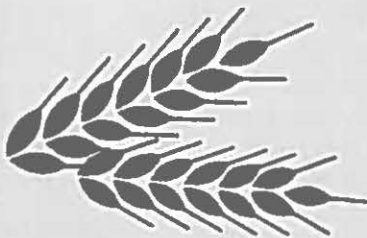


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus


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## St. Patrick's Welcomes New Pastor

Fr. Joseph T. Hogan, succeeding Fr. Remm as pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, will meet a warm welcome from parishioners on June 12-13, when he expects to be present for all weekend Masses. St. Patrick's Guild will host a reception on the parish lawn (weather permitting) on Sunday morning, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., giving all an opportunity to greet him



after each of the Masses.

Many here will remember Fr. Hogan from earlier years when he was at nearby St. John's on campus and responded to calls for celebrating Mass at St. Patrick's, both in the church and for Children's Liturgy. Ordained in 1988, Fr. Hogan's first assignment

was to assist at St. John's Chapel. He later assisted at St. Thomas in Peoria

Heights and served as pastor of St. Edward in Chillicothe, St. Michael in Bement, and St. Philomena in Monticello.

Fr. Hogan is making his farewells to his parishioners at St. Anthony in Spring Valley, just as Fr. Remm is trying to do here. It can't be easy for them—or for their parishioners, as we know only too well; welcoming and letting go are two ways we can help them as well as ourselves.

## An interview with Fr. George Remm

Fr. Remm generously gave time from his remaining days as pastor of St. Patrick's to two interviewers for *In Focus*. What follows represents the essence of his responses to the questions put to him.

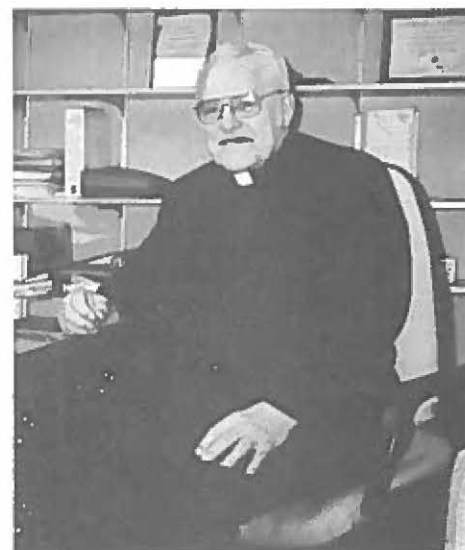
**What were your initial impressions of St. Patrick's compared to those of a year or two later?**

Before he came to St. Patrick's, Fr. Remm knew Fr. Doug Hennessy and therefore expected the parish to reflect Fr. Hennessy's view of Church. He saw evidence of strong leadership of the people during a visit to the Parish Council. He knew there was a lot of lay participation here, and the parish lived up to that initial impression. This became even more evident in subsequent years, and he tried to develop it further. Working with the concepts of development and stewardship, he initiated five-year goal-setting with annual objectives, which put the parish in the mode of planning for the future rather than

living from crisis to crisis. The people seem to have adopted both concepts and responded generously each year; as a result, collections have kept pace with inflation, and the two Catholic education funds—one to help parishioners with tuition payments to Holy Cross School and to further our religious education programs, and the other to help with tuition payments for parishioners attending the High School of St. Thomas More—that were established during his tenure here have substantial balances today.

**What about the future? Are there unfinished tasks facing the next pastor?**

"Oh, yes. There is a lot of work still to be done." Father emphasized that it is important to take a long-range look at the ability of the present church building to meet the needs of a growing population. The parish of 45-50 families when the church was built in 1903 has grown to a parish of 1125-1150 families today. The in-



crease in the number of parishioners has been handled by increasing the number of Masses, now five every weekend and a sixth, the Children's Liturgy, added during the school year. In recent years, with the decline in the number of priests, the parish has had to rely on only one priest with

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## Parish Council news

Throughout the May Council meeting ran the thread of transition, setting tentative dates and making tentative plans for future parish events, all to be reviewed with Fr. Hogan on his arrival. The Time and Talent weekend will be Aug. 28-29; Don Keefer will help to familiarize Fr. Hogan with committees' functions and activities and agreed to work on preparations for the weekend. The Five-Year Goal-Setting Workshop was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Don will clear this date with Fr. Hogan. The year-end financial report for the diocese, covering the fiscal year ending June 30, will be jointly prepared and signed by both Fr. Remm and Fr. Hogan.

Year-to-date income is approximately \$55,000 over projected in-



come, and total expenses are lower than projected. Discussion of tentative allocation of end-of-year funds included 10 percent (about \$5500) to Dr. Susan Nagele's mission, 10 percent (about \$5500) to our Sister Church in Beit-Jala, approximately \$15,500 to the development funds, and the remainder to property acquisition. A proposal will be finalized by the Council's executive committee for presenta-

tion to members at the June meeting.

All parishes in the vicariate will be helping to make up next year's operating deficit for The High School of St. Thomas More. St. Patrick's share is \$33,091, an amount that does not include the parish's tuition assistance to families with children enrolled at the school, but it appears that the \$50,000 in our operating budget for the next fiscal year should be adequate to cover both.

St. Patrick's response to the diocesan Capital Campaign, after two of the four scheduled receptions, stands at \$125,000 pledged by 16 or 17 parishioners. Our goal is \$617,774 for the four-year period of the Campaign, with 20 percent of that amount to be returned to the parish.

Fr. Remm summarized for members the status of discussions with owners of properties adjacent to St. Patrick's, for follow-up by Fr. Hogan. Work continues on the Yauk property (on the east side of Coler, just south of the alley), which may be used for the Archives Committee, the parish archives, the Parish Nurses program, and meeting space for other groups as needed.

Fr. Hogan is expected to arrive at St. Patrick's at noon on Wednesday, June 9; his first parish meeting will be with the Council's executive committee on June 10.

The Council welcomed new members Tara Beckett (who will complete

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## New Council for 2004-05

Parishioners elected Jerry Pijanowski, Randy Pankau, and Joseph Youakim to serve three-year terms on the Parish Council. Runner-up Tara Beckett will complete the term of Wendy Wagner, who has moved from the area with her family.

At their May meeting, after seating new members the Council elected the following to office for the coming year: Don Keefer, president; Tracey Johnson, vice-president; and Jerry Pijanowski, secretary. The Council will experience still another change

to its makeup in June, as Fr. Hogan succeeds Fr. Remm as pastor.

The Parish Council meets on the third Thursday of every month except July. These meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are open to parishioners interested in the concerns and issues discussed there. In the last few years some of these concerns have included reallocation of space for meetings, offices, and storage; celebration of the parish's centennial; property acquisition; possible expansion of the church, and its subsequent refurbish-

ment; development of guidelines for parish committees; and the method of selecting new members for the Council.

The Council members value input from parishioners, in writing or in person, on issues under discussion, and publish their agenda and minutes of the preceding meeting to keep parishioners informed on their deliberations and the decisions made. They are very grateful for your prayerful support!



Don Keefer, President



Tracey Johnson, Vice-president



Jerry Pijanowski, Secretary



## St. Patrick's graduates prepare for the future

The following young men and women from St. Patrick's are graduating from high school, headed for colleges and careers. We send them forth with hope that they will continue to express their faith in daily deeds of love and service, that they will continue to grow in knowledge, wisdom, and understanding, and that they will contribute to the betterment of our nation and our world.

### *From Champaign Central High School:*

**Jessica Andrejasich** will attend the University of Illinois in Architecture.

**Gregory Durant** will attend the University of Illinois in Letters and Science.

**Tu Nguyen** will enlist in the Marines.

**Ross Vimr** will attend Washington University in St. Louis, where he will study Biochemistry and Bioengineering.

### *From St. Joseph-Ogden High School:*

**Randi Brown** will attend Eastern Illinois University in Sociology and Music.

**Brittany Collenberger** will attend Parkland College and major in Elementary Education.

**Carrie Conner** will attend the University of Illinois in Architecture.

**Ashley Graham** will attend the University of Illinois in Sociology and Mass Communications.

**Jackie Johnston** will attend Parkland College; she is interested in nursing.

### *From The High School of St. Thomas More:*

**Christian Bunyan** will attend Southern Illinois University in Engineering.

**Joseph Maduzia** will attend Eastern Illinois University in Pre-Engineering.

**Chris Ruedi** will attend the University of Illinois, where he will major in Finance.

**Nicholas Timpone** will attend the University of Wisconsin at Madison in Business.

### *From Urbana High School:*

**Ryan Cantrell** will attend the University of Illinois in the College of Business.

**Marco Carter** will attend Parkland College, majoring in Special Education.

**Haley Eifert** will attend Illinois State University in Nursing.

**Jad Handal** will attend Parkland College in Engineering.

**Steve Kimball** will attend the University of Illinois in Business.

**Bridget Kimmey** will attend Parkland College, studying Pediatric Physical Therapy.

**Alex Long** will attend Eastern Illinois University in Engineering.

**Darrin McCartney** will attend Parkland College in Criminal Justice.

**Ryan McCusker** will attend the University of Illinois in Engineering.

**Todd McTaggart** will attend Eastern Illinois University.

**Luiz Mendes** will attend the University of Illinois in Engineering.

**Regena Pauketat** will attend the University of Illinois in English and Communications.

**Aidan Tierney** will attend Parkland College in Electrical Engineering.

**Katie Thompson** will attend St. Mary's College, Notre Dame; she is interested in Political Science and Business.

**Caitlin Vitosky** will attend the University of Illinois, majoring in English and Business.

**Jon Paul Youakim** will attend the University of Minnesota as a pre-med student.

### *From University High School:*

**Greg Colombo** will attend the University of Illinois in Computer Engineering.

**Patricia Mathy** will attend the University of Illinois in International Relations.

**Teresa Sonka** will attend the University of Illinois in Mathematics.

### *From Judah Christian High School:*

**David Mendoza** will attend Parkland College in Journalism.

*Lord, let your blessing come upon these young people to give them new life and strength of spirit so that the power of your love will enable them to accomplish what is right and good.*



*Over thirty high-school graduates were recognized at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on May 16. Many achieved honors and received scholarships to help offset the expenses of their first year of higher education. Congratulations, grads!*

Fr. Remm  
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help from retired priests to maintain this number of Masses.

An option, then, might be to expand the church building to accommodate more parishioners at a time, making it possible to reduce the number of Masses. A tentative plan presented last year would have increased the size of the current building by reorienting it to the east on existing property, with acquisition of adjacent property to the north (and perhaps to the west, across Busey) to accommodate parking needs. Talks have been initiated with property owners in the hope that the parish might eventually own the entire block. The Thomas Moran estate of \$400,000 recently given to St. Patrick's for maintenance of the parish could be used for a down payment on such acquisitions.

Church expansion would allow for a decrease in the number of Masses celebrated each weekend, and ease our reliance on the availability of retired priests. The reroofing of the church building, thought to be safely deferred for five years, poses a major expense that in practical terms ought not to be undertaken before a decision has been made about the possible expansion of the church.

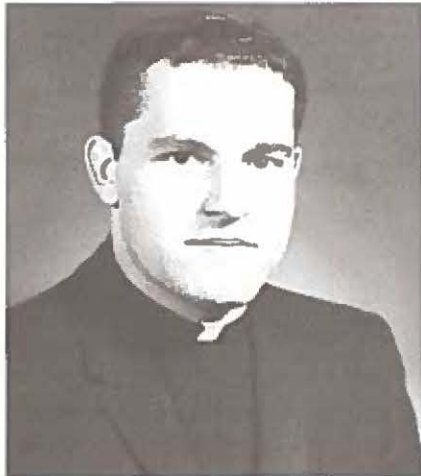
Another option might be to purchase open land to the east and build a new, larger church—but that might result in a drop-off in parishioners now coming from Champaign and from campus. Another consideration for the new pastor, and for the diocese as a whole, is that many large churches in rural areas are practically empty, with 50-200 families served; some of these may well be closed. How might this affect St.

Patrick's? One scenario might be to combine St. Mary's and St. Patrick's to form a single parish with two churches and two priests, with Mass celebrated in both churches, thereby precluding the need to expand St. Patrick's church.

**What stands out for you as highlights of your time at St. Patrick's? Anything particularly humorous, inspiring, sad?**

Fr. Remm said musingly that perhaps his imitation of Mr. Rogers, of "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" fame, at a parish event took people by surprise. [Many will remember Father's singing that famous theme song while donning a sweater and tennis shoes!] But what really stands out for him, he said, are "the many, many people who have helped me here, people I could rely on on a day-by-day basis." He

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expressed his gratitude for the many who have served as trustees, on the Parish Council, on committees, people who helped his mother while she lived at Champaign County Nursing Home. He couldn't begin to say how very helpful they were, how much time they gave—as sacristan, in serving the poor, all the staff, the Building and Grounds workers, and so many others. He also mentioned that celebrating weekday Mass with parishioners in the intimacy of the multipurpose room has been a great benefit to him personally, enhancing his own prayer life.

**What can you share with us about your plans for retirement? Are you planning knee surgery, for instance?**

For now, Fr. Remm hopes his current regimen of injections will help him stave off surgery for a while. He will be living in Champaign, with a post office box address, and hopes to limit access by parishioners out of respect for Fr. Hogan. He expressed his reluctance to get in the way of the new pastor but also his real need to “let go”—to let go of people as they must let go of him. Eventually, he said, he expects to respond to calls from pastors for help with their Mass schedules or with sacramental needs,

but probably not at St. Patrick's for at least a while. He is grateful to Fr. Mullen and other priests, starting with Msgr. Kinder, who have set him a good example for retirement.

“I have enjoyed the people of every parish I've been, and this is especially true of St. Patrick's. Otherwise I wouldn't have stayed as long as I have—though I stayed longer than I might have because of caring for my mother here. But there comes a time when it's helpful and even necessary for a parish to make a new beginning with a new pastor.” For us, for him, this time has come.





## On being a father

By Frank C. Modica

I know when I became a father. On June 6, 1979, I witnessed the birth of my first son, Matt. Over the next seven years I participated in the



births of my other three children, Nathan, Gina, and Alisa.

During the course of these 25 years, I have experienced fatherhood as a blessing, a heartbreak, a joy, and a journey. I have been on this journey ever since Matt was born, and I firmly believe that this journey never really ends.

I am no longer a husband, following my divorce ten years ago, but I'm still a dad. I have been a father with children in my house, and I'm still a father wherever the "kids" hang their hats.

I looked up a definition of fatherhood on the Internet and got almost 72,000 hits. The HyperDictionary defines fatherhood as "the kinship relation between an offspring and the father."

Aspects of that "kinship relationship" change and evolve in every family. Children go away to school, start jobs, get married. Kids go to church, fall away, and perhaps come

back again. In my own family, Matt moved to Chicago four years ago. Nathan attended college in New York State and hopes to go to grad school in Florida this fall. Alisa will go to Japan for eleven months this fall, and who knows where Gina will settle down.

When Matt turns 25 this June, I will drop him from my car insurance. The last vestige of financial responsibility will be severed, but I am still his dad. He might not need me now, but I am still here to lend him a hand if he ever needs assistance.

During my recent illness this winter, which required hospitalizations in Chicago, I experienced that perpetual aspect of fatherhood from the flip side: I again became the child, temporarily, to my mother and father. Though I have been an adult for over thirty years, I saw how much my pain grieved my father. For him, I have never stopped being his child.

In the Book of Ecclesiastes, the writer states, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." For my children, the season will never end. I will always be dad to Matt, Nathan, Gina, and Alisa.

Fatherhood is forever.

### A Father's Prayer

Lord, I need your special care. Like your earthly father, Joseph, I want to do God's will, even if I may not always understand.

Make me gentle and selfless in the care of my family and children; help me guide them in the toils and troubles, the happinesses and wonders of this life.

Like my Father in heaven, make me strong in love and forgiveness for those you entrust to my care.

No one can do all this rightly, Lord, without your constant help and boundless mercy. Be with me always, and may I come to you in heaven, and all my family with me. Amen.



**Q:** Why did we change from saying "Holy Ghost" to "Holy Spirit"?

**A:** Language is in continual flux. If you doubt this fact, check a few familiar words in your dictionary to see how their meanings have evolved over time. The same can be said of language used in scripture and our liturgies.

The New Testament, which was written in Greek, uses the word "pneuma" when speaking of the Holy Spirit. When the Bible was translated into Latin, "pneuma" became "spiritus" ("spirit"), but when the Bible was translated into German, the word Geist ("ghost") was used.

Originally the words "ghost" and "spirit" had the same meaning in English, but over time "ghost" came to be used primarily for the spirit of a deceased person, whereas "spirit" kept broader connotations, such as breath, impetus, and persons.

Toward the end of the nineteenth century new biblical translations began referring to the Third Person of the Trinity as the "Holy Spirit" instead of "Holy Ghost." But the change to the language we use at worship came about later, largely as a result of Vatican II. Before the Second Vatican Council both "Holy Ghost" and "Holy Spirit" were used in books of private prayers. After the Council, when the prayers used in the liturgy were translated from Latin into English, "Holy Spirit" was used consistently, and this change has found its way into many private prayers as well.

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



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



## Red was the color of the day!

In a splendid celebration on the afternoon of May 8, 53 high school and 3 adult candidates were anointed and sealed with the Holy Spirit, culminating weeks of preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. Msgr. Albert Hallin presided at the Mass and its ceremony, assisted by Fr. George Remm, Fr. Gene Kane, and Deacon Cliff Maduzia.

Preceding the event, the staff enjoyed dinner with the priests and other guests, while the *confirmandi* assembled, garbed in red, for group and individual photos. Then they were closeted for some time with Msgr. Hallin. (In former times, youngsters entered their session with the bishop in anticipation of being grilled on the basics of their sacramental preparation, and teachers prayed they'd not be found wanting!)

In a colorful procession led by the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Hallin with priests, deacon, and confirmation candidates entered the church, where sponsors, family, and friends awaited their arrival and sang "Send Down the Fire."

Pray for those newly confirmed, both teens and adults, that the Spirit may imbue them with gifts aplenty to stand them in good stead during the years to come:

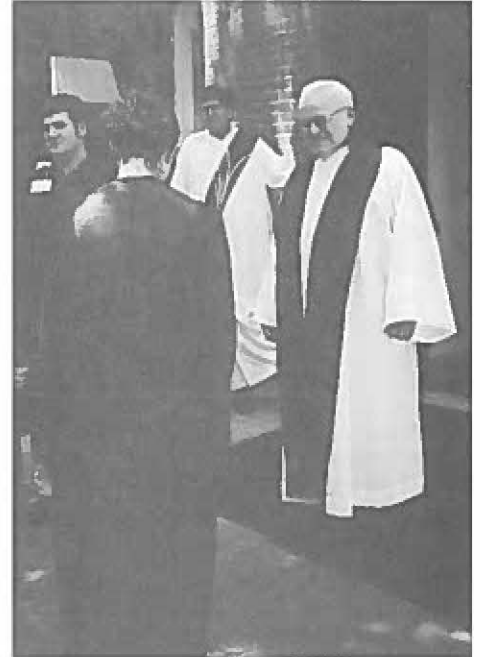
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Haley Catherine Eifert, Ashley Gentner, Ashley Nicole Graham, Jad Anthony Handal, Andrew M. Helregel, Morgan Reed Holbrook, Merla Johanna Hubler, Allison Marie Jarrett, Jackie Elise Johnston, Julia Margarita Kammel, Steven Kimball, Bridget Ann Kimmey, Ryan Martin Kirby, Sean Joseph Landsman, Alexander Yemma Long;

Joseph W. Maduzia, Patricia Mathy, Darrin McCartney, James Scott McCartney, Ryan McCusker, Charles Collin McTaggart, Todd McTaggart, Fernanda C. Mendes, Luiz Felipe Caetano Mendes, Iain Millsap, Nick Navarre, Jonathan O. Nelson, Melanie Nhu-Quynh Nguyen, Tu Huy Nguyen;

Patrick Patterson, Regena Nichole Pauketat, Lisa Portis, Sean Joseph Price, Megan Elizabeth Raab, Maciej Swiech, Caitlin Lee Ann Vitosky, Jon Paul Youakim, Pascal Youakim;

Julie Ann Bauer, Tracy Ann Frizzell, and Judith Lynn Huelsbusch.





## Holy Cross Happenings



### Teacher Appreciation

**Week:** The teachers at Holy Cross School were appreciated in numerous ways during the week of Apr. 26, including a special luncheon, notes, cards, gifts, covered "duty" assignments, and flowers. They are a special, hard-working group of people and deserve all that and more!

**Thank you, Thank you:** Many thanks go out to everyone who volunteered in hundreds of ways this year, from playground duty, PTC board, market day, hot dog day, chocolate drive (this fund-raiser was chaired this year by Tracey and Gary Wszalek), and after-school enrichments, to name only a few. Holy Cross is grateful to each and every one of you!

### Third-quarter Honor Roll:

The following St. Patrick's students qualified for the Honor Roll during the third quarter: Luke Cottingham, Gracie Mayer, Andy Wszalek, Catherine Keane, Christine Milewski, Claire Drone-Silvers, Tyler Faught, Cora Freidhof, Shelby Simmering, Hannah Noonan, Ian

Tate, Theresa Laumann, Kevin Melander, Nathaniel Perry, Matthew Melander, Sam Noonan, Natalie Timpone, Sam Freidhof, Kirsten Faught.

**2003-4 Yearbook:** Holy Cross is still looking for contributions of snapshots of any Holy Cross School events for inclusion in the 2003-4 yearbook. Ms. Ketcham or Ms. Cain will be happy to take your photos!

**Fashion Show:** On Sunday, June 6, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at the Champaign Country Club, Challenge Champaign will present a "Pure Style" Fashion Show. It's a mother-daughter day of fun, fashion, modesty, and memories, including a festive luncheon, fashion show, raffle and prizes, and guest speakers. Contact Jackie Kehl (217/586-54518) for more information.

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Holy Cross School ends another year of education, successful because of all the hard work from teachers, staff, parents, and students. They tried to be the very best they can be and do the very best they can do, and to do this all for the glory and honor of God.

## Spotlighting St. Patrick's Children



**Sarah Johnson**, second-grader at South Side School, Champaign, has completed Level II of the Illinois State Music Teachers Association Achievement in Music Exams. She tested on Sunday, May 2, at Smith Hall on the University of Illinois campus. Sarah is the daughter of Tracey and

Steve Johnson. *Congratulations, Sarah!*

**Freddie Stavins**, third-grader at Countryside School, Champaign, has completed Level II of the Illinois State Music Teachers Association Achievement in Music Exams. He tested on Sunday, May 2, at Smith Hall on the University of Illinois

campus. Freddie is the son of Fred Stavins and Rosemary Garhart. *Keep playing, Freddie!*

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St. Patrick's *In Focus* would like to showcase our children's many talents, activities, and accomplishments as a way of helping our community recognize the wonderfully creative, talented, and generous young people of St. Patrick's Parish. **Shine the spotlight** on St. Patrick's children by sharing their academic accomplishments, special projects, honors, awards, programs, performances, sports, theatre and the arts, music or band or dance, art contests, community projects, and upcoming events. Please submit your information to Cheryl Mitchell (355-4566 or [cheryl@egix.net](mailto:cheryl@egix.net)).

## Memorial Day Mass

St. Patrick's will celebrate Memorial Day on May 31 with Mass at 9:00 a.m. in the Catholic section of Woodlawn Cemetery. Afterward, all are invited to a potluck breakfast at the parish center.

Never been to the cemetery? From St. Patrick's go north on Coler Ave. past the fairgrounds and around the bend to the far side of the cemetery. Turn left into the cemetery just before the country club and keep to the right until you see a gathering of other parishioners. Bring a lawn chair if you wish to be seated. In case of rain, Mass will be celebrated in the church.



*Welcome to new parishioners* Bau-Thi Bui, Bang-H. Bui, William R. Harrington, Gilbert Kiamana and Liliane Dibenga, Blanca and Quentin Kirk, Donna Ramirez, Magdalena and Raul Romero, Anne Shumate, Clarisse and Magloire Some.

*Farewell to these parishioners, who have moved from C-U:* Mary Joles and Andy and Jennifer Wagner.

*Welcome to the following, recently baptized into our faith community:* Samuel Richard Bowers, Carter Thomas Fincham, Madelyn Michele Isaacs, Keaton Landry Nolan, Elzbieta Anna Potera, Katelyn Marie Ruppel, Anna Grace Snyder, Gabrielle Dohman, Emily Louise Goad, Abigail Grace Goad, Ashlyn Elaine Lannert, Drayke Anthony Hodge, Ethan Shig Anderson, and Ellen Sue Loftus.

*Please pray for deceased parishioners* Ruth Caroline Costello, George Edward Morris, Marie Harnett Walsh, and Harriet Louise Cuppernell.



## “Rooted in Faith” receptions provide information

All parishioners have been invited to attend one of four receptions held at St. Patrick’s at which information is presented about the \$32 million Capital Campaign undertaken by the Diocese of Peoria in aid of Catholic education in the 192 parishes and missions of the diocese.

The first reception was held on May 5, with over 100 parishioners in attendance, and the second on May 11, and the remaining two on May 26—one at 2 p.m. and another at 7 p.m.

At each reception co-chairs Barbara Wysocki and Diane Ruedi explained how the funds from the Campaign that are returned to the parish will be administered and addressed the values to individual and society of a Catholic education. (Diane shared the accompanying prayer, written by her son while in the fourth grade, to underline the graces of a Catholic education.) After showing a brief video highlighting major aspects of the Campaign, Jennifer Frazer, parish coordinator for Guidance in Giving, Inc., and Fr. Remm answered

questions put to them by those assembled.

The more formal aspect of the reception was concluded in a little over an hour, depending on the number of questions raised, but while enjoying refreshments afterward parishioners tended to gather in twos and threes to talk over what they’d heard and seen and to ask more ques-

tions.

If you missed these informative sessions, you might call Leslie Risatti (367-2665), Campaign secretary, to request an informational packet.



Capital Campaign co-chairs Diane Ruedi (left) and Barbara Wysocki explain just how it works and why it’s important.



John Smith (center) and Joe Tobias discuss their belief in the values of a Catholic education with Fr. Remm.



Norma Gremer (left) and Alice McLaughlin exchange their thoughts and reactions to the Campaign

*God has many names*

*O Great and Powerful One,  
You are my strength.  
Lord, please bless me.*

*You, O Lord, are the  
life of all people.  
You are the savior.*

*Lord, thank You for my family.  
They are the best,  
so are You.*

*God, my friend,  
all-loving supreme being,  
bless me.*

*Great and Glorious Master,  
You see everything.  
You are all-knowing.*

*Oh Divine Creator,  
Your son, Jesus, saved  
our world and opened  
the gates of heaven.  
Keep us free.*

*Jesus, You are the world’s most  
precious gift.  
We thank You for gracing  
us with Your presence  
on earth.*



## Knights award 14 scholarships

The Urbana Knights of Columbus has awarded a \$300 scholarship to each of 14 students graduating from high school this year. These Fr. Charles H. Martell scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding high school graduates who are members of St. Patrick's Parish. This year's recipients include the following deserving young people:

**Carrie Connor**, a CREW member who went on three mission trips, has been a CCD teacher's aide and head teacher of the first grade, a Crisis Nursery volunteer, and a member of the St. Joseph-Ogden High School Student Council and National Honor Society. She plans to study architecture at the U of I.

**Haley Eifert**, a CREW member, went on four mission trips and has been a CCD teacher and Catholic Worker House volunteer. She assisted with the Urbana High School Thanksgiving Dinner, played volleyball, and was business editor of the yearbook, a cheerleader, and a member of the National Honor Society. She also has a part-time job. She plans to study nursing at Illinois State University.

**Steven Kimball**, a CREW member, went on four mission trips and assisted with K of C fish fries and service projects for the Food Pantry and the Altar Guild. He is finishing a project that will qualify him to be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, has been on the track and cross-country teams at Urbana High School, and volunteered for the Urbana Park District. He plans to study accountancy at the U of I.

**Bridget Kimmey**, a CREW member, participated in two mission trips and has been a CCD assistant and altar server and has volunteered at the Catholic Worker House. She has served on the Urbana High School Student Senate and has run cross-country. She has a part-time job and plans to attend Parkland College and later major in physical therapy at the U of I.

**Alexander Long**, a CREW member and participant in three mission trips, has been an altar server and helped with K of C fish fries. He is an Eagle Scout and has been captain of the Urbana High School track and cross-country teams and a member of the National Honor Society. He plans to study mechanical engineering at Eastern Illinois University.

**Joseph Maduzia** has been an altar server and has assisted with Easter Vigil receptions, the Cellar-to-Garret Sale,

and the Food Surplus Program, which serves homeless shelters. He traveled to Rome on pilgrimage with his junior class, has played trumpet for Masses and programs at the High School of St. Thomas More, and has a part-time job. He plans to study engineering at Eastern Illinois University.

**Patricia Mathy** has been an altar server and Food Pantry volunteer. She has been on the board of directors of the local Girl Scout Council, volunteered at Carle Foundation Hospital and the Champaign Public Library, and served on the University High School Student Council. She was a Rotary Club Youth Exchange participant in Spain and plans to study international relations at the U of I.

**Luiz Mendes**, a CREW member, has volunteered for the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Food Pantry. An international student at Urbana High School, he is a member of the National Honor Society and has been a volunteer tutor and a member of the math, chess, and soccer teams. He plans to study computer science at the U of I.

**David Mendoza** is a recent convert. He attended a Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis and went through the RCIA program with his parents. He also attended Emmaus Days last year. He is an active pro-life advocate. A Judah Christian School graduate, David plans to attend Parkland College and transfer to the U of I or Franciscan University in Steubenville (Ohio) to study history and philosophy or theology.

**Regena Pauketat**, a CREW member who participated in a mission trip, has been a volunteer for Empty Tomb and

the St. Vincent de Paul Society. She plays the piano and clarinet and is a member of the Urbana High School concert band, the National Honor Society, and the French Honor Society. An Illinois Merit Scholar, she will be a James Scholar at the U of I, where she plans to study communications.

**Katherine Thompson**, a CREW member, went on three mission trips, taught CCD, and volunteered for the Salvation Army and the Crisis Nursery. At Urbana High School she was editor-in-chief of the yearbook, a member of the National Honor Society, and an Illinois State Scholar. She has a part-time job and plans to study political science and law at St. Mary's/Notre Dame.

**Aiden Tierney**, a CREW member, has assisted with the Children's Liturgy as well as the Baptism class, CCD classes, and liturgical arts. After graduation from Urbana High School, he plans to study business at Parkland College.

**Caitlin Vitosky**, a CREW member, went on three mission trips, has been a substitute catechist, and played violin for Children's Liturgy. She has been president of the Urbana High School Student Senate, a member of the volleyball team, and a representative to Girls State. She is a member of the National Honor Society and plans to study English and business at the U of I.

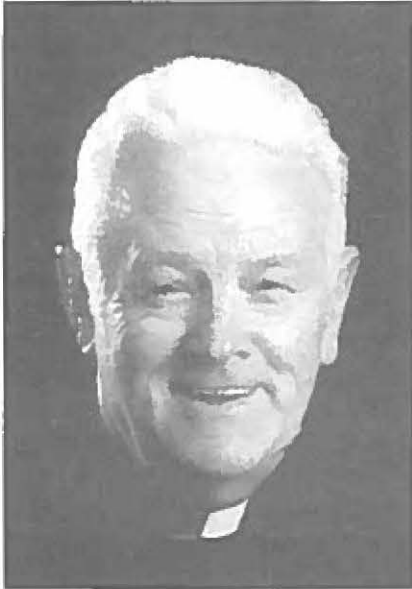
**Jon Paul Youakim**, a CREW member, has volunteered to help with K of C events. At Urbana High School he is a member of the National Honor Society, the tennis team, and the Student Senate and participates in peer tutoring. He plans to study biology at the University of Minnesota.





## Fr. Kane celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

On June 6 the parish will join Fr. Gene Kane in celebrating his fifty years of priesthood. From his advice to “enjoy this beautiful day” to his direction on developing a joyful per-



sonal relationship with the Lord in quiet prayer, Fr. Kane shares his firm belief that God is good, and we are meant to be happy in God here and now. Sometimes Father can sound a little grumpy, even somewhat curmudgeonly—but then you catch those Irish eyes laughing and you know that you needn’t take him too seriously.

Then there’s the singing. If the folks arriving for 7:00 a.m. weekday Mass happen to overlook the vehicle parked in one of the spaces reserved for clergy, as soon as they see the

songbooks waiting on the chairs in the multipurpose room they know that Fr. Kane has come to celebrate Mass.

St. Patrick’s pastor and parishioners have much to appreciate in Fr. Kane’s willing service to the parish. His availability for liturgical functions, counseling, and other priestly duties adds an enhanced dimension and a broader schedule than one priest alone can manage. He affords Fr. Remm greater flexibility in, and a little time off from, his own hectic schedule.

Enjoying senior and pastor emeritus status now, Fr. Kane continues to draw on his wide experience as an active pastor to enrich his homilies. The “saints in the pews” of his past parishes come alive at St. Patrick’s, as their personalities, faith, and generosity flow from his rich memories to inspire us.

We give thanks to God for Fr. Kane’s fifty blessed years of priesthood. We thank you too, Father, for choosing to continue to serve the Lord by serving us at St. Patrick’s. Congratulations on your anniversary of ordination—and enjoy this beautiful day!

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*On June 6 Fr. Kane will preside at the noon Mass. A reception at the parish center follows, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join him in celebrating the fifty years of his priesthood!*

## Welcome, Angela Henry!

Please welcome Angela Henry, St. Patrick’s new Business Operations Assistant. Angela is the person who writes the checks for the pastor’s signature, balances the books, assists the Financial Affairs Committee in preparing and monitoring the parish’s operating budget, and prepares financial reports to keep Council and committees on track. Her predecessor, Tim Thilmony, has been acquainting her with the software and procedures specific to St. Patrick’s; when her training is concluded, she expects to be in the office on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Angela Henry

## Volunteers needed for meal delivery

St. Patrick’s will be responsible to Meals on Wheels for delivering food on three routes from

June 28 through July 2. This means that each day three drivers and three help-



ers are needed. Volunteers must be available from 10:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., although volunteers usually finish by noon. If you can help, please call Elisabeth Talbot (359-6039).

## ST. PATRICK’S PARISH In Focus

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## St. Patrick's Guild has its hands full!

With a flurry of special events rapidly approaching, on Apr. 21 members of St. Patrick's Guild elected officers to two-year terms: Mary Ann Luedtke, president; Norma Gremer, vice-president; Cathy Howey, secretary; and Pat Fettig, treasurer. (Norma and Pat, both incumbents, were re-elected to a second term.)

This parish organization, originally named the Altar and Rosary Society, has "been around" for a very long time and has earned bragging rights for some pretty major achievements, among them the annual Cellar-to-Garrett Sale, the parish's most successful fund-raiser. Proceeds from this and other fund-raisers have been used to make significant contributions to the parish, e.g., the kitchen renovation, new furnishings for the parish lounge, furnishings for the parish rectory, and new altar linens and vestments for the celebration of the parish's centennial, to mention but a few.

Sometimes when a group has "been around" for a while, it becomes so much a part of things that it seems a fixture of sorts as it quietly goes about its business. Once the primary outlet for women's activities in the parish in those long-ago days before both parents worked outside the home and lay involvement in the day-to-day operation of a parish was still a vision for the future, today the Guild has many "competitors" for parish volunteer service. A glance at the annual publication "Who and What Is St. Patrick's?" reveals just how many attractions there are at St.

Patrick's for volunteer parishioners.

Active membership in St. Patrick's Guild, open to men as well as women, now numbers between 20 and 40, depending on a variety of factors. You would recognize many of those members as stalwarts of the parish, people who have been deeply involved with St. Patrick's for decades in innumerable ways, not the least of which are the projects sponsored by the Guild. The average age, like that of the clergy, is climbing!

Yet, the Guild this spring is handling the farewell reception for Fr. George Remm, the golden anniversary celebration for Fr. Gene Kane, and the welcome reception for Fr. Joe Hogan. Then they will take a deep breath or two before getting to work in earnest for the Cellar-to-Garrett

Sale, which this year will be held Sept. 16-18. (Some of the men and women who put in the greatest number of hours at the Sale—setting up, staffing, and cleaning up—are themselves enjoying their golden years.) Maybe later this year, if we're lucky, they will hold another Christmas Expo.

So here's a big hand for the members of St. Patrick's Guild, a hearty thank you for their years of service and the purchasing power they bring to the parish. When you're looking to see next how you can help your parish as a volunteer, you might give some thought to becoming an active member of St. Patrick's Guild—meetings are few, members friendly, causes very worthwhile.



*Officers of St. Patrick's Guild, from the left: Cathy Howey, secretary; Mary Ann Luedtke, president; Rose Breen, outgoing president; and Norma Gremer, vice-president. Not shown: Pat Fettig, treasurer.*

### *Parish Council News* *Continued from page 2*

the remaining year of Wendy Wagner's term), Randy Pankau, Jerry Pijanowski, and Joseph Youakim, and bade farewell to departing members Wendy Wagner, Ellen Abell, Joe Rasmussen, and Janice Parker with appreciation for their years of service to the parish on the Council. With no nominations from the floor, the nominating committee's proposed slate of officers for the Council was unani-

mously elected: Don Keefer, president; Tracey Johnson, vice-president; and Jerry Pijanowski, secretary.

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The next Council meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on June 17. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings. For those interested in a more complete report, the minutes of the most recent Council meeting are posted in the church vestibule and on the bulletin board in the office wing of the parish center.

## The sequence an expression of Gospel joy

Three springtime feasts, Easter, Pentecost, and Corpus Christi, are celebrated with an extra note of festivity. Between the second scripture reading and the Gospel Alleluia a hymn called a sequence is sung—sometimes by the choir and/or cantor, sometimes joined by the assembly.

The proclamation of the Gospel is one of the ways in which Jesus is present in the Mass, so it is cause for celebration: we stand, we sing “Alleluia,” servers carry lighted candles, the *Book of the Gospels* is held aloft and sometimes honored with incense. All of these prepare us to receive the Gospel with joy. The sequence serves the same purpose; it is an expression of Gospel joy.

The hymns sung as sequences are special to each of the three feasts, with the same hymn sung by Roman Catholics throughout the world. The sequence for Easter is *Victime Paschali Laudes* (“Christians, Praise the Paschal Victim,” Worship #842); for Pentecost, *Veni Sancte Spiritus* (“Holy Spirit, Lord Divine, Come,” Worship #862); for Corpus Christi, i.e., The Body and Blood of Christ, *Lauda Sion* (“Laud, O Zion, Your Salvation”).

Sequences were sung as early as the eighth or ninth century. Some mediæval missals specify a sequence for each Sunday and feast except during Lent, but today sequences are required only on Easter and Pentecost, lending extra festivity to these special celebrations of the Church.

Two other sequences will be familiar to many. On the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, Sept. 15, the sequence *Stabat Mater* (“At the Cross Her Station Keeping,” Worship #421) may be sung. This sequence is often sung during communal Stations of the Cross during Lent. One other, *Dies Irae* (“Day of Wrath”), was sung during Masses for the deceased until the revision of the liturgy during the Second Vatican Council. Today it may be heard in classical music settings of the Requiem Mass.

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

**Carol Bosley**

### Beef Stew

1/2 lb. chopped stew meat  
5 chopped potatoes  
3 chopped celery stalks  
2 t tapioca beads  
1 t salt  
2 15-oz. cans stewed tomatoes  
3 chopped carrots  
1/2 chopped onion  
2 t sugar  
1/8 t pepper



Combine and cook in a crock pot for 6 hours.

## It's time to renew your enrollment...

in the IGA *HVC* Charitable Rebate Program. By registering your *HVC* card to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Society receives a rebate for a percentage of your purchases. The program costs enrolled participants nothing but can amount to a fair piece of change for *SVDP*—in the past year the Society has received rebates totaling more than \$300. If you wish to enroll or renew your enrollment for the program year July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005, please complete the form below and drop it off at the service desk in any participating IGA store before July 1. Participating stores in the C-U area are the Jerry's IGA on Kirby Ave., C.; Jerry's IGA on Round Barn Rd., C.; and Jerry's IGA on Philo Rd., U.

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