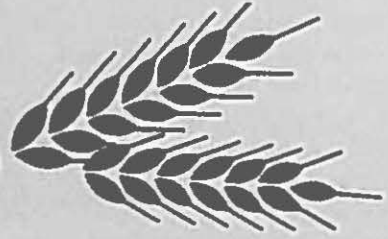


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



## A bigger church for St. Patrick's?

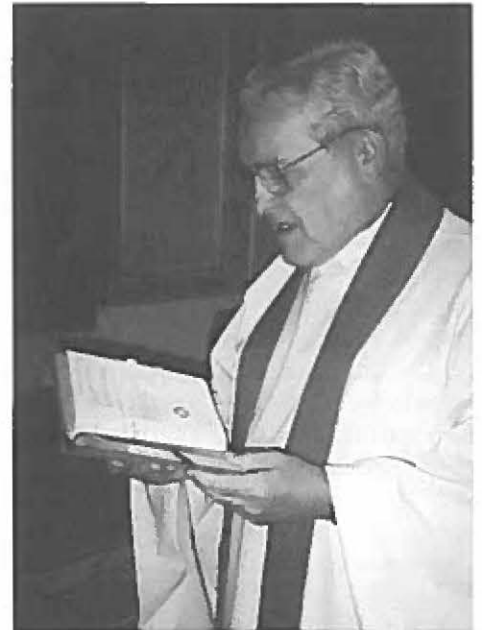
St. Patrick's Long Range Planning Committee, chaired by Fr. Remm, invited parishioners to an open meeting on Sunday, July 1, to discuss views on possible renovation and/or expansion of St. Patrick's church building. Larry Quenette, from Renaissance Architects in Springfield, Illinois, facilitated the meeting.

After stressing that the meeting was for information sharing, not for decision-making, Mr. Quenette posed some questions on such issues as the growth potential of the area, the present seating capacity of the church, and projections of seating capacity needed in future years. He observed that church attendance tends to increase by 10 percent, even as much as 20-30 percent, with any new church construction or renovation—but that whether the increase is permanent is difficult to gauge. From an economic and stewardship standpoint, he said, it is just as wrong to build too small as to build too big.

Consideration of renovation and/or expansion of the church building revolves around the present shortage of clergy and the consequent need to reduce the number of Masses each weekend (a priest may celebrate Mass only three times on Sunday). Fewer Masses would require a larger facility to accommodate more people at each Mass. St. Patrick's average weekend Mass attendance is about 1,300; if the five Masses now celebrated each weekend were reduced to three, an average of 433 people would gather for each Mass. While the number our church can now accommodate is estimated from 250 to 350, it is clear that 433 exceeds its present capacity.

Mr. Quenette asked parishioners what they find most appealing about St. Patrick's. Among the responses given were the intimate sense of community, the simplicity of the

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Fr. George Remm prepares to celebrate Mass in the multipurpose room. Weekday Mass, now on a reduced schedule, is celebrated only once each day.

## Pro-Life Float Wins!

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade for the Champaign-Urbana Community is a major event. Each year the *Life is for Everyone* organization has a Pro-Life float in the parade. This year the organization's float won the first prize. The theme of the parade this year was celebrating American parks. The float showed a park with an empty swing set and the question "Where are the Children?" on the side of the float. As an unofficial member of the organization, Mary Lee Brady, chairman of St.



Patrick's Pro-Life Committee, contributed to the making of the float, although the creative genius belongs to Myrna Buyno, president of *Life is for Everyone*.

## Pope John Paul II Cultural Center Open

Thanks to the efforts of Catholics throughout the United States, including some from St. Patrick's Parish, the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center opened this spring in Washington, D.C.

Some \$65 million was raised from 57,000 contributors to establish the center.

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit and president of the center, predicted it will be a powerful voice in a larger ongoing dialogue of faith and culture that occurs in the nation's capital.

"It is our hope that this center will

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interior (and exterior) of the church, the comfortableness of the space, Nick Britsky's artwork, the stained glass windows, and the acoustics. Mr. Quenette acknowledged that such attributes as those mentioned contribute to the uniqueness of St. Patrick's church and present a challenge of planning how to maintain that uniqueness within a reconfigured or larger space.

He then asked parishioners to identify what they find less appealing, what would need to be addressed in any renovation of the church. Responses included a place for parishioners with small (restless) children, more parking, a brighter interior color scheme, integrating the choir with the congregation, situating the Marian shrine and statue of St. Patrick's more centrally, more restrooms, more efficient storage of hymnals in the pews, more comfortable kneelers, a larger vesting sacristy, a larger gathering space (vestibule), a balance between simplicity and ornateness.

In demonstrating that one can look beyond the "footprint" of the present church building to envision possible layouts for an expansion of the building, Mr. Quenette drew on the example of the expansion and renovation of St. Paul's church in Macomb, designed and overseen by Renaissance Architects. The addition of a wing and rearrangement of interior worship space transformed the traditional building into a basilica-style church, increasing its worship space while bringing people closer together and closer to the altar, and incorporating many architectural features of the original building.

St. Patrick's church building has been examined and declared structurally sound, indicating that expansion is feasible. When asked the cost for expansion, Mr. Quenette responded that construction costs for churches tend to be high than for other kinds of buildings and are estimated at between \$85 (on the low side) and \$150-250 (on the high side) per square foot, depending on

complexity. Fr. Remm observed that diocesan policy requires the bishop's approval of expenditures over \$10,000 and that to proceed with a building project the parish must have 60 percent of the cost in cash or firm pledges.

Finding a solution that is both realistic and aesthetically pleasing is the real challenge. For that challenge to be met successfully, it is essential that as many parishioners as possible talk with members of the planning committee to ask questions and to share their concerns and opinions. From this sharing will come the concepts that will guide an architect charged to give them shape and form.

Members of the planning committee are Mike Andrejasich, Steve Beckett, Carol Bosley, Ed Clancy, Mike Holden, Pulchratia Kinney, Mary Ann Luedtke, Diane Musumeci, Chuck Shaw, and Gary Wszalek.

## Farewell to Dean Carr! Welcome to Timothy Thilmony!

The Business Operations Manager at St. Patrick's keeps the parish books, does the payroll and taxes, and oversees rentals of the parish facilities such as the main hall. Dean Carr has filled this role for the past year. He is leaving us now to continue his studies at Western Illinois University. He left us a yummy parting gift: Check out his cake recipe in the Quick Fixings column in this issue of *In Focus*.

Timothy Thilmony arrived in time to be trained by Dean. They worked together on closing the books at the end of the fiscal year and on the reports to the diocese that have to be done at the same time. It's been great to see them working together so that the business side of the parish can continue to run smoothly.



## Parishioner Turns 100

On July 11, 2001, Ruth Siewert turned 100 years old! She was born near Thomasboro and baptized at St. Elizabeth's. Ruth has been a member of St. Patrick's since she was seven years old. She received her First Communion at St. Mary's and was confirmed at St. Patrick's on the same day. She graduated from St. Mary's

High School in Champaign in 1919. She later graduated from Brown's Business College in Champaign.

She and her husband Henry had four children, eight grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. She now resides at the Florida House in Urbana. Her family helped her celebrate this very special occasion and the parish wishes to join with them in celebrating her life!

## KCs, Social Action Reroof a House

Urbana Knights of Columbus Council 5752, in cooperation with the St. Patrick's Parish Council's Social Action Committee, recently completed a reroofing project at a house in north Champaign.

The project was organized by empty tomb, a local interdenominational agency that coordinates local churches and social service projects. The reroofing was the first major project between empty tomb and the Knights of Columbus.

The house, on North James Street, is the home of an elderly woman and her blind son.

Using \$1,600 contributed by the Social Action Committee, empty tomb purchased shingles, nails, and other materials for the project. The KCs worked at the house for seven Saturday mornings in June and July. The project was blessed by a lack of rain on those mornings, but the ever-present



Richard Keane (left) and Joseph Youakim appear to have the right tools for the job!

Dave Palmisano explains that quality work takes time.



central Illinois humidity did not abate.

Thankfully, no major injuries were reported by any of the workers.

The work parties were organized by KC Richard Keane. Expert assistance was provided by George Amaya and Dave Palmisano. Other workers included Ed Clancy, Steve Retz, Chris Stohr, Frank Modica, Joe Costa, Tom Kacich, Arden Howey, Tom Delanty, Bill Plymire, Joseph Youakim, Tracy Harper, Chuck, Shaw, and Nicholas Koch.



Tom Delanty (left), Chris Stohr, and Nicholas Koch catch their breath on the rooftop.

## Urbana-Champaign Area Catholic Communities are Gearing Up for Partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

The Social Action Committee continues to plan St. Patrick's Parish involvement in the Catholic community of Champaign-Urbana partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

Six area Catholic communities have come together to build a home in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Champaign and Piatt counties, slated to break ground in the spring of 2002. The six communities are St. Patrick's, St. Matthew's, Holy Cross, Our Lady of the Lake (Mahomet), St. John's on the UIUC campus, and St. Thomas More High School.

Coordinator positions are still needed! Right now, the search continues for volunteers to serve on the steering committee, which will oversee the planning of this partnership in the coming year. The steering committee will play a major role in seeing the entire project through, from planning to breaking ground to dedication.

The following positions on the steering committee are open:

1) Project coordinator (*oversees planning and implementation of entire project, provides leadership for the steering committee, calls meetings, works with Habitat liaison and staff, learns Habitat procedures and policies*)

2) Construction supervisors (*works as an onsite supervisor, teaches unskilled workers how to complete basic tasks, works closely with volunteers, likes to teach!*)

3) Fundraising coordinator (*coordinates activities of the fundraising committee, organizes all fundraising activities, works with finance chair*)

Position to be filled at the parish level: Co-coordinator to work with the existing volunteer coordinator to help with volunteer recruitment and scheduling of St. Patrick's volunteers.

Please call Nancy Dietrich-Rybicki (337-0334) for more information.

After the steering committee gets off the ground, there will be lots of opportunities for volunteers to build the home, so stay tuned!!!

### ST. PATRICK'S PARISH In Focus

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## Reflections on the Death Penalty Prayer Service

On June 11 members of St. Patrick's and of other area churches gathered to pray for victims of violent crimes and victims of the death penalty. This day became especially meaningful because it was the day Timothy McVeigh was killed at the Federal Penitentiary in Terre Haute, Indiana. The prayer service focused on peace for the victims of violence and for their families. Those in attendance also prayed for the men, women, and children who have been executed, as well as for the men, women, and children on death row and for their families.

After the prayer service, those who attended shared their thoughts and feelings. There seemed to be an atmosphere of remorse for the victims and dismay that there would be so much support for the death penalty. After all, the Pope called for abolition of the death penalty, calling this an authentically pro-life position. Catholic social teaching also calls us to "believe that every person is sacred, every life precious—even the life of one who...has taken life." While the group discussed what was God's role in all of this, most seemed to leave knowing that we have much to do to take better care of each other.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

By St. Patrick's own Parish nurses September 9.

Also coming: HEALTH FAIR October 21

Also featuring our parish nurses.

Watch the bulletin for details.



## Scholarships Go to Young Parishioners

For the third year in a row teen members of St. Patrick's are winners of the University of Illinois Civil Service Employee Dependent scholarships.

This year Michael Anthony (Tony) Bosley and Sandra (Sandy) Shannon merited financial awards recognizing and encouraging excellence in their studies. Previous winners from St. Patrick's were Emily Delanty and Molly Healy in 1999 and Brian Weber in 2000.

The honor students and their parents live in St. Joseph. Tony is the son of Jerry and Carol Bosley; Sandy, the daughter of Peggy Shannon.

Tony graduated in May from St. Joseph-Ogden High School. He will study mechanical engineering at Notre Dame. In high school he was a member of student council four years, attended a leadership camp, was vice president of



**Q:** The old photos of the church show stained glass windows above the sanctuary. What happened to them?

Are they still there?

**A:** Chuck Shaw, a lifetime member of the parish a longtime member of the Building and Grounds Committee, gave us the answer. There were five windows in the dome above the sanctuary, each showing the head of a saint. (Does anybody know which saints they were?) The windows were damaged in the fire of 1961. They were covered with soot, and it isn't known whether the painting on the glass is still in good shape. In the renovation following the fire, two of the windows were removed to make room for the recessed lights above the presider's chair. The stained glass windows are stored here. The other three windows are in place, but boarded over as part of the renovation.

The Building and Grounds Committee has asked a stained glass specialist to inspect the windows the next time he has work here in town. As the Long-Range Planning Committee continues its review of parish facilities, perhaps a place will be found for them.



Tony Bosley



Sandy Shannon

his sophomore and senior classes, vice president of the Spanish Club in his senior year, and a member of the National Honor Society in his junior and senior years. At St. Patrick's he is a frequent usher at Mass.

Sandy will be a junior and psychology major at the University of Illinois in September. She has held part-time jobs since she was 10; delivering the *News-Gazette*, a lifeguard, a checker at the IGA, and now a student worker in the UI Civil Engineering Department office. In high school she was in 4H and St. Patrick's youth group.

Congratulations to Tony and Sandy, and to all parish honor students.

## Sinai Temple Needs Child Care for High Holy Days

Members of our congregation are asked to volunteer for child care at Sinai Temple to return kindness shown on Christian holidays each year. At Christmas and Easter Temple volunteers serve patients' trays at Provena Covenant Medical Center so that Christian aides can have the day off. Sinai people also staff the office of Lutheran Social Services so that children in foster care can have supervised visits with their families.

You are asked to take part in the local Council of Congregations offer of child care on two high holy days, so that parents can attend services.

The September days are: Rosh Hashanah, Tuesday, September 18, morning or lunch time; and

Yom Kippur, Thursday, September 27, morning, lunch time, or late afternoon.

It will not be necessary to give an entire morning or afternoon. For specific "shifts" (about 2 hours) and more information, call Peggy Whelan, our parish delegate to the Council of Congregations, at 367-3668.

Here's your opportunity to live out an inter-faith relationship.

## What's New in the Library

Did you miss the Centennial Mass and celebration? Would you like to know more about St. Patrick's parish history? Then we have the videos for you!

Check out the video of the May 20 Centennial Celebration (VIDEO 270 Cen) to see what you missed that day. Or view St. Patrick's Catholic Church (VIDEO 270 Stp) to learn more about the people who helped create and build St. Patrick's over the years.

Both videos are located on top of the bookshelves on the south wall. Please keep them no more than a week so others can view them, too!

While you're there, check out the Henri Nouwen books on the New Books Shelf. These were donated by Sister Marie's estate. Nouwen is one of the most popular contemporary spiritual writers.

*Behold the Beauty of the Lord: Praying with Icons* (246 Nou) If you're a visual person, this book offers a different way to pray.

*The Genesee Diary: Report from a Trappist Monastery* (248 Nou) Want to know what it's like to live in a monastery? It's inspirational and "lifts the heart and mind to God" says one reviewer.

*Letters to Marc about Jesus* (248 Nou) Nouwen's letters to his 13-year-old nephew about God, the spiritual life, and listening to Jesus.

*With Burning Hearts: A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life* (234 Nou) This book seeks a fuller understanding of Eucharist through the story of the disciples on their way to Emmaus. He shows how their story models the order of the eucharistic celebration, and calls us to experience this journey intensely.



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inspire and motivate, form and shape a whole new generation of Christian leaders who will bring their faith values to the marketplace and to all the professions. Hopefully, all visitors will experience a true conversion of mind and heart and see how to put their faith into concrete action and service," the cardinal told the crowd of 1,200 at the dedication.

A highlight was the unveiling of the first art exhibit from the Vatican Museums. The exhibit features 38 art works celebrating Mary. They represent different periods of history as well as different cultures.

The center also includes a special chapel for prayer and reflection and four permanent exhibits: The Gallery of Mary, the Hands of Peace, the Children's Gallery and the John Paul II Polish Heritage Room.

In addition, there are five interactive galleries. The Gallery of Church and Papal History has a comprehensive timeline that begins with St. Peter and continues through Pope John Paul II. The Gallery of Faith allows visi-

tors to create a testimony of faith through recordings, writings or drawings.

The Gallery of Wonder looks at the relationship between faith and science. The Gallery of Community explores the relationship between the church and social services throughout the world. The Gallery of Imagination allows



visitors to ring the bells in a collaborative musical activity and create computerized stained glass windows in the gallery's workshop.

The center also includes an Intercultural Forum that provides an opportunity for scholars to research, discuss, teach and write about faith and culture.

The center is adjacent to the Catholic University of America and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It's open Tuesday through Sunday. If you're visiting Washington, please use the coupon for discounted admissions.

## Love Beyond All Telling

The theme of this year's Catechetical Sunday, celebrated Sept. 15-16, is "Love Beyond All Telling." This theme highlights the ministry of catechesis, passing on the faith, and it focuses on why so many people are engaged in this important ministry. In countless ways, catechists mirror the abundant love and mercy of God through their words, actions, attitudes, and beliefs. As those who form their children in the first experience of faith, parents and guardians are also a part of this great ministry. Indeed, the entire parish, as it lives out this "love beyond all telling" in its words and deeds, shares in this important ministry of religious education.



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## An Evangelization Minute . . .

From Marilyn Murphy

Six years ago I was very ill and in a lot of pain. Pain consumed my energy and my thoughts; it pushed out the joys of life. I was unable to do more than cope with the pain, I could not even pray. In effect I was separated from God. I stand here today not because I want you to know I was sick, but because I want to thank God publicly for bringing me back to this place in health; to thank you for praying when I couldn't.

Every time I heard the scripture passage about the ten lepers whom Jesus cured but only one returned to give Him thanks, I had to count myself in the unresponsive nine. And, I wondered, were the lepers made completely whole, or did the scars remain on their bodies? Did their cures take a moment, an hour, a decade? I still have symptoms of autonomic neuropathy that drive me crazy, that sometimes beat me down. If the disease left the lepers but the scars did not, were they as angry as I have been that I made a functional recovery but wasn't restored to my former state? Were they as frustrated as I that healing was so exceedingly slow?

But I'm trying no longer to curse what I have lost; I am trying to be thankful for the good health I do have. Prayer and perseverance, caring medical people, and kind friends and family joined God to bring me back. I thank you, God. I thank my family, who cleaned my house and dragged the recliner out to the garage so I could join in the family wiener roast at the farm; I thank my supervisor, who enabled me to work from home before that was acceptable; I thank the members of this parish who prayed, the member who brought me library books and got me a handicap hang tag; I thank the stranger who rescued me when my flight was rerouted to Minneapolis and then canceled at midnight; I thank the kind people in the grocery store who looked the other way when I tried to drive the electric wheelchair, hitting everything that didn't move faster than I; I thank the

## Greetings from Susan Nagele

Dear Fr. Remm and all the good people of St. Pat's,

Many thanks to all of you who sent kind words about the piece I wrote on Dr. Matthew Lukwiya (see June issue of *In Focus*). Since then I have been in touch with Dr. Piero Corti, the Italian doctor who started Lacor Hospital. His wife, Dr. Lucille Teasdale, died in 1996 from AIDS. She operated on hundreds, if not thousands, of soldiers that were wounded in the war during Idi Amin's time. She contracted the disease from an infected soldier while doing surgery. He wrote that Matthew and Lucille were the closest of friends and Matthew was buried next to Lucille by the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in the hospital compound.

We moved into our new health center on Dec. 14, and it was officially opened by Bishop Taban on Feb. 25. It was named Good Shepherd Health Center because the people are nomadic herders, and this title for Jesus is meaningful for them. We hope that the parish will also be given this name.

During the opening ceremonies one of the nurses, Monica Adior, dressed in traditional Toposa beads and skins, brought up offertory gifts of medicines, representing the service of the workers. As part of the offertory procession I brought up a poster with pictures of some of the people who donated money to help us build the

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friend of a friend who paid for a private plane to fly me to Mayo, and for the pilot who gave his time. Little things, big things.

In sickness I learned I need you and I need God. I offer my experiences so that you who are sick know that someone cares about you, someone is praying for you; and so that you who are able will pick up the phone to help the sick and those in pain. I offer these minutes to God, the Curer and the Comforter, as a leper who has healed and returns, finally, to give Him thanks.



center, and explained that 244 bulls (approximately \$24,400) had been used to build it, with 8 bulls contributed by the local people. Bishop Taban was escorted to the celebration by Toposa women; he was joined by Fr. Tim Galvin (who gave the homily) and Fr. Sean Cremin, two Irish priests who serve our parish. It was a happy day for everyone, and we are grateful to all of you for the support you have given us.

Lastly, I have been given the opportunity to take a sabbatical. I have worked in Africa since 1985 and in Sudan since 1991, and it seems like a good time to take a break. I will leave Nairobi on Aug. 27 for Ireland and will attend the Faith and Mission Programme at the Mission Institute of the Irish Missionary Union from Sept. 10 to Dec. 14. During that time my address will be IMU Mission Institute, Lalgan Park, Navan, Ireland.

Afterward I will go to Illinois to spend the holidays with my family and return to Nairobi on Jan. 27. I am very grateful for this opportunity to get away from the war and get re-energized so that hopefully I will be of better service to God's people in the future.

I will keep each of you in my prayers and will stay in touch.

*God Bless,  
Susan*

**It Happened Here!**

**20 Years Ago in *In Focus*:  
September 1981**

The parish staff were introduced: Fr. Doug Hennessy, co-pastor; Fr. David Roche, co-pastor; Rodger Addams, Deacon; Ruth Bowman, minister to older adults and the catechumenate; Herb Eberhardt, maintenance; Ron Hicks, junior-high minister; Gary Laumann, director of religious education; Helen Morgan, rectory housekeeper; Doug Salokar, music director; Nancy Smith (now Steerman), parish secretary; Karen Suever, youth minister.

All members pictured  
 are: Fr. Doug Hennessy  
 Fr. David Roche  
 Rev. Rodger Addams, Ruth Bowman, Herb  
 Eberhardt  
 Rev. Ron Hicks, Gary  
 Laumann, Helen Morgan  
 Rev. & Doug Salokar, Nancy  
 Smith, Karen Suever



**10 Years Ago in *In Focus*:  
September 1991**

Nick Britsky's new art for the church was nearing completion. This major project included a panel for the tabernacle area that unites symbols of Baptism (water) and Confirmation (tongues of fire) with Eucharist. It also included the new Marian shrine, which was to replace the former confessional (then serving as a closet) on the east side of the church. The third portion of the project was new art representing John's baptism of Jesus for the baptistry, which was to be located where the statue of Mary once stood.

Helene Kacich, coordinator of RENEW, invited all parishioners to join the RENEW Prayer Network to lay the sound foundation of prayer for the fifth and final season of this parish renewal program.



The "Jeopardy" statement reads like this: "I have white hair, I was born where St. Patrick's parish center is located, I worked on the railroad, I rarely bring a date anywhere, and my birthday is Sept. 23." The question? "Who is Father Kinder?" All parishioners were invited to a potluck dinner in the parish hall to celebrate with our beloved friend a happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

"The Right Man for the Job Is Sometimes a Woman," the headline read, announcing Shirley Splittstoesser's appointment as one of two parish trustees. She succeeded Cecelia Weir in this office, continuing a tradition of women's service that began with Edith Jendrasiak in 1978. Edith was followed, in turn, by Mary Claire Uselding, Cathy Rutledge, and Cecelia Weir.

**Parish Council Meeting**

The June 21 Parish Council discussed some important issues. Roxie Robinson spoke first about pastoral ministry to the homebound. Twenty eucharistic ministers, trained by Sr. Charlene and commissioned by Fr. Remm, visit parishioners who are confined to their homes or in the hospital so that they may receive the Eucharist. They also bring news of the parish through copies of the Sunday

Bulletin, *In Focus*, etc. Communion is distributed on Tuesdays, with the visits lasting from about 15 to 45 minutes. We are grateful for the care given to our people and extend our gratitude to those who do this ministry.

Fr. Remm reported on the first meeting with Mr. Larry Quenette, which is included in this issue.

St. Thomas More High School has asked the diocese for a grant for educational expenses. The diocese will consider a grant after the school investigates other alternatives.

The Centennial Committee met to evaluate the opening day celebration. Fr. Remm will say the Tridentine Mass at noon, followed by Benediction and

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 5 p.m., followed by Solemn Vespers. Olan Mills will take pictures for 14 days in October for a new directory.

Timothy J. Thilmony began working earlier than originally planned and will work with Dean Carr in preparing end-of-month reports and the annual report.

J. Mark Baker has resigned as of August 1 to take a job as editor of a classical music publication in Milwaukee. Chris Angel, an excellent organist who is a master's candidate at the University of Illinois, is a Catholic and interested in the position. He can begin in August.



### In the hot, hot summertime . . . the parish celebrates

Dr. J. Mark Baker, parish music director, prepares to take his leave of St. Patrick's, moving on to music publishing in Wisconsin.



Parishioners and long-time friends join family at a reception honoring Ruth Siewert, St. Patrick's centennarian, for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.



Dean Carr, preparing to go off to college, shows the (bookkeeping) ropes to his successor, Tim Thilmoney.



Over 100 of us proudly marched in the Fourth of July parade behind the centennial banner, the second event in St. Patrick's two-year Centennial celebration.



Some of the "regulars" at homily preparation gatherings offer belated birthday congratulations to Fr. Remm and Sr. Charlene. Enjoying the refreshments (and one another) are Alice McLaughlin, Lucille Salika, and Fr. Remm, seated, and Cathy Salika, Chris Angel, Sr. Charlene, and Minta Eley (who provided the treats), standing.

Paul and Mary Ann Luedtke gathered family and friends to share in the delayed celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



Chris Angel, who has joined the staff as music director, got off to an early start, presiding at "homily prep" before his actual start date. (He seemed to enjoy it; Minta's refreshments may have helped.)



## Thanks for a good job, thanks for caring

Have you ever wanted to thank someone on St. Patrick's staff, but just didn't get around to it? Well, here's your chance. The Personnel Committee would like to give you the opportunity to offer your appreciation, affirmation, thanks to someone on our parish staff who you feel has done an outstanding job or was a help to you or to someone you love. Notes submitted could possibly lead to an article for *In Focus* or some

other outlet, but will definitely be shared with the person involved.

Parish staff include Fr. George Remm, (Pastor); Fr. Gene Kane (retired, assisting); Sr. Charlene Cesario (Pastoral Associate); Dan Murphy (Deacon); Carolyn McElrath (Director of Religious Education); Chris Angel (Music Director); Leslie Risatti (Parish Secretary); Timothy Thilmony (Business Operations); and Bill VanCleave (Maintenance). Our

coordinators are Carol Retz (Children); Mark and Diane Cousert (Jr. High); Peggy Loftus (High School); Linda Glazier (St. Joseph); Cindy Shaw (Youth, CREW); Mary Long (Evangelization); Mary Tierney (Family Life); Lenore Nagele (RCIA); and Frances Drone-Silvers (Library).

Notes submitted needn't be long. A few words of thanks or appreciation can go a long way. They do not have to be signed, but if you wish to sign them, that's okay.

To submit a note of appreciation, the form below may be used. Affirmations should be placed in the Personnel Committee's mailbox in the parish center

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

Dean Carr



#### Italian Cream Cake

(This recipe makes 2 9"X13" or 3 9" round cakes. To make one 9"X13" cake, cut the ingredients in half. Although not exactly "quick," it's well worth the effort!)

½ c soft butter	2 c flour (either cake flour or all-purpose)
½ c Crisco shortening	1 t baking soda
2 c sugar	1 t baking soda
5 eggs (Separate the egg whites and place in separate bowl.)	pinch of salt
2 t vanilla	1 c buttermilk
	½ c chopped pecans or walnuts
	½ c coconut

Using electric mixer, whip the butter and Crisco until very light and creamy; add sugar and beat until mixed. Beat in the egg yolks and vanilla. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt. Add to the batter along with the buttermilk and beat well. Whip the egg whites until they form soft peaks, fold them into the batter. Gently stir in the nuts and coconut. Pour batter into greased pans. Bake at 350° for about 20 minutes or until done. Allow to cool completely before frosting.

(Note: If preferred, a commercially prepared frosting may be used instead of the following.)

#### Frosting

8 oz cream cheese	½ pt whipping cream
¾ c sugar (divided)	chopped nuts or coconut
2 t almond or vanilla extract (divided)	

Whip the cream cheese, ½ cup sugar and 1 teaspoon extract until every smooth. In another bowl, whip the whipping cream, ¼ cup sugar and 1 teaspoon extract until firm peaks form. Fold the whipped cream in to the cream cheese mixture and frost the cake. Sprinkle either chopped nuts or coconut on top.

(cut along the line above)

#### AFFIRMATION FORM

(Please write or print clearly.)

Name of person you are affirming:

I wish to affirm this person because  
(use a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed):

Submitter's Name (Optional):

After completing this form, please place it in the Personnel Committee mailbox in the parish center.  
Thank you.



# September 2001

## St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Labor Day Parish Office Closed 9:00am Mass & Potluck Breakfast 7:00pm Centering Prayer	4	5 9:00am Moms Group 5:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Choir	6 6:45am Mens Bible Study 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Building & Grounds Com	7 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	8
9 8:30am-12:00pm Blood Pressure Screening 7:00pm Leaders' Bible Study	10 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Pro-Life 7:00pm Centennial Com Mtg	11 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Financial Affairs Com 7:30pm Parish Council Exec Com	12 9:00am Moms Group 9:30am Funeral Schola 12:10pm CDA Mass & Luncheon 5:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Choir	13 6:45am Mens Bible Study 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Baptism Prep	14 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Mass-Care Center 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	15
16 10:15am Knights of Columbus Mtg 1:00pm Parish Picnic 7:00pm Leaders' Bible Study	17 7:00pm Centering Prayer	18 9:30am Mass-Canterbury Ridge 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Liturgy Com	19 9:00am Moms Group 5:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Choir 7:30pm Personnel Com	20 6:45am Mens Bible Study 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Parish Council	21 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Mass-Clark-Lindsey 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	22
23 7:00pm Leaders' Bible Study	24 9:30am Archives Com 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Mass for WATCH Team	25 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Homily Prep	26 9:00am Moms Group 9:30am Funeral Schola 5:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Choir	27 6:45am Mens Bible Study 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Communications Com	28 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Mass-Manor Care 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	29 WATCH Weekend
30 7:00pm Leaders' Bible Study WATCH We...						

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