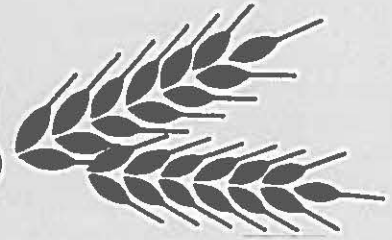


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



## SO MANY HANDS...

**O**ur parish annually calls out to its parishioners to serve St. Patrick's in the Time and Talent recruitment. Next weekend we will once again be asked to come forward to volunteer our time and talents.

Whether you serve on a committee that meets monthly or help with projects that spring up throughout the year, your service is greatly needed. Many hands keep the parish running smoothly, allowing us to keep giving to parishioners and to the community as well.

This giving may be through the blood drives, St. Vincent de Paul's soup kitchen for the Catholic Worker House, the Food Pantry, or the Thanksgiving dinners.

You can join the religious

education teachers that educate and inspire our youth and RCIA candidates, or the Building and Grounds members who help to maintain our facilities.

*So many hands...*

You can share the Word of God through participation in the evangelization ministry, base communities, Bible study groups, and WATCH.

You can sing in one of the choirs or play a musical instrument at Mass. The Liturgy Committee always welcomes new eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers, ushers, sacristan assistants.

*So many hands...*

The Parish Council holds an election annually in April for new members to serve on the Council for

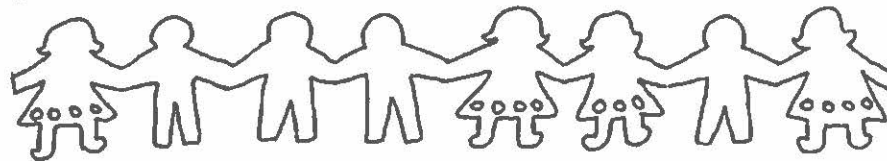
a three-year term. Too long, you think? Not at all! The time has gone by quickly for me, and I have made many new friends and have learned a great deal more about how our parish functions.

*So many hands...*

So I ask you not to wait to be asked, whether it is for the Parish Council or one of the other parish committees or groups. Take the time to read the booklet "Who and What Is St. Patrick's?" and then decide how you are going to give a little of yourself to your parish. We need your time and your talents. You will get so much back in return!

*So many hands...*

~Janice Parker  
Parish Council President



## Former parishioner ordained

Congratulations to Fr. Joseph Thien Sai Tran, a former member of St. Patrick's, who was ordained on June 7.

Fr. Joseph was born in Viet Nam in 1960, the fourth of eleven children. He began his seminary training in an underground seminary in his homeland. During this time he also taught math and physics at a middle school.

After a year in a resettlement camp in the Philippines, he arrived in the United States in 1992. He was a member of St. Patrick's from 1992 to 1994, when he began his studies

for the priesthood with the Society of the Divine Word.

Fr. Joseph was ordained at the Holy Spirit Chapel of the Society of the Divine Word in Techny (Ill.) by Bishop Raymond Kalisz, SVD. He will serve in the southern U.S. province of the Society.

Fr. Joseph still considers St. Patrick's his home parish. Until recently his parents, Kham Van Tran and Uy Thi Nguyen, and many other family members lived here, and his sister and her family are still with us.

Please keep Fr. Joseph in your

prayers as he begins his priestly ministry.



Fr. Joseph Thien Sai Tran, with Bishop Raymond Kalisz, SVD. Other photographs from his ordination are at <http://www.divineword.org/ordinations.asp>

## Labor Day not just a holiday'

*On this Labor Day weekend we gratefully acknowledge Fr. Remm's permission to reproduce the thoughts he shared with parishioners at the Labor Day Mass last year:*

For many people Labor Day is just a holiday, the last break of the summer, a transition point between summer vacation and the beginning of a new school year.

But we should not forget that our country has chosen to designate a day to honor the dignity of workers and to promote the rights of workers and the ideals of social justice in the workplace.

Whatever a person's evaluation of the current labor movement, we ought not to forget the struggles that workers endured to achieve the many benefits we now enjoy and take for granted: the 8-hour workday, worker's compensation, overtime pay, pensions, health and safety laws, Social Security, Medicare, vacation days, unemployment

compensation, family medical leave, a restriction on child labor, a minimum wage, and the right to organize for collective bargaining. These benefits helped to humanize the workplace and to provide a safety net for millions.

The religious community and the labor movement have common bonds: social justice, equality,



Direct the work  
of our hands,  
Lord,  
direct the work  
of our hands!



dignity and respect for all persons, economic justice, and fair treatment in the workplace.

The Church provides us with a Mass for the Blessing of Human Labor and a choice for special readings for this day. These readings help to formulate a Christian view of work in which (1) human beings labor under God to complete the creative process; (2) we find work with our hands to be pleasing to God and the community; and (3) we realize that we are not identical with our work, that worth is not measured by the work we do.

Achieving some balance in our relation to work may be a lifetime task. There is sometimes a fine line between sloth and excessive ambition. If we recognize that the work we do makes us partners with God, we can find a great deal of joy in even the most cumbersome tasks.

On this Labor Day, then, be grateful for the blessings of work and for laborers, and ask God to make us good stewards of his creation.

## Ellen Amberg succeeds Diane Musumeci as Parish Trustee

The accession of a new trustee this summer provides an occasion to highlight the role of this important but lesser-known parish office. Selected by the pastor for a three-year term, these men and women represent the larger interests of the parish and provide feedback to the pastor on impending and long-range decisions. While there are no specific qualifications for this position, Fr. Remm's practice has been to select individuals who have been members of the parish for some time, who have a consistent record of volunteering, and have demonstrated a commitment to the parish and to their Catholic faith.

Recently Fr. Remm chose Ellen Amberg to succeed Diane Musumeci as trustee. She will serve with Patrick Dill, who is now in his second year as parish trustee. Ellen and Diane bring similar family and parish experiences to this position.

Both have been active in the areas of Education and Liturgy (both have chaired the Liturgy Committee); each has children in their twenties who, when younger, were servers, choir members, or catechists in the parish's religious education program. Recently both served on the ad hoc Refurbishing Committee for the church.

Reflecting on her three years as trustee, Diane points to the Centennial celebration as the most rewarding experience of her term. She participated in all of the activities—the July Fourth parade, the dinners, the Latin Mass, the Parish Mission—and found them all very inspiring and joyous. She was



Ellen Amberg



Diane Musumeci

impressed with the energy and enthusiasm of the many people who worked behind the scenes to make all our celebratory moments meaningful.

Diane is also grateful for the people she came in most direct contact with during her term. She particularly cites her association with trustees Steve Beckett and Pat and Catholic traditions.

As Diane completes her term and Ellen begins hers, both intend to remain active in the life of St. Patrick's. Diane plans to continue to serve as a lector and eucharistic minister. She also plans to read the "Who and What Is St. Patrick's?" brochure more carefully this fall for

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## In Focus needs your Help!

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 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

**Parish Trustee from page 2:** new opportunities to serve. She and her husband, Antonino, however, will be on a university sabbatical next spring, which will take them to Sicily. Ellen, of course, will be at parish functions and activities as she seeks to meet parishioners and gets to understand St. Patrick's better.

We wish them both well in their new endeavors!



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of In Focus is September 14.

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.)

**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!

**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!

## The folks who bring you In Focus



*At least some of those folks are pictured here at the Communications Committee's annual cookout, which was held in July at the home of Mary Lee Brady. Many, of course, are not here, and some had left before the photo was taken, but those who made it are (from the left) David Grabow, Cathy Salika, Cole Grabow, Stan Yanchus (in the back), Betty Christian, Artha Chamberlain, Carole Rebeiz, Jim Urban, Jane Lawrence (in the back), Mary Lee Brady, Lucille Salika, and Mary Lou Menches. They are a good cross-section of the many parishioners whose time and talents are put to use in bringing you the parish newsletter every month: generating ideas, planning, writing, taking photographs, typing, editing, selecting illustrations, laying out the pages on computer, inserting the newsletter into the parish bulletin.*

*Committee members, who do the planning (not all of whom were caught by the photographer), are Mary Lee Brady, Mary Lou Menches, Cathy Salika (chair), Wendy Wagner (Council liaison), Peggy Whelan, and Stan Yanchus. They'd be really pleased to have you join them—meetings are reasonably brief, light-hearted, and purposeful. After all, where else do you get to make suggestions for others to pursue? They've just met to plan the October issue of In Focus but will meet again on Thursday, Sept. 25, to plan the November issue. See you there?*

## We are called to be stewards of creation

One of the seven social teachings of the Church is our daily responsibility to care for God's creation, to care for and protect the Earth. There are several ways we can fulfill this charge on a daily basis.

First, we can strive to be responsible consumers. We can buy products packaged and made from recycled materials. The higher the percent of post-consumer content the better in items like boxed cereal, checks, and clothing. We can avoid purchasing and using products harmful to the environment, e.g., products packaged in Styrofoam.

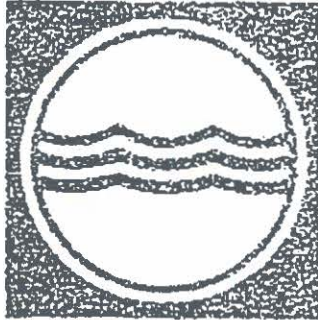
Second, we can recycle products such as newspaper and other paper products, batteries, oil, glass, metal,

and plastics. Recycling is encouraged by Urbana and Champaign, which provide weekly pickup of materials for recycling. In addition, Jerry's IGA on Philo Road and Wal-Mart are recycling drop-off sites. Batteries and motor oil can be

taken to Auto Zone, scrap metal to Twin City Recycling, furniture (in good repair) to Empty Tomb, Styrofoam "peanuts" to Packages to Go, clothing to Goodwill.

Third, we can reuse items like bottles and jars, grocery bags, and Baggies.

We are called to be good stewards, to care for and protect the Earth. Let's be creative in caring for God's creation, building into our daily lives these and other ways of conserving Earth's resources.



## in our parish library

St. Patrick's is preparing for transition as Fr. Remm prepares for retirement and the pending assignment of a new pastor. Many of us have questions, perhaps some concerns, about the changes ahead. Change is often scary, but it is inevitable. How can we prepare for and adjust to the coming changes? What is our role as parishioners in the future of St. Patrick's Parish?

The parish library has several books that address these concerns:

*The Parish as Covenant: A Call to Pastoral Partnership*, by Thomas Sweetser, S.J. (253 SWE), is about parish leadership. It suggests ways in which pastors, parish leaders, and parishioners can collaborate to ensure a successful transition when a new pastor is appointed.

*Successful Parishes: How They Meet the Challenge of Change*, by Thomas Sweetser, S.J. (254 SWE), portrays seven parishes and offers creative ideas for facing the changes of the present (and future).

*Transforming the Parish: Models for the Future*, by Thomas Sweetser, S.J., and Patricia M. Forster (250 FOR), offers examples of what parishes can be in the areas of liturgy, volunteers, small faith communities, and spirituality.

*The Hands-on Parish: Reflections and Suggestions for Fostering Community*, by William Bausch (250 BAU), covers the role of all Christians in bringing faith to one's work, suggests ideas that have been successful in other parishes, and shares thoughts on the parish of the future and how lay and ordained ministers may work together in creating it.

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.

## 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. Amen.



## St. Thomas More High is off and running

On Aug. 25 students of St. Thomas More High School headed back for another year of learning. Many firsts are taking place this year. The school's football team plays its first varsity home game Aug. 29 against Georgetown-Ridge Farm, when the recently installed lights and all-purpose concession stand will be put to good use. Principal Tom Millage, a member of St. Matthew's Parish, C., starts his first full year at STM with Fr. Joseph Dondanville (he reportedly wants to be called Father Joe), who is also new to the school.

The current count of incoming freshmen is at about 70, although that number will probably change before the first few months are over. Last year the students from St. Patrick's Parish numbered 5 freshmen, 4 sophomores, 5 juniors, and 5 seniors.



*From Arden Howey...*

The Evangelization Minute allows individuals to share their story of being in touch with God, and how that has affected or changed their lives, with other members of the parish. I want to share how the feeling of being chosen, feeling invited by God, has affected me.

One person in five suffers from clinical depression, has been treated for depression, or knows someone who suffers from depression. I am currently undergoing treatment for depression. Although there is now medical information that suggests there is a physical basis for depression, each and every one has felt depressed at some time.

A call or invitation from a friend can boost our spirits, rejuvenate our energies. For example, I hear Fr. Remm start his homily each Sunday with "My dear friends." Hearing this opening I become more attentive,

knowing I have been chosen as a friend. Energy grows in me as I listen to God's Word, and Sunday Mass rejuvenates me for the week.

On the other hand, this euphoria is short lived, and I soon hear a call to participate in church groups and activities. It is one of the many ways I am touched by God. I find it uplifting to be around people who are enthusiastic and positive. I enjoy talking with others and getting to know another person under informal conditions, listening to how God was allowed to take over a person's problems and guide that person through life.

I recently reread a year's worth of our parish newsletter, *In Focus*. I was looking for stories where God called others to participation. Here are a few excerpts I would like to share with you:

"All the work CREW did in Memphis will be remembered by Ms. Beringer, and we will remember what she taught us."

"Habitat for Humanity broke ground Apr. 27, 2002, for a new home for Dolly and Clay."

"52 young people celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation May 8, 2002."

"Deacon Cliff Maduzia was ordained May 18, 2002."

Each of these events involved parishioners who hold a shared

belief that it takes a coordinated effort of many people, giving of their time and talent, to accomplish a good task. These parishioners make deliberate decisions on a regular basis to contribute to the work of our local parish, as well as the broader Church around us. I hear God asking me to participate on an almost daily basis. God repeatedly has given me a gentle nudge to get going, and I have been renewed, changed, each and every time.

We have just concluded our Centennial celebration. Do you also feel a real sense that our mission has just begun, our mission to recognize and continue to foster awareness of God alive and at work in us at St. Patrick's? I recall Fr. Bob, during our Parish Mission, indicating that some of us are called as Ministers of Invitation. I feel called as one of those Ministers of Invitation to all of you. Please spend some of the slow and easy summer days to consider what you have to offer to our church community. Look at the groups and activities that St. Patrick's has to offer and become part of the "one bread, one body" that is Church.

In a nutshell, my being called or invited regularly by God to participate fully in Church has had as much therapeutic value as any medication I may ever need to deal with depression!

## **CBS takes up the Gospel of John: "Who do you say that I am?"**

A new semester of small-group Bible study begins the week of Sept. 14 with the Gospel of John. The year-long study runs for 10 weeks, ending before Thanksgiving, and resumes in early January for 11 weeks, ending before Easter. The study will focus on discovering who Jesus Christ is and how belief in Jesus leads to eternal life. Participants will also look at how these scripture verses apply to their own lives.

The Community Bible Study program uses a well-rounded approach that involves fellowship, prayer, and mission. About 700

people of different faith denominations in the C-U area are engaged in the same study as a part of Community Bible Study—a great example of unity in the Body of Christ!

All participants (and non-participants, for that matter) are invited to "An Overview of John," a lecture by Dr. Ken Cuffey of Urbana Theological Seminary (Christian Studies Center), who will introduce the background and theme of the Gospel of John on Saturday, Sept. 6. Come at 8:30 a.m. for coffee, donuts, and conversation, followed by the

overview at 9 a.m.

Whether new to Bible study or an old hand at it, you will enjoy the comfortable atmosphere and faith sharing of the small-group format. With so many small groups, you are bound to find one that meets on a day and time that meets your needs. If you'd like to get together with some friends to form a new group to study God's Word, leadership training will be provided.

Call Mary Long at the parish office (367-2665) if interested in finding a group, in forming a new group, or in finding out more about the program.



Q: What is a novena?

A: This question surprises me, mainly because novenas are so simple and so common. They are the daily or weekly offering of some prayer requesting a particular blessing. The word novena itself comes from a word that means "nine," hence the prayer is offered on nine consecutive days or weeks. The intention may be for health, relief from a specific illness, peace within a home, return of a loved one, a happy death. The form of the prayer varies greatly, depending upon the pray-er, the pray-er's intention, the saint, etc.

Some commonly prayed novenas are those to the Sacred Heart of

Jesus, to Mary the Mother of Jesus (the novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help was once prayed regularly in churches on Wednesday evenings), to the Holy Spirit, to the Blessed Sacrament. Others might be to saints the pray-er wishes to address directly for help, such as St. Jude, St. Anthony, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Therese, St. Benedict, St. Clare, or one's patron saint. The Church prays the "O Antiphons" as a kind of novena on the days immediately before Christmas. The devotion of the Nine First Fridays is another example.

Reproduced below are a couple of prayers that may be offered as novenas, one to St. Faustina, recently declared a saint, and another for the canonization of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.

~Fr. Gene Kane

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

## Sinai Temple needs childcare for High Holy Days

It has been a tradition for the congregation of Sinai Temple to do acts of kindness for Christians on Christian holidays. At Christmas and Easter, volunteers from the Temple help with food service at Provena Covenant Medical Center so that Christian aides can have those days off. They work in the office of a social service agency to enable children in foster care to have supervised visits with their families on Christmas, and they offer childcare for churches during holiday worship services.

To return this kindness, the Council of Congregations (of which St. Patrick's is a member) asks for volunteers to provide childcare at the Temple on two Jewish High Holy Days:

Rosh Hashana (Saturday, Sept. 27): first shift, 9:45 a.m. to noon; second shift, 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Yom Kippur (Monday, Oct. 6): first shift, 9:45 a.m. to noon; second shift, 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.; third shift, 3:45 to 6 p.m.

The children will be grouped by age: infants (to 2 years); young children (3-5 years); and school age (6-8 years). Snacks and activities will be provided.

Rosh Hashana is a joyful day, the beginning of the New Year in the Jewish calendar, but it is also a day when Jews spend time in profound reflection and prayer. It begins a period called the "Days of Awe," which end with Yom Kippur, the "Day of Atonement." During this time, Jews all over the world congregate in the synagogue. They examine their lives and the actions of the community; as a community, they confess their sins and ask for forgiveness. According to tradition, on Yom Kippur God's judgment will be sealed in the book of life for another year.

If you can help, please call Peggy Whelan (367-3668), St. Patrick's representative on the Council of Congregations. Any amount of time you can give will be greatly appreciated.



Prayer to Obtain Graces Through the Intercession of Saint Faustina

O Jesus, who filled Saint Faustina with profound veneration for Your boundless Mercy, deign, if it be Your holy will, to grant me, through her intercession, the grace for which I fervently pray...

My sins render me unworthy of Your Mercy, but be mindful of Saint Faustina's spirit of sacrifice and self-denial, and reward her virtue by granting the petition which, with childlike trust, I present to You through her intercession.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory...  
Saint Faustina, pray for us.



Prayer for the Canonization of the Servant of God ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

Heavenly Father, source of all holiness, You raise up within the Church in every age men and women who serve with heroic love and dedication. You have blessed Your Church through the life and ministry of Your faithful servant, Archbishop FULTON J. SHEEN. He has written and spoken well of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and was a true instrument of the Holy Spirit in touching the hearts of countless people.

If it be according to Your Will, for the honor and glory of the Most Holy Trinity and for the salvation of souls, we ask You to move the Church to proclaim him a saint. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

## Parish Council News



Council members traditionally enjoy a month off from meetings in July, but this year a special

meeting was called to give consideration to renovation of the parish center basement and acquisition of properties.

The parish center basement, vacated by the religious education coordinators, could now be reorganized to provide badly needed space for meetings, classrooms, and/or additional storage. Any work to be done would have to be concluded before classes begin Oct. 5. Renaissance Architects provided some schematic drawings that would create three reasonably sound-proofed rooms with movable walls that could be opened up to provide a meeting space larger than the multipurpose room. A rough estimate of \$80-95,000 was given by Barber & DeAtley, who did the work on refurbishing the church, but the walls would have to be made to order for the building and probably could not be installed until November.

In the end, after lengthy

consideration of such possibilities as adding an elevator, adding storage cabinets on all sides of the room, removing shower rooms, carpeting the basement, etc., together with recognition of the need for more detailed drawings, more definite cost figures for submission to the Diocese of Peoria, and time constraints, Council members recommended setting aside major renovation at this time but to divide the area into four rooms with folding walls for this academic year, the work possibly done by the Building and Grounds Committee. The committee will be consulted and their input given to Council members at their next meeting.

As for acquisition of properties, Fr. Remm pointed out the need to be alert to possibilities for future expansion of the church, for additional parking, and perhaps for a new rectory if his successor prefers to reside closer to the church. He added that Bishop Jenky has indicated approval in principle of property acquisition for land-locked parishes because of the potential need for expansion. After discussion, Council members voted unanimously their agreement that Father initiate negotiation with owners of nearby property as it

becomes available so that he can move quickly if necessary. Consideration of specific property acquisition would come before the Council if/when there is an opportunity to purchase.

Urbana's Planning Commission has reviewed St. Patrick's petition for a special-use permit for three years for the Yauk property (east side of Coler, adjacent to the alley). The Planning Commission's recommendation in favor of the proposal is now before the Urbana City Council for approval. Before the building can be used, some renovating must be undertaken; \$10,000 has been set aside for this purpose. Various uses of the building are under consideration, possibly for adult meeting space, an office, or distribution of food for the needy.

The Council's next regular meeting was held on Aug. 21; information about this meeting was not yet available at press time for this issue of *In Focus* and will be included in a later issue.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18. All parishioners are welcome at these open parish meetings. Minutes of the meetings are posted in the church vestibule and on the staff bulletin board for those who want a more complete record of Council concerns and discussions.



### Grilled Herbed Salmon

- ½ c butter (no substitutes)
- 2 T minced parsley
- 1½ t worcestershire sauce
- ½ t garlic powder
- 1/8 t pepper
- 1 salmon filet (2-3 lbs)
- 1/3 c lemon juice
- 1½ t soy sauce
- 1 t dried oregano
- ¼ t salt

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

*Suzanne D'Andria*

In a saucepan combine all ingredients except the salmon; stir over low heat until butter is melted, and set it aside. Coat grill rack or grill pan with nonstick cooking spray. Place salmon, skin side down, on grill. Cover and grill over medium-hot heat for 5 minutes. Baste with butter sauce. Grill 10-15 minutes longer, or until fish flakes easily, basting frequently.



Many thanks to all who helped with deliveries for Meals on Wheels in the heat of July: Connie Difanis, Bernadette and Paul Hughes, Richard Keane, Kay Schaller, Shirley and Walter Splittstoesser, Elizabeth and Emile Talbot, and Melissa Weese.

## EIF shines spotlight on Sophia Zeigler

The following appeared in the 2003 spring/summer issue of Eastern Illinois Foodbank's publication, "The EIF Teller." It is reproduced here with permission—and with pleasure.

At 83, Sophia Zeigler shows no sign of slowing down. And the hungry served by the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry in Urbana are grateful.

Sophia began helping the hungry in the early 1970s as a volunteer at St. Jude's Catholic Worker House making lunches for the homeless. At that time the church would have a few calls per week from those needing groceries. As the number of those calls began to rise, St. Patrick's Church developed a food pantry to feed the hungry in the community. Sophia volunteered to run the organization.

More than 20 years later, Sophia is still running the food pantry. She devotes hours each day striving to

feed as many of her hungry neighbors as she can. She does this by picking up food from the Foodbank and area businesses, and arranging emergency housing and transportation for those who need it.

On average, food from St. Patrick's Parish serves about 550 people per month. Sophia also distributes extra food supplies to the Catholic Worker House, Empty Tomb, and the TIMES Center. Sophia leads and aids another group of volunteers on Monday mornings, preparing and freezing soup for the Catholic Worker House.

Sophia serves as an inspiration to all of us at EIF. The community is fortunate to have her responding—so humbly—to the needs of the poor in our community.

Typically, Sophia asked that others be acknowledged who regularly pick up food for the needy: Chuck Matz, Steve Beckett, and Jim Ducey, from IGA; Joe Costa, from Panera Bread; Martin Zeigler, from



Sophia Zeigler (Photo courtesy of The News-Gazette)

Sweet Indulgence; and the "Monday morning kitchen ladies," from Town and Country Catering. Yes, this job is too big for one person to accomplish alone, and Sophia is the first to admit it. If you want to help, come by St. Patrick's parish center almost any morning and ask what you can do. She'll put you to work!

## Climb into your garret, delve into the depths of your cellar!

It's time once again to search for items you will donate to the Guild's annual Cellar-to-Garret Sale, this year to be held Sept. 18-20.

"There are plenty of opportunities for volunteers," according to Carla Simmering, co-chair with Alicia Millsap. "The more the merrier. Stay-at-home moms can bring their children, as long as they supervise them. We'd like all ages to get involved, whether for the pleasure of meeting other parishioners, for earning 'service hours,' or simply for helping St. Patrick's."

Preparation of the parish hall starts Sunday, Sept. 14, after the noon Mass. Volunteers are needed to set up the tables and to bring donated items from the garage to the parish hall that afternoon.

From Sept. 15-18 volunteers are needed to sort, organize, and price items for the sale. Work hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to accommodate volunteers' varied schedules.

The sale begins on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 5:30 to 9 p.m., with an admis-



sion fee of \$1 per person. Admission is free on Friday, Sept. 19 (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.), and on Saturday, Sept. 20 (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Saturday is the day of the famous "Bag Sale"—all you can stuff into a paper grocery bag for \$2. On that day the doors will not open before 9 a.m., and the sale ends promptly at 2 p.m. so that remaining items may be boxed up for donation to relief agencies and the hall restored to order for Coffee Shop on Sunday morning.

Cooks can help by contributing breakfast items, sandwich fixings, salads, and desserts to feed the hungry workers.

During the sale, volunteers will be needed as cashiers, to walk the floor, and to straighten up items on the tables. And of course, don't forget the cleanup to be done on Saturday afternoon after 2 p.m.!

We are asked not to bring large appliances, tires, or broken or soiled items. By law, mattresses cannot be accepted for resale.

Last year the Cellar-to-Garret Sale brought in nearly \$10,000. A large part of that sum was used to purchase new vestments for our priests and deacon in celebration of the parish centennial. Over the years St. Patrick's Guild has used proceeds from this sale and the Christmas auction to help finance the remodeling of the parish kitchen and bathrooms as well as the remodeling and redecoration of the parish lounge.

Mark your calendars to help anytime between Sept. 14 and 20. Look for future information in the parish bulletin, and tell your friends about the Sale. Get the word to college students that this is a great opportunity to pick up clothes, dishes, cookware, etc., "on the cheap."

Questions? Call co-chairs Carla Simmering (328-4841) or Alicia Millsap (356-3284). See you at the Sale!





### **Welcome to new parishioners**

Rafael Bonilla, Lily and Oscar Gonzalez, Darrel and Mildred Griffith, Miranda Heaton, Amy Jobin, Timothy Newman, Dhanya and Paul Punchapputhusseril, William VanCleave, Marian Wease, John Woythal, John Wyman.

### **Farewell to parishioners**

John Ahrens, Amy Baliya, Rosemary Charters, Marie Desmarteau, James E. Frelichowski, Brooke Hawkins, Zach and Tina Janssen, Anthony Manhart, Rebecca Mann, Kathryn Martensen, Leon Mayer, John Elizabeth Minda, Chi Hong Nguyen, James Porcello, Scott and Rebecca Robinson, Emily Serway.

**Welcome to the following, recently baptized into our faith community** Maria Elizabeth Sandwick, Delaney Grace Smith, Kevin P. Paul, Tanner Logan Johnston, Thomas James Jennings.

### **Congratulations to these couples, married at St. Patrick's**

Molly Ann Dickman and Ryan Clark McCarty, Mary Susan Atkinson Tierney and William Mark VanCleave, Ashley L. Bratten and Jousef I. Handal, Jennifer Jo Christenson and Robert Theodore Thomas, Sarah Kay Hill and Eric Richard Weber, Erin Devaney and Andrew Quarnstrom.

### **Please pray for deceased parishioners**

John Bernard Bowen, Charles Tylden Westcott, Michael Laverne Blair, Julia Frichtl.

## St. Peter Claver



Peter Claver, a young Jesuit native of Spain, left his homeland in 1610 to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. His destination was

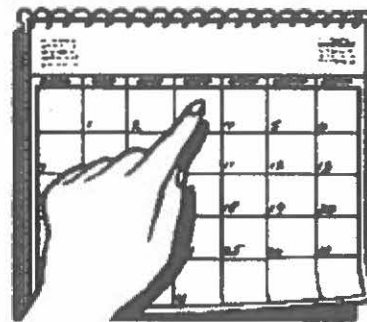
Cartagena (now in Colombia), which was a major port of entry for African slaves. Ten thousand were brought in every year to work in the fields and the mines. Conditions on the slave ships were intolerable, and many died at sea.

With the arrival of the ships, Peter Claver ministered to the dazed and half-dead Africans, treating their wounds and distributing food and drink. When those who survived the journey were herded off the ships like chained animals, shut up in the nearby yards to be gazed at by the crowds, he plunged in among them with medicines, food, bread, brandy, lemons, and tobacco. Although he found communication with them difficult, with the help of interpreters he taught them the principles of Christianity and instilled in them a sense of their human dignity.

He also preached in the city square and gave missions to sailors and traders. He went inland to the coffee and cotton plantations and to the mines where the Africans slaved. There, while they toiled, he witnessed marriages, baptized infants, and heard confessions.

Peter Claver was a simple, quiet person but one of bold action. He often said, "We must speak with our hands before we try to speak with our lips." At the age of 70 he caught the plague and died. He was canonized in 1888, and Pope Leo XIII declared him the worldwide patron of missionary work among black slaves. He is remembered on Sept. 9 by the Church he served so selflessly.

## Make a Date



**Sept. 7:** Parish nurses offer free blood pressure readings on Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to noon.

**Sept. 26-28:** The WATCH retreat provides an opportunity for you to experience in a special way God's love for you in a setting of prayer, talks, meditation, and camaraderie.



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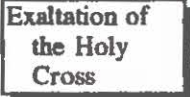



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>  Labor Day 9:00am Mass & Breakfast 7:00pm Centering Prayer	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30am Moms Group 5:15pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Choir	<b>4</b> 6:45am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Choir	<b>5</b> 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	<b>6</b>  8:30-11:00am Bible Study Overview
<b>7</b>  8:30am-12:00pm Blood Pressure Screening 7:00pm Website Com	<b>8</b> 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Pro-Life Com 7:00pm Education Com	<b>9</b> 9:30am Mass-Centerbury Ridge 7:30pm Parish Council Exec Com	<b>10</b> 9:30am Moms Group 9:30am Schola 5:15pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Choir 7:30pm Personnel Com	<b>11</b> 6:45am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Choir	<b>12</b> 10:30am Mass-Care Center 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> 7:00pm Centering Prayer	<b>16</b> 6:30pm Liturgy Com	<b>17</b> 9:30am Moms Group 5:15pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Choir	<b>18</b> 6:45am Men's Bible Study 5:30-9:00pm Sale 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Parish Council	<b>19</b> 9:00am-7:00pm Sale 10:30am Mass-Clark-Lindsey 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	<b>20</b> 9:00am-3:00pm Sale
Cellar-to-Garret Set Up				Cellar-to-Garret Sale		
<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b> 9:30am Archives Com 7:00pm Centering Prayer	<b>23</b> 7:00pm Homily Prep	<b>24</b> 9:30am Moms Group 9:30am Schola 5:15pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Choir	<b>25</b> 6:45am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Communications Com	<b>26</b> 10:30am Mass-Manor Care 10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	<b>27</b> 
<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b> 7:00pm Centering Prayer	<b>30</b>	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 September 14.			

SVDP=St Vincent de Paul NH=Nursing Home