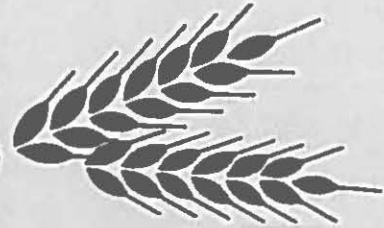


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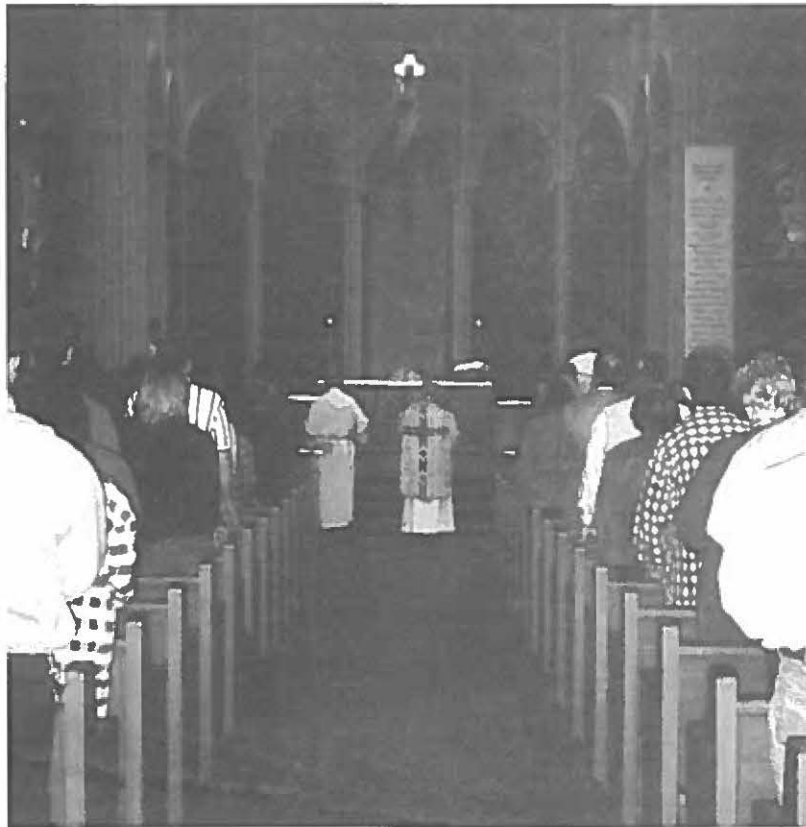
In Focus



Parish celebrates history with Tridentine Mass

Sounds of sung and spoken Latin filled St. Patrick's church at noon on Sunday, November 11. As one of the events of the parish centennial, Mass was celebrated in Latin according to the rite that was used from the 16th century until the Second Vatican Council. This is the form of the Mass that was celebrated here for more than 60 years in the history of the parish. For some, it was a reminder of the Mass from their own past. For others, it was like going to Mass in a foreign country: they knew what was going on even though they didn't understand the words. The worship aid had the Latin text side by side with an English translation, which made it easier to follow.

Members of the Centennial Committee, the choirs, and Fr. Remm spent many hours preparing for the celebration. The altar was moved to



the back of the sanctuary and kneelers were set out for the servers' use. Vestments and utensils were either brought out of storage or borrowed. (Do you remember the veil and burse covering the chalice,

fiddle-back chasubles, and birettas?) The choir sang a Mass by Palestrina and chanted the other sung responses.

After Mass the Blessed Sacrament was exposed in a monstrance for a time of private adoration, ending at 5 p.m. with Vespers and Benediction.

At the reception following, parishioners talked about their recollection of the transition to the new liturgy after Vatican II. Some remembered that English was introduced as early as 1964; others remembered Mass in Latin as late as 1969. The change was handled differently in different dioceses and in parishes

with different ethnic traditions.

Shall we do it again? Responses included, "Once in a hundred years is about right," and "Yes, for special occasions."

Advent approaches, the advent of Christ the King

The Israelites, the Chosen People, once were unlike other nations in that they had no one but God himself as their king. But when Samuel was Judge of Israel, the people demanded a king, and the Lord acquiesced. He sent Samuel to the town of Bethlehem to the house of Jesse. God had chosen David, one of the seven sons

of Jesse, to be Israel's first king.

Anointed king, David promised to build a house for the Lord; however, David soon learned that it is the Lord who makes promises to his people, not the other way around. Indeed, the Lord promised David: "I shall appoint your heir, your son, to succeed you, and I shall make your royal

throne secure forever. ... I shall be a father to him, and he a son to me." (2 Samuel 7).

Under the unwise reign of David's grandson, the kingdom of Israel was split in two, and for more than 200 years both suffered under many kings. The Chosen People, who had

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rejected God as their King, had become like so many other nations. Even after King Cyrus of Persia allowed the remnant of Israel to return to Jerusalem, they lacked a king.

What of the promise made to David that an heir would be raised up, that his kingdom would last forever? As time and empires passed, that promise seemed like a distant memory, a faded hope, although the prophets continually reminded anyone who would listen that God is always faithful to his promises.

Under the Romans, the Chosen People were subjected to rule by a procurator, King Herod, who was neither a true political king nor of the line of David. Even the House of David seemed to have lost its nobility, for in Herod's time at least one of David's descendants, Joseph, is known to have been a carpenter.

In that time, quietly, an angel visited the virgin betrothed to that carpenter and soon after greeted the carpenter himself, addressing him with the significant title "Joseph, son of David."

Months later, as shepherds were watching over their flocks, an angel appeared to them, and "the glory of the Lord shown around them, and they were very much afraid." The angel told them not to be afraid: "Look, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today, in the city of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" (Luke 2:10-12).

Once again the Lord himself is King of his people. If we can learn anything from history, perhaps it is this: The Lord is faithful to his people, keeps his promises, and comes in humility to reign in the hearts of his people. "Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!"

A WATCH to remember

The weather was gorgeous, the speakers enthusiastic and the fifth weekend of WATCH at St. Patrick's was a huge success. Hosting the largest group since the inception of WATCH at St. Patrick's, Kai Nielsen and the team members of WATCH 5 provided a great weekend for all those in attendance.

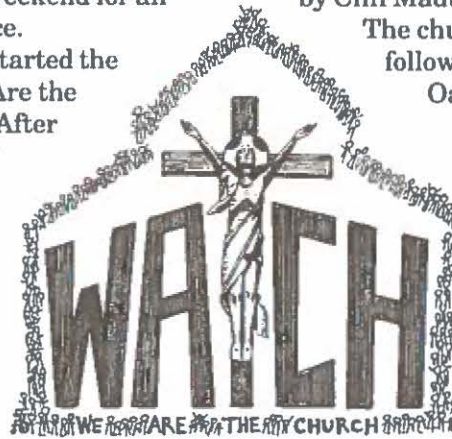
Sharon DuPuy started the weekend as "We Are the Church" speaker. After an "eggsperience" Saturday morning, Steve Retz spoke on study; Linda Bowers spoke on prayer, and Kathy Jobin delivered the action talk. Paula Partin presented the Saturday evening program on reconciliation.

Deacon Dan Murphy led a discussion of the Holy Eucharist Sunday morning, followed by Mass at 10:30. Kai Nielsen finished the day with "Where Do We Go from Here."

Others forming the WATCH 5 team were assistants Cathy Howey and Doug Bean and table leaders Tim Bowers, Mary Nielsen, Bernie Fitzgerald, Theresa Bosch and Marietta Hubler. Spiritual directors Dan and Pris Murphy were assisted by Cliff Maduzia.

The church welcomed the following attendees: Wayne Oakes, Jim Fitzgerald, Deborah Case, Dorothy Maduzia and Donna Theresa Ramirez, Quentin Kirk, Joanne Arie, Teresa Huntsman, Barb Lohr, Michael Tracy, Chris McDonald, Susan Cole and

Darlene Duncan, Andrew Howey, Margaret Oakes, Georgina Cheng, Michelle Gunning, Terry Moreau, Ed Hess, Blanca Kirk, Bonnie Kimball, Aimee Fleming, Greg Hatch, Liz Hess, Minta Eley, Claude Cole and Sarah Theobald.



WATCH plans Fan the Flames program

Fan the Flames is a program used in many WATCH parishes as a way of uniting members from all weekends. These events are held on a monthly basis and bring WATCH members and others interested in WATCH together for inspiration, fellowship and prayer. Fan the Flames is a good opportunity to strengthen our relationship with our community.

Fan the Flames was held Oct. 21 in the parish multi-purpose room. Sr. Charlene began the afternoon with a prayer mediation, followed by a talk by Tim Bowers about his spiritual journey over the past couple of decades. Small group sharing came next. Terry Jobin on guitar led the group in a closing song. Also emphasized during the two-hour event were opportunities for community building, which WATCH provides through prayer, and study groups organized by Tracey Johnson.

All members of WATCH weekends and their guests are invited to join all or any of the Fan the Flames meetings at St. Patrick's. Meetings are on selected Sunday afternoons from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the parish center. Meetings are scheduled for Dec. 2, Jan. 6 and Feb. 3.

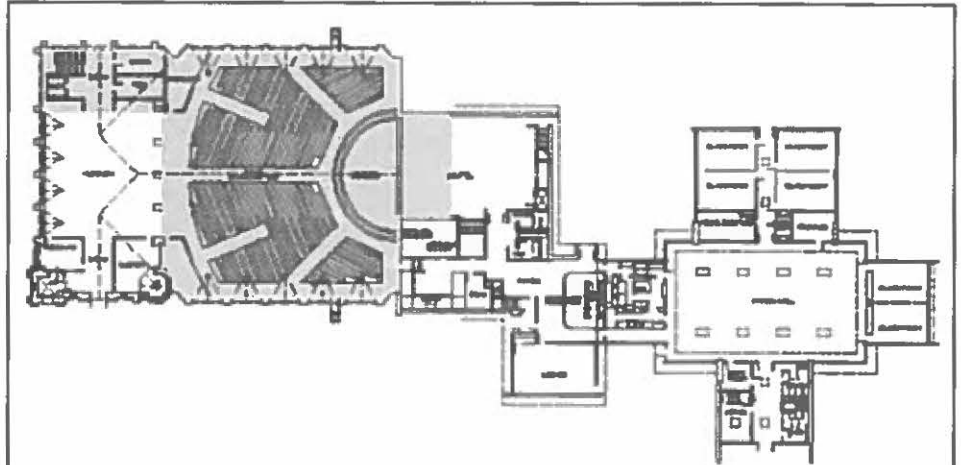


What does future hold for St. Patrick's Church?

The Long-Range Planning Committee at St. Patrick's has been working with architect Larry Quenette for several months in a review of our parish facilities. This review is the culmination of several years of work. Fr. Remm and the committee recognize that there is not enough space for current staff and programs, and that the church will be too small to accommodate all our parishioners when it becomes necessary to reduce the Sunday Mass schedule because of a shortage of priests. Mr. Quenette made a presentation before each Mass on the first weekend of November to share the plans that he and the committee have developed.

The first phase involves redecorating the church in time for its centennial, buying land adjacent to church property, and petitioning the city of Urbana to allow St. Patrick's to use the land occupied by Busey Street between Main and Clark.

The second phase of the project is the building of new worship space between the church and the parish center. This space would have room for 700 or more worshipers, but the seating would be arranged so that the back row is closer to the altar than in the present church. There would be



Architect's plan for new worship space for St. Patrick's. The shaded area represents new construction with the worship space aligned east-west instead of north-south.

changes to the present church and parish center so that the three buildings would be connected gracefully and additional parking would be available.

Below the new worship space would be offices and classrooms. They would be roughed in during phase 2 of the project. In phase 3, they would be finished so they could be used.

The fourth phase of the project would be the expansion of the main hall in the Parish Center to double its seating capacity.

Only the first phase has been adopted by the Parish Council so far. Phase 2 is estimated to cost \$2.75 million, and the council is allowing time for consensus building before a decision can be made. What are your views? Talk with one of the members of the council, or write to the Long-Range Planning Committee, in care of the parish office.

A new look for parish Web site: StPatsUrbana.org

A group of parishioners with computer savvy has agreed to revise and expand the parish's Web site.

The changes were discussed by 10 parishioners at a meeting on Oct. 29. The domain name StPatsUrbana.org was suggested by the group for the revised Web page, originally designed by Jose Schutt-Aine. Todd Schumacher, a parishioner with Web site development experience, has agreed to serve as web master. Robin Singer and Patty Andersen will become Web site editors. They also will develop the basic templates that a good Web page uses to function well. This work will include developing ways to bring the artwork in the church to the Web. Through the use of the parish's digital camera, images of the Rising Christ, the tabernacle

area and the Marian Shrine could then be viewed by Web surfers across the region.

Arden Howey, Judy Conover, Tony Schutz and Jean Daly will gather information from all parish groups as the Web design work gets under way. They will examine publications currently on paper for their suitability for the Web. Items to be included on a regular basis will be the parish bulletin, the parish newsletter, "In Focus," and meeting information on the Parish Council and associated committee work. Separate pages for WATCH, Knights of Columbus, CREW, RCIA and the parish centennial will become available for use by these groups as ways to promote their activities. Fr. Remm indicated that the information about the RCIA,

the parish nurse program and parish Bible studies could be accessed by parishioners visiting the Web page. Links to other suitable sites will be investigated by Walt Huntsman; these might include the Vatican Web page, the Diocese of Peoria site and other local parish Web pages.

Parishioners should find the Web pages a handy reference. Updates to existing Web page information and methods for keeping information current are being worked out by Bob Andersen and Carl Roth. Current staff photos and information about the parish, including Mass schedules and a calendar, will be part of the new Web page design.

Forms to e-mail or a parish database function were suggested by Carl

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Christmas EXPO is coming!

On Sunday, Dec. 9, the St. Patrick's Guild will sponsor its fifth annual Christmas EXPO. Features this year include a gift table, a sweets table and a silent auction, which will precede the live auction. Starting at 8:30 a.m., you may shop at the gift and sweet tables and preview the auction items. You may bid on the silent auction items from 8:30 a.m. The live auction will begin at 10:30 a.m.

The cookie sale will have a new twist this year: You choose the cookies, which will be priced at \$4 a dozen. Bars, breads and special treats also will be available.

To get you in the mood, here's a tantalizing preview: A fiber-optic Christmas tree will be one of the featured items for bid. If you like bunnies and you like grandparents, then you must see the loving pair on a joint rocker, which will also be for bid. If you have an Illini fan or a soon-to-be bride on your list, you must see the special occasion baskets. Many hand-made items have arrived, and the co-chairs, Ceil Weir and Leslie Risatti, are looking forward to another successful EXPO.

Steve Beckett and his able assistants are geared up for the live auction, and Guild members hope everyone will join in. Proceeds will go toward renovation of the restrooms off the main hall.

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Roth and Bob Andersen as ways the Web page could become interactive. Future development of the site may allow online registration of new parishioners. Parties will be able to acquire information about parish rental programs, and people with questions about Catholicism could soon have a way to contact the parish through an online connection.

Input from parishioners is encouraged as the Web site development team gets started with its work. A lot of the work will proceed via e-mail and chat rooms, but parishioners are encouraged to join in the fun by attending a Web site development meeting, Sunday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. In the meantime, click on StPatsUrbana.org and watch the parish Web site take shape.

In Focus

St. Patrick's *In Focus* is published on the last weekend of the month in Urbana, Illinois. News items and information may be submitted by mid-month for the next issue. Written materials must include the name and telephone number of the writer.

Please leave news items in the Communications Committee mail bin in the parish center, or call a committee member. All submissions are subject to review and/or editing by the committee and staff. Bylines are generally omitted.

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Members of CREW rake leaves during a fund-raiser this fall. The teens were raising money to help defray the costs of their annual mission trip next summer.



It Happened Here!

10 years ago in *In Focus*: November 1991



On Sunday, Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, parishioners joined in a procession to dedicate the Marian Shrine. The statue of Mary, which dates back to the 1903 dedication of St. Patrick's church, was repaired and repainted by parishioner Nick Britsky, who also designed and crafted colorful plexiglas panels backlighted to resemble stained glass windows and special votive candle stands for the shrine. After a blessing of the shrine, the procession moved to the baptistry and then to the tabernacle area to bless the new art Nick prepared for each alcove. The ceremony concluded with a blessing of the assembly with holy water drawn from the baptismal font in a parish renewal of baptismal promises.

The newly activated Social Committee announced ambitious holiday plans that included Lunch with Santa for the children of the parish and their friends, and a New Year's Eve Dinner Dance with a sandwich buffet and music provided by a DJ.



Deadline for submission of information, articles and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is December 7.

An evangelization minute ...

From Joseph Youakim



I was born in Bethlehem, Palestine. A brief history of my family helps explain how God has

played a major role in my life.

My family descended from the Israelite tribe of Judah and converted to Christianity in the first century. They settled down in the village of Ain-Karem, birthplace of John the Baptist. They lived there until 1948 when they had to flee, in the face of the advancing Israelis, and leave all their belongings behind. They sought refuge and shelter in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

We were 11 people living in one room, but my father did not despair; he had a strong faith in God. He knew that with the help of God, we would rise up from the ashes and ruins to rebuild our lives. But my faith was weak; I did not believe that God was on our side. Our lives were shattered again in the Six Days War

of 1967; this time we had no place to flee, and all our dreams and hopes went down the drain. I was very upset at God and blamed him for every misery that befell us. My faith hit the very bottom when one of my friends was killed by an Israeli tank shell while delivering milk to the French Hospital in Bethlehem.

Throughout all this, God did not abandon me but took care of me and opened doors of opportunity. I found that the struggle against God was the struggle against my inner self. God guided me to St. Patrick's Church. Here, through the Young Adult Group, I started to slowly gain confidence in God and trust in him again. I found myself joining Bible-sharing sessions at St. Patrick's, and my faith started to grow. I no longer resented God. My life started to change for the better.

I started to depend on God in everything I did. I placed most of my problems on his shoulders and let God deal with them. Whenever I was in deep trouble or distress I prayed in the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ and asked for help. God always responded and showed me the

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Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Florence Chevalier

A Frances Adams Christmas Coffee Cake



2 C. brown sugar	2 C. flour
1 stick margarine	1 t. salt (optional)
1 C. ground nuts	1 t. cinnamon
1 egg	1 C. buttermilk
1 T. baking soda	1 T. vanilla
Candied fruit (optional)	

Combine the brown sugar, flour, margarine, salt, nuts and cinnamon; mix well until crumbly, like pie crust, before adding liquid. Remove one cup for topping. Add the egg, buttermilk, baking soda and vanilla, and mix well. Pour batter in a 9" by 13" pan; spoon topping evenly over top. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Serve hot or cold. (May be frozen.)

Parish Council News

The parish council will decide next month whether to approve a church renovation plan at a cost of \$14,000. The contract would cover the preliminary design, construction documents, and bidding and contract administration.

Once the design is completed and a contract awarded for construction, the renovations could take place from August 12 through Sept. 27, 2002. Fr. Remm recommended approval of the design contract at the council's November meeting; a motion to do so was tabled until the December meeting.

This renovation of the church for the Centennial is part of Phase 1 of a long-range plan for the church. Other phases would expand the church and parish center, but the parish council has not committed itself to the additional phases and expansion (see story on page 3).

At its November meeting, the council also delayed approving a contract to remodel the bathrooms in the parish center at a cost of \$30,221. The contractor, Commercial Builders, Inc., did the kitchen remodeling and other work for the parish. The Building and Grounds Committee has great confidence in this firm.

Fr. Remm would like to see the work done before the church renovation begins; the parish hall will be needed for Masses during that time. He has discussed the project with the Guild and has asked them to contribute \$12,000 toward the cost. There should also be some end-of-year funds that could be used, and there is some money left from the lounge renovations. If approved by the council and the Peoria Diocese, the work could begin as early as Dec. 26 and be finished by Feb. 2.

The council approved the purchase of the Yauk property on Coler Avenue at the appraised price of \$65,000. The church has no current plans for this property and probably will rent it for now. But if adjacent property becomes available in the future, it would allow for more parking, con-

struction of a rectory, or other use.

In another matter, church committees have been asked to finalize their objectives before the end of the year. They will want to look at all of the parish objectives in case they want to modify those they had tentatively selected.

In other business, the council: — Learned that the Centennial Committee is preparing for the St. Patrick's Dance on March 16 at Jumer's. About 250 tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The dance will be open to everyone, not just parishioners.

— Agreed the parish won't host a New Year's Eve meal service this year because volunteers have outnumbered participants the last two years and renovation work in the parish center could be disruptive.

Mary's Immaculate Conception

On Dec. 8 the Church honors Mary, who was conceived without sin, unique in God's creation, because she was to be the mother of God in the person of Jesus.

At St. Patrick's we celebrate this remarkable grace with Mass offered on Friday, December 7, at 5:15 p.m. and on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 8:00 a.m.

*Father,
Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared,
and a love that never knew sin,
for you kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception.
Trace in our actions the lines of her love,
in our hearts the readiness of faith.
Prepare once again a world for your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

Opening prayer,
Mass of the Immaculate Conception

Lunch with Santa

Before Santa starts making his list and checking it twice, give your children an opportunity to have lunch with him at the parish center. Lunch with Santa is planned for noon on Sunday, Dec. 16. Pizza, fruit, a cookie and a drink will be served.



Besides lunch there will be time for the children to visit with Santa and have their pictures taken. Games and crafts are also planned. Tickets are \$5 per child and \$3 for adults. It will be necessary to purchase tickets ahead of time so organizers can have enough food on hand. Tickets will be available on Sundays, Nov. 24, Dec. 1 and Dec. 9, during Coffee Shop and after Children's Liturgy.

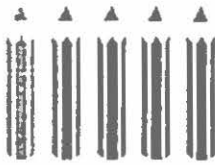
Thanks for the smiles

A total of 555 families had their pictures taken recently for the parish directory.

The guild wants to thank all those who participated, as well as the hosts who greeted the families and those who phoned to recruit more participants. Special recognition goes to Linda Weber who lined up all the people to make phone calls and Joanne Arie who practically lived at St. Patrick's during the picture-taking days to ensure that the process went smoothly.

Holy Cross newsline

In October, the students of Holy Cross donated some \$250 to the Afghan Children's Fund. The students were responding to a nationwide appeal from President Bush; the money will be forwarded to the White House.



Three students from St. Patrick's parish were recently honored at the Illinois Music Educator's Association auditions in Bloomington. Matthew Maduzia (baritone saxophone) and Anna Mayer (clarinet) were chosen to play for the Regional Band, and Vincent Christman was chosen to sing in the Regional Chorus.

Grandparents and Special Friend Day was held on Oct. 21. The day began with an all-school Mass followed by a reception with musical entertainment and then visits to the children's classrooms.

The Christmas Concert will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 5 in the gym of the High School of St. Thomas More. Students from all grades will sing; all bands will play, and the St. Thomas More band and chorus will perform.

Report cards were issued Nov. 3 for the first quarter. Parent-teacher conferences were held Nov. 8 and 9. St. Patrick parishioners on the Honor Roll include the following:

Highest Honors: Anna Mayer, Madeleine Mengler, Kirsten Faught, Michael Mengler and Hannah Noonan.

High Honors: Sam Altaner, Kelsey Lee, Jonathan Vimr, Adriana Black, Sam Freidhof, Christian Kurtz, Kevin Melander, Christine Milewski, Nathania Perry, Natalie Timpone, Catherine Keane, Ian Tate and Laura Welle.

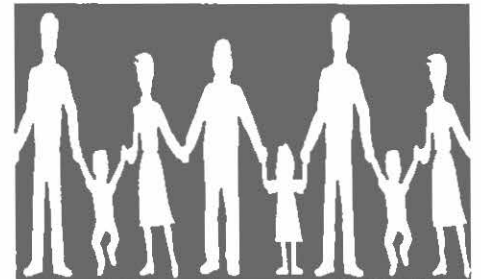


Archives committee seeks help

Nancy Steerman, a member of the archives committee at St. Patrick's, is compiling a list of couples who have served on the marriage preparation team through Pre-Cana and/or Foccus. She's asking that parishioners take a few minutes to review the following names to make sure she hasn't missed anyone. Anyone with a correction or addition can call her at 328-1217.

Couples are Bart and Mindy Basi, Tom and Diane Beasley, Johann and Rachel Beda, Peter and Mary Lou Bloome, Leroy and Rosemary Charters, Wayne and Fran Davis, Rod and Mary Dell Forbes, Chris and Denise Freidhof, Bob and Mary Alane-Hughes and Dick and Pat Justice, Michael and Patricia Koch, Michael and Teresa Krassa, Tom and Jean Korder, David and Rita Lampe, Gary and Bernie Laumann, John and Robin Maier, David and Chris Main, Jean Phillipe and Rosemary Mathy, Jim and Pat Mayer, Tom and Pat Minogue, Dan and Pris Murphy, Dave and Betty Murrell, Al and Ruth Mytty and Pat and Ellen Noonan, Joe and Bea Pavia, Allen and Elise

Pratt, Jerry and Sandy Pijanowski, Joe and Jeannie Rasmussen, Doug and Michelle Roberts, Tim and Susan Roth, Chuck and Connie Shaw, John and Donna Smith, Steve and Karilyn Sonka, Walter and Shirley Splittstoesser, Fred and Rosemary Garhart-Stavins, Jerry and Nancy Steerman, Emile and Elizabeth Talbot, Gary and Tracy Wszalek, and David and Susan Zola.



Welcome to the following, recently baptized into our faith community: Grace Elizabeth Cassidy, Alexander John Poor, Emily Danielle Edmondson, Chase Matthew Fincham and Jacob Patrick Welbes.

Congratulations to those recently married: Stephanie Ann Crist and Craig Michael Schneider.

Please pray for the following members of our parish who have died: Aline Sullivan and Ruth Cromwell.



in our parish library

Looking for spiritual reading for your children? Would you like to pray with your children, but aren't sure how to start? St. Patrick's has a children's library - it's in the Kindergarten classroom, next door to the main library. You'll find a variety of books - Bible stories, saints' biographies, small prayer books and more. Here's a small sample:

Lord, I Am One of Your Little Ones: Prayers for Children, by Enric Puig, C 249 Pui.

This is a great collection of brief prayers - for thankfulness, to help us be better, and everyday prayers.

A Child's Book of Parables, by Mary Kathleen Glavic, C 226 Gla.

Twelve Gospel parables told in a very short form, with nice illustrations. Each ends with a brief prayer

suggestion.

It Must Hurt a Lot: A Child's Book about Death, by Doris Sanford.

This is a story about a young boy's feelings as he copes with the deaths of a pet and a grandparent. The inside back cover has great information for parents and other family members on how to help a child with loss.

God's word in my heart, by Paul J. Loth.

This collection of 75 devotions can help your children grow in their relationship with God. Each is based on a Bible reading and has a question to think about, a short "lesson" and a prayer suggestion. Topics include: Keeping God on our minds, standing up for God, encouraging others, and more.

Our Lady of Guadalupe and Blessed Juan Diego

In December 1531, Mary appeared to a humble man at Tepeyac, a hill northwest of Mexico City. His native name was Cuauhtlatoatzin, or "one who talks like an eagle." He was a poor man, a member of the lowest and largest class in the Aztec empire. He devoted himself to hard work in the fields and manufacturing mats. He owned a piece of land and a small house. He was happily married but had no children.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Between 1524 and 1525, he was converted and baptized, receiving the Christian name of Juan Diego. He seems to have been a devoted, religious man, even before his conversion. He was a solitary, mystical character given to periods of silence and frequent penance. At the time of Mary's apparition, he was living with an uncle about 9 miles outside Mexico City. Every Saturday and Sunday, he walked the 9 miles to Mass and religious instruction class. He walked barefoot and wore a coarse-woven cactus cloth as a mantle on those chilly mornings.

It was on this mantle that Mary left

her image. The cloth should have deteriorated in 20 years, but it shows no sign of decay more than 450 years later and still defies all scientific explanations of its origin. Mary appeared to Juan Diego and called him the "most humble of my sons." She spoke in his native language and told him to take her message to the bishop. After being given the sign of the roses and the image on Juan Diego's mantle, the bishop believed and a basilica was built.

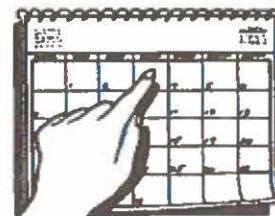
After the miracle of Guadalupe, Juan Diego spent the rest of his life propagating the account of the apparition to his countrymen. He died on May 30, 1548, at the age of 74. Pope John Paul II praised Juan Diego for his simple faith and pictured him as a model of humility for all.

Blessed Juan Diego's feast day is celebrated December 9 and Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated December 12.

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path. I found strength in prayer. For instance, 12 years ago, when I was self-employed, the contracting company told me I had enough work for only one month. I said I was not going to worry about it. I'll pray, and God will take care of it. That night I prayed, and the next day I told my friend that in a dream something told me there would be a position advertised for me in the Sunday newspaper. When Sunday came, I bought the newspaper, and there was only one ad that described what I do. I told my friend I wouldn't send my resume until 14 days later, and when they received it, they would call and give me the job. I said that because I was sure God wanted me to have this job. When the 14 days were up, I mailed the resume and a few days later I got a call for an interview. I was hired for the job the same day. All these experiences and many others show me that God's love and compassion is so great that he will never abandon me.




Make a date ...



Fan the Flames, Sunday, Dec. 2
 Guild EXPO, Sunday, Dec. 9
 Lunch with Santa, Sunday, Dec. 16
 Communal reconciliation:
 — Monday, Dec. 17 at Holy Cross,
 — Tuesday, Dec. 18 at St. Patrick's
 — Wednesday, Dec. 19 at St.
 Matthew's

St. Patrick's Church

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