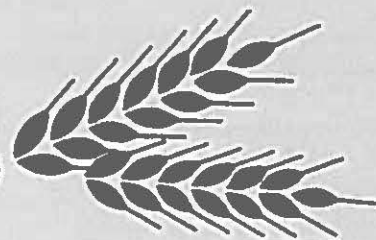


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



Easter: The rest is up to us

We like to think of Easter as the feast of dazzling light, Sr. Joan Chittister once remarked, noting that we get up on Easter Sunday morning knowing that the sorrow of Good Friday is ended, that Jesus is vindicated, that the faith of the disciples is confirmed for all to see. Rather, she pointed out, to celebrate Easter means to stand in the light of the empty tomb and decide what to do next.

Jesus asks Mary to speak out, to witness to his everlasting presence among the cripples and the lepers and the poor. He asks her to be his voice, to speak the truth that maybe no one wants to hear. If we go with Mary to the tomb, we must be ready to speak this truth to power, to heal those crippled by the system, to cure the lepers of their social diseases, to raise women from the deadening effects of sexism, and to call the apostles to do the same.

Like Peter we are going to have to come out of the tomb prepared to suffer, perhaps, for what we see but to this point have been reluctant to say. We are going to

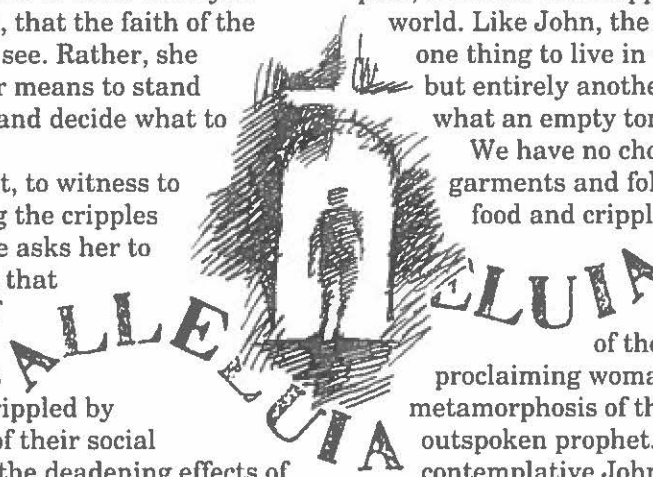
have to stand publicly with those who believe what Jesus believed and risk our own reputations if need be.

To pray is to come to understand the plight of the poor, the cries of the oppressed, the will of God for the world. Like John, the person of prayer knows that it is one thing to live in the wonder of the Resurrection, but entirely another to proclaim, even to ourselves, what an empty tomb implies.

We have no choice but to put on Jesus' leftover garments and follow Jesus where the poor cry for food and cripples cry to be taken to the pool and the blind wait for the spittle on their eyes to dry.

Easter is about the conversion of the clinging Mary in us into the proclaiming woman. It is about the metamorphosis of the blustering Peter in us into the outspoken prophet. It is about the awareness of the contemplative John in us that, now the tomb is empty, the rest is up to us.

Yes, Easter is about dazzling light—but only if it shines through us.



International Festival coming to St. Pat's Apr. 23

Parishioners of all ages are invited to join in the first of its kind International Festival in the parish center on Saturday, Apr. 23, 6-9 p.m. Parishioners representing approximately 15 different countries will have exhibits for your viewing as well as cultural features of the country. Exhibits will include an opportunity to sample specialty foods and obtain recipes.

The evening will also include demonstrations of folk dances from these countries and instruction on dances that the young, the old, and those in-between can learn and enjoy.

This event is co-sponsored by the Social Action and Social committees

to help us learn more about who we are as a parish and about our neighbors near and far, and how Catholicism is expressed in these lands.

If you have not already signed up to provide an exhibit but would like to participate in this way, please contact Sharon Dorsey (344-3016 or smondaydorsey@yahoo.com).

There is no charge to attend this event, but free-will donations are welcome and will be shared with the East Central Illinois Refugee Center in Urbana.

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Champaign County Christian Health Center needs volunteer help

In November 2002 several area churches established the Champaign County Christian Health Center (CCCHC) to alleviate the health-care crisis in the C-U community. Valuable allies working with the Center include the Champaign County Health Department, the Frances Nelson Health Center, Carle Foundation Hospital, and Provena Covenant Hospital.

CCCHC offers free health care services to the uninsured of Champaign County.

The Center seeks to make physical and spiritual health and wholeness available to all through primary health-care services, medical screenings, educational events, and

the offer of prayerful support. Experienced medical volunteers help to treat minor or intermediate sicknesses. Services include immunizations for colds, flu, and hepatitis, and help with muscle, bone, and body aches. Physicals are also available for both adults and children.

Clinic hours are 5:30-9:30 p.m. for walk-ins on Tuesdays, and by appointment on Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., and Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The main office is at the Salt and Light Building, 1512 Anthony Dr., Champaign, accessible by the Lavender Bus Route. There is also a satellite clinic at First United Methodist Church in Rantoul, as

well as mobile clinics at Urbana Assembly of God and Salem Baptist Church.

Volunteers, both medical and non-medical, are needed to keep this ministry going to the poor in our community. Volunteer opportunities include hospitality, assistance with intake, provision of primary care, interpretative services, setup and cleanup, mobile clinic drivers, patient education, spiritual care and prayer support, office and clerical assistance, and publicity. If you can help meet the needs of your uninsured neighbors, please call 398-2914 or e-mail ccchc2003@yahoo.com.

Celebrating Eucharist

The Year of the Eucharist 2004-5

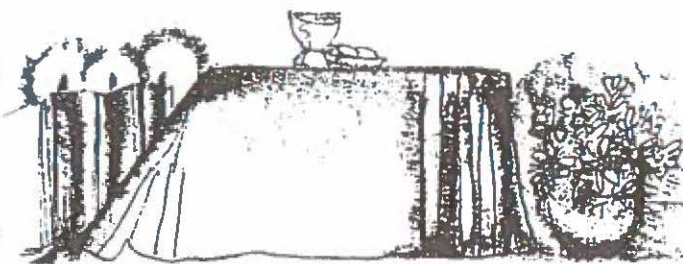
When we gather for Eucharist, for Mass, we are not separate individuals, each praying in solitary fashion in this place; as baptized people, we are gathered as Church. Vatican II, in the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, declared that "full, conscious, and active participation by all the faithful" in the Mass was the "right and the duty" of all the faithful by reason of our Baptism.

The Church is us, here and now, gathered by grace in the name of Christ Jesus. Our prayer is the Church at prayer, our singing is the Church praising. Our interceding is the Church interceding. We listen to the Word and eat and drink the flesh and blood of Christ as Church. With Christ we offer his sacrifice to the Father, together with our offering of ourselves as Church.

This is why our attention is required at worship, why we are asked not to pray our personal devotions during Mass. It is why we are asked to sit together instead of spreading out all through the church building. It is

why we are asked to join in the singing and in the acclamations. We are gathered as Church, and we must be Church by being one in as many ways as possible.

Cardinal Mahoney of Los Angeles, in his pastoral letter "Gather Faithfully Together," puts it this way: "Know the awesome responsibility you share for making this liturgy! Do not hide; do your private praying in the other hours of the week. Welcome one another, be at peace with one another. Sit together. Sing songs from your heart. Do not be afraid to show in your eager attention that you are hungry for God's Word when the lectors read, hungry for Christ's body and blood when you come forward in Holy Communion. Give thanks and praise to God by your great attention in the Eucharistic Prayer. Keep your eyes open to one another, and do everything you can to build up the Church, the Body of Christ."



VOCATION PRAYER

Holy and provident Father, you are the Lord of the vineyard and the harvest, and you give each a just reward for their work. In your design of love, you call men and women to work with you for the salvation of the world.

We thank you for Jesus Christ, your living Word, who has redeemed us from our sins and is among us to assist us in our poverty. Guide the flock to which you have promised possession of the kingdom.

Send new workers into your harvest and set in the hearts of pastors faithfulness to your plan of salvation, perseverance in their vocation, and holiness of life.

-Pope John Paul II

Parish Council News

At their March meeting Council members were addressed by Ron Peters on behalf of the Social Action Committee, presenting the committee's "Resolution on St. Patrick's Support for Living Wage Ordinances with Governmental Bodies in Champaign County" for the Council's review and endorsement. "Living wage" in the C-U community was defined for a full-time employee as \$9.88 per hour for a family of two. The committee was commended for its work, with action tabled until the April meeting to allow time for study of this issue and how to respond to it.

A check for \$45,000 from St. Patrick's participation in the "Rooted in Faith" campaign has been received, the first installment of what will eventually total approximately \$120,000—each parish is to receive 20% of its target amount and 80% of anything over that amount. In St. Patrick's Case Statement, which was accepted and approved by the Diocese of Peoria, this income is to be paid in equal amounts into St. Patrick's two Catholic education funds. (One of these was established to provide tuition support for parishioners enrolled in

Holy Cross School and to supplement budgetary needs for the parish's religious education program. The other was established to provide tuition support for parishioners enrolled in St. Thomas More High School.)

An ad hoc committee will be appointed to review the parish's policies in support of Catholic education, both through its own religious education program and through parishioner enrollment in local Catholic schools. The committee will be made up of a parishioner with a student enrolled at St. Thomas More High School, one with a student enrolled at Holy Cross School, two members of the Financial Affairs Committee, and two members of the Education Committee.

Another ad hoc committee has already been appointed to address Goal 4 of St. Patrick's Five-Year Goals, formulated last fall, regarding development of a master plan for efficient utilization of space and other resources for supporting and furthering the Kingdom of God. Members of the Council who are serving with parishioners at large on

this committee are Jerry Pijanowski and the two parish trustees, Ellen Amberg and Pat Dill.

Some dates were set: May 21-22, Volunteer Appreciation Weekend; Aug. 27-28, Time and Talent Weekend; Nov. 5-6, commissioning of new committee members.

Committee news: Building and Grounds members are addressing concerns about the fence by the apartments. Communications will elect a new chair at its next meeting and continues its efforts to recruit another editor for *In Focus*. The Social Committee was delighted with the turnout for the St. Patrick's Dance, which attracted over 160 parishioners, and is considering holding a monthly Parish Night.

The next Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Apr. 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.

Parish Council election set for Apr. 16-17

Did you know that St. Patrick's Parish Council was one of the first parish councils in the Diocese of Peoria? It was established in response to the call of Vatican II and Synod VI for more active and responsible lay participation in the Church.

The Council is a consultative body that assists and advises the pastor, who is ultimately responsible for the spiritual and temporal affairs of the parish. It shares with him the responsibility of developing the mission of Christ on earth in our parish community.

Aiding the Council in its work are the Building and Grounds, Communications, Education, Financial Affairs, Liturgy, Personnel, Social, Social Action, and Vocations committees. Each in its own way helps to create an environment in which mutual understanding and love can

flourish in our parish.

Members of the Council include the pastor, the two parish trustees, and 10 parishioners elected to staggered 3-year terms. This year Don Keefer and Victoria Pifalo, with Tara Beckett who is completing Wendy Wagner's term, are retiring from the Council.

To fill the vacated positions the Council has appointed an ad hoc election committee to recruit a slate of candidates for election to the Council, parishioners who are interested in sharing their time and talents with the parish on an extended basis.

All candidates must be willing to serve a 3-year term, a commitment that not only entails attending a monthly meeting but also requires preparation by studying various reports and serving as a liaison to one of the standing committees.

Our pastors have frequently express appreciation for the assistance the Council has provided through its research and thoughtful discussion of sometimes difficult issues. One need only recall the discussions and parish meetings on the future of St. Patrick's church—whether to relocate and build a new church farther east in Urbana, to expand the church building on its present site, or to make needed repairs and hold to the status quo. Each year brings its own issues and concerns for Council deliberation.

An informational brochure about the candidates for this year's election will be included in the Sunday bulletin Apr. 9-10 to help you in your prayerful discernment of new members for the Council. Ballots will be distributed for the election process at all Masses on Apr. 16-17. Any member of the parish 16 years of age or older may vote.

St. Louis, a true devotee of Mary

Louis Grignion de Montfort (1673-1716) is best known for his devotion to Mary. Born in a small village in France, he was educated by the Jesuits and Sulpicians, and was ordained in 1700. His ministry was traveling, preaching to the poor, and living simply. He brought thousands back to the faith with his message of frequent, even daily Communion (*not* the custom at that time) and following Mary's example of accepting God's will in their lives. He was a strong proponent of praying the Rosary.

Louis founded the Daughters of Wisdom, who cared for the sick, and the Missionaries of the Company of Mary (the Montfort Fathers) for priests and brothers. He is perhaps best known for his book *True Devo-*

tion to the Blessed Virgin. The book has been criticized for its exaggerated language and emphasis on Mary's role in the redemption, yet it had enormous influence for more than two centuries. Its influence waned after the Second Vatican Council introduced a more biblically based and Christ-centered approach to Marian devotion. (This book is in our parish library; its call number is 232.93 MAR.)

His teaching on consecrating oneself to Mary is followed by many today, including Pope John Paul II. When Pope Pius XII canonized St. Louis, he called him "the guide who leads you to Mary and from Mary to Jesus." The Church celebrates his life and gifts on Apr. 28, the anniversary of his death in 1716.



Q: Why do we sing at Mass during the Communion procession?

A: The instruction on the

Missal gives three reasons. The first is "to show the communicants' union of spirit by means of the unity of their voices." Our Communion is an act that unites us with the Body of Christ, both in the Blessed Sacrament and in the community assembled for worship.

The second reason given is "to show joy of heart." The gift of unity with the Body of Christ is reason for joy indeed!

The third reason is that our movement to receive Communion is a procession. Just as parades have bands and protest marchers sing or chant slogans, the processions during the Mass are all accompanied by song. Some of us may wonder how can we be expected to walk in procession, hold a book, sing, and be ready to receive Communion in the hand or hold the cup from which we drink. Ideally, at the time of Communion we join in a hymn we know well enough to sing without a book

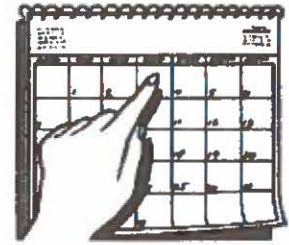
or a simple refrain that does not require one, freeing our hands and our eyes from the printed page.

Now here's a question for you: There are other processions during the Mass, all accompanied by singing. Can you name them? (The answer is on page 9)



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

Make a Date



Watch the Sunday bulletin for more information about these events as their dates draw near.

Apr. 2: Seniors Group luncheon: parishioners ready to acknowledge senior status gather for lunch and fun

Apr. 9: Ladies Knight Out: good food, entertainment for the ladies of the parish by the KCs

Apr. 13: Mental Health Ministry series: video and discussion on "Alzheimer's Care and Support"

Apr. 16-17: Parish Council election of three parishioners to three-year terms, filling vacancies as three members' terms expire; at all Masses this weekend

Apr. 20: *Disciples in Mission* follow-up: evening of reflection and discernment for program participants

Apr. 23: International Festival: specialty foods and recipes, folk dances, cultural exhibits, and more

Apr. 24: Blood pressure checks by Parish Nurses after each Mass

Ladies Knight Out? April 9!

The annual Ladies Knight Out, sponsored by the Urbana Knights of Columbus, is set for Saturday, Apr. 9, in St. Patrick's parish hall. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

The menu will feature a choice of steak or chicken from the grill, cooked and served by the Knights, as well as salad, beverage, and dessert. The evening will also include outstanding entertainment, door prizes, and (need it be said?) good company for your enjoyment.

Although ticket prices had not yet been set by this issue's early deadline, by the time you read this you will be able to purchase tickets from any Knight or from the parish office. You'll want to get yours without delay, as the number will be limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. This popular event drew close to 200 ladies of the parish last year, so don't delay!

Military Moms make new connections

Prayer is the very heart of the C-U Military Moms Prayer Group, made up of parents who have sons and daughters serving around the world in the military. Two St. Patrick's moms, Sandy Pijanowski and Mary Long, began the prayer group to support one another and pray as their sons were deploying to Iraq in the spring of 2004. Now the group has become an interfaith group that welcomes any families who want to pray with them for loved ones serving anywhere in the world.

The support the group provides for one another has sustained many of the parents as they awaited the return of their loved ones from Iraq. Recently, all the group members who have had sons in Iraq have celebrated their safe return from Iraq in the past few weeks, including Sandy's son Aaron and Mary's son Adam.

The group has been meeting monthly to pray and to share stories, hopes and concerns, fears and joys. At one meeting Fr. Joe Hogan presented the moms and dads with small crosses patterned after Pope John Paul's crozier. He invited all to take one for themselves and one to send to each of their sons or daughters so they could be connected with one another through this symbol and prayer. The moms also share pictures of their sons and daughters so that each mom at home can be praying specifically for them as they look at their pictures. At meetings the collection of pictures is displayed and added to as new moms and dads join the group.

The group has supported others in the community facing the heartbreak of sending their loved ones to Iraq. When the Urbana National Guard



At each gathering pictures of sons, daughters, and loved ones in military service are displayed as a focus for prayer.

Unit deployed in January, some of the moms set up a table in the Urbana Armory to talk to families and support them. The weekend of the Iraqi elections, the group called all the local churches, and spoke at one of them, to ask for prayers of protection for loved ones and for the Iraqi people at that time of heightened danger. When Champaign Marine Nathan Moore died in a helicopter crash in Iraq, about a dozen of the moms attended the visitation and presented a "Condolence Book" to the mother of the young Marine. Several moms traveled to Paris, Ill., to welcome the 1544th National Guard Unit recently returned from Iraq, because one of the moms in the group has a son in the unit.

The moms host an Internet e-mail "yahoo group" to stay in close touch. They also provide support to former parishioner Ellen Roney, who has moved to Wisconsin and who still occasionally comes back for gatherings. Ellen's son, Mike, also returned from Iraq at the beginning of March. Through the yahoo group, the moms cheer each other on, doing the "happy dance" when another son returns home safely, and they pray

together for the moms dreading the upcoming deployment of their children. When several Marines from Mike's unit were injured by a roadside bomb, moms prayed for them and wrote encouraging letters to them as they recovered in the hospital.

In January, Naomi Jacobson accepted the group's invitation to meet with them, to hear their concerns. She also met Ben Fox, USAF, son of Joan and Mark Gerhart, who came to thank the moms for their prayer support.

At their February meeting, Tom Dermody, editor of *The Catholic Post*, visited the group to interview them for an article for the Mar. 5 edition of the newspaper. Tom sang "I'll Pray You Home," a song he composed as a tribute to a praying mom. At that meeting the moms also compiled a list of concerns to present to Rep. Tim Johnson, who met with 20 members of the group on Saturday, Mar. 5, at Urbana Gardens Restaurant to discuss these concerns. Various political stances are represented in the group, but that never gets in the way of the main focus of prayer for these precious sons and daughters. Tim was very supportive and shared that he very much appreciated the group and their prayer focus, agreed with the concerns expressed, and would advocate for them.

The Military Moms Prayer Group welcomes others who would like to pray for loved ones in the military. Contact Mary Long at St. Patrick's parish center (367-2665) for more information. All the moms and dads truly appreciate that St. Pat's parishioners are keeping their sons and daughters in their prayers.



Naomi Jacobson listens as Ben Fox, USAF, son of Joan and Mark Gerhart, tells of his appreciation for the support of the prayer group.



Military Moms welcome Naomi Jacobson to their January gathering. From the left: Ann Russell, Naomi Jacobson, Dominique Lang, Kay Cook, Sandy Pijanowski.



Mary Long (right) welcomes a member to the February gathering of the Military Moms Prayer Group.

Holy Cross Happenings



Used Book Sale:

Fifth-graders at Holy Cross School held a used book sale on Mar. 14 and 15. All items were sold for 25 to 50 cents. The money raised was donated to the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The King & I: On April 7, 8, 9, and 10 Holy Cross students, including several St. Patrick's children, will perform the play *The King and I*. Director Angela Marcum has had many years of experience in community theatre and is looking forward to working with the students. Mark your calendars to come see one of the performances.

Stations of the Cross: On Friday, Mar. 11, the school assembled for the Stations of the Cross. The stations this year were performed by a seventh-grade class, 7M/C. Students in Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Cornelius's class acted out each station, and as part of the dramatization Olivia Durst sang "That's How Much I Love You" and Holly Hart (accompanied by Daniel Schweizer) sang "Amazing Grace."

Shine the spotlight on St. Patrick's children!

Chris Fowler, fifth-grader at Robeson School, Champaign, earned his Parvuli Dei badge and pin in May 2004. This was a part of his webelos Cub Scout program, and is the Catholic Faith Award. Chris is the son of Susan Fowler. *Congratulations, Chris!*



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

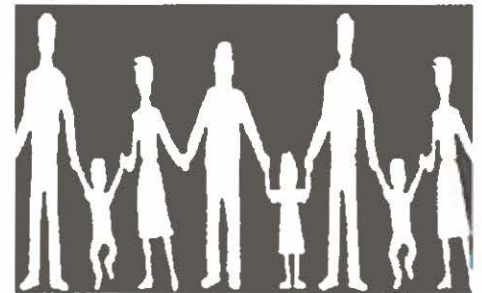
Krannert: Once again, several classes will attend performances at Krannert Center in March and April. These performances are quite educational and are enjoyed by both students and staff.

Mark Your Calendars



Mar. 21-28: Spring Break
Mar. 29: School resumes
Apr. 1: Reports cards distributed
Apr. 6: Box top collection
Apr. 7-10: *The King and I* performances
Apr. 15: Early dismissal (11 a.m.) for teacher in-service
Apr. 25: Eighth-graders leave for a week in Washington, D.C.
Apr. 28: Kindergarten/seventh-grade prayer pals to Skateland
May 6: All-School Mass, 8:15 a.m.; May Crowning
May 17: Honors Day, 1:00 p.m.
May 18: Eighth grade last day, 10:30 a.m. dismissal; Graduation Mass, 7:00 p.m.

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). Photos of featured children are also very welcome and will be returned.



Welcome to new parishioners Raven Buffo, Francine and Scott Clark, John Gallivan, Christie Hlawek, Suzanne Kayala and Claude Mbuyi, Cord and Katie Schroeder, Bruce Warner, Jr., Bruce Warner, Sr., and Thomas Wimmer, Jr.

Farewell to these parishioners, who have moved from C-U: Ed and Eve Cassidy, Molly and Ryan McCarty, and Lisa Lavie.

Congratulations to Sarah Lynette Beyers and Rotimi Tosin Toba, married at St. Patrick's.

Welcome to those recently baptized into our faith community: Logan William Parker, Raul M. Ybarra, Carter James Logsdon, Jack Landry McMillan, and Rebecca Marie Michna.

Please pray for deceased parishioners Candice Brokoski and Donald Reinhart.

Please also remember in your prayers the very many seriously and chronically ill members of our parish, whom the "Privacy Act" prevents us from naming here.

“Thank you,” “I love you,” “Come back to see us!”

On Sunday, March 13, parishioners young and old embraced Carol Retz in saying their good-byes and expressing their appreciation for the loving care with which she carried out her responsibilities as Children’s Program Coordinator and as Youth Activities Coordinator for St. Patrick’s youngsters and teens.



Steve’s career move takes them to Hoffman Estates, where their new house awaits their arrival. On behalf of the parish, and in appreciation for the giftedness Carol has shared with all of us, Carolyn presented her with a framed photograph of “The Rising Christ” and a St. Patrick’s Rose rosebush, reminders of us to help make their house a home. A gift of \$500 from

Adults came to thank her for her work with our children. And two classes serenaded her with “This little light of mine.” All of which was guaranteed to send her off with indelible memories of the parish family she has so graced.

Good-bye, Carol, God be with you. Come back to see us...



For many years Carol has guided, inspired, and helped to motivate young parishioners through her words and example in Children’s Liturgies, First Reconciliation, and First Communion, and for the teens, the CREW Mission program, always present and always ready to give the comforting word, the arm around the shoulder that says “I understand, and I care.”

With her husband, Steve, often assisting, she also provided a lot of the behind-the-scenes “grunt work” that such programs frequently require.

the parish may also help with making some of the necessary adjustments every house seems to need.

But the truest, best gift that Carol will take with her is the gratitude expressed over and over again by those who came to wish her well. The very young flocked in with their parents after Carol’s last Children’s Liturgy, running up with hugs and kisses. Youngsters from the religious education classes presented handmade posters, cards, and gift items expressing their thanks for her presence with them over the years.




Editors needed for In Focus

The Communications Committee needs a couple of people to take turns editing *In Focus*, the parish newsletter. As a volunteer editor you would need a computer and access to e-mail. The editing work usually falls in the week following the second Sunday of the month. Your job would be to combine all typed, handwritten, or e-mailed articles into a single file, check for spelling and grammar, apply some style conventions, print out the file, and distribute copies for parish staff review on Thursday



morning. On Friday afternoon you’d pick up their copies, add to your file any changes requested, and on Saturday or Sunday deliver the file, with a final printout, to the volunteer who will be paging the newsletter.

Editing an issue takes about 6-8 hours, and deadlines are very important. If you enjoy *In Focus*, will you help to keep it going? If you can take a turn at editing the newsletter, please contact Mary Lou Menches (344-1125, mmenches@uiuc.edu).



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is April 10.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, martyr to freedom

He was one of the few who, even before the rise of Hitler, saw the Nazi party as the godless threat it



was. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran theologian, ultimately was imprisoned and executed for his opposition to the regime. Apr. 9 is the sixtieth anniversary of his death.

Born in 1906, he was only 14 when he knew that he wanted to study theology, and he entered university when he was 17. As he embarked on his career, he was considered a brilliant theologian and soon went to the United States to teach at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Back in Germany, Bonhoeffer saw the Nazi party seducing rather than attacking the Church, and some of the most dedicated and competent of his fellow clergymen were innocently supporting the party as the means to improve the lot of Germans at that time. He was adamant in his belief that as a Christian he must take action to stop the Nazis' growing influence, so in 1933 he decided that he would not devote his life to

academics, which now seemed meaningless.

Because of his strong opposition to fascism, he went to London as a pastor, but returned to Germany to further the work of the anti-Nazi Confessional Church, started by Martin Niemöller and Karl Barth. In 1935 he founded a unique seminary that emphasized discipline and community. He became active in the international ecumenical movement to unite Christian churches as an anti-Nazi force. Although Bonhoeffer was viewed as a fanatic by some, he was also well-liked and received many honors for his achievements.

In 1937, the regime closed his seminary. In 1938 he began to contemplate that the anti-Nazi movement would be defeated, and he made his first contact with leaders of the political resistance. In 1939 he went to London and New York to lecture and to voice his concerns about the direction Germany was taking.

As the threat of war became more imminent, his American colleagues tried to persuade him to stay in the United States, but he believed that he must return to Germany and "share the trials" if he was going to "participate in the reconstruction of Christian life in Germany after the war." He left the United States on

the last ship sailing to Europe before World War II started.

Bonhoeffer then worked arduously for the overthrow of Hitler and was eventually implicated in a plot on Hitler's life. Arrested in April 1943, he was held in Buchenwald Concentration Camp and later moved to Flossenbürg, where he was executed just days before it was liberated by the Allies in 1945.

While in prison, Bonhoeffer inspired the other prisoners and gained the good will and respect of the guards. In fact, some of the guards helped smuggle out his letters and other writings. These, along with his many previous writings, are the subject of much study and interpretation even today.

Writing about freedom, he identified three initial steps to achieve it: discipline, action, and suffering. A fourth and final step is death. Freedom, he wrote, requires the acceptance of death as fulfillment of life, not as a denial of life. His own life exemplified his philosophy; he was truly a martyr to freedom. More information about the life and ideas of Dietrich Bonhoeffer can be found in the resources of St. Patrick's parish library.

Facing the challenge of ... food

In his address to the Vatican diplomatic corps on Jan. 10, Pope John Paul II laid out four great challenges facing the human family as 2005 opens: life, food, peace, and freedom. Of the four, the most unexpected was food. "The statistics on world hunger are dramatic," the pope said. "Hundreds of millions of human beings are suffering from grave malnutrition, and each year millions of children die from hunger or its effects."

According to the United Nations' World Food Program,

- 852 million people across the world were hungry in 2004, up from

842 million a year earlier. This is more than the combined populations of the United States, Canada, Europe, and Japan.

- Hunger and malnutrition claim 10 million lives every year. This works out to 25,000 lives every day, or one life every 5 seconds.
- Six million children under 5 die every year from hunger.

How will we respond to this challenge?

Fifteen years old—

The flowers printed on her dress
Cease moving in the middle of
her prayer
When God, Who sends the
messenger,
Meets his messenger in her
heart.
Her answer, between breath and
breath,
Wrings from her innocence our
Sacrament!
In her white body God becomes
our Bread.
"The Annunciation," by *Thomas Merton, 1957*



in our parish library

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's martyrdom influenced many Christians to consider what it means to be a follower of Christ. His books continue to offer thoughtful reflections on this subject.

Cost of Discipleship (248 BON) reflects on the implications of believing in Christ. Writers have called this work an "attack on easy Christianity." Using the Sermon on the Mount, Bonhoeffer asks and answers questions on the call to discipleship. "Cheap grace," Bonhoeffer wrote, "is the grace we bestow on ourselves ... grace without discipleship. Costly grace is the gospel that must be sought again and again, the gift that must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life."

Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community (260

BON) "This story of a unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years reads like one of Paul's letters. It gives practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups. The role of personal prayer, worship in common, everyday work, and Christian service is treated in simple, almost biblical, words. *Life Together* is bread for all who are hungry for the real life of Christian fellowship." — from the publisher.



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Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Aimee Fleming

Tuscan Vegetable Minestrone

2 c diced green cabbage
1/2 c each, diced: onion, carrots, celery, potato
1 c ground or diced tomatoes
5 c vegetable broth (2-1/2 cubes Knorr Vegetable Bouillon)
1/2 c diced zucchini
1 15-oz can kidney beans, with juice
1/4 c uncooked elbow macaroni
1/2 T dried oregano
salt and pepper to taste



In a large pot, combine green cabbage, onion, carrots, celery, potato, tomatoes, and vegetable broth. Bring to simmer over moderate heat. Cover, adjust heat to maintain simmer, and cook for about 15 minutes. Add zucchini, kidney beans, and macaroni. Cover and bring to a simmer, and cook for another 15 minutes. Add oregano and salt and pepper to taste.

Q & A Answer: The other three processions during the Mass are (1) the Entrance Procession, during which we sing our first hymn; (2) the Gospel Procession, during which we sing the Alleluia or other acclamation during Lent; and (3) the procession bringing the bread and wine to the altar, during which we often sing another hymn, although the action is sometimes accompanied by music or a hymn sung by the choir. Also, though not prescribed by the liturgical books, most parishes have a procession (often called a recessional) of ministers at the end of Mass, accompanied by a hymn.

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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 <i>In Focus</i> is April 10.</p>					10:45am Mass CCNH 12 noon Seniors Group, Lunch	
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9, 11am Rel Ed 10:15am Children's Liturgy 5:30 CREW Mission Meeting 6:30pm Jr-Sr Hi Rel Ed, guest speaker	7pm Centering Prayer 7pm Pro-life 7pm Education 7pm Watch Board Meeting	9:30am Mass Canterbury Ridge 5:30pm Financial Affairs 6:45pm First Communion Prep	9:30am Moms Group 5:15pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 6pm Rel Ed Urbana 6:30pm Rel Ed St Joe 7pm Choir	6:45am Men's Bible Study 7pm Buildings & Grounds 7pm Bapt. Prep 7pm Choir	10:30am Mass Care Center 10:45am Mass CCNH	6pm Ladies Knight out
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WWSG = WATCH Women's Study Group