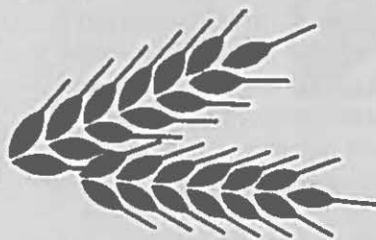


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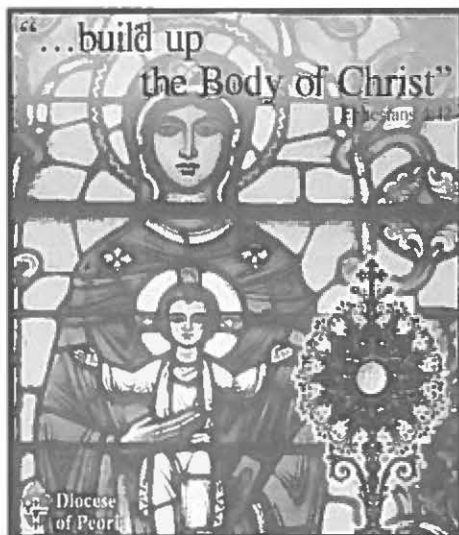


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Annual Diocesan Appeal 2005: Building the Body of Christ

This year's Annual Diocesan Appeal, co-chaired by Jean Daly and Mary Lee Brady, will be held the weekend of April 30–May 1. The theme of the Appeal is "Building the Body of Christ." Every time we assist another, the Body of Christ is built up and grows stronger. This happens in individual kindnesses, to be sure, but together as the Body of Christ, we can support the Diocese of Peoria to assist the needy in ways that go far beyond our individual charity, even beyond our charity as a parish.

Most of the funds raised go to pastoral care, religious education, and vocational development. A wide range of ministries are kept running: family



life, seminary, the marriage tribunal, health care for retired priests (St. Patrick's can relate to that!), university Newman Centers, Catholic cemeteries, and so on. These "build" the many members of the Body of Christ, in many stages of life.

Our parish's ADA goal this year is \$114,816. Lent is past, but prayer and almsgiving are not to be shelved until next year! Please consider your individual contribution to this whole, both in thought and in confident prayer. As Isaiah says of God's own Word, what you give here will not return unto you void, but will accomplish what you intend and prosper therein.

Three elected to Parish Council

Ballots cast at each Mass were counted immediately afterward by Council members and counted again when all 639 ballots were in. The result: Jim Mayer, Kathy Sarnecki, and Annessa Parisi are the newly

elected members of the Parish Council. They will be seated at the Council's May meeting, when their first responsibility will be to participate in the election of Council officers for the coming year.

Congratulations to the new Council members, with thanks to *all* the candidates, who made the choices difficult for voters!



Jim Mayer



Kathy Sarnecki



Annessa Parisi



Q: Why does the priest pour water into the wine and put a piece of bread into the cup?

A: Both actions are very ancient and began as practical necessities, but eventually the necessities disappeared and were even forgotten. Later, when Christians started to ask what these two gestures meant, they began to interpret them symbolically.

The ancient Greeks added water to wine because it was often thick, gritty, and very strong. It was simply good taste to add water to the wine before drinking it. The Romans adopted Greek manners and spread them to the lands they conquered, so even though it was not originally a Jewish custom to add water to wine, it soon became part of the Passover meal itself and later part of our Mass.

As early as the fourth century, catechists explained that the water represents humanity and the wine, divinity. Once the water was put into the wine, it couldn't be taken out again—so also, because of Jesus, humanity can never again be sepa-

rated permanently from God. So the custom continues.

The practice of dropping a piece of consecrated bread into the cup may have come from a Roman custom called the *fermentum*. Because eventually Christians in outlying areas could not travel to Rome for Eucharist, when the bishop broke the bread before Communion he would set aside a piece for each missing group. A minister brought this *fermentum* to each place later, where the priest would drop it into the chalice to be swallowed—and most everyone drank from the cup in those days. Thus the bishop's Eucharist "fermented" the celebration.

Eventually the pope also began to set aside a piece of the consecrated bread for his next celebration. This was called the "sacra," and it too was added to the chalice to show that this Mass was a continuation of the one before it—the one sacrifice of Christ.

Priests began imitating the pope by breaking off a piece of the bread just consecrated. Some then began to explain this as a sign of Christ's Resurrection, Christ's body "re-

united" with his blood. This gesture also continues to this day, probably because it is so ancient a custom.

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



Welcome to new parishioners Jonathan and Kimberly Ashbrook, Aileen Davis, and Kathy Mengarelli.

Farewell to these parishioners, who have moved from C-U: Robert and Ann VanSchoyck.

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.



in our parish library

In this Year of the Eucharist, we can seek ways to enhance our understanding and celebration of the Blessed Sacrament. Two books in our parish library offer different viewpoints.

Dining in the Kingdom of God: The Origins of the Eucharist According to Luke, by Eugene LaVerdiere (265 LAV), is about Eucharist as a gospel event. The author sees the Eucharist not as a separate event, but as a part of Jesus' ministry. LaVerdiere puts the Eucharist into context as a story of a meal—as one of many meal stories in Luke's Gospel. He uncovers connections in these meal stories, in themes of hospitality and the journey to the kingdom of God.

Eucharist: Celebrating Its Rhythms in Our Lives, by Paul Bernier (265 BER), seeks to connect liturgy and life. Bernier looks at the rhythms of gathering, nurturing, storytelling, and missioning in the Mass and in our lives. He shows how our being a part of a Eucharistic community deepens our understanding of life.

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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.

Prayer for Vocations



Christ Jesus, who on the shores of the Sea of Galilee called the Apostles and made them the foundation of the Church and bearers of your gospel, in our day sustain your people on their journey. 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.

Give courage to those whom you call to follow you in the priesthood and the consecrated life, so that they may enrich God's field with the wisdom of your Word. Make them docile instruments of your love in everyday service of their brothers and sisters.

—Pope John Paul II

Seeking God, accepting God into our hearts

This year fourteen men and women became members of the Catholic faith and of St. Patrick's Parish through the RCIA process, receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, most of them during the Easter Vigil and two a little later.

Two of these neophytes, or new Catholics, made personal decisions to inquire into the Catholic faith independent of any family ties to the Church or to the parish.

"The community of Urbana is a great town," says **Robert Halfaday**. "I have heard great things about the



Church. I came into the Church to seek God and accept him into my heart. Plus, I had a great friend from Ireland, who intrigued me."

Robert, a Native American, describes himself as a hard-working, strong-willed, good guy, who comes from a God-loving family. He works for the UI.

"I've always loved the Church, and I decided it was time to become a part of it," **Ember Zimmerman** tells *In Focus*. Ember is a

volunteer at the Anita Purves Nature Center and lives with her husband, mother-in-law, and four ferrets. She enjoys reading, painting, bird watching, and singing.

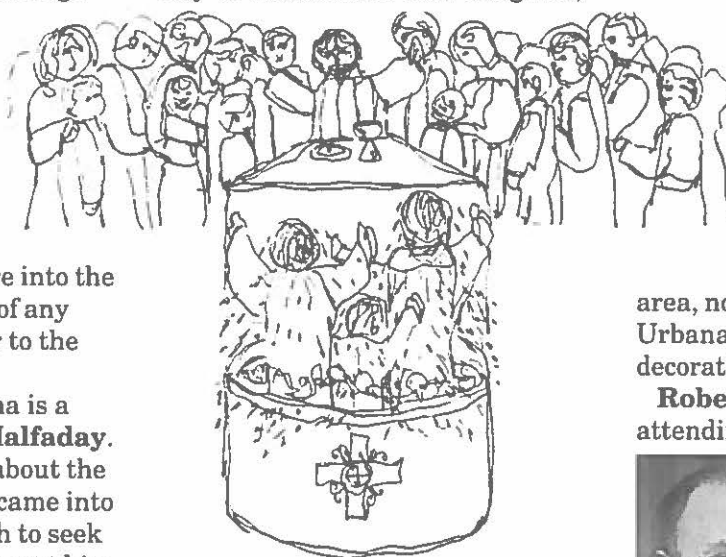


Five of our new Catholics inquired into the Catholic faith because of a Catholic spouse or fiancée.

Jonathan McCoy relates, "After the birth of our daughter, I felt a need to commit myself to the religion my wife and daughter were practicing. I enjoyed going to Mass here, and the people were very friendly. Also we planned on making St. Pat's our home parish." Jonathan's wife, Dawn,



is a St. Patrick's parishioner and Eucharistic minister. Jonathan is a stay-at-home dad to their daughter,



Madelyn, who was baptized at St. Patrick's Aug. 29, 2004.

Jennifer and Jim Richardson decided to explore the Catholic faith together. **Jennifer Richardson**

"was baptized in the Catholic Church when I was 6 months old in my hometown, Sullivan. I have wanted to learn more about the Church and its teachings." A



Catholic friend (parishioner Amy Jobin) suggested St. Patrick's RCIA program as the best in town. Jennifer says, "My husband and I have really enjoyed our learning with the parish."

Jim Richardson had a similar experience. "I decided to inquire into the Catholic faith at the encouragement of some close friends. I also wanted to raise my family in the Catholic faith. I was attracted to St. Patrick's Parish because I had heard great things about



the adult education program." The Richardsons have been married for 2-1/2 years and live in Champaign; Jim works for McGladrey and Pullen, LLP.

Carri Hunter "had been asking many questions about the Catholic Church for a few years. The depth of the Catholic faith intrigued me. When Garrett and I became

engaged, I knew joining the Church would not be far behind."



Originally from Noblesville, Indiana, Carri is new to this area, now working for Busey Bank in Urbana. In her spare time she enjoys decorating and gardening.

Robert "Buzz" Johnson "started attending St. Pat's about 3-1/2 years



ago with my wife, Lacy. It was the community that struck my interest" and initially brought him to inquiry. Robert, student and waiter, and Lacy have no children. The

son of Doral and Tim Johnson, Buzz comes from a large family of seven sisters and two brothers, with nine nieces and nephews.

Our last group of neophytes inquired into the Catholic faith because of family ties to the Church. Two in this group made this mature decision at 15 and 12 years of age.

Carlie Jones says, "This has been my family's religion, and I decided to look into it." Carlie is 15, a student in high school. "My grandma attends this church, and so I want to come here. I live with my mom and have four sisters and a brother. And I am an aunt."



Shelby Hicks, who is 12 and a sixth-grader at Edison Middle School, "felt like I haven't given God a lot of my love. My grandmother and my mom are both Catholic" and attend St. Patrick's. So she decided to come here to find out more about the Catholic Church. Shelby plays the trumpet and the baritone



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RCIA
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(mini) tuba.

"Initially," **Tonya Randall** relates, "I wanted to learn more and participate in my mother's faith. In my first visits to St. Pat's, I felt an outpouring of welcome. The first person I met was Fr. Joe Hogan, and his warmth and caring made quite an impression on me."

Tonya, Shelby's mom, is an accountant at Flex-n-Gate and has a teen-aged son, Andrew. She looks forward to being a member of St. Patrick's Parish.

Jason Cain "has wanted to join the Catholic faith for a long time, especially since my grandfather passed away a few years ago."

Once Jason joined the classes, he found that he "liked St. Patrick's because the people here are all very friendly. I also like the small size of the church; it makes it feel more like home." Jason is 18 and a student at Parkland Community College. He has four brothers: "I come from a pretty large family, and we are all very close."

Jason's brother **Roche** (pronounced "Rocky") **Cain** inquired into the

Catholic faith for the same reason Jason did—his grandfather's wishes—and the fact that the rest of the family is Catholic. Once in the RCIA program, he decided he was in the right

place and joined the Church at the Easter Vigil. Roche remarked that he has a special tie to St. Patrick's: his father received his First Communion here. He works as a union sheet metal worker and "has a beautiful daughter."

Kathy and Lew Smith, married for 27 years ("getting better every year") came to inquire into the Catholic faith together this year because their

daughter, Sarah, is Catholic. **Kathy Smith** says, "Our friend, Peter Tan,



encouraged us to make St. Pat's our home church." Originally from Novinger, Missouri, the Smiths now live in St. Joseph. Kathy is a radiology technologist and mammographer.

Lew Smith, a police officer for 6 years followed by 18 years as a fireman, is currently Deputy Fire Chief of the Champaign Fire Department. Their daughter, Sarah, became a Catholic before entering the Air Force 4 years ago.

"Upon her return from duty in the Middle East, I wanted to remain the spiritual leader in our home; therefore, I investigated the Church and found a peace and comfort at St. Patrick's. I have not visited other Catholic churches because I feel I got it right, and St. Pat's is where I think the Lord wants me and my family."

Please welcome all these new Catholics, whom the Lord has called into our Church family!



Pentecost, 2005

Holy God,
we long for peace,
somewhere,
somehow.

Breathe on the smoldering embers
of our wishful longings
that your holy breath
may rekindle our faith.

Ignite our distant desires
with the here-and-now power
of your possibilities.
Stir up the fire of our convictions
with a gritty, love-driven
determination
that transforms us
from wistful peace lovers
to roll-up-our-sleeves peace makers.

Set us ablaze with faithful passion
for this world
that your flame in us
may light the way
as we seek to walk
the path of peace.

—Andrea Adams
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The Year of the Eucharist 2004

The Gift of the Eucharist: Christ's presence

The mystery of the Incarnation is about God wanting to be found, wanting to be present to us and with us. That we might see him and know his presence, he left us the gift of the Eucharist. Here we experience his presence in many ways. God's presence, particularly Christ's in the Eucharist, demands a person-to-person response.

Christ is present in his Church. When we pray and sing as a sacred assembly, Christ is among us, within us, present to us in a very real way. We gather to praise God on the Lord's Day to make Christ present, by our own presence. This is why prayer together is more powerful than prayer alone—Christ is present in our midst. Really, sacramentally present.

Christ is present in the Church as she preaches. This is most obvious when she preaches the Word become flesh, when she preaches the Gospel. There is also preaching that includes evangelizing. Our best preaching of the Word is keeping it and doing it, living it. How is Christ made present in the preaching of our lives?

Christ is present in the Church as she rules and governs the People of God. Christ is the Rabbi, the Teacher, present in the teaching of the bishops and the Holy Father. Christ is present as the Good Shepherd, guiding all those who care for the flock.

Christ is present in the Church as she administers the sacraments. Christ is in the one who baptizes, in the wedding couple as they marry

each other, in the confessor who absolves. When a sacrament is celebrated, Christ is really present, acting in the minister conferring the sacrament.

Christ is present in the Church as she offers the Mass in his name. Christ is in the Church when she sings and prays. Christ is present in his Word. Christ is present in his ministers. Christ is present in his sacraments. Christ is present in the Eucharist. All these modes of presence come together in the Eucharistic celebration, the Mass.

Christ is really, sacramentally, substantially present in the Eucharist. Christ is not *more* present in the Blessed Sacrament than in other modes of presence, nor is he "real" in one form of presence than in another, but the quality of presence found in the Eucharist may be more easily perceived. Whether by grace or by training, many of us sense Christ more acutely here.

In his Encyclical Letter on the Eucharist, *Ecclesia De Eucharistia*, Pope John Paul II writes, "To contemplate Christ involves being able to recognize him wherever he manifests himself, in his many forms of presence, but above all in the living sacrament of his body and his blood." To pray with Christ in the Eucharistic species, to contemplate him, is to enter more deeply into the friendship that Christ offers us.

In Christ, God has chosen to abide with us. What is our response?

Volunteer opportunities

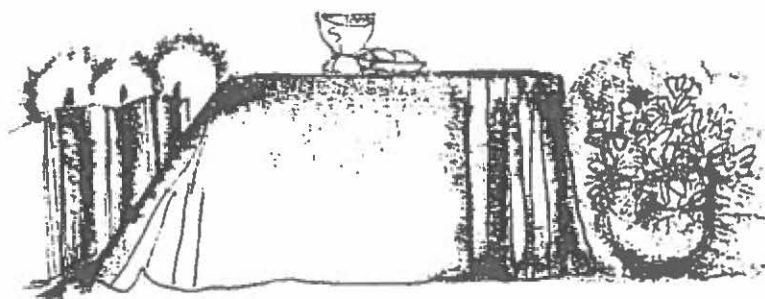
Three or four volunteers are needed to insert *In Focus* into the parish bulletin on the last weekend of the month, for about an hour following the Saturday 8:00 a.m. Mass. Families, Bible study and WATCH groups, individuals of any age welcome! *Communications Committee: Peggy Whelan, 367-3668.*

Join a team that will focus on liturgical art and environment for St. Patrick's church! The group will plan and carry out arrangements for the visual setting for 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.*

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.*

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Parish committees and groups are invited to submit entries for this column, which will appear as a regular feature in *In Focus*. 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.





Holy Cross happenings

New students in September. Principal Rose Costello encourages anyone wishing to attend Holy Cross School to call her at 356-9521. She assures parents that financial assistance is available for children to study in this environment, which fosters the love of Jesus and one another. The faculty and staff are proud of the school and encourage visits!

Music Curriculum. The new music teacher, Mrs. Crystal McCullough, has kept up an exciting and busy set of classes. Second-grade students are learning to read and play notes, while the third grade has mastered the waltz. Fifth-graders have studied compositions and are writing their own, to be performed at the end of the school year. And please visit to admire the sixth-grade reports on classical composers, on display outside the music room!

The King and I. On Apr. 7-10 students presented a polished performance of this famous play, under the direction of Angela Marcum. Of the 111 cast members (that's not a typo!), 25 children were from St. Patrick's Parish: Luke Cottingham, Claire Drone-Silvers, Will Justice, Will Laumann, Gracie Mayer, Hannah Noonan, Colton Parisi, Braxton Parisi, George Pennacchi, Sally Pennacchi, Ellie Pierce, Annie Rasmussen, Kyle Rasmussen, Caitlin Schutz, Jamie Simmering, Shelby Simmering, Abby Simpson, Mariya Sturdyvin, Stephanie Vasnaik, Laura Welle, Theresa Welle, Julie Welle, Breanna Wickert, Dana Williams, and Gabrielle Wszalek.

Lenten Follow-up. Classes at Holy Cross served in an impressive array of projects: first-grade students did extra chores around the house for others to collect money for Dr. Susan Nagele. The second-grade bake sale collected over \$200 for the Humane Society. Fourth-grade students collected over \$200 for Dr. Susan Nagele as well. Fifth-graders sold used books and children's videos, raising \$185 for the Sisters of St. Joseph. Sixth-grade students raffled off nine different types of baskets to students, collecting \$326 for Dr. Susan Nagele. A seventh-

grade class attended a Saturday work-day at the Catholic Worker House; students helped clean and move boxes as well as make over 150 lunches for their guests. On Apr. 6 they also helped edge trees, pull weeds, and haul many wheelbarrows of mulch and dirt at the Crisis Nursery. (Many students were excited by this service and hope to repeat it.) Eighth-grade students held a bake sale and collected money and food for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

And since good works should of course be supported by prayer, during Lent all classes went to weekly Mass!



Mark your calendars

- May 2: Second-grade animal exhibits, cafeteria
- May 2-3: Kindergarten screening
- May 4: Box top collection
- May 5: Fifth-graders to Lincoln Log Cabin State Park; K-1, Mother's Day Tea
- May 6: All-school Mass, 8:15 a.m.; May Crowning; 12:00 early dismissal
- May 10: Sixth-graders to Champaign County Nursing Home
- May 13: Eighth-graders all-day retreat
- May 16: PTC Meeting, 7 p.m.
- May 17: Honors Day, 1 p.m.
- May 18: Prophecy/Shirt ceremony; eighth grade graduation; 10:30 a.m. dismissal, 7 p.m. Mass
- May 19: Seminarians speak to sixth and seventh grades
- May 20: Fifth-graders to Carle Arbours and Circle of Friends
- May 21: Market Day
- May 24: Kindergarten trip to Monticello Train Station
- May 25: Field day
- May 27: Last day of school; 8:30 a.m. Mass
- May 30: Office closed
- June 3: Office closes at noon for the summer

Parish Nurses welcome three "newbies"



In 1997 the Community Parish Nurse Program began, sponsored by the Carle Foundation. Since then almost 400 nurses have graduated from these classes, which are open to nurses of all faiths. The

40-hour classes rotate through churches in East Central Illinois and western Indiana; the very first class was held at St. Patrick's.

This winter, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in St. Joseph hosted the class. Thirty-one nurses graduated on Apr. 3, including three from St. Patrick's: **Roxanne**

Milazzo, Julie Primmer, and Nancy Roth. Welcome to St. Patrick's Parish Nurse Program!



Deadline for submission of information, articles and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is May 15.

First Communion a day of new beginnings

Sunday, April 17, marked a day of new beginnings for First Communicants at St. Patrick's Parish. Dressed in their Sunday attire, with eyes of anticipation, they processed into the church for a Mass of celebration with our pastor, Fr. Joe Hogan, presiding. They stepped out on a wonderful journey of hope and promise in full communion with their God, their family, their parish, all the People of God.

First Communion marks an important point on a youngster's faith journey. At an infant's Baptism, adults commit to raise the young child to live a life of faith. First Communion requires the child to make a commitment to embrace Jesus in Holy Communion, to live as a child of God, to dine at the table of the Lord with the family of the Lord.

As parishioners, we affirm our own faith as we support that of our young children. They are full of wonder and questions: "Why does Father wash his hands before blessing the bread?" "Why do we join hands when we pray the Our Father?" "When Father reads a story from the church Bible, is it in my Bible too?"

Children continually challenge us in their quest to understand their faith. As parishioners, we will continue to tell them God's message of love and hope and promise. Indeed, God calls us to be a voice not only for our children in the parish, but for

those others in our workplace, our neighborhoods, and the world.

May all the voices of St. Patrick's, young and old, be heard singing God's praises!



First Communicants, 2005

Emily Ercel Zukosky Alameda
 Ryan Michael Allen
 Nicholas A. Amaya
 Anna Elizabeth Billman
 Nathan Charles Billman
 Allison Marie Burgund
 Gavin M. Campbell
 Mary Frances Campbell
 William Douglas Campbell, Jr.
 Allison Kay Cimarusti
 Caitlin Elliott
 Morgann Elizabeth Graham
 Hanna J. LaFond Hyman
 Conor Douglas D'Ambrosio Johnson
 Jenna Lynn Langendorf
 Keith Charles Lee
 Jonathan Tonny Lukusa (Wa Luboya)

Marie Louise Lukusa (Mbiya)
 Peter Donnell Millsap
 Andrew Lee Myers
 Lucy Marie O'Brien
 Elizabeth Lauren Paap
 George James Pennacchi
 Laura Catherine Pennacchi
 Sally (Sally) Isabella Pennacchi
 Brittany D. Porron
 Megan Elizabeth Porter
 Matthew Dean Raab
 Kenneth Michael G. Sanchez
 Molly Kathryn Smith
 Anne Rose Zola
 Luke Joseph Zola
 Kevin Zulu

Shine the spotlight on St. Patrick's children!

Sarah Zola, fifth-grader at Barkstall Elementary, Champaign, was recognized as an IPA (Illinois Principal's Association) Scholar. Students are selected based on their citizenship and academic excellence. Sarah was nominated by her principal, Mrs. Brinkley, and her teacher, Dr. Crames. She is the daughter of Susan and David Zola of Champaign. *Congratulations, Sarah!*

Students from **The High School of St. Thomas More** performed Mozart's *A Little Night Music* in the

IHSA Solo / Ensemble contest at Urbana High School.



From the left: Anna Mayer, Jennifer Ehlman, Deborah Kunkel, Matthew Maduzia, Catherine Keane, Rosemary Keane, and Caroline Jones.

St. Patrick's *In Focus* would like to showcase our children's many talents, activities, and accomplishments to help us recognize the wonderfully creative, talented, and generous young people of St. Patrick's Parish.

Shine the spotlight on St. Patrick's children by sharing their academic accomplishments, special projects, honors, awards, programs, performances, sports, theatre and the arts, music or band or dance, art contests, community projects, and upcoming events. Please submit your information to Cheryl Mitchell (355-4566 or Cheryl@egix.net). Photos of featured children are very welcome and will be returned.



It was a small crew, but they left the church spanking clean for Holy Week and Easter: windows, doors, pews, furnishings, baseboards — and even managed to help with the choir loft! Participating were (from the left), Carolyn McElrath, Mark Cousert, Will Penning, Diane Cousert, Mary Ann Luedtke, and Renee Durant. (Not shown, the photographer, Mary Lou Menches.)



Not even Spring Break could dampen the enthusiastic participation of youngsters and parents in the procession of palms for Children's Liturgy on Passion Sunday.



"A rose by any other name..." You might not recognize their Irish ancestry by their names, but the enthusiasm of Social Committee members for St. Patrick's patron saint drew 160 parishioners to a toe-tapping good time at the parish dance in his honor on Mar. 12. Pictured committee members are (from the left) Marie Bozinovich, Linda Weber, Margaret Bronson, Susan Hublein, Freda DeCerbo, Leo Wood, Quentin Kirk, and Cathy Howey.



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In Focus

St. Patrick's Parish In Focus is published on the last weekend of the month in Urbana, Illinois. News items and information may be submitted by mid-month for the next issue. Written materials must include the name and telephone number of the writer.

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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Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Gayle Daly

Red Beans and Rice

- 1 can red beans, drained
- 3 c cooked rice
- 1 onion, chopped
- 4-oz can of chilis, chopped
- 2 t ground cumin
- 1 t creole seasoning
- 2 t chili powder
- 1 t oregano
- 1-1/2 c shredded cheddar cheese



In a greased 2-qt pan mix everything but the cheese. Top with cheese. Bake covered 45 to 60 minutes. Uncover and bake 10 more minutes. Serves 8.

St. Patrick's Seniors Group enjoys April Fool's Day

On April Fool's Day, 35 seniors enjoyed a lunch at the parish center. Sophia Zeigler joined in the fun by announcing that the radio predicted six inches of snow that night! After Fr. Kane said grace, they got a surprise sack lunch of turkey or ham sandwiches with fixings like corn curls and potato chips. Everyone brought a grand assortment of side dishes and desserts.

Annette Lynch, of Charleston, played favorite songs on the piano during lunch. After the meal, Paul Luedtke presented a slide show on "The Greater and Lesser Jewels of Eastern

Europe," with an emphasis on Budapest, Prague, and Salzburg. The Eastern European city of Urbana was also seen! The event, another great day in the life of St. Patrick's seniors, concluded at about 2:30 p.m.



Above: Fr. Kane pronounced the blessing and then joined in.

Left: Annette Lynch added to the festivities by playing some "oldies" during lunch.

A good time was had by all!

Because of this year's early Lent, the Urbana Knights of Columbus' annual Ladies Knight Out Dinner and Show was postponed to Saturday, Apr. 9. The Knights served 64

ladies steak or chicken dinners, complete with salad, wine, and desserts. Numerous door prizes were given away; the following is only a partial list of the winners: Blanche Vasnaik, Lee Yemma, Elizabeth Keane, Cathy Howey, Jean McDonald, Bonnie Ellis, Gwen Koehler, Theresa Bosch, and Betty Lovekamp.

A big thank you to Body 'n' Sole Sports, Fuad's Creative Hair Designs, Kane & Company, Ray's Heating & Air Conditioning Co., The Sapient Group, Smokey Bones, Hollywood Video, and Bennigan's Grill & Tavern



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

for providing door prizes. Another prize given were two tickets to "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

The climax of the evening was the awarding of the main raffle prize, a hotel suite in Orlando, Fla., for up to 6 people in mid-June. Bernie Laumann was the lucky winner. The raffle was in support of the Senior Scholarship fund.

Entertainment for the evening included a highlights video featuring previous Ladies Knight Out shows (1991-94), performances by Chris McDonald and Chris Ángel, improv comedy by the campus group "Like Disco...But Not Really," and a few skits presented by the Knights.

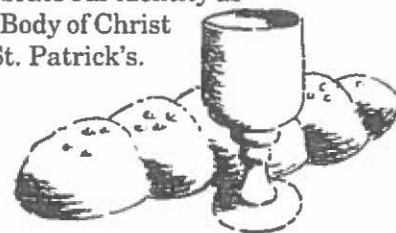
Did you miss the fun? You'll have to wait for next year!

Celebrating Corpus Christi

This year we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on May 29. It is the Feast of the Eucharist in this Year of the Eucharist. St. Patrick's will observe the usual Mass schedule that weekend, but the Sunday noon Mass will be an especially festive celebration. A reception will follow.

This feast, formerly known as Corpus Christi, began at a time when congregations rarely received Communion. It had become a privilege of the clergy alone. But people had such a great hunger for the Body of Christ that they watched and adored it. In the last century the Eucharist again became "our daily bread." We recognize that the Eucharist is our food. We consume it intimately, we don't just keep and admire it from afar.


Eucharist is unitive—it makes us one. So it is fitting that as well as celebrating Mass on this day, we gather afterward as a community to celebrate our identity as the Body of Christ at St. Patrick's.





St. Patrick's Parish Urbana, IL

May 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Annual Diocesan Appeal, All Masses 1pm Rel Ed Picnic 5:30pm CREW Mission Meeting 6:30pm Jr/Sr High End-of-Year Event <div style="text-align: right;">1</div>	7pm Centering Prayer 7pm Pro-Life 7pm Education Com <div style="text-align: right;">2</div>	9:30am Mass Canterbury Ridge 5:30pm Financial Affairs <div style="text-align: right;">3</div>	9:30am Moms Group 5:15pm SVDP 5:15pm Child Choir 5:30pm DiM Team Meeting 7pm Choir <div style="text-align: right;">4</div>	6:45am Men's Bible Study 7pm Baptism Prep 7pm Building & Grounds Com 7pm Choir <div style="text-align: right;">5</div>	10:45am Mass CCHH <div style="text-align: right;">6</div>	<div style="text-align: right;">7</div>
Mother's Day  <div style="text-align: right;">8</div>	7pm Centering Prayer <div style="text-align: right;">9</div>	7pm WWSG 7pm Parish Council Exec Committee <div style="text-align: right;">10</div>	9:30am Moms Group 9:30am Schola 5:15pm SVDP 5:15pm Child Choir 7pm Choir 7pm Memorial Prayer Service <div style="text-align: right;">11</div>	6:45am Men's Bible Study 7pm SCC 7pm Choir 7pm Teen Liturgy Rehearsal <div style="text-align: right;">12</div>	10:30am Mass Care Center 10:45am Mass CCHH <div style="text-align: right;">13</div>	<div style="text-align: right;">14</div>
9am Graduation Mass, Teen Liturgy 10:15am K of C <div style="text-align: right;">15</div>	7pm Centering Prayer <div style="text-align: right;">16</div>	6:30pm Liturgy Com <div style="text-align: right;">17</div>	9:30am Moms Group 5:15pm SVDP 5:15pm Child Choir 7pm Choir <div style="text-align: right;">18</div>	6:45am Men's Bible Study 7pm Parish Council 7pm Choir <div style="text-align: right;">19</div>	10:30am Mass Clark-Lindsey 10:45am Mass CCHH <div style="text-align: right;">20</div>	<div style="text-align: right;">21</div>
8:30am Blood Pressure Screening <div style="text-align: right;">22</div>	7pm Centering Prayer <div style="text-align: right;">23</div>	7pm WWSG <div style="text-align: right;">24</div>	9:30am Moms Group 9:30am Schola 5:15pm SVDP 5:15pm Child Choir 7pm Choir <div style="text-align: right;">25</div>	6:45am Men's Bible Study 7pm SCC 7pm Communications Com. <div style="text-align: right;">26</div>	10:30am Mass Manor Care 10:45am Mass CCHH <div style="text-align: right;">27</div>	<div style="text-align: right;">28</div>
<div style="text-align: right;">29</div>	Memorial Day 9am Mass, Breakfast 7pm Centering Prayer <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">OFFICE CLOSED</div> <div style="text-align: right;">30</div>	<div style="text-align: right;">31</div>	<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 May 15.</p>			

CCNH = Champaign County Nursing Home SVDP = St. Vincent de Paul Society DiM = Disciples in Mission
 WWSG = WATCH Women's Study Group SCC = Small Christian Community