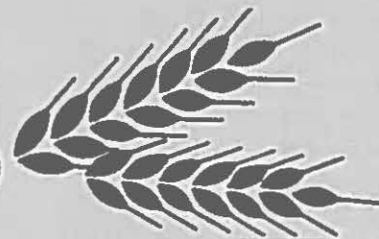


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



## What is Pentecost for us today?

Do you suppose that a few weeks after the excitement of Pentecost, with its rushing wind and fiery tongues and everybody from everywhere understanding the Apostles, maybe some were saying (or thinking), "Okay, okay, all that's well and good, but we're going too fast! We need to slow down!" Of course, that would pass as people kept their ears open for the Spirit of God whispering to their



little communities. In the centuries and centuries of Church that followed, people knew that Pentecost wasn't simply history but possible reality in their lives and their churches. Some wrote poems about this. One is the "Veni Sancte Spiritus" ("Come, Holy Spirit"). It is something like a litany of what we might call the Holy Spirit of God.

These poems, these songs, shatter

the walls we build to shut God in. They give a rainbow of how we might name God and invite us to continue, to keep the poem moving, to call out the ways we have met the Spirit of God.

Here are some of the names for the Spirit in this one ancient poem. Read each name aloud, listen to it, reflect on it for a few seconds in silence, and be ready for the next:

Father of the poor  
Our heart's unfailing light  
Consoler  
Welcome guest  
Sweet refreshment  
Sweet repose  
In our labor, rest most sweet  
Pleasant coolness in the heat

Finally, the poet intercedes: "Bend the stubborn heart and will, / Melt the frozen, warm the chill."

How else will we begin to know this Holy Spirit unless we find such words? The image of the little white bird needs to make room at least long enough to let these other images of the Spirit become part of our imagination, our understanding.

Another of these poems is the "Veni Creator Spiritus" ("Come, Creator Spirit"). It too brings a spectrum of images and names, some of them seeming opposites: the Spirit is a living fountain of water, but also raging fire. And the Spirit is anointing, the health and delight that comes when we treat our bodies to the oils of plants and flowers.

More than a hundred years ago the poet Gerard Manly Hopkins added to these poems. We might remember

### A plea on behalf of the homebound

Those that have the least in our parish are hurting the most," says Donna Thompson, coordinator of Eucharistic ministry to the homebound of St. Patrick's and to Catholic residents of Canterbury Ridge, Amber Glen, and Clark-Lindsey.

Why is this? Because over the last few months, due to changing life circumstances, about a third of the parishioners who have been engaged in this ministry have had to resign, no longer able to fulfill their monthly commitment. As a result, there were simply not enough ministers available to provide Communion visits for the entire month of May, and one week of Communion calls in May simply had to be cancelled.

"Hopefully we won't have to do that again!" Donna said. "But this

ministry is in dire need of volunteers to bring Jesus to shut-ins once a week." What's involved? Each minister gives about 2 or 2-1/2 hours one day a month, usually on a Tuesday morning, although any

weekday can be substituted. Training is provided for the inexperienced volunteer.

"Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, that you do unto me," Jesus said. The generous gift of your precious time is greatly needed if St. Patrick's is to continue bringing Jesus to our shut-ins. Please contact Donna Thompson (688-2701) if you can help either temporarily or permanently. You will find that your reward is great when you give back to God some of what God has so generously given you!



## Celebrating First Holy Communion

How many years ago did you receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time? Whether it was five years ago or fifty, you probably remember what kind of day it was (hot, cold, rainy, sunny), what special clothing you wore for the event, which family members and friends of the family were there to celebrate the occasion with you, perhaps a special hymn you learned just for that day, whether you were nervous or wondering or distracted, your reaction to the taste of the consecrated wafer and (if after about 1975) wine, maybe even a special gift from your parents or godparents.

There's no getting around it, First Communion makes an indelible impression. But what of Jesus, the Guest of Honor, the gift of whose Body and Blood provides the central focus of the celebration? Blessedly, although we may not have a specific memory of him from that day, over time we have come to a closer relationship with him through dining repeatedly at his table, sharing with him our concerns, our worries, our joys, and our sorrows, and amazingly enough knowing in our heart of hearts his assurances, his care, his desires of us, his love for us.

For today's young First Communicants we desire no less! Congratulations to every one:

Hannah Atwood  
Bryant John Boyer-Killion  
Isabella Dallas  
Sophie Diers  
Emma Diers



Brianna Haag  
Hans Jozef Herzog  
Nicholas Jackson  
Alexis Jones  
Jenna Lynn Keefer  
Tyler Lee Langendorf  
Drayke Anthony Hodge Lannert  
Alison Lee  
Kevin Mboyo  
Raphaelle Mboyo  
Ben Mitchell  
Claire Murrell  
Abigail Ngamboma  
Nancy Nyembo  
Cynthia Nyembo  
Joel Nyembo  
Jonathan Nyembo  
Elie Nyembo  
Selena Olson  
Trevor Partin  
Jacob Rajlich  
Kyle Rasmussen  
Kayleigh Danniel Ritten  
Joseph Seliskar  
Keely Smith  
Hannah Sweeny  
Ayika Tshimanga  
Fidele Tshimanga  
Shelby Turner  
Ailin Valdivia-McCarthy  
Sam Whitesell  
Grace Karena Whittington  
Tori Witruk



### VOCATION PRAYER

God, I know you love me and have great plans for me. But sometimes I am overwhelmed by the thought of my future.

It's scary, God!

Show me how to walk forward one day at a time.

May I take heart while I search openly, learn about all the choices, listen to others for advice, and pay attention to my own feelings.

By doing these things, may I hear your call to a lifestyle that will let me love as only I can, and let me serve others with the special gifts you have given me.

God, thank you for your hope in me!



## Presenting the 2007-8 Parish Council

On the last weekend of April it would have been hard to find a quiet spot at St. Patrick's, with a special appreciation dinner for parishioners engaged in parish ministry, the First Communion of 38 young members of the parish, and (certainly not last or least) the ballots taken up at all Masses for the election of three new Council members to fill pending vacancies.

When all 664 marked ballots had been tallied, it was determined that parishioners had elected Marty Sierra-Perry, Mary Rose Cottingham, and Thomas Kim to serve three-year terms on the Parish Council, a consultative body to the pastor. Each new member was seated on the Council at the May meeting, when their first responsibility was to participate in the election of Council officers for 2007-8. Elected by acclamation were Annessa Parisi, president; Jack Collins, vice-president, and Mary Rose Cottingham, secretary.

Council members meet monthly on third Thursdays, with the agenda set by the Council officers in conjunction with the parish trustees and the pastor. In addition, each serves as Council representative on a ministry leadership team for one of six key ministry areas of the parish.

As a result of the recent election, the Parish Council for 2007-8 is made up of the following ten *elected members*: Jack Collins, Mary Rose Cottingham, Mary Karten, Thomas Kim, Jim Mayer, Cynthia Morgan, Ellen Noonan, Annessa Parisi, Kathy Sarnecki, and Marty Sierra-Perry. They are joined by *ex-officio members* Ellen Amberg and Joe Rasmussen, parish trustees, and Fr. Joe Hogan, pastor.

All will be grateful for your interest, your communication on matters of concern, and (especially) your prayerful support.



Annessa Parisi  
2005-8; *president*



Cynthia Morgan  
2006-9



Jim Mayer  
2005-8



Ellen Noonan  
2006-9



Ellen Amberg  
*Trustee, 2003-8*



Kathy Sarnecki  
2005-8



Mary Rose Cottingham  
2007-10; *secretary*



Joe Rasmussen  
*Trustee, 2005-10*



Jack Collins  
2006-9; *vice-president*



Thomas Kim  
2007-10



Fr. Joe Hogan  
*Pastor*



Mary Karten  
2006-9



Marty Sierra-Perry  
2007-10

A Native American grandfather was talking to his grandson about the tragedy on September 11. He said, "I feel as if I have two wolves fighting in my heart. One wolf is vengeful, angry, and violent. The other one is loving and compassionate." The grandson asked, "Which wolf will win the fight in your heart?" The grandfather answered, "The one I feed."

## High school grads honored

At the 9 o'clock Mass on May 13 graduating high-school parishioners were acknowledged and honored by the assembly for their years of study and service to the parish and the community. A fair number will be advancing to higher education at local institutions of learning, so we will be able to keep an eye on their progression to young adulthood. The Knights of Columbus also announced the names of the young men and women awarded the Charles H. Martell scholarships.

Congratulations, seniors!

**Maddie Blair** is graduating from St. Joseph-Ogden High School and will be attending Parkland Community College in the fall, majoring in Business.

**Josh Daly** is graduating from Urbana High School and will also be attending Parkland Community College, where he plans to study Agribusiness.

**Jared Kimball** is graduating from Urbana High School and plans to attend the University of Illinois School of Business.

**Robie Kimmey** graduates from the High School of St. Thomas More



and plans to pursue a degree in Meteorology at Illinois State University.

**Adam Kirby** is graduating from Urbana High School and will study Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois.

**Anna Mayer** is also graduating from the High School of St. Thomas More and will attend Notre Dame University, where she is enrolled in General Studies.

**Claire McTaggart** is graduating from Urbana High School and will be going to the University of Illinois for General Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

**Lucas Raab** is graduating from

Shepherd, in Florissant, Mo. The Sisters support themselves by baking communion bread and sewing liturgical vestments. In the course of a year, St. Patrick's uses approximately 40,000 whole wheat hosts, 4,000 smaller white hosts for the sick (they are easier for the sick to swallow and digest), and 400 of the large hosts that the priest breaks during the Lamb of God.

The Church has no rules about who can bake communion bread, but the bread is to be made from wheat flour and water only. It takes skill to make a pleasant bread. Taste and see that the Lord is good!

St. Joseph-Ogden High School and will be attending Parkland Community College, majoring in Engineering.

**Christine Rinkenberger** is graduating from Urbana High School. She will attend Illinois State University, majoring in Math Education, and eventually earning her teaching certificate as a high school math teacher.

**Jon Vimr** is graduating from Central High School. He will be attending Oberlin College in Ohio, where he expects to major in Classics and join the school's swim team.

**Emily Westervelt** is graduating from Centennial High School. She plans to attend the University of Illinois next year, studying in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

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The Urbana Knights of Columbus were pleased with the stellar quality of the parish's young men and women applying for scholarships this year. The **Charles H. Martell scholarships** were awarded to **Maddie Blair, Vincent Christman, Jessica Grove, Jared Kimball, Robie Kimmey, Anna Mayer, Lucas Raab, and Emily Westervelt**. Well done, one and all!



**Q: I noticed that the communion bread was different for the Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil**

**liturgies. Tell me about it.**

**A:** Our sacristan, Mary Ann Luedtke, has baked the bread for these two liturgies for many years now. At St. Patrick's we use a more substantial bread on Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil, two very special days of the Church Year. Because the moisture content makes this kind of bread very hard to keep fresh, we do not normally use it during the rest of the year.

Our regular communion bread, the round wafers or hosts you're more used to seeing, is made by the Contemplative Sisters of the Good

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



The deadline for submitting information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is June 10.

## From our Sister Church

Dear Mr. Youakim,

I send you greetings from Beit Jala. I would like to thank you for your continuous attention to our parish.

Since the beginning of the year many occasions took place in the parish. We celebrated Easter, and it was really great. Many people attended during the Holy Week.

Last Sunday we had a very beautiful Mass in which a group of French tourists from Lyon participated. And after the Mass, we had a party for all the children in the parish. We took them to the Public Garden here in Beit Jala; they enjoyed their time and were very happy.

Next Sunday we have a big ceremony, we will celebrate the First Communion for 42 kids. The children are very excited to take the sacrament.

We intend to make a big gathering for the youth in



12 May, in which we will have procession for the Holy Virgin Mary in Artas. The subject that we will discuss is "The Christian Youth Formation."

Also, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July we have Pentecost celebration. There will be 750 young people, both men and

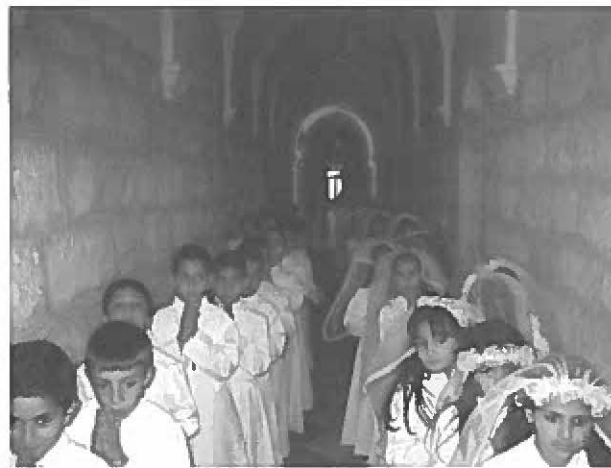
women, participating in the procession from Cremezan to the Parish Park. And his beatitude the Patriarch leads the procession.

God bless you all and be always with you. We will pray for you.

We send the warmest greetings for the entire parish and the parish priest.

Fr. Nidal Qanzou'a  
Parish priest

*A few days later, on Apr. 30, Fr. Nidal wrote that First Communion "was a great celebration. Many parishioners participated in it." In the accompanying photos Fr. Nidal, wearing gold vestments, is assisted by Fr. Ibrahim Shomaly, a priest from the nearby seminary, in white vestments.*



## Seniors Group enjoys France during potluck

On Apr. 18 St. Patrick's Seniors met for their spring potluck, with 53 seniors participating. On the planning committee for the event were Betty Blanco, Mary Grace Bowen, Leo Wood, and Shirley and Walter Splittstoesser.

After the meal Fr. Hogan showed pictures of the pilgrimage he led to Lourdes and other places in France. One of the places visited was the Church of St. Catherine Laboure. St. Catherine founded the Order of the Daughters of Charity. On her deathbed she told how Mary had appeared to her and wanted a medal made with the Sacred Heart of Jesus depicted on one side and Mary on the other.

At Lourdes, the pilgrims visited the church, grotto, and spring and took part in the candlelight procession of 30,000 of the sick and others faithful to the Church. Over 70 miracles at

Lourdes have been acknowledged, with many others undocumented.

At Ars, they visited the church founded by St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests. St. John Vianney found seminary studies very difficult and was dismissed several times, but he was finally ordained. He performed many miracles, was sought after as a confessor (sometimes hearing confessions 18 hours a day), and wherever he went he was surrounded by crowds. Much else could be shared about the pilgrimage—but maybe you had to be there!

The Seniors' next meeting will be a potluck at noon on Thursday, June 14, at the parish center. In honor of Sr. Charlene, who is soon leaving for sabbatical in Europe, the group has prepared a skit highlighting Sister's several ministries at St. Patrick's.

## Church Walk has new name

"Congregation Visit" now names the event that crowns the interfaith year of the Council of Congregations. The new name defers to the preference of member groups who do not use the word "church."

St. Patrick's Parish is a member church of the Council of Congregations, and all parishioners are invited to visit and tour First Presbyterian Church and Korean Church (602 W. Green St., U.) on Sunday, June 24, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Enter the parking lot from Orchard St. and enter the building by the door to the north, near the benches. Meet in the church library.

Questions? Call Peggy Whelan (367-3668).

## Are you (or would you like to be) a Meals-on-Wheels volunteer?

If you regularly volunteer to deliver Meals on Wheels but were not contacted to participate during the parish's assigned week in February or June, Marcia Reed would like to hear from you. Some volunteers were inadvertently missed for the February call-up, and she wants to be sure that she has the names and contact information for all who are interested in participating on a regular basis. Marcia added that new volunteers are always very welcome, given the transitional effect of the UI on our

community as well as the impact on schedules because of family vacations and changing individual circumstances. If you'd like more information or are interested in participating in the Meals-on-Wheels program, call Marcia (359-6112).



## What's up with CREW?

Classes are now over for the year. Attendance ranged from 4 to 48 students, with the average attendance 28 students; 63 students attended 1 or more classes.

Approximately 30 high school teens and 20 junior high teens attended the final Teen Mass at the beginning of May and took part in the BBQ afterward; 11 graduating seniors took part in the Graduation Mass on May 13.

Next year's religious education program will operate much the same way as it did this year, with a few "tweaks" to encourage attendance. Teen Masses will be celebrated on Sunday evenings, along with Catholic Teen Connection events.

Planning for CREW's Mission Trip is almost complete, now that the most important decision—the color and style of the mission t-shirt—has been reached. There remains only detail planning for Dwight

Raab, the youth minister and Mission Trip leader, to wrap up.

Our group will be working with the Detroit Community Initiative on this trip. This organization is in the process of redeveloping a neighborhood in Detroit, which entails either razing and rebuilding homes or repairing existing homes. We will work on two homes on the same street. Both need extensive work, but our job will include replacing windows, drywall removal and replacement, re-siding the exterior, and replacing gutters.

Twenty-five Mission Trip teens and 14 adults leave on Sunday, July 8, and return late on Friday, July 13. The travelers will be given a blessing and send-off during the 9 a.m. Mass and will start their journey shortly afterward. Barring any parish emergencies, Fr. Joe expects to join the CREW Mission on Monday and Tuesday, July 9-10.



Congratulations to the class of 2007! The High School of St. Thomas More commencement ceremonies took place in the afternoon on Sunday, May 20, in the school gymnasium. This event marks the culmination of four years of dedicated scholastics, spiritual growth, and community

service for the students.

The graduates will probably remember good times with classmates, exciting achievements in athletics and the arts, and inspirational moments shared with faculty and friends. May God bless them as they journey into adulthood. St. Patrick's parishioners graduating from St. Thomas More include Vincent Christman, Robert Kimmey, Jacob Krueger, and Anna Mayer. Best wishes to all!

## Pentecost from page 1

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God." Hopkins looks about and sees what we have done: "Generations have trod, have trod, have trod. And all is seared with trade... The soil is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod." Yet always there is hope because there is the Spirit: "The Holy Ghost over the bent world broods, with warm breast and with, ah!, bright wings." So we are back to the image of a bird, but now a great mother bird that hovers and protects and broods over the world, and warms us with her breast, and makes a new dawn with her bright wings. What then is Pentecost for us? The feast should matter, but how, and why? With reflection and courage we can make some Pentecost beginnings—outside, where "the Holy Ghost over the bent world broods with warm breast and with, ah!, bright wings."



Welcome to new parishioners Ed Barstow, Bill and Paula Besson, Leslie Campbell-Driesner, Ed and Mary Grace Capalla, Felix and Kathy Cimasky, Kevin Martindale, Collen and David Grob, Michael Martin, Linda Miller, Katrin Niebur, Pam Paris, Izabela Rayski, Rachel Schuette, and William Walden.

Welcome to the following, baptized into our faith community: Elijah Gabriel Capalla, Ava Anne Mulvery, Lillian Renee Kacich-Schaub, and Reese Michaela Wheatley.

Congratulations to Betsy Leigh Rowe and Daniel John Callahan, married at St. Patrick's.

Please pray for deceased parishioner Lucille Moore.

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

## An interview with Deacon Cliff Maduzia

On May 18, 2002, after several years of prayerful discernment and study, parishioner Cliff Maduzia was ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Peoria to serve St. Patrick's Parish. His family shared those years of prayer and study with him, especially his wife Dorothy, who took the same classes and no doubt found much to discuss with him. And surely their three sons were not unaware of their parents' hopes and special needs during those years.

The five years of his ministry among us at St. Patrick's reveal much about the man we know as Deacon Cliff. Beginning his ministry under Fr. George Remm and continuing now under Fr. Joe Hogan, Deacon Cliff has been seen helping people in need of counsel, in need of food, in need of transportation, in need of consolation, in need of prayer. And in his occasional homilies he shares his insights to the Scripture readings at Mass with us in the context of his response to the needs he sees in others—and in himself.

We asked whether we might interview him for *In Focus* on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of his ordination as a deacon. Following are his responses to the interviewer's questions:

### ***What are your feelings about the diaconate?***

**Cliff:** It opened a door to a different way of being part of the parish. During formation we were told that being a deacon would be like living in a glass house. I have found that this means that I can no longer honk my car's horn at other drivers as readily as I used to; they might be fellow parishioners. And getting up to speak in front of people during Mass definitely leaves me feeling exposed!

A priest who taught us the spiritual side of speaking said, "If you aren't going to live the words you preach, get out of the pulpit." These words shook me right to the core. I knew I had to be true to these words. This has been my greatest struggle. Conversion of heart does not end with ordination, just as it doesn't end with the last time we receive the sacra-



ment of reconciliation.

### ***How do you feel about being a deacon now, after five years of living it?***

**Cliff:** I recently joined a deacon's support group. I have enjoyed getting to know several deacon candidates for ordination this May, within a day or two of the five-year anniversary of the ordination of the deacon class I was ordained with. I am happy for them. I hope they have as nice a parish to work with as I have had. It makes learning how God wants us deacons to change and be part of a parish a lot more enjoyable and very rewarding.

### ***How has your ministry changed, grown, evolved during these years?***

**Cliff:** During my first few years as a deacon, I backed away from my usual volunteer activities to see if I was drawn to any other ministries at St. Pat's. For a while I was involved with WATCH [a parish renewal program for several years at St. Patrick's]. I thought that God might have wanted me to work with one of the areas of ministry Fr. Joe brought to St. Pat's. But what I finally realized was that I have to do what comes naturally to me, which are the original volunteer activities I had been doing. So working with the people of St. Pat's and with Fr. Joe and the staff, I am slowly learning how to understand what God wants me to do. What little volunteer work I do, I now see helping parishioners and others in the community, which is just like everyone else in the parish. Fr. Joe was very open to my following

this journey, for which I thank him.

### ***How do you view your ministry as a deacon and the forms that ministry now takes, for example, preaching, spiritual companionship, ministry to the unemployed, gathering food for the hungry, outreach to the bereaved—all of which we see you doing now and again?***

**Cliff:** I usually attend Sunday Mass with my wife. I like to sit among my fellow parishioners. Some people sing, some look at the stained glass windows, others try to catch a glimpse of what is going on at the altar while trying to restore calm among their children. I have come from a family in which I was the child needing to be calmed, and I have three sons so I know what it's like to be a parent trying to calm children. Most of all, I have been a husband for 32 years, so I know that my marriage is the most important part of my life. My roots and my heart are with my family and with God's people. These roots are everything to me. From these roots I first encountered God—and still encounter God. When I mount the steps to the altar while assisting as a deacon at Mass, I bring all this with me.

For the many things I don't know or have not experienced, I look to the people sitting next to me in the pews. A parishioner approached me after Mass to say that I should mention in a homily a base community that helped build a house for a poor family. Sometimes I hear about parishioners who are seriously ill, or I see it in their faces or the way their clothes hang on their diminishing frames. We pray during Mass for those who have died, and learn how they touched someone nearby who is a father, daughter, sister, or wife.

I thank the people of St. Pat's for being who they are and for letting me be who I am. Together we will continue to find out who God wants us to be.

## The Holy Cross Holler!

By Gracie Mayer

Summer! I can smell the hot dogs, watermelon, and chlorine. It's almost here for me. I graduated on Wednesday, May 16, and can't decide whether to laugh or cry; I think I'll do a little of both.

I can't end the year without talking about all the stellar happenings going on to close out the year! Our play, "Music Man," went off without a hitch—well, fewer hitches than expected! It was fun to be in it and to watch the others in the cast perform. Everyone truly shone so brilliantly on stage, I almost went blind!

In addition, the sixth-graders went on their mission at the Challenger Learning Center just like the third-graders earlier this year. They spent weeks preparing and doing experiments to ready themselves for the dangers of space!

The eighth-graders ended the year with a phenomenal opportunity: on Apr. 23 we set off on a road trip to Washington, D.C.! This was ten buckets of fun, without a doubt the highlight of my eighth-grade year. I kept a journal during the week, and I'm going to be your D.C. correspondent and share it with you now. The Monday bus trip was really long and I didn't think you'd want to hear about our sixteen hours on a bus, so I'll just start with the first day of touring.

**Tuesday.** Today we arrived at **Arlington Cemetery**. The ground looked like a scene from Switzerland, covered in snow. But the white blanket wasn't snow, it was graves, in perfect lines. We saw the changing of the guard, which made me stop and take a moment to respect all those soldiers gone missing.

Then we moved on toward the **Kennedy grave site**. There, in pure simplicity and innocence, was the grave of Bobby Kennedy. So humble and gracious, this small headstone, a simple cross that rose no higher than my knee, earned more respect from me than any other flamboyant and ostentatious monument. Carved on



stone slabs were quotes and wisdom from President Kennedy and his brother Bobby. My favorite quote, that struck me like a brick wall, was, "With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help but knowing that here on earth God's work must truly be our own." This quote and many others rang in my ears the rest of the day and hopefully will never stop.

The next stop was the **Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**. The mosaics and paintings took my breath away several times. My favorite was a creation mosaic that dazzled with land and sea animals, plants, and Adam and Eve amidst it all. Next was



the **FDR memorial**, which was like taking a walk through history, but symbolically. Water, which played such a big role in FDR's life, kept on flowing through the memorial. It was very beautiful.

The **Holocaust Museum** was next. Walking through the fourth floor frightened me, but nothing could have prepared me for walking through the third floor. I walked through a box car used to take victims to concentration or death camps. The sights were unimaginable and life changing.

**Wednesday.** Today we headed off on a tour of the **Capitol**. This building is so ornate and intricate, it has no comparison. Not in a hundred or a thousand years could anyone duplicate the architecture and beauty.

One of the most fun things I think I did on the trip was exploring the Smithsonian. First we went to the **National Gallery of Art**, which almost made me faint. I couldn't believe that hundreds and hundreds of years ago brilliant artists such as da Vinci, Cassatt, and Monet were sitting or standing in front of the very same canvas I was looking at. At times, I almost had to stop myself from talking to the paintings, because they looked so real.

Next we visited the **National Archives** building. After waiting in line after line, we were able to look in the rotunda. As we made our way around the curve, I saw it, The Declaration of Independence, all faded and wrinkled. Although I was a bit disappointed at first, my eyes moved down the parchment, and I froze. There in clear, bold ink, as if it had been written yesterday, were the words "free and independent." I was no longer disappointed.

After dinner we headed to the **Iwo Jima Memorial**. So big, glorious, and triumphant, it gave me a rush of passion for the soldiers raising the flag to glory. Then we headed to the **Vietnam Veterans Memorial**, where I didn't even realize that I was



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walking by the memorial until my teacher told me I had just passed by without thought about two thousand people. I immediately turned back to start at the beginning to honor and remember.

The third memorial we visited that night was the most chilling. The **Korean Memorial** was a little like the Vietnam Memorial in that it had a large granite wall, but instead of names carved in the wall there were faces. Each face, the face of a real man or woman, was determined, resolute, and tenacious. Right next to those faces were statues of soldiers creeping in the night. They looked as if they had just paused for a moment and would start walking again any moment.

Right near these memorials was the **Lincoln Memorial**. I felt as if I could fit myself in one of President Lincoln's shoes about ten times. He sat there looking dominant and powerful, but his expression was so inviting. He made me just want to sit there on his lap and have a conversation.

**Thursday.** Today we went to **Mount Vernon**. The gorgeous house and grounds made me wish that George Washington could have given me the tour himself. I explored the fields and his grave site.

Our next stop was **Williamsburg**. I have been saying how much history comes alive ... every day it lives in Williamsburg. When the residents act it out, it seems to be not history, but everyday life. It helped me to realize the cultures of the times and to understand them.

That night we came back for another tour—a **ghost tour**. This was one of the most fun things on the trip. In the first five minutes I had latched on to my friends and at all times walked with someone behind and in front of me for protection. Our guide was a phenomenal storyteller!

**Friday.** Today was the last day of the trip, but I wasn't going to let that ruin my fun! We headed off early for **Jamestown** to spend a couple of

hours walking around and talking to the men and women working at the docks, with the ships, and taking care of animals; the list goes on and on. I listened to the men and women talk for hours about their jobs and their purpose in the colony. It was incredibly fascinating, but even more fascinating was the glass-blowing shop. Here I became completely enthralled and engaged in every move the glassblowers made. They worked together, and in just ten minutes two men had made a wine bottle right in front of my eyes.

Next we drove to **Monticello**, the home of Thomas Jefferson. This house was an amazing, culturally enriched, residence. The large windows and paintings brought the house to life and gave it a very welcoming air. The land surrounding the house cannot even be described—I felt very peaceful and definitely would not have minded growing up with that big backyard!

I loved all of the sights and sounds of D.C. That much history in four days completely changed me, and I will never lose memories made in Washington, D.C.!

In this issue I would also like to acknowledge my **eighth-grade teacher, Mrs. Madix**, who has been with Holy Cross School for an astounding 31 years and is retiring this year. She has made my eighth-grade year a memorable one overflowing with laughter and learning. Her great teaching ability has not been overlooked, as she was chosen one of the Teachers of the Year by the National Catholic Education Association. She is a truly stupendous teacher, and she has been a great influence on my life here at Holy Cross. My fond memories of HCS will stay with me forever.

Thanks for reading! Have a splendiferous summer, and God bless! God bless!

## Volunteer Opportunities

Some wheelchair residents at **Champaign County Nursing Home** need help getting to their chapel for Mass on Fridays. Can you help, either weekly or once a month? *St. Patrick's Guild:* Sandy Anderson, 469-2416

The popular **Cellar-to-Garret Sale** needs two couples to co-chair the event, as well as volunteers willing to coordinate one aspect of the sale (e.g., accepting donated items, pickup of donated items, setup, food preparation for volunteers, cleanup). Please help—the need is urgent! *St. Patrick's Guild:* Carla and Bill Simmering, 328-4841; Susan Hublein, 384-8356

Sharing your faith with children and teens as a catechist in the parish religious education program is rewarding on several levels—if you haven't tried it, you're missing something special! *Children's program:* Suzanne D'Andria, 531-7015; *Youth program:* Peggy Loftus, 531-7016

A friendly visit by someone who also brings Holy Communion makes a world of difference to someone unable to come to church. The pastoral care of parishioners who are homebound or residents of local nursing homes urgently needs volunteers to continue this compassionate ministry. Can you help even once or twice a month? *Pastoral care:* Donna Thompson, 688-2701



Parish groups can 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

St. Patrick's Parish Council welcomed three new members during its monthly meeting May 17. Mary Rose Cottingham, Thomas Kim, and Marty Sierra-Perry succeeded Randy Pankau, Jerry Pijanowski, and Joseph Youakim, who have completed their three-year terms. Mary Rose will serve as secretary of the Council, while Thomas and Marty will serve as Council representatives on leadership teams for the Ministry of Stewardship and the Ministry of Peace and Justice, respectively. All Council members were reminded of the expectation that they will greet parishioners before and/or after the weekend Mass they attend.

In other business, the Parish Council:

- Discussed the need for more Eucharistic ministers, especially to bring Communion to the homebound and nursing homes.

- Reviewed the first annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner, which took place April 28. Over 500 people involved in all aspects of ministry at the parish were invited; approximately 150 attended the event. It was noted that many of the people who attended, and many who could not attend, expressed their appreciation for being honored in this way. Council member Jim Mayer suggested that next year the Council consider inviting the spouses of ministers as well.

- Discussed the Ministry Sign-Up Weekend, scheduled for September 8 and 9. A booklet explaining the many different ministries at St. Patrick's will be distributed to parishioners at all Masses during the last weekend in August. It was noted that people may not understand what kind of time commitment – big or small – is required by the different ministry opportunities, and that parishioners need to know that they always have the option of changing ministries if they try something and find that it isn't a good fit for them.

The next Parish Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 21, in the parish center following a 6:30 p.m. gathering for prayer in the church. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open meetings.

## Emmaus Days coming this summer

Parishioners looking at lifestyle choices can try come-and-see programs this summer. The Diocese of Peoria will offer four Emmaus Days sessions for young men by age group. Others are offered by two religious communities of women. Vocation information is also available at the Newman Center on the UI campus.

**The diocesan vocation awareness program** immerses participants in a spiritual and fun-filled environment designed to make them more aware of God's presence in their lives.

Session I (high-school graduates): June 15-18 at King's House, Henry

Session II (high-school juniors and seniors): June 29-July 2 at King's House, Henry

Session III (high-school freshmen and sophomores): July 8-11 at St. Bede Abbey, Peru

Session IV (seventh- and eighth-graders): July 11-13 at St. Bede Abbey, Peru

Early registration is requested in any case, but especially for the first session. Registration information is available from the diocesan Office of Vocations (309/682-5823).

**Franciscan Emmaus Days**, offered June 7-10 by the Sisters of the

Third Order of St. Francis in East Peoria, provides an opportunity for young women in junior high and high school, and young adults, to live in the novitiate and learn about consecrated life. Conferences are held for participants by age group, but all come together for Mass, meals, and recreational activities.

All activities will take place at the motherhouse, 1175 St. Francis Lane, East Peoria. To register (by June 4) or for more information, contact the motherhouse (309/655-4840 or [vocation.info@osfhealthcare.org](mailto:vocation.info@osfhealthcare.org)). The fee for the weekend is \$20, and some scholarship assistance is available.

**Benedictine Experience Weekends** are offered by the Sisters of St. Benedict of St. Mary Monastery, Rock Island. These weekends, held at the monastery (2200 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. West), provide an opportunity for women get to know true Benedictines, learn more about the community, and join in the community's prayer.

Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB, vocation director, said live-in experiences will be available this summer for women aged 18-50 and may be arranged at their convenience. Simply contact Sr. Bobbi (309/283-2300 or [rbussan@smmsisters.org](mailto:rbussan@smmsisters.org)).

## Summerfest—our first ever

St. Patrick's will hold our first Summerfest ever on Saturday, July 14, on the parish grounds. Keep the date open for a day of games, prizes, music, food, and drinks. There will be fun for everyone, from the youngest children to the most senior adults.

Musicians, magicians, clowns, and anyone else who knows how to help others have a great time are needed. If you love summer and want to share that love with the rest of the parish, call Tom or Helene Kacich (344-6760).





## in our parish library

June is often a month of change—graduating from school, starting a new job, even beginning married life.

One change we may need first of all is a change of attitude. *Making Friends of Enemies*, by Jim Forest (241 FOR), was written in 1988, but with a few mental updates of references to world events it could have been written yesterday.

Henry Nouwen, in *Making All Things New* (248 NOU), invites us to consider Jesus' words "Do not worry...." By these words he means having a change of heart in the way we deal with the pressures in our lives.

*Never Alone: A Personal Way to God*, by Joseph F. Girzone (248 GIR), offers some insights into establishing a prayer life, a relationship with God. It's not a guide *per se*, but it does get the reader thinking about spiritual changes.

A similar theme, seeing the holy in the ordinary, plays out in *A Tree Full of Angels*, by Macrina

Wiederkehr (248 WIE).

If you are considering a new job—or volunteering for a parish ministry!—you might find it helpful to read *Eighth Day of Creation: Discerning Your Gifts and Using Them*, by Elizabeth O'Connor (248.2 OCO). The book also deals with change of attitude.

*Now That I Am Old: Meditations on the Meaning of Life*, by Maria Reilly, SP (248 REI), is written in the form of numerous questions, inviting the reader's answers.

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*If you have trouble locating books or other materials in the library and need assistance, please stop by the library on the last Sunday of the month between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. to speak with one of our library team members.*

*You may also call Allison Sutton (351-8663), parish library team coordinator, for help.*

**According to a recent decision, the parish library will remain unlocked during office hours on Monday through Friday, accessible to parishioners who enter the parish center by the door near the parish office. In addition, the parish library will be open from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the last Sunday of the month.**

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

## In Focus

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

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

### Helen Godfrey

*The following recipe is taken from St. Patrick's Sampler Cookbook, published in 1983. Many parishioners will remember Helen Godfrey's tasty treats. Here is one of them:*

#### Rhubarb Bread

##### Bread

1-1/2 c brown sugar  
2/3 c oil  
1 egg  
1 c sour milk  
1 t vanilla  
2-1/2 c flour  
1 t soda



1-1/2 c rhubarb  
1/2 c nuts  
Pinch of salt

*Topping*  
1/2 c sugar  
1 T butter




*Mix all bread ingredients together and put in greased large loafpan (or 3 small pans). Cream together the topping ingredients and sprinkle over the top of the bread mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes, or until bread tests done.*

# St. Patrick's Parish

Urbana, IL

# June 2007



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 June 10.</p>					10:45am Mass CCNH	
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	4pm Guild Officers Mtg 7pm Centering Prayer 7pm Pro-Life	5:30pm Financial Affairs 6:30pm Mystagogia 6:30pm Faith Sharing	12pm Men's Book Club 5:15pm SVDP 7pm Baptism Prep	6:30pm Mystagogia 7pm Building & Grounds	10:30am Mass Care Center 10:45am Mass CCNH	
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<b>Vacation Bible School</b>						