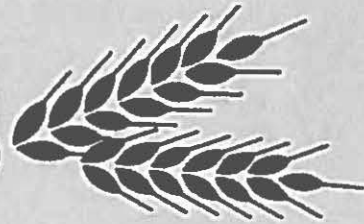


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



www.stpaturbana.org

Thou Shalt Go On A Date!

Even if dating your spouse isn't one of the Ten Commandments, it is an important practice in Christian marriage for those who want to keep their marriage vibrant and healthy.

10 GREAT DATES
TO ENERGIZE YOUR MARRIAGE



Do you ever feel that you and your mate are like ships passing in the

night? Is it hard to remember the last time you went on a legitimate date—where you talked about something other than home repairs or carpools? If so, then 10 Great Dates may be just what you need. This unique program combines fun dates and marriage-building skills. The concept is simple. Couples gather at St. Patrick's for a brief "Date Launch," which introduces the theme for that particular date. Then you and your spouse head out on your own "Great Date."

During these purposeful dates you'll learn to:

- communicate better
- process anger and resolve conflicts
- appreciate differences
- encourage each other
- develop spiritual intimacy
- balance busy lifestyles

and much more!

Each date begins at 6:15 p.m. on the first Saturday of the month, starting Nov. 3. Meet at the parish center for a 20-30 minute presentation and then head on to a location of your choosing. Child care is provided until 8:15 by St. Patrick's youth group (CREW), to whom you can give a donation to support next summer's Mission Trip. Child care enrollment is limited, based on space, and preregistration is required.

10 Great Dates costs \$10 (for the included book). Register by Oct. 22, by calling Jim and Pat Mayer (384-4860) or Ellen and Pat Noonan (403-0979), or by downloading a registration form at www.stpaturbana.org.

This program is appropriate for all ages and stages of marriage. Come and join the fun!

Welcome to all newcomers!

I would like to extend a "Welcome!" to newcomers here at St. Patrick's Parish, both personally and on behalf of the whole parish family.



You'll find that we are a diverse group with varied interests, and that many of us participate in many different ministries. But we do share the common goal of creating a community spirit that fosters the belief that "all are welcome."

There are many opportunities for you to get to know others in the par-

ish and to become involved at whatever level you are comfortable with. Share coffee and doughnuts on Sunday mornings. Come to the parish-wide programs. If you have children, both you and they will enjoy the lively inspiration of Children's Liturgy. Do consult the parish's ministry guidebook, which describes all of the various ministry opportunities at St. Patrick's.

However you choose to become involved here, please know that you are a vital part of our community, our parish family, God's family. Welcome.

Joe Rasmussen
St. Patrick's Parish Trustee

Violence destroys what it claims to defend: the dignity, the life, the freedom of human beings.

Violence is a crime against humanity, for it destroys the very fabric of society.... To all of you who are listening I say: Do not believe in violence: do not support violence. It is not the Christian way. It is not the way of the Catholic Church. Believe in peace and forgiveness and love, for they are of Christ.



John Paul II
Speech in Northern Ireland
1979



Q: What is a vocation? And how can I tell whether I have one?

A: A quick answer is that everyone has a vocation. Each of us, created by God, has a vocation, a calling, to love and serve God. More specifically, of course, we must consider just how we are called to serve God: in consecrated life as a religious, in ordained life as deacon or priest, in married life as spouse and parent, in dedicated single life. The calling to love and serve God plays itself out in some one of these ways of life.

In discerning your vocation, ask what you feel called to do. What do you hope for? What are you attracted to? What you desire is frequently an excellent sign (though not a definitive one) that it is a right direction for you. Imagine yourself in different futures; which seems right for you?

What do you think will give you a sense of personal fulfillment? Here, distinguish between the job you may end up doing and the way of life in which you carry out your life's tasks. Not "Should I be a teacher," but "Am I called to teach as a layperson or as a religious or as an ordained deacon or priest?"

One person described his vocation to

be a permanent deacon in this way: "It seems to me that my calling was something more in line with a desire, a realization that something was missing in my life, although I didn't know what that was for many years. I would hear that calling in my heart without the words to describe what I was hearing. Once I recognized that somehow what I was hearing was connected with God, the desire became magnified, the call became louder, and I could no longer deny the reality of what I felt I was being called to do."

This provides signs to look for: the persistence of the call, recognition of the call, a personal connection of the call to the voice of God in one's heart and life, a personal response to the call, and an ongoing discernment of the call as the voice of God continues to resonate in the heart.

A woman who had just taken first vows as a religious wrote: "Sometimes my thoughts are about 'I should do this' or 'the Church needs religious'—those are the times when I am listening to myself and my own will. At other times I experience a sense of being called to greater intimacy with God, often when I am struggling with some aspect of religious life or when following the call means making a

choice contrary to the one that would advance a career or make worldly sense in some other way. And yet, those are the times when I feel I've been most in touch with God's will. Over time, I'm learning to listen with my heart for that quiet call to come closer, to recognize it (rather than the duty-oriented approach) as the real way in which God speaks to my heart."

In the end, of course, your calling is a personal one. Explore the idea of it yourself, how you feel about it, how it "fits" (or doesn't) with who you are or who you want to be. Then find someone to talk with, someone in whom you can freely confide your thoughts, desires, feelings. This might be your parish priest, a relative (especially your parents) or close friend, someone who's content in the way of life to which you feel called. Ask many questions, yes, but also listen and think long about what you've heard.

Most importantly, bring your questions and desires to God and learn to listen to God's response in your heart of hearts.

* * *

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

From our Sister Church in Bethlehem

Dear Joseph Youakim,

I am happy and grateful to tell you that I have received the check you have sent with Linda Youakim. And very sorry for the delay in answering you, which is a result of technical problems with my computer....

I am happy to tell you some news about us. We have just come back from Italy with two teachers of our school, one of them is Suhail, and 16 eleventh-grade male and female students. This ends the first phase of a project with a parish and school there, of which the second phase will begin when they come and visit us here. It was a great and fruitful experience which we hope and wish to expand.

This is some of our news; hope that you are all doing well. Best wishes and regards from Suhail to you all.



Sincerely,
Fr. Nidal Qatma

After being a priest for forty years I realize each day how terribly weak and inadequate I am. God has anointed us as priests to represent Christ and to serve in his name. So often we blur this image, but in a marvelous and mysterious manner God accomplishes his will through our ministry. "Do you love me?" the risen Jesus asks us as he did Peter. Like Peter we respond, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Then Jesus says to us, in spite of all our denials, in spite of all our limitations, "Feed my lambs ... tend my sheep ... feed my sheep."

—Bishop Stephen Blaire

Parish Council News

What features would the perfect church and parish center have? Members of the St. Patrick's Parish Council had the opportunity to consider this question during their monthly meeting Sept. 20.

Stauder Architecture, the firm that has been hired to develop a facilities master plan for the parish, has submitted eight pages of questions on features desired in an enlarged church and parish center.

Members of the Second Century Committee, the parish staff, and the Parish Council have all had an opportunity to give their opinions on the answers to Stauder's questions.



Among the questions and comments that came out of the Parish Council's brainstorming session were the following:

How many people should the church hold? While the current church seats 300, a remodeled church should hold 700, Parish Council members suggested, but stressed the importance of keeping the space intimate.

How many Masses should be offered each weekend? Fewer Masses, with one on Saturday and two on Sunday, was suggested. One Parish Council member observed, "The less you divide your parish community, the more of a parish community you have."

Where should the choir be located? While some suggested having the choir in the front of the church, this location might be a distraction. One possibility would be to have space for the choir both near the front of the church and in a choir loft, giving the choir flexibility depending on needs at the time.

Where should the baptismal font be located? There was interest in having the baptismal font featured prominently in the back of the church, where it could also be used as a holy water font.

How big should the sanctuary, the vesting sacristy, and the vestibule be? The consensus was that all of these areas

need to be at least twice their current size.

Should there be a chapel for daily Mass and a cry room? Parish Council members agreed these were desirable features.

What changes are needed in the parish center? Among the possibilities were

- a larger, more hidden, and better-ventilated kitchen
- no classrooms in the basement
- a "front door" to the parish center
- a separate workroom with a copy machine
- a more visible library
- parish offices that offer more privacy
- a physical connection to the church

When asked by Fr. Hogan "What makes a sacred space? What inspires you and takes your breath away?" members suggested windows that let in natural light, stained glass windows depicting biblical scenes, exceptional art work, warm colors and textures, and natural wood.

Stauder Architecture will be working with the Second Century Advisory Committee compiling ideas over the next several months, and expects to have a master plan ready to present to the parish after the first of the year.

In other business:

Fr. Hogan said that, while the parish has been conducting a search, St. Patrick's probably won't have a full-time pastoral associate to succeed Sister Charlene this year.

The Parish Council discussed the Ministry Weekend, which took place Sept. 8 and 9. One suggestion was to have the tables publicizing the different ministries set up on the same weekend that the ministry booklets are distributed, rather than on the same weekend that the Time and Talent Surveys are collected.

* * *

The next Parish Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18, 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.

"What return shall I make..."

Sept. 8-9 was signup weekend for ministry commitments for the coming year. The parish is well on its way toward the goal of 100% participation: 438 people volunteered in one or more of 74 different areas of service!

Giving time and talent is a large part of the overall concept of stewardship. Each person is asked to give what they can from their income to support the parish, but the giving of time and ability is equally important. While the cost of running a parish and maintaining its facilities grows each year, so does the need for willing

hands and hearts to carry on Christ's work.

Whether you feel called to help with gardening on the parish grounds or carrying the Body of Christ to the homebound, each contribution of time and ability is a gift. It takes hundreds of people and thousands of hours to do all that needs to be done, from the simplest to the most technical. Without the sharing of each parishioner's

gifts, the work would simply not get done. From feeding family and friends after the funeral of a loved one to maintaining the parish Web site,

every task is necessary, every task is important.

If you haven't signed up in the past, make this your year to do so. If you have a special talent or an area you would like to help with that you don't see

listed, talk about it with the parish



Continued on page 8

Morning of the World

A car window
blurring forests,
clouds, Mexican mountains together
was interrupted by a wobbling sound
bumping, shaking:
a flat
tire.

All stopped.

No shoulders here at all.
We stepped out near tall, silent trees—
hands in pockets,
light, quiet Spanish conversation.

Those in charge dispatched two of us
back to the curve behind us
to build a signal pile of brush in our lane.

Oncoming cars saw our warning,
changed lanes, and whizzed by
with smiles and nods.

In the distance our friends
executed a slow tire and tools dance
while we, the brush masters, blended
into green, chartreuse, blue,
and bright specks of color,



insect sounds, whisper of leaves,
cumulonimbus clouds,
butterflies on inexplicable errands.
Around us was the morning of the world.

A Oaxaca ant tanager, Mexican pepper-shrike,
Chichen Itza becard, or was it a mangrove cuckoo
against a backdrop of switch sorrow,
Spanish cedar, palo amarillo, wild fig, flor de corazon.

We answered bird calls
received with fragrances
of flowering trees and weeds.

We created pauses within our pauses.
Tree arms around us reached skyward,
as in a ritual of holy praise.

Sleepy mountain deities leaned over us,
whispering eternal truths
that I have forgotten.

This world had memories
of a lost home;
it was curves of a woman's body,
a millennium world, with echoes
in deep cisterns
of our being.

—Unpublished poem by Quentin Kirk

**in our parish library**

The library will be cataloging Dr. James Healy's book *When the Cake Is Gone: How to Be Married and Stay Engaged*, which offers practical strategies for staying engaged and addresses issues involved in a healthy marriage. Also see *First Years and Forever* (November 2001) at www.familyministries.org/FirstYearsForever/Vol.01/Iss.03.htm, a feature about Dr. Healy from The Cana Conference of Chicago.

The Good Marriage: How and Why Love Lasts, by Judith S. Wallenstein and Sandra Blakeslee (301.4 WAL), discusses the natural stages of marriage and nine tasks one must undertake to make a good marriage. Through fifty interviews with couples married nine or more years and with at least one child, the authors examine factors that allow relationships to succeed.

Love Life for Every Married Couple: How to Fall in Love and Stay in Love, by Dr. Ed Wheat and Gloria Okes Perkins (301 WHE), provides ways to improve your marriage through sharing, touching, appreciating, and focusing healing attention on your mate. This is not a

book of exercises for couples in a troubled marriage, rather a book based on scripture.

Marriage: A Covenant of Seasons, by Mary van Balen Holt (301.4 HOL), presents the seasons in a marriage as cyclic: a young, newly married couple may experience a winter of struggle in communication or intimacy; an older couple may enjoy a springtime in their relationship. All married couples experience many springs, summers, autumns, and winters. The author also provides advice for Christian couples on trust in God.

The Soul of a Marriage, by Patrick and Claudette McDonald (301.4 McD), integrates spirituality with the normal conflicts couples experience as their needs shift between autonomy and togetherness.

* * *

If you have trouble locating materials in the library or 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 Lori Mestre (365-9994), library team coordinator, for help. The parish library is now open during office hours, Monday through Friday.

Cellar-to-Garret Sale raises \$8500

Another very successful Cellar-to-Garret Sale is history. Ably chaired by two couples, Jim and Jennifer Richardson and Erin Dunn and Henry Emerle, the Guild-sponsored event held in August raised about \$8500.

Besides raising a lot of money for the parish, the sale met some other needs. People going through hard times found items they could use, in two or three \$2 bags of appliances and clothes at the Saturday bag sale. A family with several children, who had been robbed, received a computer and clothes.

On a lighter note, one gardener found a spray nozzle, just what he

needed for his hose. A father-son hobbyist team spotted a vintage 1970's Commodore computer to play around with. Two people, generations apart, were delighted to find 8-track tape players. These endless stories illustrate how one person's cast-offs can find new life in someone else's home.

Both couples chairing the sale had been looking for a way to contribute to the parish, when Fr. Joe approached them with the idea that this would be a way they could offer their services. "We had done nothing on this level before—just helped our

parents with their own garage sales," Jim said.

When the four of them first went to the garage stuffed with donations, they were over-

whelmed. But more experienced hands gave them pointers on how to proceed, and they soon realized that organizing it all was doable. Then they were amazed at how quickly and how repeatedly the garage kept filling up!

Henry remarked, "People are so giving—of their contributions, their time, their effort, all pulling together, being careful about giving useful things in good condition, coming out of Sunday Mass to carry boxes from the garage, volunteering during the week to set up and price, cashiering, working in the furniture area and the specialty rooms, providing food for the workers, tearing down, cleaning up."

Many people have been involved in the annual sale over the years, taking on other roles. This continuity is a legacy. It was a team effort. The co-chairs appreciate the efforts of everyone who helped and especially thank past chairs for their guidance: Carla and Bill Simmering, Susan Hublein, and Irma and Ray Wait.



With Fr. Joe in a brief respite during the sale are cochairs Henry Emerle and Erin Dunn (center) and Jennifer and Jim Richardson.



The furniture "showroom" always offers special bargains for incoming students—and others.



More books than you can shake a stick at—for the patient browser.



Nancy Costa makes sure each arrival is stamped—the price of admission!

(Below) Potential buyers line up well in advance of the opening on a rainy Saturday morning.



October 7 is Respect Life Sunday

The Peoria Diocese Respect Life Board requests that all its parishes participate in the **PENNIES FOR LIFE** collection taken on Respect Life Sunday, observed this year on Oct. 7. All parishioners, including children, are asked to give one penny for each year of their life. The collection helps to fund the Family Resource Center in Peoria, which supports families in many useful ways, making available movies that families can watch together and books, pamphlets, and other documents that provide vital information on Catholicism and its stand on abortion. You can call the center, or drop in when you are in Peoria, to ask for such materials.

The other activity on each Respect Life Sunday is the **LIFE CHAIN**. This event is held from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Hessel Park in Champaign. Participants pick up signs (from 1:30 onwards) at the southwest corner of the park and then line up along Kirby Ave. This event is strictly prayerful; there is no parade, no group prayer,

no calling out to passers-by. Each person simply holds a sign and stands for one hour praying for an end to abortion. This witness impacts communities all over the U.S. and Canada. Come to bear witness to the fact that abortion kills, that *it must be stopped*. If you can't be present, wherever you are sometime between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. please join in prayer for the conversion of hearts.

Of course, don't limit your prayers to Oct. 7. Every day babies die, elderly people are abused, suicides happen, embryos are destroyed. Many issues need many prayers all the time.

Also, consider joining the parish's Pro-Life Committee to assist in efforts to help everyone become more aware of life issues. Please help in any way you can as often as you can.



Welcome to new parishioners

John and Stephanie Farney, Eric and Lisa Hudes Frey, Barbara Flassig, Michelle Hymer, Mitch Lowenstein, Jeffrey and Katherine Moore, Minh and Ha Le Nguyen, Peter and Ragina Overmann, Brock and Michelle Peoples, Evaristo Quiroz, and Christopher and Maureen Stack.

Farewell to these parishioners who have moved away: Lucille and Oscar Kocher, Elenor and Frank Rentschler, Rose Marie Krueger, Juan and Norma Scagnoli Said, Pawel and Renee Potera, Jandee and Lewis Taylor, Ylvis Lathulerie, Joe O'Brien, Monique Mann, Francine and Scott Clark, April Getchius, Michael Arnold, Erin Baxley, and Michael Martin.

Welcome to the following, baptized into our faith community: Kelvin Nguyen Le, Mya Elizabeth Billman, Henry Joseph Wagner, and Anthony Michael Diaz-Stack.

Congratulations to these couples, married at St. Patrick's: Megan Cousert and Jarred Beedy, Maggie Weislo and Jared Freiburg, Lola Reese and Joe Pittenger, Amy Nguyen and Sun Vu, Marie Bozinovich and Ken Horn, and Molly Helgesen and Charles Blixen.

Please pray for deceased parishioners Mary Ann Parks and Vivian Wilson.

Also remember in your prayers the many seriously and chronically ill members of our parish, whom the "Privacy Act" prevents us from naming here.

Good Samaritans: Tights, mask, and cape optional

A parishioner needs a ride to the doctor or the grocery store. A couple needs a ride to mass for a few Sundays. Another parishioner has poor vision and needs help with correspondence. Still another needs a prescription picked up. Such simple needs, but they can be overwhelming if there is no one to help.

That's what Carla Simmering was thinking when she approached Fr. Joe about gathering some Good Samaritans, St. Patrick's members who could lend a hand in such simple ways. Fr. Joe liked the idea and she went with it.

She has several volunteers, but more are needed. These tasks have no long-term commitment, but the re-

quests often come up suddenly. Most need to be accomplished on weekdays, though some, like reading or writing correspondence, can be done at any time.



Recently a woman was in the process of moving, but her helper couldn't make it on the last day and her landlord said she had to be out. A Good Samaritan transported just a few boxes to the new place—a job that was easily accomplished on a Saturday morning.

Carla emphasizes that the Good Samaritans do not do tasks for which home health aides are trained. Volunteers may be any age, and families can volunteer together. Call Carla (328-4841) if you too would like to be a superhero rescuing parishioners in the nick of time!



Deadline for submission of information, articles and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is October 14.

What's new with CREW?

CREW opened its new year with a parents meeting on Sept. 9, with 25 families participating. Of the 113 teens in the CREW database, approximately half are registered in the parish's religious education program and 23 of these are freshmen—the biggest freshman class in some time.

About 60 teens attended the CREW kickoff party. The CREW theme for the year is "Re-CREW-ing for Christ." SALT (Student Action Leadership Team) members number 12 and are in charge of various youth group activities on Sunday evenings; they also provide input to the Youth Minister about the direction of the youth group.

This year there will be two teen retreats, the first on Oct. 27 led by St. Patrick's staff. The other, in February, will take teens to Noblesville, Ind., for participation in Destination Jesus. Preparation classes for Confirmation on May 13 will begin in January.

In keeping with the theme "The Liturgy and the Sacraments" of the regular religious education classes, four teen Masses (each followed by dinner for participants) are scheduled this year, the first on Sept. 30.

Next summer's CREW Mission Trip, Jul. 6-11, will take teens to a Winnebago Reservation in Omaha, Neb. There they will work together with Native Americans and another youth group from Humphrey, Neb. Several fundraisers in support of the Mission Trip are planned for this fall:

- Sale of Macy's "Shop for a Cause" coupons for \$5, Sept. 29-30 and Oct. 6-7. These coupons offer extra discounts in the store on Oct. 13 and include a "\$10 off" coupon. All proceeds go to support the Mission Trip.
- Pizza Days at Village Inn Pizza. The first Pizza Day is Oct. 11; present the flyer in the bulletin Oct. 6-7 when you eat in or get takeout from Village Inn Pizza, and 15% of your order will go to support the Mission Trip. (Village Inn Pizza is owned by parishioners John and Donna Rinkenberger.)
- Sale of holiday evergreens. CREW members will take orders for wreaths, garlands, and centerpieces Oct. 13-14 through Nov. 3-4. Gift orders for out-of-town relatives and friends will also be accepted.

Leaf Raking on Saturday, Nov. 10. The number of requests that can be honored is limited, so get yours in early!



If you are a shutterbug and like to take photos at parish events, please look through your snapshots for some that CREW could use in putting together a classy calendar for the year 2009. Deliver photo prints to Peggy Loftus's parish center mailbox or send digital images to peggy@loftuscountry.com.

CREW is looking for pictures that showcase the parish, whether of folks enjoying a parish social event, a child praying in the church, the church or parish center framed in the glory of spring blossoms, or a particularly striking seasonal theme inside the church.

Photos needn't be recent. If you have a great photo from a few years ago, send it on—all submissions are welcome and will be collected all year long, so do keep those cameras busy!

Volunteer Opportunities

Vital to the life of the parish is the well being of its employees. Help continue the research and monitoring of the parish's personnel guidelines that assure all its salaried employees of fair employment practices and competitive compensation levels. *Personnel Committee:* Cindy Kelly, 355-0541

Those who sort and repackage food items for hungry applicants frequently need more helping hands. Can you lend yours one or two mornings a week, or on an occasional basis? *SVDP Food Pantry:* Sophia Zeigler, 328-2671



Parish groups can submit entries for this column to the Communications Committee or by calling Margaret Stewart (356-9475). Provide your name and telephone number or e-mail address, and the name of your group.

Vocation Prayer



Good and gracious God, out of love you have given us many gifts to build up your kingdom. May we always work with your Son and the Holy Spirit in using these gifts to serve your Church. Bless our young with discerning hearts to consider vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life, and bless those who have already answered your call. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Parish Nurses present Health Fair Oct. 21

Make St. Patrick's seventh annual Health Fair a family affair this year. The Parish Nurses are providing activities for parishioners of various ages and interests, a little something for everyone.

This year's fair includes:

- demonstrations of the Automatic External Defibrillator
- blood pressure screenings
- information on cancer prevention and awareness
- fire safety and family services information
- materials on self-help
- "Ask a Pharmacist" medication questions
- the Vial of Life program

The Health Fair, sponsored by St. Patrick's Parish Nurses, is on Sunday, Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the main hall of the parish center. Have your cake and eat it too: come for coffee and doughnuts, and stick around for this great chance to learn about a variety of health issues. After all, Catholic liturgy uses the body, not just the mind, so it makes sense to take care of your body!

Independence despite a chronic health condition

Do you have a chronic condition? Do you want to learn how to take care of it? Do you want more independence, for more years, despite having it? Do you care for someone with a chronic health condition?

If you answered yes to any of those questions, check out the Tuesday morning classes offered by the Parish Nurses at St. Patrick's, on October 9, 16, 23, 30 and November 6 and 13. The classes run from 9:30 a.m. until noon, in the multipurpose room in the parish center. Cosponsors with the Parish Nurses are Family Services and the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging.

For more information, or to register, call Pat Fettig (356-8136) or Lilia Peters (355-9233).

Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Kathy Sarnecki

Fresh Tomato Soup

- 4 lbs. fresh tomatoes, peeled, seeded, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 c vegetable broth
- 1/4 c chopped onion
- Salt to taste

Bring ingredients to a boil over high heat, in a medium nonreactive saucepan (not copper or aluminum). Reduce to moderate heat and cook until onion is tender, about 15 minutes.

Tips

Add basil, parsley, or other fresh herbs. Serve with a dollop of sour cream or yogurt and tortilla chips. Float croutons on top. If you like, add cooked pasta, white beans, diced zucchini, rice, spinach—raid the fridge!

* * *

If you have a recipe you'd like to share, please send it to Ellen Noonan (403-0979 or jpnoon@earthlink.net). The only requirement is that it be easy and quick to prepare!



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.

Please send news items to a Communications Committee member, leave them in the committee's mailbox in the parish center, or call a committee member. Submissions are subject to review and/or editing by the committee and staff. By-lines are generally omitted.

Editorial board: Mary Lee Brady, 344-3752 (bradysipes@sbcglobal.net); Judy Fierke, 352-7670 (j.fierke@insightbb.com); Mary Lou Menches, 344-1125 (mmenches@uiuc.edu); Carol Mosca, 390-0201 (amosca2@uiuc.edu); Cathy Salika, 367-7861 (csalika@uillinois.edu); Margaret Stewart, 356-9475 (mkestewart@aol.com); and Peggy Whelan, 367-3668.

Associates: Carol Bosley, Betty Christian, John and Tim Colombo, Joe and Nancy Costa, Frances Drone-Silvers, Mary Fonner, Camille Goudeseune, Dave and Cole Grabow, Lisa Hall, Mary Karten, Ellen Noonan, Marty and Nathaniel Perry, Carole Rebeiz, Lucille Salika, Sue Schreiber, Stephanie Smith, John Towns, Jim Urban, Naneera Vidhayasirinun, and Mary Welle.

Articles and information for this issue were provided by Mary Lee Brady, Pat Fettig, Quentin Kirk, Peggy Loftus, Pat Mayer, Mary Lou Menches, Lori Mestre, Ellen Noonan, Nancy Olson, Lilia Peters, Joe Rasmussen, Leslie Risatti, Cathy Salika, Kathy Sarnecki, Sue Schreiber, Shirley Splittstoesser, Margaret Stewart, and Joseph Youakim. This issue was edited by Camille Goudeseune and paged by John and Tim Colombo.

What Return Shall I make . . .

From page 3


staff or a Parish Council member. Odds are that there is a way for you to share your gift.

You've heard it said that it takes a village to raise a child. It also takes every member to make a parish the best that it can be, one that serves the needs of the Body of Christ in our parish, our community, and our world. The song often sung at weekend Masses puts it best: "We are many parts, we are all one body; and the gifts we have, we are given to share." God bless you for the generous sharing of your gifts.



St. Patrick's Parish October 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	7pm Centering Prayer 7pm Pro-Life	5:30pm Financial Affairs 6:30pm Mystagogia	5:15pm Children's Choir 5:15pm SVDP 6:30pm JustFaith 6:30pm St. Joe Rel. Ed. 7pm Choir	6:45am Men's Bible Study 6pm Building and Grounds 6:30pm Mystagogia 7pm RCIA 7pm Social Action 7pm Choir	10:45am Mass CCNH	8:30-12pm Cantor Workshop
1	2	3	4	JustFaith Retreat		6
9:15am Rel Ed 10:30am Childrens Lit. 6pm CREW Mission Meeting 6:30pm Jr.-Sr. High Rel Ed 6:30pm Leaders Bible Study	7pm Centering Prayer	6pm Parish Council Exec. Committee 6:30pm Faith Sharing 6:30pm Mystagogia 9:30-12pm Achieving Your Personal Best	9:30am Schola 5:15pm Children's Choir 5:15pm SVDP 6:30pm JustFaith 6:30pm St. Joe Rel. Ed. 7pm Choir	6:45am Mens Bible Study 6:30pm Mystagogia 7pm Choir 7pm RCIA	9am Catechesis of the Good Shepard 10:30am Mass Care Center 10:45am Mass CCNH	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:15am Rel Ed 10:30am Childrens Lit. Rel Ed, Lynn Grandon on Chastity: 4pm Parents 6:30pm Teens 6:30pm Jr. High Rel Ed 6:30pm Leaders Bible Study	7pm Centering Prayer	6:30pm Mystagogia 7pm Worship Ministries Team 9:30-12pm Achieving Your Personal Best	5:15pm Children's Choir 5:15pm SVDP 6:30pm CREW SALT 6:30pm JustFaith 6:30pm St. Joe Rel. Ed. 7pm Social Action 7pm Choir	6:45am Mens Bible Study 6:30pm Mystagogia 7pm Choir 7pm Parish Council 7pm RCIA	9am Catechesis of the Good Shepard 10:30am Mass Clark-Lindsey 10:45am Mass CCNH	6pm K of C Spagetti Dinner
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Health Fair 8:30-12pm Blood Pressure Screening 9:15am Rel Ed 10:15 K of C 5pm Cath. Teen Connection, Pesotum 6:30pm Leaders Bible Study	7pm Centering Prayer 6-9pm Liturgical Ministry Training	6:30pm Faith Sharing 6:30pm Mystagogia 9:30-12pm Achieving Your Personal Best	9:30am Schola 5:15pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 6:30pm JustFaith 6:30pm St. Joe Rel. Ed. 7pm Choir 7pm Evening of Remembrance	6:45am Mens Bible Study 6:30pm Mystagogia 7pm Choir 7pm Communications 7pm RCIA	10:45am Mass CCNH	10am Teen Retreat at St. Philomena
21	22	23	24	Cursillo Weekend		27
6:30-8pm Jr.-Sr. High 6:30pm Leaders Bible Study	7pm Centering Prayer	12pm Seniors Luncheon 6:30pm Mystagogia 9:30-12pm Achieving Your Personal Best	Halloween 5:15pm SVDP 5:15pm Mass (All Saints) 6:30pm JustFaith 7pm Choir	Because the calendar is prepared in advance, be sure to check the parish bulletin to confirm dates and times of listed events. Deadline for the next issue of <i>In Focus</i> is October 14.		
28	29	30	31			

