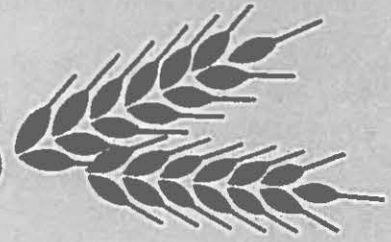


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



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Welcome to St. Patrick's!

If you're a new parishioner, welcome! Please introduce yourself to someone who looks like they know the ropes so they can tell you all about St. Patrick's parish community. Coffee Shop after the 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Masses is a great place to meet people.

If you're visiting our parish, welcome! We're glad you're here!

If you're thinking about joining the Catholic Church, welcome! Please introduce yourself to our pastor, Fr. Joe Hogan, after Mass so he can help you with your inquiries.

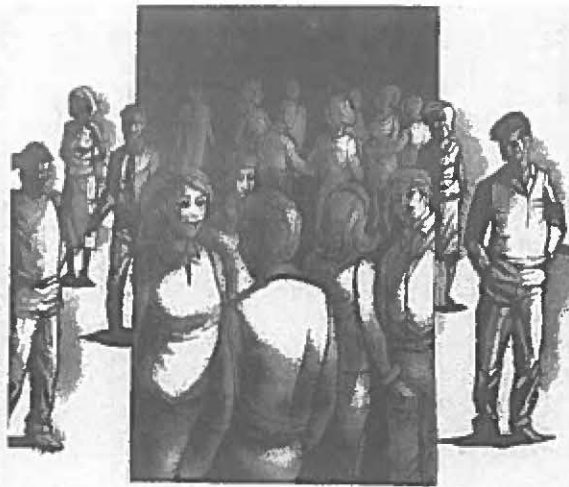
If you've been away all summer, welcome back! If you've been doing something that other parishioners would find interesting to read about in *In Focus*, please leave a note in the Communications Committee's mailbox or call Cathy Salika (367-7861).

Whether your family has been part of St. Patrick's community for generations or this is your first visit, welcome! Every person at St. Patrick's is essential to our gathering for community and worship.

Share your gifts with us!

Each of us has been given gifts that define us and make us the unique person we are. Those divine gifts carry an accompanying responsibility to use them wisely, to share them for the benefit of others.

St. Patrick's offers many opportunities for us to give God something of a return on his investment in us. The booklet "Ministry at St. Patrick's" is a rich resource describing possibilities for ministry in the parish through groups, programs, and activities where participation provides an outlet for sharing our giftedness, whether in some small or more substantial way. In the local community and beyond, even in our homes, other opportunities abound.



Everyone has giftedness to share—and "everyone is needed," insists our pastor, Fr. Joe Hogan. "This is a time to recommit ourselves and allow God's goodness to motivate our desire to put our faith into action."

If you are one who, for whatever reason, haven't yet found your place or how you can contribute to the parish, this is a time for you to step forward, to see how best you can share your gifts and talents in the service of God and all God's people. At all Masses on Sept. 9-10 you'll be invited to indicate how you hope to do that.

"If you want peace, work for justice"

These words of Pope Paul VI point to an important truth: peace and justice go hand in hand. Where there is no peace, people are hungry, homeless, frightened, in danger. People in these situations are deprived of the right to earn a living, to raise their families, to be



safe. Where there is no justice, people are poor or have no work or live in fear. People in these situations may

look to violence as a way of improving their lot. There is no peace without justice, there is no justice without peace. With this issue, *In Focus* begins a series of articles about the ways

St. Patrick's parishioners work for peace and justice. This month focuses

on those who assist the Catholic Worker House in aiding people who lack shelter and adequate food. (See page 7).

There's a saying that "charity begins at home." The same can be said for peace and justice. If we are fair and honest with the people closest to us, if we raise our children to care about issues of peace and justice, if we live lives that show we care about these issues, then we are working for

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Q: I see "Mystagogia" listed in the church bulletin among the other parish meetings—what is that?

A: "Mystagogia" is a wonderful word that has at its heart the notion of mystery. Ultimately, sacraments are mysteries. We can understand them only so far—they surpass our ability to understand. They are of God.

The word "mystagogia" refers to a period following the Easter Vigil when those who have received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) gather to study the sacraments more deeply, to explore the mysteries that they have so recently experienced.

Those who for several months have inquired together into the Catholic faith gather on a weekly or monthly

basis so that they may continue together to share and study and experience, to grow in understanding and appreciation of their faith, which has been engendered and nurtured by God.

First, sacraments are experienced—water poured, lavish sealing with sacred oil, Body and Blood received. Then, over the rest of their lives, the new Catholics continue to grow in an understanding of these mysteries as they learn to live better and better the ultimate mystery, the Paschal Mystery, the dying and rising of Christ, the dying to sin and rising to new life lived for others.

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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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peace and justice. But for this series *In Focus* will look at people who reach beyond the comfort zone of their own families and reach out to others in the parish, the community, and beyond.

As you read these stories from month to month, you may be surprised by the variety of ways that your fellow parishioners find to do this work; they bring many different talents and skills to their work. You may even be encouraged to see what you can do to further the cause of peace and justice.



Welcome to new parishioners Larry Beale, Tiffany Elkins, Lorraine Gerhart, Bill and Jeanne Hawes, Angela and Jeff Kneer, Ria Steffey, Kathleen M. Walsh, and Catherine Schneider.

Farewell to these parishioners, who have moved from C-U: Sherri, Greg, and Mary Ann Arenas, J. Alan Brown, Scott Shannon, and Frank and Mary Maglione.

Welcome to the following, baptized into our faith community: James Campbell, Jayde McKenzie Brown, Josephine Rose Martinez, Michael Anthony Mesker, Kenneth Thor Christensen, Allison Marie Christensen, John Morrison Hays, Briley Berns, Estella Kate Dodd, Natalie Marie Schneider, Michael Sean Wax, and Lucas Patrick Steffey.

Congratulations to the following couples, married at St. Patrick's: Yu-Ju Sun and William Wei-Lin Lee, and Sara Christine Devine and Anthony Patrick Steele.

Please pray for deceased parishioners Barbara Lohr and Paul Hartrick.

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

All laypersons are called to holiness, community, ministry, Christian maturity. Our ministry may be to family, coworkers, and neighbors, as well as to our parish community. Nurturing our Christian calling can be a challenge with the hectic lives we lead today. The following books can provide insight and inspiration for living our vocation as lay women and men.

In Love in Action: Reflections on Christian Service, by Bernard Hayes (253 HAY), the author examines the spiritual base from which ministry comes. Hayes differentiates between "doing" and "ministering," saying motive is the difference—one can minister only out of love. Using John's gospel, he leads us to understand how Jesus sees ministry (service) in terms of love in action.

Centering Prayer in Daily Life and Ministry, edited by Gustave Reininger (248.3 REI), explains how centering prayer helps to overcome the "noise" of our lives and allow the silence of God to fill us up and heal us. The book

includes a description of the method for centering prayer.

How to Keep God Alive from 9 to 5, by John Chervokas (248.4 CHE), reminds us that God is our coworker. It is focused on the business world, but the attitudes and practices suggested are helpful no matter where we work!

In Celebrating the Single Life: A Spirituality for Single Persons in Today's World, by Susan Annette Muto (248.8 MUT), the author tells how to have a spiritually grounded single life. She covers such topics as solitude vs. loneliness, silence, service, workaholicism, and singles and the Church.

The Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World ("Christifideles Laici"), by Pope John Paul II (250 JOH), presents the pope's words on the mission of the laity, from going out into the world, to the variety of vocations, to charity and the constant process of maturation.

Vacation Bible School a huge success

Not since the 1980s has St. Patrick's conducted a summer program for children. The program of the Eighties was called "Summer Days Together," offered by the parish's



religious education staff and conducted by Karen Kimmey. It ran on Thursdays during summer months and was designed for children in pre-kindergarten through junior-high years.

The time seemed ripe for a new summer program for youngsters. The one selected was *SonTreasure Island*, a program published by Gospel Light and Liguori Press, which was offered at St. Patrick's the week of June 26-30. It brought together over 140 parishioners of all ages under the direction of Suzanne D'Andria, St. Patrick's children's program coordinator.

The program ran from 9 a.m. to noon. Each day began in the church, with a prayer offered by Fr. Joe Hogan, singing, and a few "house-keeping" announcements. Then the youngsters were grouped to participate in five different centers: arts, games, Bible stories, snacks, and music. Themes for the different days were "God's love is patient," "God's love is kind," "God's love is caring," and "God's love is forgiving." Each day a collection was taken up, with funds going to Crisis Nursery, St.



Vincent de Paul, CREW's Mission trip, and the Vacation Bible School itself.

The Vacation Bible School brought together 90 youngsters aged 3-9, about 15 volunteer teachers and leaders aged 10-18, and 30 adult volunteers working in a variety of

areas. "The young teens were the biggest help with the program, we couldn't have run the week without them!" said Suzanne D'Andria. "We were really impressed by their willingness to help and the quality of their work."

Others working with Suzanne shared her assessment of the program: "All who were involved in it enjoyed themselves. It helped strengthen our sense of community. We got to know people we'd never known before."

Suzanne added: "The kids all had a great time. Some of them asked when next year's would be and what the theme would be. One little boy, not from St. Patrick's, was heard to say 'I want to be Catholic!' The success of the program was definitely seen in the joy on all the faces. Thank you, St. Patrick's, for making this such a success!"



Getting ready for the school year

St. Patrick's religious education staff has been busy counting supplies, cleaning rooms, moving tables, and making way for a new year of religious education. Suzanne D'Andria, Coordinator of the Children's Program, has been eagerly making improvements for the coming year of classes. She is also looking forward to resumption of Children's Liturgy, which will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. in the church on the first two Sundays of the month.

Peggy Loftus, Coordinator of the Senior High CREW Program, is also excited about the upcoming school year. Under the guidance of Fr. Joe Hogan, the religious education portion of the CREW program will have a new

look this year. Peggy is also determined to have the date and location of next summer's mission trip set by mid-October to help with planning.

Registration for religious education classes will take place the weekend of Sept. 23-24 in the parish center. Unlike previous years, there will be no advance registration by mail. Fees for the program are \$30 per child, with a family maximum of \$90. Members of the staff and representatives from the Ministry of Formation will be available that weekend to answer questions and to assist in registering your children for classes.

Also on Sunday, Sept. 24, there will be a religious education Open House in the parish hall, 9-10:15 a.m. Catechists for all levels of the religious education program will be present to

meet their students. At 9:30 a.m. Suzanne D'Andria will explain the changes in the children's program. Later in the day, Peggy Loftus will explain the changes in the senior high program at a "Parents' Party," 6:30-8 p.m., to which all the parents of CREW teenagers are invited.

Sunday, Oct. 1, is the first day of religious education classes at St. Patrick's (classes in St. Joseph begin Wednesday, Sept. 27)—the beginning of a great new school year!



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

Cursillo: A spiritual tune-up

On Sept. 21-24, St. Patrick's will host a Cursillo weekend for women. Cursillo (ker-SEE-yo) is a Spanish word meaning "short course." It was brought to the U.S. in 1957 by two Spanish air-

men training in Texas, and to the Diocese of Peoria in 1964. Since that time

there have been more than 800 Cursillo weekends at five centers in the diocese. In our diocese Cursillo, which has the total support of Bishop Daniel Jenkey, is open to Christians of all faiths. The weekend experience begins on Thursday evening. During the weekend 15 talks are presented, 5 by clergy and 10 by lay people, beginning with "Ideal" (our goals in life) and concluding with "Fourth Day" (how we live the rest of our life). Mass is celebrated each day, and ample opportunity is provided for prayerful reflection, faith sharing, and the Sacrament of Recon-



ciliation. The weekend concludes with Mass on Sunday evening.

For many, Cursillo has been a life-changing experience. For others, it has given that quiet boost we all

need at times in our lives.

Cursillo also extends many opportunities for continual growth after the weekend. Most people

who experience Cursillo become more involved in their family, their church, and their community. Many diaconate ministries and even some vocations to the priesthood have resulted from seeds planted on a Cursillo weekend.

Those who feel their faith is lukewarm and in need of a "tune-up," or who feel God is calling them to a new plateau in their faith life, may find Cursillo just what they need.

To learn more about Cursillo, call Deacon Ed Mueller in Mahomet (586-2856) or talk to other parishioners who have made a Cursillo weekend.

New defibrillators installed

St. Patrick's now has two defibrillators, one in the church near the Mary shrine and the other in the main hall of the parish center.

These devices can save lives when someone has a heart attack, provided that there is someone present who knows how to use them.



Would you like to learn how to use them? St. Patrick's parish nurses will hold a class covering both CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the use of the AEDs (automated external defibrillators) on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 6-10 p.m. It is open to teens over 16 years of age and adults who are in good health. The cost is \$15 per person and includes the loan of a textbook. (If you wish to buy the textbook to keep as a reference, it can be purchased for \$11.)

To register, call Mel Billman (390-1023).

Be refreshed and renewed for liturgical ministry

In the gospel for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time we heard Jesus invite the disciples to "come away . . . and rest a while." In his homily that weekend Fr. Hoa reminded us that sometimes the hour we spend at Mass on Sunday is the only time we give ourselves to come away and rest with the Lord. Because of this, we must enter into the liturgy with our whole heart, our whole self, and all our attention.

How can we do this, particularly if we are part of the liturgical ministry team for that Mass? We

may be anxious or even distracted by the task we have to do, proclaiming the scripture, helping to distribute communion, finding a seat for everyone, or serving at the altar. We may

be anxious about a problem we are unable to leave behind, we may find a particular psalm or hymn difficult to sing, or be distracted by noise and movement around us.

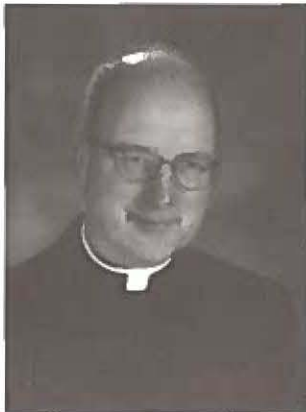
We may feel helpless to rein in stray thoughts.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, we will have an opportunity to "come away . . . and rest a while." We will have the privilege of spending the morning hours with Fr. Mark DeSutter, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Morton, who will help us discover

how we can more fully and attentively participate in the Mass, bringing our whole being to the liturgy and knowing the rewards of this great prayer. In our busy everyday

lives, setting aside a few hours on a Saturday morning may seem like a luxury, but it is one we should allow ourselves.

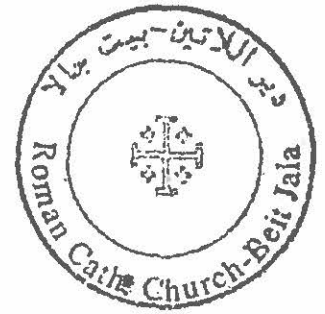
The morning will begin with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by a continental breakfast, after which we will reconvene in the church for Fr. DeSutter's presentation, reflection, and discussion. Give yourself the gift of this time. You will find that your spirit will be refreshed and renewed so that you may grow closer to God through our communal worship.



Fr. Mark DeSutter

From our Sister Church in the Holy Land

The following letter, dated Aug. 7, is addressed to Joseph Youakim, St. Patrick's liaison with the Church of the Annunciation in Beit-Jala.



Dear Joseph,

I am glad to be able to tell you that on the 31st of July I received the \$4800 you sent [from St. Patrick's Parish]. Thank you, and be sure that I will inform you the way we will use the amount.

Concerning our parish summer activities: We celebrated Pentecost with a huge march headed by the bishop of Nazareth in which we gathered youths from the area. We also celebrated the end of the month of Virgin Mary with a huge march in our city attended by parish members. We also did many summer camps for youth scouts, which left a positive effect on our parish.

During the summer we sent a group of 35 scouts to Italy for 14 days, and it was a great experience.

On the 20th of August we will celebrate the opening of the new parish hall with the patriarch. It will be a celebration for the entire city. It is my pleasure to invite you, and I will send you the formal invitation. By the way, this hall was funded by the Patriarchate to serve the parish and the city, and it was a way to create jobs for the city's needy members. But I as parish priest am responsible for all internal furniture, which is very expensive; however, we with God's help will find people to help us to continue this mission.



Annunciation's new parish hall, built to serve the parish and the city of Beit-Jala

This is a briefing of our parish activities I wanted to share with you and the parish.

Sincerely,

Fr. Nidal Qatma

Parish blood sugar screening discontinued

Although the incidence of diabetes has been increasing rapidly in recent years, especially in the aging population, the American Diabetes Association (ADA) has taken a position against using blood glucose monitoring at community screening and health fairs. The most recent policy statement is as follows:

"The American Diabetes Association does not support screening for diabetes in the community. In addition, ADA does not support the use of the finger-stick test as a screening tool, as the accuracy of this technology is not considered sufficient for this purpose. Furthermore, when conducted outside of a medical facility, blood glucose screening using the finger-stick method has not been shown to be effective in identifying the undiagnosed

and moving them into treatment. The Association does, however, support periodic screening of high-risk individuals by the health care system in accordance with the ADA Clinical Practice Recommendation addressing screening for diabetes. Based on the above information, the ADA will not perform, sponsor, or promote community blood glucose screening outside the health care system."

The ADA provides a paper diabetes risk test and informational pamphlets free of charge for use at health fairs. These pamphlets will be available at the Parish Nurses' monthly blood pressure screening and at the parish health fair on Oct. 29.

For more information, you may call the ADA: 1/888/342-2383, dial 0 to reach the local office.

Vocation Prayer



Lord, the work of the Church calls for us to continue your ministry among the poor, the sick, and the abandoned. Bless all who come forward to spend their lives in generous, full-time service in the Church. May many answer your call to the life of a priest, deacon, or religious, carrying on your work of love. Amen.

Thunder in the Mountains

Day after day and into evenings
in a long serpentine pilgrimage
to the shrine of San Juan de los Lagos,
doctors, lawyers, the wealthy
transformed themselves
into brothers and friends
before our very eyes,
children, the beautiful, the strong,
helped us all.

Smiles and waves thrown by roadside watchers
while a pleasant girl with clear eyes helped,
an elderly woman in old shoes,
walking closely by her side
past sleeping ranches
of Blanca's distant cousins.

Leading,
always leading the way was a lady
carrying a baby Jesus doll.
Stones and trees watched wide eyed.

Festival music leaped
toward a celebrating sun
as pilgrims exchanged glances
like love letters.



Down, down long hills
to cool ravines,
up, up a long rise
to blue, white vistas,
green hills, flowering weeds.

Distances paled to gray,
then to black,
becoming
candles in the night

We gathered under the generosity
of a farmer's naked light bulbs,
as anonymous women prepared food
in the shadows

We danced our loud band into the night
and finally into silence

Blankets
on the ground,
brilliant stars,
quiet talk,
we could hear thunder
way off
in the San Andres
Mountains.

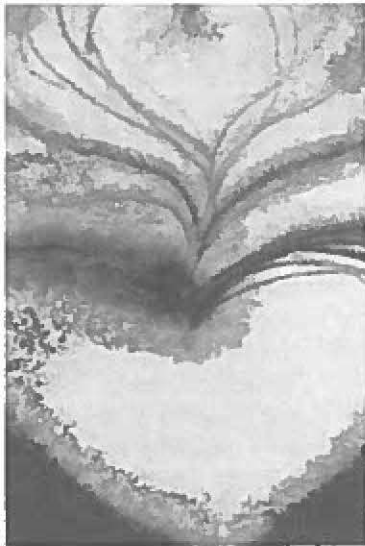
New and unpublished poem by Quentin Kirk

- ❖ Blessed are you, Creator of the Universe! When you made humanity in your image, you gave us work so that we can imitate your creativity.
- ❖ We thank you for the work that we can do. Help us to work with integrity and to remember that we do it in imitation of you.
- ❖ We thank you for the many ways that people can work, in homes, offices, factories, fields, and schools. Help us to remember the vastness and variety of your works.
- ❖ We thank you for those who work. Help us to value each person as part of your plan.
- ❖ We lift up to you those who are unable to work. Help us to recognize their dignity nonetheless.
- ❖ We lift up to you those whose work is not properly valued. Help us to restore equity in our society.
- ❖ We lift up to you those who work too hard. Help us to restore balance in our lives.
- ❖ And may all that we do prepare us to live with you forever. Amen

Finding God in your daily work

Think of how much time and effort you give to daily work. There is probably no single block of time that engages you more than the time you spend on the job.

Whether you are tackling a new job situation, deciding on a job change or retirement, or looking to manage your current workplace situation better, you can agree that work-related decisions can be a burden. They can impact your health, your family relationships, and your Christian way of living.



Is there room for God in your workplace?

Do you know where or how to find God there?

“Finding God in Daily Work” is a pastoral program developed to help Christians to make vital connections

between their faith life and their workaday life. The program’s goals help you to

- gain skills for analyzing, understanding, and transforming the climate of your workplace;
- raise awareness of God’s presence in your work situations;
- discover ways to respond to God in work and prayer to find greater fulfillment in both; and
- accomplish these through Sacred Scripture and a supportive

Christian community.

This is not a sociological or psychological study of work. It is a time of spiritual renewal to help you relate faith, prayer, and spirituality to the workplace. It will result in practical application to your specific daily work experience.

The program is offered at St. Patrick’s on Monday evenings, beginning Sept. 18 and continuing through Nov. 20 in the parish center from 7:00-9:00 p.m. To register, please contact Sr. Charlene (367-2665) or Mary Karten (898-0938). The number of participants is limited.

If you are interested but “too busy” to attend these sessions, you probably need it! Consider coming with a friend!

“Come to me, all you who are weary, and I will give you rest.”

Program dates and times for 2006

Weekly sessions at St. Patrick’s parish center:

Mondays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Sept. 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 20

Retreat at St. Patrick’s parish center:

Saturday evening, Oct. 14

Peace and Justice

Ministry at St. Jude Catholic Worker House

The Catholic Worker House is a “House of Hospitality” for homeless women and children, and a daily soup kitchen for the hungry. St. Patrick’s has had a close relationship with the Worker House since its inception in 1979.

Parishioner Sharon Monday-Dorsey relates her involvement as a volunteer from its early days to the present. “Around 1978, I was a member of the Young Adults Group founded by St. Patrick’s assistant pastor, Fr. George Dorsey.” The purpose of the group was to introduce the young adults to social action as a way of answering God’s call in Scripture. Parishioners Gary Laumann and Karen Kimmey helped organize the group.

In 1979 Fr. Dorsey received approval for St. Patrick’s to sponsor a refugee family from Vietnam. Shortly

afterward, an anonymous donor offered a house on University Avenue in Urbana to house the family. However, the family’s arrival was delayed, and



Fr. Dorsey gained approval from the Social Action Committee to house temporarily a homeless woman and her child there—the beginning of the Catholic Worker movement at St.

Patrick’s.

The House opened in January 1980. Although St. Patrick’s Parish did not officially sponsor the Worker House, Sharon and other members of the Young Adult Group, together with other parishioners from St. Patrick’s that included members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Altar and Rosary Society and members of other area parishes, volunteered time and money to the effort and made extensive repairs to the building.

According to Sharon, “I had completed my M.S. in Public Health and was employed at Mercy (now Covenant) Hospital. I had attended Mass at the Catholic Worker House and had visited the Clare House of Hospitality in Bloomington (Illinois). I was im-

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pressed by the commitment to service of Clare House's founder, Tina Sipula, who still serves there today. I didn't know much about the homeless or the poor, and I wondered if there wasn't more to my faith than attending Mass." Discussions of what faith means during the Young Adult meetings catalyzed Sharon's incentive to serve.

During the first year, meals, furniture, and volunteers were loosely coordinated by Graham Thompson, a UI graduate student. Then a couple, Fran and Bill McCoy, became the first live-in supervisors for several months. For the next two years, Sharon was the live-in supervisor. "I was beginning to ask questions—who are the poor? What is my role? What can I do? A lot of us felt that it was a natural extension of what we were trying to grow into as a faith community."

Through the years since then, Sharon has maintained her connection with what has come to be called St. Jude Catholic Worker House. She has been a long-time member of the Steering Group, still mentors the live-in supervisors, organizes retreats and workshops, and helps clean up after the Thursday soup kitchen among other services. She says, "I have always worked part-time so that I'd be

able to stay with this House."

Sharon describes her motivation this way: "This is a community of people trying to live out faith and trying to grow from it. We recognize that we have so much to learn from the poor. There is always something I can learn from people I am here with. There is a different kind of reality when you get to sit down at a table



with people who are struggling."

Currently, St. Jude's is unique among Worker Houses nationally: only St. Jude's and the Worker House in New York City, founded by Dorothy Day, offer both shelter and a daily soup kitchen. St. Jude's houses about 14 women and children and serves 50-100 meals, seven days a week, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., plus sack lunches to go. During 3-4 weeks in August the Worker House is closed for repairs and respite for the numerous volunteers.

All who come to Worker House for food, shelter, or assistance are welcomed as guests. They include the homeless, the working poor, people with mental problems or addictions, those recently released from prison—in short, the marginalized members of society. All are welcome, according to the philosophy of co-founder Peter Maurin: "We want to make it easier for people to be good."

Many St. Patrick's parishioners have been or are now volunteering at Catholic Worker House. (In the absence of a complete list, we apologize to anyone not mentioned here!) Many others are members of the Ten-Dollars-a-Month Club, formed many years ago to defray the regular operating expenses of the House. The following is a sampling of parishioners who are current or recent volunteers.

Working in the soup kitchen with meal preparation starting at 8:30 a.m. and continuing through meal time and cleanup from 12:30 to 1:30-2 p.m., or working in the pantry: Sharon Dorsey, Fr. Gene Kane, Catherine Keane, Ruth Plymire, Carole Rebeiz, Cathy Rutledge, and Joe Tobias.

Monthly workdays, cleaning the House and working in the yard: Nancy Olson (recent coordinator) and many members of CREW and other youths from St. Patrick's, among them Eliza-

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Coffee Shop adopts Fair Trade coffee

Beginning in September, Fair Trade coffee will be sold at Coffee Shop for 50 cents a cup, a cooperative effort of Coffee Shop organizers and the Social Action Committee. Appropriately, this change goes into effect on Labor Day weekend.

By serving Fair Trade coffee we support small farmers in Latin America, Africa, and Asia, helping them to stay on their land, provide for their families, plan for the future, and care for the environment.

Fair Trade coffee helps the small farmer in many parts of the world. St.

Patrick's Parish is working with Equal Exchange, a nonprofit worker-owned cooperative founded in 1986, which has pioneered a new model of trade built upon fairness and stronger relationships between farmers and consumers.

Equal Exchange is committed to long-term relationships with small farmer cooperatives owned and operated by the farmers themselves. Currently over 30 cooperatives in 15



countries are part of the Equal Exchange network. You can stay current on the services and programs of Equal Exchange by visiting their Web site (www.equalexchange.com).

On Mission Sunday, Oct. 22, the Social Action Committee will take individual orders for Fair Trade coffees, teas, and chocolate bars. Items ordered will be received by the end of November, in time for holiday gift giving and family celebrations.

Volunteers and goods sought for Cellar-to-Garret Sale

The annual Cellar-to-Garret Sale, a major fund-raising event for the parish organized by St. Patrick's Guild, will take place this year on Sept. 14-16. Co-chairs Carla Simmering (328-8356) and Susan Hublein (384-8356) are ready to answer your questions. You'd make their day by volunteering to your assistance!

There are lots of ways you can help:

- If you haven't already cleaned out your attic, cellar, garage, closets, do it now! Articles may be delivered to the brown garage behind the church—watch the bulletin for specific times deliveries can be accepted.

- Flyers advertising the sale need to be placed with local businesses—supermarkets, hardware stores, even your office—to spread the word about all the "treasures" looking for new owners.

- In the days before the sale (Sept.



10-13), items will be sorted and marked in the parish center. Experienced Guild members and others can provide guidance in getting this necessary work done before the sale opens.

- Cashiers are needed during the sale itself (Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday morning).

- "Salespersons" who assist browsers and buyers have lent the event a note of friendly helpfulness that sets it apart from many another such sale in the local community. And keeping the sale tables in order helps everyone.

- Workers get hungry and thirsty! Help in the kitchen and donations of

food items will restore their spirits as well as their energy and puts smiles on the faces that welcome browsers. These might include breakfast items, sandwich fixing, salads, soups, desserts, bottled drinks.

- After the last customer has left, the cleanup crew gets to work, pack-

ing up remaining items and putting the hall in order for Coffee Shop on Sunday morning.

- If you know of an agency that will pick up items remaining after the sale, please call one of the co-chairs.

Now, as for donated items—this is important, so read carefully! Clothing must be clean, mended, and otherwise in good condition; small appliances must be in working order—and clean; glass, china, pots and pans must be free of chips or cracks—and clean. Donated items that fail to meet these conditions will not be put out for the sale, so you may as well not bring them.

Some items can't be sold—or have not attracted buyers in the past. You are asked not to donate large appliances (refrigerators, freezers, stoves, etc.), mattresses, automobile tires, and stuffed animals. And definitely no outdated computers!

Please hold furniture items until the week of preparation for the sale—they simply occupy too much storage space.

Just how important is the Cellar-to-Garret Sale as a fund-raising event? Last year it brought in more than \$10,000. Proceeds from the sale have been used to help St. Patrick's with the cost of new office furnishings, new flooring in the parish center, and various other refurbishing and remodeling projects.

Cellar-to-Garret Sale

Sept. 14, Thursday: 5:30-9 p.m., \$2 admission fee

Sept. 15, Friday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m., no admission fee

Sept. 16, Saturday: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., no admission fee; Bag Sale (\$2 per grocery bag stuffed with whatever can be fit into it)

Series witnesses to life in occupied Palestine

The Social Action Committee will present a three-part series on Palestinian life under the Israeli Occupation in the West Bank and Gaza. The series will take place at 7 p.m. on Sept. 13, Oct. 11, and Nov. 8. Each evening will begin with a 15-minute presentation followed by approximately 45 minutes for discussion.

The series, "Witness in Palestine: Journal of a Jewish American Woman in the Occupied Territories," was created by Ms. Anna Baltzer, a young Jewish American who visited the West Bank in 2003 to discover for

herself the realities of daily life for Palestinians under the Israeli Occupation.

For five months, Baltzer lived and worked with farmers, Palestinian and Israeli activists, and the families of political prisoners, traveling with them across endless checkpoints and roadblocks to reach hospitals, universities, and olive groves. Baltzer witnessed firsthand the environmental devastation brought on by expanding settlements and outposts, and the destruction wrought by Israel's "Security Fence," which separates many

families from each other, their communities, their land, and basic human services.

"Witness in Palestine" reveals the truth about checkpoints, settlements, land confiscations, the Wall, and the countless everyday acts of nonviolent resistance that remain largely ignored by mainstream Western media. Joseph Youakim (355-0793) coordinates the series.

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beth and Rosemary Keane, Cora and Sam Friedhof, and Neli Crawford. They were joined by their parents: Richard and Trudy Keane, Chris and Denise Friedhof, and Lucy Crawford.

Christmas decorations (2005): CREW members Tim Anderson, Liz Bazar, Christine and Aimee Black, Tom Brown, Sam Friedhof, Laura Kammel, Catherine Keane, Robie Kimmey, Anne Kingston, Anna Mayer, Hannah Noonan, Gina Roussos, and Paige Whippo.

St. Patrick's youth attending Holy Cross School have always participated in class projects in support of the Catholic Worker House. Projects have included donations of milk and fruit and preparation of sack lunches on a weekly basis, making Christmas gift bags, donations of funds, and other service projects.

Deliveries from the Eastern Illinois Food Bank: John and Lyle Fettig, Jr., Mary Lee Brady, and Pete and Paul Wanserski.

Katie Fettig was a live-in supervisor during the summer and fall of 2005.

Cliff Maduzia has coordinated evening meal volunteers and currently coordinates food donations from local grocery stores and restaurants

through the Susan Freiburg Memorial Food Program, in addition to providing numerous other services to St. Jude's.

Families who have participated in preparing evening meals include the Laumann, Friedhof, and Jim Mayer families.

The Knights of Columbus donate a large supply of canned goods each year.

Mark Cousert and Claude Cole have spent numerous hours installing a new boiler and making plumbing repairs.

Last but not least, all the soup served at St. Jude's is prepared by Sophia Zeigler and her helpers, past and present: Rose Breen, Anne Britsky, Nikki Davis, Kay Evans, Betty Esser, June Giuffre, Norma Kite, Betty La Berge, Shirley Penny, and Irene Vattano.

Any one of these volunteers would be happy to share with you their experiences at St. Jude Catholic Worker House!

This is the first of a series of articles on the involvement of parishioners in peace and justice, from the point of view of a participating St. Patrick's volunteer.



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The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it. Through violence you murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate.... Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.... By its very nature, hate destroys and tears down; by its very nature, love creates and builds up. Love transforms with redemptive power.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Strength to Love

You can help inactive Catholics come home again

More than half of inactive Catholics want to come home.

They're just waiting for an invitation.

St. Patrick's, through a program called Re-Membering Church, offers support and assistance to anyone interested in reconnecting with a Catholic community. This fall the Re-Membering Church team invites Catholics who have not been active in practicing their faith to a series of six meetings on Thursdays: Sept. 28; Oct. 5, Oct. 12, Oct. 19, Oct. 26; and Nov. 2. The meetings will begin at 7 p.m. in St. Patrick's parish center and will last about an hour or so.

Because it can be hard to identify and reach out to inactive Catholics except through the assistance of family members and friends, the team asks for your help. Tell those you know that there is a way for them to be heard and to return if they choose.



Invite them to the six-week series. Offer to accompany them if they wish.

If you prefer that invitation to come from someone else, give the team the names of those you know to be inactive but who seem open to sharing the reasons for their separation from the Church and to finding a way to be reconciled. The team will contact them in confidence.

Here are some things you should know about the Re-Membering Church process:

- The Re-Membering Church team is a small group of parishioners who have undergone training in ministering to inactive Catholics.
- Most of the people who have left the Church, whatever their reasons, still consider themselves Catholic. After a period of time away from their faith community, most find themselves at a loss for the companionship and the richness of the sacramental life they formerly experienced in the

Church. Many are simply waiting for someone to help them return.

- For those seeking a way back, the team offers an opportunity for them to share their stories, a compassionate hearing, and, where helpful, information to fill out their understandings of Church teaching, doctrine, or practice.

- Those who accept this invitation are asked to make a commitment to the six meetings with the team. They may meet with an individual team member instead of in a group setting if they prefer.

The easiest way to get in touch with the team is by calling the parish office (367-2665); the parish secretary will refer your call to a team member. If you wish, you may contact any member directly: Mary Lou Menches (344-1125), Barbara Wysocki (367-5014), Sr. Charlene Cesario (367-2665), Judy Corbett (398-2322), Leo Wood (239-2587).

Remember, most inactive Catholics want to come home. They're just waiting for an invitation—yours.

If you like children, you'll enjoy Sinai childcare!

If you enjoy spending an hour or two with children, you can fulfill our Holy Father's call for interfaith cooperation. How? By volunteering for childcare at Sinai Temple during the Jewish High Holy Days so that parents in the Sinai congregation can attend services.

Offering childcare at Sinai Temple also returns the kindness of Temple volunteers who serve trays at Provena Hospital and staff Lutheran Social Services on Christian holidays.

St. Patrick's is a member of the Council of Congregations, which sponsors the childcare. This year you can give whatever amount of time you wish, without being obliged to serve an entire shift. Times when childcare is needed:

- Saturday, Sept. 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Rosh Hashanah)
- Monday, Oct. 2, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. (Yom Kippur)

The children are in groups by age, and plenty of toys, games, and snacks are provided.

To offer this Christian service, call Peggy Whelan (367-3668), St. Patrick's liaison with the Council of Congregations.



Rose Dinner tickets available Sept. 10

The annual Rose Dinner, which benefits Living Alternatives and Birthright, will be held Oct. 26. St. Patrick's Pro-Life Committee will sell tickets for this event after all Masses at St. Patrick's on Sunday, Sept. 10.

The event will take place in the Historic Lincoln Hotel in Urbana, beginning with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Gianna Jessen is the featured internationally known speaker; she is an abortion survivor and singer-songwriter.

Tickets are \$35 per person, \$350 per table of ten. Proceeds will benefit Living Alternatives and Birthright, the crisis pregnancy centers of Champaign-Urbana. After Sept. 10, tickets may be purchased at St. Patrick's parish office.



Where is the restroom?

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

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

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

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

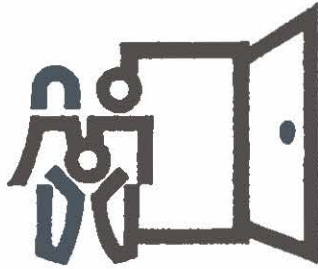
Seating for the elderly or handicapped: The front pew on each side of the church is reserved for the infirm. If you remain in the pew, Eucharistic ministers will bring Communion to you there. There is also room for a wheelchair at the ends of the two front pews and the two back pews.

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

Signed Masses: At the noon Mass on first and third Sundays of the

month an interpreter versed in using American Sign Language signs the spoken and sung portions of the Mass for those who are deaf or hard of hearing. If you would find this helpful, take your place in one of the first two pews on the west side of the church.

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



Occasional 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*



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.

Parish Council News

As *In Focus* goes to press, no information has been received about the Parish Council meeting that was held Aug. 17. To learn about the current issues and concerns of the Council, watch for the minutes of that meeting when they are posted in the church vestibule and on the bulletin board in the office wing of the parish center.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Sept. 21. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings.

Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Ellen Noonan

Strawberry Pie

- 1 c fresh strawberries, sliced and slightly mashed
- 2 6-oz containers of low fat strawberry yogurt
- 1 8-oz container of Lite Cool Whip

Mix all ingredients thoroughly and pour into a graham cracker crust. Place in the freezer for several hours; serve frozen.



Parish barbecue a get-together for 21- to 40-year-olds



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