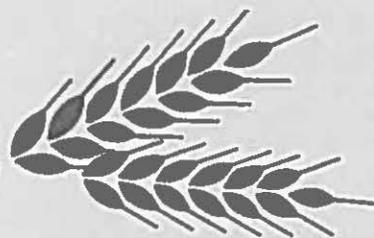


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



Coming Soon: The Cellar-to-Garret Sale

Have you already done your spring cleaning of attic, basement, garage, and closets? Well, it's a good thing you haven't, because those items you don't need or particularly want any longer may be just what's needed for the parish's annual Cellar-to-Garret Sale, sponsored by St. Patrick's Guild.

The Cellar-to-Garret Sale is the single most successful fund-raising event in the parish year after year, with proceeds put to good use in financing many parish needs. Most recently, Guild funds contributed to the refurbishing of the parish center lounge, with its new cabinets, carpeting, and handsome furnishings.

The sale, held at St. Patrick's parish center, will open on Thursday, Aug. 23, and close with the customary bag sale on Saturday, Aug. 25.

As always, many "departments" will be filled to overflowing with items you and other parishioners have donated, marked for 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: torn or stained upholstered furniture, large appliances (e.g., stoves), artificial Christmas trees, fireplace equipment, drapery rods, shutters, kitchen cabinets, textbooks and magazines, tires and rims.

As soon as you have sorted out what you'd like to donate, you can

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CREW prepares for trip

The CREW Mission Group is in the final stages of preparation for St. Patrick's second annual mission trip. Twenty-five teens and 10 adult chaperones will travel to Grand County, Colorado. They will leave after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, July 21. All parishioners are welcome at Mass to give the group a hearty send-off. They will return the following Saturday, July 28.

You, too, can be a part of the trip. Feel free to donate a few dozen homemade cookies for the long bus ride, provide spiritual trinkets or prayer cards for all participants, be a secret servant for one participant or sponsor a special activity, for example,



supplying s'mores for a campfire or admission for sightseeing excursions. Another way to help is to pray for safe travel and spiritual growth for the participants or by joining a Bible study group. There will be daily Bible study at St. Patrick's that corresponds with the studies completed by the trip participants. And don't forget to check out the group's website, which will be updated daily during the trip, at www.prairienet.org/crew2000.

For information about any of these activities, please call Cindy Shaw at 384-2299.

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bring them to St. Patrick's and someone in the office will open the white garage for you. Items will be stored there until the sale begins. (A word to the wise: The garage fills up fast, so get your items in soon! Last year and the year before, some late arrivals had to be turned away.)

If you can help Guild members with the sale itself, you can be sure of a grateful welcome — especially during the days before the sale begins. The thousands upon thousands of items have to be sorted, checked for breaks, tears, cleanliness, and so forth, and tagged with a price. And tables and racks must be set up to hold everything for browsers' examination. This work sometimes falls to the lot of the parish's 70- and 80-year-olds, so you can imagine just how welcome your help will be!



Welcome to new parishioners Bob and Patty Andersen, Michael Boatright, Georgena Donoho, Mrs. J. Minta Eley, Julie Griffin, Adam Gynac, Mike Machesky, Lisa Moy, Jack and Annessa Parisi, Stephanie Pauketat, John Sabol, John Soucie, Kevin and Edna Waite, and Mike and Erin Ward.

Congratulations to those recently married: Melissa Lynn Sonka and Mark Andrew Wise, and Tracy Dairine Pearce and Steven Joseph Lamos.

Welcome to the following, recently baptized into our faith community: Ellen Jean Aulbach, Hannah Mae Beddow, Gage Andrew Atwood, Joshua Philip DePriest-Burgund, Abigail Anne Elston and Hannah Alexis Niccum.

Farewell to those parishioners who have moved from C-U: Nghana Lewis, Matt and Leslie Mio, Jay Moorman, Valerie and Fidele Ndjoumou, Ed and Joan Poletti, and Anthony and Barbara Szepal.

During the sale, volunteers are also needed to assist browsers, to cashier, and to help put all to rights again for Coffee Shop the morning after the sale. 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 tremendous satisfaction in helping, and you may 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!

Open Meeting on Parish Facilities

What if the membership in St. Patrick's Parish grows? What if we had only one priest? When should we replace the roof on the church? The Long-Range Planning Committee has been looking at questions like these over the course of almost a year. Its final report, delivered in April to the Parish Council, recommended an evaluation of the parish buildings to see how well they meet our present and projected needs, and what can be done to improve them.

A new committee was formed to do this evaluation, working with architect Larry Quennete of Renaissance Architects in Springfield. Members of the committee are Fr. Remm, parish trustees Steve Beckett and Diane Musumici, past Parish Council President Pulchratia Kinney, Building and Grounds Committee members Mike Holden, Chuck Shaw and Gary Wazalek, and members of the former Long-Range Planning Committee Carol Bosley, Ed Clancy and Mike Andrejasich, and Liturgy Committee member Mary Ann

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Q: I don't see much about the feast of the Queenship of Mary. Is it one the Church still celebrates?

A: Yes, this feast is observed on Aug. 22, on the "octave" day of the feast of Mary's Assumption, which we celebrate on Aug. 15.

In times past, most important Church festivals were celebrated for eight days, or an octave. In Church tradition, an octave represents eternity. This may seem strange to us today, but here's the reasoning: Seven days make a normal, run-of-the-mill week. Add an eighth day, and it becomes something special — a week that ends and begins on the same day. In the early Church, eight days was a symbol of perfection and of heaven.

On Aug. 22, the eighth day after the Feast of the Assumption, we honor Mary as the "regina caeli," the queen of heaven. Psalm 45, sung on this day as it was on Assumption Day, speaks of a queen in a golden robe who brings justice and splendor and great rejoicing wherever she goes — the queen whose beauty chases away all sorrow.

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954, so it is of relatively recent origin, but Mary's queenship is firmly rooted in Scripture and in tradition, dating back to the fourth century. The Vatican II document "Constitution of the Church" continues this tradition: "Let the entire body of the faithful pour forth persevering prayer to the Mother of God and Mother of men. Let them implore that she who aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers may now, exalted as she is in heaven above all the saints and angels, intercede with her Son in the fellowship of all the saints."



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is August 12.

A word of thanks to council members

As three parishioners rotate off the Parish Council, the parish community extends its gratitude to them for their exemplary service.

The terms of Dwain Berggren, Judy Huelsbusch and Pulchratia Kinney expired at the end of May.

The work they have done has been great. It has affected the quality of parish life at St. Patrick's. Their willingness to serve on the council required that they attend at least two meetings, sometimes three meetings, and parish events each month. As they well know, often that number was greater! Still, they served with dedication and commitment.

They have been part of the council that set the stage for what will be a grand two-year centennial celebration that will build community within the parish and will reflect our parish wonderfully outside the church. They have been part of the council that supported the initiation in our parish structure of a youth mission group serving the poor and those of less advantage. They have been part of the council that began the study of long-range plans for St. Patrick's Parish. These are just three of many items that they were directly involved with – items that will affect our parish for many, many years.

Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for



Judy Huelsbusch



Dwain Berggren



Pulchratia Kinney

others?" What Dwain, Judy, and Pulchratia have done for the current and future needs of St. Patrick's Parish is exceptional. Thank you from the bottom of St. Patrick's very big heart!

Calling all IGA shoppers

During the past year, the St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Patrick's Parish has been participating in Jerry's IGA charitable rebate program. By registering your Hometown Variety check-cashing and savings card to this organization, the society receives a rebate for a percentage of your purchases.

All current enrollments are due to expire on July 1. The time has come to re-enroll your HVC card number to the society's organization number, which is 055123. This re-enrollment is for the program year of July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002. All enrollment forms received during April, May and June of 2001 will count toward that quarter's purchases, as well for the new program year. The current rebate program enrolled 21 parishioners. Their participation was greatly appreciated by the society.

Enrollment forms are available at the parish office, and can be dropped off at the service desk of any of the participating IGA stores. Like last year, you will continue to receive all of the extra mailings and awards that come from using your HVC card, and help the society as well. Through the rebate program, the society received a check for \$23.

Participating stores included Jerry's IGA on Kirby, Round Barn, Philo Road, Hoopston and Sullivan, as well as the IGA's in LeRoy, Arcola, Arthur, Tuscola and Paris.



Parishioner oversees Peace Meals

Pat Barrett, a parishioner of St. Patrick's, is the new site supervisor of the Peace Meal senior lunch program. It is held Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. in the lower level of the United Methodist church, Urbana.

Anyone age 60 and their spouses, regardless of age, are invited to this meal. A reservation of 24 hours is required.

Pat is excited about her new position with Peace Meal. She wants others to know about this valuable resource in the community.

In addition to the lunch, the program provides a chance to meet others and to learn about issues concerning older adults. For more information, please call Pat at 344-4840.

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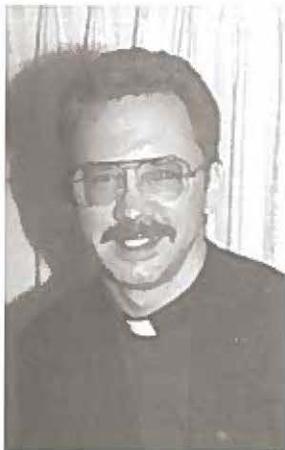
It Happened Here!

15 Years Ago in In Focus, May 1986 Carolyn McElrath chosen as Director of Religious Education. She said, "Catechesis occurs within the context of experienced fellowship and shared worship and leads to service and discipleship."

10 Years Ago in In Focus, June 1991 St. Patrick's parishioners welcomed Fr. Dwight Campbell and toured the new priests' residence on an eventful day, June 9. Several parishioners contributed to the day's success. Barbara Peckham, Cecelia Weir, and Ruth Mytty helped redecorate the priests' residence. Members of the Knights of Columbus and the Building and Grounds Committee also contributed to the remodeling, as did many other parishioners.

10 Years Ago in In Focus, June 1991 Fr. Kinder Retires ... again. "He refers to himself as "an ancient priest," but even so, Msgr. Paul Kinder's third stick, any more than did his two earlier ones. Now nearing 80, Fr. Kinder recently asked to reduce his schedule at St. Patrick's. "But I'll be around," he grinned, "Fr. Remm asked me to have one of the Sunday masses whenever I'm free."

10 Years Ago in In Focus, July 1991 John Pescitelli, Music Director at St. Pat's for 3 years, left at the end of July to pursue a second M.A. degree in opera. "John's first love is opera. His eyes light up when he talks about opera, and he has performed in opera at Krannert with great zest and a fine, full baritone voice. When accepted into the opera program, with a tuition waver at Temple University in Philadelphia, how could he refuse?"



Parishioner heeds call to ministry

On Sunday, May 20, parishioner Cliff Maduzia participated in the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for ordination as a permanent deacon at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria. The following is his account of the ceremony.

"In response to the Lord's call, are you ready to complete your preparation ... to be ordained for the ministry of the Church?" To that, I and 29 others declared in unison, "I am." The bishop then stated that the Church received our declaration with joy.

I see so many good people doing so much for their families, the Church and the community. I am humbled by this. By these actions, Christians are responding to God's call to take part in the mission of the Church. Am I responding to God's call by being part of this program?

The past three years of education and formation have been a tremendous blessing for my wife, Dorothy, and me. We are very grateful to Father Remm and St. Patrick's Parish for supporting us. But was our presence at the cathedral a response to God's call?

For several months prior to the May 20 ceremony, I was tormented with doubts. When the bishop asked at the ceremony, "Are you ready," I was deeply moved. My doubts subsided.

The deacon candidate and his wife are among those whom the Holy Spirit calls to serve through a permanent commitment to the Church by example and service. Three years isn't exactly permanent, but it's a beginning. Please pray for us, as we enter the final year of preparation, that we may be open to the Holy Spirit.

Parish recognizes high school graduates

Seniors graduating from high school were honored at a special Mass in May. They were sent forth with "the hopes that they will continue to express their faith in daily deeds of love and service, that they will continue to grow in knowledge, wisdom and understanding, and that they will contribute to the betterment of our nation and world."



The graduates are:

Benjamin Bermingham, who graduated from Urbana High, and will attend the University of Illinois next year in the Institute of Aviation. He received a Fr. Charles Martell Scholarship Award from the Urbana Knights of Columbus.

Michael Anthony "Tony" Bosley. He graduated from St. Joseph-Ogden High School and will attend the University of Notre Dame and major in mechanical engineering. He also received a Fr. Martell Scholarship.

Duyet Bui. He graduated from Urbana High and will attend the University of Illinois in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Drew Bunyan, who graduated from Urbana High, and will attend Columbia University in Chicago and major in film.

Anne Crossetti, who will attend the University of Illinois and major in business administration. She also received a Fr. Martell Scholarship.

Teresa Davito, who graduated from Urbana High School, and will attend the University of Illinois in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Mark Douglas. Mark graduated from Urbana High and will attend Western Illinois University majoring in agricultural science.

Trish Downes, who graduated from St. Joseph-Ogden High School, and will attend Parkland College and study American history.

Cole Grabow. He graduated from Urbana High School and will attend a vocational program through the Urbana School District.

Colin Holbrook, who graduated from Urbana High School, and will attend the University of Illinois and major in aviation.

Ines Hubler, who graduated from Urbana High, and will major in general engineering at the University of Illinois.

Jesse Johnston. Jesse graduated from St. Joseph-Ogden High School and will attend the University of Kentucky and major in business.

Emily Kacich, who graduated from Urbana High, and will attend Southern Illinois University and major in elementary education.

Jacqueline Kalipeni, who graduated from Champaign Central, and will study education, with an interest in history and Spanish, at the University of Illinois.

Theresa Lawrence. She graduated from Champaign Central and will attend Augustana College and major in English. She also received a Fr. Martell Scholarship.

Robert McCartney, who graduated from Urbana High School. He will attend Eastern Illinois University and major in business.

Gabriel Mathy, who graduated from University High School. After spending a year in Belgium, he will attend the University of Illinois and study chemical engineering.

Nicole Parker, who graduated from Urbana High School. She will attend the University of Notre Dame and study pre-med. She also received a Fr. Martell Scholarship.

Eric Porter, who graduated from University High School. He will attend Washington University in St. Louis and study art.

Jason Retz, who graduated from St. Joseph-Ogden High School. He will attend Danville Community College and study secondary education and run cross country and track. Jason also received a Fr. Martell Scholarship.

Julie Sonka. She graduated from Champaign Central and will attend the University of Illinois, studying accounting.

Jacob William Thompson, who graduated from Urbana High School, and will attend the University of Illinois. He is interested in sports management.

Tom Tounshendeaux, a graduate of Urbana High School. He will attend Parkland College in General Studies.

Ted Turner, who graduated from Urbana High School. He will attend the University of Wisconsin in Madison and study computer science.

Nicole Weisiger, a graduate of Urbana High School. She will attend Southern Illinois University and study architecture.

Jacoub "Jake" Youakim, who graduated from Urbana High School. He will attend Parkland College and is interested in business administration. He also received a Fr. Martell Scholarship.

Pius X, the "Peasant Pope"

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children.

The second of 10 children and son of a postman, Giuseppe (Joseph) Sarto was ever mindful of his humble origin. His rise through the Church hierarchy after his ordination as a priest sparked opposition, especially his appointments as Bishop of Mantua (Italy) and Archbishop of Venice, by those who thought such positions were appropriately held only by priests from the upper classes.

As a priest, he was known as a gentle pastor who loved to serve his people, especially the poor. He once said, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." Elected pope at 68, he never grew used to the formality of life in the Vatican. One day when an old friend came to visit, he burst into tears saying, "Look how they have dressed me up!" To another he said, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemane."

Pius X was pope for 11 years, during which time he sought to "renew all things in Christ." He held that children should be allowed to receive communion as soon as they were old enough to understand its importance and took steps to improve Christian education for both children and adults. He improved church music and day.



Interested in politics, Pius X encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections. In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if government control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand.

On the eleventh anniversary of his election as pope, the First World War was declared. In Rome he said goodbye to a large group of students called back to their homes all over Europe because of the war — to England, France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, and elsewhere. Knowing that they would soon be fighting one another, he enjoined them to be merciful, even as soldiers. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge!" Three weeks later he died.

Give special thanks to Pius X for his encouragement of frequent and early Communion when next you receive Jesus in Holy Communion, but especially on August 21, the day the Church honors this humble, unpretentious pope.

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Luedtke. Their goal is to develop a concept of how the parish facilities could be renovated. They hope to make their recommendations by the end of the summer. They will not be designing the changes; that will come later if the Parish Council, the staff and the diocese all agree that the parish should proceed.

You could be an important part of this evaluation. All of us at St. Patrick's know a lot about how the buildings are used, and some may have ideas for things that they wish worked better. The committee is hosting an open meeting to discuss the parish facilities on Sunday, July 1, at 7 p.m. in the Main Hall. Please come and share your knowledge and ideas.



Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Ida D'Urso

Sausage Rice Casserole

1 lb. regular bulk sausage
1 cup rice
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 slices of bread, cubed

About 1 cup milk
Chopped, fresh parsley,
or dried (optional)

Cook rice. Rinse and drain. Brown sausage; in same pan, cook onion until soft. Drain grease (use a little to grease a 2 qt. casserole) Soak bread cubes in milk, add parsley. Mix all ingredients together. Add salt and pepper to taste, if desired. Add more liquid if it looks too dry. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 45 minutes.





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St. Patrick's Parish

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 1 7:00pm Open Meeting on Parish Buildings | 2 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Education Com | 3 | 4 Independence Day Parish Office Closed 9:00am Mass & Potluck Breakfast | 5 7:30pm Building & Grounds Com | 6 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH | 7 |
| 8  3:00-5:00pm Ruth Siwert's 100th Birthday | 9 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm CREW Bible Study | 10 | 11 7:00pm CREW Bible Study | 12 | 13 10:30am Mass-Care Center 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH | 14 |
| 15 8:30am-12:00pm Blood Pressure Screening | 16 7:00pm Centering Prayer | 17 9:30am Mass-Canterbury Ridge | 18 7:00pm CREW Participants & Parents Mtg | 19 9:00pm Communications Com | 20 10:30am Mass-Clark-Lindsey 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH | 21 5:00pm Mass CREW Send-off & Pizza Dinner |
| 22  Sr. Charlene's Birthday | 23  Fr. Remm's Birthday 7:00pm Centering Prayer | 24 7:00pm Homily Prep | 25 | 26 | 27 10:30am Mass-Manor Care 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH | 28 CREW Returns |
| 29 | 30 7:00pm Planning Com 7:00pm Centering Prayer | 31 | | | | |

