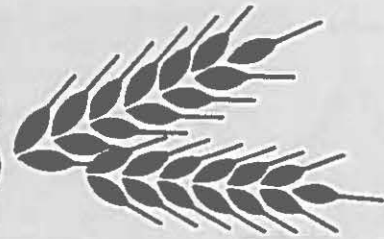


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



## Reflections on CREW's Summer Mission

Before I went on the mission trip, I was excited about helping a woman who was poor fix up her house. The



thought never crossed my mind that this poor woman would help me as well. Ms. Beringer showed me the things I take for granted. She has a disability, and there are many things

she can't do. She can't even screw in a lightbulb. Getting to know her helped me appreciate everything I have.

The most important way she helped me was by sharing stories about her life and her faith. She used to be a caterer, and she showed us pictures of her cakes and other creations. She has a master's degree in invertebrate zoology. She also worked as a volunteer and won a very prestigious award—she showed us a photograph of former President Jimmy Carter presenting this award to her. She is a very accomplished woman, and even though she has fallen on hard times, she is cheerful and kind. Many people think that



poor people are lazy or stupid, but Ms. Beringer is an example of how untrue that stereotype is.

All the work we did in Memphis was worth it because I know that Ms. Beringer will remember us the rest of her life, and I will remember what I learned from her. Now that's really rewarding!

*Kathleen Kelleher*

### Vocations: What we can do to help

There are many different vocations—the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, married life, single life—and many different kinds of work done in each one. While all vocations, or callings, are important, here the term “vocation” is used specifically in reference to ordained ministry as priest or deacon and to vowed religious life.

More vocations to the priesthood and religious life are needed. Although there are many excellent young priests in the Diocese of Peo-

ria, many more are needed to fill the ranks as priests retire and also to enable the placement of more priests in some of our larger parishes. For instance, at St. Patrick's our daily noon Mass was canceled due to lack of a second priest.

What can we do? How can we help? First, we have to do what we can to restore faith, hope, and confidence in the future of our Church, let people know that we are a vital Church. Remember, God is with us! Jesus said to Peter, the first pope, “I for my part

declare to you, you are Rock, and on this rock I will build my church, and the jaws of death shall not prevail against it”—He will be with us forever. The Church is of divine origin, even though we humans make mistakes.

Second, be proud of our faith. Here at St. Patrick's the group of young people, CREW, showed Christ's love in their service to the poor and marginalized in Memphis this past summer. The willing service of many

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## Parish council news



The refurbishing of the church—repairs, repainting, new carpeting, refinishing of sanctuary chairs and pews, tuckpointing, etc.—is proceed-

ing on schedule. The first services in the church will take place Oct. 5-6. Father Remm expressed appreciation for the work of the many dedicated parishioners who helped to refinish the pews and attach new hymnbook holders to them during our hot summer and in an airless storage area.

Plans for the Objectives Workshop are being finalized by Dwight Raab, Don Keefer, and Joe Rasmussen. The workshop, 9:00 a.m.- noon on Saturday, Oct. 12, is a three-step process that involves evaluating where the parish stands with respect to established parish goals, projecting the parish's needs in the near future, and formulating objectives for the coming calendar year that address these needs.

Enrollment at St. Thomas More High School this year has reached 186, including 19 St. Patrick's parishioners. Catholic and non-Catholic students are assessed the same tuition (\$4200; actual cost per student is over \$7200). It was expected that for its first five years the school would have an operating deficit of \$250,000, financed by the Diocese of Peoria. Because of reduced income from investments and a discontinued allocation from ADA, however, fundraising will be given some emphasis this year. Enrollment is expected to reach 400 eventually, as word of academic excellence attracts others to the school.

Fr. Remm announced Bishop Jenky's appointment of Pat Dill as parish trustee; Pat succeeds Steve Beckett in this role. Carol Retz, continuing as Coordinator of Children's Program, will add to her responsibilities those of Coordinator of Youth Activities.

Dwight Raab has compiled a summary of the Parish Council Election process that includes relevant information from the Council's Constitution and By-laws, a timeline for the next April election, and responsibilities and expectations for Council members. It is hoped that this document will facilitate the process of identifying candidates for the next election, when four vacancies are to be filled.

The next Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings. For those interested in a more comprehensive report of Council deliberations, the minutes of Council meetings are posted in the church vestibule and on the bulletin board in the office wing of the parish center.

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parishioners keeps our parish running smoothly. And missionaries like Dr. Susan Nagele, in Africa, bring God's loving care beyond the boundaries of our parish, our diocese, our country. All of these are no more than examples of the many outpourings of Christianity that should build confidence in our Church, in the abiding and sustaining presence of God-with-us, in our faith.

Third, we must pray for vocations. They are a precious gift from God, but not one to be taken for granted. We must ask for that gift! Prayer for vocations should rise to God not only when we are at church, but wherever we find the opportunity to raise our minds and hearts to God in prayer throughout the day.

Fourth, parental and family support is needed in fostering vocations. If a member of your own family, someone who loves you deeply, were to devote his or her entire being to God as an ordained priest or deacon or as a religious, think of the many prayers that would be offered for you! The prayers and support of parents and family members are of primary importance in opening hearts to a calling to serve God.

Finally, it is necessary to ask people whether they think they may be called to serve as a priest or religious. If you know someone you think may have an interest in a life of dedicated service in the Church, talk to that person about it. If interest is shown, suggest a visit to talk about it with Fr. Remm or with Fr. Danton, vocation director of the Peoria diocese, or with Sr. Charlene. Don't delay, the need is great!

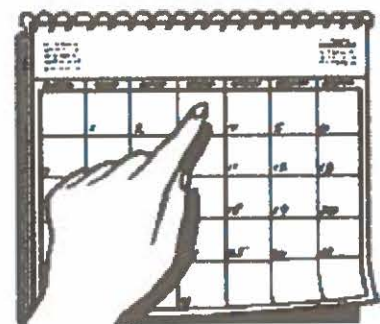
### Prayer for Vocations

Holy Spirit, inspire young people to give their lives in service to the people of God through public service in your Church.

Inspire all your faithful to a renewal of mind and heart in your service, wherever you lead them.

Enable each of us, wherever and however your call is experienced, to respond with alacrity and fidelity, with the assurance of your indwelling guidance and support through the days and nights of our lives.

## Make a date



- Oct. 5: Gabe Huck, Roncalli Society speaker, on Iraq
- Oct. 6: "Pennies for Life" and Life Chain, Respect Life Sunday
- Oct. 12: Parish Objectives Workshop
- Oct. 19: Dr. James Miller on "The Grit and Grace of Caring Relationships"
- Oct. 19-20: Donation of personal care items for Make-a-Difference Day
- Oct. 20: National Catholic Daughters of America Day, 8 a.m. Mass and breakfast at Holy Cross
- Oct. 25-27: WATCH retreat

## Coordinators are called to witness "living for the Lord"

"In a special way our catechists are called to the task of inviting our students to live for the Lord and of witnessing to this way of living," said Carolyn McElrath, Director of Religious Education, in her remarks before the commissioning of coordinators and volunteer catechists on Catechetical Sunday. "As we live for the Lord and teach our children this way of living, we provide the world with a powerful alternative to violence and anger, hatred, and vengeance."

The coordinators for religious education and family life programs, charged with the task of passing on our faith, of helping others to see this world and all that happens in it through the eyes of faith, introduce themselves here so that you may more easily get to know them.



**Mark and Diane Cousert**

*Co-coordinators of the Junior High Religious Education Program since 1998. Under the direction of Carolyn McElrath, we offer religious education and social activities for seventh- and eighth-grade parishioners. Our own two daughters, now adults, grew up in St. Patrick's faith community, participating in the parish's religious education program. (Mark is a plumber, Diane a registered nurse.)*



**Frances Drone-Silvers**

*Coordinator of the Parish Library since 1998; M.S. in Library and Information Science from UI. This position seemed a good match for me—I'm a librarian in real life at Parkland Community College. My primary task at St. Patrick's, under the direction of Carolyn McElrath, is to keep the library organized, select new items, and catalog them in the parish's computer system. I enjoy helping people find books to fit their spiritual needs or answers to their questions about the Catholic faith. It's amazing what our little roomful of books contains! My family includes my husband, Scott, and daughter, Claire.*



**Peggy Loftus**

*Coordinator of the High School Religious Education Program since 2000. I make good use of my education (Masters in Social Work, Masters in Human Development) in raising my family and in my coordinator position at St. Patrick's. Under the direction of Carolyn McElrath, I coordinate the religious education component of the high-school youth group, CREW (Christ Renews Everyone's World). I collaborate with the High School Activities Coordinator to provide a welcoming, faith-filled experience for our parish's teens.*



**Mary Y. Long**

*Evangelization Coordinator since 1998; working toward a Masters degree in Biblical Studies. My husband, Jim, and I have three sons, two in the U.S. Marine Corps and one active in CREW, the parish's youth group. Under the guidance of Sr. Charlene, I coordinate the parish Evangelization program. Parish ministries include the WATCH program, the Welcome Team, the Lenten Retreat, base communities, the Bible study program, CREW, and parish ecumenical outreach. I also assist Sr. Charlene in bereavement ministry and coordinate arrangements for the upcoming parish mission, one of the events in celebration of St. Patrick's Centennial.*



**Lenore Nagele**

*Coordinator of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) since 1987; certificate in Professional Ministries (Mundelein College, 1988) and certification as Religious Education Coordinator (Diocesan Lay Ministry Leadership Program, 1989). I work with a team of four parishioners, under the direction of Carolyn McElrath, in assisting adults on their journey of faith as they seek to know more about the Roman Catholic Church and its teachings, integrate*

*Religious Coordinators*  
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these understandings into their daily lives, and prepare for full communion with the Church. Catholics wishing to update their Catholic faith are also welcome to these sessions.



**Carol A. Retz**

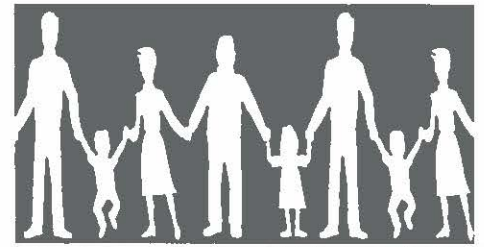
*Coordinator of the Children's Religious Education Program since 2000 and recently appointed High School Activities Coordinator. My responsibilities, under the direction of Carolyn McElrath, include coordination of over 70 volunteer catechists in the religious education of pre-school children from the age of 3 and first-through sixth-graders, sacramental preparation, and teaching at Children's Liturgy. My husband, Steve, helps me with some of the more physical demands of the job, and our son, Jason, a graduate of the*

parish's religious education program, served as a catechist while in his freshman year of college. As High School Activities Coordinator, I will be collaborating with the High School Coordinator and others to help our teens live out their faith in and beyond the parish through CREW Mission experiences and just plain fun.



**Mary Tierney**

*Coordinator of the Family Life Program since 1998. Under the direction of Carolyn McElrath, I help the parish with the marriage preparation program, FOCCUS, acquiring and training team members in how to use the FOCCUS inventory with engaged couples. I also teach the monthly pre-Baptism class for parents and sponsors and serve as the parish's liaison for the Co-op Nursery and the Moms Group.*



*Welcome to new parishioners Carl and Melynda Bernacchi, Lucienne Burrus, Mrs. Mary Byrnes, Todd Esker, Allen Johnston, K. Peter Kuchinke, Brian and Angela Monk, Jerry and Suzanne Lee Myers, Erik and Caroline Nystrom, James and Kammi Szumal Porcello, James Styron, and Elaina Tucker.*

*Farewell to parishioners who have moved from C-U: Patricia Bergan, Patricia Hollahan, Thomas Mengler and family, Carla Miller, Brenda Salinardi, James and Kristina Schuler, Mary Stenger, Elizabeth Suter, and Mike and DorRae Venable.*

*Congratulations to recently married couples Angie Reed and Jonathan Kerr, Beth Nardulli and Joe Conlon, Brandy Reynolds and Paul Crawford, Jennifer Smith and Andrew Wagner.*

*Welcome to those recently baptized into our faith community: Sophie Ann Dowling and Marcus David Holmes.*

*Please pray for deceased parishioners Doris Jean Lottman, Wilma Deem, and Donna Elizabeth Smith.*



## in our parish library

Two women who have had a profound influence on Catholic prayer and thought are St. Teresa of Avila and St. Therese of Lisieux (also known as the Little Flower of Jesus). Both saints are Doctors of the Church (writers whose work the Church notes as being especially valuable).

The parish library has several books written by and about these remarkable women. You'll find them this month on top of the bookshelf on the back wall of the library. Of particular note are the following:

*The Way of Perfection*, by Teresa of Avila, is on the principles of the spiritual life, with special emphasis

on prayer.

*The Interior Castle*, by Teresa of Avila, is a spiritual classic on prayer.

*Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux* expresses her confidence and life, her mission and "Little Way."

*Praying with Therese of Lisieux*, by Joseph F. Schmidt, helps put Therese's spirit and inspiration into one's own prayer life.

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.

## Objectives Workshop Oct. 12



Each fall St. Patrick's parishioners gather to evaluate where the parish stands with respect to established

parish goals, to make projections about the parish's needs in the near future, and to formulate objectives for the coming calendar year that address these needs.

This year plan to participate in the conversation about your parish—where we are, where we want to be at this time next year, and how we can try to get there.

Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

## Marriage Encounter

**A weekend of discovery,  
a lifetime of love**

Last spring we drove to St. Louis to join 15 other couples for a World Wide



Marriage Encounter weekend. Little did we know how this two and a half days would change our life! We were trained

in communicating on a deep level and enjoying the resulting intimacy. We worked together in the privacy of our hotel room. Our new-found intimacy had immediate effects on the family—when we returned home, the children remarked that “the parental units *now act as a unit.*”

A Marriage Encounter weekend is not a marriage clinic, not a retreat, not a group sensitivity session. There are no group discussions. It is open to people of all faiths, although it is Catholic in orientation and expressed in the tradition and understanding of the Roman Catholic Church.

We encourage any couple with a good marriage to participate in a World Wide Marriage Encounter weekend, to find themselves and each other, to strengthen their bond and thereby enrich their families. There is a weekend coming up in Charleston (Ill.) on Nov. 8-10. The registration fee is \$35; the rest is funded by donations. For information, call 888/889-WWME, check out the Internet Web site [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org), or just call us (328-7701). We'd welcome the opportunity to tell you about our experience and answer any questions you may have!

Marietta and Alfred Hubler



Deadline for submission of information, articles and news items for the November issue of *In Focus* is October 13.

## St. Patrick's offers WATCH retreat

**“Seek first the Kingdom”**

The coming WATCH (We Are The Church) weekend retreat, Oct. 25-27, has as its theme “Seek First the Kingdom.” Activities and talks will focus on the sacraments and one's relationship with God and with others. The retreat provides for that recognized need to escape from hectic schedules and to relax during a time of reflection, fellowship, and fun—a time to experience God's love.

The retreat opens with check-in at 6:30 Friday evening and closes at 4:00 Sunday afternoon. Dress is casual, all meals are provided. The



WATCH retreat is for everyone—all are invited: family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, members of the parish or not, Catholic or not. There is no registration fee.

Brochures are available at the parish office, or by calling Mary Long (367-2665) for information or to register.

WATCH mini-retreats, called “Fan the Flames,” offer ongoing opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship for those who have made a WATCH retreat as well as for those who may want to explore what a WATCH weekend retreat is like. These mini-retreats are held about every other month; the next one is on Sunday, Nov. 10, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. in St. Patrick's parish center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

On Feb. 22-23 something new is coming—the parish will offer its first JAM (Jesus and Me) retreat, the teen

equivalent of WATCH. A team of youth and adults from St. Thomas parish in Peoria—the parish that helped St. Patrick's initiate the WATCH renewal program—will help with presenting this dynamic weekend for teens. Watch for more information in coming months!

## You can make a difference—will you?

Make-a-Difference Day (Oct. 26) is a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors.



Everyone and anyone can participate. In the year 2000, 2.2 million people cared enough about their communi-

ties to volunteer on that day, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns and helping an estimated 25 million people.

The Social Action Committee and religious education coordinators are facilitating St. Patrick's participation in this year's event by offering parishioners the opportunity to donate personal care items for use in local homeless shelters. Items requested: tooth brushes, disposable razors for men and women, small sizes of toothpaste, bar soap, and deodorants.

Donated items will be accepted at all Masses the weekend of Oct. 19-20 and at the parish center during the week of Oct. 21-25. Baskets to receive items will be placed at the church entrances and in the parish center. On Make-a-Difference Day itself (Saturday, Oct. 26), donated items will be delivered to several of the local shelters.

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

You can make a difference in someone's life!

## A tale of two Therasas

Among October's saints are two women named Theresa in English,



Teresa of Jesus

though one was Spanish (Teresa of Avila), the "big" one, and the other French (Therese of Lisieux) and called "little." Both have been

declared Doctor of the Church for their holy teaching. Which is your favorite?

"Big" Teresa de Cepeda y Ahumada was born in Avila, Spain, in 1515, one of ten beloved children. Grown to bearty and charm, the pleasures of dress and flirtation were more attractive to her than piety was. Feeling this a danger, Teresa ran away from home and bound herself to vows as a Carmelite nun.

Teresa found much of the same frivolity in the convent, however, but after receiving many spiritual blessings and gifts in prayer, she recognized the need for reform of religious life. In 1560 she gathered sisters who pledged a return to the original Carmelite ideal of nearness to God through contemplative life.

Opposed by authorities, Teresa of Jesus (her name in religion) spent her passion and intellect in writing, traveling, and founding many reformed convents. With maternal love she arranged each one in spacious gardens, with strict enclosure and a rule of silence, prayer, and charity to help the nuns find intimacy with God. She died at the age of 54 in 1582. We celebrate her feast on Oct. 15.

"Little" Theresa, Therese Martin, was born about 300 years later, in 1873, in Alencon, France. Only four when her mother died, she turned to her father and four older sisters for affection. So sheltered, she accepted babying, cried easily, and seemed not to develop to her potential although she grew in piety. At 14 she overcame her childish feelings and determined to follow two of her sisters to the

Carmelite convent at Lisieux. At 15 she began to live the austere life Teresa of Avila had prescribed for Carmelite nuns.

Despite the spiritual darkness Therese usually experienced, she found solace in depending on God's mercy. The "little way" she described in her letters and her autobiography was little only in the sense that she developed control of her feelings in little ways. For instance, she overcame her fear of spiders, sweeping the convent's dark corners when assigned. She looked for small sacrifices of her time and energy—to be kind to a nun she didn't like, to accept dirty laundry water carelessly splashed in her face, and to refrain from complaining when receiving the worst food. Yet she was a good mimic, keeping others laughing at recreation, and organized them in imaginative plays to celebrate special feast days.



Therese of Lisieux

Therese's name in religion was Therese of the Child Jesus, and later "of the Holy Face," but most today know her as "The Little Flower." In 1897, only 24 years old, she died of tuberculosis, promising to shower roses on earth. We celebrate her feast on Oct. 1.

## Local chapter of Maryknoll Affiliates formed

On Aug. 14, a group of people from the Champaign-Urbana area met for the first time to form a group called the Maryknoll Affiliates, a chapter of the Maryknoll Mission Association, which supports priests, brothers, sisters, and lay volunteers who go on mission to developing countries.

Maryknoll Missioners are in Asia, Central and South America, Africa, the United States, and many other places.

Twelve people from various parishes in the C-U area came together

for this first meeting. They included the parents of a C-U woman who is serving as a Maryknoll lay missionary in Africa and a woman from Bolivia who shared her story about the situation in her native homeland—the reason that this group comes together, to share their concern and passion for peoples and places suffering from poverty, violence, or oppression.

The group also had the privilege of welcoming Maryknoll Father Jim Madden, founder of the Maryknoll Affiliates, who was home from Peru visiting his father in the C-U area. He was able to answer many questions about how Maryknoll Affiliate chapters have begun and their role in the Maryknoll Mission Association.

The function of Maryknoll Affiliate chapters varies from chapter to chapter, but most of the groups come together to encourage one another in their interest and involvement in overseas mission and to raise awareness of what is happening in these countries.

Members of the new chapter met recently in the parish center at St. Patrick's and will continue to discern its purpose and direction. Bienvenidos (welcome!) to any others who would like to participate in this new venture.

## Dr. James Miller on "the grit and grace of caring relationships"

How to offer compassionate support to one who is grieving is just one of the topics that Dr. James E. Miller, nationally renowned author, speaker, and grief counselor, will address at a conference sponsored by Family Services' Self-Help Center. The conference will be Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Forum at Carle in Urbana, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

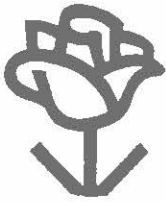
Dr. Miller will speak on "The Grit and Grace of Caring Relationships." He will discuss the principles of healing presence from his recently published book, *The Art of Being a Healing Presence*, as well as trends in caregiving in our culture and principles for companioning the bereaved.

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## Pennies for Life

On Oct. 6, Respect Life Sunday, a special collection called "Pennies for Life" will be taken up. Parishioners are asked to donate one penny for each year of life, although more is gratefully accepted. The monies collected go directly to help fund the Family Life Resource Center, located in Peoria, which serves the entire diocese.

The Center has a wonderful collection of videos that includes regular family movies as well as instructional ones on a wide variety of subjects. There are also many pamphlets explaining family life issues. The Center is an exceptional resource for all parishes in the diocese. Please give at least one penny for each year of your life and the lives of your family in support of this very worthy cause.



## Celebrating Life = Respecting Life: Life Chain, Oct. 6

Those who think in terms of the perfect life usually are talking about a "perfect life" defined by a society overly concerned with material possessions, a society that measures success by our education level, by how luxurious our car is, and by the brand name on our clothing tags. But it is seriously doubtful that this is how God defines success!

A truly successful life is one that calls for celebration. Pro-life people celebrate life by respecting life, that is, opposing abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, embryonic research, assisted suicide, cloning, and abuse of children, spouses, and the elderly. They are committed to helping the hungry, the homeless, the sick, the handicapped, the mentally ill, and the dying.

In other words, respecting life is celebrating God's gift of life by being Christ to those around us.

Choose to celebrate life by being pro-active in the pro-life movement.

Keep informed on the issues and speak out against anything that diminishes God's gift. You can show this community that the pro-life movement is alive and well by taking part in the Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 6, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., on Kirby Ave. at Hessel Park.

By participating in the Life Chain you show your support for the Pro-Life position against abortion. This is a special opportunity to pray in solidarity with the victims of abortion, including not just the unborn child but also the doctors, nurses, parents, grandparents, etc., who take part in or support abortion—they also need our prayers and compassion. The Life Chain provides us with a way to show that our society can be as wrong about this issue as about how to define success.

## Gabe Huck to speak at Roncalli fall meeting

Gabe Huck, internationally known liturgist, author, and justice advocate, will address the fall gathering of the Roncalli Society on Oct. 5 in Bloomington/Normal. He will focus on justice as it relates to liturgy.

With his wife, Theresa Kubasak, Gabe Huck has visited Iraq several times in the last three years. He will speak to the situation in Iraq, an especially timely topic for people of faith.

The National Call to Action says of him: "Gabe Huck asserts that peace and justice isn't a committee; it's what the whole parish does. The whole assembly comes to do its liturgy with strength and beauty. Christians make liturgy—and liturgy makes Christian."

For 24 years Gabe Huck served the Chicago Archdiocese as director of Liturgy Training Publications. He is author of *Sunday Mass Five Years from Now* and *Liturgy with Style and Grace*, and he is editor of numerous liturgy books, pamphlets, and videos. In 2000 he accepted the Frederick R. McManus Award for LTP presented by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions.

Registration for the gathering, which includes continental breakfast and lunch, is \$15 for members, \$20 for nonmembers, \$10 for students or those on a fixed income. Advance registration preferred; please send your check, payable to The Roncalli Society, P.O. Box 6606, Peoria, IL 61601-6606. Or call for information: 309/682-1603 (Peoria) or 888/674-6578 (toll-free). The event will be held at the Mennonite Church of Normal, 805 South Cottage, Normal.

The Roncalli Society is a group of Catholic lay women and men, religious, and clergy in the Diocese of Peoria who share John XXIII and Vatican II's vision of Church and who work to make this vision a reality both within the structure of the Catholic Church and in their ministry to the entire world. Annual membership fees are \$20 for individuals, \$30 for households.

## Catholic Daughters of America : "Unity and Charity"

On Sunday, Oct. 20, National CDA Day, the local chapter of Catholic Daughters of America will gather for 8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross church. Breakfast and a short meeting will follow.

The Catholic Daughters of America is the largest Catholic women's organization in the world, with 114,000 members. Their motto, "Unity and Charity," reflects their activities well. They gather monthly for Mass and support a variety of good causes, among them Birthright, the Seminarists' Fund, Morality in Media, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Worker House, and Save Our Retired Religious. The Daughters will celebrate the 100th anniversary of CDA next year.

Interested? Contact the Regent for Champaign County, Theresa Brown (352-8887). Or ask parishioners Mary Corcoran, Lori McDonough, or Eileen Scott for information.

## Exercising an option for the poor

### Fair Trade Coffee Resource

The farmers who produce the coffee we enjoy often find themselves locked in poverty due to the low prices paid for their coffee harvests. Fair Trade Coffee pays these farmers a price that will lift them out of poverty. As Catholic social teaching notes, we are called to put the needs of the poor first, and allow people the dignity of work. Buying Fair Trade Coffee addresses this concern even as we enjoy that first morning sip of java.

Listed here are some places where you can buy certified Fair Trade Coffee.



Ten Thousand Villages  
105 W. Walnut, Champaign  
Wide variety of Fair Trade coffees, teas, and other items

Borders Books, Music, and Cafe  
802 W. Town Center Blvd.,  
Champaign  
Peruvian Blend

Cafe Kopi  
109 E. Springfield, Champaign  
Occasionally offers Fair Trade Coffee as "Coffee of the Day"

Common Ground Food Co-Op  
610 E. Springfield, Champaign  
Offers a variety of Fair Trade coffees by Cafe Fair

One World Cafe  
809 S. 5th St., Champaign  
Offers a variety of Fair Trade coffees by Cafe Fair

Pages for All Ages, Steep and Brew Cafe  
1201 Savoy Plaza Lane, Savoy  
Three varieties of Fair Trade Coffee

Rainbow Coffee House  
1203 W. Green St., Urbana  
Cafe Fair Coffee purchased from

the Common Ground Co-op

Red Herring Vegetarian Restaurant  
1209 W. Oregon, Urbana  
Cafe Fair Coffee purchased from the Common Ground Co-op

From the Internet:  
Cafe Fair: [www.cafefair.com](http://www.cafefair.com)  
Equal Exchange:  
[www.equalexchange.com/index.html](http://www.equalexchange.com/index.html)  
Zapatista Coffee:  
[www.thehumanbean.com](http://www.thehumanbean.com)  
Cafe Mam: [www.cafemam.com](http://www.cafemam.com)  
Cafe Campesino:  
[www.cafecampesino.com](http://www.cafecampesino.com)  
Dean's Beans:  
[www.deansbeans.com](http://www.deansbeans.com)  
San Miguel: [www.levelground.com](http://www.levelground.com)  
Ometepe: [www.bosia.org/cafe/cafe.html](http://www.bosia.org/cafe/cafe.html)  
Salt Spring Roasting Company:  
[www.saltspringroasting.com](http://www.saltspringroasting.com)

For more information:  
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## A prayer of inheritance

I laugh to remember how  
in the second grade  
the nun made us slide over  
to make room for  
a guardian angel.  
Since I was fat  
and the seat thin,  
I oozed over the edge



like a melted cheese sandwich  
and was painfully aware  
of how close God was.  
But I have outgrown that angel,  
left him behind  
like the sign of the cross  
before a free throw  
in a basketball game.

Yet if I could tell a son  
only one wisdom,  
I might whisper  
that he had an angel his own,  
not as valet  
or imaginary playmate,  
but as a companion—  
like Tobit had  
on his mission of manhood.

Otherwise he might forget  
his father's mature faith  
that the wings of God's love  
beat above us all.

I laugh to remember  
but I wonder  
how to pass it on.

*From The God Who Fell from Heaven,  
by John Shea. Used with permission.*

## Happy anniversary!

Forty years ago, on Oct. 11, 1962, Blessed Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council. This prayer was used before every session of the Council. It is a worthy way to begin any gathering of Christians in today's world:

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness but aware that we gather in your name.

Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to know your will to make it our own, and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of the Father and Son.

You desire justice for all; enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favor. Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name may we temper justice with love, so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants.

You live and reign with the Father and the Son, One God, forever and ever. Amen.





## Matthew Maduzia tells of his Emmaus Days at St. Bede

I have been to Emmaus Days three summers in a row, and once again this summer I found the session to be a good learning experience. As part of Session III (for ninth- and tenth-grade boys), we heard talks about our faith, praying, and celebrating the sacraments, and we had free time at St. Bede Abbey.

We slept on cots in classrooms at the high school, with two or more counselors for each group. Each group chose a saint's name as their group's name; my group chose St. John the Baptist. Father Danton and Father Haake, along with the seminarians, made sure there was plenty of fun; talking about God's presence in our lives seemed natural in this setting. My counselors were Jesse and Tom. Jesse was talking about riding a bike to World Youth Day in Canada—an article in the *Catholic Post* said he made it! Tom was taking classes in Rome to become a theologian; he brought his own experiences about the faith to share with us.

Bishop Jenky came to talk with us, and we asked him questions about his own spiritual journey. Everything came to a close with a Mass celebrated by the Bishop (parents were invited to attend too). Instead of having several Eucharistic ministers, Bishop Jenky himself gave commun-

ion to each person.

One thing that I enjoyed most about Emmaus Days was that I had stories to share with my family once I got home. I learned a lot, and I'll be heading out to St. Bede Abbey next summer, for sure.



**Q:** *I've been hearing a lot about the RCIA these days. What is it, and who can participate?*

**A:** RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a formation program aimed at catechizing adults who are contemplating joining the Catholic Church. It is a discernment process involving study, sharing, prayer, liturgy, fasting, and works of faith. RCIA groups typically meet several times over the course of a year.

Although the RCIA, in its present form, is a post-Vatican II development, its roots go back to the early Church. As the early Church moved from being predominantly a Jewish church to a Gentile church, it encountered converts whose religious formation was minimal. At the same time, the Church was developing a deeper understanding of her faith and practices. In order to instruct these converts more effectively, the Church established what was called the catechumenate. The catechumens (as these participants were called) spent time learning about the faith through

prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and study.

The RCIA is the Church's attempt to recapture some of the spirit and practices of the early catechumenate. Those seeking entrance into the Church are sponsored by practicing Catholics, and together they seek to discern whether this is where God is leading them. The culmination of the RCIA (but not its ending) is the same today as it was in ancient times: Baptism, Confirmation, and Communion of the catechumens during the Easter Vigil, easily one of the most powerful liturgies of the year.

If you are a non-Catholic discerning where God is leading you, or a Catholic who would like to deepen your understanding of your faith, contact our parish RCIA coordinator, Lenore Nagele (367-2665).

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



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

**Ellen Noonan**

### Cake Mix Cookies

- 1 boxed cake mix (any flavor)
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup cooking oil



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients completely. The batter will be stiff. Drop spoonfuls of batter onto ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 9-11 minutes. Makes about 3 dozen cookies. Hint: *If you use lemon cake mix, after baking sprinkle the tops lightly with powdered sugar.*

### Centennial 2001-2003

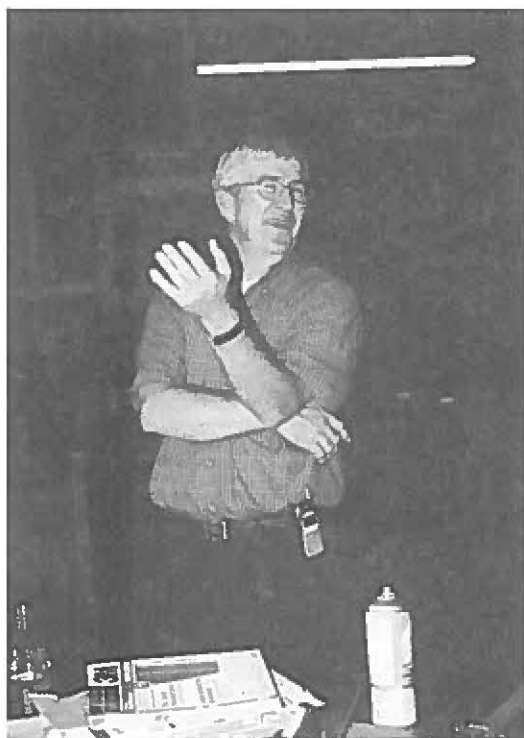
St Patrick's Church gets a major facelift inside and out for its 100th anniversary in 2003. Workers inside, outside, high and low. Nothing escapes their attention.



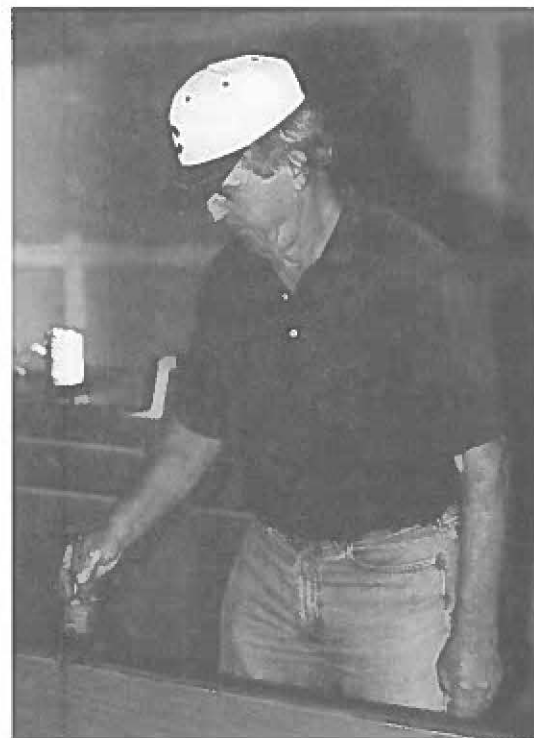
## Centennial 2001-2003

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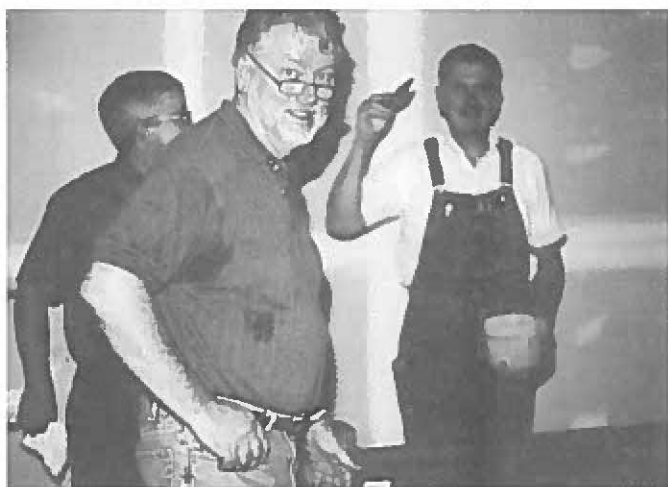
When we sit in those pews, we will remember!



*Tim Brenner*



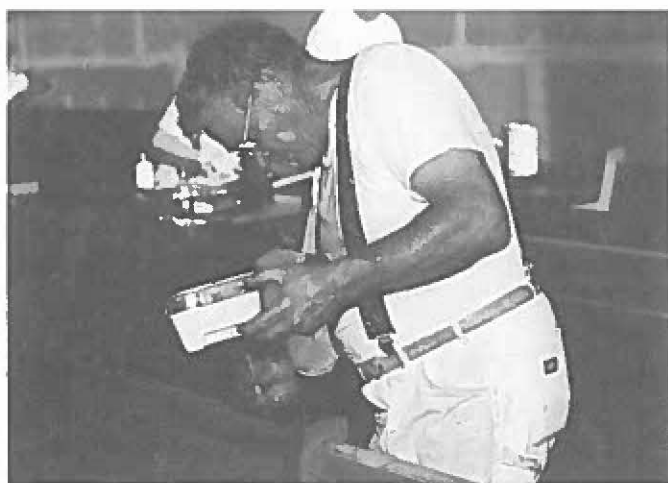
*Don Borg*



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*Linda and Tim Bowers*



*Richard Mahenna*



*Joe Costa*

*Dr. James Miller*  
*from page 6*

A talented photographer and producer of award-winning audiovisuals, he will incorporate his visual arts, giving added impact to his message.

Anyone who is caring for someone with a chronic or severe condition or is reaching out to someone who is grieving a loss or is in some kind of supportive relationship will find this conference useful. How to be a healing presence, cope in the role of a caregiver or companion the bereaved are some of the concerns that will be addressed," said Sharon Monday-Dorsey, conference organizer and Coordinator of Family Services' Self-Help Center.

The conference will provide a learning environment and resources as well as networking opportunities. "Supporting others due to illness or loss or due to life transitions is a common experience. This conference will help professionals and nonprofessionals explore supportive relationships together in ways they can learn with—and from—each other," Dorsey said. She added that several small-group sessions will be held by local experts so that people attending the conference will have access to professionals and supportive lay persons in the local community.

Family Services' Self-Help Center organized the conference in response to what has been identified as a great need in our community. Major sponsors of this event include East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging, The Carle Foundation, and the Community Parish Nurse Program.

Further information about the conference and registration packets are available by calling Family Services Self-Help Center (352-0099) or e-mailing the Center ([selfhelp@prairienet.org](mailto:selfhelp@prairienet.org)). Advance registration is required: \$20 includes lunch; \$10 for fixed/low income registrants.

# St. Patrick's Church, Urbana, IL

## October 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Because the In Focus Calendar is prepared in advance of scheduled events and meetings, please check the weekly bulletin to confirm dates and times for specific listings. Deadline for the next issue of In Focus is October 13, 2002.		12:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Financial Affairs	5:15 pm SVDP 5:15 Children's Choir 6:00pm Religious Ed, Parish Center 6:30pm RE, St Joe 7:00pm Choir	6:45am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Bldg & Grounds 7:00pm Choir	10:45am Mass <b>Champaign County Nursing Home</b>	
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