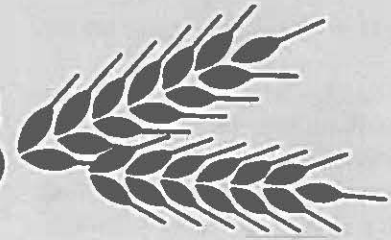


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



To all the volunteers of St. Patrick's: Thanks for making heaven on earth!

In the midst of summer, as the usual pace of life slows down a bit, the Parish Council would like to express deep gratitude to all the volunteers of St. Patrick's who have generously served our community throughout the past year of parish activity.

Just a few weeks ago, in the Gospel of Matthew, we heard Jesus offer these words of wisdom, reminding us that we are all called to be good citizens of God's Kingdom.

The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few...

The kingdom of heaven is at hand...

Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

What better words to reflect upon as we pause to take a deep breath in the middle of the summer, as we look

back upon the many activities, events, and celebrations that took place throughout the past year.

On behalf of the Parish Council, our pastor Father Joe Hogan, and the parish staff, many thanks to all who have generously shared their time and talent, their care and expertise, who have helped make possible so many vital programs and services. We are grateful for all that you have given as community-builders, educators, evangelizers, liturgists, pastoral caregivers, special outreach workers, social action volunteers, and parish operations assistants.

Our parish ministry booklet, "Who and What Is St. Patrick's," outlines over 50 different areas of service here at our parish. Multiply that by the number of unique individuals who serve on various committees and in activity groups—it adds up to

hundreds of volunteers, working faithfully to bring our parish to life, to bring the light of Christ to others.

Add to these the many other ways that the people of St. Patrick's volunteer, in our schools and in community programs, supporting many good causes beyond the parish—it adds up to countless believers, working faithfully to build the Kingdom of God here and now.

How abundant the harvest, how many the laborers here at St. Patrick's! How grateful we are that so many recognize that the Kingdom is at hand! How blessed we are to receive and to give, without counting the cost!

As we bask in Ordinary Time, enjoying these summer days, may Jesus' words of wisdom renew and energize each one of us. Together may we continue to make heaven on earth through our good works.

Parish graduates are moving on

In May, at a special recognition ceremony during the 9:00 Mass, graduating seniors were called forward and congratulated on their achievements. At this time several of the graduates also received a **Fr. Charles Martell Scholarship**, awarded by the Knights of Columbus, in recognition of their participation in parish and community service activities and general scholastic accomplishments:



Some of Saint Patrick's graduating seniors are shown here with Fr. Joe Hogan, Grand Knight David Mendoza, and Knights Scott Shannon and Joseph Youakim.

Jaclyn Althaus, Emmanuel Bronson, Merla Hubler, Allison Jarrett, Elizabeth Keane, Ryan Kirby, Jonathan Nelson, Courtney Sage, and Kristina Vasnaik.

Fr. Joe Hogan invited all present to join him in this prayer for the graduates: "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

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The Eucharist an agent of change

The Year of the Eucharist 2004-5

The Eucharist an agent of change? Really? Well, yes. This is what St. Augustine had to say about it in a homily centuries ago. After you've read and reread his homily, and absorbed the wonder of it, read a modern-day liturgist's response. First, St. Augustine:

What you see is bread and a cup. This is what your eyes report to you. But your faith has need to be taught that the bread is the body of Christ, the cup the blood of Christ.

If, then, you wish to understand the body of Christ, listen to the Apostle as he says to the faithful, "You are the body of Christ and his members." If you are the body of Christ and his members, it is the sacrament of what you are that is placed on the Lord's table; it is the sacrament of what you are that you receive. You are there on the table; you are there in the cup.

You are this body with us, for, collectively, we are this body. We drink of the same cup because we live the same life.

You reply "Amen" to that which you are, and by replying you consent. For you hear "The body of Christ,"

and you reply "Amen." Be a member of the body of Christ so that your "Amen" may be true. Be what you see, and receive what you are.

Here now is David Philippart:

We are changed—and are changing. We become Christ's body, bread broken for a world that is obese with materialism and still dying of malnutrition. We become a leaven in the world's bread, an agent of change that helps the reign of God to rise, fragrantly, like a loaf browning in the oven. We become Christ's blood, wine poured out in sacrifice and in celebration, poured out for the sake of a world drowning in division and still dying of thirst, a thirst for union and communion.

Such transformation, such transubstantiation—of the bread, of the wine, of you, of me, of the Church, of us—such change is possible because Christ says so: "This—and you—my body. This—and you—the cup of my

blood. Do this and remember me."

Do this! Made bold by this command, let us go to the table that is Christ. Let us go and fervently pray there, "Send your Spirit upon these gifts to make them holy, that they may become"—and by sharing them that we may be—"the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this Eucharist." Then will the Spirit whisper through the Church, calling each of us and all of us by those names so dear to God: The body of Christ. The blood of Christ. Then we will answer as Bishop Augustine taught us to, by saying Amen to what we are.

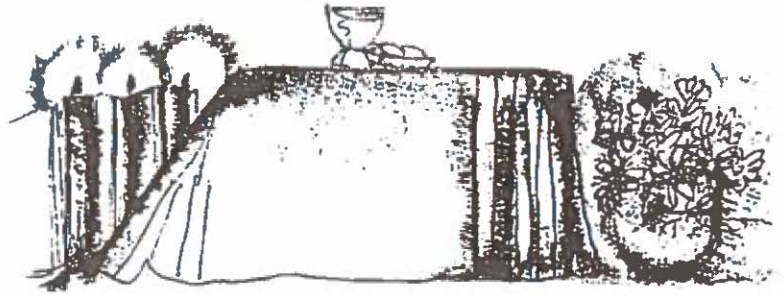
The body of Christ.

The body of Christ.

Amen.

Amen.

Will you ever be able to look upon the Eucharist, and your participation in it, in any other way ever again?

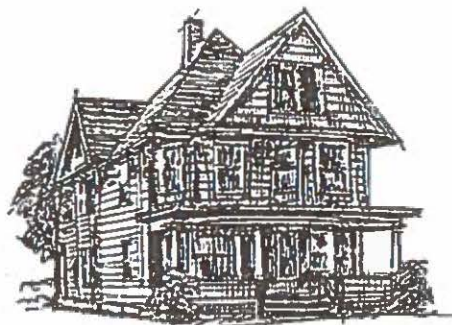


Catholic Worker House plans celebration

For twenty-five years the Catholic Worker House has provided refuge, succor, and meals for those in need in Champaign-Urbana. Thousands of hungry men, women, and children have dined at table on meals provided by St. Patrick's parishioners and others with the means to help. Hundreds more have found refuge at this "House of Hospitality," where women were given room for their children and meager belongings for an overnigher or for a week or a month until they were able to move on.

Live-in volunteers traditionally make up the only staff for the House, their security the love with which

they serve God's children in need. A multitude of other volunteers from the C-U community help with preparing and serving meals and donating pantry and household items along with their time and talents for maintenance and repairs.



And still others send in donations to cover monthly expenses. This is a truly community action of love and care for our brothers and sisters in need.

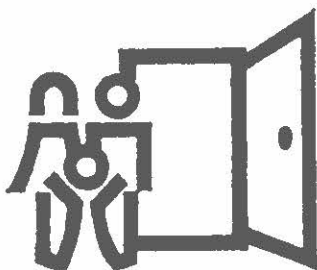
The Catholic Worker House plans a celebration of its twenty-five years on the weekend of Aug. 27-28. Watch the parish bulletin for news of this special event as the date draws near, and plan to join in the celebration!

Where is the restroom?

For all families visiting or new to St. Patrick's church this summer, this may be the first and most pressing question asked. But there is more to know about the church's help facilities. Here are some features you should know about.

Emergency phone: In the room to the right as you enter the church. (Press 9 before entering the telephone number you are calling.)

Restrooms: There are two. One is to the right, inside the room where the telephone is located. The other is in the room behind the baptismal font; go through the side exit and turn left, without going downstairs or outside. The restroom is on the left at the top of the ramp. This restroom provides better access for those with mobility impairments. You can get a drink of water in either restroom; there are paper



cupps in the medicine cabinets.

Holy water: You can fill your container from the crock in the room behind the baptismal font (see above).

Handicapped seating: The front pew on each side of the church is reserved for the elderly and/or handicapped. If you remain in the pew, the Eucharistic ministers will bring Communion to you there. There is also room for a wheelchair at the ends of the two front pews and the two back pews.

Crying area: Small children who are fretful or need to stretch their legs can be taken to the main vestibule, where they won't disturb others. Copies of both hymnals used in the church are shelved in the lectern there, and the sound system feeds into the area to help parents participate in the Mass.

Reconciliation room: The reconciliation room is to the left as you enter the church. You can either kneel at the screen just inside the door or walk around it to sit face to face with the priest for the sacrament. Two lights outside the room will help you to know when you may enter: the light on top is green when the priest is present; the light below is green when you may enter, red when another person is with the priest. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every Saturday, 4:00-4:45 p.m. and 6:00-6:30 p.m., or until all have been served. You can also call the parish office (367-2665) to make an appointment with a priest for a different time.

If you should happen to mislay this issue during a busy summer, ushers can help you with these matters. And the information will be reprinted in the fall issue of *In Focus*.

Volunteer Opportunities

Adopt a flowerbed at St. Patrick's. Planting, watering, and weeding a small garden area can give you an appreciation of God's gift of earth's beauty and the satisfaction of cooperating in bringing this beauty to parish grounds. The more volunteers, the more garden beds that could be developed. *Garden Club:* Chris Langendorf, 328-2809.

Three or four volunteers are needed to insert *In Focus* into the parish bulletin on the last weekend of the month, for about an hour following the Saturday 8:00 a.m. Mass (about 8:45 a.m.). Families, Bible study and WATCH groups, individuals of any age welcome! *Communications Committee:* Peggy Whelan, 367-3668.

Join three volunteers on a team that will focus on liturgical art and environment for St. Patrick's church. The group will

plan and arrange the visual setting for the parish's major liturgical celebrations and Sunday liturgies, which may include decorative hangings, banners, art objects, lighting, etc., designed to enhance parishioners' experience of Eucharist. The team leader will participate in Liturgy Committee meetings as Liturgical Arts coordinator. *Liturgy Committee:* Mary Lou Menches, 344-1125 or mmenches@uiuc.edu.

Adopt a granny at a nursing home of your choice. Men and women are needed to ease residents' loneliness and to help with parties and activities. Or be on call for occasional hospital support, such as rides for patients or their families. *Council of Congregations:* Peggy Whelan, 367-3668.

A committee is looking for someone to serve as treasurer for

the group. Call for an idea of the time commitment required and specific duties. *Social Committee:* Cathy Howey, 684-2372.



Parish groups are invited to submit entries for this column. Send your notices to the Communications Committee or call Peggy Whelan, chair, at 367-2668. Include your own name and telephone number or e-mail address and the name of your group.



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

Blessed Jeanne Jugan, beggar for the poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor operate several homes for the aged in the Chicago area. The foundress of this community, Jeanne Jugan, was beatified in 1982. Her feast, Aug. 30, provides a good opportunity to remember and celebrate her work and the work of her daughters.

Jeanne was born in rural Brittany in 1792 to a poor family. She spent her early years in menial work, but she felt called to do more with her life. At the age of 45, she moved into an apartment with two other women who shared their life of prayer, supported themselves with laundry and spinning, and did what they could to relieve the needs of the poor. Because of social upheaval and crop failures, towns were crowded with beggars.

Two years later Jeanne quit her other jobs and took to begging on behalf of the poor women around her. She turned out to be a talented fundraiser and organizer. Within 2 or 3 years she was able to purchase a building to house her work and

several young women who wanted to join her. In 1843 they formed a religious organization, following the Rule of St. Augustine. In addition to vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, they took a fourth vow, of hospitality.

The community elected Jeanne as their first superior, but Fr. Le Pailleur, a priest who had been her spiritual director and encouraged her early work, imposed his authority over the group and appointed another as superior. For a time Jeanne was allowed to continue her work as fundraiser, but then he decreed that she should undertake internal work, and she spent the last 27 years of her life supervising the manual work of the postulants. Jeanne Jugan died in 1879. Histories of the Little Sisters of the Poor that were written through the mid-twentieth century list the priest, Fr. Le Pailleur, as founder, but the community has since recovered its history and given Blessed Jeanne her rightful recognition.

Shine the spotlight

Nathanial Perry and Catherine Keane were members of the St. Thomas More-Parkland Challenge Team, which took second place in the finals. The entire competition will be shown next season on the Parkland College channel on Sundays. The nearly all-frosh team defeated three teams in their first competition to reach the semifinals. *Go, Sabers!*



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@vegix.net). Photos of featured youngsters are also very welcome and will be returned.



Q: Why do we hold hands during the Our Father?

A: Well, perhaps first of all it would be best to recognize

that this practice is not commonly observed in all parishes. In some parishes this practice is well established, whereas in others it is not observed and may even be discouraged. There is no mention of it, in fact, in the Mass rubrics. At St. Patrick's and in other parishes where it is done, joining hands during the Our Father has helped to create or reinforce the experience of community, the recognition that all present are brothers and sisters in

Christ. That the practice has been the subject of much discussion among liturgists in the last several years suggests that it is not a localized one but may be experienced in churches across the country—though not in all.

We may never know just how the practice of holding hands at the Lord's Prayer began. Perhaps the practice of some families holding hands to say grace before meals migrated to church, with the Our Father the "grace" we pray before sharing in the Lord's Supper. Members of prayer groups also often instinctively join hands when praying the Lord's Prayer together.

The prayer itself seems to suggest it; we do not pray "my Father" but "our Father." We pray as brothers

and sisters, united in our common Baptism, adopted children of God. In today's society the bonds of community are often strained; we move about, live far from extended family members and close friends, and communicate electronically. Consequently we may long to feel connected somehow to the people around us, especially at this moment of intimacy with God and with each other that is the Eucharist.

But precisely because handholding does suggest a kind of intimacy, a relationship, some people may feel uncomfortable holding hands at Mass while praying the Our Father, and their reticence deserves respect. There is no right or wrong about this practice.

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



Parish Council News

At their June meeting Council members received a report on the parish's first experience of the Disciples in Mission program, indicating that participation at St. Patrick's exceeded the expected norm. The Mission Team is now focusing on discerning and planning implementation of the objectives for Goal 1 ("To bring about in all Catholics such an enthusiasm for their faith that, in living their faith in Jesus, they freely share it with others"): Eucharist, adult education, and community building.

The ad hoc committee looking at space utilization is giving consideration to changes in the Sunday Mass schedule primarily because of concern about availability of priests to preside at Mass. Council members suggested that it would be wise to make changes before the religious education program picks up in the fall.

With the closing of St. Joseph Church in Pesotum, the home site of the East Central Illinois Cursillo, the group is looking for four weekend retreat locations needed for the coming year. Holy Cross has agreed to provide space for two of these, and St. Patrick's will do the same for the other two weekends: a fourth Sunday in the fall and another in the spring.

A considerable revision of the parish's operating budget for the coming fiscal year was approved by the Council. This revision included changes to the religious education and family life coordinator positions, a new and substantially less expensive telephone system, and designation of third-Sunday second collections to fund outreach programs of the Social Action Committee and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, effectively eliminating budget allocations for these programs. Allocations are based on projected income of \$673,390.

The end-of-year funds for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, will be distributed as follows: 10% in support of Dr. Susan Nagele's mission work, 10% to our Sister Church in Beit-Jala, and whatever remains to be allocated to the



maintenance fund and the property acquisition fund.

Parishioners have so far pledged \$94,434 toward the parish's goal of \$114,816 for the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Any amount short of the goal will have to be made up from the parish's income; any amount donated over the goal will be rebated to the parish.

Committee news:

The *Building and Grounds Committee* has been busy with cleaning up the parish grounds, mulching flowerbeds, etc.

The *Communications Committee* planned its annual thank-you picnic and barbecue for parishioners who regularly help with the many aspects of preparing the monthly newsletter, *In Focus*, and is revising the booklet "Who and What Is St. Patrick's?" for printing this year by the bulletin printer, Diocesan Publications. The committee still hopes for volunteers to help by inserting the newsletter into bulletins on the last weekend of each month.

Although the *Education Committee* does not meet in the summer, Carolyn McElrath is busy with the mandated reorganization of the program and its personnel.

The *Liturgy Committee* is bringing in liturgist David Philippart, who will speak at all Masses the weekend of Oct. 1-2 and present an evening of renewal for liturgical ministers. The committee has heard from three volunteers for the new Liturgical Art and Environment Team and hopes for a couple more.

The *Social Committee* is still looking for someone to help as treasurer and is planning "a big event," as yet

unannounced

The *Social Action Committee* is in the midst of planning a series of programs to begin in the fall.

The next regular Council meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Aug. 18. 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.

Council appoints liaisons with standing committees

The Parish Council starts each year by appointing liaisons with its standing committees. At their May meeting Council members are asked to name their preferences for liaison service, and soon afterward receive their appointments—not all preferences, of course, can be observed. Liaison appointments for the coming year are:

Building and Grounds,

Randy Pankau

Communications,

Frances Drone-Silvers

Education, Kathy Sarnecki

Financial Affairs,

Cheryl Mitchell

Liturgy, Sam Reese

Personnel, Jerry Pijanowski

Social, Joseph Youakim

Social Action, Jim Mayer

The primary role of the liaison is to keep the committee and the Council informed on matters of mutual interest. To accomplish this, liaisons are expected to attend not only the Council meeting but also the meeting of the committee to which each is appointed. Because the liaisons are to participate actively in the work of the committee as well as on ad hoc committees of the Council as needs arise, they are very busy people indeed—and well deserving of our prayerful support.

Get ready for the Cellar-to-Garret Sale

Put a sticky note on the fridge and mark your calendars for St. Patrick's biggest sale event of the year—the Cellar-to-Garret Sale will be Sept. 15-17. The sale fills the parish center with thousands of items—clothing, toys, furniture, books, household items, and much, much more—and brings in over \$10,000. St. Patrick's Guild, the sponsor and main organizer of this annual event, draws on the proceeds of the sale for various projects in the parish, such as the renovation of the parish kitchen, new Mass vestments in observance of our parish centennial, the remodeling and refurbishing of the lounge, and new furnishings for the pastor's office.

Co-chairs Carla Simmering and Susan Hublein are already planning this year's event. The sale represents a huge effort on the part of many volunteers. Setup begins after the noon Mass on Sunday, Sept. 11, with the creation of a "sale zone" in the parish hall and classrooms. Volunteers are needed to sort through donations, take items to the various rooms, organize the merchandise (and keep it organized as the sale goes on), and serve as cashiers and door-checkers.

Other volunteer opportunities involve providing food for the

workers, picking up donated items before the sale and delivering them to St. Patrick's, and of course, cleanup afterward. Check your calendar for that week—if you can give one hour or ten, you'll meet new people, have a good time, and have the satisfaction of being part of an amazing project!

Watch the parish bulletin for the date when you can begin dropping items off at the parish garage. But right now, as you're doing your late spring or early fall cleaning, keep the Cellar-to-Garret Sale in mind for "gently used" items that you no longer need.



Guild publishes calendar of events

St. Patrick's Guild, an organization of and for all parishioners, has scheduled several events for the coming year. Following is a brief description of each, but expect to find more about these in the weekly bulletin as each event draws near.

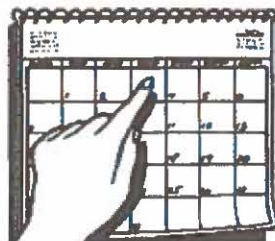
July 20 Evening Potluck: Program features Deanna Timpone Wright on "My Mother's Aprons" and a special welcome to new members and interested prospective members.

October 19 Soup, Salad, and Chocolate: "We provide the soup and salad, you bring something made with chocolate—and the recipe, which we will reproduce for distribution."

January 18 An Evening with Appraiser Barbara Peckham and son Matt: Bring your treasures for appraisal by a professional.

April 22 Afternoon Tea: Come in your spring finery (hats required) for afternoon tea, installation of officers, and a program featuring "The Hat Lady."

Sounds like fun—clip and post this on your fridge so you don't forget!



Welcome to new parishioners April Getchius, Norma Kite, Van Tu Nguyen and Phuong Uyen Pham, Joseph Staudenmaier and Theresa Martin, Edna and Kevin Waite, and Kristin and Michael Williamson.

Farewell to these parishioners, who have moved from C-U: Gabriel and Mirna Espino, John Maher, Jennifer and Matthew McGovern, Beverly and Don Prather, Karl Rich, Marlene Siedlarz, Jennifer Lynn Smith, James Styron, and Beth and Gary Warren.

Congratulations to these couples, married at St. Patrick's: Meg Schacht and Damien Drake, and Jamie Marie Koelling and Jason Lawrence Kimball.

Welcome to Miriam Irene Arend, recently baptized into our faith community.

Please pray for deceased parishioners May Hand and Nicholas Britsky.

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.

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will enable them to accomplish what is right and good." As the seniors move on to new studies in unfamiliar schools and meet new friends, they can rest assured of our loving care and prayerful support in all their endeavors. Here are their plans for the immediate future.

From Centennial High School

Christina Bonse will be attending Parkland College and is interested in psychology and art.

Emmanuel Bronson will also attend Parkland College; he is interested in graphic design.

Julia Kammel will spend the next year in Spain as an exchange student.

From Champaign Central High School

Iain Millsap has a choice of Illinois State University or Parkland College for his pursuit of general studies.

Samuel Smith will study business at Parkland College.

Kristina Vasnaik plans to study nursing at Illinois State University.

From Judah Christian High School

Courtney Sage will attend Parkland College, where she will study child development.

From St. Joseph-Ogden High School

Nakita Downes will pursue her interest in acting at Parkland College.

Megan Raab also plans to attend Parkland College, where she expects to study Spanish.

From St. Thomas More High School

Elizabeth Keane will attend the University of Illinois to study architecture.

Nick Navarre will study journalism at Parkland College.

Sarah Roberts is moving to the University of San Francisco to major in English education.

From Urbana High School

Jaclyn Althaus will study physical therapy at William Woods University in Missouri.

Katie Dixon will attend Parkland College; she is interested in veterinary medicine.

Nathaniel Foote is moving to Northern Arizona University for his pursuit of general studies.

Andrew Helregel will pursue general studies at the University of Illinois College of LAS.

Morgan Holbrook will also attend the University of Illinois, where he hopes to study theatre.

Merla Hubler will study integrative biology at the University of Illinois.

Allison Jarrett will attend Parkland College, where she hopes to study psychology and art.

Kathleen Kelleher is moving to the University of San Francisco to pursue her interest in history.

Ryan Kirby will study hotel management and business at the University of Illinois College of LAS.

Sean Landsman will attend the University of Illinois to study integrative biology.

Jamie McCartney will study business at the University of Illinois.

Jonathan Nelson is moving to Carlton College in Minnesota to study biology.

Lillian Nguyen will attend the University of Illinois for pre-med studies.

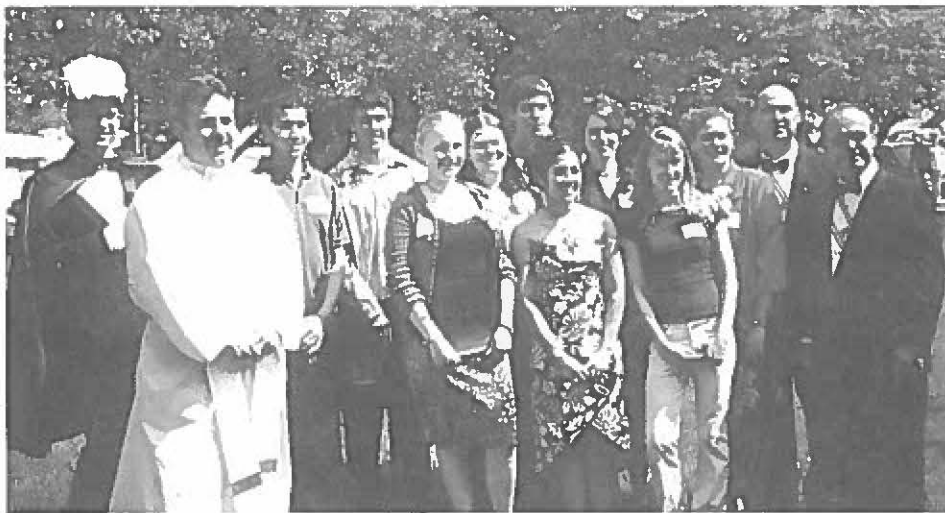
Patrick Patterson will study agribusiness in the University of Illinois College of Agriculture and Consumer Environmental Science.

Lisa Portis is moving to Colby College in Maine to study biology.

Pascal Youakim will study music education at the University of Illinois.

Go with God, all of you. Here is a prayer to take with you as you step into your future. It was written by Thomas Merton:

My Lord God, I have no idea of where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.



Seniors who received Fr. Charles Martell Scholarships from the Knights of Columbus are flanked at the left by Knight Scott Shannon and Fr. Joe Hogan, and at the right by Grand Knight David Mendoza and Knight Joseph Youakim.

Celebrating with music this summer

Parishioners who come to Saturday evening Mass will have a treat this summer—a summer choir. Chris Angel, parish music director, has extended an invitation to anyone of any age who wants to sing in the choir, with or without choir experience. Gather in the multipurpose room at 4:15 p.m. for rehearsal. Come once or once in a while, or come every week. And sing!

It's sad, but true

The once popular parish nursery co-op has been discontinued, and not just for the summer. Parents who appreciated having a place where the under-four-year-old population of the parish were looked after in a safe and secure setting while they attended 9:00 Mass will have to find another way to provide their young children with this experience of Church as a loving, caring, joyful community.

The nursery co-op was, as the name implies, a co-operative arrangement among parents willing to rotate responsibility for supervising the children at play while other participating parents were at Mass. Why was it discontinued? According to Carolyn McElrath, religious education director, the primary reason was the lack of response by interested parents to a fall organizational meeting the last couple of years. It also sometimes happened that parents whose turn it was to supervise the youngsters failed to appear, leaving other parents with young children in tow to make last-minute plans either to stay and supervise or to take their children with them to Mass.

Could the nursery co-op rise again from the ashes? Certainly. But it will require dedicated parents willing to share responsibility for the nursery, to organize a rotation of participating parents, and to make the commitment to provide that

joyful experience of Church for youngsters. Contact Carolyn McElrath (278-2126 or cmcelrath@stpaturbana.org) if interested in helping to bring back the nursery co-op.

CREW gets set for summer Mission trip

On Sunday, July 24, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, CREW teens and adult chaperones will set out on this summer's Mission trip, destination Memphis (Tenn.), to work on projects in concert with the Metropolitan Interfaith Association.

Approximately 25 teens and 11 adults will board the bus for their adventure, a labor of love for God's unfortunate ones in need of help. The theme for this year's trip is "Becoming the Body of Christ." If we have learned anything as a parish from previous Mission trips, we know that when they return (Saturday, July 30), these travelers will have been changed forever by their experience.

Come to see them off, to wish them Godspeed, and pray for them while they are away—for their safety, of course, but also for openness to grow in awareness that we are all God's children, that all of us are in need of one another.

Why volunteer?

On Aug. 27-28 St. Patrick's will once again present information designed to interest parishioners to volunteer their time and talents. Last year, after reading the reflections of a few parishioners who were asked why they volunteer at St. Patrick's, someone remarked: "People are so inspiring, really! If I weren't already a volunteer, I'd think more than once about becoming one!"

This summer, talk to a few people you know who volunteer in some way in the parish and ask them why they do what they do. You too may be inspired both by their service and by their humility in serving, and

may think seriously about volunteering at St. Patrick's this year. There will be no better time to make that commitment than during the Time and Talent Weekend, Aug. 27-28.



VOCATION PRAYER

Gentle God, you call us by name and lead us to life. Through baptism you commission us to proclaim the Good News. Bless and strengthen all men and women, lay and ordained, who serve in the Church. Guide and give wisdom to those discerning their vocation. Enrich our Church with dedicated married and single people, with deacons, priests, and religious. Filled with joy and your Holy Spirit, may we follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd, now and always. Amen.

~Sr. Myra Lambert, SSCM



in our parish library

In this Year of the Eucharist, parishes are urged to "give Sunday Mass the central place that corresponds to it in the parish." The Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship invites us to educate ourselves on the Mass, and to rediscover our local church. Some new books by Fr. Dennis Smolarski can help you do just that.

Q&A: The Mass (264 SMO) and *Q&A: Seasons, Sacraments, and Sacramentals* (264 SMO) are collections of answers by Fr. Smolarski to questions asked by priests, liturgists, music directors, and liturgy committees, taking into account the 2000 revised edition of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*.

Questions are as diverse as "How are eucharistic prayers chosen?" "Can we skip the Sign of Peace?" "What are the pros and cons of joining hands at the Our Father?" "Can we celebrate weddings in Lent?" "What are the requirements to be a godparent?" Fr. Smolarski offers answers that provide the

historical context and current thinking, and suggests why certain liturgical practices are preferred. Explanations are readable and offer an excellent "short course" in the Mass. If you want to know why we do what we do, these books are an excellent place to start.

Fr. Dennis Smolarski is a Jesuit priest with local connections. Besides earning his doctorate in computer science from the UI, he has occasionally visited St. Patrick's to preside at our liturgies. In 2003, he presented a morning workshop for our liturgical ministers.

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If you need help locating books or materials in the library or want to know whether the library has something on a subject of special interest, you may contact Frances Drone-Silvers (francesds@yahoo.com or 398-1458), library coordinator. She will be pleased to help.



Creation is God's vocation.
He created us in his image,
and his images fill our minds
and senses.

~Craig Larson

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus

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Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Linda Weber



Avocado-Banana Yogurt Popsicles

2 (8-oz) cartons vanilla yogurt
1 ripe banana, cut into chunks
1 ripe avocado, seeded and cut into chunks
2-3 drops of green food coloring (optional)
1 T lemon juice

In a blender or food processor add all ingredients and blend on low until smooth. Pour into popsicle molds or paper cups and freeze until firm.

My kids loved these and never knew how good they were for them!



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Urbana, IL

July 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Because the In Focus calendar is prepared in advance of scheduled events and meetings, please check the weekly bulletin to confirm dates and times for specific listings.</p>						10:45am Mass CCNH
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	Independence Day Offices Closed 9am Mass & Breakfast 7pm Centering Prayer	9:30am Mass Canterbury Ridge	9:30am Moms Group 5:15pm SVDP	6:45am Men's Bible Study 7pm Buildings & Grounds 7pm Baptism Prep	10:30am Mass Care Center 10:45am Mass CCNH	
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	7pm Centering Prayer	6:45pm Social Action	9:30am Moms Group 5:15pm SVDP	6:45am Men's Bible Study	10:30am Mass Clark-Lindsey 10:45am Mass CCNH	
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10:15am K of C	7pm Centering Prayer		9:30am Moms Group 5:15pm SVDP 6pm Guild Potluck	6:45am Men's Bible Study	10:45am Mass CCNH	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
CREW Mission Send-Off 10am <i>8:30-noon Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Screening</i>	7pm Centering Prayer		9:30am Moms Group 5:15pm SVDP	6:45am Men's Bible Study	10:45am Mass CCNH	
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