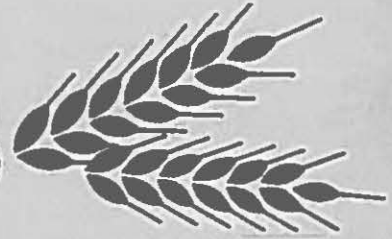


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



Will you help plan for the future of our parish?

You are invited to take part in the 5-Year Goal-Setting Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On that day Fr. Joe Hogan, the Parish Council, committee members, and all interested parishioners will work together to set parish goals for the next 5 years. Your input is vital to our parish's growth and continued efforts to build the kingdom of God.

Sr. Mary Himens will lead the workshop, helping participants to create goals that set forth our plans for the future. She is an experienced facilitator and is familiar with St. Patrick's Parish, having provided insights to last year's Council on the subject

of preparing for transition.

The current parish goals, set in 1997, would normally have been updated in 2003, but it seemed wise to wait for the incoming pastor before setting new goals. Take a look at the goals set in 1997, think about how we've met (or not met) them, and give some prayerful thought to planning for the next 5 years. Then come to the workshop on Oct. 30 (see left sidebar) to collaborate with others in planning for the future of St. Patrick's Parish. Even if you can't stay the entire time, the time you

can give will be well spent and your input valued.

Parish Goals for 1998-2003

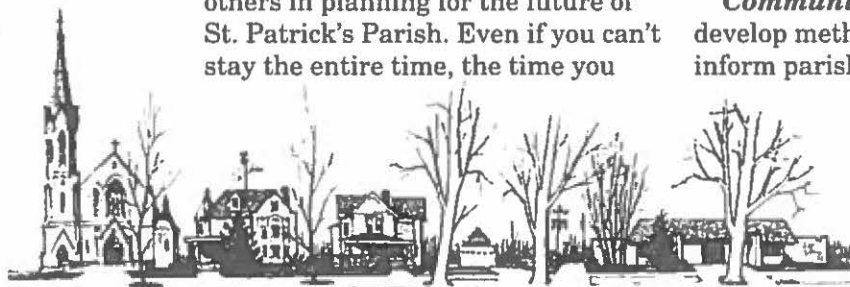
Administration: To develop a ten-year plan that assesses the demographic projections, physical plant, and community needs.

Centennial: To ensure involvement of all groups of parishioners in planning and celebrating St. Patrick's Centennial.

Communication: To improve and develop methods and programs, inform parishioners of activities and opportunities, and provide for their involvement and response.

Community: Conscious of our

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*St. Patrick's Parish
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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

Are You Catholic?
Inactive? Alienated?

If you've parted company with
the Catholic Church

over new changes, old rules,
a marriage situation,
hurt feelings,
or any other reason,

or if you know someone
who wants to reconnect with
a Catholic community,
invite them to

come and talk with us
at an open meeting
on Saturday, October 16,
at 10:00 a.m.
in St. Patrick's parish center.

*The Re-Membering Church Team
of St. Patrick's Parish, Urbana*

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What can we do about the vocations crisis?

At the request of Pope John Paul II, the third Continental Congress on Vocations was convened in Montreal, Canada, in April 2002. In attendance were 1136 delegates: bishops, priests, deacons, sisters, brothers, consecrated seculars, married and single laypeople, Serrans, Knights of Columbus, and young adults from Canada and the United States.

Documents developed by the Congress provide guidance on addressing the critical shortage of religious vocations in North America. Its recommendations are intended for parishes, dioceses, congregations, organizations, and conferences. The full text of the pastoral plan cannot be summarized adequately here; it may be retrieved at www.usccb.org/vocations/.

One recommendation, however, stands out—we must develop a “vocation culture” by praying, evangelizing, experiencing, mentoring, and inviting. The document provides an extensive analysis of each of these as it affects individuals, parents, religious education, and the entire spectrum of church activities.

The Congress also posed a number of questions for each of us as individuals and for all of us as the Church in North America. Here are a few of them in abbreviated form:

1. Do I believe in the call God has given me through my Baptism? How

do I seek to discover what this call is for me?

2. Do I pray for vocations? Does my parish?

3. What programs of mission, mentoring, and vocation discernment are available in my parish?

4. What can I do to help create or develop a vocation culture in my parish?

5. What can I do to help young people discern the specific call God has for each of them as a result of their Baptism?

6. What can I do to encourage parents, friends, and colleagues to teach their children about ordained ministry and consecrated life?

7. Does our religious education program clearly present ordained ministry, consecrated life, marriage, and single life as worthy and necessary vocations in the Church?

8. Does my parish promote ordained ministry and the many forms of consecrated life in its programs and practices? Can we do more?

9. Does my parish have a Vocation Committee? If so, what is its mandate?

10. Do I encourage and talk with young adults and express a willingness to help them find their place in the Church?

The Diocese of Peoria has seen a significant reduction in the number

of priests active in parish ministry concurrent with a significant increase in the number of active Catholics. St. Patrick's Parish, which was served by co-pastors only twenty-five years ago and by a pastor with one associate priest as recently as twenty years ago, has had only one resident priest assisted by retired priests for the last twenty years, but has seen an increase from 750 to 1150 registered families in the same time period.

We are well advised, then, to adopt the Congress's five-fold approach in creating a true vocation culture: to pray, to evangelize, to experience, to mentor, and to invite. For “it is the risen Christ who calls us all: to life, to witness, to discipleship, and to ministry. All of life is essentially vocational. The call to service is God-given for the mission of the Church. ... [T]he responsibility of encouraging others to consider vocations in and for the Church rests with all God's people. Creating a vocation culture requires fidelity to a continuing process in the life of every individual and every faith community.”

On Vocations Awareness Sunday, Oct. 10, may it be resolved that we will strive collectively and individually to create a vocation culture in St. Patrick's Parish!





Vocation Prayer

Good and gracious God, out of love you have given us many gifts to build up your kingdom. May we always work with your son and the Holy Spirit in using these gifts to serve your Church. Bless our young with discerning hearts to consider vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life, and bless those who have already answered your call. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Church year will focus on the Eucharist

In June Pope John Paul II announced a special year dedicated to the Eucharist, saying that the Church needs to highlight its importance for spiritual life and missionary tasks of the twenty-first century. The Year of the Eucharist will open with the International Eucharistic Congress in Guadalajara, Mexico, on Oct. 10-17, and will close next year with the Synod of Bishops on the Eucharist in Rome, Oct. 2-29.



A better understanding of Christ's presence in the Eucharist will lead to a better prayer life, the pope said, which in turn will favor evangelization. He added, "The Eucharist stands at the center of the Church's life. In it Christ offers himself to the Father for us, involving us in his sacrifice, and gives himself to us as the bread of life for our journey along the paths of the world."

Below is one parishioner's response to the pope's announcement.

I look forward to this special year of the Eucharist. For the past two years I have been spending an hour every week in Eucharistic adoration as part of St. Matthew's perpetual adoration. In a small chapel there the Eucharist is exposed, and there is an effort to have someone present, adoring the Eucharist, twenty-four hours a day, every day of the week.

I started this somewhat casually, only thinking in general terms that

this would be a good thing to do. I never imagined that it would have such an incredible impact on my spiritual journey. I had come to a place in that journey where I was comfortable with my beliefs. I believed in Jesus as my savior. I believed in his love for me. I believed in his presence in the Eucharist and his presence in myself and in other people.

What happened over the months of going to sit in that quiet chapel? I absorbed those beliefs in my soul. The feeling is comfortable, but much more fully satisfying than comfortable. During those hours spent in his presence I feel the joy of his amazing love even while more completely realizing that I can never fully comprehend that love. I have gradually improved my ability to keep Jesus with me for longer periods of time and to see Jesus much more easily in those around me.

I enjoy that time and would be really upset to have to forgo it. I think that quiet hour in the presence of my God is going to continue to reap amazing spiritual growth.

—Mary Lee Brady

Holy Cross Happenings



Classes at Holy Cross School are underway for another great year. School kicked off with Fee Day on Aug. 24, with students coming in to meet their new teachers for the year. Thanks to all the organizers of Fee Day, which was extremely well organized (and much cooler this year with the air conditioner in the cafeteria!); it was quite a festive day. School started on Thursday, Aug. 26, and is off to a smooth start.

Mass: The back-to-school Mass was celebrated on Friday, Sept. 3. Msgr. Hallin gave a special welcome to Fr. Hogan, who concelebrated with Msgr. Hallin and Fr. Henderson. It was wonderful to have Fr. Hogan participate in the Eucharist as students start another year on their educational journey.

New Teachers: There was a nice welcome for teachers who have joined the staff at Holy Cross for the 2004-5 school year. Crystal McCullough has joined the staff as half-time music teacher for students in grades K-3 and 5-8. Mr. Mike Amberg, son of Ellen and Gene Amberg of St. Patrick's Parish, has been hired as the Spanish teacher for seventh- and eighth-grade classes. Cheryl Mitchell, another St. Patrick's parishioner, was hired to teach a seventh-grade homeroom; she will share the job with Anne Cornelius, who will be teaching science.

Mission Statement: The Family Handbook has a new look this year.

It incorporates the symbol designed by Mr. John Bonadies, husband of Susan Bonadies, one of the first-grade teachers. He blended a cross with a fleur-de-lis, which represents the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet who, until recently, served at Holy Cross School for over 90 years. The faculty reviewed their philosophy and goals and created a new mission statement: "Holy Cross School is a faith-centered community fostering lives of service, integrity and life-long learning. We are committed to Catholic education founded on Gospel-centered values and the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. We are called to be Christ for others and to see Christ in others."

Catholic Worker House: Once again this year, all grades will take turns collecting money to purchase milk and fruit for the Catholic Worker House in Champaign. Each grade takes a month to collect and deliver the milk and fruit, walking whenever possible, to give students an opportunity to experience helping others.

Magazine Drive: The magazine drive is underway for the PTC. This drive is a major fund raiser for Holy Cross School, and the PTC is looking forward to another great year! If you are interested in ordering magazines, please call the school to inquire.

PTC: The PTC works very hard at Holy Cross School to help teachers

and students. It provides, with much effort, an incredible amount of support and volunteer help in many ways throughout the year. Thank you to the board for all your hard work and time! PTC Board members for the 2004-5 school year are Jay Geistlinger, President; Stan and Susan Burton, Vice-President; Linda Williams, Secretary; and Russ Stewart, Treasurer.



Mark Your Calendars

- Oct. 7:** All-school Mass, Respect Life
- Oct. 8:** Early dismissal, 12:00 noon
- Oct. 11:** No school, Columbus Day
- Oct. 15:** Hot Dog Day
- Oct. 17:** Eighth-grade prayer workshop for Confirmation
- Oct. 29:** HC+ Halloween Event, Kaufmann Lake (grades 6, 7, 8)
- Oct. 29:** End of first quarter; early dismissal, 12:00 noon
- Oct. 30:** Fall Festival/Halloween Party
- Nov. 1:** All-school Mass, All Saints Day
- Nov. 5:** Report cards
- Nov. 10:** Parent/Teacher Conferences

*God of all,
within the bounds
of your gracious community
you transform us
from strangers into friends.
Strengthen the ties
that bind us.
Guide us
as we walk together
in faith.*

Parish Council News

At their September meeting, Fr. Hogan thanked Council members for their efforts on the parish's Time and Talent weekend. Over 400 responses were received. He reported that the parish audit for FY 2003-4 is nearly completed; indications are that about \$52,000 will be available for tithing to Dr. Susan Nagele and our Sister Church in the Holy Land, with the remainder distributed among the several parish funds, as discussed at earlier meetings. He also read aloud a letter to Don Keefer, Council president, from Judy Conover asking to be relieved by the end of the year of her responsibilities as recording secretary, a position she has filled faithfully and well for many years.

Randy Pankau reported for CREW that organizing for the coming year is going well, that a tool drive may be held for the next Mission trip.

Plans for the Oct. 30 goal-setting workshop were discussed, with emphasis on engaging as many parishioners as possible in evaluating where the parish stands relative to the goals set in 1997 and in setting parish goals for the next five-year period.

An ad hoc committee (Tracey Johnson, Sam Reese, Joseph Youakim) was formed to review the



standing policies and guidelines for use of parish center space. The group will consult with Leslie Risatti and Angela Henry before drafting recommendations for consideration by the Council.

Nov. 6-7 was chosen as the date for commissioning new committee members, eucharistic ministers, and all baptized Christians.

Committee news: *Building and Grounds* members are still working on painting and landscaping for the Yauk house, hoping to complete their work by mid-November. Ashley Vasnaik is working on landscaping for the religious education house as an Eagle Scout project. Interviewing applicants for the parish's maintenance position continues.

The *Communications Committee* reviewed its goals for 2004, arranged for the special CREW edition of *In*

Focus, discussed the feasibility of working with Diocesan Publications on producing the booklet "Who and What Is St. Patrick's," and planned the October issue of *In Focus*.

The *Financial Affairs Committee* will be chaired by Terry Moreau, assisted by Mary Lee Brady as secretary.

The *Social Committee* finalized plans for food, games, and other activities for the parish picnic, Sept. 26. The film series presented by the *Social Action Committee* was well attended; the films are available for viewing by other groups. This committee is presently functioning with only one member; new members are urgently needed!



The next Council meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Oct. 21. 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.



in our parish library

The Eucharist is the central point of our Christian lives and prayer. As we deepen our understanding of this wonderful gift, we can take its deeper meanings into our lives. The following books offer different ways to understand and appreciate the Eucharist.

Eucharist: Celebrating Its Rhythms in Our Lives, by Paul Bernier (265 BER), is about the relationship between the Eucharist and Christian life. He calls the Eucharist the "source and summit of Christian life" and a celebration of the reality of our lives. Using themes from the song "Lord of the Dance,"

Bernier shows how the rhythms of the Eucharist are the rhythms of our lives: gathering, storytelling, nurturing. This book will help you participate in the Eucharist more fully and live it more completely.

Real Food: A spirituality of the Eucharist, by Robert Fabing (265 FAB), compares the experiences of the real food offered by Jesus to the fast food we often seek. Fabing looks at the various meals in the Gospels, including the wedding feast at Cana, the meal with the Scribes and Pharisees, and the Last Supper, to see how Jesus fed those with him, and then relates that to the meal we

receive in the Eucharist. Questions at the end of each chapter can be used for individual or group reflection.



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 special interest, please call Frances Drone-Silvers (398-1458), parish library coordinator. She will be pleased to help.

October is Respect Life Month

Respect Life Month gets off to a flying start with three significant events, all taking place on Sunday, Oct. 3.



Respect Life

Dinner: Everyone is invited to the Respect Life Dinner, held this year at 6 p.m. at Peoria Castle Lodge (the former Jumer's Castle Lodge), 117 N. Western Avenue, Peoria. Keynote speaker at the dinner is Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D., Director of Education and Research, National Right to Life Educational Trust Fund. Reservations are required; tickets are \$21

per person and may be ordered by using one of the reservation forms in the literature rack in the parish center lobby. The purpose of the dinner is twofold: to celebrate and promote the sacredness of human life, and to help further the work of the Family Resources Center in Peoria.

Pennies for Life: Celebrate your life with thanksgiving at Mass by contributing a penny for every year of your life to date. The collection will be donated to support the diocesan-sponsored Family Resources Center, Peoria, which provides resources for individuals,

schools, CCD programs, CYO, and other organizations, on all aspects of life from conception to natural death. Materials are free except for return postage for returnable materials such as films and videos. Collection buckets will be placed at church exits for your contributions.

Life Chain: Regardless of the weather, the annual Life Chain will offer silent prayerful witness to the tragedy of abortion. It will form along Kirby Ave. on the south end of Hessel Park from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Signs to be held by participants can be picked up at a table on the southwest corner of Hessel Park.

St. Hedwig, feminist and peacemaker

You may know that Hedwig is the name of Harry Potter's pet owl, but did you realize that she has a namesake who is a saint? This saint is known as Hedwig, Queen of Poland, and her feast day is Oct. 16.

St. Hedwig, or Jadwiga, was born to nobility in Bavaria, Germany, in 1174. When she was just 12 years old, she was given in marriage to Prince Henry I, who later became duke of Silesia and Poland. She was very devout and fasted so much that she became very thin and delicate. But that did not keep her from caring for widows and orphans, the sick and the elderly, lepers, prison inmates, travelers, and needy nursing mothers.

In her day Hedwig was a feminist: she was very active in her husband's administration and became influential in the government, helping to make peace between the nobles in that area.

Hedwig founded new monasteries and introduced the Dominicans and Franciscans into the area. She was a model for women who want to influence their husbands to do great things: she talked her husband into establishing a convent of Cistercian nuns at Trebnitz. The second prioress of the convent was her daughter, Gertrude, the only one of her seven children to survive her.



In 1227 Henry survived an assassination attempt. Two years later war broke out between Henry and Conrad of Masovia over the possession of Cracow. Although Henry defeated Conrad, he was captured and imprisoned. Hedwig went to assist her husband, and Conrad was so impressed by her coming to help that he released Henry. Henry died in 1241 in a

battle against the Tartars. After his death, Hedwig took the gray habit of the Cisterians, but she sacrificed her desire to become a religious so that she could spend her revenues to help the poor.

Hedwig died at the convent in 1243, and Pope Clement IV canonized her in 1267. In 1848 an association of women and young girls was formed that developed into the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Hedwig, under the rule of St. Augustine. The order aims to educate orphaned and abandoned children and to conduct schools for girls and trade schools. Today the sisters number about 300 and work chiefly in Germany, Austria, and Denmark; their motherhouse is at Breslau.

Rarely do we realize the possibilities of the wise use of earthly power and worldly wealth; Hedwig was one of the few.

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baptismal call and a continuing need for conversion, to renew our commitment to Jesus Christ in a diverse faith community and encourage unity and transformation of society through Christian service.

Community: To create a climate that reflects Christ's image and encourages individuals to be God's ministers in their personal and communal lives.

Religious Education: To improve and develop effective programs, opportunities, and resources that increase participation in religious education for children, youth, families, and ministries.

Renewal: To evoke the richness of the liturgical form of our celebration of the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist in all its elements.

Social Justice: To provide opportunities for parishioners to become involved in identifying social concerns and to study them within the context of Christian teachings and values, guiding parishioners to development of an intelligent position, and enabling them to plan and take action.

Stewardship: To create an environment of stewardship where more parishioners serve God and their community, realizing personal spiritual growth; to develop provisions for balance between the issues of continuity and diversity throughout parish life.

Youth: To promote youth participation in evaluating and directing their activities and programs and those of the greater parish.



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is October 17.

Knights' Italian dinner to benefit STM Fund

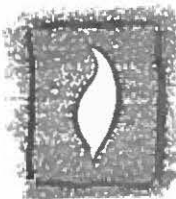
The Urbana KCs will hold their second annual Spaghetti Dinner in support of parish families with children enrolled in the High School of St. Thomas More. All proceeds from the Italian dinner and raffle will be contributed to St. Patrick's St. Thomas



More High School Tuition Fund. The event will be held in St. Patrick's parish hall at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16, and everyone is invited. More details will follow (watch the weekly bulletin as more information becomes available), but according to Grand Knight David Mendoza, you can be sure that the menu includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, and garlic bread.

Coffee, donuts, and ... the Health Fair!

St. Patrick's Parish Nurses suggest that you make the fifth annual Health Fair a family affair this year. They are providing activities for parishioners of all ages and interests.



Last year's more popular activities were the blood pressure screening and the bone density screening for adults, and the visit with STUFFEE for kids. This year's Health Fair will include all of those plus a demon-

stration of the Automatic External Defibrillator, blood sugar screening, information on cancer prevention and awareness, fire safety, Family Services information, materials on self-help (First Call for Help), "Ask a Pharmacist" medication questions, and information on the Vial of Life program.

The Health Fair, sponsored by St. Patrick's Parish Nurses, will be located in the parish hall from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 24. Come for coffee and enjoy the Health Fair!

You can make a difference!

Make-a-Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping others—a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Everyone can participate. In 2003, 3 million people cared enough about their communities to volunteer on Make-a-Difference Day, accomplishing thousands of projects helping hundreds of thousands of people in hundreds of towns across America.

St. Patrick's Social Action Committee and religious education coordinators are collaborating in facilitating parish participation in this national event by asking parishioners to donate personal care items for use by local homeless shelters. Items requested are toothbrushes, disposable razors for men and women, small sizes of toothpaste, bar soap, deodorants, etc.

Donated items will be accepted at all Masses the weekend of Oct. 23-24. Baskets will be placed at church

entrances and in the parish center for receipt of items. Donations will also be accepted at the parish center during the week of Oct. 23-30.

You *can* make a difference in someone's life!





Q: It seems to me that we're doing a lot more bowing during Mass these days. Why is that, and what does it mean?

A: In many cultures bowing is a very commonly used gesture, meant to convey an attitude of respect or reverence. Even in our own culture, it was not so many years ago that a man would tip his hat with a slight bow when passing a woman on the street, or when passing a church. Frequently, when people shake hands they bow slightly, each to the other, in a gesture less easily recognized but quite natural when extending the right hand to another.

In the Mass, a bow is always intended to convey reverence. We are probably used to seeing the ministers bow to the altar at the beginning and end of Mass, and of course the priest and deacon bow at various parts of the Mass. In the recently revised norms for Mass, however, there are several places called out for our use of this gesture as well.

One of these is the bow to the altar, which is recognized as a sign of Christ and of Christ's sacrifice for us. So we see the ministers reverence the altar with a deep bow, both when approaching at the beginning of Mass and when leaving at the end of Mass. People carrying gifts to the altar bow to the altar before resuming their places. Ministers bow to the altar when crossing in front of it. People entering the church may bow to the altar before taking their place in a pew—or genuflect (a mark of adoration) to Christ's Eucharistic presence in the tabernacle, which in our church is to one side of the sanctuary.

There are other times during the Mass when it is especially appropriate for us to bow—always as a sign of reverence. One of these is during our profession of faith when reciting the Creed; we make a deep bow as we declare our belief in Christ's

conception and birth in taking on our humanity.

Another occasion is less often experienced in our churches, where kneelers are common. However, in places where the people stand because circumstances make it difficult or impossible to kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer from after the Sanctus ("Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts") until the Great Amen, all who are standing make a deep bow when the priest genuflects or bows after the consecration of the Body and of the Blood of the Lord. We sometimes see this at our weekend liturgies when a minister remains standing in the sanctuary, where there are no kneelers, and at our weekday Masses in the parish center where people generally find it awkward or impossible to kneel during this part of the Mass; in these circumstances we are asked to express our reverence in a deep bow when the priest genuflects or bows.

We also reverence the Body and Blood of Christ with a bow of the head when approaching to receive Holy Communion.

Then, of course, there is the simple fact that one's physical condition may suggest the wisdom of substituting a bow for a genuflection at any time that a genuflection is called for!



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



Welcome to new parishioners Mary Terese and William Campbell, Kathleen Hinrichs, Bob and Mary-Alayne Hughes, Ylvis Lathulerie, Jeff and Sarah Livesay, Dawn and Jonathan McCoy, Paul Thomas, Marlo Welshons, and Christopher Williamson

Farewell to these parishioners, who have moved from C-U: Julie Barr, Rafael Bonilla, David Darmofal, Sarah Hosler, Thomas Kazyak, Carl Robert Klecka, Meghan McCorkle, Susan Timoney, and Todd Wagner

Congratulations to these couples married at St. Patrick's: Tien Quoc Vu and Loan Guyen Thi Nguyen, Raymond Hoang and Tran Thi Thuy Vi, and Trung Minh Tran and Ha Kim Huynh

Welcome to the following, recently baptized into our faith community: Sydney Kathryn Esker, Austin Charles McDaniel and Madelyn Grace McCoy

Re-Membering Church *from page 1*

inflicted by a pastor or church member that was never reconciled.

People who respond 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. The sessions and strategies are generally tailored to particular needs or concerns, with discussion, readings, and personal sharing designed to address specific issues and problems. 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.

The Re-Membering Church team welcomes active parishioners who would be willing to meet periodically with returning Catholics to talk about Catholic matters that could include spirituality, sacraments, and social thought. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Barbara Wysocki (367-5014), Mary Lou Menches (344-1125), or the parish office (367-2665).

On Saturday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. the Re-Membering Church team of St. Patrick's Parish will host an open meeting in the parish center 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.



Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . . Julie Whittington

Best Yet Spaghetti

1 lb ground beef
12-oz can diced tomatoes
1 clove garlic, minced
(or 1 t garlic powder)
1 T basil
1/2 t black pepper
3/4 c sliced mushrooms (optional)
8-oz can tomato paste
14-oz can tomato sauce
1 t salt
1/2 c diced onion (optional)



Brown and drain ground beef. In sauce pan, add ground beef to all other ingredients and mix well. Cover pan and bring sauce to a boil; reduce heat and simmer 30-40 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve over spaghetti noodles that have been boiled until tender. Top with Parmesan cheese and serve with garlic bread.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus

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Please leave news items in the Communications Committee mailbox in the parish center, or call a committee member. All submissions are subject to review and/or editing by the committee and staff. By-lines are generally omitted.


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St. Patrick's Church Urbana, IL

October 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Because the calendar is prepared in advance, be sure to check the parish bulletin to confirm dates and times of listed events.</p> <p>Deadline for the next issue of In Focus is October 17.</p>					10:45 am CCNH	
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