ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

Christ is risen! Christ is truly risen!



The heavens rumble alleluias, earth dances to the tune and the wail of the grave itself becomes song. All are singing with you, savior God, at this feast. You have turned the world around, inside out and upside down. Now the homeless have a home and the martyred embrace their assassins, and the rulers wonder whose world this is after all. After all, let us stand and sing with the heavens and the earth and so proclaim that we live now only in Christ who is Lord for ever and ever. Alleluia!

ADA 2003: "One Bread, One Body"

The theme of this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal, "One Bread, One Body," reminds us that we are one people, the people of God, and that as one people we must share our gifts with those of us in need. The ADA provides a means for all to reach out to those less fortunate through the many ministries of our diocese and our parish.

The kickoff for the 2003 ADA was held on Saturday, Mar. 8, beginning with Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Peoria, celebrated by Bishop Daniel Jenky. Many priests



of the diocese attended, including St. Patrick's pastor, Fr. Remm. Accompanying Fr. Remm for the day's events were Ellen Abell, Jean Daly (co-chair, with Tara Beckett, of our parish's ADA campaign), and Bob Haessly.

Bishop Jenky gave an inspiring homily, affirming and thanking the workers who help make the appeal successful.

The opening day ceremonies were held at Spalding Gymnasium, where Lori Vodden (first official diocesan archivist) and Shaun Riedell (diocesan development and stewardship) spoke about the many ministries made possible or supported by ADA funds, especially pastoral care. *continued on page 2*

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vocational development, and religious education for children, youth, and adults, at both diocesan and parish levels.

This year St. Patrick's parish goal has been set at \$105,000 (the same as last year), with \$99,840 of that amount designated to meet the goal set for us by the diocese. All donations over the diocesan goal are returned to the parish; Fr. Remm has chosen to have all such rebates added to St. Patrick's Building Fund for use in current and future building projects.

Fr. Remm acknowledges, with appreciation and gratitude, parishioners' generous support of diocesan and parish ministries through the ADA, ordinary Sunday collections, and special fund-raising events.

St. Patrick's ADA campaign will take place on May 3-4. You will want to give some prayerful thought to the value of diocesan and parish ministries in our lives today, "One Bread, One Body," one people of God. Come to Mass that weekend prepared to share your gifts from God, with pledge or checkbook, joyfully and generously.



Welcome to new parishioners Angi and Pat Castle, Lily and Oscar Gonzalez, Flodily and Michael Heller, Larry and Tracey Jacquneaux, Robert Edward Johnson, Lacy Teresa Thull Johnson, Carolyn and John Kearns, Darren and Kim Rydell, Debra and George Sandwick, David and Meg VanSchoyck.

Farewell to parishioners Leslie Edmondson, Kelvin and Stephanie Mischo, Dan and Pris Murphy, Mary Kay and Tim Stephens.

Welcome to Jackson Brent Rydell, recently baptized into our faith community.

Please pray for deceased parishioners Gary Michael, Sheila Rae Woythal, Sr. Geraldine Mazur.

From the Urbana Daily Courier, May 25, 1903:

St. Patrick's Church Dedicated Sunday

The congregation of St. Patrick's Parish of Urbana is now installed in its beautiful new church. With impressive and beautiful ceremonies, the edifice was dedicated Sunday in the presence of a great throng of Catholics. The occasion was a red letter one in the Catholic annals of Champaign County.

The expectation of rain kept many visitors from outside away but the church was crowded to the doors when the ceremonies began. Champaign county towns sent their quotas of members of the faith to join with Urbana Catholics in celebrating the erection of such a splendid church. Priests came to be guests of [pastor] Father Cannon and see what he had accomplished. Chairs were placed along the aisles as the pews were not sufficient to accommodate the throng. ...

With a pontifical high mass, while devout Catholics prayed with hearts of thankfulness that the faith had found a permanent home in this city, St. Patrick's was dedicated. At 10:30 o'clock, the ceremonies began. Monseigneur Legris of St. Viateur's [sic] college at Bourbonnais near Kankakee officiated. Wearing the bishop's mitre and vestments followed by surpliced acolytes, whose leader bore high the golden cross, the monseigneur proceeded down the aisle from the altar, left the church at the main entrance, and made a circuit of the edifice. Censers poured forth their tribute of incense and the sonorous Litany of Saints was chanted. The circuit of the church completed, again the procession approached the altar and the service of mass began.

There was little decoration on the altar. Some bunches of American Beauties were all that were required for the altars are beautiful enough without exterior aid. ... The trained choir from St. Viateur's sang the mass. The choir consisted of two double quartets, one of young men



and one of boys, and their voices blended finely. ...

Father Cannon, before the ceremonies began, made some announcements. He said that he desired a good collection but did not want to clear the church debt at once for he feared that the bishop would send him away again. The response to the collection was most pleasing, over \$1500 being given. Following the mass, the ladies of the parish served dinner in the old temporary church structure, which was cleared of pews and here many ate dinner.

The sacred concert in the evening drew another large crowd, despite the threatening weather. The members of the Kankakee choir and others furnished the numbers for the concert. Bishop P. J. O'Reilly of Peoria gave the pontifical benediction. [The concert concluded with the singing of "Holy God We Praise Thy Name."]



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is May 11. May 2003

Memorial Day Mass

St. Patrick's will observe Memorial Day with Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery, weather permitting. (In case of rain, the Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's church.) Seating is limited, so you may want to bring a chair for your use.

With special concern for the men and women in our country's armed services, especially those now serving in Iraq, Fr. Remm has asked that parishioners submit the names of family members in the armed services so that they may be remembered in prayer by our faith community. Please give these names to Leslie Risatti, parish secretary (367-2665), who is compiling the list. What more fitting occasion than Memorial Day?

Immediately after Mass at the cemetery, all are invited to adjourn to the main hall of St. Patrick's parish center for breakfast. Please bring a breakfast item to share.

Church cornerstone to be opened May 24

On May 24, the centennial anniversary of the dedication of St. Patrick's church, the church cornerstone will be opened after the 8:00 a.m. Saturday Mass. Items from the cornerstone will be displayed at a reception following the rededication of the church on June 8.

The two-year celebration commemorating the first 100 years of St. Patrick's Parish will culminate in a Mass rededicating the church at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 8, Bishop Jenky presiding. Fr. Remm will concelebrate with the bishop, and several former pastors, assistant pastors, and deacons will assist. (So that the church can be prepared for



this special celebration, there will be no noon Mass on that day.)

Following the Mass and rededication, a reception will be held in the parish center. All parishioners are invited to join in the festivities marking this special occasion in the life and history of St. Patrick's Parish.

Urbana Free Library showcases St. Patrick's Centennial

The Urbana Free Library has made its lobby display case available to St. Patrick's Archive Committee for a display of items from St. Patrick's hundred-year history in celebration of the parish's centennial.

Parishioners are invited to view the display at the library during the month of May. The library is open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

During construction, parking is available across the street in the Lincoln Castle (formerly Jumer's) parking area at Lincoln Square—except for the noon hour.

Four parishioners elected to Parish Council

On Apr.5-6 members of St. Patrick's elected four parishioners to three-year terms of service on the Parish Council: Sam Reese, Tracey Johnson, Cheryl Mitchell, and Frances Drone-Silvers. They will be seated on the Council at the onset of New Business at the next meeting, May 15, at which officers will be elected for the coming year.

They will welcome hearing from you about your concerns or on issues under deliberation—but especially to know that they have your prayerful support for their ministry to the parish.



Frances Drone-Silvers



Tracey Johnson





Cheryl Mitchell

Sam Reese

Pray for vocations



Sunday, May 11, has been designated by Pope John Paul II the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As the Church reminds

us of the importance of vocations, we ought to keep in mind some basic facts:

We are fortunate to have dedicated priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters who work long hours for us with little worldly compensation.

The family and the parish are hugely important in encouraging and nurturing vocations. We must pray often for vocations to maintain a high level of vocations awareness.

We must support seminarians by prayer, personal encouragement, scholarships, and other forms of assistance.

Individuals who choose to devote all their energies to serving God and God's people are deserving of our support and prayer. Finally, we would do well to heed Pope John Paul II's exhortation: "My wish is that the annual celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations raise up in the hearts of the faithful a more intense prayer to obtain new vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and reawaken the responsibility of all, especially parents and those who educate in the faith, to promote vocations."

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those you have called to marriage and those you have chosen to live as single persons the special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in him, with him, and through him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Mary and Joseph serve as our best role models for parents. As we learn more about them, we can enrich and enhance our own roles as parents and family members. These books can help you learn more about the Holy Family.

The Mother of Jesus in the New Testament, by John McHugh (232.93 MCH). This book, notes the author, is an attempt to answer the fundamental question, "What does the New Testament teach about Mary, the mother of Jesus?" It explores in detail all the New Testament evidence concerning Mary, her life and her place in Christian thought.

Mary Today: The Challenging Woman, by M. Basil Pennington (232.93 PEN). Fr. Pennington explores scripture, Vatican II documents, and information from recent apparitions to help us see the place Mary holds in our lives today.

The Life of Saint Joseph, by Maria Cecilia Baij (921 JOS). Sr. Baij was an Italian Benedictine Abbess in the eighteenth century. Her account of Joseph's daily life gives us a closer look at this saint.

For the children, try these books, both at the call number 921 MAR in the Children's Library:

Mary, Mother of Jesus, by Mary Joslin and Alison Wisenfeld

The Life of Mary, by Louis M. Savary

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.

Holy Cross Newsline

Eighth-graders at Holy Cross School traveled to Washington, D.C., on Apr. 21 for a



week-long visit. On Apr. 23 sixthgraders went on a day-long trip to Mediaeval Times in Schaumburg.

The school will celebrate an allschool Mass on May 2, with a crowning of the statue of Mary.

Several second-graders who are parishioners of St. Patrick's will join their Holy Cross School classmates in receiving First Communion at Holy Cross on May 3, at 10 a.m.

The date for kindergarten enrollment at Holy Cross is May 6. Please call the office there (356-9521) for details.

The school's annual Art Fair will be held mid-May. For this event Ms. Cornyn displays artwork prepared during the year by all the children; people are welcome to come and view the children's art, posted throughout the school.

During Spring Break at Holy Cross School, Apr. 11-21, and throughout Lent the school children were able to participate in the Stations of the Cross with their Family Groups, small groups of students from different grades. Thirdthrough eighth-graders also had the opportunity for Reconciliation before Spring Break.

All are invited to join the interfaith CHURCH WALK sponsored by the Council of Congregations Sunday, June 22

2:00 p.m. St. Matthew Lutheran Church 2200 S. Philo Road, Urbana

and

3:15 p.m. First Baptist Church of Champaign at Savoy 1602 Prospect Avenue, Savoy

Parking for both churches is in the north lot.

May 2003

Liturgical ministers enjoy Morning of Renewal with Fr. Dennis Smolarski

On April 5 liturgical ministers of St. Patrick's gathered for a Morning of Renewal, which began with Mass and was followed by continental breakfast and a thought-provoking, inspiring presentation by Fr. Dennis Smolarski.

Fr. Smolarski, a Jesuit priest who has specialized in study of Liturgy, briefly traced the history of liturgical ministries as these developed over centuries and the special focus on them during and after the Second Vatican Council.

"We were reminded that we are all, first and foremost, members of the Church by baptism, and that it is our responsibility to build the Church community through use of our God-given talents—helping to deliver a good celebration fosters and nourishes our faith as a community," observed Suzanne D'Andria. "We [liturgical ministers] are not the center or focus of the celebration, God is, and our actions and service should enhance the celebration, not distract from our worship as a community."



Suzanne continued, "Father reminded us that the celebration of Mass is God's Word proclaimed—we all need to reflect God's Word in our actions and in the way we present ourselves. We have a great responsibility in being servants of God and our community at Mass, and a responsibility to carry out our faith and ministries in other aspects of our lives."

Over 10 parishioners participated in the Morning of Renewal. They represented the wide variety of parish liturgical ministries—cantors, choir members, eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, liturgical artists, sacristans, and prieststhat, properly carried out, make for a meaningful celebration. Fr. Smolarski pointed out that all ministries are needed to serve the community at worship. God's gifts to each of us are abundant; we need to appreciate that abundance and help to inspire others to share with our faith community the gifts that are given.

After the opening presentation, participants gathered in small groups to share thoughts on their liturgical ministries, their motivations, their experiences of Mass, and questions about liturgy, which were summed up for the entire group afterward by spokespersons from the groups. Fr. Smolarski responded to the questions by addressing the subjects they raised.

Ellen Amberg, chair of the Liturgy Committee, spoke for everyone present when she expressed appreciation for the liturgical life of St. Patrick's and gave special thanks to Father Remm for his enabling influence, making it a joy for ministers to serve our parish family at Mass.



From Megan Raab:

On the weekend of Feb. 22 I participated in the teen retreat called JAM, which stands for Jesus and Me. This was the first year it was ever held here at St. Patrick's. The retreat was attended by teens locally and throughout Central Illinois. This weekend was the highlight of my week.

The talks were super. It was neat to hear about how God affected the lives of so many different kinds of people. I enjoyed hearing how people allowed God to take over their problems and guide them through their life. Their stories gave me advice about how to turn to God when I need him the most.

I liked having group discussions and a few minutes of silence after each talk. This time really helped me reflect on what I had just heard and think about how it affected my life. It also gave me a chance to let some feelings loose and share things that I would normally never talk about. I think the group discussions really helped.

Saturday 1'ght, I had the pleasure of sleeping in the basement of the parish center. It n...' not have been real comfortable, but somehow I never seemed to notice. We were too busy sitting up talking and getting to know each other. But I do have to admit the only problem was waking up a little stiff Sunday morning!

I think some of the games we played are what did the trick for me. I had never been real confident talking in front of people. But this atmosphere was different. It seemed more light-hearted and open, which made it easier to say what was on my mind. In a way, the group games are what brought everyone closer to each other and God.

I am really glad that I went to JAM. It was definitely a more productive way to spend the weekend. It was uplifting to be around people who were enthusiastic and positive. There was never a dull moment, and the best part, I was joined closer to everyone around me and God. I can now look at people and see God in some shape or form.

CREW Auction a great success—thank you!

The CREW auction of services and talents on Mar. 9 drew a full house with enthusiastic bidders vying for the promised services of teens and their parents. The event garnered over \$4000, with mailed-in contributions bringing the total to more than \$6000 by the end of the month. All funds will be used to help defray expenses for this summer's CREW Mission Trip.

If you were there, you had a great time: Steve Beckett kept up a running encouragement to bidders, aided by John Gremer, as services, talents, and donated items (Betty Conerty's famous rolls and Shirley Splittstoesser's luscious lemon pies, for instance) came up for auction. Parents had to keep a close eye on their youngsters, who joined in the fun by raising their parents' bid cards-sometimes placing them in competition with themselves!

CREW teens are grateful. Thank you!



Steve Beckett's "I've got fifty, who'll give me sixty?" kept the bidding lively.



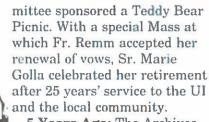
Chuck Shaw got his bid in, but would it be enough?

It happened here

20 Years Ago: Parishioner Dick Ahlstedt entered Holy Trinity Monastery in Maryland. At the Ice Cream Social parishioners celebrated the twentieth anniversary of Fr. Doug Hennessy's ordination.

15 Years Ago: Von and Kemphorn Sisombath, Laotian refugees sponsored by the parish, arrived with their children. Pastoral Associate Sr. Rosemarie Tomlianovich said goodbye to the parish.

10 Years Ago: The Social Com-



5 Years Ago: The Archives Committee began collecting family histories. (These were published in 2001 as part of the parish's centennial celebration). As always at this time of year, parishioners celebrated with great joy the new life in the Church, our Neophytes.

St. Bede, a light for the Dark Ages

By the second half of the seventh century Britain was Anglo-Saxon, no longer part of Rome. The Danish conquest had not yet taken place. Few people except monks could read and write. We would know little more about the events of those days were it not for the monk-priesthistorian known as Venerable Bede. He is now recognized as a saint and Doctor of the Church.

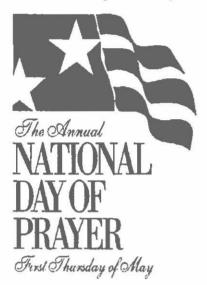
Bede was about 8 years old when relatives entrusted him to the monks of Sts. Peter and Paul Monastery in northeastern England. He spent his life there, a deacon at 19, a priest at 30. In the quiet of the large monastic library he studied Latin and Greek and began to set down commentaries on scripture, secular events, Latin prayers and poems, and his greatest work, the Ecclesiastical History of the English People.

From this history we learn almost everything known about St. Augustine's conversion of England, the coming of the Irish missionaries , and other events of early English history. He gave us secular history, too, remarking that too many men were entering monasteries and leaving too few to save England from possible invaders. He wrote about why the Red Sea is red and where rainbows come from. Music. arithmetic, medicine, science were all examined in his work. He educated over 600 other monks in these subjects.

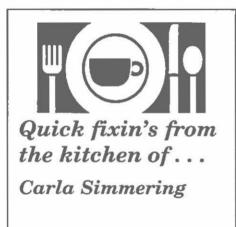
Bede wrote with precision and clarity, trying to make his Latin understood by monastic students with non-Latin backgrounds. More than 1200 years before the Second Vatican Council, he asserted that the use of English could improve the spiritual life of the laity.

Bede was said to be "a monk radiant with holy joy in teaching and learning." He died on Ascension Day in the year 735. At news of Bede's death, Boniface said that a "candle of the Church, lit by the Holy Spirit. is now extinguished." Today, nearly 13 centuries later, we still call Bede "venerable" and celebrate his life and gifts on May 25.

National Day of Prayer May 1



The first Continental Congress called for a national day of prayer in 1775, asking the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation. President Lincoln proclaimed a day of "fasting and prayer" in 1863. In



Breakfast Casserole

6 eggs, lightly beaten 1 ½ c shredded cheddar cheese 1 lb sausage, cooked and drained 1 t salt 2 c croutons 2 c milk

Mix all ingredients and pour into a greased 9 x 13-inch pan. Cover with foil and refrigerate overnight. Bake at 350 degrees 30-40 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. (Optional: May also add green peppers, onions, ham, or bacon.) 1952 Congress established a National Day of Prayer by a joint resolution, which was signed into law by President Truman. In 1988 the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, designating its observance on the first Thursday in May.

Each year the president signs a proclamation encouraging all Americans to pray on this day, observed this year on May 1.

With the National Day of Prayer we stand with the founding fathers of our nation to seek the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. We stand humbly before God, seeking guidance for our leaders and grace upon us as a people, especially during these difficult times. This is a day that transcends differences, bringing together in prayer people of all backgrounds from all parts of our country.

At St. Patrick's the day will be observed with Mass at 7:00 a.m. in the multipurpose room, praying for our nation, its leaders, and its people. Parishioners are also asked to join with others to "cover the day in prayer" by choosing a 15-minute period during the day to pray for our nation, at home or at work or wherever you are. Stop by the display at Coffee Shop on Sunday, Apr. 27, or the parish center lobby on Monday through Friday to select a time when you will pray for our country, uniting with others throughout our country in prayer for our nation, our state, our local community, and our

leaders.



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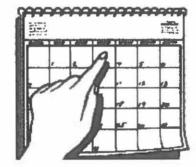
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Make a Date



May 4, 1 p.m.: A picnic on parish grounds for all who participate in St. Patrick's religious education program. At 6:30 p.m.: CREW's endof-year party.

May 13, noon: Catholic Daughters of America meet for Mass and May Crowning in the multipurpose room. A potluck lunch and meeting follows in the main hall.

May 18, 2:30 p.m.: Fan the Flames, a gathering of WATCH participants and others interested in renewing their faith.

May 26, 9:00 a.m.: Memorial Day Mass celebrated at Woodlawn Cemetery (at St. Patrick's church in case of rain), followed by potluck breakfast in the parish center's main hall.



May 2003 St. Patrick's Parish

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 May 11.				1 6:45am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Catholic Young Adults 7:00pm Building & Grounds Com	2 10:45am Mass- Champaign Cty NH	3 Annual Diocesan Appeal - Today & Sunday 10:00am First Communion at Holy Cross
4 1:00pm Religious Education Picnic 6:30pm CREW Party	5 7:00pm Education Com 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Pro- Life Com	6 7:00pm Financial Affairs Com 7:30pm Parish Council Exec Com	7 9:00am Moms Group 5:15pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Choir	8 6:45am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Catholic Young Adults 7:00pm Baptism Prep	9 10:30am Mass- Care Center 10:45am Mass- Champaign Cty NH	10
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