

# In Focus

## Epiphany a Three-Part Wonder

It's hard to talk about Epiphany without sounding like we're exaggerating. The feast, celebrated on the Sunday after Jan. 1 (this year on Jan. 5), is a day of superlatives. Epiphany is the grandest, brightest, and best day of Christmastime!

On Epiphany we celebrate three wonders: The magi offer the Lord gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Lord comes to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. The Lord turns water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana.

Epiphany means "appearance" and "revelation" and "manifestation." In the gospel stories of Epiphany we hear

that God appears in creation: God is revealed in a star and in a newborn



child, in the waters of a river and on the wings of a dove, in stone jars of everyday water.

What the Western Church celebrates

on Epiphany is expressed at the beginning of the Mass:

*The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power.*

*Father, you revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star.*

Epiphany, then, reveals the universal kingdom of Christ, his manifestation to the pagans. We typically speak of the magi as the first fruits of the nations, but the liturgy does not distinguish the magi from the countless multitudes to which later the Son will be revealed. It already sees those nations following the star.

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## St. Patrick's youngsters meet a forgiving God

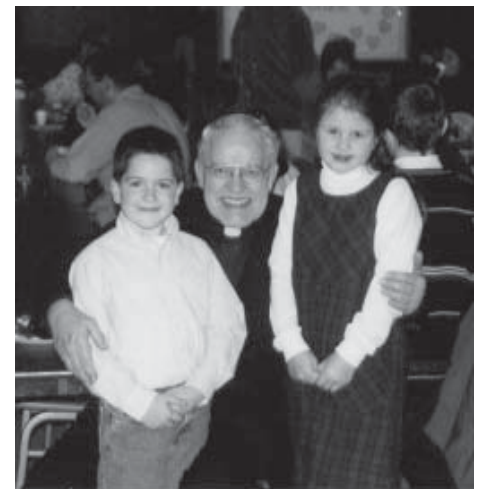
On Dec. 3, after weeks of preparation, 28 boys and girls received the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time. Presented to the priest by one or both parents, the child is left to experience God's forgiveness in the person of the priest, acknowledging their sins and expressing sorrow for them and a determination to sin no more. The gentle and compassionate priest, acting in the name of the Lord, forgave them their sins and reconciled them to the community of believers into which they were baptized several years earlier.

We are familiar, those of us who have received this sacrament over the years, with the procedure. Yes, we examine our conscience, looking for those ways in which we have come to distance ourselves from God and from our faith community (maybe even from ourselves). We tell God we're really sorry for having failed in the loving relationships into which we were born and baptized. We are ready and willing to

say that we will try our very best not to fail in those ways again—and will even try to avoid the people and situations that lead us to fail. And to show our sincerity, we undertake some "penance" as a way of "making it up to God." Think what all of this means to a youngster six or seven years old, and be reminded of the reality of this situation in which they come to God. Pray for them, for their families, for ourselves, that we—all of us—may be God's faithful, loving people. Pray especially for these youngsters, who met their forgiving God so recently:

Louis Acklin, Libby Cocagne, Angela Crook, Mikhayla Eveland, Cristina Grafton, Laura Hapke, Heidi Hublein, Sarah Johnson, Shantae Johnson, William Justice, Katie Myers, Eric Pahre, Michelle Paap, Mark Plunk, Daniel Schuele, Zachary Smith, Riley Snyder, Freddie Stavins, Haley Stephens, Vinny Strack, Karrie Sturdyvin, Michael Thompson, Tyler

Towns, Dylan Twitty, Blake Waller, Fiona Weingartner, Breanna Wickert, Liliana Yezep.



*At the reception following the First Reconciliation service, parents and children enjoy a pizza dinner. Fr. George Remm is shown with two of the "penitents," Blake Waller and Riley Snyder.*

## Jesus and Me!

Twelve years of the WATCH renewal program has resulted in a call for a similar program for teens, according to Deacon Don

Effinger. As presently developed, the program for teens contains a primary emphasis on Catholic religion, with

talks on chastity, Eucharist, reconciliation, choices, loneliness, belonging to community, and communication with God and with others.

As with WATCH, the teenagers will attend Mass with the parish community on Sunday morning and learn about the "horizontal" aspect of the Cross. "The JAM (Jesus and Me) experience allows youth to have a chance to belong to Church, to be participants in the faith community," said Deacon Don. "Activities encourage the teens to change their attitudes and even turn serious lifestyle around," according to Chris Nelson, a teen JAM leader from Peoria.

The JAM weekend at St. Patrick's is planned for Feb. 22-23. It begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and includes a sleep-in that night. Sunday's schedule includes a procession of all participants into Mass, "quite a moving and dynamic sight."

So talk with your teens and mark your calendars for St. Patrick's first JAM, Feb. 22-23!



**Q:** When I talk to non-Catholic friends, I often find that at Sunday worship services in their churches the same scripture passages are read that we use. How does this happen?

**A:** The readings selected for each Sunday are collected in a book called the Lectionary. The Catholic Church revised its Lectionary as part of the liturgical reforms following Vatican II. One goal of this revision was that "the treasures of the bible should be opened up more lavishly so that richer fare might be provided for the faithful at the table of God's Word." Many Protestant churches adopted the revised Lectionary with adaptations suited to their own traditions. The Protestant churches, for instance, don't include readings for the Immaculate Conception, and the Catholic Church doesn't include readings for Reformation Sunday, but there is still much in common among the Lectionaries. This allows for sharing among Christians and makes homily aids and commentaries useful to ministers of many churches.

During the Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons, the readings are chosen to fit the themes of the season. This brought about an interesting change for some Protestant churches when they adopted the common Lectionary. Some churches had previously celebrated Christmas and Easter each as a single day rather than as a season. The common Lectionary introduced them to the concept of the liturgical seasons. (Incidentally, John's

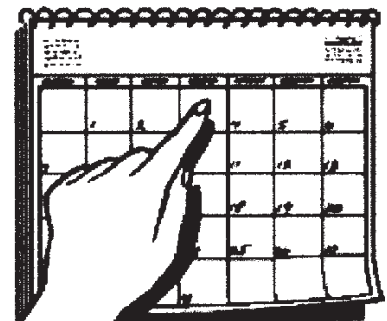
gospel receives extensive use during the seasons.)

In the Catholic Lectionary during Ordinary Time, the Old Testament reading and the Psalm were chosen to coordinate with the gospel. The common Lectionary used by many Protestant churches instead uses semi-continuous readings for the Old Testament readings as well.

In general, many denominations of Anglicans, Baptists, Christian Reformed Churches, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, and United Churches of Christ around the world have adopted the common Lectionary. Many of the evangelical churches, however, retain the custom of allowing each preacher to select readings that meet the needs of the local congregation.

For more information about how the churches came together on a common Lectionary, see the article "Lectionaries III: Ecumenical" in the *New Catholic Encyclopedia* in our parish library.

## Make a date



**Jan. 11:** 9-11 a.m., Overview of the Community Bible Study on the Letter to the Philippians; a great chance to learn a bit about St. Paul's letter before your bible study group delves into it more deeply. You needn't be a member of a bible study group to come.

**Jan. 19:** Bingo, sponsored by CREW; help our parish teens raise funds needed for their summer mission project.

**Jan. 22:** 6:00 p.m. candlelight vigil outside an abortion clinic, followed by a memorial service at 7:30 p.m. at Webber Street Church on the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision.

**Jan. 26:** Blood pressure screening, 8:30-11:00 a.m., sponsored by the Parish Nurses.

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

**Jeannie Rasmussen**

### Bean Soup

- 1 can pinto beans
- 1 can Mexican stewed tomatoes
- 1 can kidney or black beans
- 1 can refried beans
- 1 can chicken broth
- 1 large onion, chopped
- garlic to taste
- cumin to taste

Saute onion and garlic in Pam. Add other ingredients and heat through.



## Yesterday, today, and forever

By Alice McLaughlin

The Mission week has come, and gone but the Mission is still very much alive! What a great week in the life of St. Patrick's! What a wonderfully challenging call we have received! What a tremendous gift we have been given, the gift of Faith and the gift of the Mission week!

Fr. Bob Gielow reminded us of all this in many ways on each day of the Mission.

Through stories and scripture and with spontaneity and enthusiasm he encouraged and challenged us in living our mission to

make known God's presence in the world, to minister for the kingdom of God.

At the Masses over the Dec.7-8 weekend, he affirmed our Faith and desire to belong to a church that "treasures being with God." And how St. Patrick's has treasured the gift of faith for 100 years as we still gather to welcome God into our lives. John the Baptist was a sign of the coming of the Lord. We were asked to accept the challenge of our sign to point to the presence of God in this world, to make God known today.

At Monday's celebration of Eucharist, Father's homily moved from celebrating our Faith to an exploration of how we can come to know God. Simply put, through Baptism we form a friendship with God and through friendship we come to know one another. In Faith we take God seriously just as Mary did as she heard the Word spoken to her. We are called to know and serve God through being "the image and likeness of God in the world today," that is, bringing God's presence into focus. Father used the metaphor of a green salad to describe us in the world today—each ingredient is a bit "blah" alone, but when put together the combination is good and effective.

Prayer, letting God come into our life, was emphasized with the story of the youngster who was the innkeeper for the Christmas pageant. We all know how the innkeeper rejected Mary and Joseph. Well, in this particular play the

young lad, when approached by the couple says, "Aw, come on in!" That, according to Fr. Gielow, is prayer: letting God in. "Prayer is nothing we do but it is letting God take over in order to make himself present in the world." One of the best ways to say "Come on in" and receive God fully is through Eucharist.

By Wednesday night, Fr. Gielow became more specific in how we can let God in, image God in daily living, and make God present in the world through his call for us to practice and call ourselves Christian. We can do so only if we can travel three roads: the road to Damascus, where like St. Paul we

meet the Lord—conversion; the road to Emmaus, where we recognize God in the breaking of the bread (Eucharist, yes, but also each time we touch someone's life, each time we search for or recognize the goodness in another); and the road to Samaria—when we go where others don't usually go. As Jesus said, we come to serve and not be served.

Fr. Gielow then called us to minister beyond the ministries we have in the Eucharistic celebrations. He called us to the *Ministry of Listeners*: listening to the lonely, the shut-ins, the homebound. Some may be called to be *Ministers of Healing*, that is, to care for the pain and suffering of others, and some may be called to be *Ministers of Invitation*, bringing the family of God alive once again. We were challenged to call people to be better, to "come, follow me." He stated that the day we accept our call is the day God comes alive in the world, the day pain and suffering start to disappear. The mission concluded with a celebration of joy for all the giftedness that is ours.

Eucharist each evening was special. The choirs enhanced the assembly's prayerfulness with beautiful music, and participation was at its best. The social after each service built on the spirit of community that grew during the Mass.

A round of applause and much gratitude to those who spent many hours in planning and preparations for this important time in the life of St.

Patrick's people!

The centennial parish mission event is concluded, but in a real sense our mission has just begun as we seek to recognize and continue to foster an awareness of God alive and at work in us here at St. Patrick's, today and forever.

## SVDP says "thank you!"

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society are very grateful for the support received from St. Patrick's parish-



People Touching People

ioners, whose generous donations of both money and time made it possible for 225 families

to receive food baskets for their Thanksgiving tables.

The Mental Health Center provided the names of 165 clients, and Family Service gave the names of 25 client families, all of whom who look forward each year to these food baskets. All send their heartfelt thanks for the food that graced their tables and filled empty stomachs.

The Society also thanks the volunteers who made this event special—the folks who carried in the food items and those who arranged them on tables for assembling into food baskets, the religious education classes and their teachers who helped with the packing, those who helped carry food baskets to cars, those who delivered them—a great, hearty thanks to each and every one of you!

The cost of the dinners was covered in part by donations totaling \$5167.66 from 172 members of the parish. But the Society's special thanks go to the three youngsters who put their coins in envelopes earmarked for the Thanksgiving dinners!

### Prayer for vocations

Loving God, open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call. Give us the gift of understanding to discern your invitation to serve you and your Church. Give us the gift of courage to follow your call. May we respond in the spirit of young Samuel, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."



Some years ago, I signed on to a committee here at St. Patrick's called Re-Membering

Church. The purpose of this group was to reach out to Catholics who were not practicing their faith and support them in their return to a parish community. My initial impression was that after a series of meetings, their lives would be changed and I would have the satisfaction of being instrumental in this process.

I could not have been more wrong in my assessment, for God had already been active in their lives, moving them in the direction of reconciliation. God prompted them to see an ad we had run in the newspaper or to call to make an inquiry.

Through this program I met some terrific individuals whose stories moved me profoundly. Some have been mistreated by priests, religious, or parishioners in ways that shook the very core of their lives. Others have had to confront the Church's marriage laws, and their choices—or sometimes lack of choices—

have clouded not only their relationships with family and friends but with their God. Others had just grown indifferent in their relationship with God and now realized they needed to do something about it. In their doubt and struggling was a bedrock faith that is very deep and very real.

Through these people and their willingness to share their lives of searching, I have been able to meet God in new ways—the God of surprises, the God who continues to plunge into human experiences, the God who rises above our foibles, our law, and long-standing habits, and who raises us above them too.

All this background is to say that we—those who gather weekly to worship and recreate and those who separate ourselves or are separated by any number of circumstances—truly need one another, need to be *with* one another, to realize God more fully. That is the underlying reason for St. Patrick's parish mission, a time of concentrated, focused, parish renewal; a time of prayer and sharing, of celebration and fellowship, of listening and learning. The mission is also an opportunity for us to do as Jesus would do—extend ourselves to a friend, a stranger, an-

other seeker, a non-believer, and invite them to journey together with us into the deeper mysteries of our Christian faith. We are to be, as St. Paul says, "ambassadors of Christ," for not only are we charged to carry Christ's message to others, but *we* are promised to be renewed also, to be changed, every time we reach out to someone else. So let us open ourselves to encourage others to participate with us in these moments of holiness.

Barb Wysocki

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Moreover, the liturgy proclaims what happened as what happens "today."

This is not simply an imaginative or poetic manner of speaking. The liturgy refers to facts situated in time and are, as such, never repeated. But these are events in the history of salvation in which God holds the initiative. These events, happening once and for all, transcend the time to which they belong in a special way. As revelation of God and God's plan of salvation that they accomplish, they bear fruit that does not perish. The liturgy re-presents them, makes them present and active "today"—not in their material components, but in their power, their grace, of salvation.

These two opening texts of the Epiphany Mass are calls to understand the announcement of a mystery, of the good news, of what is and will be.

When we celebrate the liturgy, we do not bring gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh, but our personhood and our hearts. In celebration of the liturgy we proceed toward a clearer vision of the splendor of God. When, at its conclusion, we are dispersed, it is "by another route"—that of conversion—that each of us returns home "in the peace of Christ."

*God has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

*May you experience his kindness and blessings,  
and be strong in faith, in hope, and in love.*

*The wise men followed the star and found Christ, who is light from light.*

*May you too find the Lord when your pilgrimage is ended.*



## in our parish library

The parish library has several new books for you to read. Here is just a sampling:

*The Parish as Covenant: A Call to Pastoral Partnership*, by Thomas P. Sweetser (253 SWE). Fr. Sweetser writes that as parishes cope with the declining number of priests, the management and organization of parishes will change. The gifts and talents of all the baptized must be utilized to carry on the work of the Church as pastors strive to find a balance and reasonable workload in their ministry. This is an interesting book, one that is a call to all of us to join in the covenant relationship of the parish.

*Tools Matter for Practicing the Spiritual Life*, by Mary Margaret Funk (248.4 FUN). The author of this book, a Benedictine sister, offers a variety of spiritual practices, or tools, to tend the

garden of our soul, including Lectio Divina, fasting, ceaseless prayer. This is an easy-to-read book that reminds us of some of the ancient and newer practices of faith.

*Shaken Faith: Hanging in There When God Seems Far Away*, by Antoinette Bosco (234 BOS). How do we keep faith when faced with loss, illness, or personal tragedy? The author shares with readers her life and faith journey, illustrating the relationship of faith to the challenges and joys of life. A good book for starting the New Year!

*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.*

## The question of war with Iraq

On Nov. 24, a day when Catholics remembered the Kingship of Christ over all the world, men and women from a variety of faiths filled St. Patrick's multipurpose room. They had come to discuss "The Question of War with Iraq." The program was sponsored by the C-U Ministerial Association and was hosted by St. Patrick's Social Action Committee.

After a welcome by Don Mason, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Urbana, there was a brief prayer service, featuring the ecumenical music of Taize. The service concluded with the singing of "A Song of Peace," sung in English by Jim Mayer and in Arabic by Miriam Sobh.

A discussion followed, during which participants had the opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings in small groups. These included members of St. Patrick's and other Christian

churches and members of the mosque on Lincoln Ave. (The latter had just broken their fast, as they were celebrating the month of Ramadan.) Afterward table representatives shared observations from their discussion.

Many expressed concern for the Iraqi people; others observed that as citizens we are not receiving all the information from the media that we should. Some were struck by the similarity of concerns voiced by participants from the mosque and those from Christian churches. The following are some of the concerns raised:

- Church leaders have spoken out against military action in Iraq, but elected officials are pursuing such action.
- The situation in Iraq relates directly to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- The U.S. has not tried all possible options before electing to go to war.

The U.S. should wait.

- Why does the U.S. act as though it wears the white hat in this situation? The U.S. has been the only country to use a nuclear bomb in wartime.

- Parents teach children not to hurt others; why does this philosophy change when children become adults and are in the military?

- Other countries have stated that they have weapons of mass destruction, but the U.S. has not taken the same action against them as against Iraq.

- Why is it appropriate for the U.S. to have these military capabilities but not for certain other countries?

The evening concluded with fellowship and refreshments.

## Film series planned for Lent

A film series, open to everyone, will be offered on Sunday afternoons during Lent, offering an opportunity for participants to consider together "the modern world on its own terms in the unfolding presence of God in human life."

The series will build on Henry Nouwen's theme, "taken, blessed, broken, given." The films chosen for the series will provide an opportunity to share the film's insights into our human brokenness and the power of God's grace to transform all into a gift given for the community.

Each showing begins at 2:30 p.m. and will include an introduction, viewing of the film, refreshments, and a short discussion. The following films have been chosen for the series:

Mar. 9: *The Spitfire Grill*

Mar. 16: *Eat, Drink, Man, Woman*  
(Chinese with English subtitles)

Mar. 23: *Chocolat*

Mar. 30: *The Mission*

Apr. 6: *Babette's Feast* (Danish with English subtitles)

Apr. 13: *Places in the Heart*



*Fr. George Remm addressed the approximately 60 participants in the forum.*



*Singing was accompanied by (from the left) John Fettig with violin, Jim Mayer, and Chris Angel at the electric piano.*

## Moving from violence to wholeness

*Save the date: Feb. 21-22, 2003  
Fellowship of Reconciliation  
Workshop  
From Violence to Wholeness  
Channing-Murray Foundation  
Urbana*

St. Patrick's Social Action Committee is joining with other community sponsors to bring to Champaign-Urbana the Fellowship of Reconciliation workshop "From Violence to Wholeness."

This workshop is for individuals and groups who want to increase their spirituality and practice of active non-violence. It is intended for committed activists as well as those who share these values, or for persons who want to learn more about the power and creative possibilities of active nonviolence. "From Violence to Wholeness" is a learning experience that emphasizes respect for the sacred in all beings and building relationships with others, including opponents. It provides a toolbox of practical methods for individuals and groups to begin to address the violence in our lives and in the world.

The program includes a review of the history and principles of active non-violence. Participants engage in small-group work, interactive exercises, role-playing, readings, journaling, brainstorming, discussion, reflection on stories of transformation, ritual, and meditation. The workshop is experienced as a journey from despair to hope, from fear to grace, from fragmentation to our true selves.

Janet Chisholm and Laurie Day, workshop leaders from the New York headquarters office of Fellowship of Reconciliation, bring a wealth of experience as peace activists, trainers, and organizers of social justice programs.

Sponsors (as of November) include A.W.A.R.E., Channing-Murray Foundation, Emmanuel Memorial Episcopal Church, Episcopal Chapel of St. John the Divine, Friends Meeting, Illinois Disciples Foundation, McKinley Presbyterian Foundation, St. Jude Catholic Worker House, St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Social Action Committee of St. Patrick's Church, and the University YMCA.

For more information on the workshop or to request a registration flyer, contact Sharon Monday-Dorsey (344-3016, evenings and weekends) or email [ayuda@prairienet.org](mailto:ayuda@prairienet.org).

## Holy Cross Newsline

Second graders at Holy Cross School celebrated their First Reconciliation on Dec. 5.

On Dec. 11, students in grades 3-8 participated in an Advent Reconciliation Service. All-school Masses were celebrated Dec. 5 and 20.

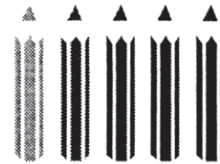
After Thanksgiving, thanks to many volunteers, the children enjoyed shopping for their families at the annual Kris Kringle shop, a room in the Parish Center where they can choose from store-bought and homemade items, all reasonably priced for small budgets.

Parents received their children's Terra Nova test results during the November Parent-Teacher Conferences. Principal Mrs. Costello announced again that students at Holy Cross School "were, for the most part, well above the national average." She said that the areas the school has earmarked in the past for improvement will continue to be emphasized: math computation, language mechanics, and spelling.

The annual combined choral-band Christmas Concert was held on Dec. 11 in the gym of the High School of St. Thomas More. All students from kindergarten through eighth grade participated.

For the Advent Season, each homeroom assembles a gift bag for the Catholic Worker House. Children are asked to contribute money or items for a man, woman, or child who is a Soup Kitchen guest. Bags will be filled with items such as gloves, deodorant, combs, toothpaste, and bus tokens.

During the usual morning prayer Mrs. Costello offers with the children over the intercom, she has been introducing a symbol for the Jesse Tree that stands outside the main office.



*Welcome to new parishioners* Melissa Applebee, Erin and Jeff Chambers, Phillip Dennis, Brian and Tiffany Dodd, Aimee and Jan-Henrik Ehrns, Becky and Brian Fogarty, Cheri and David Gorrel, Allen and Maria Renear, Rob and Trish Sipes, Marie Walsh, Joe and Lorene Ziegler.

*Farewell to parishioners* Carolyn and John Kearns, Janina and Roderick Perez.

*Welcome to those recently baptized into our faith community:* Brandon Bui, Eric Carl Roth, Sophia Elizabeth Solava, Austin Michael Paul Stephen, Haley Elizabeth Ann Stephen, Isaac Aaron Lee, Ella Grace Sipes.

*Please pray for deceased parishioners* Samuel Bendel, Marie Remm, Floris Pauline Trager.

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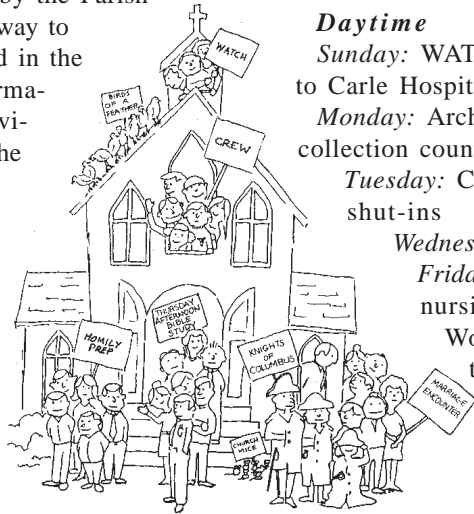
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## When can you come?

Maybe you've been thinking about a New Year's resolution, or perhaps you've been inspired by the Parish Mission to look for a way to become more involved in the parish. The best information about parish activities can be found in the booklet that comes out in the fall, "Who and What Is St. Patrick's?" Copies are still available in the church vestibule and in the parish center.

Here's a guide to help you find activities that may interest you and are at a time when you are free. For the most current information on when these groups meet, be sure to consult the bulletin, the calendar in *In Focus*, or the contact person listed in *Who and What Is St. Patrick's?*

**Weekend Liturgies:** Eucharistic ministers, lectors, musicians, altar servers, ushers, choirs, cantors; Children's Liturgy



**Sunday Morning:** Coffee Shop, Knights of Columbus, Parents Co-op Nursery, parish library, Personnel Committee, RCIA, religious education, Social Committee

### Daytime

**Sunday:** WATCH, Communion to Carle Hospital patients

**Monday:** Archives Committee, collection counters

**Tuesday:** Communion for shut-ins

**Wednesday:** Moms Group

**Friday:** Mass at local nursing homes, Church Women United quarterly events

**Occasional:** Communion to Carle, take someone to the doctor or grocery shopping (Council of Congregations), Funeral Schola (sings at funerals on weekday mornings), deliver food for Meals on Wheels (two weeks per year), parish receptionist, sacristan assistant, St. Patrick's Guild

**Evenings**

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**Sunday:** CREW, religious education classes, RCIA

**Monday:** Centering Prayer, Centennial Committee, Education Committee, Finding God in Daily Work, Pro-Life Committee, Social Action Committee

**Tuesday:** Financial Affairs Committee, Homily Preparation, Liturgy Committee

**Wednesday:** Children's Choir, RCIA, religious education classes, St. Vincent de Paul Society, 10:30 Choir rehearsal

**Thursday:** Baptism preparation, Building and Grounds Committee, Catholic Young Adults, Communications Committee, 9:00 Choir rehearsal, Parish Council meeting

**Occasional:** Babysitting during parish events, marriage preparation, bereavement ministry, Re-Membering Church

### Anytime

Base Communities, Bible Study, Catholic Worker House, Computer Assistance, Good Samaritans, Liturgical Artist, Welcome Team

Deadline for submission of information, articles and news items for the November issue of *In Focus* is January 12.



On Nov. 3 some very special guests arrived at Children's Liturgy. They told the children and their parents how they were "servant leaders" and helped the children think of ways they could be servants to one another.

The guests captured by the photographer were (from left to right) St. Elizabeth of Portugal (Shelby Simmering), St. Rose of Lima (Cora Freidhof), St. Angela Merici (Gracie Mayer), St. Luke (Luke Cottingham), Holy Lucia of Fatima (Claire Drone-Silvers), St. Catherine of Siena (Caitlin Schutz), and St. Cecilia (Kelsey Kaiser).