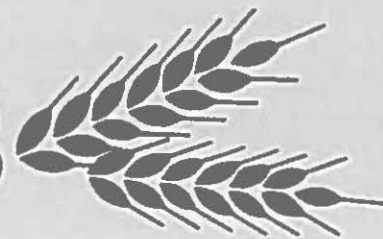


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



## Preserve your smile for St. Patrick's and Posterity



"Mom, I have to do a family tree for school. The teacher will give us extra credit for pictures. Do we have any pictures of our relatives?"

"Oh, I think they're in the attic. Go up and have a look."

An hour later: "Mom, look at this. Wow! This is from 2001-2002. Look at the funny clothes everyone wore. And their hair!"

"What did you find? Oh, yes, the St. Patrick's Pictorial Directory. Your great grandma was a little girl. Let's find her picture."

Do you want to help preserve the present for the future? Have your picture taken for the directory. You will receive a free 8" by 10" picture and a copy of the pictorial directory. You will have an opportunity to purchase other pictures. They make great Christmas presents.

This will be the parish's centennial edition of the directory, a historical remembrance of all those registered in the parish during this centennial year.

Signup will be after all Masses during the month of September. Pictures will be taken from October 9 through October 27. The pictures will be taken in the parish center. You will be able to see the proofs immediately.

Fr. Remm wants 100 percent participation. So we hope you'll sign up. During the first week in October, we will call parishioners who have not made an appointment.

If you have a loved one who is not in town or not able to come to church, they can still be included in the back of the book. Drop off a snapshot to Mary Lou Menches at the parish office with a note of the person's full name as you want it to appear in the directory.

### Beckett on Lincoln

Steve Beckett, St. Patrick's parish trustee and coffee shop co-captain, will be the guest speaker at the 78th annual dinner of the Urbana Half-Century Club at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Park Inn in Urbana.

Beckett will speak on "Lincoln the Lawyer in Champaign County."

Tickets are \$11.50 and include choice of an entree of chicken marsala or top sirloin of beef. Call Waneta Mehaffey (367-8161) to make reservations by Oct. 21.

Membership in the Urbana Half-Century Club is open to all who were born in, or who have lived in, the Champaign-Urbana area for 50 years. Spouses and guests are wel-

come at the annual dinner, which also is the only membership event of the year for the club.

Several St. Patrick's parishioners are members, including Barb and Steve Beckett, Betty Conerty, Paul and Jeanne Hackett, Helene and Tom Kacich, Verne and Norma Kroes, Dave and Margy Palmisano, Connie and Chuck Shaw, and Muriel Withers. More members are always welcome.

### Helping out in our own Backyard

Make a Difference Day is the national day of doing good. In 2000, some 2.2 million Americans cared enough about their communities to volunteer on that day, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns and helping an estimated 25 million people.

Until last year, there was a local community-wide Make a Difference Day program to supply local homeless shelters with personal care items. Although this program no longer exists in the community, the need continues.

The Social Action Committee and the Religious Education staff are facilitating St. Patrick's participation in the national Make a Difference Day by offering parishioners the opportunity to donate personal care items for use by local homeless shelters. Items being requested are: toothpaste, tooth brushes, disposable razors for men and women, bar soap and deodorants.

Donated items will be accepted at all Masses the weekend of October 20 to 21. Baskets or boxes will be placed at church entrances for receipt of items. Donations will also be accepted at the parish center during the week of October 22 to 26.

On Make a Difference Day, Saturday, October 27, donated items will be delivered to several of the local homeless shelters.

You can make a difference in someone's life.

For more information about Make a Difference Day, visit the web site at [www.usaweekend.com/diff-day](http://www.usaweekend.com/diff-day) or call 1-800-416-3824.

## It Happened Here!

15 years ago in In Focus, October 1986

Parish bids farewell to its pastor, Fr. Doug Hennessy. New pastor, Fr. George Remm, was impressed with the shared ministry. "I see ... gifts and talents poured out in competent, yet humble, service. I thank God that he has brought me to this community."



15 years ago in In Focus, October 1986

St. Patrick's endorsed the Lay Ministry Leadership Program. Parishioners enrolled in the first session are: Marianne Burkhard, Lori Hatley, Arden Howey, Bernie and Gary Laumann, Mary Lydon, Donna Price, Peggy Whelan and Mary Lou Menches.

10 years ago in In Focus, October 1991

Sacrificial giving witnessed by volunteers who gave time and talent. First names only were mentioned. Can you now, in 2001, recog-

nize them by their service?

Bob ... keeps coffee cups filled at coffee shop.

Lori ... has coordinated the parish blood drive for several years.

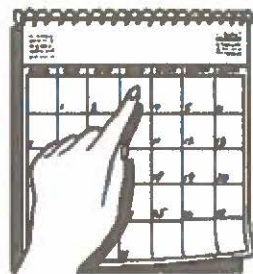
John ... a near legend in Little League.

Cathy ... serves as a cantor.

Chuck ... called on to fix anything that doesn't work around here.

Cecilia ... lector and eucharistic minister.

Oscar and Lucille, Ray and Irma ... organizers of Cellar to Garret sale



## Make a Date

Monday,  
Oct. 1  
Pro-Life  
Committee  
Special plan-

ning session for next year's agenda including topics and special speakers. Anyone wanting to contribute ideas may do so by attending the meeting, contacting Mary Lee Brady at 344-3752, or putting the suggestion in the Pro-Life mail box at the parish center.

## Good Things Happening at St. Patrick's in October...

7 Children's Religious Education begins

9-27 Pictures taken for directory

14 Vocations Awareness Sunday

20-21 Make a Difference Day collection at Masses



Welcome to new parishioners Mr. and Mrs. William Bialeschki, Susan Curvey, Cita M. Damaso, David Darmofal, Maribelle Dean, Almee Fleming, Michelle Gunning, Neil and Misty LeCrone, Lan-chi Nguyen, Matt and Christine Snyder and Carolyn Stewart.

Farewell to those parishioners who have moved from C-U: Kenny Ayoka, Elizabeth Mazur, Katrina and Chris Tapia, Tom Schlueter and Kathy Ignowski, J. Wiedman and E. Chamberlain.

Welcome to the following, recently baptized into our faith community: Kindal Boatright, John Patrick Ward, Nathan Grant Goodwin, Gunnar Donald Bailey, Samantha Bui, Connor Labon Whittington, Mitchell Allan Whitten, Luke Andrew Luffman, Charles Joseph Le Crone, Luke Hunter Noble, Alexandria Marie Boyd, Grayson-Felisa Asidao Snyder and Ashleigh Meghan Rose Spence.

Congratulations to those recently married: Mark A. Wise and Melissa L. Sonka, Steven J. Lamos and Tracy D. Pearce, Gregory A. Cohernour and Edith J. Cisneros-Chacon, Anthony Romanelli and Nancy E. McCabe, Clint R. Shaw and Katherine A. Rentschler, Jonathan A. Thompson and Gretchen A. Hanson, Joseph P. Cleary and Janine E. Zimmerman, Timothy J. Isaacs and Lisa M. Moy, Michele McAvoy and Kimberly A. Rosen, and Michael J. Scanlon and Barbara K. Emaus.

Please pray for the following members of our parish who have died: Mary Ann See, James Michael Monday, Byron Neil Cook, William D. Perry, Bonnie H. Walsh, Gertrude Ingraffia, Margaret LaVernway Inskip, Joseph R. Brown, Karen Ann Tillmann, Gilbert E. Penny, Stephen Lee Kroes, Margaret Fields and Jan Gorecki.



# Parish Council News



The parish council has agreed to look at a limited renovation of the church and will bring the parish up to date on what is happening at all Masses the

weekend of Nov. 3 to 4. The presentation by Fr. Remm will be followed by an open meeting Sunday evening with Larry Quenette for questions, clarifications and suggestions.

The parish is exploring a lot of options, but is not ready to proceed with a building project at this point. However, because of probable staffing problems, the parish may have to cut back on the number of Masses offered, which could mean trying to accommodate a larger number of worshipers at each Mass.

In another matter, the council decided to delay commissioning committee members until next year, in light of new guidelines. Commissioning had been scheduled for Oct. 27 to 28 at all Masses.

The new guidelines for committee bylaws involve some changes, most notably, regular committee members will serve three-year terms and cannot serve a second consecutive term. However, committee members can continue as an associate and return as a regular member after two years. Some staggering of terms will be necessary so that all terms don't end at the same time.

The guidelines will be put on the council's agenda again in February after committees have had time to work with them.

The parish will mail pledge cards this year for the Stewardship of Treasure Nov. 17 to 18. Cards haven't been mailed in recent years, but Fr. Remm felt it might help parishioners look at what they are actually going to give and budget accordingly. The

mailing will include a letter from Fr. Remm, a brochure on sacrificial giving, a pledge card and a return envelope.

Council endorsed Fr. Remm's plan to purchase an option on property at 802 W. Main St., across the street from the church. The current owner has no plans to move for another five years, but the \$500 option gives the parish first chance at acquiring the property, should it deem it desirable in the future.

In other business, the council:

- Agreed to hold its objectives workshop from 9 a.m. to noon Oct 27. Committee members are encouraged to attend.

- Learned that as of August 31, parishioners had pledged \$100,649 to the Annual Diocesan Appeal; \$63,362 has been paid thus far. The parish goal had been \$100,000.

- Heard a report from Lu Pillar about the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. He is current president for the Champaign County chapter. The group promotes and provides knowledge about the causes, symptoms and treatment of mental illness.

## Numbers illustrate active Parish

The Diocese of Peoria asks every parish to fill out a report on pastoral activities each year. Sometimes the report gives a perspective on the life of our parish that we wouldn't get otherwise. Here are some interesting facts from the report for the year ending June 30, 2001.

About 2,600 people in 1,067 families make up our parish. Some 22 percent of the families include people of other faiths.

Last year, we had 46 baptisms, including two adults, and 18 adults who joined the Church through a Profession of Faith. There were 22 marriages and 25 funerals.

Parishioners and staff take the sacraments to four nursing homes

and two hospitals on a regular basis.

Twenty people have attended the adult education classes on the Encyclicals of Pope John Paul II.

Seventy-eight of our children attend Catholic grade school, and five young people attend Catholic high school. There are 211 young people in our grade school religious education program, and 185 in the junior- and senior-high religious education program.

Continuing education for Fr. Remm included such topics as "Marriage and Couples Education," "Using Microsoft Office," and "Celibacy / Sexuality Issues."

The special collections for the needs of the poor on the third Sunday of the month brought in almost \$70,000.

## Parish Nurses available at St. Patrick's

What is a parish nurse?

A parish nurse is a "minister of health." The focus of this ministry is on empowering individuals to make sound choices that promote health and a sense of well-being for the body, mind and spirit. The ministry also promotes healing, an integration of body, mind and spirit to create wholeness. Healing should not be confused with curing; rather, it is restoration of the whole person to God. "For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for man." (Mark 10, 45)

What do parish nurses do?

Assess the physical, mental and spiritual health needs of the parish and its members. Plan programs to help meet those needs. Visit members in their homes, hospitals and nursing homes. Provide screening and up-to-date health information.



Photo: From left, nurses standing are Teresa Krassa and Rosemary Mathy. Seated, Carol Artz, Marie Bozinovich, Lilia Peters. Not shown, Jeannette Handal and Carol Humpherys.

Refer members to community resources to meet health care needs. Listen to members of the parish as they offer guidance and input into the program. Sponsor an annual health fair.

What will a parish nurse not do?

Replace the pastor or pastoral associate. Take the place of your regular health care professional or home care provider. Perform an invasive procedure, like giving allergy shots or changing dressings. Perform "hands-on" care.

Why have nursing in the church?

When people have healthy ways of living from their perspective and within the context of the congregation, a balance is achieved among body, mind and spirit, resulting in well-being. The Church teaches wholeness and integration. This is the embodiment of the parish nurse ministry. Basic to the Church is a commitment to the whole person: body, mind and spirit. Surveys and studies have shown that people often identify religion as a way to cope with stressful events.

Our parish nurses are Carol Artz, RN; Marie Bozinovich, Jeannette Handal, RN; Carol Humpherys, RN; Teresa Krassa, RN, Rosemary Mathy, RN, and Lilia Peters, RN. The parish nurse office is located just inside the Main Street entrance to the parish hall. The telephone number is 278-2118.

## The Death Penalty: Learn, Comfort and Pray

The social action committee has begun to attempt to address the social injustices of the death penalty as a punishment for crime. Through its educational efforts, the committee has learned that Catholic social teaching, including the leadership of Pope John Paul II,

has called for an abolition of the death penalty, referring to this as an authentic pro-life position. And contrary to this official church position, more than 60 percent of Catholics support use of the death penalty.

Therefore, members of the social action committee see their role as twofold: We will provide education information and programs to members of St. Patrick's Parish regarding the death penalty and the Catholic Church's position on the death penalty. And we will attempt to provide opportunities for members of the parish to become involved in prayer, comfort and other support activities for the victims of violent crime and for their families, as well as for those who face execution, and for the souls of those recently executed.



## Best-selling Author to speak in Joliet

Sr. Helen Prejean, author of the New York Times bestseller "Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the U.S.," will speak at the University of St. Francis in Joliet on Oct. 4.

She is the first speaker in a series called "Social Justice 2001," presented in cooperation with the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate.

"Dead Man Walking" was made into a movie. Actress Susan Sarandon received an Academy Award for her portrayal of Sr. Helen.

Sr. Helen, a sister of St. Joseph of Medaille, is a nominee (for the fourth time) for the Nobel Peace Prize. She travels internationally to educate people about the death penalty. She combines a great sense of humor with compassion and sensitivity.

The programs will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Moser Performing Arts Center at the university. Admission is free, although reservations are suggested. For more information or reservations, call 815-740-5049, or check the Web site, [www.stfrancis.edu](http://www.stfrancis.edu). The university's mailing address is 500 Wilcox St., Joliet, Ill. 69435.



### in our parish library

Do you wish you could review one of the "Dialogue into the Millennium" lectures? Did you miss one or two? If so, you can now check out videotapes of the lectures from the Parish Library.

The library also has a collection of the drafts of the lectures. These are the drafts sent in by the speakers for the respondents to use in creating their responses, so they may differ from the actual lecture. In some cases, copies of the respondents' remarks are available also. Many



thanks to Elizabeth Talbot for putting this collection together!

You'll find the videos and the lecture drafts (in a blue, three-ring binder) on top of the shelves along the south wall of the library.

Since October is Vocations Month, I'd like to mention that the Vocations Committee has a display above the bookshelves on the east wall of the library. Feel free to stop in and see the selection of materials.

And if your vocation is marriage, the September/October issue of Catholic Parent has an article: "Do You Know the Secret of a Catholic Marriage?," pages 28-30. It defines the difference between a career and a vocation.

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

## Sister Church Suffers

Israeli troops entered the primarily Christian village of Beit-Jala in the early hours of Aug. 28, after hours of shooting by Palestinian Tanzeem militia into the Jewish area of Gilo.

Palestinians consider Gilo to be occupied territory, and Israelis see it as a neighborhood of Jerusalem. Israeli troops took over a Lutheran church, orphanage and several houses.

Fr. Yacoub Abdel-Nour, pastor of Annunciation Church (St. Patrick's "sister church"), was reported by CNS as having said that the night was "like hell. It was terrible." On the first day of the occupation, he said, the Israelis patrolled the streets in jeeps and warned with a loud-speaker that people were not to leave their homes, that the area was under curfew until further notice and that they would shoot at anybody walking in the streets.

It is probably difficult for most of us to imagine what it must be like to try to live with tanks in our streets, forbidden to leave our homes to go to work, to go out for groceries, to gather for prayer, under threat of being shot on sight. Although troops have since been withdrawn, the situation remains tense and area residents certainly do not feel safe, Fr. Abdel-Nour said.

Our hearts go out to the people of Beit-Jala, many of whom are members of our sister church. The tragic events in our own country, the devastation in New York and Washington, make clear perhaps as never before that "no man is an island." We are indeed one world; one in Christ, our "head"; brothers and sisters all.

Pray for our sister church and all the people of Beit-Jala, secure in the knowledge that they too pray for us. In fact, Fr. Remm received a letter of condolence from Fr. Abdel-Nour after the bombings in New York City and Washington. He wrote to express the deep feelings of "sadness, grief, compassion and solidarity on this dark day for your dear country. May the almighty God bestow upon you His heavenly strength, courage and faith."



*Iman Nicola Alam walks with her children near an Israeli tank outside her home in the West Bank town of Beit-Jala on Aug. 29. Residents referred to the town as a war zone after Israeli armored vehicles moved in to curtail fire from Palestinian gunmen aiming at the Jewish settlement of Gilo. (CNS photo)*

## My experience of God one Summer night

One warm summer night I lay awake, restless and lonely for my wife and children, who were away.

Rather than pick up a book or watch late-night TV, I went outside and lay on our lawn. I started to pray but decided instead to pay attention to what was going on around me.

I decided to look up. I spend most of my day focused at my level and below. At the office I see doors and windows and people and cars and the bottom half of buildings. But that night I consciously tilted my head. I saw the branches of our maple tree swaying against a sky dotted with a thousand stars.

I decided to listen. I spend most of my day in my head, listening to my own agenda whirl away, or at best, hearing the words of others. Now I listened to the wind, the rustling leaves.

I decided to feel, which I rarely have to time to do. The warm air glided over my skin. Grass tickled my neck. Firm ground pressed against my back.

Suddenly, and for no more than a few seconds, I experienced mystery and beauty. I glimpsed the grandeur of the universe. I felt insignificant, yet love pulsed through me, around me. I became aware of the glory of God. I lay there, nearly in tears, in wonder, love, and gratitude.

*When we share our faith stories, we are changed, and those we share them with are changed as well. Do you have a story to share? Send it to the Communications Committee, c/o St. Patrick's, or drop it off at the parish office. Be sure to include your name and telephone number, although names will be withheld on request.*



**Q:** How can I tell whether I have a vocation?

**A:** Well, a quick answer is that everyone has a vocation. All of us, created by God, has a vocation -- a calling -- to love God. St. Edith Stein wrote that "to belong to God and to serve God in love is the vocation of all."

More specifically, of course, we might consider just how we are called to serve God: in consecrated life as a religious sister or brother, in ordained life as deacon or priest, in married life as husband or wife and parent, in dedicated single life. One's calling to love and serve God plays itself out in some one of these ways of life.

What is it that you feel called to do? What is it that you hope for or long for or are attracted to? What you desire, want, is frequently an excellent sign (though not a definitive one) that it is a right direction for you. Imagine yourself in the different futures; which seems right for you?

What is it that you think will give you a sense of personal fulfillment, accomplishment, satisfaction? Here you probably want to distinguish between the job you may end up doing and the way of life in which you carry out your life's tasks. The question here isn't "should I be a teacher?" but "I really want to teach; am I called to do that as a layperson or as a religious or as an ordained deacon or priest?"

One person described his vocation to be a permanent deacon in this way: "It seems to me that my

calling was something more in line with a desire, a realization that there was something more that needed to be added to my life. It was an acknowledgment that something was missing, although I admit that I did not know what that was for many years. Yet that 'calling' never stopped being there. I would hear it in my heart without the words to describe what I was hearing. Once I recognized that somehow what I was hearing was connected with God, the desire became magnified, the call became louder, and I could no longer deny

the reality of what I felt I was being called to do. It was as if an answer was demanded and could not be avoided. No matter how much I tried to think otherwise, I could no longer believe that what I heard wasn't real or didn't exist."

This gives us some pretty good signs to look for: the persistence of the call, a recognition of the call, a personal connection of the call to the voice of God in one's heart and life, a personal response to the call, and an ongoing discernment of the call as the voice of God continues to resonate in the heart.

A woman who has just taken first vows as a religious wrote this: "I find that sometimes my thoughts are about 'I should do this' or 'the Church needs religious' -- and those are the times when I am listening to myself and my own will. At other times I experience a sense of invitation from God, of being called to greater intimacy with God. Often I experience this when I am struggling with some aspect of entering religious life or when following the call means making a choice contrary to the one that

would advance a career or in some other way would make worldly sense. And yet, over and over, those are the times when I feel I've been most in touch with God's will, and made the choices I have not come to regret. Over time, I'm learning to listen with the ear of my heart for that quiet call to come closer, to recognize it (rather than the duty-oriented approach) as the real way in which God speaks to my heart."

In the end, of course, one's calling is a personal one. You will need to explore the idea of it yourself, how you feel about it, how it "fits" -- or doesn't -- with who you are or who you want to be. Then find someone to talk to, someone in whom you can freely confide your thoughts, desires, feelings. This might be your parish priest, a relative (especially your parents) or close friend, someone who seems happy and contented in living the way of life to which you feel called. Ask lots of questions, yes, but also listen, and think long about what you've heard.

Most importantly, bring your questions and desires to God and learn to listen to God's response in your heart of hearts.

## Heed the Call for Vocations

October 14 is Vocation Awareness Sunday, a reminder that each of us is called to a certain state in life, and given the grace to live it. One vocation, that of the priesthood, is introduced to boys and young men every summer in weekend programs called Emmaus Days. Regardless of whether they choose the priesthood, those attending are encouraged to give prayerful thought to God's call in their lives.

Matthew Maduzia is the son of Deacon candidate Clifford Maduzia and his wife, Dorothy. Matt is 13 and in the eighth grade at Holy Cross School. Here is his account of





## Emmaus Days:

"The Emmaus Days for Boys in the summer of 2000 were held at St. Bede Abbey / Academy in Peru, Ill., which, by the way was a great place. St. Bede is a big high-school looking building, with the look of the 1800s to it. The campus also included a gym, a swimming pool and a church. Surrounding was a graveyard (which I didn't even think of going near), an orchard and a place with a statue of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Most of the places were too infested with mosquitoes to visit, but they were pretty cool to look at anyway.

"Our rooms were classrooms with cots lining the walls. One or two cots in the middle of each room were for the seminarians, who served as counselors. Some rooms held larger groups, some smaller.

"Once I finally got all my stuff unpacked, my ride (my Mom) left, and all the groups were called into the gym. There we played kickball, followed by a water balloon fight. After that we went outside and had grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for dinner. Then we were free to do whatever we wanted. Most of the kids swam, (I did), and some went to the gym to play basketball. I think that part of the Emmaus Days was very important.

"The cooks for the Abbey cooked our meals, which were pretty good, by the way. And speaking of the Abbey, that is the first time I had ever seen a real abbot. He looked like a normal guy, to my surprise.

"The rest of the program followed

a routine: We played, ate, prayed, slept and listened to talks from great speakers, some of whom were seminarians. The talks weren't at all dull or boring.

"We went to reconciliation on the second day, which surprised me. Another surprise (even though I already knew about it) was that we had Mass with the Bishop as the last thing we did together. Our parents were invited to Mass, even though they didn't have to come until afterward.

"I had such a good time, that I went again this year, and had an even better time, with more learning. I came away with a better understanding of God. During the closing Mass, the Bishop mentioned his trip to the Ukraine with the Pope. Only two weeks later, it was announced that Bishop Myers was becoming Archbishop of Newark, New Jersey.

## Salt and Light Retreat

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, parishioners are invited to a retreat at St. Boniface Parish Center, near Seymour. The theme is based on a U.S. Catholic Conference document entitled "Salt and Light." Salt brings out the best in what is already present; light illuminates the dark places in the world that need to be touched by the Light, which is Christ.

The retreat will examine and strengthen the connection between

spirituality, liturgy and living justly with the aim to deepen the underlying foundation for the continuation of Jesus' ministry for justice and peace.

The day will include talks, quiet time and sharing time and will be set in a beautiful rural parish where there are grounds to talk and enjoy the outdoors. A continental breakfast and lunch will be included. Suggested donation is \$5.

The retreat will be directed by Sue Morris who has 15 years of social ministry and 20 years of work experience in the areas of retreats and spiritual direction. She is a member of the preaching team for retreats at the Oblate's Kings House in Belleville and was the associate director of the Diocesan Office for Social Concerns in Springfield, Ill., from 1990-99. She is nationally known for her service on the board of directors for Roundtable, the national Association of Social Action Directors. Sue and her husband, Jim, have also led four pilgrimages to the Holy Land and have plans for a fifth pilgrimage in 2002.

The retreat is sponsored by the St. Jude Catholic Worker House community, the Social Action Committee of St. Patrick's Church, the Peace and Justice Committee of Holy Cross and St. Boniface parish. For directions to St. Boniface Church near Seymour and to RSVP for the retreat, please contact Sharon Dorsey, 344-3016 after 3 p.m. or weekends or e-mail [ayuda@prairienet.org](mailto:ayuda@prairienet.org)

## Greetings from Susan Nagele



Many thanks for your gifts last year totaling \$6,811. Your contribution fully supports me as a missionary, and then some!

I received the

May "In Focus" giving the history of how the first church was built there in 37 1/2 hours! I showed it to the Irish missionaries and priests here, and they smiled. They plan to build our church next year, and it will take much more than 37 1/2 hours.

The centennial celebrations sound wonderful, and I am really looking forward to being a part of them when I'm in Illinois at Christmas

time. We have a tremendous heritage, which I'm very proud to say I've come from and, I hope, add to.

The month of August is always a little bittersweet for me because I miss the sweet corn and fresh tomatoes. I hope your harvest is good, and you are enjoying them. Just be careful not to overdose!

*God Bless,  
Susan*

The preceding letter from Dr. Susan Nagele is dated August 6. Letters to Susan may be addressed to her at Box 52802-CDOT Nairobi, Kenya.



## Children's Religious Education Starting

"Guess what? I saw Sr. Marie Claire at the grocery store last week," I told my friend, Diane, when we were 10. "You know what? She remembered my name. She said, 'Hi!'"

"She's so nice. I'm so glad she was my teacher at church. She had a pretty necklace on. It looked just like the cross hanging above the altar at church. Do you remember the stories, you know about Jesus and Mary, you know from the Bible, the ones Sr. Marie Claire told?"

"Do you think Sr. Marie Claire will be there again this year? I hope so, 'cause my brother Tommy will be in that room this year. I want him to love Jesus too. I want him to know Jesus in the way Sr. Marie Claire taught me. When I grow up I want to be just like Sr. Marie Claire."

And Diane said, "Me too!"

This coming Sunday, October 7, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., Children's Religious Education begins. Classes also will begin Wednesday, October 10, at 6 p.m., and at St. Joseph at 6:30.

We have many resources, our volunteers, to witness God's unconditional love. The theme of this year's Catechetical Sunday,

## Quick Fixin's from the Kitchen of...Cathy Salika

### CONNOR PRAIRIECORN PUDDING

3 eggs beaten  
2 C. fresh or canned corn  
1/4 C. flour  
1 t. salt  
1/2 t. white pepper  
2 t. melted butter  
2 C. light cream.

Stir together eggs and corn. Combine the dry ingredients, and stir into the corn mixture. Stir in the butter and cream, and mix well. Pour into buttered 6-cup casserole; bake at 325 degrees for one hour, or until know blade inserted into center comes out clean.



"Love Beyond All Telling," highlights the ministry we celebrate. In countless ways, catechists mirror the abundant love and mercy of God through their words, actions, attitudes and beliefs.

Consider the following ways you can support the catechetical ministry here at St. Patrick's:

Pray often throughout the year for catechists, parents and all those who are dedicated in a special way to sharing the word of God with others.

Find ways you can volunteer as a catechist or classroom aide.

Encourage and thank catechists.

Be mindful of opportunities in your daily life to live out your faith — through a kind word, a helping hand or a willingness to listen.

Dear Sr. Marie Claire,

I so much appreciate all that you did for us when we were children. Thank you so much for sharing and showing me how much you loved Jesus. I am so glad you were my teacher!

Your former student and sister in Christ,

Carol Retz

Children's religious education coordinator at St. Patrick's

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

## In Focus

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Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of In Focus is October 14.



# We Became One

As the soot and dirt and ash rained down,  
We became one color.

As we carried each other down the stairs of the burning building,  
We became one class.

As we lit candles of waiting and hope,  
We became one generation.

As the firefighters and police officers fought their way into the inferno,

We became one gender.

As we fell to our knees in prayer for strength,  
We became one faith.

As we whispered or shouted words of encouragement,  
We spoke one language.

As we gave our blood in lines a mile long,  
We became one body.

As we mourned together the great loss,  
We became one family.

As we cried tears of grief and loss,  
We became one soul.

As we retell with pride of the sacrifice of heroes,  
We become one people.

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-- Cheryl Sawyer  
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## St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 7:00pm Education Com 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Pro-Life Com 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>2</b> 7:00pm Financial Affairs Com 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>3</b> 9:00am Moms Group 11:00am Men's Book Club 5:00pm SVDP 7:00pm RCIA 7:00pm Choir	<b>4</b> 6:45am Mens Bible Study 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Over 21 Bible Study 7:00pm Building & Grounds Com 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>5</b> 9:00am Bible Study 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00am & 11:00am Childrens Rel Ed 10:15am Childrens Liturgy 12:00pm Teen Liturgy 2:00pm Pro-Life Chain, Hessel Park 5:00pm Jr High Kickoff 6:30pm Jr/Sr High Rel Ed 7:00pm Leaders Bible Study	<b>8</b> 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>9</b> 7:00pm WATCH Board 7:00pm Bible Study 7:30pm Parish Council Exec Com	<b>10</b> 9:00am Moms Group 9:00am Funeral Schola 5:00pm SVDP 6:00pm Childrens Rel Ed, St. Pat's 6:30pm Childrens Rel Ed, St. Joe 7:00pm RCIA 7:00pm Choir	<b>11</b> 6:45am Mens Bible Study 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Over 21 Bible Study 7:00pm Baptism Prep 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>12</b> 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Mass-Care Center 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:00am & 11:00am Childrens Rel Ed 10:15am Childrens Liturgy 6:30pm Jr/Sr High Rel Ed 7:00pm Leaders Bible Study	<b>15</b> 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>16</b> 9:30am Mass-Canterbury Ridge 7:00pm Liturgy Com 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>17</b> 9:00am Moms Group 5:00pm SVDP 6:00pm Childrens Rel Ed, St. Pat's 6:30pm Childrens Rel Ed, St. Joe 7:00pm RCIA 7:00pm Choir	<b>18</b> 6:45am Mens Bible Study 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Over 21 Bible Study 7:00pm Parish Council 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>19</b> 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Mass-Clark-Lindsey 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:00am & 11:00am Childrens Rel Ed 10:15am Childrens Liturgy 10:15am Knights of Columbus 2:00-4:00pm Health Fair 2:00-4:00pm WATCH 6:30pm Jr/Sr High Rel Ed 7:00pm Leaders Bible Study	<b>22</b> 9:30am Archives Com 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Centennial Com 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>23</b> 6:00pm K of C Installation & Dinner 7:00pm Homily Prep 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>24</b> 9:00am Moms Group 9:00am Funeral Schola 5:00pm SVDP 6:00pm Childrens Rel Ed, St. Pat's 6:30pm Childrens Rel Ed, St. Joe 7:00pm RCIA 7:00pm Choir	<b>25</b> 6:45am Mens Bible Study 1:00-2:30pm Grief at Holiday Time 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Over 21 Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00-8:30pm Grief at Holiday Time	<b>26</b> 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Mass-Manor Care 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH 5:30pm Jr High Social	<b>27</b> 8:30-12:00pm Objectives Workshop
<b>28</b>  Reset Clocks 10:30am Holy Cross Support Mtg 2:00pm Guild Rosary 7:00pm Leaders Bible Study	<b>29</b> 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>30</b> 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm E.M. Training	<b>31</b> 9:00am Moms Group 5:00pm SVDP 5:15pm Mass for All Saints Day 7:00pm Choir			

SVDP=St Vincent de Paul NH=Nursing Home