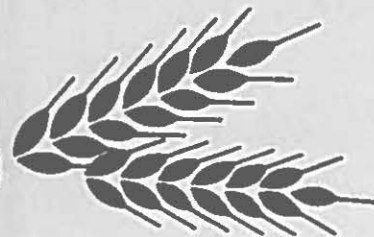


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



## STEWARDSHIP A GOOD FIT WITH NOVEMBER THEMES

**O**n the weekend of Nov. 15-16 parishioners will be asked to consider our stewardship of treasure, that is, our financial support of the parish and of other charitable endeavors. Talks about money and our use of it may seem out of place during Mass, but this topic really fits in well during November.

The month begins with the feast of All Saints and All Souls (Nov. 1 and 2), reminding us of the Communion of Saints and our place in it. Our faith is handed down to us by Christians of the past, by preachers and thinkers, parents and teachers, missionaries and martyrs. People of every walk of life have built up the Church we know today.

On Nov. 9 we celebrate the dedication of the basilica of St. John Lateran, the pope's cathedral in Rome. This feast gives us another way to think about our place in the

universal Church, far bigger than our local parish.

Scripture readings in November turn our thoughts to the end of time and to the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God. These are days of hope, leading us to remember that God is at work among us, bringing us to the tremendous goodness in store for each of us.

In the United States, November is also the time of Thanksgiving,

remembering rich harvests and the many blessings we enjoy, and returning thanks to God for them.

How will we respond to these themes, how will we take our place in the Church and hand on to the future what we have received? How can we work for the Kingdom of God, how will we give thanks to God for our life and all its blessings? Each of us probably does this in a number of ways—through prayer and worship, family and career, and the use of our time and talents. Stewardship of treasure must be another part of our response.

We are asked to consider giving 10 percent of our income as a response, half to our parish and half to other worthy recipients, in good times and in bad, trusting that God will care for our needs—for God's generosity is limitless.

Yes, November gives us much to think about!



## A Thanksgiving plea from SVDP

"People touching people" is the motto of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Sophia Zeigler, president of the local SVDP chapter, asks St. Patrick's parishioners once again to help them "touch" the lives of the less fortunate of our community by seeing to it that food will be on the tables of 225 families this Thanksgiving Day.

Donations of \$10 (or whatever an individual can afford) will help to cover the cost of the food the Society will put on a needy person's table for the holiday meal and more. "We select foods, canned and boxed, that will make up many meals and be easy to

prepare," says Sophia, "canned ham, sweet potatoes, vegetables, pumpkin pie, ..."

The list of recipients is compiled from names provided by the Mental Health Center, Family Services, Steer Place, Skelton Place, Lakeside Terrace, the North End, "and others we know who are elderly or are very needy," Sophia adds.

Donations, in an envelope clearly marked "Thanksgiving Dinners," may be put in the Sunday collection or taken to the parish office during the week. The cost of each food basket well

exceeds \$10, so many such donations are needed to make it possible to bring a holiday meal to 225 families this year.

Volunteers will be needed on Nov. 16 to sort out the foods on tables in the parish center so that Sunday evening religious education classes can fill the food baskets. And help again on Nov. 25 to add the refrigerated foods to the baskets before delivery.

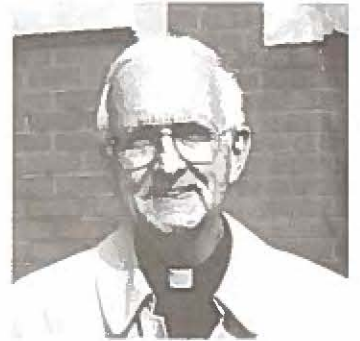
"We need your generous support for this annual project," Sophia says, "which we greatly appreciate."

Questions? Call Sophia during the day at the parish center (367-2665) or in the evening at home (328-2671).

# Happy feast day, everyone!

On Nov. 1 we celebrate All Saints Day, and on Nov. 2, All Souls Day, we pray in a special way for all the faithful who have died. And what about us, where are we in this picture? All of us, all of us, are members of the Communion of Saints: we who are living here and now in the workaday world, those who already rejoice in the presence of the Lord, and those who suffer the pains of separation from that holy company. We implore those Holy Ones to intercede for us living in today's world, and we pray for those who have gone before us in faith, placing their care in the hands of the Lord, who loves them more than we can know.

This Communion of Saints is very real; it is mutually life-giving and God-centered, and we are a part of it! So yes, happy feast day, everyone—be prepared to celebrate with all the saints on Nov. 1-2!





"What you should say," he [Bob Lax] said to me, "what you should say is that you want to be a saint."

A saint! The thought struck me as weird. I said, "How do you expect me to become a saint?"

"By wanting to," said Lax, simply.

"I can't be a saint," I said, "I can't be a saint." And my mind darkened with a confusion of realities and unrealities. "I am satisfied to save my soul, to keep out of mortal sin," which means "I do not want to give up my sins and my attachments."

But Lax said: "No. All that is necessary to be a saint is to want to be one. Don't you believe that God will make you what He created you to be if you will consent to let Him do it? All you have to do is desire it."

A long time ago, St. Thomas Aquinas had said the same thing—and it is something that is obvious to everybody who ever understood the Gospels. After Lax was gone, I thought about it and it became obvious to me.

The next day I told Mark Van Doren, "Lax is going around saying that all a man needs to be a saint is to want to be one."

"Of course," said Mark.

From *Seven Storey Mountain*, by Thomas Merton

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Can you identify the canonized saints among us? You will recognize St. Patrick, but can you find St. Therese, the "Little Flower," and St. Bernadette? Dorothy Day is here as well. They would probably be happy to find themselves among this "holy company," those living and dead, from St. Patrick's Parish!



## Comforting those who mourn

November, the month of All Souls, is traditionally a time to remember those who have gone before us in faith, especially our loved ones, whose loss we may still grieve. St. Patrick's offers, in several ways, comfort for those who mourn:

**A Ray of Hope: Facing the Holidays Following a Loss** is an opportunity to learn ways of coping with the added anxiety and stress the holidays can bring. As the holiday season approaches, one may not know how to observe traditionally festive celebrations and the details they present that can be painful reminders of the loss of a loved one rather than a celebration of joy remembered. At this time of vulnerability "A Ray of Hope" provides ideas and options to empower those who grieve and some practical suggestions to lean on. This program will be offered twice in the parish lounge: on Monday, Nov.

3, noon-1:30 p.m., and on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**A Luncheon for Widows** is intended to honor the widows of St. Patrick's Parish with a special luncheon of soup and salad. Knowing that the holidays can be a time during which a spouse is especially missed, Sr. Charlene wishes to gather this group of



women to provide the opportunity for them to reach out and offer hope to one another in order to remain connected with loved ones, to share friendship with their sisters in Christ. The luncheon will be held on Friday, Nov. 14, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Sr. Charlene's home.



## in our parish library

C & A Inspirations, the local Catholic book and gift store, will visit St. Patrick's parish center on Sunday, Nov. 23, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, bringing with them a variety of books on prayer, the Catholic faith, etc., and a wide selection of gifts for children and adults that includes tapes, CDs, puzzles, Advent wreaths, and daily devotionals. Plan your Advent and Christmas spiritual preparation here!

If you miss the sale or simply want to consider other options, the parish library will have a display of materials you can borrow for Advent. These include music tapes, prayer books, and family activity books that can help make your Advent a more prayerful and spirit-filled season. Just stop in the library during Advent to see what's available.

On the New Books Shelf (to the right as you enter the library) are several books on the future of the Catholic Church. These titles, re-

cently profiled in the *News-Gazette*, make for thoughtful reading as we prepare to begin a new Church year:

*Toward a New Catholic Church: The Promise of Reform*, by James Carroll

*The Courage to Be Catholic: Crisis, Reform, and the Future of the Church*, by George Weigel

*The Coming Catholic Church: How the Faithful Are Shaping a New American Catholicism*, by David Gibson

*A People Adrift: The Crisis of the Roman Catholic Church in America*, by Peter Steinfels

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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.

**A Memorial Prayer Service** to honor loved ones who passed away in the winter and spring of 2002-3 will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room. The family and friends of the deceased are invited to share this evening of prayer and remembering their loved ones. This prayer service is offered semiannually, in the fall and in late spring, for those who have lost someone in the course of that year.

**Care Notes**, brochures on topics dealing with grief and suffering, are available on the pamphlet rack in the parish center lobby. A series of booklets, the Special Care Series, is mailed to families who have experienced a loss; topics include "Establishing Significance," "Understanding Grief," "The Gift of Understanding," and "Reconstructing Our Lives."

For additional information and to R.S.V.P, please call Mary Long at the parish office (367-2665).

## Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, we beg you to revive in your Church that spirit you so abundantly bestowed on the apostles. Call many to the priesthood and religious life.

May zeal for your glory and our salvation inflame those you have chosen. May they be saints in your likeness. May your Spirit strengthen them.

O Jesus, give us priests and religious after your own heart!



## Re-Membering Church offers a way back

For many years St. Patrick's, through a program called Re-Membering Church, has ministered to Catholics who have not been active in practicing their faith, offering support and assistance to anyone interested in re-connecting with a Catholic community.

For some, the journey consists of a discovery and understanding of changes that have occurred during their long absence. For others, there is an acknowledgment of the longing and yearning to return to active participation after a time consumed by distraction or inertia. For still others, disassociation was the consequence of a marriage situation that remained unresolved or a hurt inflicted by a pastor or church member that was never reconciled.

People who have responded to the parish's invitation to consider again the Catholic Church and have made the decision to return are greeted by a team of parishioners who have committed themselves to facilitating this process. Mary Lou Menches, Leo Wood, Judy Conover, and Barbara Wysocki have worked dili-

gently to be attentive to each person looking for assistance. Sometimes sessions and strategies are tailored to particular needs or concerns, with discussion, readings, and personal sharing designed to address specific issues and problems.

This year the team is extending an invitation to active parishioners who would be willing to meet periodically with returning Catholics to talk about Catholic matters. Topics could include spirituality, sacraments, and social thought. Parishioners partnering with individuals desirous of re-connecting with a Catholic community can establish a personal link between the parish and those seeking to return. Many of us have been blessed with stories of faith that deserve to be shared, personal experiences from which we've learned lifelong lessons, or a desire to learn from others.

If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact Mary Lou Menches (344-1125), Barbara Wysocki (367-5014), or the parish office (367-2665).

On Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m.

the Re-Membering Church team of St. Patrick's will host an open meeting for Catholics interested in beginning anew in a Catholic community as well as for Catholics willing to share their faith with them. Come along if either description seems to fit; share this information with someone you know who might be interested in the "way back" this program facilitates.



## Mother Teresa, saint of the gutters

Mother Teresa, beatified on Oct. 19, began life as Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu in Skopje, Yugoslavia, on Aug. 27, 1910. She did not think of becoming a nun until she was 18, even though she was fascinated with stories of missionary life and service.

At 18, she chose to join the Loreto Sisters of Dublin, missionaries and educators founded in the seventeenth century to educate young girls. One year later Gonxha was sent to Darjeeling (India) to the novitiate of the Sisters of Loreto. In 1931 she made her first vows there, choosing the name Teresa in honor of both Teresa of Avila and Therese of Lisieux. She was sent to St. Mary's, a high school for girls in Calcutta.

Here she began a career teaching history and geography, which she reportedly did with dedication and



enjoyment for the next 15 years. Unwavering commitment and self-discipline, reinforced in her association with the Sisters of Loreto, was undoubtedly of enormous help to her when she received her "call within a call." On a train to Darjeeling, where she was going to attend a retreat, Sr. Teresa received an order from God to "give up all and follow Jesus to the slums." This she did, living the rest of her years in service

to the very poor and the dying on the streets of Calcutta.

Mother Teresa received many awards and was viewed by many as a living saint; on Oct. 19, she was beatified. The religious community she founded continues to serve the poorest of the poor, depending on God for all their needs. She wanted her sisters to be poor, to know poverty so that they could better serve the poor. Mother Teresa felt that all people are called to be saints. Like one of her role models, Therese of Lisieux, she believed that great things come from doing small things with great joy. She considered herself "God's pencil—a tiny bit of pencil with which he writes what he likes."

# Q&A

**Q:** What's the process for being named a saint by the Church?

**A:** The Spirit breathes how and where the Spirit wills, hence God alone, not the Church, makes saints. This said, the Church names saints through a process called canonization, the discernment that this or that person is among the elect, as one who has gone to heaven.

These persons, our fellow Christians, however flawed they may have been in heart and mind, are discerned to have given their all to God, to have practiced the virtues heroically, especially faith, hope, and charity, and thus they have emerged as individuals who can light the way ahead for us.

How does the process begin? The local bishop may initiate an investigation after the death of a person who has lived an exemplary Christian life, who has a reputation for holiness, or who has a publicly recognized reputation for martyrdom. If the individual is found to have been heroic in the practice of virtue or was a martyr, he or she is declared "venerable." When it has been established that the venerable one has worked an authentic miracle invoked in prayer, he or she will be declared "blessed" by the pope. When, after that declaration, a second miracle is attributed to the blessed one, canonization may take place, with the pope affirming that the blessed is indeed a saint, worthy of veneration, powerful in intercession, and a model of Christian virtue. Devotion to the newly declared saint can be extended to the entire Church, and the saint's name is included in the liturgical calendar of

the universal Church.

In contemporary times the various steps in this process are revealed in the cause of Bishop Fulton Sheen, recently put forward by Bishop Daniel Jenky of Peoria; Mother Teresa, declared blessed in October of this year; and Edith Stein, declared a martyr-saint a year or two ago.

Other faiths have their saintly figures, but only the Roman Catholic Church has a formal process for singling out those in whom the Christian and Catholic vision has found full growth.

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



*Monica Besra holds a portrait of Mother Teresa at her home in Dnogramma, India. Her recovery from stomach cancer, attributed to the intercession of Mother Teresa, was accepted by the Vatican as the miracle needed for Mother Teresa's beatification.*

## Days to remember

This year we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the dedication of St. Patrick's church—



postponed from May 24 to June 8 to accommodate Bishop Jenky, who wished to celebrate this special occasion with us. The centenary year was indeed a special occasion, but as a parish we celebrate the dedication of our church on May 24 every year. It is our parish's own feast day, and as we celebrate it we celebrate our love for our parish and our joy in being a part of it.

In every diocese the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral is also celebrated in a special way. May 15, the date St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria was dedicated, is our diocese's own feast day. As we celebrate it here at St. Patrick's, we remember our connection to other churches in our diocese under the leadership of our bishop.

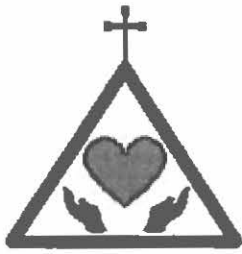
Next month there is yet another such anniversary. Throughout the world the anniversary of the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the Episcopal seat of the Pope in his role as Bishop of Rome, is celebrated on Nov. 9. It is the feast day of the Diocese of Rome, and by extension a feast day of the entire Church. On this day we join with the whole world to remember and to celebrate our membership in the worldwide Roman Catholic Church under the leadership of the Pope.

On all of these days the focus of our celebration is not so much on the church buildings in which we worship but on the Church itself, the "people of God." One of the scripture readings for Nov. 9 reminds us: "You are God's building ... the Spirit of God dwells in you." These celebrations are an opportunity for us now, today, to remember our calling, to be worthy temples of the Spirit dwelling in us, to be Church in and for a world that badly needs it.

*Let us be very sincere in our dealings with each other and have the courage to accept each other as we are. Do not be surprised or become preoccupied at each other's failures—rather, see and find in each other the good, for each one of us is created in the image of God.*

—Mother Teresa

## Parish Council News



At their October meeting Council members reviewed changes to the Council's Constitution

and By-laws proposed by the ad hoc committee charged with examining the documents for possible updating. In addition to a few minor changes suggested to both (e.g., adding "simple" to "majority" where appropriate for clarification), the ad hoc committee recommended moving from the election process for filling Council vacancies to selection of new members by casting lots at a prayer service for the parish. The rationale for this change was put in terms of encouraging parishioners to accept candidacy by eliminating the onus of "losing" in an election, removing popularity as a consideration, placing more emphasis on reliance on the Holy Spirit in the selection process (as in scripture's account of the apostles' selection of a successor to Judas), and simplifying the process by which new members fill vacancies on the Council. They cited Fr. Doug Hennessy's experience and satisfaction with this process, which has been in use for several years at St. Paul's in Danville. Members adopted these proposals unanimously and hope to put them to vote by parishioners early next year.

Dick and Pat Justice and Diane Ruedi will serve on the bishop's Campaign Cabinet for the diocesan Capital Drive. They will help with the bishop's approach to major donors. St. Patrick's is in Block 2 of the drive, March through June, and they hope for good participation.

Enrollment at The High School of St. Thomas More has reached 222, with 22 from St. Patrick's. The parish budget for tuition support for some of these students totals \$17,727. The Urbana Knights of Columbus are organizing fundraisers, the first of which is a spaghetti dinner on Nov. 8, to

augment St. Patrick's Tuition Endowment Fund for the high school. Meanwhile the Pastors Board and the Advisory Board are organizing a task force charged with planning how to make up for the \$250,000 in annual operating expenses no longer loaned by the diocese as well as how to reduce the principal on the loan that has accumulated over the last 4-5 years.

A souvenir booklet of the parish's centennial celebrations, culminating in the re-laying of the cornerstone—this time with a second time capsule—on Oct. 25, is being prepared by the Communications Committee. Fr. Remm hopes to give one to every family in the parish as a memento of this very special occasion in the life and history of St. Patrick's.

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The next Council meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 20 in the multipurpose room. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings. For those desiring more complete information about issues and concerns discussed, minutes of the previous Council meeting are posted in the church vestibule and on the bulletin board in the staff wing of the parish center.

## KCs offer spaghetti and much more

Plan to join the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, Nov. 8, for an evening of spaghetti, entertainment, and fellowship. The doors will open at 6:15 p.m., with dinner served at 7:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided The Girls Next Door, a vocal ensemble from the UI Women's Glee Club and by students from the High School of St. Thomas More, who will perform skits. You will have a great time!

The event is a KC fundraiser for St. Patrick's Education Foundation. Interest from the Foundation helps to pay for the parish's religious education program and provides tuition support for parishioners' children enrolled at Holy Cross School. The Knights hope to increase available funds to \$100,000 so that the parish can more easily provide tuition support for parishioners attending the High School of St. Thomas More.

The Knights plan to schedule a social event every couple of months, so watch the parish bulletin for announcements and mark your calendars to attend. Tickets for this event will be available at Coffee Shop on Sundays and at the parish office during the week.



### Fettuccine Alfredo with Smoked Sausage and Broccoli

- 1 box Tuna Helper Fettuccine Alfredo (without the tuna)
- 2 Boca vegetarian smoked sausages, microwaved and diced
- ½ bag fresh broccoli florets
- 2-¾c hot water
- 1c skim milk
- 1T margarine or butter

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

In a 10-inch skillet stir together the hot water, skim milk, margarine or butter, and contents of box: uncooked pasta and sauce mix. Heat to boiling, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat; add the diced sausages and fresh broccoli, cover, and simmer about 8 minutes, or until pasta is tender, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and uncover; sauce will thicken as it stands. (5 servings: approx. 350 calories, 8 g fat, 1100 mg sodium per serving)

## St. Patrick's parishioners reflect on being grateful

Several parishioners were invited to share with our readers what they are most thankful for. For what blessings and gifts are you most grateful to God?

### *Parish family*

"We are most grateful for a friend in Pennsylvania who encouraged us to pray the Rosary. Our prayers to be able to relocate in C-U were answered, and many more. Above all, though, we thank God for the gift to be able to pray and attend Mass with all our children."

~*The Roussos Family*

**If God dishes your rice in a basket, you should not wish to eat soup.**

~*African proverb*

### *Adult parishioners*

"I am very grateful for my mother. She is a wonderful inspiration and has been my guide and spiritual leader. She has been a true role model for me, and I am eternally grateful that she is MY mother!"

~*Mary Lee Brady*

"I am thankful for the privilege of becoming a member of St. Patrick's Church when I married James C. Conerty June 15, 1940. I'm also thankful for my lovely family of four healthy children: Connie, Tom, Beth, and Mike, and nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. I'm very thankful for Connie as a survivor of cancer."

~*Betty Conerty*

"I am so very thankful for the nurturing and loving care I have benefited from in my lifetime, lavished on me by my family and friends, and by the many at St. Patrick's who have helped me along and still patiently wait for me to learn and to grow. I am ever so grateful for the blessings retirement brings me every day, for the beauty of this world I now have time to appreciate, for the enrichment from books so long set aside for more leisurely pursuit. Thank you, God, for everyone; thank you, God, for everything!"

~*Mary Lou Menches*



"Gratitude" is from the same root word as "grace," which signifies the free and boundless mercy of God. "Thanksgiving" is from the same root word as "think," so that to think is to thank.

~*Willis P. King, Pulpit Preaching*

### *High school parishioners*

"I am really thankful for the opportunity our youth group gets, going on Mission trips and touching people's lives."

~*Katie Thompson*

"I am thankful for my parents, sports, Cubbies going to the playoffs for the National League pennant, friends, family."

~*J. C. Ducey*

"I am thankful for parents and animals, siblings, and earth."

~*Nicole Denhart*

**If you drink water from a well, think about who dug the well.**

~*Chinese proverb*

### *Kindergarten parishioners*

"I am thankful for my friends."

~*John D'Andria*

"I am thankful for my mom."

~*Cora McQueen*

"We are thankful for our brothers. I don't have a brother, but I have a sister. I am thankful for my sister."

~*Alec Menees*

**Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow, which may mean every day, or once in seven days at least.**

~*Edward Sandford Martin*



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of In Focus is November 9.



## Christmas Expo 2003: "Here comes Santa Claus..."



### *Welcome to new parishioners*

Karen and Shawn Allen, Amy Balija, Mike and Vickie Conlin, James and Mary Derenne, Alessandro Gardini, Angelita Hanson and Timothy Jiminez, Amy and Chad Hyman, Lisa Lavie, Lisa and Rob Menees, Gregory and Sarah Michna, Nicole Pioletti, John and Kristi Sanders, John and Phyllis Schlereth, Kathy Shepherd, Marlene VanMatre, Don and Jenny Willard.

### *Farewell to parishioners*

Steve and Susan Britsky, Chris Cherny and Gina Isabelli, James and Patty Crossetti, Scott Ford, Cheryl and Garry Pope, Kathleen and Todd Prine, Christa Rundle, Dolores Dee Pearson, Edward and Megan Sindelar, John Swaider, David and Meg Van Schoyck, Catherine Dye and Kyle Vasquez.

***Please welcome the following, recently baptized into our faith community:*** Jonathon Michael Palmisano, Jeffrey Kent Hooser, Matthew Richard D'Andria, Elizabeth Mary Asmussen, Emma Kathryn Graham, Anna Elizabeth Sanders, Jeffrey Lynn Eads.

### *Congratulations to these couples, married at St.*

***Patrick's:*** Jandee Reno and Lewis Bernell Taylor, Melissa Jean Howey and Thomas Lee Bryant, Nina Marie Meyer and Michael David Whitman, Jennifer Marie Weitekamp and Jeffrey Lynn Eads, Stacie Marie Spencer and Benjamin Ty Langendorf, Lacy Teresa Thull and Robert Edward Johnson.

***Please pray for deceased parishioner*** George A. Costello.

Here comes Santa Claus? Well, not quite yet, but here's the Guild announcing its 2003 Christmas Expo for Sunday, Nov. 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A little early for Santa Claus, but not too early for making your lists and checking them twice—and picking up a few special things!

As usual, the Expo will feature home-baked goodies (cookies, candies, breads, etc.) and a gift table loaded with everything from beautiful gift baskets to ornaments priced for children's budgets to selections for that special person on your Christmas list.

The main event will be a silent auction featuring lots of great Christmas gifts and other year-round items. Bidding will begin at 9:00 a.m. and close at 11:00 a.m. (Note that there will not be a live auction this year. Santa's elves are taking a little rest!)

To "wet your whistle" the Guild offers these teasers: a special pair of handmade Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls, a homemade gingerbread house (it's edible), and maybe even a bridal gown with train and matching headpiece with veil.

There will also be a raffle for a handmade wooden fire truck received from an anonymous donor. The truck will be displayed in the parish office and Coffee Shop well before the Expo weekend, with a chance to purchase raffle tickets in advance of the drawing.

If you'd like to donate sweets for the sweets table, please notify the parish office (367-2665) to facilitate planning.

Mark your calendars today to join the fun of trying to outbid your friends and neighbors for the gifts you "must" have! That's Sunday, Nov. 16, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



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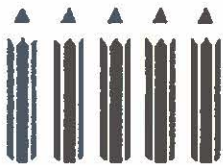
*Go!*



Many people work together to make each issue of *In Focus* available to parishioners. Can you see yourself in one of these roles, for which a special need exists?

**Picture Editor:** You would select appropriate illustrations from our resources to accompany articles for an issue in preparation. We have books of clip art and other illustrations from which to choose. You would receive the articles as they come in, so you'd have at least a couple of days to select illustrations for them—or you can wait until the Prose Editor has gathered them all into one file and printed it out so you can look for all in one sit-down session. You don't have to create illustrations (though we wouldn't stifle your gifts if you want to do

## Holy Cross Newsline



On Friday, Oct. 10, the annual PTC Hot Dog Day, families of students joined their

children on the Holy Cross School playground for hot dogs, chips, cookies, and soda.

Students participated in an all-school Rosary on Thursday, Oct. 16, in honor of Pope John Paul II's 25th anniversary as pope.

Annual Halloween parties this year were held on Oct. 25-26. Sixth-through eighth-graders met at Kaufmann Lake on Friday evening for a bonfire, a haunted hayrack ride, snacks, and a dance. On Saturday evening the younger boys and girls participated in a fall festival on school grounds, enjoying games and the Haunted Hallway.

that!), and you don't need a computer—but you do have to meet deadlines! (The person handling this aspect of the job now says she spends 2-3 hours at it altogether.)

**Prose, or Text, Editor:** We'd like to have two or three people taking turns editing the monthly issues of *In Focus*. (Just one person does this now.) You would collect the articles as they come in and type them into a standard format. For this you would need access to a computer, and e-mail would be handy too. You would create a file containing all the articles, edit them for grammar, consistency, style, and graciousness, and print out a draft for distribution to the parish staff. A day or two later you'd make any changes requested and deliver the final file, with illustrations selected by the Picture Editor, to one of the two parishioners who have volunteered to page the issue. (The current Text Editor says preparation of the file from scratch takes about 8 hours, depending on how well developed the articles are.)

Upcoming scheduled events include:

**Oct. 31:** Early dismissal at noon for a faculty in-service day, marking the end of the first quarter grading period.

**Nov. 1:** Confirmation at 3 p.m. for eighth-graders.

**Nov. 7:** All Saints Day celebration at morning Mass; report cards will be issued.

**Nov. 11:** Veterans Day (no classes)

**Nov. 12:** Information about the High School of St. Thomas More will be presented at 7 p.m. in the Holy Cross Parish Center.

**Nov. 13:** Early dismissal at noon for parent-teacher conferences, from mid-afternoon until early evening; After-Care available until 5:30 p.m.

**Nov. 14:** Parent-teacher conferences until noon.

**Deadlines:** The deadline for submission of articles and information for the Text Editor is usually the second Sunday of the month (although submissions tend to drift in on Tuesday and Wednesday, sometimes later); the draft is to be ready for staff review on the following Thursday; staff's comments are expected by Saturday noon; and delivery to the person paging the issue is expected on Sunday or Monday. So you'd have a busy week with a tight deadline when it's your turn to be Prose (Text) Editor, but you'll get all the parish news piping hot!

**Can you help?** If you can help to fill either of these needs, please call Cathy Salika (367-7861), chair of the Communications Committee, or Mary Lou Menches (344-1125), current Picture Editor and Prose Editor. We promise to give you lots of help to get you started, and backup if you need it!



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