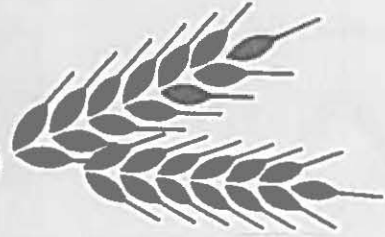


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



Ostriches and Sacrificial Giving

Like many people, I don't usually like to talk about money. I suppose I've had a "magical ostrich" attitude toward finances at times; if I stick my head in the sand, close my eyes really tight, and think nice thoughts, all my bills will get paid and everything will work out fine in the end.

There are reasons for some of those avoidance attitudes. Discussions about finances have been at the root of some heart-wrenching conflicts with people around me. Yet I've also learned that the bills don't get paid and someone else usually has to clean up the mess if I don't deal with money issues.

What does this little discussion about money have to do with sacrificial giving? Well, I haven't always liked talking about money or listen-



ing to what other people have had to say about stewardship of their resources. I've often thought that the bills at St. Pat's will get paid somehow and everything will always work out in the end.

However, those bills get paid because parishioners make deliberate decisions on a regular basis to contribute to the work of our local parish as well as the broader Church around us. Those decisions don't always come easily, but individuals and families can consciously commit themselves to a process of growth and discernment in this area of life.

I've been a parishioner at St. Pat's for ten years. I'm still learning how to get my head up and out of the sand.

Frank Modica

What a great month November is!

When fall colors are waning and winter creeps in with its chill winds, November presents us with a veritable feast of special days.



- All Saints Day, Nov. 1 (a celebration we all want to participate in as

saints).

- All Souls Day, Nov. 2 (a remembrance of all who have gone before us in faith to new life in God).
- World Community Day, Nov. 1 (women united for justice and peace)
- Veterans Day, Nov. 11 (remembering those who have fought to help the world be a better place).
- Stewardship Weekend, Nov. 16-17 (pledging to share our God-given gifts in unselfish generosity).
- Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28 (giving thanks for God's gifts of the good things of life—and for life itself and the freedoms we enjoy).

All of these special days celebrate some form of community. All of them help to guide us on the path to a better world through reaching out to

others in our world community, people who are poor, lonely, hungry, homeless, depressed, people in need of any kind.

St. Patrick's faith community reaches out to the local community through the St. Vincent de Paul Society, well known in this area as a place where one in need can get immediate, effective assistance. We reach out through prayer services against abortion and the death penalty, and for peace. We reach out through our social justice activities, such as the Habitat for Humanity project to provide a home for a family in need, Make-a-Difference Day donations of small items that will make life easier for those seeking

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Parish council news



As Fr. Remm told parishioners at all Masses recently, the work of refurbishing the church continues, with some touch-ups inside and outside and

replacement of the ramp at the east entrance.

A number of other projects are on tap: (1) reroofing the pastor's residence, at an estimated cost of \$9400; (2) preparation of the Clark St. house for occupation by the religious education staff; (3) roof repair for the parish center, at an estimated cost of \$500; work on the Coler St. house as time and funds permit.

Claude Cole presented his report on the first phase of the Sapient Group study of parish facilities with a view to space allocation and maintenance required for the eight buildings. The report was given over to the Building and Grounds Committee for review and recommendations. A report on the second phase was expected to be ready in a week or so.

Fr. Remm and Dwight Raab formulated a list of parish objectives for 2003 from those developed by participants at the Objectives Workshop on Oct. 12. With some modest revisions to wording offered by Council members, these were approved for distribution to the Council's standing committees. Committees are asked to submit their objectives for 2003 to Council for review at the November meeting.

The next Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings.

Parish objectives formulated for 2003

Discussions at the Objectives Workshop sponsored by the Parish Council on Oct. 12 gave rise to the following parish objectives:

1. To foster parish responses to issues of terrorism, fear, war, and

peace

2. To encourage the participation of parishioners in the closing activities of the Centennial

3. For all parish committees to implement procedures for maintaining minutes, reports, and all records, and transferring these in good order annually to the Archives Committee

4. To develop further adult education opportunities

5. To formulate a plan of action for the transition of parish leadership

6. To raise awareness of the implications of the clergy shortage and to foster religious vocations

7. To reach out to ethnic groups and minorities with a view to fuller participation in parish life

8. For all committees to review the Committee on Committees report to guide the structure and function of each committee



Q: Why do some people make the sign of the cross on their foreheads, lips, and hearts at the Gospel?

A: This gesture is mentioned in the present description of the rituals of the Mass, which states that at the proclamation of the Gospel the deacon (or priest, if there is no deacon) sings or declares "A reading from the holy Gospel according to..." and makes the sign of the cross on the book, then on his forehead, lips, and breast.

The gesture is a reminder to the one proclaiming the Gospel that it is indeed "Good News," that in proclaiming this text he should revere its message in what he thinks, in what he says, and in his heart. Those in the congregation who adopt this gesture are signifying their own willingness to revere the message of the Gospel in this way.

"May the Word of the Lord live in our minds and on our lips and in our hearts."

We say it with a cross. Not a large gesture, but three small ones, like the anointing we received when baptized into Christ Jesus: binding our lives to his life, our crosses to his cross, our words to his word.

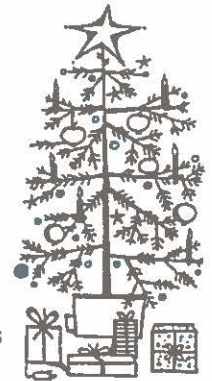
Three small gestures; not dramatic, not expansive, but like most of our lives—the daily efforts, the little ways by which we strive to be faithful to the Word in our speaking and loving and serving.

We say it with a cross, the sign of our commissioning. A reminder that the Lord's cross, borne in pain but forever now the emblem of life and love triumphant, is engraved upon us and we bear it for the world.

Only 58 shopping days until Christmas!

And the best place to do your shopping is at the Guild-sponsored Christmas Expo! The event will take place on Sunday, Nov. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Guild has planned a gift table, a sweets table, a live auction, and a silent auction. (For the silent auction there is no need to be present once you have placed your bids. Highest bidders will be contacted after the close of the auction.) Steve Beckett, ever-popular auctioneer, will be ably assisted by the Knights of Columbus.



This year marks the sixth year the Expo has been held. If you've never participated, you've really missed out on something special! This year give yourself a treat—come and see. You'll find special gift baskets, delectable sweets, one-of-a-kind items, and at least a surprise or two.

Co-chairs Leslie Risatti and Ceil Weir promise a fun-filled event, gifts for everyone (the prices are right!), and an opportunity to support St. Patrick's: all proceeds will go toward purchasing items needed to complete the refurbishing of the church.

If you can donate items for the auctions or for the specialty tables, please call the parish office (367-2665) ahead of time to help the committee with their planning.

Coffee Shop will be open, so mark the date on your calendar, and bring a friend!

Seniors visit Our Lady of the Snows

On Tuesday, Sept. 24, 37 seniors and their friends from other parishes took a bus trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, near Belleville (Ill.). The trip was organized by Lori and Tom McDonough



and by Shirley and Walter Splittstoesser, who served as bus guides.

The group left St. Patrick's at 6:45 a.m. and returned at 6:00 p.m. A special part of the trip included singing "Happy anniversary to you" to Wayne and Margaret Oakes, who celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary that day. The couple also received a special blessing from the priest who celebrated

Mass at the shrine, and an anniversary card from their touring companions.

The group visited the Shrine Gift Shop and Book Store and lunched at the Shrine Restaurant, where Sr. Ann DeSario gave the blessing. They toured the Main Shrine, the 85-foot tall Millennium Spire (built for Jubilee 2000), the Way of the Cross, the Resurrection Garden, the Lourdes Grotto, the Annunciation Garden, the Mothers Prayer Walk, the Fathers Prayer Walk, and more.

Devotion to Mary under the title of Our Lady of the Snows dates back to the year 352 when, according to legend, on Aug. 4 Our Lady appeared in a dream to a wealthy Roman

couple. She expressed a wish that a church be built in her honor in Rome. She told them that the site for the church would be covered with a blanket of snow.

On the same night Mary also appeared in a dream to Pope Liberius, telling him of her desire. The next morning, the citizens of Rome awoke to an astonishing sight—the Esquiline Hill was covered with snow, even though the weather was extremely warm. All Rome proclaimed the summer snow a miracle, and the couple accepted this as a sign that they were to use their wealth to help build the church. The Church of St. Mary Maggiore still stands.

Devotion to Our Lady of the Snows was introduced by Fr. Paul Schulte, OMI, who came to the Belleville seminary of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1941 after spreading devotion to Our Lady of the Snows during his mercy flights to the Eskimos in isolated missions in Canada and Alaska. The seminary staff began to foster devotion to Our Lady of the Snows, first among the seminarians, and then on a larger scale. As interest grew, it became clear that the seminary chapel was inadequate as a site for the shrine, and in 1958 the Oblates purchased 80 acres of farmland on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River Valley, where they constructed the present National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows.



The Main Shrine at Our Lady of the Snows



Happy 53d Wedding Anniversary to Wayne and Margaret Oakes, who were joined in celebrating their special day by the other 35 members on the tour. (Picture courtesy of Mary Grace Bowen).

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help at local shelters, and the Good Samaritans, people helping people in need.

St. Patrick's reaches out to other countries through the missionary work of Dr. Susan Nagele in Africa and support for the good work of our Sister Church in Beit-Jala, where curfews and open warfare have prevented families from working, seek-

ing medical care, attending classes, putting food on the table. We reach out also through our teens' CREW Mission trips, scraping and painting and hauling and hammering to make life a little better for someone else.

All months have special days. But for St. Patrick's faith community, the month of November is one we should really celebrate. We belong to a community that makes many efforts to be an active participant in the world

community. For this let us all give thanks!



Deadline for submission of information, articles and news items for the November issue of *In Focus* is November 10.

Help St. Patrick's Thanksgiving Tradition Continue

St. Patrick's tradition of giving thanks during the Thanksgiving holiday continues for the 28th consecutive year as the St. Vincent de Paul Society prepares to ensure that the neediest



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residents in our community enjoy a hearty Thanksgiving dinner.

Food baskets this year will include soup, canned ham, sweet potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, fruit, eggs, cranberry sauce, Jello, dinner rolls, butter, pumpkin pie, raisins, coffee, and sweets. The Society plans to provide 200 dinner baskets to residents in special need who have been chosen by the Mental Health Center, Family Services, and others.

Sophia Zeigler, president of the local SVDP chapter, hopes that St. Patrick's parishioners will continue their generous support to feed all of Christ's lambs. The Society is asking parishioners to sponsor a dinner basket, valued at \$50, by their donations of \$10. Donations should be placed in envelopes clearly marked "Thanksgiving Dinners" and placed in the Sunday collection or taken to the parish office during the week.

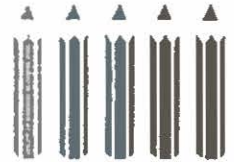
Volunteers are also needed to help prepare the baskets and to deliver them. On Sunday, Nov. 17, they will arrange food items on tables in the hall so that religious education classes can easily fill baskets with the non-perishable items. Fresh foods will be added to the baskets on Tuesday, Nov. 26, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Deliveries will be made during daylight hours on Tuesday and Wednesday. As you can see, many volunteers are needed. Please call either the parish office (367-2665) or Sophia Zeigler (328-2671) with information about how and when you can help.

Helping with the SVDP Food Basket Project truly is a way for each of us to act in the spirit of Thanksgiving and to serve Christ. Annually, the

SVDP volunteers and the various agency workers share warm and loving stories about how much the gift of a food basket means to those receiving it. As we sit down to enjoy our own Thanksgiving dinners, may we pause to reflect on those whose otherwise empty tables are filled because of the loving work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and those who have given freely of their time and effort to carry on this tradition. God bless each and every one!

Holy Cross Newsline

Holy Cross School has offered several all-school Masses since the beginning of the school year. The



Mass on Sept. 5 celebrated the opening of the school year. The Mass on Sept. 11 commemorated the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001; students pledged over 15,000 hours of service to promote peace and justice. The theme for the Mass on Oct. 3 was "Respect Life."

In addition to these all-school Masses, Msgr. Hallin and Fr. Cyr have been celebrating Mass on Thursdays and Fridays for individual grades, although all students are welcome to come.

Homerooms are taking turns bringing in quarters to purchase milk for the Catholic Worker House. Each week parents volunteer to deliver the milk on Friday.

On Sept. 17 Mrs. Costello, principal, and Mrs. Fellers, fifth- and sixth-grade teacher, took 14 students to Peoria for a special "opening of school" Mass offered by Bishop Jenky. The students traveled by bus with students from St. Matthew and St. Thomas More. The bishop plans to offer this Mass each year.

Holy Cross School will officially celebrate its 90th anniversary in December. However, the school will highlight this anniversary during Catholic Schools Week, at the end of January.



in our parish library

Looking for an authoritative and scholarly treatment of Catholic subjects? Look no further! The parish library has just purchased the new edition of *The Catholic Encyclopedia*. This 15-volume set contains over 12,000 entries, written by more than 200 contributors, about nearly every aspect of Catholic life you can think of. It reflects the most recent Catholic scholarship on social issues, saints, philosophy, theology, and innumerable other areas of interest. You will find articles on capital punishment, ecology, eschatology, womanist theology, and more.

This new edition reflects an enormous updating project; this is the

first new edition in 30 years. It is truly a treasure trove of information on the Catholic faith and Church.

You will find the volumes on top of the bookshelves on the wall to your left as you enter the library. (Please note that these are reference books and should not be removed from the parish center.)

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.

Boo!

Howling wind, blowing leaves, long shadows, a full moon—a perfect setting for “things that go bump in the night.” Halloween is a time for preoccupation with ghosts, skeletons, monsters. But why? Where did it all begin?

Although many traditions play a part in the Halloween we know today, this holiday was brought to us by a Celtic people, the Irish, who came to America to escape the potato famine that devastated their country in the 19th century.

Nov. 1 was the first day of the new year for the Celts in the pre-Christian

era. They began their celebrations at sundown the evening before, a “night of the dead.” They believed that the



bonfires and sacrificed fruits and vegetables to honor the dead and to expiate their sins.

souls of those who had died that year gathered to make their transition to the land of the dead. The living lit

Because of its focus on the dead—the door to the land of the dead allowed not only the newly dead into that land but also the long-dead into the land of the living—the Church decided to supplant these practices with a feast, the feast of All Hallows, or All Saints Day.

In the year 835 Pope Gregory IV officially authorized the feast of All Saints, which we celebrate on Nov. 1, immediately followed by All Souls Day, when we pray for all who have died, thereby giving the centuries-old focus of this day a far more wholesome turn!

Can you guess who these “hobgoblins” are?

Just imagine: you’re sitting at home with your feet up, relaxing. The doorbell rings and someone knocks on the door, both at once. You open the door to a jangle of voices crying “Trick or treat!”

Before you are several youngsters wearing strangely familiar, yet unfamiliar, costumes. Wait—yes, you think you know—yes! They’re dressed up as saints for Halloween! Well, how many of these do you recognize? (No fair peeking at the answers!)

1. “I’ve borrowed my dad’s brown bathrobe, and I found some rope to tie around my waist. My sister is wearing a wig of long blonde hair and a brown dress. And we’re both wearing sandals. We belong together. Who are we?”

2. “My mother’s letting me wear the old winter cape she used to wear, and we’ve folded it so it looks like I’m wearing just half of it. Do you know who I am? I gave half my cloak away

to someone who didn’t have anything to wear.”

3. “I’m wearing my mom’s long cape. I’ve pinned red paper roses on the inside, and I made this gold crown to wear too. Who am I?”

4. “My suit of armor is made of super heavy-duty foil. My sword is a stick, and I’ve poked it right through the long-tailed monster in this Jurassic Park poster. Can you tell me who I am?”

5. “I’m just a little girl, my mom said, so she dressed me up like a flower—all in green with pink paper petals around my face. Who do I make you think of?”

6. “This bed sheet is wrapped around me to look like a toga—you know, that white thing that people used to wear when Jesus was alive. I’m wearing paper chains too, and I’m carrying a pen and paper because I write a lot of letters. My ID card says that I come from Tarsus. Do you know me?”

7. “I borrowed this black robe from a friend, and I made a white collar from a piece of paper. My sister is wearing a real Indian girl’s costume, with fringe on the leggings and moccasins. I made the headband for her. People usually figure out that we belong together. Who are we?”

8. “My dad let me wear his leather apron, and these tools are his too—the hammer and the saw. This little boy whose hand I’m holding is learning to be a carpenter. Do we remind you of someone special?”



The answers:
 1. St. Francis with his most famous follower in poverty, St. Clare.
 2. St. Martin of Tours, who cut his cloak in half to share it with a naked beggar.
 3. St. Elizabeth of Hungary often look food to the poor, even though her husband didn’t want her to do that. Once he caught her on her way to the poor with food and demanded to see what she carried. When she opened her cape, he found roses (in mid-winter!) and was converted.
 4. St. George and the “dragon.”
 5. Who else but St. Therese of Lisieux? She is still called the Little Flower.
 6. St. Paul, of course.
 7. Did you recognize St. Isaac Jogues and his famous convert, St. Kateri Tekakwitha?
 8. St. Joseph, with the child Jesus. But you knew that, didn’t you?

Yesterday—Today—Forever

Sound familiar? Well, “Yesterday—Today—Forever” is the theme of the parish mission to be held at St. Patrick’s in December.

If you were to ask some of the young folks today what a mission is, you are likely to hear a response about a trip the CREW youth group takes in the summer to help others. That is one kind of mission. Noah Webster defines a mission as a



“ministry commissioned by a religious congregation; an act or instance of sending to propagate faith....” In truth, a parish mission was an occasion for a priest, usually one from a religious order, to come to a parish for a week or so and lead parishioners in a time of prayer and reflection and learning about the faith.

Do you remember making parish missions in years gone by? Each evening the church filled with families, and the priest led all in praying the rosary, preached a sermon, and concluded with Benediction. The mission was a time of renewal and conversion for the members of the parish.

As part of St. Patrick’s centennial celebration of remembering the past, living the present, and looking forward to the future, the Centennial Committee (joined by members of many other parish groups) has been planning a parish mission to be held from Dec. 7 to Dec. 12. This parish mission is for *all* members of the parish—every parish meeting and activity has been suspended so that everyone can attend. Fr. Gielow, a Redemptorist priest, will lead us in this renewal event. Each evening there will be a special celebration of Eucharist with a homily and time for socialization afterward. The mission is so important that even morning Mass has been cancelled for each of the mission days—excepting Sunday,

of course.

St. Patrick’s parishioners have participated in several parish renewal programs, including Christ Renews His Parish, RENEW, and (currently) WATCH and JAM. All of these programs involve a limited number of participants at a time. The parish mission provides an opportunity for the *whole* parish—youth and seniors, families and singles—to come together as one in time and place for renewal of mind and heart and spirit.

All parishioners are encouraged to clear their calendars and to “come and see” ... to nurture our prayer life, to grow closer to God, to renew our spirit.

Watch for more information in the Sunday bulletin, *In Focus*, and other means as the time draws near.

Victory of the Loud Little Handful

By Mark Twain

The loud little handful—as usual—will shout for the war. The great, big, dull bulk of the nation will rub its sleepy eyes and try to make out why there should be a war, and will say, earnestly and indignantly, “It is unjust and dishonorable, and there is no necessity for it.”

Then the handful will shout louder. A few fair men on the other side will argue and reason against the war with speech and pen, and at first will have a hearing and be applauded, but it will not last long; those others will outshout them, and presently the antiwar audiences will thin out and lose popularity.

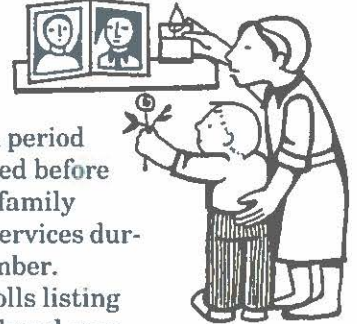
Before long, you will see this curious thing: the speakers stoned from the platform, and free speech strangled by hordes of furious men. Next the statesmen will invent cheap lies, putting the blame upon the nation that is attacked, and every man will be glad of those conscience-soothing falsities, and will diligently study them, and refuse to examine any refutations of them, and thus he will by and by convince himself that the war is just, and will thank God for the better

sleep he enjoys after this process of self-deception.

From *The Mysterious Stranger* (1910)

We remember

It has long been the custom at St. Patrick’s for the names of parishioners deceased in the previous 12-month period to be placed before us at our family worship services during November.



The scrolls listing departed loved ones help us to remember, to reflect, to pray, to rejoice in their having “completed the course,” having “won the prize” (as St. Paul wrote) of eternal joy in the presence of their Creator.

When you see the scrolls giving the names of those who have passed from life to Life, recollect and pray for them, enter into conversations with them, rejoice with them—for they are our loved ones, the “saints” of our parish family. They have not forgotten us.

This year we remember especially Aline Sullivan, Suzanne Jeanne Chamberlin, Ralph D. Douglas, Mary Kathryn Bovine, Kenneth Charles “Jack” Parks, Harry E. Ruedi, Linda Darlene Bialeschki;

Jonathan Calvin Hanson; Mary L. Bloxam, Lucille J. Troy, Charles E. Traeger, Robert L. Theobald, John W. Yauk, Elaine Marikos, Cornelia “Poppy” Perrone, Margaret A. Stancook;

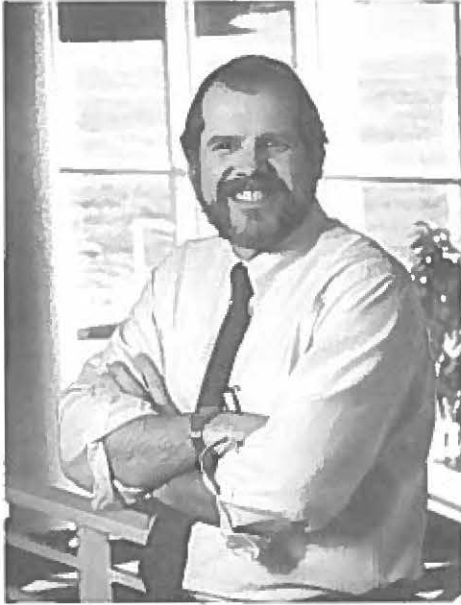
Robert Wayne Horney, Mary Lauretta DeHaven, Harriet Davis, Ruth Siewert, Charles Vere Miller, Colby Luis Rodriguez, Brian Kerchenfaut, Daniel O’Neill, Cecil F. Byrnes, James J. Sullivan;

Estelle Plewa, Carl Audo, Walter Hublein, Doris Jean Lottman, Ernest Burgstrom, Wilma Deem, Donna Elizabeth Smith, John Joseph Stack, Gerald Everett McDougall and Betty Saathoff

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Mike Andrejasich honored for public service, outreach

The University of Illinois recently announced this year's recipients of the Campus Award for Excellence in



Public Engagement, "developed to recognize those who fulfill the university's commitment to using their scholarly, creative, or professional knowledge to improve the well-being of Illinois citizens." One of those so honored was Michael Andrejasich.

"Professor Andrejasich has been a mentor to teens, an adviser to and participant in non-profit groups, a leader of a major academic unit, and educator of UI students and a critical player in the grass-roots level improvement of the most distressed areas of the state," wrote Kathleen Conlin, dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts, in her nomination letter.

Other projects that have been the focus of Mike's community service include his work as the designer-architect of the St. Jude Catholic Worker House, the Center for Women in Transition Forbes House, and the Champaign Housing Authority scattered sites project. The East St. Louis Action Research Project joins faculty members and students from collaborating campus units with UI Extension and East St. Louis neighborhood groups on projects that address the

social, economic, and environmental problems of some of the city's poorest communities.

That's the Michael Andrejasich we know! Congratulations, Mike!

Shirley Splittstoesser, active in retirement

In a recent interview for *Inside Illinois*, Shirley Splittstoesser expressed her lifelong love of science, which she says led her to the Prairie Flowers Program on her retirement from teaching in 1994. Now program manager for the Prairie Flowers



Program, she pursues and communicates her love of science and mathematics through development of lessons for fourth- through eighth-graders and project kits for Illinois teachers.

The basic program involves hands-on, minds-on science activities in topics traditionally taught in middle schools: electricity, rocks and minerals, plants, matter. The program has expanded to include math activities; "It's almost impossible to teach science without teaching math," Shirley says. There are 35 different kits, and the popular ones are duplicated and loaned to teachers for four weeks.

During summer workshops Shirley works with teachers to develop a kit, sometimes as the result of suggestions they offer. They research lesson plans and ideas and write a manual, then put all the materials together in a kit that a teacher could use for two to four weeks. Then they train the teachers how to use it. At present,

she says, there are 118 teachers in 48 towns participating in the program.

For someone who's had a long career in education, Shirley is still very enthusiastic. She agrees: "Sometimes my husband just looks at me and says, 'Aren't you ever going to stop?' I was lucky to get into an area that I enjoyed. The schools I taught in were happy to have somebody who enjoyed science because a lot of elementary teachers just aren't that enthusiastic about science."

Shirley holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in library science. She t in Minnesota, Indiana, California, and at Yankee Ridge and Wiley schools in Urbana. She "retired" in 1994.



Welcome to new parishioners Ely M. Anderson, Teresa Brown, Christine Dickerson, Rebecca Eveland, Margaret Frankovich, Matt and Tammy Hall, Joe and Julia Kelly, Mandy Pearson, James and Julie Porter, Susan Sondag, Jennifer and Scott Twitty.

Farewell to parishioners who have moved from C-U: Beth Fegeley, Elizabeth Hess, Heidi and Todd Larson, Bridget McCauley, Lori Raymond, Christine and Matt Snyder.

Welcome to those recently baptized into our faith community: Jordan Tucker, Fiona Eva Marie Sau-jen Weingartner.

Please pray for deceased parishioners John Joseph Stack, Gerald Everett McDougall.

"Food for people, not profit"

At a Mass dedicated to farmers on Nov. 12, 2000, Pope John Paul II urged farmers to "resist the temptation of high productivity and profit that work to the detriment of the respect of nature." The pontiff added, "When [farmers] forget this basic principle and become tyrants of the earth rather than its custodians ... sooner or later the earth rebels." Furthermore, he said, if modern farming techniques "don't reconcile themselves with the simple language of nature in a healthy balance, the life of man will run ever greater risks, of which already we are seeing worrying signs."

While few of us are farmers, we all eat. When we buy food, are we encouraging farmers to grow natural foods? How can we support the healthy balance of nature urged by the Pope? One way we can do this is by shopping at the Common Ground Food Co-op.

The co-op is a non-profit grocery store owned and operated by its members. It specializes in providing

organic foods. Its motto is: "Food for people, not profit!"

At the co-op shoppers will find a wide variety of organic products, including fresh produce, free-range eggs, hormone-free milk, dairy products, soy products, bulk flour, grains, beans, cooking oils, canned goods, fair trade coffees, frozen foods, chips, snacks, environmentally friendly household and personal products, and more.

The co-op seeks to offer members products that are produced locally, that are environmentally packaged, nutritious, and produced in ways that support workers and the environment. They price items to be as affordable as possible because they are not looking to make a profit.

Membership is open to everyone, and first-time shoppers needn't be members to purchase items. There is a one-time equity payment, fully refundable if one moves or decides not to be a member any more. The co-op relies on its members to do the work of the store, but there is a non-worker option in which non-workers pay a slightly higher price for items.

The co-op is located on the north-west corner of Springfield and

Wright streets in Champaign, on the ground floor inside the Illinois Disciples Foundation building. For information about the equity payment rates, hours, and other matters, call 352-3347.

The Common Ground Food Co-op makes it possible for us to purchase food in a way that enables us to be good stewards of the earth, encourages farmers to grow organic foods and avoid genetically modified foods, and focuses on good food instead of profit.



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Please leave news items in the Communications Committee mail box in the parish center, or call a committee member. All submissions are subject to review and/or editing by the committee and staff. By-lines are generally omitted.

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Carole Appel

Thanksgiving Apricot-Apple Stuffing

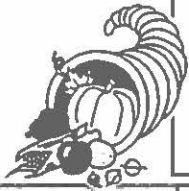


- ¾ lb dried apricots, halved
- 1 Red and 1 Gold Delicious apples, unpeeled, diced
- ½ c raisins
- ¾ c chopped walnuts
- 4 c packaged stuffing mix (e.g., Pepperidge Farm Corn Bread Stuffing)
- water

Warm ½ cup of water in a large pan; add apricots and simmer, covered, for 5 minutes. Add apples, raisins, walnuts, and ½ cup more water, and mix thoroughly. Simmer, covered, for 10 minutes.

In a separate large pan heat 2 ½ cups of water to boiling. Add 4 cups of stuffing mix, and stir to mix. Stuffing should be moist but firm; if it seems dry, moisten with ¼ cup additional warm water.

When apricot mixture has finished simmering for 10 minutes, add it (liquid included) to stuffing mix; stir. Cover until ready to serve.



St. Patrick's Church, Urbana, IL

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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