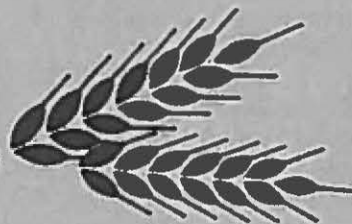


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



## We remember, we pray

**I**t is our belief as Catholics that for those who have died, "life is changed, not ended." Though separated from deceased loved ones for a time, we are always united in prayer. At every Mass we pray for all the faithful departed during the Eucharistic Prayer. We can ask that a Mass be celebrated for a loved one, or light a candle in the church, or simply say a prayer.

The month of November gives us many occasions all month long to remember the dead in a special way. On the first day of November, we celebrate Mass in remembrance of all the known and unknown saints who have attained a place in heaven. The second day of November is a

commemoration of all the faithful departed; we pray for those who have been baptized yet need to be completely purified of all stain of sin before they are welcomed into full union with God. It is a custom to visit gravesites and cemeteries during November. Thanksgiving gives us another chance to thank God for the blessing of deceased loved ones.

St. Patrick's offers several additional ways to help us remember our departed loved ones at this time of year. One longstanding custom has been to display in the church a large



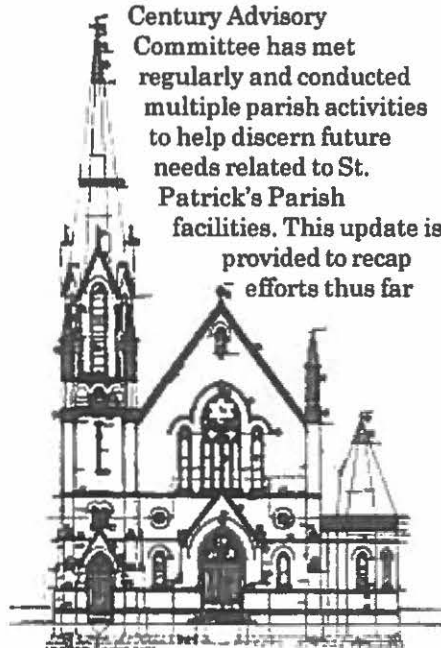
scroll that contains the names of members of our faith community who have died in the past year. We have a chance to sit in the same pews where our fellow parishioners have sat, some for many years, and remember their life among us, and we pray in thanksgiving for what they meant to us.

Last year several parishioners provided family pages for a Book of Souls, listing the names of family members who have died. All parishioners are invited to prepare a

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## Is a larger church in our future? An update

Over the past two years, the Second Century Advisory Committee has met regularly and conducted multiple parish activities to help discern future needs related to St. Patrick's Parish facilities. This update is provided to recap efforts thus far



and to inform parishioners about the master planning process that began this fall.

In spring 2006, the committee implemented a parish needs assessment survey (360 parishioners responded). The following fall, the committee provided a report on survey findings and conducted a series of parish focus groups to examine the facilities and space issues that parishioners had identified. In November 2006, two open parish meetings were held to outline what was learned through the focus groups and to get parishioner feedback on possible next steps.

In March 2007, the Second Century Advisory Committee presented its conclusions and recommendations to the parish community.

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### A Prayer for All Souls

Grant, O Lord, that my own heart may be touched, as yours is, at the passing of all souls into eternal life.

In great confidence, I pray for all my friends and loved ones who are no longer here on this journey of faith.

When I am sad at the death of those who were close to me, may my sadness be firmly supported by my faith that life is merely changed, not ended, that those I love are still with me though unseen.

May you, Lord Jesus Christ, welcome me and all those for whom I pray, into eternal life at the moment pleasing to you.

Amen.

## Re-Membering Church offers a helping hand

*Prodigal: (1) exceedingly wasteful; (2) extremely generous, lavish; (3) extremely abundant*

Henri Nouwen's book *The Return of the Prodigal Son* is all about homecoming—the experience of leaving and, most importantly, the grace of returning. This familiar parable is full of examples of prodigality: the father, who indulges his son with fine gifts and lavishly celebrated the ne'er-do-well's return; the son, who left home and squandered his father's generosity, trusting to pursue his own foolish independent behavior. Prodigality—be its outcome wasteful or generous—is part of the human condition.

Nouwen reflects that even Jesus became a prodigal son for our sake. "He left his heavenly Father, came to a foreign country, gave away all that he had, and returned through his cross to his Father's home." By becoming human, Jesus graced us, enabling us to return as well, and we

in our human roles must support each other in that journey to our heavenly home.

For several years St. Patrick's has had a ministry called Re-Membering Church to help those who have experienced the grace and desire to return to a Catholic community after sometimes years of inactivity in their Catholic faith. Beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays from Nov. 7 through Dec. 12, the Re-Membering Church team will be available to meet with those who are willing and ready to respond to God's grace and reconnect with a Catholic community.

These sessions are designed to answer their questions about current Church teachings and practices, to give them an opportunity to raise concerns, or to familiarize them with



programs and activities offered by St. Patrick's to deepen their faith and support them on their faith journey.

If you know someone who frequently asks questions about the Church or Mass or the sacraments but is not going to Mass or seems not to be actively practicing his or her faith, invite them to come to the fall Re-Membering Church session. You might encourage them to call the parish center (367-2665) for more

information, or perhaps offer to accompany them to the sessions that they too may come to recognize and to experience God's compassionate love.

*More than any other story in the Gospel, the parable of the prodigal son expresses the boundlessness of God's compassionate love. (Henri Nouwen)*

## "St. Patrick's Presents..."

Mark your calendars for some exciting parish inter-generational events. Come yourself and invite your family and friends to celebrate with St. Patrick's faith community in these opportunities to grow spiritually. As plans progress, you'll hear more about these and other special events to come:

**Nov. 10: St. Patrick's Presents...Lady Bugs Live!**

6 p.m. spaghetti dinner prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus, followed at 7 p.m. by a delightful musical concert of *The Lady Bugs*—five young sisters—with a modern blend of rock 'n' roll that is both positive and wholesome and will appeal to the young and the young-at-heart. For tickets and information, call Mary Long (531-7008).

**Jan. 12: St. Patrick's Presents...Spice Up Your Spirituality 2!**

Dinner prepared by St. Patrick's Guild, followed by an inspiring

presentation on spirituality by Fr. Pat McGrath. If you missed him last year but heard how wonderful the evening was from others who came, you'll want to be sure you come yourself this year—and bring a friend to Fr. Pat's new presentation.

**Apr. 13: St. Patrick's Presents...Pasta & Parables 2!**

Following dinner prepared by CREW, St. Patrick's youth group, the enchanting "Space Painter" will entertain and share the Good News through juggling and storytelling. In 1999 the social hall was packed for our first Pasta & Parables, a wonderful evening of fun. Come see children juggled—and learn to juggle yourself, as Tom Sparough invites the audience into his magical Gospel storytelling.



## You're invited to "a time apart"

We know that Jesus often took time to go off by himself to pray, and that he sometimes took a few friends along, inviting them to "come away and rest for a while."

An opportunity for "a time apart" is offered on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St.

Patrick's parish center. The day will include several prayer sittings as well as time for private and shared reflection on Scripture (*Lectio Divina*).

Anyone who has participated in centering prayer groups, attended an introductory workshop on centering prayer, or has privately practiced



centering prayer is invited to take up Jesus' call to "come away and rest for a while."

The opportunity is timely, coming just a few weeks before Advent.

"A Time Apart" will be facilitated by Florrie Dammers of Contemplative Outreach. Light

refreshments (coffee, fruit, muffins, bagels) will be provided. Walk-ins are welcome, but a call to register with the parish secretary (367-2665) will help to assure adequate accommodation for all who come. There is no registration fee, although free-will donations are welcome.

## Ring a New Song unto the Lord!

You may have noticed more often lately the joyful sound of bells coming from the choir loft. St. Patrick's has owned a set of handbells for many years, but until recently they were played only occasionally and usually by choir members. But last spring, a regular bell choir has come together. The group plays bells at one or two Masses on one weekend per month. Their schedule flexes around the choirs and children's liturgy.

Because there is very little music published for 5 ringers—most bell choirs are larger—many of the arrangements are written by Chris Ángel, Music Director, and by Cathy Salika, who also convenes the group.

Space limitations of the choir loft can accommodate only 5 ringers, the bells, tables, and other equipment, so only 5 ringers can play at a time. During the summer, the ringers

were Margaret Bronson, Nancy Costa, Lisa Hall, Judy Huelsbusch, Terry Moreau, and Cathy Salika. Two new ringers who expressed an interest in the bell choir during the September ministry weekend will be joining the group soon.



*Bell ringers, usually unseen in the choir loft, face the camera for our readers. Standing, from the left, are Terry Moreau, Margaret Bronson, Cathy Salika; seated are Nancy Costa and Lisa Hall; not shown: Judy Huelsbusch.*

## From here to eternity...

"The time has come," the walrus said, "to speak of many things..." The poem by Lewis Carroll goes on to speak of such things as cabbages and kings. The title of this article suggests that there are more important things to speak of.

Parishioners—young and old—are invited to come to the parish center for a potluck and program as part of St. Patrick's Seniors' annual Fall Cookout.

- 12:00 noon for lunch (or come at 12:30 p.m. for the program)
- Tuesday, Oct. 30
- Bring a potluck dish to pass (This makes you an honorary Senior for the day!)

- Hamburgers and hot dogs provided
- Complimentary ice cream and fixin's for sundaes provided by Manor Care of Champaign, followed by a short talk about their services

- Presentation on financial planning and wills, including how to remember St. Patrick's in your will

- Presentations by Renner-Wikoff and Owens funeral homes on funeral arrangements

- Address by Fr. Hogan on funeral arrangements for a service at St. Patrick's



## Needed: Thanksgiving dinners for the less fortunate

"Sophia, this is Leslie. I have a telephone call for you. I will connect you."

"Hello. Am I going to get a Thanksgiving basket this year? My case worker gave me one last year and said it was from St. Patrick's."

"Yes, we will see that you get a Thanksgiving food basket."

This call came in last fall from one of the Mental Health Center's clients. The caller is just one of 230 people who will be remembered by the St. Vincent de Paul Society with a food basket this Thanksgiving, a special project of the Society for more than 30 years. The Center's staff and case workers personally deliver the food baskets to their clients, and Family Service will also provide a list of people they know to be very needy.

For the food baskets SVDP selects



People Touching People

refrigerated, canned, and boxed food items that are easy for the handicapped and others to prepare in their homes. This year's menu includes canned ham, sweet potatoes, vegetables, dinner rolls, margarine, eggs, fruit, soup, Jello, pumpkin pie, a beverage, and other food items, each food basket valued at about \$50.

Volunteers who deliver the food baskets say that those who receive them are very grateful. "God bless you and the people at St. Patrick's," they say, some with tears in their eyes. One volunteer received a big hug



in thanks.

You can make this a special Thanksgiving for these very appreciative people by donating toward the cost of the meals, which are intended to serve them for a few days. Put your donation in an envelope clearly marked **THANKSGIVING DINNERS** and put it in the collection basket at Mass or take it to the parish office during the week.

Volunteers are needed on Sunday, Nov. 18, after the noon Mass to sort food items on tables in the main hall; the religious education classes will fill the food baskets that evening. Volunteers are also needed at 8 a.m.

on Tuesday, Nov. 20, to complete the food baskets with refrigerated items, ready for delivery to designated recipients starting at 9:30 a.m. Deliveries are made during daylight hours for safety; if you can help, please call the parish office (367-2665). "God bless you and the people of St. Patrick's" will echo in your heart as you enjoy your own Thanksgiving dinner.



**Q: Why are we singing hymns in languages other than English?**

**A.** Before Vatican II, the Mass was

celebrated everywhere in Latin. This common language gave the Mass a sense of universality, as well as a sense of neutrality—while Latin resembles several languages, for centuries there have been no native Latin speakers, although many Latin hymns and prayers continue to be part of our heritage, such as the Ave Maria (Hail Mary).

One of the gifts of Vatican II was the celebration of Mass in the vernacular—the language most familiar to those present. But while the majority of our parishioners speak and pray in English, sizable numbers of our parishioners do not speak English as their first language. We sing in other languages to acknowledge the diverse nature of our parish community.

We also acknowledge the diverse nature of the Church. The Church of God is much more than any one diocese or any one culture. "All the

ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God" (Psalm 98:3). On any given Sunday, Mass is celebrated in Boston, Bangkok, Budapest, and Buenos Aires. Across the world and across town, fellow Catholics are listening to the same readings and prayers. Singing in another language gives us, the Church in Urbana, a reminder of our connection to the worldwide Church—that we are neither "Jew nor Greek...[but] one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

It can be very humbling to speak in a language that is not our own. Any traveler who has traveled abroad relying on a phrase book or friend might well agree. Perhaps we have a strong American accent as we sing in another language or, perhaps, we can do little more than make a fumbling attempt. But just as we can help others who are trying to learn English, we can embrace this chance to learn something from our sisters and brothers in faith.

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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 November 4.

## Meet one of St. Patrick's catechists

The dictionary defines a catechist as "a teacher of the principles of Christian religion, esp. one using a catechism." St. Patrick's catechists are dedicated men and women and young adults who volunteer to teach children about the Catholic faith. They are teachers, nurses, stay-at-home parents, secretaries, and students, and they devote at least a couple hours of their week to working with young parishioners.

During the next several months, you will meet some of St. Patrick's catechists in the pages of *In Focus*. This issue introduces Mary Ann Manning, sixth-grade catechist. It is her second year at St. Patrick's, her ninth year as a catechist.

Asked how she became a catechist, Mary Ann responded: "I have to admit that it was nothing short of the work of the Holy Spirit. We were having 'time and talent' registration week at my parish in Macon, Georgia; at Mass, Father asked all parishioners to take home the list of activities and, more specifically, to pray each day of that week asking the Spirit to guide us in choosing the specific area in which we needed to volunteer our time. It had never occurred to me to be a religion teacher. The following Sunday at the end of Mass, Father had the ushers distribute sheets to be completed, and I can remember just looking at the sheet and eventually marking that I would be a substitute religion teacher on Sundays.

"Later that week, Sister Catherine called to ask how I felt about being a full-time teacher rather than a substitute, and I (finally) agreed that I would give it a try. I had to go through catechist training for the next nine months for the Diocese of Savannah, which included attending an all-day workshop one Saturday each month. I completed the training and was presented my Catechist Certificate in May 1996."

The experience must have been a good one, for Mary Ann continued to teach for nine years. This is what she has to say about her experiences:

"Being a certified catechist has been for me a far more enriching



Mary Ann Manning, catechist

experience than I ever would have thought possible. The opportunity to share my Roman Catholic faith with young students is really a blessing in itself—for there is no other subject than Jesus and our Catholic faith that is more interesting, fulfilling, or enjoyable to talk about with other people, especially young people.

"Of course, being a catechist does mean investing time in reading religious materials, keeping up-to-date on Church activities, and really knowing your faith. It is true that you cannot pass on what you do not possess—and this position will force you to look honestly at your own faith journey and how you are living it out. There is so much to know about our Catholic faith and there are so many questions to be answered for our young people today, that religion teachers *have* to be fully prepared."

Volunteering and committing to anything is not always easy, however; Mary Ann observes that it sometimes requires making hard choices:

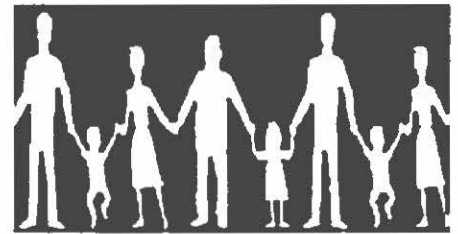
"This 'total commitment' did cause problems for me when I was teaching second grade at Holy Cross. My husband, who is not Catholic, did not understand the large amount of time that I was devoting to my catechist activity. This caused enough distress within my marriage that I did resign from teaching on Sundays. I was not happy, however, with that decision. Believing the Holy Spirit would guide me through, I returned to teaching on Sundays."

Mary Ann's love for teaching religious education seems to have rubbed off on her daughter, Katie, who is now a junior at Centennial.

Katie volunteered as second-grade classroom aide at Holy Cross for two years and was Mary Ann's classroom aide last year. This year Katie is teaching first-graders at St. Patrick's.

Asked to give a few words of encouragement to others who may have thought about teaching religious education, Katie responded: "I highly recommend this experience—not only will you increase your knowledge of the Catholic faith, but you will develop a greater appreciation for the gift of faith, a closer relationship with Jesus, and come to see life in a whole new light."

Look for an introduction to another of our parish's religious education teachers in the next issue of *In Focus*.



### *Welcome to new parishioners*

Travis and Jami Ashmore-Spencer, Brian and Linda Berry, Amy and Marco Boscolo, Reed and Stacey Panos, Anne Marie Petersen, and Mirelsie Velazquez.

### *Farewell to these parishioners*

*who have moved away:* Cindy Cylkowski, Jason Harris, Audra Koerner, Edward Maher, Rebecca McNulty, Linda Miller, Jaime Renee Parkinson, Clyde Perry, and Kent and Jody Randolph.

*Welcome to the following, baptized into our faith community:* Samuel Joy Ikuku, Vivian Marie Stowe, Mia Joy Whippo, Holden Michael Beth, Sienna Zapparoli, Samuel James Pankau, and Michael Thomas Solava.

### *Congratulations to the following couples, married at St.*

*Parick's:* Emily Price and Dwayne Hamby, Melissa Wiese and Shelby Henning.

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

## Update from page 1

Recommendations for the future included:

- Building an addition to the church which, when combined with the present church structure, will provide an enlarged worship space in an intimate and inviting setting, an enlarged vestibule/gathering space, larger sanctuary and sacristy, daily Mass chapel, and better space for parents with infants and children.
- Enlarging and renovating the parish center in a way that provides a convenient and attractive main entrance and a connection with the church; enhanced classroom, meeting, and event space; expanded office space to house all of the parish staff under one roof; and improved facilities for the parish library and archives.
- Accomplishing all of this with an eye toward maintaining the historic preservation of the present church; designing an addition that will be architecturally and aesthetically in tune with the present church; providing additional and accessible parking and useful green space for parish functions.

Last summer, the committee issued a Request for Proposal for a facilities master plan. Eleven architecture firms submitted proposals, and four of them were interviewed by the committee. Stauder Architecture was the firm selected to develop a master facilities plan for the parish. Stauder is a fourth-generation architectural firm based in St. Louis that specializes in church work, with 80% of its projects in Catholic parishes.

In September, the Second Century Advisory Committee met twice with

Stauder Architecture to review programming needs of the parish. In the months ahead, an engineering firm will conduct parish property surveys and Stauder Architecture will continue to work with the committee as the firm develops preliminary concepts. The committee anticipates that a facilities master plan will be ready to present to the parish in early 2008.

Parishioners serving on the Second Century Advisory Committee are Ellen Amberg (chair), Mike Andrejasich, Steve Beckett, Carol Bosley, Claude Cole, Pat Dill, Pat Justice, Chris and Kate Niebur, Jerry Pijanowski, Joe Rasmussen, and Mort Weir. The committee is working in consultation with parish staff and the Parish Council during this phase of master planning. Parishioners are welcome to share their comments or questions with any member of the committee or by contacting Ellen Amberg (367-0928).

The Second Century Advisory Committee is grateful for everyone's prayerful support as the parish continues to look toward the future. To inspire and guide this stage of master planning, the committee has created the following mission statement:

*As we begin our second century as a faith community, St. Patrick's Parish will create a master plan for all parish facilities that will support the mission, religious services, and programs of our faith community for generations to come. Our work will be guided by the Spirit of God and the spirit of the people of St. Patrick's, both past and present.*

## Remember from page 1

page for their deceased family members to be included in this Book of Souls, or to update pages already provided. The pages can be presented as simply as a handwritten list of names or as elaborately as desired. Special paper for these pages is provided in the back of the church, together with an envelope for returning completed pages for the book.

The Book of Souls will be displayed in the sanctuary throughout November. Parishioners are encouraged to look through its pages and to pray for those named therein.

### Benedictus

When Christus comes  
to pry with hard hands  
bones from the grave's grasp,  
he will stand you strong.

He will shape and soothe you  
a fresh, smooth flesh,  
stronger, of finer shape  
and shade than ever

you walked in life.  
When your eyes bloom  
again, and bright blood  
booms in your new being,

his, the first face you see,  
will with gladness greet  
your goodness, your name  
sweet upon his lips.

Amen.

~Jim Littwin, Barrington, Ill.  
From *NCR*, Oct. 19, 2007  
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The word community has many connotations, some positive, some negative. Community can make us think of a safe togetherness, shared meals, common goals, and joyful celebrations. It can also call forth images of sectarian exclusivity, in-group language, self-satisfied isolation, and romantic naiveté. However, community is first of all a quality of the heart. It grows from the spiritual knowledge that we are alive not for ourselves but for one another. Community is the fruit of our capacity to make the interests of others more important than our own (see *Philippians 2:4*). The question, therefore, is not "How can we make community?" but "How can we develop and nurture giving hearts?"

~Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*



## JustFaith participants retreat to know one another better

While the rest of Champaign-Urbana watched the Illini beat Wisconsin or otherwise enjoyed an unusually warm autumn weekend Oct. 5-6, 20 Catholics with a strong interest in social justice issues spent 14 hours together in St. Patrick's parish center, getting to know one another on a deeper level.

The participants in JustFaith, a year-long program that seeks to help Catholics develop a passion for justice, didn't discuss the plight of the poor, the need for human dignity, Catholic social teachings, or the other issues that have been and will continue to be the focus of the JustFaith program. Instead, they shared with each other their personal histories, getting to know one another better and setting a foundation for the rest of year.

Carolyn McElrath, the pastoral associate who is leading the study group along with parishioner Diane



Cousert, explained why the retreat focused on the participants rather than on social justice. "It will be a lot easier to deal with difficult issues and to disagree with one another respectfully if we have come to genuinely like and care for one another first," she said during the retreat welcome.

And difficult issues there will be. Already readings from Jonathan Kozol's *Amazing Grace* and scenes from the video *When Did I See You Hungry?* have opened JustFaith participants to the injustice suffered by impoverished people throughout the world, from New York's South Bronx to the garbage dumps of the Philippines.

Not that this information has been new to all in the JustFaith group. Several have already served as missionaries or volunteer workers, and have seen first-hand the horrors of extreme poverty. For others, though, JustFaith is a step forward in a life they hope will be more dedicated

to those in need.

Said one retreatant when asked what attracted her to JustFaith: "I felt that my life has been blessed. I wanted a way to give something back." Another said, "I have always been concerned with social issues, but the program has helped me grow in understanding of the depth of them. It has challenged me to more and deeper prayer and compassion." A third said he was drawn to JustFaith because of the "need for a community that would help me to grow in something I feel called to explore by God."

The retreat consisted of exercises designed to help participants share their life stories, giving their peers an understanding of what brought them to the place they are now. With the retreat behind them, the JustFaith community is better prepared for a year of intense study together on the issues that mean so much to them.

As one participant wrote, the retreat gave her "a sense of community with like-minded people," and "a hope that together we can make a difference."

### St. Thomas More's



The High School of St. Thomas More is pleased to welcome 38 of St. Patrick's young adults to another year of learning. The school is committed to the development of its students spiritually, morally, intellectually, and physically in an atmosphere of respect and reverence that will enable them to fulfill their baptismal call to witness to Jesus Christ in the modern world.

The goal of "Saber Stories" is to inform St. Patrick's parishioners about our teens' many academic and extracurricular achievements. Parents, please contact Mary Welle (m.welle@insightbb.com) with the latest!

#### Coming Attractions

Athletic Booster Organization  
Dinner, Nov. 2

Annual Madrigal Dinner, Nov. 30  
and Dec. 1

Christmas Break Begins, Dec. 20  
Battle of the Bands, Jan. 26  
New Student STM Preview Night,  
Jan. 23

#### Sports Page

Fall sports at St. Thomas More include cross-country, boys and girls golf, volleyball, soccer, football, and cheerleading. There is also an enthusiastic pep band playing at football and basketball games throughout the year.

The sports season has been exciting already with the football team's advance to the playoffs. The STM Boys Golf Team brought home the sectional trophy and will make its third consecutive appearance at the State Finals Golf Tournament. Congratulations to the Girls Golf Team, which will also compete in the State Golf Tournament. Finally, cross-country is heading into the post-season races.

Many St. Patrick's kids participate in these events. Sports schedules are available at the high school's Web site, [www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org). "Go, Sabers!"



#### VOCATION PRAYER

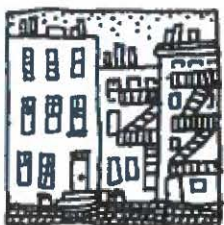
Loving God, open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call. Give us the gift of understanding to discern your invitation to serve you and your Church. Give us the gift of courage to follow your call. May we respond in the spirit of young Samuel, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."



**Offering a ray of hope**  
On Wednesday evening, Nov. 14, members of the St. Patrick's Bereavement

Ministry will offer a program for those facing the coming holidays after a loss. The program, called "A Ray of Hope," will provide an opportunity for those who are coping with the death of a loved one or friend to explore how to find peace and comfort when others around them are celebrating the season. Those who attend will experience loving support from members of the Bereavement Ministry as well as from others who are at a similar time in their life.

Anyone who is experiencing a loss and feeling it more deeply as the holidays approach is welcome to be a part of this evening. If you have lost a spouse, child, another member of the family, or a friend and just can't imagine the holidays without them, you are encouraged to come. Participants will gather at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center lounge. For more information about the evening, please call Nancy Olson (359-6424).



**Celebrate World Community Day**  
Immigration will be the topic at a World Community Day

observance Friday, Nov. 2, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Deborah Hlavna, director of the East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center, is the speaker. Embracing Justice under God's Tent is the theme for the event, which will take place at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 808 E. Bradley (Urbana) and is sponsored by Church Women United. St. Patrick's is one of the assisting churches. For more information, contact Carole Rebeiz (356-3675).



**Come to shop at the Guild's Christmas Bazaar**  
Mark your calendar for the Christmas

Bazaar, sponsored by St. Patrick's Guild, on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At least 25 vendors will entice you to shop for Christmas gifts that include Tastefully Simple products, stained glass, quilted handbags, handmade cards, Mary Kay products, Tupperware products, handmade soaps, handmade jewelry, Pampered Chef items, cookbooks, and more. The Guild will also offer its selection of yummy bakery and gift baskets, and you will have a chance to purchase a raffle ticket for a basket that contains something from each participating vendor.

More vendors are welcome. Contact Kristi Turner (367-2665) to reserve a space.



**You can still join the Great Adventure Bible Study**  
The Great Adventure Bible Study will resume in

November, continuing the study of the grand sweep of Bible history. Even if you missed the first three lessons, you can still join in and catch up. Contact Carolyn McElrath or Mary Long (367-2665) to participate in this great adventure.

Dates and topics still to come:  
**Nov. 13, 27; Dec. 4, 11:** Patriarchs, Egypt, Exodus  
**Mar. 4:** Desert Wanderings  
**Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22:** Conquest, Judges, Promised Land, Royal Kingdom



**Reconciliation service planned for deaf/hard of hearing**  
A special Reconciliation service for the deaf/hard of

hearing will be held at St. Patrick's church at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9, followed by a social time in the parish center.

Fr. Joe Mulcrone, head of the Catholic Office of the Deaf for the Chicago Archdiocese, will preside at the service, using Total Communication—that is, both speaking and signing at the same time.

The deaf and hard of hearing throughout East Central Illinois—Peoria, Springfield, Bloomington/Normal, Decatur, etc.—are invited to participate in this service. Anyone with questions may contact Minette Sternke through her TTY service (217/356-6975) or by e-mail (msternke@sbcglobal.net).



**Guild sponsors Coldwater Creek fashion show**  
A Guild-sponsored fashion show,

arranged with Coldwater Creek, will be presented on Thursday, Nov. 1, in the parish hall.

The show will feature women's fashions for various ages and sizes. Parishioners modeling the latest fall fashions will include Helene Kacich, Jeannie Rasmussen, Kathy Sarnecki, Kristi Turner, Barbara Pyhel, Rose Vabic, Eva Vlach, Tracy Wszalek. All women in the parish are invited. There will be a short meeting at 7 p.m. before the show, which will be followed by refreshments and awarding of door prizes. Admission is free, and attendees will receive discount coupons to use at the store.



## Welcomed to our parish table

*Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.*  
(Matt. 18:5)

The new parishioners who joined St. Patrick's Parish since last April were invited to a welcoming Soup 'n' Salad Dinner on Friday, Sept. 28. The welcoming dinner was prepared jointly by the parish's Welcome Team, staff, and Parish Council, who made specialty soups and desserts, complemented by salad and breadsticks from a local restaurant.

Each newcomer or new family received a welcome gift bag as well as special children's gifts for the families, and everyone went home with a lovely flowering plant of mums that had decorated the tables. Approximately 26 new parishioners (a few of whom are shown here) enjoyed the evening, together with an equal number of hosting parishioners.

Another event will be planned for Spring 2008 to welcome those who join St. Patrick's parish family in the next few months.



*Lisa Hudes*



*Brock and Michelle Peoples with infant Patrick*



*Emily Ayers-Johnson*



*Kim and Ned Brockenbrough*



*Jean Anderson*



*Linda Weber (left) and Carolyn Artz with Reed and Stacey Panos*



## in our parish library

The parish library team would like to acquire books of Catholic fiction for the library, and hope that parishioners may be able to donate some. (For a Catholic fiction Web page see [www.catholicfiction.net/catholic-fiction-reading-list/](http://www.catholicfiction.net/catholic-fiction-reading-list/).) Following are some authors and titles the team would like to add:

**Benson, Robert Hugh:** *Come Rack! Come Rope!*  
**Bernanos, Georges:** *The Diary of a Country Priest*  
**Biersach, William L.:** *The Endless Knot*  
**Bronte, Charlotte:** *The Professor*  
**Buechner, Frederick:** *The Storm*  
**Caldwell, Taylor:** *Dear and Glorious Physician; Great Lion of God; etc.*  
**Cather, Willa:** *Death Comes for the Archbishop; My Antonia*  
**Chesterton, G. K.:** *The Man Who Was Thursday*  
**Chopin, Kate:** *The Awakening*  
**Clarke, Susanna:** *Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell*  
**Dickens, Charles:** *A Tale of Two Cities; Bleak House*  
**Doman, Regina:** *The Shadow of the Bear*  
**English, Isobel:** *Every Eye*  
**Fabian, Karina & Robert, eds.:** *Infinite Space, Infinite God*  
**Greenblatt, Stephen:** *Will in the World: How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare*  
**Greene, Graham:** *The Power and the Glory; Travels with My Aunt; etc.*  
**Hansen, Ron:** *Hitler's Niece: A Novel; Mariette in Ecstasy*  
**Harland, Henry:** *The Cardinal's Snuff-Box*  
**Howatch, Susan:** *The Starbridge Novels (Glittering Images, Glamorous Powers, etc.)*  
**Irving, John:** *A Prayer for Owen Meany*  
**James, Henry:** *The American*  
**Kostova, Elizabeth:** *The Historian*  
**Lewis, C. S.:** *Till We Have Faces*  
**Lodge, David:** *Souls and Bodies*  
**Mauriac, François:** *Woman of the Pharisees*  
**McQuerry, Maureen Doyle:** *Wolfproof*  
**Miller, Jr., Walter M.:** *A Canticle for Liebowitz*  
**Murphy, Debra:** *The Mystery of Things*  
**O'Gorman, Farrell:** *Awaiting Orders*  
**Percy, Walker:** *The Moviegoer*  
**Roth, Philip:** *Everyman*  
**Russell, Mary Doria:** *The Sparrow*  
**Sykes, Christopher:** *Evelyn Waugh: A Biography*  
**Tartt, Donna:** *The Secret History*  
**von le Fort, Gertrud:** *The Song at the Scaffold*  
**Waugh, Evelyn:** *Brideshead Revisited; The Loved One*  
**Williams, Robina:** *Jerome and the Seraph; Angelos*

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*If you have trouble locating materials in the library, you may call Lori Mestre (365-9994), library team coordinator, for help. The parish library is open during office hours on Monday through Friday, and on fourth Sundays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.*

## Parish Council News

The St. Patrick's Parish Council, meeting in the multipurpose room Oct. 18, discussed both looking back and looking forward as 2007 winds down.

Council member Jim Mayer asked about the possibility of getting feedback from the parish about the parish's "new" ministry structure, now that it has been in place for over a year. Parish committees and work groups are currently organized under six ministries: Worship, Peace and Justice, Faith Development, Stewardship, Parish Community Life, and Spiritual Enrichment.

Parish trustee Ellen Amberg spoke about the ongoing work of the Second Century Advisory Committee. She noted that a draft of the master plan should be ready for the parish in early 2008, and that the parish has hired an engineering company—Berns, Clancy and Associates—to survey the boundaries of the parish property.

In other business:

- Jim Mayer noted that 60 couples have signed up for the 10 Great Dates program, and that CREW and adult volunteers will provide babysitting for about 60 children.

- A behind-the-scenes tour of the church, an intergenerational event, is planned for Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 6:30 p.m.

- Mary Karten announced that the lectors' schedule for the year has been revised, with all lectors scheduled in the time slots they requested.

- Marty Sierra-Perry reported that the Social Action Committee discussed the Prayers of the Faithful and the need to include more social justice content. A suggestion was made to have petitions represent the different parish ministries.

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*The next Parish Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15, in the parish center following a 6:30 p.m. gathering in the church for prayer. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open meetings.*

## "An enduring peace"

The first Veterans Day was celebrated in 1938, twenty years after the armistice that concluded World War I. It was to be a day "dedicated to the cause of world peace" in remembrance of those who gave their lives in that war.



Subsequently, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars "for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good." In his proclamation in 1954, President Eisenhower stated, "On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all who fought who valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain."

Noble words, these, and perhaps too easily forgotten in our enjoyment of this national holiday. This year, as our country's men and women are engaged in yet another battle on foreign shores, the holiday takes on a more somber note. Some of us already count among the stricken a family member, a friend, or an acquaintance, and may know families mourning the loss of loved ones.

In our prayers, then, let us remember not only those fallen in war but those still serving and sacrificing for the common good, with the aim of promoting an enduring peace.

## Volunteer Opportunities

A friendly visit by a parishioner who also brings Holy Communion makes a world of difference to someone who is 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 a month? *Pastoral care:* Roxie Robinson, 356-2728; Donna Thompson, 688-2701

**More Eucharistic ministers for parish Masses are still needed.** The number of Eucharistic ministers who have resigned because of failing health or changing life circumstances has been barely offset by those who come new to this ministry, so the parish is still experiencing a shortage in this vital area of ministry. If you've felt called to Eucharistic ministry but have been on the fence about it, please call now to get answers to questions or to volunteer. *Worship Ministries Team:* Patricia Fowler, 351-7578

**The well being of our employees is vital to the life of St. Patrick's Parish.** Assistance is needed to continue the Personnel Committee's research and monitoring of parish personnel guidelines that assure all salaried employees of the parish of fair employment practices and competitive compensation levels. *Personnel Committee:* Cindy Kelly, 355-0541

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

*Parish groups can submit entries for this column to the Communications Committee or by calling Mary Lou Menches (344-1125). Provide your name and telephone number or e-mail address, and the name of your group.*



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

Jeannie Rasmussen

#### Cauliflower Bacon Salad

3 c torn lettuce  
8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled  
2 c fresh cauliflower, sliced  
2 green onions, sliced  
1 c sliced radishes  
1/2 bottle cucumber dressing  
1/2 c sour cream




Layer half of the lettuce, bacon, cauliflower, and radishes in a salad bowl. Layer again with remaining half. Combine the cucumber dressing and sour cream and spread over top of salad. Cover and refrigerate at least two hours. Toss gently just before serving.



# St. Patrick's Parish

## November 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 In Focus is November 4.</p>				<p><b>All Saints Day</b> Masses: 7am, 12:10 &amp; 5:15pm 6:45am Men's Bible Study 6pm Building and Grounds 6:30pm Mystagogia 6pm Guild Fashion Show 7pm Choir</p>	<p>10:45am Mass CCNH</p>	<p>7am-7pm Youth Rally, Peoria 9:30am-1pm Centering Prayer: "A Day Apart" 6:15-8:30pm 10 Great Dates, w/ Babysitting</p>
<p>9:15am Children's RE 10:30am Children's Lit. 6pm CREW Mission Meeting 6:30pm Jr-Sr High RE 6:30pm Leaders Bible Study</p>	<p>7pm Baptism Preparation 7pm Centering Prayer 7pm Pro-Life</p>	<p>9:30am Managing Chronic Health Conditions 6pm Council Executive Com. 6pm Family Faith Formation 6:30pm Faith Sharing 6:30pm Mystagogia</p>	<p>12pm Men's Book Club 5pm SVDP 5:15pm Child Choir 6:30pm JustFaith 6:30pm St. Joseph RE 7pm Choir 7pm Re-Membering Church</p>	<p>6:45am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Mystagogia 7pm Choir 7pm RCIA 7pm Social Action</p>	<p>10:30am Mass Care Center 10:45am Mass CCNH</p>	<p>9am-5pm CREW Leaf Raking 9am Parish Nurses Appreciation Breakfast 6pm St. Pat's Present's: Lady Bugs Live</p>
<p><b>Veterans Day</b> 9:15am Children's RE 10:30am Children's Lit. 6:30pm Teen Mass &amp; Dinner 6:30pm Leaders Bible Study</p>	<p>7pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p>9:30am Managing Chronic Health Conditions 5:30pm Financial Affairs 6:30pm Mystagogia 7pm Great Adventure Bible Study</p>	<p>9:30am Schola 5pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 6:30pm JustFaith 6:30pm St. Joseph RE 7pm Choir 7pm Facing the Holidays After a Loss 7pm Re-Membering Church</p>	<p>6:45am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Mystagogia 7pm Choir 7pm Communications 7pm Parish Council 7pm RCIA</p>	<p>10:30am Mass Clark-Lindsey 10:45am Mass CCNH</p>	<p>8:30am Liturgical Ministers Re-commitment</p>
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