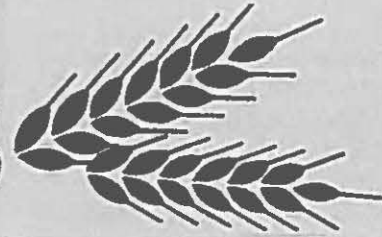


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



Retired priests help sustain our parish

St. Patrick's has been very blessed by the service of three of the senior priests of the diocese who keep Fr. Remm and Fr. Kane from running ragged during our busy weekend schedule. We have five masses on a weekend, six when Children's Liturgy is scheduled, plus Saturday morning Mass and one or even two weddings on Saturday.

Have you met all the senior priests?



Father Bob Hoffman

Fr. Robert Hoffmann is no stranger to Champaign-Urbana. He served at St. John's Catholic Chapel in the late 1960s and at St. Patrick's and Holy

Family in Danville from 1977-1989. He now lives in Oakwood, just outside of Danville, so he is often called upon to help with the parishes there on weekends, as well as serving here. Many will remember the Parish Lenten Retreat that he led for us two years ago.



Father Richard Mullen

Fr. Richard Mullen is a genuine townie, born in Urbana in 1925. He, too, did a stint at St. John's in the late 1960s. His last pastorate was at Holy Cross in Champaign from 1984-1997.



Father George Wuellner

Fr. George Wuellner retired as pastor of St. Boniface Parish outside of Seymour just last year. He helps out at a parish most weekends, and also presides at weddings, funerals and baptisms when asked. Twice a week, he celebrates the 6:30 a.m. Mass at St. Boniface because Fr. Royer has St. Mary's and Provena Hospital to care for as well as St. Boniface. Fr. Wuellner will be moving to spare quarters at Holy Cross Parish this summer, and we hope we will continue to see him often. Read-

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The harvest is great, the laborers few

They were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. ... Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. ... The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.

The bishops of the United States met in Dallas, Texas, on June 13 and 14 to consider perhaps the greatest crisis ever to face the Catholic

Church in America, the reality of sexual abuse of minors by some Catholic priests. Those who are guilty of such crimes can no longer exercise any public ministry, cannot wear the Roman collar, and are not to be called Reverend or Father. The laity have voiced their righteous concern that there is no place in the priesthood for anyone who would abuse a child.

In our local Church of the Diocese of Peoria, eight priests have been relieved of all priestly ministry and identity because of abuse allegations. As a result, a number of parishes have been left without a pastor.

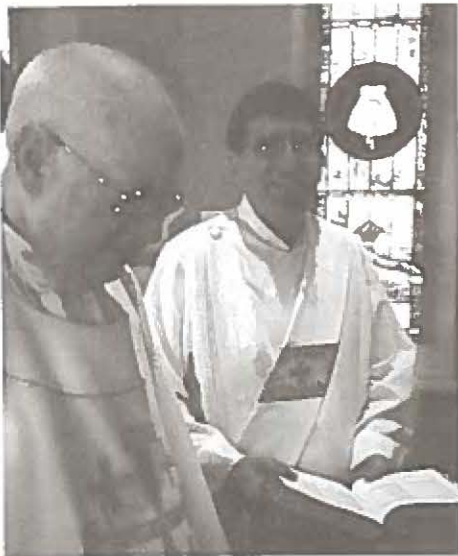
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ers of the Catholic Post may remember the wit of "Graffiti from the Cathedral Wall" and the hand-drawn calendars for Lent and Advent. Fr. Wuellner writes and draws them. Ask him for stories about his seminary classmate, Fr. Kane.

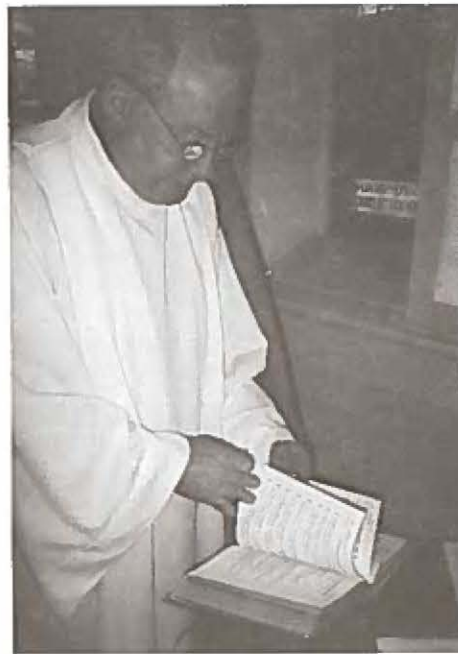
Among them, these three men bring the wealth of experience of 141 years of the priesthood, as well as a wonderful gift of flexibility (and relief!) for Fr. Remm and Fr. Kane. Thank you! Thank you!



Newly ordained Deacon Cliff Maduzia prepares to assist Fr. Richard Mullen at Mass



Fr. George Wuellner reviews his homily



Fr. Bob Hoffman prepares for Mass



Father Gene Kane



Fr. George Remm

Part-time job opportunity serves others

The Social Action Committee recently received a letter from Terri Burnett, Personal Assistant Resource Specialist at PACE, Inc., Center for Independent Living. PACE is looking for people from our congregation who might be interested in working as personal assistants in the local community.

In order to live more independently, people with disabilities employ personal assistants to help them with daily living tasks, such as:

- Light housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation.
- Personal care, such as bathing, grooming, dressing.
- Transportation for errands, shopping.
- Reading, writing, phone calls, filing.

Personal assistants are paid \$7 per hour and are able to decide how many hours each week they wish to schedule to work. Important requirements for personal assistants are reliability, responsibility, confidentiality and willingness to work for a person with a disability as your employer. Anyone 16 or older, including retirees, can work as personal assistants.

Ms. Burnett says, "If you want to see the human spirit in action, this is the job for you. You won't get rich, but your life will be enriched. People who have served as PAs come back and tell me about what a rewarding job it has been for them."

If you wish more information about being a personal assistant, call Terri Burnett at 344-5433. In her letter Ms. Burnett wrote, "I believe we live in a caring, giving community, which doesn't know this need for PAs is as large as it has become."



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

St. Patrick's families mark two special milestones



Fr. George Remm and the First Communion class 2002



Msgr. Steven Rohlfs and the Confirmation class 2002

*The Harvest is Great
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In Champaign-Urbana, and in most metropolitan areas in our country, Hispanic workers have come seeking jobs to support families here and in



Mexico. They have need for Mass in their own language, for home visitations to show that they are loved by the Church, and for religious instruction for their children. They need full-time priests and ministers who are bilingual to serve them.

The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.

Large parishes that formerly had two, three, or even four priests assigned to them for full-time ministry are now staffed by one priest, rarely by two, and sometimes aided by retired priests — even as the parish census continues to grow — and smaller parishes are now being served by a neighboring parish or mission, some being reduced to chapels for weddings and funerals but without weekly Mass, let alone daily Eucharist.

The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.

In the Gospel, Jesus compares the lack of workers in the Kingdom of God to a farmer whose harvest faces a serious threat. The threat is not blight or insects, for the growing season is finished, and the crops are hanging with fruit. The threat is not

weather, for the rain and the sun have already given their gifts. This harvest is threatened by the most frustrating of all perils, not enough workers to bring the fruit into the safety of the farmer's barn. Imagine

that you are the farmer whose hard work has brought the crop to this ripe stage, and whose family depends on the harvest for a year of living expenses. How would you feel if the harvest were lost because the workers are few? This is how God feels, according to Jesus, when God surveys the wondrous possibilities of redemption in the world.

If we were the farmer, we might gather workers in a frantic fashion, however we could, by threat, anger, bargaining, trickery. But not God. Jesus only asked the disciples to pray that God would send more workers. We might ask, "Why waste time praying, when there is so much work to do?" I suspect Jesus would answer, "Because there is so much work to do. We cannot afford to skip praying." Prayer reminds us that the harvest belongs to God, not to us. Prayer settles our spirit and makes our work more efficient. Prayer keeps us from running all over the place, burning ourselves out and thus rendering us useless for the harvest work. Worry does not bring workers into the harvest field. Nor does fear. Prayer is not wasted time, it redeems

time. It keeps us mindful that workers in the harvest are laborers recruited for a happy toil. Prayer helps.

Finally, Jesus sent the disciples as workers in the harvest. No sooner did the disciples begin to pray that God would send workers into the harvest than they heard the voice of Jesus sending them. Sometimes that happens when we pray. We end up becoming a part of the answer to our own prayer. If we pray earnestly for workers in the Church, God may recall to our praying heart an area of service He is calling us to fill.

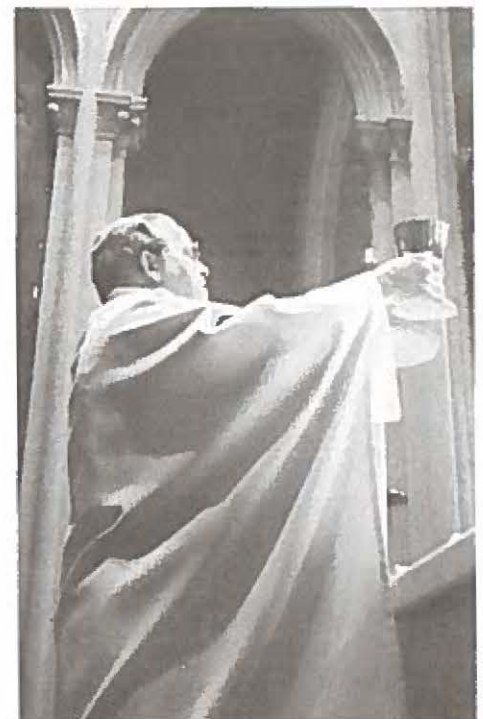
Perhaps an absolute minimal step would be for our families to add a prayer for vocations to the regular mealtime and evening prayers. This would also serve as a gentle reminder to our children that they might consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Those outside a family structure might add to their daily prayers a prayer for the same intention.

Concern for the next generation of leaders — clergy, religious and lay — urges us to do something.

The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.

Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.

(This homily was preached by Fr. George Remm on June 15 and 16, 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time.)



Hats off to high school graduates

Congratulations were in order — and freely offered — for St. Patrick's graduating seniors, who were given special recognition at the 9 o'clock Mass on May 26.

After Mass, they lined the walkway between the church and the parish center to receive congratulations from well-wishers in the congregation. "Well done!" and "Best of luck to you!" and "What now? Where are you headed?" and "What are you interested in, now that you're on your way?" were just a few of the comments and questions from parishioners, many of whom have watched over these young men and women from the time they were guided by their parents in making the Sign of the Cross with holy water on entering the church. Now they're on their way, imbued with their parents' and teachers' values as they take that next big step in life — some of them far from parents and friends.

"We send them forth with hopes that they will continue to express their faith in daily deeds of love and service; that they will continue to grow in knowledge, wisdom and understanding; and that they will contribute to the betterment of our community, nation and world." So prayed that congregation, so pray all of us!

Megan Blair, graduating from St. Joseph-Ogden High School, will attend Parkland Community College with a view to pursuing a career in nursing. Megan was awarded a Father Charles Martell scholarship by the Knights of Columbus.

Anna Marie Brown is also graduating from St. Joseph-Ogden High School and will attend Parkland, with an interest in aviation.

Flannery Ellis is graduating from Urbana High School and expects to attend Colorado State University, enrolled in General Studies.

Laura Fahey, graduating from Champaign Centennial, will attend the University of Illinois, studying Textile Design and Consumer Marketing.

Robert Grove, graduating from St. Joseph-Ogden, has enrolled at Parkland in General Studies. He, too,

was awarded a Father Charles Martell scholarship by the Knights of Columbus.

Alfred Handal graduates from Urbana High School to attend Parkland, where he plans to study Automotive and Math.

Natalie Handal also graduates from Urbana High School and expects to attend Parkland, enrolled in Business.

Katie Hartke, graduating from Urbana High School, is enrolled at Parkland in General Studies.

Patrick Hatch, graduating from Champaign High School, will attend the University of Illinois, where he is enrolled in the College of Commerce and Business. He also was awarded a Father Charles Martell scholarship by the Knights of Columbus.

Patrick Howey is graduating from Unity High School. After working on a steamboat cruise this summer, he plans to pursue a career in entertainment.

Mija Hubler is graduating from Urbana High School and will be studying Civil Engineering at the University of Illinois. Mija also was awarded a Father Charles Martell scholarship by the Knights of Columbus.

Gregory Kingery, graduating from Urbana High School, is enrolled in General Studies at Eastern Illinois University.

Emily Millsap is graduating from Champaign Central and is enrolled in General Studies at Parkland. Emily

also was awarded a Father Charles Martell scholarship by the Knights of Columbus.

Katherine Tu Trinh Nguyen is graduating from Urbana High School and expects to study Business at Parkland.

Yen Nguyen, graduating from Urbana High School, will study Nursing at Parkland.

Megan Reinhart is graduating from St. Joseph-Ogden High School and is enrolled at Ohio State University, where she will study Agribusiness and Applied Economics. Megan was also awarded a Father Charles Martell scholarship by the Knights of Columbus.

Ross Richards is graduating from Urbana High School. He expects to study Business at Illinois State University.

Greg Roth is graduating from Urbana High School and will attend the University of Illinois, enrolled in Applied Life Studies.

Alec Schingel, graduating from Urbana High School, will study Economics at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Jonathan Shoda is graduating from Urbana High School and is enrolled in Consumer Economics at the University of Illinois.

Ellen Stohr, graduating from Urbana High School, will attend the University of Maine at Ft. Kent, where she plans to major in Biology.

Ellen too was awarded a Father Charles Martell scholarship by the Knights of Columbus.



It happened here!

20 years ago, July 1982

Sr. Rosemarie Tomlianovich joined the staff on July 6 as Pastoral Associate. After an allowance of about 30 minutes for orientation, she already was thoroughly into many phases of the parish. Sister proved a rich source of inspiration and information for the many committees and people with whom she worked. After 12 years of grade school teaching, three years as mistress of novices at her convent, and 15 years of high school teaching, Sister decided to take the plunge into the unpredictability of parish ministry, serving six years at Sacred Heart in Moline before coming to St. Patrick's.



Sr. Rosemarie Tomlianovich

10 years ago, July 1992

Barb and Rodger Adams wrote an open letter to the parish, "Words of

Parting and Promise," as they retired and moved to California. Rodger wrote, "In my more than 15 years as a permanent deacon, I have come to want to devote more of my time to ministry, and I see this as a good way to do so. Barbara is ready to find a position in which her faith and counseling skills can be combined." They also were eager to be closer to their children and grandchildren.



Rodger and Barb Adams

5 years ago, July 1997

St. Patrick's gave tribute to two loved parishioners who had served the parish well, Bill and Jane McClellan. Fr. Remm remarked with appreciation on Bill's enrichment of parish life as deacon, a preacher of homilies, an inviting presence at the Catholic Worker House, and a willing participant in the work of the Social Action Committee. He noted Jane's quiet and unassuming presence in the parish, giving encouragement to many, spiritual guidance to those who sought it, and prayerfulness that inspired others to pray.

After three years at St. Patrick's as Music Director, Steve Peet left to be closer to his family and his home state of New Jersey. During his time

at St. Patrick's, he developed a children's choir and a junior high hand bell ensemble. He also reassembled the funeral schola, a much appreciated ministry in the parish.



Jane & Bill McClellan



Steve Peet

Pro-Life Committee examines prison life

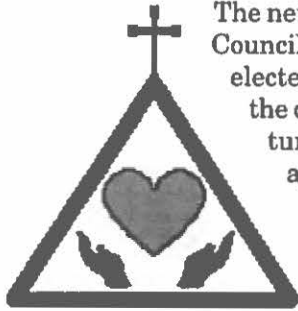
On Monday, June 3, the Pro-Life Committee focused on convicts and their treatment. Although prisons are necessary to protect society from criminals, it does not follow that criminals should be treated in an inhumane fashion or punished unrea-

sonably. Christ instructs us to see him in others, even in criminals, and regardless of the crime committed.

Former prison chaplain Sister Pauline Grady states, "What is needed is good spiritual care. The Spirit of God is very visible in the hearts of many prisoners. For many, their arrest and imprisonment is the first time in their lives that they find

themselves in quiet. Behind locked doors at 8 p.m., many listen to the Spirit in their hearts, becoming open to God's infinite mercy. Miracles follow."

Parish council news



The new Parish Council, having elected officers for the coming year, turned to liaison appointments with its standing committees.

Appointees are:

Building and Grounds: Chris Stohr
 Communications: Richard Bronson
 Education: Wendy Wagner
 Financial Affairs: Ellen Abell
 Liturgy: Pat Fetting
 Personnel: Janice Parker
 Social: Connie Cimino
 Social Action: Joe Rasmussen

The liaison is expected to attend the committee meetings and participate actively in the work of the committee, as well as keeping the committee informed about pertinent matters discussed by the Council and carrying to the Council information about the committee's activities and concerns. A big job!

At its June meeting, the council agreed to spend up to \$250,00 to refurbish the church. The money will come from the Centennial Fund. Four bids ranging from \$169,616 to \$335,412 were received; two were within the church's price range. The architect will contact the two low bidders and request additional information.

The council also agreed to hire the Sapient Group consultants to provide options on use of facilities. The report generated would provide information that would be valuable in making informed decisions about the conditions of the buildings and their systems and how the parish could best take care of them. It would also identify the capital expenditures that are not necessarily recurrent. With about \$4 million in assets, the parish needs to consider how to extend the life of the assets and make the most of them. Fr. Remm also reminded the council that one of its objectives for this year was to do an assessment of space needs and the allocation of them. He sees this contract as a

chance to accomplish this objective. The council set aside \$12,700 from the year-end allocation of funds for the contract.

In other business, the council learned:

- St. Patrick's has 11 students registered for the freshman class at St. Thomas More High School.
- The parish's Stewardship of Time and Talent will be held Sept. 7 and 8.
- The parish's objectives planning workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 12.

Help! help!

In Focus needs people to help with two things:

How would you like to be recipe editor for the monthly newsletter? Someone is needed to collect recipes from parishioners for our "Quick Fixin's" column. One recipe per month is needed, but you can work ahead, if you like. Recipes can be e-mailed, handwritten or typed.

Could you stuff In Focus into the bulletin once a month? This would be a good job for stay-at-home parents with preschoolers, a couple of teens with time after school, retirees,

or Saturday morning Mass-goers. In Focus is delivered to the Parish Center on the last (well, usually the last) Friday of the month, late in the afternoon. The job could be done then or Saturday morning.

There are backup people who could help if occasionally you find that you can't do it.

If you are able to help, please leave a message with the parish secretary at 367-2665 or put a note in the Communications mailbox in the parish center.

A special vote of thanks goes to Lori and Tom McDonough who have been doing these two jobs for many years! How many? We're not sure, but it's surely 10 years or more. Awesome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
PARISH MISSION
SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER
7-12. NO MEETINGS OR LITURGIES UNCONNECTED TO THE MISSION WILL OCCUR. PLAN TO ATTEND AS A SPECIAL WAY TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF ST. PATRICK'S.



in our parish library

Not long ago, I was in a group that was discussing whether Mary died before being assumed into heaven. Where do you go for answers to questions about Catholic history, saints or other people of the Church? What if you want to find out what's happening "right now?" Your parish library has some resources that can help.

New Catholic Encyclopedia (Ref 030, on the shelves to your right as you enter the library). Here's where I found information on the question about Mary. The Catholic Encyclopedia was called one of the top 50 reference sources of the millennium and is a great place to turn for many subjects relating to Catholicism.

One caution – the set was originally published in 1967, so it won't have

current information. A new edition is due out soon – you'll read about it here when it's available.

Magazines (on the right as you enter Library). Here's the place for up-to-date information. The library subscribes to several Catholic magazines, including *America*, *Concilium*, *Origins*, and *U.S. Catholic*. These magazines can offer you a variety of perspectives on issues concerning the Church today.

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.



As I reflect on my faith journey, I realize that the experience of God providing for my family as a child has

deeply impacted my adult faith. I'd like to share a couple examples. In 1985, my dad decided to go back to college to become a teacher. He had grown tired of selling life insurance and decided to take the advice of many people who had suggested he would make an excellent teacher.

For three years, from 1985 to 1987, he went to college full time and continued to sell life insurance while my mom remained a stay-at-home mom. Our average income for those three years was \$7,000 a year. Amazingly, though, God always provided enough money to keep the bills paid, clothes on our backs and food on the table. I am convinced that my parents' ongoing tithing, prayer and resourcefulness were a big part of the reason for this.

The money would come in amazing ways. My parents borrowed about \$6,000 from a couple with whom they were friends to pay off old medical bills and other debts. One Saturday, shortly after my parents had begun paying back the money, they got a note saying that the money was a gift, and there was no need to pay back the remainder of it. My dad commented that it would be nice to have \$10 to go to Hardee's and celebrate. On our way to the post office later that day to mail a letter, we discovered a \$10 bill on the sidewalk among some leaves that were blowing in the wind.

Another time, my dad had gone on an appointment to sell life insurance, not knowing if he had enough gas in the car to get home and not having enough money to buy more gas. As he was walking back to the car, he noticed a \$20 bill that was partially frozen in a puddle. He was able to retrieve it and use it to buy gas.

These experiences have definitely deepened my faith that God will always provide for me. Three years

ago, I moved to Champaign-Urbana to begin graduate school at the University of Illinois. I never expected to end up in Champaign-Urbana, but God led me here and has helped to feel truly at home. I have been fortunate to become part of a strong faith community at St. Patrick's that has helped me to continue to grow in faith. As a graduate student, I face some of the same financial pressures my family faced when I was growing up, but I've learned that when I tithe faithfully and trust in God, I never run short of money.

Jared Wouters

CREW will head to Tennessee for mission trip

The CREW teen group is in the final stages of preparation for St. Patrick's third annual mission trip. About 25 teens and 10 adult chaperones will attend this year on the trip to Memphis, Tenn. They will work with the City Center Commission, which matches volunteer groups with organizations that provide assistance to the people of Memphis. The jobs will likely include painting and fixing up the exterior of homes of low-income residents.

The mission trip is a great opportunity for our teens. This is a retreat that allows them to put their faith into action. Service, spirituality and community-building are major components of the week. Since the teens are not distracted by TV's, phone calls and computers and are hundreds of miles away from home, they become very focused on the work, Bible study and the people around them.

The group will leave after the 7:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, July 28. All parishioners are welcome at Mass to give the group a hearty send-off. They will return the following Saturday, Aug. 3.

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

to sightseeing excursions. Another way to help is to pray for safe travel and spiritual growth for the participants. You could also join a Bible study group. There will be daily Bible study at St. Patrick's that corresponds with the studies completed by the trip participants. And don't forget to check out the group's web site, which includes pictures that are updated daily during the trip, at www.prairienet.org/crew2002.

For information about any of these activities, feel free to call Cindy at 384-2299.



Welcome to new parishioners James and Maria Barger, Nhat and Men Tran Dang, Minh Dang, Scott and Angela Ford, Scott and Becky Krueger, David and Tijuana Mendoza, Mandy Pearson, Matthew Pope, Thomas and Dianne Radecki, Marshall VandeWyngaerde, and Martha Yoos.

Welcome to the following, recently baptized into our faith community: Mallory A. Crawford, Madison J. Crawford, Elora D. Fierke, Hannah E. Rajlick, Lauren E. Larson, Lyman B. Larson, Owen P. Gifford, Jensen E. Krueger, Nicholas Roseman, Elizabeth M. Altaner, Tessa L. Powers, Annelise C. Prine, Heidi Novak, Betty C. Nguyen, Jason A. Bucholtz, Austin W. Ford, and Zoey B. Z. Witruk.

Congratulations to those recently married: Jane D. Youakim and Cle Easley Jr., Melissa M. Brosnan and Eric M. Hays, Elizabeth A. Suter and Todd C. Trautman, Julie E. Gott and Kevin W. Knott, Hannah R. Gibson and David A. Lannert, and J. April Yasunaga and Jay T. Anderson.

Please pray for the following members of our parish who have died: Mary L. DeHaven, Ruth Siewert, Charles V. Miller, Colby L. Rodriguez, Brian Kerchenfaut and Daniel O'Neill.

Invigorating retreat for WATCH leadership

"Jesus to the World" was the theme of the second annual We Are The Church leadership retreat. Representatives of the many parishes around the state that have WATCH retreat



programs gathered to share ideas and encourage one another. Ten St. Patrick's parishioners participated in the weekend retreat at Lake Williamson Christian Retreat Center near Carlinville, Ill. They were Dan and Pris Murphy, Terry and Kathy Jobin, Mary Long, Peter Tan, Beth McDonald, Theresa Bosch, Carol Retz and Minette Sterneke.

The retreat focused on the call to leadership and having a vision to step out in new ways in discipleship, based on the book, *If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat*. Breakout sessions covered a variety of topics from the nuts and bolts of putting on a WATCH weekend, to "Fanning the Flame" as we continue the spiritual growth that WATCH initiates.

Dan Murphy was a presenter of one of these sessions on publicity/outreach/recruiting, sharing the many ways the St. Patrick's WATCH program has reached out to our parish.

The retreat included wonderful meditations in the Carlinville church of Sts. Mary and Joseph as well as around a campfire on a beautiful starlit night. Teens from St. Thomas Parish in Peoria, who are part of JAM (Jesus And Me, the WATCH equivalent for teens) presented a moving "Living Stations of the Cross" in the woods. The St. Patrick's participants

came away from the retreat energized and eager to share ideas to keep WATCH thriving at St. Patrick's.

Fan the Flames with picnic, mini-retreat

Fan the Flames is a program sponsored by the WATCH program that gives WATCH participants an opportunity to continue to grow spiritually after the WATCH retreat weekend, and it also presents a way that anyone can come to see what WATCH is all about and have a mini-experience of the talks, meditations, group sharing and fellowship that are the hallmarks of WATCH.

Recently on June 9, Fan the Flames featured a slide show and talk by Joseph Youakim on his hometown of Bethlehem, where our Sister Church is. Future Fan the Flames events will include a picnic July 21, location to be announced, and another Fan the Flames Sunday afternoon mini-retreat in August, to be announced.

Watch the bulletin for announcements of when and where these events will take place. Everyone – every parishioner, any friend, or even new acquaintances – are welcome to come and experience the fellowship and spiritual growth of WATCH Fan the Flames. Call Mary Long at the parish office for further information.

A reminder on refurbishing

All, or at least many, of the parishioners at St. Patrick's are looking forward to the refurbishing of our church, some with dread and some with anticipation. We all want what is special about our church to shine through in the new as it has in the old.

The project will begin Aug. 12 and will be completed by Sept. 27. Parishioners are reminded that during that time, Mass will be celebrated in the parish hall. Coffee Shop will be discontinued until the hall is again available in October.

The changes are modest and affordable, and some of the work will be done by volunteers from the parish.

On the outside of the building, the brickwork will be tuckpointed; conduits, gutters, downspouts and coping

will be painted or replaced and the stained glass windows will be vented. A dirt/snow grid will be installed at the main entrance, and minor landscaping improvements will be completed.

The interior of the church will be painted, the carpet replaced, ceiling fans installed and light fixtures, vinyl flooring and pews cleaned. The reconciliation room will be soundproofed and the choir loft air conditioned.

Patron saints of architecture

As St. Patrick's embarks on the refurbishing of our church, giving this house of God a new look, parishioners may seek the intercession of saints declared patrons of architecture.

St. Benedict (July 11) While many of us have probably heard of the "Rule of St. Benedict" regarding monastic life, a foundational document for monastic living even in these times, it may not be as well known that when Benedict founded his great monastery at Monte Cassino, he transformed ruined temples of Jupiter and Apollo into oratories to John the Baptist and Martin of Tours.

St. Barbara (December 4) Although hidden away in a tower by her father, Barbara managed to obtain instruction in the faith and became a Christian. She asked some construction workers who were installing an elaborate bathroom for her to add a third window to the tower in honor of the Blessed Trinity. This eventually alerted her father to her conversion, and he beheaded her.

St. Benet Biscop (January 12) In seventh century Northumbria, Benet was a scholar, a founder of abbeys, and a builder of churches, importing sophisticated builders such as French masons and glaziers to assist him.

St. Thomas (July 3) One of the original 12 apostles, he was sent to India as a slave to an Indian merchant named Abban. When they arrived in India the king gave Thomas money to build a palace, but Thomas gave the money to the poor

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On keeping the Sabbath holy, or in defense of Sunday naps

On Sunday afternoons I like to take a little nap. Sometimes I feel a little guilty about this; I could, after all, be engaged in something more constructive. I could read a good book (non-fiction, of course). I could educate myself or enlighten my mind. I could listen to some good music and raise my cultural level. I could even write a letter or simply visit with a friend. But all these activities require energy, and so when these thoughts enter my mind, I tell myself, "It's a good deed, taking a nap on the Sabbath."

I'm convinced that this is really true, although in the back of my mind there remains a little doubt. Why is it a good deed to sleep on the Sabbath? I've given this a good deal of thought and have read widely about the concept of Sabbath-keeping.

God worked hard on the six days of the week, creating the heavens and the earth, painting the stripes on the zebra and the wings of the butterfly, designing the bumblebee and the giraffe, using divine imagination. On the seventh day God was tired after all that hard work and decided to take a nap.

In the Book of Exodus we read, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor the stranger within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day: therefore the Lord has blessed the seventh day and hallowed it." (Ex. 20:8-11)

Exodus states that God rested on the seventh day, but according to Genesis (2:2), "On the seventh day God finished his work." Would we not expect that God completed creation on the sixth day in order to be free to rest on the seventh day? Some writers (bless them!) find no contradiction here. They say that on the first six days God created all that is out of

nothing. But what did the universe lack? Rest, they say!

During these six days, all that God created appeared for the first time. Then on the seventh day, the Sabbath, God simply repeated what had already been begun — every moment, every second, God creates our world anew. Hence rest, as it applies here to God, means much more than withdrawal from labor and exertion, strain or activity. Heschel, in *The Sabbath*, says this rest is to be understood as tranquility, serenity, peace and repose — no fighting, no fear, no mistrust, indeed the essence of the good life.

A permanent, stable "good life" could come only with the advent of the Messiah. Perhaps this is the reason Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." I suspect He meant more than taking a nap on a quiet Sunday afternoon. He was inviting us to take up the yoke of the Kingdom of God: "Take up my yoke and learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart" (Mt. 11-28-29). Meekness and humility bring peace, and with peace, the Kingdom.

In later times "rest" has become a synonym for life in the world to come, for eternal life: "Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord ..." A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands — a foretaste of that Kingdom of peace, which we will experience fully only in heaven, with God.

On the Sabbath, then, we anticipate the Kingdom — we prepare the lamp of faith, the table of the Eucharist, and (with untroubled conscience) the bed of an afternoon nap! I expect to find many of you already enjoying this foretaste of the Kingdom.

Mary Lou Menches

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.

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instead. The king was prepared to put Thomas to death, when the king's dead brother appeared to the king and told him of the palace that Thomas had built in heaven. The king then forgave Thomas and set him free.

Parish nurse corner

Drink, drink, drink. Water, that is! Summer is here, and so is the heat and humidity. Staying well hydrated is so important. Drink eight to 10 glasses of water a day, or more when working or exercising in the hot weather. Drink even if you're not thirsty, as thirst is an imprecise indicator of dehydration. By the time you are thirsty, you're already dehydrated. A 3 percent to 5 percent decrease in the water level of your body can cause lightheadedness, headaches and dizziness and nausea — severe dehydration can lead to heat stroke. Stay cool. Drink up.



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Greetings from Susan Nagele

Thank you for your donations last year of \$4,997 to my mission account and \$2,000 to the association. We are very grateful for your generous support.

I hope that the centennial celebrations are going well this year. I plan to return next year — maybe in time for the closing celebrations.

My sabbatical is over, and I have been back to work for almost three months now. When I returned Feb. 27, we said goodbye to Marion White, the Irish nurse/midwife who came in my absence. She was a godsend, as there had been an outbreak of whooping cough in December and January with many sick children. Sr. Marilyn had been away since October of last year, and Sr. Joan was exhausted with all the work. Joan took a much needed break in March and April. Sr. Marilyn returned in March, but pulled a back muscle and needed a month to recuperate. So, it was good I returned when I did.

Marty Roers, another Maryknoll associate who has worked in our parish for the last 2 1/2 years, has decided to move on. He spent Easter with us and then left at the end of April. He did great work in Sudan, and we will miss him very much. Certainly God has good plans for his future, and we wish him all the best. He will go to Maryknoll New York this summer to continue a discernment process he is involved in.

We are all very grateful to you for your support during the past year. Please let me remind you, do not send any contributions to my Kenya address. Because of corruption, the mail can be opened, and if someone gets the number on your account they can find a way to falsify access to the account and clean it out. All contributions should be sent to:

MMAF Promotions
Box 307
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All checks should be made out to MMAF. If you want the donation to be placed in my mission account,

please write "for mission account of Susan Nagele" in the memo section of the check. If you want the donation to support the association, you do not need to write anything extra on the check.

May God bless each and everyone of you and keep you safe.

Peace,
Susan

The preceding letter from Dr. Susan Nagele is dated May 17. Letters to Susan may be addressed to her at CDOT — c/o NCA, Box 52802, Nairobi, Kenya.

Treasures sought for Cellar-to-Garret sale

Have you started reducing the clutter in your attics and closets yet? Are you still putting off clearing out and making space in your garage? If so, it's time to get started; St. Patrick's annual Cellar-to-Garret sale will be here before you know it, and it can't be successful without those treasures gathering dust in garages and attics.

Sale dates are Aug. 22 to 24, with a \$1 admission fee for the "pre-sale" on Aug. 22 only. The traditional bag sale (everything you can stuff into a grocery bag for \$2) closes the sale on Aug. 24. Because the hall must be readied for 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, the sale will officially close at noon this year.

Donated items may be brought to the parish center on weekdays during office hours. For those who hope to

bring items after work, the parish garage will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. on four evenings — July 10, 17, 24 and 31.

We are asked to be discriminating in what we bring for the sale. Items should be in good condition, clean, and in working order — something you might be interested in yourself if you saw it at a sale. Organizers say that a lot of time and money is spent disposing of broken, dirty or useless items. Some items are just not practical, such as large appliances, and some, such as mattresses, are not allowed by the health department. Most browsers are not interested in large items, and disposing of them is expensive.

For the sale to be a success, more than treasures are needed. Many volunteers are sought to help in a great variety of ways. Parishioners will be busy sorting and organizing and pricing in the days preceding the sale, Aug. 19 to 22, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. You're sure to find some way to assist that appeals to you, even if you can help for only an hour or so. Help unload cars on the Wednesday evenings listed above.

Help with setup after the noon Mass on Aug. 18. Tables, racks, hangers need to be set out, and space allocated for the amazing variety of donated items. The heaps of cartons must be emptied and their contents distributed to designated areas. All items must be price-marked — every single one of them!

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Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Helen Halpin

Pineapple Fluff Pie

1 8-oz. reduced-fat graham cracker crust

1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple (drained)

1 small package lemon instant pudding

1 8 oz. carton Lite Cool Whip



Drain pineapple, stir dry pudding mix into pineapple. Fold in Cool Whip. Spoon into crust and refrigerate.

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At noon on Saturday, Aug. 24, the sale will officially close, and volunteers will start clearing out the hall, taking down tables and racks, and setting up for the 5 p.m. Mass. Food for volunteers (breakfast items, salads, sandwich fixings, desserts) will be greatly appreciated!

Cashiers, runners, people to help people — all are needed.

As you can see, the more volunteers the better. The sale provides a great opportunity for those seeking to register service hours and for all of us to enjoy meeting and getting to know fellow parishioners while taking part in a worthwhile community activity. All are welcome: teens, men, women, old and young. To volunteer, call Carla Simmering (328-4841) or Alicia Millsap (356-3284), co-chairs of this year's event.

Have a great time this summer...



We'll be looking for you in the fall!



July 2002

St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY

MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	1 7:00pm Education Com 7:00pm Centering Prayer	2 7:00pm Financial Affairs Com	3 5:15pm SVDP	4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Independence Day</div> Parish Office Closed 9:00am Mass & Potluck Breakfast	5 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	6
7	8 7:00pm Centering Prayer	9	10 5:15pm SVDP	11 6:45am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Over 21 Bible Study 7:00pm Building & Grounds Com	12 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	13
14	15 7:00pm Centering Prayer	16	17 5:15pm SVDP	18 6:45am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Over 21 Bible Study 7:00pm Communications Com	19 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	20
21 WATCH "Fan the Flames" Picnic	22  Sr. Charlene's Birthday 9:30am Archives Com 7:00pm Centering Prayer	23  Fr. Remm's Birthday	24 5:15pm SVDP 7:00pm CREW Mission: Parents and Participants	25 6:45am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Over 21 Bible Study	26 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	27
28 7:30am Mass CREW Mission Send-off	29 7:00pm Centering Prayer	30 7:00pm Homily Prep	31 5:15pm SVDP	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.		

SVDP=St Vincent de Paul NH=Nursing Home