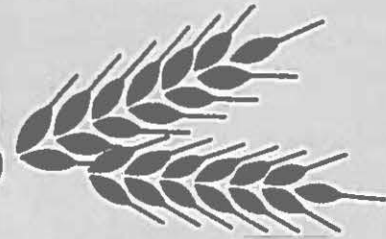


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



*Anniversary Issue 25 years Serving the St. Patrick's Community*

## Respect for life challenges us

**A** bortion and stem cell research are topics we hear a lot about around Respect Life Sunday. Many people will attend the Respect Life dinner in Peoria; others will read pertinent newspaper articles (such as this one). There will be much talk about these two issues, and indeed both have wide implications. But that is hardly the end of the discussion.

What other issues are related to respect for life? Sr. Joan Chittister, O.S.B., suggests several: the thousands of civilians in Lebanon and Iraq who have been killed; the innocent or mentally challenged prisoners on death row; the many American babies dying from improper medical care, because of lack of medical insurance.

There are many other issues, of course. Disrespect for life is also evident in the lives of children in underdeveloped

countries. Children are orphaned by AIDS or are themselves infected, often without access to effective medical treatment; children in Africa are kidnapped, conscripted into armies, or sold into slavery. Closer to home, children are abused in their own families, and too many others live in dire poverty without adequate assistance.

Thus we see that respect for life goes far deeper than "Thou shalt not kill." Most of us can expect our own lives to be respected. We live comfortably, and even as the headlines daily try to frighten us, we have little fear of violence. But as we pray about the injustices that lurk outside, or as we discuss them with our friends, what other respect-for-life issues can we identify? Then, and this is the challenging part, what can we do about these issues?



## Four fun family fêtes

St. Patrick's faith community will enjoy some special events this year. Though some of the specifics are still being planned, the dates and speakers are set, so mark your calendars now. You won't want to miss them—each offers something for everyone, regardless of age.



On Saturday evening, Oct. 21, Fr. Pat McGrath, Provincial Assistant for Secondary Education in the Chicago area, will give a talk on **everyday practical spirituality**, the Catholic way of finding and experiencing God in all things. The presentation will be

geared toward teens and adults, with a complementary children's program so the whole family can attend. A dinner will precede the presentation, so watch the bulletin for details.

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 3:30 p.m.

Feeling stressed? Busy? Burned out? God didn't design life to be this way. Make your escape! On the weekend of Jan. 20-21, join national speaker, author, and cartoonist Jason Kotecki for a hilarious and uplifting look at how to uncover a more childlike faith. Jason is the creator of **Kim & Jason**, the internationally known comic strip about childhood ([www.KimandJason.com](http://www.KimandJason.com)). He is also

## Three parishioners honored St. Patrick's own book for All Souls

We usually hear about awards given to individuals near the end of the academic year. Perhaps that's why the special recognition given to three members of our faith community came as such a surprise. Surprise, yes, but not without merit!

**Andy Wszalek**, while a student at Holy Cross School, received an American Legion School Medal Award. Nominated by the school staff for exhibiting good citizenship and patriotism, he received a bronze medal and certificate.



**Cathy Salika**, of the University's CARLI Data Services, received the EndUser Award of Merit for Extraordinary Service to the User Community for helping peers use Endeavor software and helping the company improve its product suite.



**Mort Weir**, UI chancellor emeritus, received a commendation from Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Aso in recognition of his enthusiastic promotion of Japanese arts and culture, in particular his contributions to the development of Japan House. He received a commendation and a silver cup from Taro Aso for fostering friendship and mutual understanding between Japan the United States.



Congratulations to each of you for the recognition given your contributions to society both here at home and far beyond!

We Catholics usually remember our dead in a special way during the month of November. This year St. Patrick's Liturgical Arts Team will initiate use of a "Book of Souls" listing deceased family members. The book will be prepared by parishioners in October and then displayed on the east side altar 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 the first two weeks in 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.



**Q: How does St. Patrick's support the missions?**

**A: Mission Sunday is set aside to honor**

and remember our call to "go make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." We obey this call, confident in the promise of Jesus' very next words: "I am with you always."

We obey this call when we directly minister to others, here or abroad, modeling Christ's love in helping with basic human needs, and also through instruction in the Faith.

Though this call springs from our common baptism, not all are called to direct missionary work in foreign lands—there's plenty to do right here. Even so, as a community, St. Patrick's financially supports the work of mission. The second collection taken up on the third Sunday of every month is devoted to missionary work. On six Sundays of the year, the contributions support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Social

Action within the parish and local community. The other five collections support:

- Mission work in Central and Eastern Europe
- The Campaign for Human Development
- The Bishops' Overseas Appeal
- Peter's Pence; and
- Mission Sunday.

Besides these designated collections, St. Patrick's has helped with special needs such as aid for victims of Hurricane Katrina and shoes for children in Mexico. St. Patrick's also annually supports Dr. Susan Nagele's work in Africa and, since 1993, our sister church in Beit-Jala, near Bethlehem.

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



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the author of "Escape Adulthood: 8 Secrets from Childhood for the Stressed-Out Grown-up." By combining anecdotes, uplifting stories, scriptural references, and a bit of cartooning, Jason shares biblically based principles and real-world techniques that will help you to:

- uncover God's great purpose for your life,
- gain peace of mind about what worries you the most,
- create a fun, loving, and supportive family dynamic,
- learn new ways to make a profound difference in the lives of your loved ones.

The Saturday evening begins with a CREW-sponsored dinner at 6 p.m., followed by this interactive, exciting

dinner theater with storytelling, entertainment, and fun for all ages. On Sunday morning, Jason will make a presentation to the children's education program, and to the junior high and high school teens in the afternoon.

Returning on the weekend of Apr. 21-22 are our friends from the Choir of Hope of *Harmony, Hope & Healing*. These talented Chicagoans will share their gift of music and witnessing with us at the 5 p.m., 9 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. Masses, and in a special Saturday 7 p.m. concert. Under the direction of founder Marge Nykaza, M.P.S., this weekend event is a perfect opportunity to invite family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy wonderful music and fellowship, while

supporting a program that ministers to women and children from Chicago shelters and community outreach programs.

Mark your calendars now so that you don't miss any of these outstanding events. Plan to bring your entire family, and use these events to introduce friends and neighbors to the wonderful faith community that is St. Patrick's. Watch the bulletin for more information closer to the events.

Some dinner programs may have a ticket fee, others a free-will offering, but inability to pay should not discourage anyone from coming. If you have questions or comments, call Mary Long at the parish office (367-2665).

## Dr. Susan Nagele to speak on Mission Sunday

On Mission Sunday, Oct. 22, parishioner Dr. Susan Nagele will address the parish. She has provided medical assistance to the needy for over 20 years in Africa with the Maryknoll lay missionaries. Her stories about the people she serves are sometimes amusing, sometimes sad, but consistently interesting and relevant to our own lives.



Chris Main/D Alum. Assn.

a second-hand ultrasound machine.

The hospital remains financially unstable, though, particularly due to difficulties in collecting patients' debts. The major funding for HIV/AIDS research also lures away qualified staff, and the electricity has become so erratic that it is sometimes off for 24 hours at a time. The hospital's future plans focus on training and education—of patients, medical students, and the staff themselves. They will also buy a back-up generator soon.

But these facts are as dry as the desert, compared to what you will hear on Oct. 22. Dr. Nagele's stories of ministry in Kitale will bring a smile to your face and strength to your faith.

She has already sent St. Patrick's an annual report of her hospital, Kitale Kiminini Cottage Hospital. It reveals "how I keep busy and out of trouble" with an impressive collection of statistics and concerns.

During February 2005 the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary took over administration of the hospital, now with 24 personnel. During the whole year, the hospital saw 6500 outpatients, 1300 prenatal clinic attendees, 1500 admissions, and performed 8600 laboratory exams. All these numbers are 20 to 50 percent higher than in 2004. This increase was helped by several major renovations and acquisitions, such as



## Baptized, gifted, called

As we often sing at Mass, "We are many parts, we are all one body." When Paul wrote these words to the church at Corinth, he wrote about the gifts of that community, their gifts of ministry. These words still hold true for the Church at Main and Busey!

Each member of St. Patrick's ministers, in big and little ways, is to meet the needs of the parish itself and of the larger community. To renew this spirit of ministry, we have discerned six key areas of these ministries.



As we are all baptized, from that baptism each of us is both **called** and **gifted** by God to be a blessing to each other, to be a blessing to those in the world, to be a blessing in the name of Jesus Christ.

You too are a vital part in renewing this spirit of ministry. So ask God how you can serve your parish and your community. Ask again. And then dare to listen.



## God breaks in

"Sometimes God can break in and surprise us," said **Carolyn McElrath** about the recent parish staff restructuring. This new structure has created openings for God to call forth new gifts of service. In the **ministry of peace and justice**, which she represents to the staff, Carolyn draws on her education in social ethics and teaches Church history, Catholic Bible study, and theology. Sub-ministries of peace and justice include social justice, peace education, pro-life activities, and helping the poor. Together with Sr. Charlene, Carolyn also represents the staff in the **ministry of parish community life** reflected in these sub-ministries: St. Patrick's Guild, the Knights of Columbus, the Social Committee, Coffee Shop, and the Communications Committee.



**Sr. Charlene Cesario**, in addition to her corepresentation of the ministry of parish community life with Carolyn, also represents the **ministry of spiritual enrichment**. She facilitates "Finding God in Daily Work" and guides, heals, mentors, and supports parishioners in times of bereavement, alienation, formation, and discernment. She serves as a Notary/Advocate for annulments and provides spiritual direction. This ministry includes vocation awareness, centering prayer, Bible study, Moms United in Prayer, base communities, Catholic Young Adults, reading groups, Re-Membering Church (which welcomes back inactive Catholics), the library, and the Parish Nurses.



**Chris Angel** represents the **ministry of worship** to the parish staff. With the pastor and the liturgical assembly, Chris promotes and invites "full, active,



and conscious participation in parish liturgies." The choirs of all ages that he directs help us all make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Source and summit of our worship, the Eucharist is also served in many liturgical aspects: presider, lector, usher, sacristan, artist, sign language interpreter, and Eucharist minister.

As if conducting an orchestra, pastor **Fr. Joe Hogan** is our chief teacher and liturgist. He also represents to the staff the **ministry of stewardship**. Fr. Joe fosters our spirit of renewal, reminds us of our baptismal vocation. He helps to build up the Body of Christ by guiding our discerning and dreaming. This ministry includes the Second Century Advisory Committee as well as Archives, Building and Grounds, Financial Affairs, Development, and Personnel.



New to St. Patrick's this year is **Fr. Hoa Pham**. In addition to his sacramental role, he has a special ministry to the Vietnamese community. Fr. Hoa also helps in the ministry of spiritual enrichment, taking the Eucharist to the homebound, nursing homes, and hospitals.

Also assisting sacramentally is **Deacon Cliff Maduzia**, who occasionally preaches at Mass and presides at weddings and baptisms. Deacon Cliff ministers to a variety of faith-sharing and support groups both in and beyond the parish. He helps with food collection for the homeless and with meal donations for the St. Jude Catholic Worker House. He also assists at The High School of St. Thomas More.



**Suzanne D'Andria** enthusiastically represents the **ministry of faith development** by coordinating Children's Religious Education and Children's Liturgies. Last summer Suzanne facilitated a vibrant and joyful Vacation Bible School for our children. This ministry builds up the parish's faith through education (particularly Catholic schools), preparation for the Sacraments, and special events throughout the year. Also representing the **ministry of faith development**, **Peggy Loftus** welcomes our teens. The high school youth group, CREW, actively serves St. Patrick's and the wider community, and once a year travels on a Mission trip to help the poor. Peggy encourages adults to mentor, challenge, teach, and support our youth. **Mary Long** offers adult Bible studies, works with the Disciples in Mission team, arranges for witness talks, and assists parish base communities. Parish secretary **Leslie Risatti** shares in the welcoming ministry as her smile greets visitors to the parish office. Leslie also maintains sacramental records and prepares the weekly bulletin. Business manager **Kristi Turner** is new at St. Patrick's this year. She prepares and records all accounting information, handles hall rentals, and helps Leslie prepare the monthly

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calendar.

And, finally, we'd all be stuck without our fix-it, clean-it, and setup person, custodian **Bob Miller**. He cleans the church for Masses and other special events,

participates in the work of the Building and Grounds Committee, and organizes work crews for large tasks.

This restructuring helps us all realize our baptismal call to service, to share our gifts with our parish family. Service is not restricted to committees! In these different areas, the staff, Council, and parish representatives together discern and encourage ministerial activity. All parish staff can better support one another and the parish, can better discern and dream and pray together. All have a better sense of what is happening. All are working together. The foundation, of course, for all that is done at St. Patrick's is prayer, prayer that binds us together to build up the Kingdom.



**VOCATION PRAYER**

Good and gracious God, through baptism you have called us to discipleship with your son, Jesus Christ, and have sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to all people. We pray you, grant us more priests and religious to build up your Church.

Inspire young men and women to give themselves totally to the work of Christ and his Church. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

~Cardinal Roger Mahony

**Liturgical artists wanted, no Ph.D. necessary**

The title "liturgical artist" may sound lofty and imposing. Nevertheless, many people have the talent to work with design, fabric, wood, or metal, or to harmoniously arrange materials or objects to convey meaning. All are artists.

The Liturgical Arts Team is a small group within the Liturgy Committee that seeks to follow the guideline of the Second Vatican Council that "the creation of seasonal liturgical décor should heighten awareness of the festive, solemn, or penitential nature of the seasons."

During the last year the team has used flowers, streamers, and banners to enhance the worship experience of our faith community. Do you have

ideas on how to do this in the coming months? Do you like to sew? Do you

enjoy creating objects of wood or metal that could be used for this purpose?

The team would enjoy meeting with you and exploring your ideas and abilities further. It meets only as needed, to share ideas, make plans, and carry out those arrangements in the church. Preparations will soon be under way for the Advent season.

Think about your talents—gifts, after all—and see how you can contribute to the team's efforts. Coordinator Jan Callahan (469-9346, callahanj@insightbb.com) will be happy to hear from you and to answer your questions.



**New singers of old music**

Music both old and new inspired congregants at the 10:30 Mass at St. Patrick's on Sept. 3. While the assembly sang the familiar service music and two hymns, all composed during the 20th century, they also prayed as the Sts. Gregory and Romanos Guild chanted in Latin, sharing Church treasures from an earlier era.

The Sts. Gregory and Romanos Guild is a schola cantorum, or Gregorian chant choir, established in November 2005. Their mission is to foster the use of Gregorian chant in the liturgy. They are currently focusing their efforts on building a choir that can do this repertoire well and on learning a set of pieces that will allow them to minister regularly. Their patrons are Pope St. Gregory the Great, Doctor of the Church and reformer of the Roman liturgy, and St. Romanos the Melodist, cantor and hymnwriter. The Guild is at the service of the parishes of the Champaign Vicariate.

Sept. 3 is the feast day of

St. Gregory, and during their visit here the Guild honored their patron by singing the proper chants of the Mass for his feast, that is, the texts and music specific to that day. The Guild sang the introit, the gradual following the first reading, the alleluia, the offertory, and the communion. At offertory and communion, the antiphons alternated with verses from a psalm.

Like the monks who first sang these chants, the Guild does not ask for musical auditions. All who are interested in Gregorian chant are welcome to join them. Because of the traditional association of chant with a male choir, they especially encourage men to join, but they have women members as well. They rehearse Mondays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the choir loft at Holy Cross Parish in Champaign.

For more information, please contact the director, Nicholas Haggin (847-612-5059, nhaggin@yahoo.com), or see their website (<http://nhaggin.freeshell.org/champaignschola>).



## Volunteer Opportunities

**Designers and creative thinkers, please apply!** The Liturgical Art Team is looking for parishioners with a creative bent to provide designs and/or suggestions for visual effects in the church that will enhance our worship experience. Designs can be implemented by others if need be. *Liturgical Art and Environment Team: Jan Callahan, 469-9346*

**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 8-8:30 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*



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.

## Grounded in prayer: A call and a challenge

The Parish Council recently sponsored a ministry sign-up weekend, with over 400 responses that weekend alone. But of course it's not just the offering of one's time, but also the spirit in which the time is being offered.

For example, hospitality is not simply saying "Good morning!" When spoken from the heart, that message conveys a deep sincerity, warmth, and joy. And if a greeter's conduct reflects the life Jesus calls us to live, then that greeter's ministry directly reflects God's love.

As she ministered to the poor and indigent, Blessed Mother Theresa was small of stature but a powerhouse of love and witness. She was grounded in prayer, accepting the universal call to holiness and to become a priestly people building up the kingdom of God on earth.

The members of the Parish Council, charged with representing all

parishioners in their decisions, take seriously this call to be a prayerful, priestly people. They unanimously decided to start their monthly meetings a half hour earlier, to provide more time for prayer. They encourage all parish groups to reflect prayerfully how they too can accommodate prayer at the start of their gatherings.



Time taken to be aware of God's presence within and around us can awaken the spirit within us all to carry out our mission—as true disciples, not just saying good morning.

Fr. Joe Hogan quoted from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, which reminds us of the mission to which we are called and why we serve. All parish groups will be provided with a copy of this scripture passage to say together at the close of their meetings, reflecting that our parish is united in understanding and accepting the challenge to minister to one another.

So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners,  
but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones  
and members of the household of God,  
built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.  
Through him the whole structure is held together and grows  
into a temple sacred in the Lord;  
in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place  
of God in the spirit.

*Ephesians 2:19-22*

## Come to the fair—the Health Fair!

St. Patrick's Parish Nurses are sponsoring a Health Fair on Sunday, Oct. 29. Learn about your own health, and also about community resources.

Flu shots, blood pressure screening, demonstrations, and training in everything from the Heimlich maneuver to automatic external defibrillators, pamphlets and packets, authoritative advice about prescriptions, home care, and health care power of attorney—there's something for everyone. Even chair massages!

The nurses will be waiting for you after all the Masses. Drop by anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the parish center main hall.



The deadline for submitting information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is October 15.



## Saber Stories

St. Patrick's Parish is pleased to welcome back 31 teenage parishioners to another year at "STM." The High School of St. Thomas More develops students spiritually, morally, intellectually, and physically—in an atmosphere of respect and reverence—to fulfill their baptismal call to witness to Jesus Christ in the modern world.

Students can look forward to a busy year with many extracurricular activities: sports, music, drama, art, academic clubs, and spiritual organizations and retreats. Through "Saber Stories" we hope to keep parishioners informed of the many academic and extracurricular achievements of our kids. Parents, please feel free to contact Mary Welle (m.welle@insightbb.com) with the latest news about your teens' achievements. And "Go Sabers!"

### Coming attractions

Sept. 25, Seventh Annual STM Golf Scramble  
 Oct. 6, Homecoming  
 Oct. 11, Teens Encounter Christ  
 Oct. 18, New Student STM Preview Night  
 Nov. 2, Battle of the Bands  
 Nov. 18, Great Saber Raffle  
 Drawing  
 Dec. 2, Madrigal Dinner  
 Dec. 20, Christmas break begins

Fall sports at St. Thomas More include cross country, golf, volleyball, soccer, football, and cheerleading. An enthusiastic pep band plays at football and basketball games throughout the year. Many St. Patrick's teens participate in these events. Please help cheer on the Saber teams this year. **Sports schedules** are on the high school's Web site, [www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org).

## Holy Cross Happenings

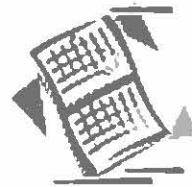


Welcome back! Holy Cross School begins a new academic year with many new and old faces. With a 90-year legacy of developing

Catholic youth with faith-based values and high academic accomplishments, it prepares each child both spiritually and intellectually to succeed in life. Holy Cross School welcomes 42 new kindergarteners and over 20 new students in other grades. This year, St. Patrick's Parish has 41 families with children attending Holy Cross School.

Fall sports at Holy Cross School include cross country, boys' baseball, girls' basketball, and cheerleading. Many St. Patrick's kids participate in these events. The gymnasium got an impressive face-lift this summer, thanks to the PTC. Please join in cheering on our great Crusader teams this year. **Sports schedules** are on the Holy Cross School Web site ([www.holycrosselem.org/athletics](http://www.holycrosselem.org/athletics)), courtesy of Athletic Director Julia Valley.

### Coming attractions



Feast of the Holy Cross, Sept. 14

Hot Dog Day, Oct. 13  
 End of the first quarter, Oct. 27

Parent-teacher conferences, Nov. 8  
 Confirmation, Nov. 18  
 Grandparents' Day, Nov. 22

Christmas break begins, Dec. 20

"Holy Cross Happenings" informs parishioners of our kids' many academic and extracurricular achievements. Parents, please trumpet your children's latest achievements to Mary Welle (m.welle@insightbb.com). And to all the new Crusaders, welcome back to school!



Ministry signup on Sept. 9-10 generated an enthusiastic response. Over 400 parishioners volunteered to share their time and talent in many areas. As the sign over the main church door asked, "What is YOUR ministry?"

Most parish groups accept new members at any time of the year; if you missed "Signup Sunday," look for the signup sheets in the back of church or the parish office, or just drop in on a group that interests you. You can get more information at any time about a group you're interested in by contacting someone listed with the group in the "Ministry at St. Patrick's" booklet.

## Blessed are the peacemakers

### *Peace and Justice*

Emily Delanty (a former Charles Martell Scholarship winner) is now serving in the Peace Corps in General Aquino, Paraguay. (Her mother says you won't find it on a map!) General Aquino has a population of 3,500. Emily serves as an elementary education advisor for the local schools and teacher's college. Before joining the Peace Corps, she taught bilingual Hispanic students in Chicago for 5 years.

Now Emily is training teachers and also helping government health officials to create programs to teach AIDS prevention and sanitation. In Paraguay, she trained for 3 months for her assignment and learned the indigenous language, Guaraní. About

90 percent of the population speaks Guaraní, but the government and news outlets use Spanish, a holdover from the early Spanish conquerors.

Emily left Urbana this January and will return in May 2008. Asked how Emily came to volunteer for the Peace Corps, her mother said she's "always been that kind of person," wanting to reach out to those who may be considered disadvantaged, first with her work in Chicago and now in Paraguay. She has two friends who have served in the Peace Corps as well.

Emily will soon have her own house—smaller than her mother's kitchen. The community has electricity from a local hydroelectric project, but no running water. She's the only Peace Corps volunteer in her commu-

nity, although there are 30 others in the country. Once a month she goes to meetings with the other volunteers and can call the U.S. from there. Her parents can sometimes reach her on a cell phone, but the connection is not reliable.



New friends show Emily Delanty (left) how to mix batter for chipa, a bread made with corn (or manioc) and cheese.



Emily Delanty (right) with her host mother.



Emily Delanty (middle) with two local residents of General Aquino.



*Welcome to new parishioners:* Deborah Cessna, Jim and Kathryn Hires, Georgia Paquin, Brian Ricconi, Brian Schmit and Megan Wolf, Lewis Smith, Ron Szczepaniak, and Kristi and Scott Turner.

*Farewell to these parishioners, who have moved from C-U:* Allen and Jane Brzoska, Victoria Cross, Christine Dickerson, A. Gardini, Gregory and Sarah Michna, Kelly Sturdyvin, and Grace and Leo Zulu.

*Welcome to the following, baptized into our faith community:* Miradi Muanza, Pasqaline Phongo, Alexandra Rachael Isaacs, Samuel Dale Ramey, James William Mayer, and Thomas Allen Belcher.

*Congratulations to Colleen Marie Nolan and David Wayne Grob, married at St. Patrick's.*

*Please pray for deceased parishioner Richard Mahannah.*

*Also remember in your prayers the very many seriously and chronically ill members of our parish.*



### in our parish library

Responding to the call to ministry may mean facing up to the challenge of new beginnings coupled with recognition of our own inadequacies. But after all, what is ministry but caring for one another, caring for the needs of our faith community and of its individual members, caring for the larger community of which we are a part? The parish library has several books that can show us how to work together in becoming a parish that cares.

*The Parish as Covenant: A Call to Pastoral Partnership*, by Thomas Sweetser, S.J. (253 SWE), suggests

ways in which pastors, parish leaders, and parishioners can collaborate in ministry.

*Transforming the Parish: Models for the Future*, by Thomas Sweetser, S.J., and Patricia M. Forster (250 FOR), offers examples of what parishes can be in the areas of liturgy, volunteers, small faith communities, and spirituality.

*The Hands-on Parish: Reflections and Suggestions for Fostering Community*, by William Bausch (250 BAU), covers the role of all Christians in bringing faith to one's work, presents ideas that have been successful in parishes, and shares thoughts on the parish of the future and how lay and ordained ministers may work together in creating it.



## Foundress of local schools to be canonized

Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, has been called a visionary, a model of virtue, and a source of inspiration and hope.

In 1998 Pope John Paul II beatified Mother Theodore, signifying that she is a holy woman worthy of honor and veneration. Just eight years later, on Oct. 15, Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin will be recognized as a saint by Pope Benedict XVI in a ceremony at St. Peter's Square.

Just who is this remarkable woman? Born in Brittany on Oct. 2, 1798, Anne-Therese Guerin entered the Sisters of Providence in France at age 24 and took the name Sister St. Theodore. She professed first vows two years later, and perpetual vows six years thereafter. She then taught, served as superior of schools, and ministered among the sick poor before traveling to America.

Accompanied by five Sisters of Providence, she made a missionary



voyage to the New World, arriving at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1840. Within a year she opened the Academy there, and more schools followed in Indiana, Illinois, Massachusetts, and California. She also opened two orphanages, as well as pharmacies which dispensed free remedies to the poor. At Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, she oversaw

the construction of a new motherhouse and several additions to the Academy. She died in 1856, at the age of 57.

Today, 450 Sisters of Providence serve in 20 states, Taiwan, and China. The Sisters of Providence were among the first religious communities invited into the Diocese of Peoria by its founding bishop. In 1879 ten sisters arrived in Galesburg to teach at St. Joseph Academy, and their successors continued to staff Catholic schools there for a century. Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College is the oldest Catholic liberal arts college for women in the United States.

The duty of the Christian in this time of crisis is to strive with all our power and intelligence, with our faith and hope in Christ, and love for God and humanity, to do the one task that God has imposed upon us in the world today. That task is to work for the total abolition of war. There can be no question that unless war is abolished the world will remain constantly in a state of madness and desperation in which, because of the immense destructive power of modern weapons, the danger of catastrophe will be imminent and probable at every moment everywhere.

The Church must lead the way on the road to the nonviolent settlement of difficulties and toward the gradual abolition of war as the way of settling international or civil disputes. Christians must become active in every possible way, mobilizing all their resources for the fight against war. Peace is to be preached and nonviolence is to be explained and practiced. We may never succeed in this campaign but whether we succeed or not, the duty is evident.

~Thomas Merton, in *The Catholic Worker* newspaper

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## In Focus

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### Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

#### Annessa Parisi

#### Vegetable Quiche

4 eggs, beaten  
1 c shredded swiss cheese  
1-1/2 c milk  
1 pkg Knorr vegetable soup mix  
1 pkg frozen chopped spinach  
1 frozen deep-dish piecrust

Thaw the spinach and squeeze out as much moisture as possible. Mix all ingredients and pour into piecrust. Bake on a cookie sheet 40-50 minutes at 375-400 degrees.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:15am RelEd 10:30am Children's Liturgy 6:30pm Jr-Sr High Rel Ed, CREW Kickoff Party 6:30pm Leader's Bible Study  1	7pm Pro-life 7pm Centering Prayer 7pm FGDW 7pm Education Committee  2	9:30am Mass Canterbury Ridge 5:30pm Financial Affairs 6pm Mystagogia  3	9am Moms UIP 5:15pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 6:30pm Rel Ed St. Joseph 7pm Choir  4	7pm Baptism Prep 7pm RCIA 7pm Choir 7pm Re-Membering Chuch  5	10:45am Mass CCNH   6	     7
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