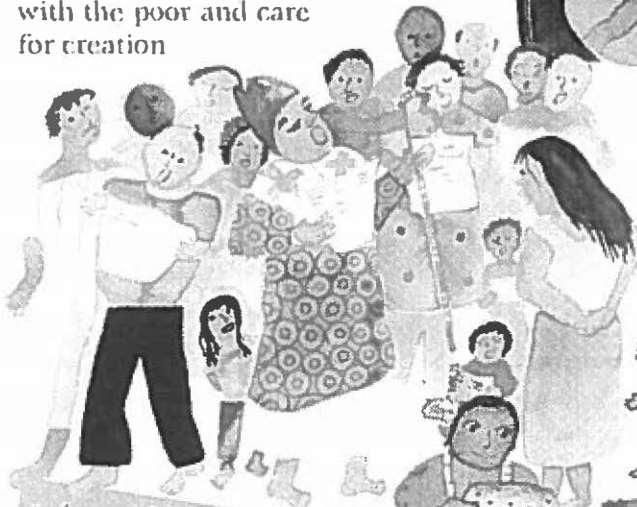
**Pray** regularly for greater justice and peace



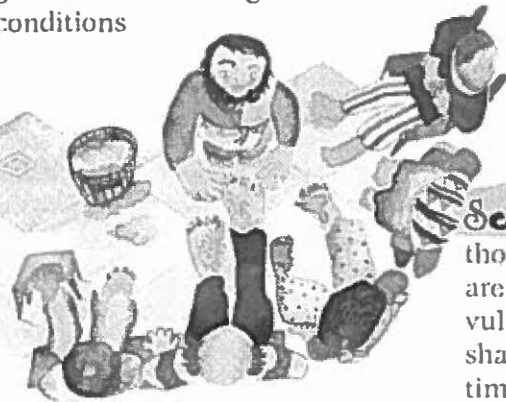
**Learn** more about Catholic social teaching and its call to protect human life, stand with the poor and care for creation

**Live Justly** in family life, school, work, the marketplace and the political arena

**Reach** across boundaries of religion, race, ethnicity, gender and disabling conditions



**Advocate** public policies that protect human life, promote human dignity, preserve God's creation and build peace



**Serve** those who are poor and vulnerable, sharing more time and talent

**Give** more generously to those in need at home and abroad

**Encourage** others to work for greater charity, justice and peace

From Carole Rebeiz  
*An evangelization  
 minute*

"It was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure, so that all you ask the Father in my name he will give you." (John 15:16)

I grew up as a cradle Catholic in Oakland, California. Since Dad was not a Catholic, Mom was our constant, strong connection to the Church. Mom was the one who "went forth and bore fruit": she made sure we all went to church together every Sunday and that we were prepared for and received the sacraments.

– For a time we all went in and out of the Church: my sister lived on a commune and another sister hitchhiked across the country. But Mom's faith was steady, keeping her strong, as she served coffee and donuts at the Newman Foundation and volunteered at the Catholic Social Services Bookstore. Her faith supported her through our teenage and young adult rebellions and Dad's long struggle with emphysema. It was a great comfort to her when Dad became a Catholic and three of her four children came back to the Church.

Now Mom spends most of her time sleeping in her nursing home bed. Dementia has robbed her of her will to live and the comfort her faith once gave her. But she does still recognize me; any one of her aides can tell you that she hasn't lost her pride and her spunk.

"Your faith must endure, so that all you ask of the Father in my name he will give you."

My Lebanese mother-in-law exemplified this verse in her care for her family, in her prayers, and in her sense of dependence on God. She welcomed me into Tino's large family with open arms and a few phrases of newly learned English. During the five years we lived in Lebanon in the mid-60s, Valentine cared for me in many ways. When our daughter, Natalie, was born, she moved in with her entourage of four granddaughters she was babysitting along with two maids. She cared for me until the traditional forty days,

considered crucial to the health of the mother and baby, were completed. Each time I came down with the Lebanese version of Montezuma's revenge, she kicked her husband out of their bedroom so she could care for me and keep me nursing my daughter.

The Lebanese Civil War broke out in 1975, after we had left Lebanon and settled in Champaign-Urbana. I prayed daily to the Blessed Virgin to spread her veil over Tino's Mom and all the family. After the Syrians invaded Lebanon and a relative peace was established, my in-laws visited us

in Urbana in the summer of 1977. Valentine told me that when the fighting stopped, she had a dream in which she felt the Blessed Virgin's veil brush her hair and she saw her rising over Lebanon and waving goodbye.

It took 16 more years for the war to end, but, by the grace of God, no one in Tino's family was killed in that horrible war. On each of our three previous visits to Valentine in Beirut, we have enjoyed hearing her play the piano and sing old Lebanese, Egyptian, and French songs. We also took her, walker and all, to visit her brother and sister. This year, Parkinson's disease had taken a great toll on Valentine's body and mind at age 95. In March we witnessed her brief moments of lucidity and her gasping for breath from severe asthma. We are both grateful that we were able to visit with her before she died, two weeks after we left Beirut.

I continue to pray daily for my two mothers. Considering Mom's condition and the distance that separates us, prayer is my only real connection to her. So it is with Valentine, who is at rest from her suffering.

God-fearing Arabs, such as my mother-in-law, never talk about a future event without saying, "God willing." Once when my husband's parents were visiting us in Urbana, a friend asked Valentine when she was returning home. She paused, pointed to heaven, and said, "If God wills ... in two weeks." That must be what Jesus meant when he said, "Whatever you ask in my name, the Father will give you" (God willing).



Q: What is the devotion to the Sacred Heart about?

A: This devotion is a devotion to Christ, under the image of his showing his heart. It originated from the revelations given to a French Visitation nun, now canonized, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. The feast is celebrated this year on Friday, June 30.

The heart is the center of personhood, and as such is the deepest level from which love and sacrifice come. It is the source of life, passionate living, fulfilling love. As Jesus told Thomas to put his hand in his side and believe in him, so the image of Jesus showing his heart is a way of saying "I love you."

The novena of First Fridays, in which people attend Mass and receive communion on nine consecutive first Fridays, arose from these revelations to Margaret Mary. According to her revelations, those who do this will be greatly blessed.

The devotion is not an essential part of the Church's teachings, but it has been approved by the Church.

Fr. Gene Kane

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

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lives and become aware of God's call to a wise choice in the future. And all will enjoy the days of swimming, basketball, softball, tennis, volleyball, cards, water balloons, bonfires, and more.

The dates are as follows:

- June 30-July 3 (Session 1): For ages 17 and up, at King's House (Henry, Ill.)
- July 3-6 (Session 2): For 9th- and 10th-graders, at St. Bede's Abbey (Peru, Ill.)
- July 6-8 (Session 3): For 7th- and 8th-graders, also at St. Bede's Abbey

The fee for each participant is \$25, to which the parish adds \$50. Some scholarships are available. You must register by June 16. You can obtain a registration form from Jean Daly at the parish office (367-2665).

## We're Rich!

Yes, that's right. We Catholics enjoy a rich tradition of social teaching that provides guidance for the moral and spiritual decision-making of individuals and institutions alike. "The social teaching of the Church" typically refers to a systematic framework of moral and spiritual tracts or extended homilies that, together with the social teaching in the Scriptures, have developed a tradition of social action and justice within the Church. Catholics have been blessed and inspired by the life work and example of countless saints, the sacrifices of world-renowned people such as Mother Theresa, and the tireless commitment of parishioners living among us. But did you know that the enormity of Christian love in action is an outgrowth, at least in part, of the intellectual heritage of Catholic social teaching?

With this article St. Patrick's Social Action Committee begins an exploration of the seven core principles of Catholic social teaching: (1) the option for the poor and vulnerable; (2) the call to family, community, and participation; (3) the life and dignity of the human person; (4) the rights and responsibilities of the human person; (5) the dignity of work and the rights of workers; (6) solidarity; and (7) care of God's creation.

Each month the committee will highlight one of these principles and detail the authority for such teaching. The committee will also discuss the principle's relevance and connectedness to our daily living. Finally, references for further reading and reflection will be included in each article, as will suggestions for social action consistent with the teaching.

Catholic social teaching is founded on the life and words of Jesus Christ. It is also deeply rooted in our understanding of human life and human dignity as shaped by Hebrew prophets and papal leaders as well as the clergy and laity living among us. Catholic social teaching is both

## Summer reading for the next "Dialogues"

The committee for the Dialogue into the Millennium thank the St. Patrick's community for its wonderful support of the lecture series and to announce the topics of the remaining four speakers. These are as follows:

\* Luke Timothy Johnson, "New Directions in Scripture Study" (Oct. 9)

\* Jerome Stermer, "Caring for the Children of the Village" (Nov. 2)

\* J. Bryan Hehir, "Globalization and Catholic Social Teaching: The Challenge and Response" (Dec. 2)

\* Robert J. Wicks, "Living a Gentle Passionate Life" (Feb. 1).

You might wish to consider some of their publications as you choose reading material for the summer.

Among Luke Timothy Johnson's books are *The Real Jesus: The Misguided Quest for the Historical Jesus and the Truth of the Traditional Gospels* and *Living Jesus: Learning the Heart of the Gospel*. In the former he is critical of the work of scholars who have narrowed their research to identifying the historical Jesus; in the latter he offers his own

theory and a framework for action. It is, moreover, an essential link to a rich spiritual life rooted in complete responsiveness to the call of the Gospel. It is, indeed, integral to our communion with the triune God.

The Social Action Committee hopes that readers will enjoy and be enriched by these discussions in the weeks ahead. It welcomes your thoughts on how we can best make social teaching an essential part of the Catholic faith here at St. Patrick's. Our committee chairperson, Mary Collins, can be reached at 355-9007 (home). In the meantime, interested readers will be happy to know there is a wealth of information available on Catholic social teaching in our parish library. Future issues of *In Focus* will highlight a few of the more notable titles.

approach, which is summarized in his article "Leaming Jesus," in *Christian Century* (Dec. 2, 1998). Another article of special interest is "So What's Catholic about It? The State of Catholic Biblical Scholarship," in *Commonweal* (Jan. 16, 1998). And the current (June 2000) issue of *U.S. Catholic* carries an

interview with him that readers will find interesting.

Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, head of the Harvard Divinity School, specializes in the study of Catholic social teaching and serves as a counselor with the Catholic Relief Services. One of his most recent articles,

"Kosovo: A War of Values and the Values of War," appeared in *America* (May 15, 1999). A short article about him, "Priest at Work," can be found in *Commonweal* (Sept. 11, 1998).

Robert J. Wicks, who heads the Graduate Programs in Pastoral Counseling at Loyola College in Maryland, is a prolific author. Among his most recent books are *Living a Gentle, Passionate Life*; *Everyday Simplicity: A Practical Guide to Spiritual Growth*; and *After 50: Spiritually Embracing Your Own Wisdom Years*.

Some of these books and articles are available in St. Patrick's parish library and/or in local public libraries.



### Prayer for vocations

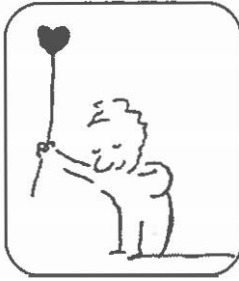


Lord Jesus, we beg you to revive in your Church that spirit you so abundantly bestowed on the apostles. Call many to the priesthood and religious life. May zeal for your glory and our salvation inflame those you have chosen. May they be saints in your likeness. May your Spirit strengthen them. O Jesus, give us priests and religious after your own heart!

*Mary, Mother of the Church, show your care for the Body of Christ; encourage many vocations to the priesthood and religious life.*

## Thanks from the Archives Committee

Thanks to everyone in the parish who attended the Archives Committee Festival on St. Patrick's Day weekend. Attendance was great, and you encouraged the group to keep on "keeping on."



Ceil Weir reported that additional families will be included in the Family History Book, which will be published next year. When they stopped at her table, she encouraged them to submit a history in the near future. If interested, send your family's history, in 500 words or less, to the Archives Committee, c/o St. Patrick's Church (708 West Main Street, Urbana, IL 61801).

About 200 more St. Patrick's Roses will be gracing the gardens of Urbana-Champaign this year, thanks to the generosity of Illini FS for making them available. Roses were delivered on May 13 and even now are settling into their new flower beds. Think of the wonderful color we will enjoy at our parish Centennial celebrations!

Lori McDonough reports that many parishioners were identified in the pictures she displayed at the Festival. And Judy Conover scanned about 100 pictures for inclusion in the parish archives.

A few people also brought in pictures, newspaper articles, committee lists, etc. Nancy Steerman reported that she was able to add names to her lists of parishioners active in various ministries as a result of these "finds." These lists are included in the histories Nancy is putting together. She doesn't want to leave out those who have participated in making St. Patrick's the wonderful parish that it is.

If you have *any* items pertaining to St. Patrick's, even if incomplete, the committee would love to have copies of them to update parish records. They will make the copies and be sure the originals are returned to you.

Mary Grace Bowen enjoyed visiting with parishioners and showing off her files on families in St.

Patrick's. The files include newspaper articles, programs, and other information gleaned about those who are or have been members of the parish. These items show how active they have been in the community as well as in our parish.

A special thanks to Pat Mayer for making the signs used to identify Festival displays. And also thanks to Bill VanCleave for helping with setup and delivering the computer.

As the committee "folded its tent" at the end of the day, all were pleased and satisfied to have spent a weekend showing what a great parish we belong to, and what a rich history we share. We'll look forward to seeing you next year, when the Centennial goes into full swing!

## 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 operating 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.

## We've sent three children to school!

Dear Father,

My name is Alex Reid. I am a Catholic priest, writing from St. Joseph Catholic Parish in Mendulo, Malawi [South Africa]. I am the parish priest of this parish. This is the home of Mrs. Fatima Kalipeni. [Editor's note: The Kalipeni family has been active here at St. Patrick's.]

I am writing to you, Father, to thank you for the money sent to St. Joseph for the following children: Liandra, Fatima, and Shachiel. They are needy and orphans. With this money they are at a boarding school, Providence Girls School. It is a Catholic school run by local Sisters. With the aid you sent, they have paid their school fees and boarding fees. They have bought their uniforms also.

On their behalf and on my own I wish to thank you, Father, and your community for the assistance you have given them. We are very, very grateful. Thank you very much.

Let me give you an idea of St. Joseph Parish. It covers a radius of 20 miles. It has 13 out-churches, making 14 churches in all. Two are sub-parishes, and one is very close to developing into a parish. We are two priests: I am the Fr. Superior. Both of us are priests of the Archdiocese of Blantyre.

Mrs. Fatima Kalipeni's home is 200 yards from the parish church.

Once again, thank you very much for your generosity. We promise to remember you always in spirit. Receive our greetings and good wishes. May God bless you with his choicest graces.

In Christ and Mary, I remain yours,

Father Alex Reid  
Parish priest, St. Joseph, Mendulo

*A letter of thanks was also received from Fr. Ernest Timchia Tubuo, acknowledging receipt of money sent to help the Bafnueng Parish in the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. The donation was sent through the intercession of Michael Ngong, our parishioner, seeking help for his brother, the priest of the parish, to repair a vehicle to enable him to care for the outlying missions of the parish.*



## St. Justin would feel at home at St. Patrick's

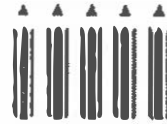
Thanks to St. Justin, we have one of the earliest descriptions of Christian worship. In the middle of the second century, persecution was sporadic. In some times and places Christians remained hidden. But even in times when it was safe to preach and to participate in civic life, knowledge of the "sacred mysteries"—that is, of the Eucharist and of prayer—was shared only with the baptized. That is why, even in our own day, the catechumens leave the church after the homily.

Justin was trained as a pagan philosopher. He was one of those who search vigorously for the truth. He tried in turn the teachings of the Stoics, the Peripatetics, and of Aristotle. Only when he studied Plato did he realize that the best use of philosophy is the search for God. Justin was impressed by the witness of the Christian martyrs. Around the year 130, he met a Christian who knew enough philosophy to talk with Justin in his own terms, and Justin came to accept Christian teaching about God, who is perfect, beyond time and space, unchanging and unlimited.

Justin continued to teach as a philosopher after his conversion. He taught that Christianity was the corrected version of the teachings of the philosophers, as well as the teachings of Judaism. Three of his written works survive. His "Dialogue with Tryphon" deals with differences between Judaism and Christianity. His two "apologies" are an answer to the rumors and false information that was being spread about the Christians. Justin felt that the best answer a Christian could make was to be more open about the sacred mysteries.

This is how Justin described Christian worship: The Eucharist was celebrated weekly. After readings from the prophets and the writings of the apostles, a sermon was given and prayers were said. There was a kiss of peace, and then the presider was given bread and wine mixed with water. (Justin emphasized the water because there was a rumor that Christians were drunkards.) The presider offered a long prayer of thanksgiving and broke the

## Holy Cross School Newsline



May is a busy month at Holy Cross School. Eighth-graders' Confirmation retreat on May 10, Honors Day on May 23, and graduation on May 24.

Other events of note: On May 4, during Teachers Appreciation week (May 1-5), parents hosted a luncheon for teachers. Youngsters received their First Holy Communion at a celebration on May 6. An all-school Mass was celebrated for May Patrisano, who has been ill for several months; May served in the school cafeteria for 39 years. An all-school Mass was also celebrated in acknowledgment of assistance rendered by the many school volunteers.

Field trips included Lake of the Woods, Miller Park Zoo, Anita Purves Nature Center, Rockome Gardens, Indianapolis Children's Museum, and Springfield.

The spring musical, "Wizard of Oz," played to sell-out crowds. A Fine Arts Workshop with Spanish dancers was held for grades 4, 7, and 8. A Walk/Run event was held May 17 to raise funds for the Athletic Department.

Congratulations to nine students whose poetry or short stories have been chosen for publication in this year's edition of *The Writer's Magazine*. Four students will have their poems published in the 2000 edition of the *Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans*.

An all-school Field Day is scheduled for May 31 at Hessel Park, with picnic and fun events planned, as an end-of-year school celebration. The last day of school is June 2.

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bread. Then the deacons shared it among the baptized, not as food but as Jesus's flesh and blood. They also took the sacrament to members who could not be present. Sounds familiar, yes?

Teaching was public work, and so it was no surprise when Justin was denounced as a Christian by a rival philosopher in 163. When questioned, he continued to give witness to his faith, and he was beheaded.

We celebrate Justin's life, and victory over death, on June 1.

## Why I want to go on mission

By Nicole Betenia



A typical day for me starts by waking up at 5:30 a.m. My mom takes me to track practice. I go to school afterwards. First, I take an English quiz. I then take my math test. Then I go to another class, Bio, and take an exam. Then I have a break for lunch, in which I have to cram for a test and go to Spanish Club. I then take the test. Next I have a free period, where I talk for about 10 minutes and finish up a project. German comes next and then another free period in which I have to do homework. I then go to practice again until 6:30.

After that I eat dinner and do homework until about 11:00 or later and then go to bed.

In addition to all the stresses of a typical day of school, I have all the stresses that a normal teenager has from friends, parents, and siblings. What keeps me going throughout the day is my religion. Whenever I get angry or I'm having a particularly stressful day, then I try and think of Jesus and how he suffered for us. I try applying his message of love to everything I do—which can be rather difficult at times, but I know I'll be okay if I follow him.

That is why I want to go on the mission this summer. I think of all the peace, love, and joy that I find from being Catholic and following Jesus Christ; I feel that all people should get the same feelings. The mission will provide other people, and me, with that opportunity to spread the message of love and forgiveness from Jesus Christ.



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is June 11.

## Are we sliding down another "slippery slope"?

The Pain Relief Promotion Act sponsored by Senators Don Nickles (R-Okla.) and Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), bill S1272, passed the House of Representatives last year. The original bill has been changed, with endorsements by the formerly hostile Pain Care Coalition, the American Pain Society, the American Academy of Pain Medicine, and negotiations with representatives of the American Medical Association. The revised bill (HR2260) would prevent the use of federally controlled substances for assisted suicide and euthanasia, while helping to facilitate better pain relief as a positive alternative. In Oregon, the only state thus far to legalize assisted suicide, federally controlled drugs were used in all the publicly reported cases.

This is our chance to help stop euthanasia before it becomes embedded in American medicine and culture. America stands now with regard to euthanasia roughly where we stood in the early 1970s with regard to abortion. It is far more difficult to reverse a rooted evil than it is to stop it before it gets culturally accepted and widely practiced.

With the fate of the vulnerable elderly and people with disabilities hanging in the balance, what we do—or fail to do—this year may well determine the fate of countless family members, the fate of grandparents and grandchildren.

Bill HR2260 has new provisions clarifying that the bill does not authorize the imposition of federal standards of medical practice relating to pain management or palliative care. It also strengthens protection for physicians who prescribe controlled substances to control pain. The bill makes a strong statement against assisted suicide, while minimizing the potential for inappropriate intrusion into patient care decisions. Language has been added to clarify that the bill is not intended to pre-empt state laws or

standards but simply to ensure that federal law is not subject to nullification. Forty-three senators have co-sponsored the companion measure to the House-passed bill that was introduced by Senators Nickles and Lieberman, and others have pledged their support. Senator Ran Wyden (D-Ore.), however, has announced that he intends to filibuster the bill to prevent a vote. Sixty senators will have to support cloture (limiting debate) to



enable it to pass. The cloture vote could be very close.

A letter from Dick Durbin dated Apr. 14 stated that the Pain Relief Promotion Act has been referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions for further consideration. With a view to preventing legalization of assisted suicide in other states, the development and history of this bill needs to be watched closely on both the federal and state levels. We need to understand its language and ramifications and how it can affect our lives as end-of-life debates heat up.

Please inform your senator (Dick Durbin) that you do not want the federal government to facilitate euthanasia with federally controlled drugs. Call 202/224-3121 (the Capitol switchboard) or write:

Senator Dick Durbin  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

## Observations on watching birds



On the fence on what we call our patio is a St. Francis bird feeder. A few inches away is an occupied bird house, also on the fence. All manner of birds visit St. Francis each day, and it is my morning delight to watch them.

Often the cardinals perch and feed one another. This morning, a cardinal kept carrying seeds to a sparrow at the side of the fence, and after about three times the sparrow moved a little closer to St. Francis. Each time the cardinal took a seed to feed the sparrow, the sparrow inched a little closer. Finally, when the sparrow was within a few inches of St. Francis, it flew away. The cardinal returned to the feeder and continued its meal.

God can lead, God can draw, God can entice, but the final decision is up to the one being drawn. Will we remain to be nourished or fly off to a lonely independence? Will we ignore others needing nourishment or join the Divine in drawing them to himself?

Dona G.

*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.*

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

Helen Halpin

### Pea Salad

1 cup sour cream  
3 T white wine vinegar  
1 t salt  
32 oz frozen green peas, thawed and drained

1/3 c chopped green onions  
1 c shredded cheddar cheese  
1/2 c bacon bits

Mix sour cream, vinegar, and salt in medium-sized bowl. Stir in peas and onions. Place half the pea mixture in a serving bowl. Top with half the cheese and bacon. Repeat layers. Cover and chill until served. Serves 12.



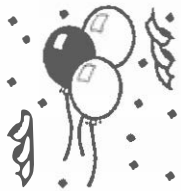
# CREW made it "a very good year"

Parish teens had no difficulty completing the statement "My favorite thing about CREW this year was ..." Having a good time and doing fun things together was only part of their experience of CREW:

Confirmation... chances to express myself and do good for others... volunteering at Catholic Worker House.... getting to know other young Catholics... the Confirmation retreat... community in members... getting to know the people!... the fellowship... meeting new people... the many group activities... the friends... the Friday fish fries... Destination Jesus... the teen liturgy... teachers... the candy... all the food and trips... my friends... getting a semi-serious grip on my faith with the Church's aid...

Yes, it seems it *was* a very good year!





# June 2000

## St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 7:00pm CREW Mission Mtg 7:30pm Building & Grounds Com	<b>2</b> 10:45am Mass- Champaign Cty NH 6:30pm Seniors Supper	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:00am Com- missioning of Parish Council Members & Officers	<b>5</b> 7:00pm Education Com 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Pro- Life Com	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Financial Affairs Com 7:30pm Parish Council Exec Com	<b>7</b> 5:00pm SVDP 6:30pm Choir Picnic & Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 7:00pm Baptism Prep	<b>9</b> 10:30am Mass- Care Center 10:45am Mass- Champaign Cty NH  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">             Parish Council Retreat           </div>	<b>10</b> 9:30am Jesus Day, Westside Park
<b>11</b> March for Jesus <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">             Pentecost           </div> 1:00-3:00pm Open House, St. Thomas More HS	<b>12</b> 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Social Action Com	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Memorial Prayer Service	<b>15</b> 7:00pm Parish Council	<b>16</b> 10:30am Mass- Clark-Lindsey 10:45am Mass- Champaign Cty NH	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">             Trinity Sunday           </div> Fathers' Day	<b>19</b> 7:00pm Centering Prayer	<b>20</b> 10:30am Mass- Canterbury Ridge 7:00pm Liturgy Com	<b>21</b> 5:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Personnel Com	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:30am Mass- Manor Care 10:45am Mass- Champaign Cty NH	<b>24</b> 8:00am Pro- Life Mass
<b>25</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">             Corpus Christi           </div>	<b>26</b> 9:30am Archives Com 6:30pm Long Range Planning Mtg 7:00pm Centering Prayer	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Homily Prep	<b>28</b> 5:00pm SVDP	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:45am Mass- Champaign Cty NH	

SVDP=St Vincent de Paul NH=Nursing Home