

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus

Sacrificial Giving:

It is the size of your heart that counts with God

By John and Donna Smith



Both of us grew up on farms. Donna's home was near Hennepin, Illinois, where she attended St.

Patrick's Catholic Church along with her parents and two younger brothers. Her parents believed that it is not the size of your pocketbook, but the size of your heart that counts with God. The Sunday envelopes were a regular part of each Sunday's attendance at Mass.

John's home was near Pittsfield, Illinois. He attended St. Mary's

Catholic Church along with his parents, two younger brothers, and three younger sisters.

John remembers only coins in the long-handled collection baskets used in the late 1930s, but soon everyone had envelopes to use. He remembers putting a nickel in the envelope each Sunday from his 35-cent weekly allowance. He didn't realize it at the time, but he had started tithing.

The decision to tithe is a very personal one. We believe that it is between God and us. Whatever we decide, God will understand as long as we have followed the principles of sacrificial giving: (1) give back to the

Lord in gratitude the first portion of what the Lord has given us; (2) the amount we give should be a sacrifice; (3) give regularly, using the parish envelopes; (4) we should look to the biblical concept of tithing as a guide.

We truly are blessed. We feel that by being generous with God, he has been so much more generous with us than we could have ever imagined.

We would like to think that we are God's friends, that we are God's people. Some time ago our attention was drawn to a responsorial psalm, "The Lord will not abandon his people," and we believe that!

St. Patrick's plans Habitat project

About a year ago, volunteers from St. Patrick's, with the Parish Council's approval, adopted one of 19 projects empty tomb had on its books — reroofing the house where Mrs. Kirk, who is elderly and uses a walker, lives with her son, who is blind.

Just before winter set in last year, our volunteers made some temporary repairs to the Kirks' home; this summer they returned to finish the job. [See the September issue of *In Focus*.] Parishioners joined members of the Social Action Committee, the Knights of Columbus, and CREW to complete the project, bringing it in under budget (\$1500), with expenses

covered by the Social Action Committee's operating budget.

Mrs. Kirk and her son were grateful to St. Patrick's parish community and empty tomb for making her house more habitable. Cecil Billingsley, empty tomb's coordinator for the Home Maintenance program, also expressed her gratitude for the generosity of St. Patrick's Parish. The workdays were a source of great enjoyment and satisfaction for all who participated in them, and our parish community once again showed its generosity and commitment to helping others in need.

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With its new roof, the Kirks' home will be snug and dry this winter, compliments of St. Patrick's volunteers. Chuck Shaw (left) and Arden Howey were two of the many who came to help

Habitat Project
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St. Patrick's will be participating next in a Habitat for Humanity project, now in the planning stage. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit ecumenical Christian-based housing ministry whose goal is the elimination of poverty housing and homelessness worldwide. The organization builds and rehabilitates simple, decent homes, making them affordable for low-income families and individuals. The homes are sold to the homeowner at cost, through no-interest 20-year mortgages. Several local Catholic churches, including St. Patrick's, will be partnering with Habitat next spring to build a new home.

Steering committees are established to plan and organize each project. These steering committees are made up of volunteers from the partnering organizations and Habitat's core volunteers.

There will be many opportunities to become involved in this very worthwhile project, from food preparation for the volunteers, making telephone calls, and running errands to active participation in construction of the house. It is hoped that the volunteer base for the upcoming project builds on the success of the work done in conjunction with empty tomb. Our parish volunteer coordinator for the Habitat project, Richard Keane, points out that the volunteer base needs to be significantly expanded to avoid having the same small group of people called upon time after time.

To this end Richard, together with the Social Action Committee, seeks to form a group of volunteer coordinators, one each from several parish groups or committees, whose responsibility it would be to enlist participants, primarily from their groups, thus ensuring an expanded volunteer base.

Interested groups or individuals may contact Richard Keane (351-6461) to volunteer or for further information.

Church update on long-range plan on Nov. 3-4

In February 2000, Fr. Remm appointed a Long Range Planning Committee to address the following charge: "One of the objectives of St. Patrick's Parish for the year 2000 is to do some long-range planning. We want to try to anticipate the needs of the Catholic community in the Urbana-St. Joseph area for the next five to ten years."

Part of the manner in which the committee met this objective, with the approval of the Parish Council, was to contract with Renaissance Architects of Springfield, Ill., to study possible options for meeting the anticipated needs of our parish.

On Aug. 30, Mr. Larry Quenette from Renaissance Architects provided the recommendations of this study to the Parish Council. This study has provided the parish with a concept for any future development deemed appropriate for St. Patrick's Parish. It also led the Parish Council to make the commitment to maintain St. Patrick's Parish at its present location in Urbana.

At all Masses on Nov. 3-4, Fr. Remm and Mr. Quenette will present to parishioners a short summary of the study. After Mass, Mr. Quenette will be available in the back of church to answer questions.

Can you pray?

"What can I do?" you ask. "I don't have time to teach or visit people at the hospital, and I am not a lector or eucharistic minister.

Can you pray? St. Patrick's offers a wonderful resource called the Prayer Tree. Anyone can be a part of it, either as one who prays or as one who needs the prayers of others.

Praying is something that can be done morning, noon, night; at home or at work, even in the car as you are running errands.

Being a part of the Prayer Tree is rewarding in ways no other service is. Praying for others, many that we do not know, helps our faith to grow,

brings us closer to Christ, and makes us feel even more a part of the St. Patrick's community.

The Prayer Tree can be used by anyone in need of prayer. No need is too small or too insignificant. You can request the prayers of many with just one phone call. You can know that the request will be kept in the strictest of confidence by all on the Prayer Tree. This is the most important aspect of being a part of the Prayer Tree. Prayer requests are given only to those on the Prayer Tree and are never discussed with anyone.

People often say, "All I can do is pray." Well, the most important thing you can do is to pray.

Corrie Ten Boom once said, "The greatest thing one person can do for another is to pray for them. If at this moment you pray for someone, even though he is on the other side of the globe, the Lord Jesus will touch him."

For more information on the Prayer Tree or to ask for prayer, all you need to do is to call Mary Fonner (367-0026), Lori McDonough (367-3171), or Lu Pillar (344-4909).

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you follow along comfortably. Mass will be followed by adoration. The Blessed Sacrament will be kept on the altar all afternoon so those who wish may spend some quiet time with the Lord in prayer and meditation. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the vestibule of the church so that you may indicate when you would like to be present for a period of adoration. Please feel free to come for as long as you like, but remember that there should be at least ten people in attendance at any one time.

The time for adoration will end with Vespers—a short, traditional evening prayer—at 5 p.m., concluding with Benediction—a special blessing. These prayers will be said in English, after which the Blessed Sacrament will be returned to the tabernacle. Afterward, everyone is invited to meet in the parish center for refreshments and fellowship.

Tridentine Mass celebration on Nov. 11

As part of St. Patrick's Centennial celebration, on Sunday, Nov. 11, a Tridentine Mass will be celebrated at noon in the church. This was the liturgy of the Mass when the parish was founded in 1901. Some parishioners may remember this rite; it was commonly used until the early 1960s, before the changes promulgated by Vatican II. Parishioners who have never experienced this rite may want to experience Mass the way that their parents, grandparents, and great grandparents did.

All are welcome to share in this celebration. If you decide to attend, you should be prepared for some noticeable differences between the Mass that you are familiar with and the Tridentine Mass. For example, you may be immediately surprised that the altar will be turned around and, during much of the Mass, Father Remm will not face the people. Instead, he will face the altar and turn to the people only occasionally, inviting them to pray ("Oremus") or asking the Lord to be with them ("Dominus vobiscum"), to which the

people reply in kind ("Et cum spiritu tuo"). As you can see, another major difference is that the Mass is not prayed in English, but in Latin. The choir will sing, in Latin, most of the prayers that the congregation is accustomed to saying: the Gloria, the "Sanctus" (*Holy, Holy, Holy*), the "Agnus Dei" (*Lamb of God*).

The order of Mass will also change slightly. The Mass will begin with a sprinkling rite, in which Father blesses the congregation with holy water. Next, the "Confiteor Deo Omnipotenti" (*I confess to Almighty God*) will be recited, first by the priest and then by the servers. Only one pre-Gospel reading will be read in the Liturgy of the Word, the Epistle, which comes from the New Testament. There is no Old Testament reading in this rite. However, There is a "last Gospel" right before the end of Mass, however, it is the beginning of the Gospel of John. Although this may sound confusing because it is different, worship aids will be available in every pew to help

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Welcome to the following recently baptized in our faith community: Hannah Mae Beddow, Gage Andrew Atwood, Joshua Philip DePriest-Burgund, Abigail Anne Elston, Hannah Alexis Niccum, Kindal Boatright, John Patrick Ward, Nathan Grant Goodwin, Gunnar Donald Bailey, Samantha Bui, Connor Labon Whittington, Mitchell Allan Whitten, Luke Andrew Luffman, Charles Joseph LeCrone, Luke Hunter Noble, Alexandria Marie Boyd, Grayson-Felisa Asidao Snyder, Ashleigh Meghan Rose Spence, Ava Marie St. Pere, Luke James Prendergast, Lauryn Elizabeth McArthur and Payton Jackson Borich.

Congratulations to those recently married: Gregory Alan Cohernour and Edith Juliana Cisneros-Chacon, Anthony Gerlad Romanelli and Nancy Ellen McCabe, Clint Ray Shaw and Katherine Ann Rentschler, Jonathan Allen Thompson and Gretchen Anna Hanson, Joseph Patrick Cleary and Janine Elizabeth Zimmerman, Michele McAvoy and Kimberly Ann Rosen, William Robert Vavrik and Elizabeth Joan Lindsey, Dainis Walter Michel and Elizabeth Natalie Camacho, and Carol George Maggio and Katherine Elizabeth Keller.

Please pray for the following members of our parish who have died: William D. Perry, Bonnie Walsh, Gertrude Ingraffia, Margaret LaVernway Inskip, Joseph R. Brown, Karen Ann Tillmann, Stephen Lee Kroes, Margaret Fields, and Ruth Cromwell.



Fr. Ron Palmer led St. Patrick's staff on a weekend retreat last August. Shown are, standing, Fr. George Remm, pastor; Fr. Ron Palmer, retreat director; Mary Tierney, family life coordinator; Chris Angel, music director; Cindy Shaw, youth activities coordinator; Carol Retz, children's program coordinator; Mary Long, evangelization coordinator; and Diane Cousert, junior-high program coordinator. Seated are Sr. Charlene Cesario, pastoral associate; Carolyn McElrath, religious education director; Lenore Nagele, RCIA coordinator; and Peggy Loftus, senior-high program coordinator.

A letter to St. Patrick's

A letter to Fr. Remm and the Benefactors of St. Patrick's Church from Rev. Jacob Abdennour, Pastor of our sister church in Beit-jala. Beit-jala is a town about 2 miles from Bethlehem.

Dear Fr. Remm and Benefactors,

We, members of Financial Affairs Committee for Beit-jala, gratefully acknowledge having got your last generous donation of US\$4,996.86 for providing food for the inhabitants of the village.

You know we have had a "very" difficult and sad year. On this very month of September began the gloomy so-called "uprising," 12 months of social and economical paralysis of the Palestinian Territories, 12 months of continuous bombardment, sleeping in the shelters and the climax of this calamity was the invasion by the Israeli army of Beit-jala: two days and two nights in which nobody could sleep; most of the inhabitants left their homes to protect their families.

You can imagine the meaning of soldiers entering a village, tanks

camping between the houses and shooting everywhere, all the houses have been hit. We must say the truth that despite one year of shelling on Beit-jala no casualties except one German physician Dr. Harry married to Norma Stefane and a six-year-old boy, Nicola Abu-Ghannam, who lost his arm. A lot of material losses and damaged houses, restored once, twice and thrice.

Thanks to your help we can carry on providing food to the people, unable to earn their daily bread.

In the Territories there is no "Court" so we live "the jungle life": five parishioners shot dead by masked armed men during these weeks. It is a systematic programmed exodus of Christians in the Bethlehem area.

Thanks to your financial help, we could deal during these 12 months with most of the sad circumstances: casualties, injured in the hospitals, famine, joblessness, finding shelters for the families escaping the shelling.

May God reward you, protect your dear country . . . GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Fraternaly yours in St. Vincent de Paul,
Fr. Jacob Abdennour, Pastor
P.O.B. 188-Beit-jala

A prayer in time of national tragedy

God of compassion and mercy,
Receive into your loving arms all who were killed in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Comfort those who mourn—remind them that your Son Jesus also died an innocent victim of hatred.

Guide our leaders, and the heads of all governments, to make wise and prudent decisions that will help rid the world of terrorism and all forms of hate and injustice.

Help each of us to strive to conquer hatred with love.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Aimee Fleming

Vegetarian Three-Bean Chili



- 2 15 oz cans Contadina Diced Tomatoes
- 1 15 1/2 oz can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 15 oz can garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 15 oz can pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 12 oz can light beer or nonalcoholic beer (24 oz bottle can be found at grocery stores)
- 1 T chili powder
- 2 T ground cumin
- Sargento Light Mexican Cheese Blend (optional)

In a large saucepan, combine all ingredients except cheese. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes. (For thinner chili, reduce cooking time to 10 minutes.) Pour chili into 4 bowls. Top each serving with the cheese or whatever topping you prefer. Delicious served with Miracle Maize Sweet Cornbread.

It Happened Here!

20 years ago in *In Focus*: November 1981

The St. Patrick's Guild presented "The World of Art" on Nov. 2 in the parish center. St. Patrick's own Nick Britsky spoke on his concept for "The Rising Christ" sculpture he crafted for the sanctuary of our church.

15 years ago in *In Focus*: November 1986

"Every Day Is Thanksgiving" read the headline of a paragraph reminding us that the Catholic Church uses the Greek word for thanksgiving, "eucharist," as the name for the great act of thanksgiving, the Mass.

10 years ago in *In Focus*: November 1991



Colette McMullen coordinated religious education program in St. Joseph, Ill., where over 100 of St. Patrick's 1100 families lived [1991 figures]. Ten catechists served about 60 students. St. Patrick's parishioners who lived in St. Joseph celebrated Mass in the Methodist Church there on the 4th Sunday of each month.



Happy birthday, Father! Leslie Risatti, parish secretary, pinned a flower in Father Paul Kinder's buttonhole as parishioners filled the main hall to celebrate his 80th birthday.



Introducing Re-Membering Church . . . Deacon Rodger Adams led a team of parishioners introducing a new program to invite Catholics back to the practice of their faith. Parishioners were asked to identify family members or friends to be invited to a meeting where they could freely share their issues and concerns about the Church.

Three "great" saints

The month of November begins with the feast of All Saints. Every saint, even if the Church no longer remembers his or her name, is a person of holiness and a good example for those of us who are still struggling to live out our faith. Three saints whose feasts fall in November often have "the Great"

following their names. This doesn't mean that they are greater than the rest of the saints. Usually, this is to distinguish them from another saint of the same name of who is less well known. But it happens that these three, Leo, Albert, and Gertrude, give us a wonderful picture of the variety of talents and personalities to be found among the saints.

St. Leo the Great (Nov. 10) was a pope of the 5th century. He gave much of his time to his duty of preaching to the people of Rome. His sermons emphasize almsgiving and social aspects of Christian life as well as points of doctrine. He struggled against heresy and the interference of secular authorities in matters of doctrine. But perhaps our most vivid image of him is of going out from Rome to meet Attila the Hun, whom he persuaded to accept tribute instead of sacking the city. Three years later, when the Vandal Genseric arrived, Leo was less successful. The city was looted and captives were taken, but Genseric kept his troops from slaughter and arson. In difficult times, Leo's trust in God helped him to win the respect of rich and poor, barbarians and emperors, clergy and lay alike.

St. Albert the Great (Nov. 15) is remembered as one of the greatest minds of the 13th century. Albert was skilled in every branch of learning of his day — philosophy, biology, astronomy, physics, and geology, to name a few. Yet it was as a theologian and teacher that he left his lasting mark. Albert saw that the methods of Aristotle could be used to give a fresh and systematic expression to theology. His student, St. Thomas of Aquinas, brought this work to fullness.

St. Gertrude the Great (Nov. 16) lived in the 14th century. She was only 5 years old when she went to school at the Benedictine abbey of Helfta, and she eventually joined the community. Helfta was a great seat of learning, liturgy, and spirituality in those days. St. Mechtilde was one of her first teachers and dearest friends. Gertrude was an ardent scholar until the age of 26, when she

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

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton to speak on social justice and the economy

Assistant Bishop of the Detroit diocese, Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton will speak at the University of St. Francis in Joliet on Nov. 9. His topic is "Social Justice and the Economy: A Christian Response."

Bishop Gumbleton has traveled on peace missions throughout the Middle East and South America. He is a proponent of social justice both in the United States and abroad.

The recipient of numerous awards for his work in promoting peace and reconciliation, Gumbleton served as a member of the bishops' committee that drafted the pastoral letter "The Challenge of Peace." He was also president of Bread for the World, founding president of Pax Christi, and founder and co-chair of Catholic Caucus of Southeast Michigan.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1956, Gumbleton serves as pastor of St. Leo Parish in Detroit. He holds a doctorate in canon law from Pontifical Lateran University in Rome.

The program will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the University of St. Francis Moser Performing Arts Center. Admission is free, although reservations are suggested. For more information or reservations call (815) 740-5049, or check their web site, www.stfrancis.edu. The University's mailing address is 500 Wilcox St., Joliet, IL 69435.

Anyone interested in carpooling from the Urbana-Champaign area call Nancy Dietrich-Rybicki (337-0334).

Bishop Gumbleton's presentation is part of a series called "Social Justice 2001," presented by The University of St. Francis in cooperation with the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate. The series is in keeping with the University's mission to promote learning and provide a forum for the exploration of truths through the enrichment of academic and life experiences.

SVDP Thanksgiving Dinners: "People Touching People"



People Touching People

Two hundred Thanksgiving Dinners will be delivered on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving to

the most needy residents in this area. The St. Vincent de Paul Society started this project in 1974, delivering 38 baskets; it has since grown to 200. (There are many more calls for the free dinners that the group cannot handle.) There is a standard menu for clients who do not have refrigerators. The Society is asking for a donation of \$10 to cover part of a Thanksgiving dinner for a needy family, which is valued at \$50. The food baskets will include soup, canned ham, sweet and mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, fruit, eggs, cranberry sauce, Jello, dinner rolls, butter, pumpkin pie, raisins, coffee, creamer, and candy.

Please enclose your donation in an envelope clearly marked "Thanksgiving Dinners" and place it in the Sunday collection or drop it by the parish office during the week. The Society needs the help of many volunteers as well if the drive is to be successful. Sunday, starting at 1:00 p.m., volunteers will open the food cartons and arrange their contents on tables in the parish hall. Sunday evening religious class will fill the food basket assisted by members of parish base communities. On Tuesday, starting at 8:00 a.m., help is needed to add the fresh foods to the food baskets, which volunteers will deliver during daylight hours. In recent years St. Patrick's volunteers have been assisted by the Mental Health Center staff and by Holy Cross SVDP members. As Louise Tanner, from the North End, said, "Many hands make light work" or, as the SVDP motto puts it, "People Touching People."

The local St. Vincent de Paul Society is grateful for parishioners'

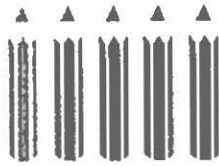
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The Life Chain, held on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 7, was well attended by St. Patrick's parishioners, including Fr. Remm, joining approximately 125 participants. The Life Chain is a prayerful and meaningful hour held once a year to show members of the community a strong pro-life presence.

Holy Cross School Newsline

Since school began in August, the children at Holy Cross School have



reached out in prayer and support to the people involved in two tragedies. When the terrorist attack occurred on Sept. 11, Rosemary Costello, principal, informed all the teachers with a written account of what was known at the time. She advised the teachers to tell their students at a level their students could understand. Later that morning, the entire school assembled in the church and Monsignor Albert Hallin led the rosary. The children have continued to pray for the victims, their families, and our country and its leaders. Almost \$2300 was collected for the Red Cross at the All-School Mass on Sept. 14. Some classes have written letters of comfort to the students in New York City schools. Earlier in September, the children of Holy Cross sent letters and prayers of support to the children of Holy Cross

School in Belfast, Northern Ireland. These children were attacked on their way to school in the ongoing struggle between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland.

The Holy Cross "Family Groups," a positive peer culture initiative in its fourth year, were reformed for the year. Each "Family" consists of children from different grades who get to know each other through sharing and playing games in their monthly gatherings. Each month, the Families focus on a different virtue. For the fall, September is kindness, October is courtesy, and November is gratitude.

The newly formed Holy Cross Alumni Association is seeking all graduates of Holy Cross School, which is approaching its 90th year of operation. If you are an alumnus or know where current alumni are, please call (or write) the school office (356-9521) to give your name, address, and phone number so that you can be added to the data bank. The Alumni Association will be sending out a newsletter this fall and plans to hold a reunion next summer.



Q: What Scripture passages can you think of that would be good for us to pray over in light of the Sept.

11 terrorist attack?

A: The very first one that came to my mind was Jesus' words to the crowd about to stone the woman caught in adultery: "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone." We are all guilty of sin — anger, resentment, jealousy, etc. — and we don't change or repent. And he said to Peter, who drew the sword: "If you live by the sword you will die by the sword." What a way to live; what a way to die. By fighting, through terrorism, hiding.

Jesus, who showed us how to love, died forgiving us on the cross: "Father forgive them for they know not what they are doing." What ignorance exists between Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists! What we need to do is come together, dialogue, study. Years ago "Living-room Dialogues," meetings with various denominations to hear and explain what we believe in an accepting, non-judgmental way, drew us together. Jesus exhorts us (in Mathew 18:20): "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Many more come to mind: "What you do to the least of my brethren you do unto me" (Acts 17:28). "For in Him we live and move and have our being"; "Peace I leave you; my peace is my gift to you."

We need to ponder, to pray over the Scriptures daily, before the pains and sorrows of life come, then we will discover he is indeed with us.

Fr. Gene Kane

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



in our parish library

Looking for some additional reading for your Bible Study? The parish library has several books that might be helpful:

Exodus Study Guide, by Jerome Kodell (222 Kod). This is one of the "Little Rock Scripture Study" guides. It contains questions to think about and suggests reading the following book.

The God of Freedom and Life: A commentary on the Book of Exodus by Stephen J. Binz (222 Bin). This book helps in understanding the text and the experience of Exodus. It contains good explanations and historical background.

History of the Old Testament, by Paul Heinisch, translated by William G. Heidt. (221.9 Hei). Chapters 11-15 deal with the Age of Moses.

Sections provide further historical information and insight into Moses' character.

The Great Themes of Scripture: Old Testament, by Richard Rohr and Joseph Martos (221 Roh) Chapter 2 is on Exodus and compares Israel's journey with the journey that every person makes when he or she sets out to follow the Lord. Israel is "humanity personified, and so what happened to Israel is what happens to everyone who sets out on the journey of faith."

If your child is doing a project about saints for All Saint's Day in November, here is a reminder that the Children's Library (kindergarten classroom) has many good books on saints!

We couldn't do it without you!



In Focus is not the work of only one person, not even the work of the parish's Communications Committee alone—it is the work of many, many parishioners

who say a ready **Yes** when asked for help, and the many others who share their best work, unsolicited, with our readers.

Those of us who serve on the Communications Committee are grateful to all who give us feedback and who let us know what our readers might like to find in coming issues of the newsletter. So let us here say a word of thanks to each and every one of you who made *In Focus* possible in 2001.

Thanks to the staff, who take time to look at a draft of forthcoming issues for errors of fact. Special thanks to Fr. George Remm, our busy pastor, who can be relied upon to find typographical errors as well!

Thanks to the many individuals and committees who lend us snapshots taken at parish events or activities involving parishioners. Special thanks to Fr. Remm, unofficial recorder of parish life, who brings his photos to you in the pages of *In Focus* as well as in the scrapbooks in the parish center lobby. Thanks too to Cathy and Lucille Salika, who take photos of people and activities on request, and to Richard Keane for sharing with us his photos of parishioners helping others in need.

Thanks to all of you excellent cooks who have shared your recipes with us through the good offices of Lori McDonough: Helen Halpin, Zoila Risatti, Ann Conlin, Shirley Splittstoesser, Mary Yemma Long, Joanne Arie, Ida D'Urso, Dean Carr, Cathy Salika, Ceil Weir, and Betty Christian. Lori is always on the lookout for new recipes for us—you can leave one of yours for her in the Communications mailbox in the parish center!

We have a lot of help getting words on paper about parish events past and future. Committee members write some of the pieces, but we frequently call on others better prepared or more knowledgeable than we to write about specific topics. Thanks to so many of you who have written for *In Focus*, at times on very short notice! Although articles do not identify their writers, all are acknowledged under the masthead for each issue. Our thanks to Lauren Bonse, Judy Conover, Bob Haessly, Matt Maduzia, Nancy Dietrich-Rybicki, Cathy Salika, Leon Mayer, Sharon Dorsey, Lilia Peters, Carol Retz, Peggy Whelan, Cindy Shaw, Ellen Abell, Joyce Baird, Mary Lee Brady, Rosemary Garhart, Tom Kacich, Carolyn McElrath, Marilyn Murphy, Susan Nagele, Russ Rybicki, Mary Lou Menches, Carol Bosley, Cliff Maduzia, Pat Barrett, Sophia Ziegler, Mick McAvoy, Elizabeth Talbot, Joseph Youakim, Jean Daly, Mary Fonner, Fr. Gene Kane, Deacon Dan Murphy, Karen Paulsen, Carole Rebeiz, Meg Grady, Joe Tobias, Richard Keane, Sharyn DuPuy, J. Mark Baker, Fr. George Remm, Nancy Steerman, Fr. Richard Mullen.

Thanks also to Morene Christman, who regularly shared the good news in "Holy Cross School Newslines" (succeeded in this issue for the first time by Mary Rose Cottingham); to Frances Drone-Silvers, who informs us about great reading "In our parish library"; to Judy Conover, who sits up after Parish Council meetings to write up her notes for "Parish Council News"; to Leslie Risatti, who gives us the names of people who are new to the parish and of those who have left the area, have been married, buried, or baptized; and to Fr. Gene Kane, who responds to questions about Catholic practice or teachings in "Q & A."

We are especially grateful to those who have shared their time and talent by paging *In Focus*, without whose help all else would have come to naught: to Tom Schlueter, who paged the newsletter for several months before moving away; to Pat Mayer, who pitched in to present the

special CREW Mission issue; and to Andy Hunt who, although not a parishioner, responded to our emergency by paging several issues out of friendship. We are grateful to John Colombo, who recently volunteered to take up paging the newsletter, and hope that other parishioners will volunteer to serve as backup once or twice a year.

Our thanks to Marty Perry and Cathy Salika, who alternate responsibility for preparing the *In Focus* calendar, and to Lori and Tom McDonough, who insert the newsletter into Sunday bulletins and get them over to the church.

These heartfelt thanks come to all of you from all of us: Joyce Baird, Mary Lee Brady, Artha Chamberlain, Rosemary Garhart, Norma Kerns, Mary Lou Menches, Cathy Salika, and Peggy Whelan, the current members of St. Patrick's Communications Committee. (New members and visitors are always welcome!)

If we've forgotten to mention any of you who have helped to bring to parishioners the news about people and events of the parish, please accept this apology and our warmest thanks.

We certainly couldn't have done it without you!

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donations and volunteered assistance, which indeed makes the labor light and enables people to touch people. Sophia Zeigler, on behalf of the local SVDP chapter, thanks you "most kindly."



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had the first of her visions. She saw that she was studying empty, transitory things, and decided to turn completely to theology and prayer. Her writings that have survived are works of spirituality and mysticism.

Teachers and leaders, theologians and scholars, popes, nuns, and mystics—all are remembered as people of faith and holiness.

St. Patrick's Church

November 2001

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  <p>Because the In Focus calendar is prepared in advance of scheduled events and meetings, please check the weekly bulletin to confirm dates and times for specific listings. Deadline for the next issue of In Focus is November 11, 2001.</p> | | | | 6:45pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Studies 7:00pm Bldg & Grounds All Saints Masses 7, 12:10, 5:15 | 9:00am Bible Study 10:45am Mass CCNH | |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> CCNH- Champaign County Nursing Home SVDP- St. Vincent DePaul </div> | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 9:00am 11:00am Rel Ed 10:15am Children's Liturgy 12:00pm-4:00pm CREW Bingo 6:30pm JrHi RelEd 6:30pm Bible Study, <i>Leaders</i> | 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Education 7:00pm Pro-Life 7:00pm Social Action 7:00pm Bible Study | 7:00pm Financial Affairs 6:45pm Class: Reconciliation 7:30pm Executive Committee 7:00pm Bible Study | 9:30am Moms' Grp 11:00am Men's Book Club 5:00pm SVDP 6:00pm RelEd 6:30pm RelEd StJoe 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm RCIA 7:00pm Memorial Service | 7:00pm Baptism Prep 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Bible Studies | 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Mass CareCenter 10:45am Mass CCNH | |
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| 9:00am 11:00am Rel Ed 10:15am Children's Liturgy 12:00pm-Tridentine Mass 1-5:00pm Adoration 6:30pm Jr/SrHiRelEd 6:30pm Bible Study, <i>leaders</i> | 7:00pm Centennial Mtg 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study | 6:45pm Class: Reconciliation 7:00pm Bible Study | 9:30am Schola 9:30am Moms Grp 5:00pm SVDP 6:00pm RelEd 6:30pm RelEd St Joe 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm RCIA | 6:45pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Over 21 Bible Study 7:00pm Parish Council | 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Mass Clark-Lindsey 10:45am Mass CCNH | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 9:00am 11:00am Rel Ed 10:15am Children's Liturgy 10:15 Knights of Columbus 6:30pm Jr/SrHi RelEd | 7:00pm Centering Prayer | 6:45pm Class: Reconciliation | 9:30am Moms Grp 5:00pm SVDP | 9:00 Mass Thanksgiving  | 10:30am Mass Manor Care 10:45am Mass CCNH | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> SVDP Thanksgiving Dinners </div> | | | | | |
| | 9:30am Archives 7:00pm Centering Prayer | 7:00pm Homily Prep 6:45pm Reconciliation Practice | 9:30am Schola 9:30am Moms Grp 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm RCIA 7:00pm SVDP | 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Communications Com | 10:45am Mass CCNH | |
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