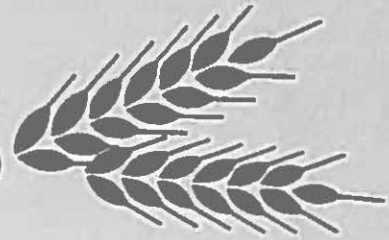


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus


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St. Patrick's Tradition of Giving Continues

For the 32nd year the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Patrick's Parish prepares to ensure that the neediest residents in our community enjoy a hearty Thanksgiving dinner.

Food baskets will include soup, canned ham, potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, fruit, eggs, pumpkin pie, a beverage, and sweets. The Society expects to provide 225 dinner baskets to residents in special need who have been identified by the Mental Health Center, Family Services, and others.

Sophia Zeigler, president of the local SVDP conference, hopes that parishioners will continue their generous support to feed all of Christ's lambs. Donations should be placed in an envelope clearly marked "Thanksgiving Dinners" and put into the Sunday collection or taken to the parish office during the week.

Volunteers are also needed, both to help prepare the food baskets and to deliver them. At 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19, volunteers will arrange food items on tables in the main hall so that religious education classes can easily fill baskets with the nonperishable items. Fresh foods will be added to the baskets on Tuesday, Nov. 21, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Deliveries will be made during daylight hours on Tuesday. "As you can see, many volunteers are needed!" Sophia Zeigler points out. Call the parish office (367-2665) or Sophia (328-2671) to let her know when you can help.

Helping with the SVDP food baskets truly is a way for each of us to act in the spirit of Thanksgiving and to serve Christ, who told us that giving even as little as a cup of water in his name is giving that life-giving water to Christ himself.

Volunteers and various agency workers (agencies deliver to their own clients) share warm and loving stories about how much the gift of a food basket means to those

receiving it. They stretch their resources even further and are really appreciated. One of the nurses at the Center reported how excited clients were, telling her about receiving the food baskets. Another client who doesn't talk very much was able to express how great it was to receive the basket of food. And a client's daughter gave the case manager a hug of thanks for delivering the basket and thinking of them at Thanksgiving. These small gestures make it so meaningful to team members that we have made it a tradition to deliver the baskets ourselves.

"We want to thank you and the parishioners for the time, efforts, preparation, and organization that it takes to undertake this yearly tradition. Thanks for being so thoughtful

and considerate of our clients during this season by providing them this extra-special gift."

As we sit down to enjoy our own Thanksgiving dinners, we might reflect on

those whose otherwise empty tables are filled because of the loving work of many who have given their time or their treasure—or both—to carry on this tradition. Sophia unconsciously quotes Tiny Tim when she says, "God bless each and every one!"



People Touching People

receiving it.

In a thank-you letter received last winter, Kathleen Kessler, Community Support Manager at the Mental Health Center of Champaign County, wrote: "Our staff delivered over 150

Thanksgiving baskets prepared by your parishioners for our clients.

Team members felt good about being able to play a small role in assuring that their clients have a nice Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. They look forward to delivering the dinners and seeing the joy and enthusiasm expressed by those who receive them.

"There have been many cuts in entitlement programs that our clients receive monthly. These baskets help





Q: What is the All Souls Day envelope for?

A: Throughout the year Masses are celebrated for the souls of all those who have gone before us in faith, all "the faithful departed." We Catholics pray for the dead, believing in the loving mercy of our Creator. You may notice that in our weekly bulletin the names of individual persons who have died are listed beside Masses that will be celebrated that week. They are remembered in a special way at those Masses during the Eucharistic Prayer, when the Church prays for all the faithful who have died. If you wish to have a Mass celebrated for a beloved family member or friend, you can arrange this by contacting the parish office (367-2665) and offering a Mass stipend, typically \$10.

On Nov. 2, All Souls Day, we pray for *all* the souls of the faithful departed at Mass. In keeping with our desire—and our calling—to pray for the dead, donations are made through use of special envelopes for Masses to be celebrated occasionally during the year for all the souls of the faithful departed. Often such envelopes provide a place for naming those you particularly wish to commemorate; all these will be commemorated by intention, along with the great company of all the departed faithful, during the Mass; you will recognize these in the bulletin by the intention "All Souls" given beside the Mass time.

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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
Shelley Campbell, Larry DiGirolamo and Manon Lalonde, Joshua Gilmore, David and Kristine Haag, Leif and Lisa Hall, Robert Hamilton and Michelle Mendiola, Joseph and Mary Hopkins, Ken Horn, Dobriana and Zbigniew Kalbarczyk, Adura Koerner, Han Le and Hien Bui, Jessie and Mary Manning, Jeff and Tricia Place, Matt and Michelle Seliskar, Lynnette and Robert Starkell, and Ewald and Lovita Terpetschnig.

Farewell to these parishioners, who have moved from C-U: Denine Benedetto and Dennis McNulty, Ron Gifford, Rob and Stacie Hosford, Blaise Kafulu, Greg and Sarah Michna, Stefanie Schoeffel-Moy, Catherine Murphy, Tim Newman, James and Margaret Orr, Anita Saban, and Michael Williamson.

Welcome to the following, baptized into our faith community: Katherine Ruth McMillan and Jacob Evan Heaton.

Congratulations to Haylee Trout and Paul Thomas, married at St. Patrick's.

Please pray for deceased parishioner Frances Johnson.

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

Did you realize that the parish library has a collection of children's books? It's in classroom 4. Here's a small sampling of what's available. (Information in parentheses is the call number to help you locate the book on the shelf.)

For the younger set: *Dear God...* This set has cute pictures and short thoughts on "Waiting" (179 Fit), "Thanks for Jesus" (232 Fit), "Bless our food" (249 Fit), and "I need you" (231 Fit).

Want to help your child learn some simple Bible verses? The *God Cares When I'm...* series (220.5 Mur) features everyday situations that children face, with a Bible verse given at the end of each story. Titles include: *God Cares When I'm Disappointed*, *God Cares When I'm All Tired Out*, *God Cares When I don't Like Myself*, *God Cares When I'm Sorry*, *God Cares When I'm Worried*, and *God Cares When I'm Thankful*.

Want some simple prayers to try with your children at home? Consider *Lord, I am one of your Little Ones* (249 Pui). It has beginning prayers,

everyday prayers, prayers of thankfulness, and more.

Looking for some role models, or to celebrate All Saints Day in a special way? *Saints and Heroes for Kids*, by Ethel Pochocki (234 Poc), offers role models, not superstars. This book includes saints from the early years of Church history as well as more modern Catholics, including Mother Teresa, Dr. Tom Dooley, and Archbishop Romero.

Saints of the Seasons for Children, also by Ethel Pochocki (922 Poc), is written for kindergartners through sixth-graders. It contains short biographies of saints for any time of the year.



Deadline for submission of information, articles and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is November 5.

Open meetings on the parish survey: You're invited!

The Second Century Advisory Committee was established in the Spring of 2005 by Fr. Joe Hogan to evaluate the long-term needs of the parish. One step in the process involved the Parish Survey, conducted last winter, addressing not only parish facilities and space but also parish programs and activities.

Parishioners recently received a mailing describing the results of the survey. In another step, the Advisory

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Witness in Palestine

by Sue Schreiber

I wish I were more attuned to what is going on in the world, but sometimes I feel overwhelmed by it all. I read the newspaper and listen to radio news, but I can hardly keep up with what is going on the U.S., let alone North Korea, Iraq, or Lebanon.



This is probably why I have found the Social Action series on Palestine so eye-opening. Joseph Youakim, a native of Palestine, has been moderating a three-part video series on the Occupied Territories. The discussions are based on a video produced by a young Jewish-American woman, Anna Baltzer, who came to realize after traveling and working in the Middle East that she really knew only one side of the story about the current situation in Israel-Palestine.

While I have a hard time understanding the long and complicated history between the Israelis and Palestinians, the first two segments of the Palestine series have made me realize how desperate the situation is for the Palestinians under Israeli rule. They dealt with roadblocks/check points and settlements/outposts.

Roadblocks and checkpoints

When I hear about roadblocks and checkpoints on the radio, I imagine

that these exist along the border of Israel and the Occupied Territories, providing safety for the Israelis. Surprisingly, the video showed that the majority of checkpoints and roadblocks aren't on the border, but are set up by the Israeli army *between* Palestinian villages, preventing Palestinian citizens from reaching their jobs, their schools, and their families.

Settlements and outposts

I've never quite understood the term "settlements"; I have always envisioned these as Israeli towns that had been surrounded by Palestinians. Instead, according to the video, the settlements are like U.S. subdivisions, built by the Israeli government, often on hills overlooking Palestinian villages, and on Palestinian land.

Some people in the settlements even throw their garbage from the top of the hill onto the poorer Palestinian villages below. Modern roads have been built to connect the settlements, but Pales-

tinians are not allowed to travel on these roads; instead they are relegated to often-impassible dirt roads.

By the end of the second segment, I found myself filled with compassion for the plight of the Palestinian people, and concerned that my tax dollars are being used to help sustain this abusive treatment (the U.S. government spends hundreds of millions of dollars supporting the Israelis – more than is given to any other country in the world).

If you are interested in learning more, the **last segment in the Palestine series** will be presented on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the



Frankly, no—they're not just a rough draft.

multipurpose room. We will watch the last portion of the video, which looks at the Wall that is being built, ostensibly between Israel and the Occupied Territories but in reality moving into Palestinian property and sometimes separating Palestinian farmers from their land. The video and discussion promise to give all who attend a new awareness of the Israeli/Palestinian story.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...

If the only prayer you say in your whole life is "thank you," that would suffice. *Meister Eckhart*



To be grateful for the good things that happen in our lives is easy, but to be grateful for all of our lives—the good as well as the bad, the moments of joy as well as the moments of sorrow, the successes as well as the failures, the rewards as well as the rejections—that requires hard spiritual work. Still, we are only truly grateful when we can say thank you for all that has brought us to the present moment. *Henry Nouwen*



The root of joy is gratefulness. We notice that joyful people are grateful and suppose that they are grateful for their joy, but the reverse is true: Their joy springs from gratefulness. If one has all the good luck in the world but takes it for granted, it will not give one joy. Yet even bad luck will give joy to those who manage to be grateful for it. We hold the key to lasting happiness in our own hands. For it is not joy that makes us grateful, it is gratitude that makes us joyful. *Brother David Steindl-Rast*



Certainly our customary prayers ought to be said with giving of thanks, when we rise from sleep, when we go forth, when we prepare to receive food, after receiving it, and when at last we are going to rest. *St. Ambrose*



We stand before you now, O God,
 in the company of all your saints—
 those made holy through the cross of Christ.
 We stand before you now, O God,
 in the company of all your saints—
 some we loved well, others we never knew,
 some suffered terribly and others triumphed gloriously,
 some were lovely and loving and others rascals indeed,
 all being purified by the holiness of your presence.
 Come, Holy Spirit, give us every gift we need
 to take our place in that unbroken band of saints:
 inspire us by the faith of those gone on before,
 let us show the way for those who are yet to come.

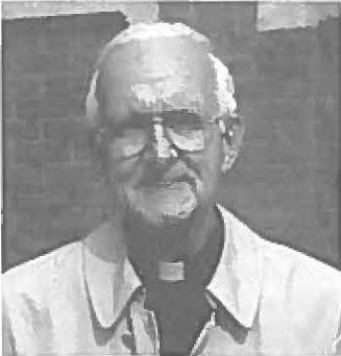


We stand before you now, O God,
 and in communion with your people on earth
 and all the company of heaven,
 we praise your name and join that unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of all the saints!
 Through Christ the Lamb we pray. Amen.



Glenn Schwerdtfeger, in Alive Now (Nov. / Dec. 2006)
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Holy Cross Happenings

Holy Cross School is a faith-centered community fostering lives of service, integrity, and life-long learning. It is committed to Catholic education founded on Gospel-centered values and the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. We are called to be Christ for others and to see Christ in others.

Holy Cross School includes religious education in the entire daily curriculum. Students attend Mass every Friday at 8:15 a.m. and are involved in planning the liturgies as well as participating in the readings, offertory procession, and cantoring. Students in grade 2 receive First Reconciliation in early December and First Eucharist in early May. In grade 7 students begin to prepare in the spring for Confirmation in the fall of their 8th-grade year. Let us keep these students in our prayers.

Service projects at each grade level help children to learn about sharing their time and talents with the community. During October, children

collected money for Birthright of Champaign to help support local programs that promote respecting life. Each grade rotates monthly to provide fresh fruit and milk to the Catholic Worker House. Fifth- and sixth-grade students spend time each month with senior friends at local nursing homes and adult daycare facilities.

In October and November, fourth-graders participate in a special project, learning about the lives of the saints. After reflection and research, each student chooses a saint to write about and depict in a paper. On All Saints Day they dress as their chosen saint for Mass and help to share the story of their saints' lives with fellow students.

Many St. Patrick's parishioners are enrolled in Holy Cross School, and we wish to keep parishioners informed of their academic and extracurricular achievements. Parents, please feel free to contact Mary Welle (m.welle@insightbb.com) with the latest news about your children!

Vocation Prayer



Lord God, you promised strength to all those who would follow your will, but my problem is that I don't know what it is. Your world holds so many possibilities for me.

After seriously assessing my potential, I still hesitate to choose one definite way of life. Inspire my decision that I may fully live out whatever commitment I choose for your greater glory and the happiness of those whose lives I touch. Help me to make the most of the life you have given me. In this way, I will radiate your gifts to all who take time to see. I ask you this in the name of Jesus, my brother. Amen.

Saber Stories

Education at The High School of Saint Thomas More is not limited to the classroom. In the classroom, students *learn* the Catholic faith, but they must also *live it*. *Living the Faith* allows the students to put their faith into practice through volunteer work in the community, making a commitment to this service for a minimum of 150 hours over four years. They encounter Jesus Christ not only as he is present in the scriptures and the liturgy but also as he is present in the elderly, the sick, and the poor.

Some service opportunities include babysitting for parish-wide events here at St. Patrick's. Some student parishioners also volunteer as altar servers and cantors. *Living the Faith* enables them to carry their mission beyond the school's walls, challenging them to learn about their community and its needs and arousing in them a

sense of responsibility for spreading the Gospel.

Coming Attractions

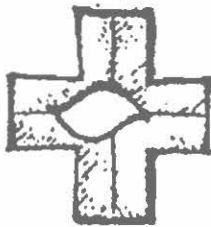
- New Student STM Preview Night – Oct. 18
- Academic Letter Awards – Oct. 25
- Battle of the Bands – Nov. 2
- Great Saber Raffle Drawing – Nov. 18
- First Annual Madrigal Dinner – Dec. 2
- Christmas Concert – Dec. 16
- Christmas Break begins – Dec. 20

Sports Page

Congratulations to the girls and boys golf teams for their accomplishments at the IHSA State Finals. The Girls Golf team took *third* at the State Final, and Boys Golf (including parishioner Ian Tate) finished *sixth* overall. The Sabers' last regular season football game was Oct. 20; best wishes to Coach Hennessey and his team (including parishioner Michael Fitzgerald). Cross Country is finishing up the season as well, with newcomers and parishioners Andy Wszalek and Laura Welle continually improving. Because many St. Patrick's kids participate in these events, with "Saber Stories" we wish to keep parishioners informed of their academic and extracurricular achievements. Parents, please feel free to contact Mary Welle with the latest news (m.welle@insightbb.com). "Go Sabers!"

Comforting those who mourn

The month of November is traditionally a time to remember those who have gone before us in faith, and



the loved ones whose loss we still grieve. The St. Patrick's bereavement and evangelization ministries offer several opportunities to comfort

those who mourn.

A Ray of Hope: Facing the Holidays Following a Loss is an opportunity to learn ways to cope with the additional anxiety and stress the holidays can bring. As the holiday season approaches, one may not know what to do about the details of a particular day, or fear that the event will be a painful reminder of the loss of a loved one rather than a celebration of joy remembered. In a time of vulnerability this program provides ideas and options to empower those who grieve and provides practical suggestions to lean on. A Ray of Hope will be offered at two times: Tuesday, Nov.

14, either from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. or from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the parish lounge.

The **Luncheon for Widows** is intended to honor the widows of St. Patrick's Parish with a special Soup & Salad Luncheon. Because the holidays can be a time when a spouse is particularly missed, this ministry gathers this group of women to reach out and offer hope to one another in order to remain connected with loved ones. It will be a time to share friendship with their sisters in Christ. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Sr. Charlene's home.

The **Memorial Prayer Service** to honor loved ones who passed away in the winter through spring of 2006 will be held on Wed., Nov. 8, at 7:00 p.m. The families and friends of the deceased are welcome to share this evening of prayer and remembering their loved ones. The Memorial Prayer Service is offered twice a year (once in the fall and once in late spring) for those who have lost some-

one in the course of that year.

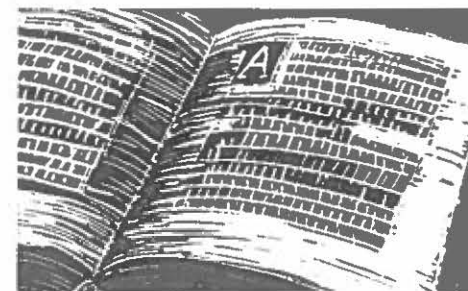
Care Notes, brochures on topics dealing with grief and suffering, are available on the pamphlet rack in the lobby of the parish center. A series of booklets—the Special Care Series—is mailed to families who have experienced a loss. Topics include “Establishing Significance,” “Understanding Grief,” “The Gift of Understanding,” and “Reconstructing Our Lives.”

For information on all of these opportunities, please contact Sr. Charlene or Mary Long at the parish office (367-2665).

The Bible is for everyone

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 12, biblical scholar Dr. Ken Cuffey of Urbana Theological Seminary will present an illustrated overview of the Bible, an opportunity to understand the significance of all of Scripture—how God works out the plan of salvation throughout all of history, the “big picture” of the Bible. This is aimed at fifth-graders through adults, in an understandable, illustrated format. A complementary program for younger children will introduce them to the Bible in a creative way. Everyone is invited to come and to bring a dish for a potluck lunch after the noon Mass; the presentation will be from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mark your calendars now so that you don't miss this outstanding event. Plan to bring your entire family, and use this occasion to introduce friends and neighbors to the wonderful faith community that is St. Patrick's. Watch the bulletin for more information as the date draws closer. If you have questions or comments, call Mary Long at the parish office (367-2665).



Looking back to understand the present

“Has Vatican II improved our liturgy?” This was the core question Fr. Mark DeSutter, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish (Morton, Ill.), led participants in exploring on Saturday, Sept. 30. From memories of the past to opinions of the present experiences of liturgy, those present shared their impressions of the Mass.

Those old enough to remember Mass in Latin spoke of the experiences of a sense of reverence and mystery, the use of bells to mark especially significant moments, and uniformity regardless of where one “heard Mass.” But they also spoke of a feeling of “disconnect” between priest and the people, whose primary role was one of watching. It lacked a sense of community, underlined by the absence of lay ministers. A single reading from scripture limited familiarity with the Bible, and

the sermon generally failed to link themes from the reading with the daily lives of those present.

With Vatican II Catholics were urged to a “full, conscious, and active participation” in the Mass, to an understanding that at Mass all are celebrants, not merely the presider. Reverting to the use of the local language enables that participation, with greater understanding of what is transpiring. Congregational singing, a threefold increase in readings from scripture with homilies



Fr. Mark DeSutter

relating the readings to the lives of those present, and the visible participation of lay men and women in liturgical ministries manifest the values of “full, conscious, and active participation” so urged by the Vatican Council and so enjoyed by the faith community of St. Patrick's.

Justice is beyond private charity: A parable

Once upon a time there was a town that was built just beyond the bend of a large river. One day some of the children from the town were playing beside the river when they noticed three bodies floating in the water. They ran for help and the townsfolk quickly pulled the bodies out of the river.

One body was dead so they buried it. One was alive but quite ill, so they put that person into the hospital. The third turned out to be a healthy child, which they then placed with a family who cared for it and took it to school.

From that day on, every day a number of bodies came floating down the river, and every day the good people of the town would pull them out and tend to them – taking the sick to the hospitals, placing the children with families, and burying those who were dead.

This went on for years; each day brought its quota of bodies, and the townsfolk not only came to expect a number of bodies each day but also worked at developing more elaborate systems for picking them out of the river and tending to them. Some of the townsfolk became quite generous in tending to these bodies and a few extraordinary ones even gave up their jobs so that they could tend to this concern full-time. And the town itself felt a certain healthy pride in its generosity.

However, during all these years and despite all that generosity and effort, nobody thought to go up the river, beyond the bend that hid from their sight what was above them, and find out why, daily, those bodies came floating down the river.

What this parable highlights in a rather simple way is the difference between private charity and social justice. Private charity responds to the homeless, wounded, and dead bodies, but it does not of itself try to get at the reasons why they are there. Social justice tries to go up the river and change the reasons that create homeless, wounded and dead bodies.



Is there an annotated version?

Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality

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St. Patrick's own book for All Souls

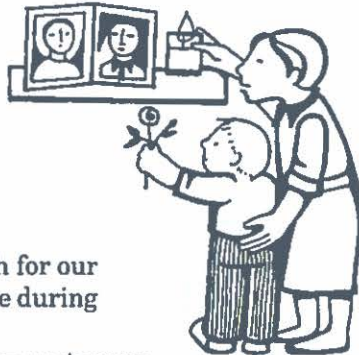
We Catholics usually remember our dead in a special way during the month of November. This year St. Patrick's Liturgical Arts Team is introducing a "Book of Souls" that lists deceased members of parish families. The book will be prepared by parishioners in October and then displayed on the east side altar in the church for our prayerful remembrance during November.

If you wish to commemorate your family's deceased loved ones in this way, please fill out a page for insertion in the book. Blank pages will be in the church vestibule, under the ministry schedule, during October. For consistency, please use only the

special paper provided there.

At the top of the page give the family name (e.g., The Thomas Braeburn Family), and under it list the deceased family members. The pages can be decorated in any fashion, from a simple listing of names to elaborate flourishes and pictures. Place your page in the envelope where you first picked up the blank page. The full set of pages will then be compiled into the "Book of Souls" for display during November.

Anyone who wishes to examine the "Book of Souls" may do so while it is on display.



As we grow older, we have more and more people to remember, people who have died before us. It is very important to remember those who have loved us and those we have loved. Remembering them means letting their spirits inspire us in our daily lives. They can become part of our spiritual communities and gently help us as we make decisions on our journeys.

Deceased parents, spouses, children, and friends can become true spiritual companions. Sometimes they can become even more intimate to us after death than when they were with us in life. Remembering them is choosing their ongoing companionship.

Henri Nouwen

Another successful Cellar-to-Garret Sale!

The Guild-sponsored annual event, the Cellar-to-Garret Sale, drew hundreds if not thousands of local residents to pore over the plentiful items donated by St. Patrick's parishioners. The weather cooperated, making it easier for people to come from surrounding towns, and many dedicated volunteers with real staying power helped keep newly treasured items moving out the door in the arms of their new owners. The sale may net close to \$10,000—a not inconsiderable return!



Hills of the Mission Padres

A sea of earth tone houses now
follow the winding interstates
on ancient California Hills –
hills of the mission padres of solemn masses
and Gregorian chants

New houses today, tile roofs
one point five million dollars each,
all square cornered as far as the eye can see
with shiny plumbing fixtures,
French impressionist reprints

Here and there small trees and shrubs
crouch obsequiously
knowing they owe their existence
to a master's whim

These houses speak.
They say: "TDA Security Services Inc.
Serving California for twenty years."
No noise here: in mile after mile,
no children, or bright markets, coffee shops,
dogs, cats, or even people actually,
no music drifting from open windows
or echoes from an old padre's prayers
or nuns' choirs

The parking lot speaks:
It says: "Cars left overnight will be towed
by Radman's Towing –
family owned and operated."

Perfect lawns, like shag carpets,
repeat over and over again:
"Lawn chemically treated
do not walk on until dry."

How do I know when it's dry?

A new and unpublished poem by Quentin Kirk

Vietnamese martyrs remembered

Andrew Dung, born to Buddhist parents in 1785, was brought up in the Catholic faith and later became a catechist. When nearly 40 years old he was ordained a priest—at just about the time that the first wave of persecution drove priests into hiding.

He worked in many parishes, and one day he was arrested, later ransomed from jail by parishioners. He changed his name from Dung to Lac for safety's sake and moved to a new area to work. In 1839 an edict designed to root out all Christians demanded that all citizens take part in ancestor worship and the building of temples. Soon after this, Andrew and Peter Thi, another Vietnamese priest, were captured; they were beheaded in Hanoi in 1839.

Christianity was brought to Vietnam by the Jesuits, who opened the first permanent mission there in 1615. Despite determined efforts to wipe it out, Christianity flourished. By 1954 there were over one and a half million Catholics in the north. Although nearly half had fled to the south to avoid persistent persecution, 833,000 Catholics remained, many in prison, in 1964.

In the south, Catholics were enjoying the first decade of religious freedom in centuries, their numbers swelled by refugees. During the Vietnamese war, Catholics again suffered in the north and fled to the south in

great numbers. Now the entire country is under Communist rule.

"The Church in Vietnam is living out the gospel in a difficult and complex situation with remarkable persistence and strength...alive and vigorous, blessed with strong and faithful bishops, dedicated religious, and courageous and committed laypeople" (statement of three U.S. archbishops returning from Vietnam in Jan. 1988).

Andrew Dung-Lac was one of 117 Vietnamese martyrs between 1820 and 1862 during three periods of severe persecution. Members of this group were beatified on four different occasions between 1900 and 1951. In 1988 all were canonized by Pope John Paul II. They were but a small number of the 130,000 Christians who suffered cruel martyrdom, many by decapitation or strangulation, during the 17th-19th centuries. On Nov. 24 the Church commemorates this vast assembly of saints, whose blood watered the fruitful soil of Christianity in Vietnam.

On Sunday, Nov. 19, the Vietnamese martyrs will be honored with a Mass in Vietnamese celebrated by Fr. Hoa Pham and the local Vietnamese community. The Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's church at 5 p.m., preceded by the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.



Open meetings From page 2

Committee conducted several focus groups this fall with both targeted and randomly selected parish groups, to hear directly from parishioners about the most pressing physical needs identified by respondents to the survey.

The Advisory Committee is now ready to share what was learned through the focus groups and to invite general input on these findings. This will be done at two meetings, open to all parishioners, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish main hall on Nov. 13 and on Nov. 15.

If you are unable to attend either of these meetings, you can contact any SCAC member with questions or comments: Ellen Amberg, Mike Andrejasich, Steve Beckett, Carol Bosley, Claude Cole, Pat Dill, Pat Justice, Jerry Pijanowski, Joe Rasmussen, and Mort Weir.



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Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Collie Head

Broccoli Salad

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 T vinegar
- 1/2 c diced onion
- 1/4 c sugar
- crumbled bacon (to taste)
- 1 large head of broccoli

Separate the florets from the head of broccoli. Mix the other ingredients and pour over the florets, mixing well. Refrigerate until ready to serve.



Peace and Justice

St. Patrick's at empty tomb

Empty tomb is a local ecumenical charity representing the Body of Christ in Champaign-Urbana. All items and works donated and distributed through empty tomb are "given in Jesus' name." St. Patrick's has many parishioners who have volunteered their time and efforts at empty tomb.

Richard Keane has served the longest at empty tomb, going back about 20 years to the time when the charity was located next to Catholic Worker House near Provena Hospital on University Ave. It is now located at the corner of Fourth and Park Sts. in Champaign.

Richard started out delivering furniture to needy families. Since then he has mainly helped out on Saturday Work Days. Over the years Richard has witnessed that "the poverty here in Champaign-Urbana and Rantoul is almost criminal." On a recent Saturday Richard helped work on the roof of one room in a family's home that had such a leaky roof that the entire room had to be redone and the roof rebuilt. He enjoys meeting skilled adults and youth from other churches and in the neighborhoods where the work is done. "It feels good to get out and help. empty tomb even serves lunch for the crew."

Other adults who have helped on empty tomb projects include Chris Stohr, who, along with Dan Krull of St. Patrick's, helps deliver furniture on Monday mornings, and Mark Cousert, who offers his plumbing expertise as his time allows

In addition to Home Maintenance, the programs at empty tomb include food and furniture deliveries, furniture, clothes and household goods available in the display room, Christian Health Services, comprised of Medical Assistance, cribs and layettes, and help with medications and medical bills and General Assistance for rent and utility bills.

On two Saturday Work Days in

March, St. Patrick's CREW members helped out repairing homes. Jim Mayer worked with the youths and enjoyed working with neighborhood groups and people from other churches. Anna Mayer shared, "It

was definitely nice to see so many faiths come together on a common project." The potluck lunches and the prayers with the other workers help form community. Nathaniel Perry of CREW worked on installing a new roof on a home. "It was a great

experience," he said. "The people in the house even cooked a meal for us." Sam Friedhof worked on the same roofing project: "It was pretty cool, working with my friends. I used the roofing experience on the CREW Mission in St. Louis."

Some CREW members were not able to help out on those two work days, but they completed their required service hours in other ways. The CREW members who participated in the summer Mission to St. Louis included Grant Cinker, Micah Cottingham, Mike Fitzgerald, Emily Floess, Sam Freidhof, Jessica Grove, Thera Hubler, Catherine Keane, Fared and Mary Kimball, Robie Kimmey, Theresa Laumann, Anna Mayer, Nathaniel Perry, Lucas Raab, Maciej Swiech, and Paige Whippo.

There are plenty of jobs to be done at empty tomb, jobs to fit anyone's schedule. The Clothing Room needs volunteers from Monday through Saturday, to sort clothes from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. and to greet clients from 1 to 3 p.m. Home Maintenance needs help on Saturdays or on weekdays. Furniture Pickups and Deliveries occur on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon. Mailing volunteers for the bimonthly Newsletter and Substitute Receptionists serve when called upon.

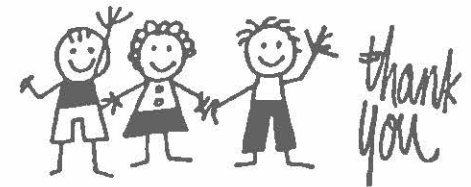
This ecumenical ministry offers many ways for anyone seeking to fight poverty in Champaign-Urbana!



Volunteer Opportunities

Will you be our Council reporter? The Communications Committee seeks to share in *In Focus* information about the concerns, plans, and issues discussed by Council members at their monthly meetings. Council meetings are usually on third Thursdays, from 7 to 8 or 8:30 p.m.; a report on the meeting is needed by the following Saturday evening if it is to appear in that month's *In Focus*. Council meetings can be fun, energizing, and informative (though maybe not in that order)—try it! *Communications: Mary Lou Menches, 344-1125*

Can you help serve at funeral lunches? Because funerals often occur on weekdays, working men and women who might like to assist with the lunch following the funeral are unable to do so. Help is needed in monitoring the buffet table to be sure of an adequate supply of available food and service items, pouring coffee refills, and cleanup after the meal. *St. Patrick's Guild: Irma Wait, 367-6547.*



Parish groups are invited to submit entries for this column to the Communications Committee or by calling Peggy Whelan (367-3668). Provide your name and telephone number or e-mail address and the name of your group.

St. Patricks Parish Urbana, IL

November 2006



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 Nov. 5.</p>			<p>All Saints Day Masses: 7am, 12:10, 5:15pm 9am Moms UIP 5:15pm SVDP 6:30pm St. Joe Rel Ed 7pm Choir</p>	<p>6:45am Men's Bible Study 6pm Building & Grounds 7pm Re-Membering Church 7pm RCIA 7pm Baptism Prep 7pm Choir</p>	<p>10:45am Mass CCNH</p>	<p>8am-7pm Diocesan Youth Rally 8:30am Parish Nurse Breakfast</p>	
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<p>8:30am CREW Evergreen Fundraiser 9:15am Rel Ed 10:30am Children's Liturgy 8pm CREW Mission Meeting 6:30pm Jr. Sr. High Relig. Ed 6:30pm Leaders Bible Study</p>	<p>7pm FGDW 7pm Centering Prayer 7pm Pro-Life</p>	<p>9:30am Mass Canterbury Ridge 5:30pm Financial Affairs 6pm Faith Sharing Group 6pm Mystagogia 7:30pm Parish Council Exec Com</p>	<p>9am Moms UIP 9:30am Schola 5:15pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 6:15pm Social Action 8:30pm St. Joe Rel Ed 7pm Choir 7pm "Palestine" 7pm Memorial Svc.</p>	<p>6:45am Men's Bible Study 7pm RCIA 7pm Choir</p>	<p>10:30am Mass CareCenter 10:45am Comm. Svc. CCNH</p>	<p>9am-3pm CREW Leaf Raking Fundraiser</p>	
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<p>9:15am Rel Ed 10:30am Children's Liturgy 1-5pm CREW Pay it Forward 6:30pm Leaders Bible Study 1-4pm Potluck, Bible Presentation</p>	<p>6pm Open Mtg on Parish Survey 7pm FGDW 7pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p>12 & 7pm Ray of Hope 6pm Mystagogia</p>	<p>9am Moms UIP 5:15pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 6:30pm St. Joe Rel Ed 7pm Choir 6pm Open Mtg on Parish Survey</p>	<p>6:45am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Parish Council 7pm RCIA 7pm Choir 7pm Communications</p>	<p>10:30am Mass Clark-Lindsey 10:45am Mass CCNH</p>	<p>9am-3pm CREW Leaf Raking Fundraiser</p>	
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<p>9:15am Rel Ed 1pm-4pm Reconciliation Retreat 6:30pm Jr. Sr. High Relig Ed</p>	<p>7pm FGDW 7pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p>7pm Worship Team 7pm Faith Sharing</p>	<p>9am Moms UIP 5:15pm SVDP 7pm Choir</p>	<p>Thanksgiving 8am Thanksgiving Mass & Breakfast Offices Closed</p>	<p>Offices Closed</p>		
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CCNH = Champaign County Nursing Home SVDP = St. Vincent de Paul Society Moms UIP = Moms United in Prayer
 FGDW = Finding God in Daily Work