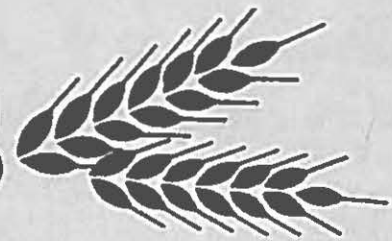


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



## "Need a little help. God bless!"

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." So Jesus said. Someone reflecting on these words wrote:

"Recently I had to tell a homeless woman with a broken-down camper that she couldn't stay in the church parking lot. I offered her prayer and money for a tow truck-hardly enough, considering her great need.

I also keep a handful of powerbars in my car and offer them to the people I see at freeway exits with cardboard signs reading 'Need a little help. God bless.' Is it enough, I wonder?"

And continues: "Dear Jesus, how can I be faithful, how can I call myself Christian when there are times my compassion runs dry and I turn away? Those times



*As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.*

I just can't see you, just can't know your pain. It is too much to bear.

"Jesus, you answer my questions with your life. You gave what you had-healing, stories, parables. You opened yourself to receive-meals, lodging, blessing. You said to give what I have-time, prayer, cash, compassion, my story, whatever it might be-and I will receive an overflowing portion in return.

"So Jesus, here I am, and not just me-here we are, here because of you. You have marked our lives, called us your own. You have left us with more to do than can ever be done, but you have also left us with indelible hope stamped on our hearts. And you do not ask us to struggle alone, but with you at our side, helping to shoulder the very burdens you ask us to carry."

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## Sophia retires? Really!

Are you looking forward to retiring at 55? 60? 65? What do you think of retiring at the age of 89? Sophia Zeigler is stepping down from her role as president and parish leader of the St. Vincent DePaul Society (SVDP) at the age of 89, due to health considerations.

Born in 1919 to immigrants from Poland, and the seventh of twelve children, Sophia first became aware of hunger issues at the age of 14. She was working as a maid for a family in New York City in 1935 when she saw people in line for food. Many years later, she realized they were waiting at Dorothy Day's Catholic Worker

soup kitchen, and she later completed the circle by being one of those who help provide food for those who need it.

Sophia married Martin Zeigler, and they moved to Urbana in 1963, when he took an administrative position at the U of I. She has volunteered all her life, as a Girl Scout leader and as co-chair of the Mercy Hospital resale shop, among others. And she helped at the Catholic Worker House when it was located on



Sophia Zeigler

University Avenue in Urbana. At one point, Father George Dorsey, former co-pastor at St. Patrick's, asked her to make "a few gallons of soup" for the Worker House. Making those few gallons developed into making up to 35 gallons at a time,

using whatever food was available, to freeze for the Worker House.

Martin began the work of SVDP at St. Patrick's and Sophia has

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### Broken Perfume Bottle

As a boy I was invisible to girls and women  
until a daughter of Springtime  
very young but womanly  
standing on a small bridge looking down  
called to me, pointed-

"There! There! Would you get them for me?  
I collect broken, colored glass!"

Broken and colored glass-there was a long pause  
while my universe rearranged.

"But I am invisible."

She watched-  
eyes: green valleys of Mexico,  
shoulders: Old Testament hills and meadows,  
arms: Fall rains in abandoned wooded places,  
folds of her dress: secrets of flowers,  
secrets of bees, and stars.

"For art class"-she said-  
help I did not need.

I harvested sparkling lights-  
leaning over moving liquid sky,  
balancing on rocks  
making calculated leaps stone to stone  
reaching out under  
blue distant crow calls,  
green bird chatter.

I resurrected a last will and testament  
of an old perfume bottle:  
tourquoise pale, Indian red,  
teal, emerald, lavender  
and sun-bright yellows.

Standing beside her on the bridge  
she paid me with smiles-  
she paid me with slight nervous movements  
of hands and eyes.  
I wished the creek had been a rushing river,  
deep and wide, crocodiles and alligators,  
and piranhas and sharks and  
stinging eels.

~New and unpublished poem by Quentin Kirk



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When did we see Jesus? Was he  
the man standing at the freeway  
off-ramp with a cardboard sign? Or  
the single mom with a blown head  
gasket and no way to get to work?  
Or the son agonizing over his mother  
in a nursing home? Or a friend's  
aunt, booked into the county jail for  
drunk driving? Or a childless, shut-  
in neighbor with an arthritic cat?

Is Jesus the orphan in West  
Angola eager for a hot breakfast?  
The tsunami survivor or hurricane  
survivor digging possessions out of  
the mud? The shopkeeper in Iraq  
with the shot-out windows?

There's not a person alive who  
doesn't need to see the love of God  
extended through someone else. We  
need only be willing; God will take  
care of the rest.



**Welcome to new parishioners**  
Andy and Karleen Havrilla, Jane  
and John Nelson, Denise and  
Warren Hood, Christine and  
Goeffrey Pociask, and Andrew and  
Christa Weiss.

**Farewell to these parishio-  
ners who have moved away:**  
Elizabeth and William Cain.

**Welcome to the following,  
baptized into our faith commu-  
nity:** Thomas Joaquin Coleman.

**Congratulations** to Gerald  
Ruiz and Darlene Wyatt, married  
at St. Patrick's.

**Please pray for deceased  
parishioner** Beulah Washburn.

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

## Parish ministry to the deaf and hard of hearing is growing

St. Patrick's parishioner Minette Sternke has been busy updating and expanding ministry to the deaf and hard of hearing for St. Patrick's. After four years of study, she has now completed a Ministry Formation Program for Catholic Deaf Adults in Chicago. She will receive her catechetical certificate during the 5:00 p.m. Mass on July 26, following a reception at 3 p.m. in the parish center. All parishioners are invited to come and congratulate Minette on this achievement.



ministry events for the deaf and hard of hearing. She also posted information on the pilgrimage so that others could join them spiritually.

Ministry to the deaf and hard of hearing is expanding at St. Patrick's. It began

with sign language interpretation at noon Mass, currently available on first and third Sundays of each month. It is hoped that this may eventually be extended to every Sunday. Interpreters are also provided for Mass on special occasions (e.g., Christmas and Easter) and for various parish events (e.g., "St. Patrick's Presents...").

Minette has just returned from a pilgrimage in Italy with a group of about 75 deaf Catholics from Chicago. The group toured Milan, Padua, Florence, Venice, and Assisi on their way to Rome. On June 25, she participated in a general audience in St. Peter's Square with 1,300 other deaf Catholics from 20 different countries around the world. They were given a special seating area, and the Holy Father included the deaf pilgrims in his remarks on that day.

As part of her fourth-year studies, Minette organized a Communal Reconciliation service for the deaf and hard of hearing, last year on November 9 and again this year on March 14. For the latter event, Fr. Mike Depcik, who is himself deaf, came down from Chicago. Father Depcik grew up in Chicago and has been

That afternoon, Minette participated in a Conference for Deaf Pastoral Workers. They split up into their geographical areas (North America, South America, Europe, Africa, etc.) to discuss the challenges, needs, and successes of their areas.

The following morning, on June 26, all of the deaf pilgrims gathered again for Mass in St. Peter's Basilica in front of the throne of St. Peter for Mass. They enjoyed a social time in the afternoon, getting together to learn from one another.

Minette has set up a Web site ([www.cudeafministry.typepad.com](http://www.cudeafministry.typepad.com)) primarily to provide information about Champaign-Urbana

ordained a priest of the Missionary Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. It is hoped that another Communal Reconciliation service for the deaf and hard of hearing will be offered in the spring, again with Father Depcik.

An Afternoon of Renewal is planned for Saturday, October 11, with Fr. Joe Mulcrone from Chicago. Fr. Mulcrone is the director of the Catholic Office of the Deaf for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Although he himself is not deaf, he is fluent in the use of sign language and has been active in ministry to the deaf since about 1977. During the Afternoon of Renewal he will speak on Jesus from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The group will celebrate Mass at 5:00 p.m. with the parish community, with Fr. Mulcrone serving as principal celebrant in Total Communication (i.e., using both sign language and spoken English).

Any parishioners who would like more information about these ministries or would like to help are encouraged to contact Minette via email at [cudeafministry@gmail.com](mailto:cudeafministry@gmail.com).

**Jesus, the Blessed Child of the Father, is a peacemaker. His peace doesn't mean only absence of war. It is not simply harmony or equilibrium. His peace is the fullness of well-being, gratuitously given by God. Jesus says, "Peace I leave to you, my own peace I give you, a peace which the world cannot give, this is my gift to you" (John 14:27).**

**Peace is Shalom—well-being of mind, heart, and body, individually and communally. It can exist in the midst of a war-torn world, even in the midst of unresolved problems and increasing human conflicts. Jesus made that peace by giving his life for his brothers and sisters. This is no easy peace, but it is everlasting and it comes from God. Are we willing to give our lives in the service of peace?**

~Henri J. M. Nouwen





## in our parish library

During June the classrooms, including the parish library, underwent a transformation, including painting, carpeting, and reconfigurations. Because the library shelves are inaccessible at the time of this writing, the highlighting of various library books will resume next month. Meanwhile, please note the following call for library volunteers.

You can help spruce up the library and contribute to the reading pleasure of our parishioners. No experience is needed; we can train you or give you tasks that you feel comfortable doing. Adults and young adults are welcome.

There are many ways you can help. Volunteers could shelve materials; relabel shelves to help others find subject areas; process books; enter library cataloging information into a computer; weed the library collection of outdated material; help organize the library;

prepare reading lists by subject; write an *In Focus* library column; develop content for a library Web page; or create displays for events. And if none of these appeal to you, there are lots of others!

You might really enjoy an air-conditioned volunteer "job" this summer—and if you develop an interest in your chosen activity, you can always plan to continue in the fall! If you are interested, please contact the library team coordinator, Lori Mestre (lmestre@uillinois.edu or 365-9994).

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*If you would like to donate books on the parish library's wish list, please contact Lori Mestre (365-9994), library team coordinator. If you need help locating materials in the library, Lori or one of the other team members will be happy to help.*

*The parish library is open weekdays during office hours, and on the fourth and fifth Sundays of the month from 8:30 to 10:45 a.m.*

## 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: Donna Thompson, 688-2701.*

**Many volunteers will be needed for St. Patrick's annual fundraiser, the Cellar-to-Garret Sale, the week of Aug. 17.** *Coordinators: Amy and Marco Boscolo, 239-7585*

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



**Q: What is spiritual direction?**

**A:** Spiritual direction is described as help given by one Christian to another

that enables that person to pay attention to God's personal communication, to respond to this personally communicating God, to grow in intimacy with God, and to live out the consequences of this relationship.

Sr. Charlene Cesario, sscm, describes spiritual direction as "the opportunity to reflect with a qualified spiritual director about life, its events, and your relationship with God and others." Further, "The art of spiritual direction is to accompany you by being present to, and listening for, the whispering of God's longing and hunger within every human encounter. God seeks, God knocks, God patiently waits for us to open our hearts to respond in freedom."

The primary focus of spiritual direction is on the experiences of God that most often occur in prayer. A spiritual guide is one who walks with you, listens attentively, affirms, encourages, consoles, and challenges the life of the Spirit within you at this moment in your life.

How do you find a spiritual director? Many priests and religious men and women, and a growing number of lay persons, are qualified spiritual directors. You might start by approaching someone with whom you feel especially compatible—a priest whose homilies speak to your heart, a religious whom you know well, a lay person whose advice you have sought in spiritual matters and whose judgment you trust—one who has the appropriate training and experience in such a role. It may be that the person you approach will instead refer you to someone who seems better situated or prepared to help you. Simply make a start by asking.

How does one begin? Sr. Charlene states: "We agree on a time for our meeting in a private and confidential

setting. The meetings usually occur once a month for one hour. After three or four sessions, we will evaluate our relationship. We do this because it is important that we are both comfortable in our relationship and that you are satisfied with the spiritual director you have chosen."

Because many spiritual directors now make their living by this means, you may find that there is an established fee for each session. However, if your circumstances are such that the fee is difficult for you to meet, simply point this out—a spiritual director is more interested in helping you than in collecting a fee. Begin by being forthright in this as in all else.

Remember, God is knocking, God is patiently waiting for you, and open your heart to respond in freedom.

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

## St. Patrick's Seniors honor Leslie Risatti

St. Patrick's Seniors met for their summer potluck on June 9. More than sixty people gathered on this occasion to honor and thank Leslie Risatti for her 24 years as parish secretary.

After the meal, a skit was given depicting Leslie's time at St. Patrick's, from part-time help in 1985 to full-time parish secretary upon Nancy Steerman's retirement. As Leslie has an Irish ancestry, Chris McDonald sang five Irish songs, accompanied on the piano by Chris Ángel.

Artha Chamberlain read an "Ode to Leslie," and several anecdotes about Leslie were shared by Nancy Steerman, Barbara Peckham, and Leslie's husband, Jim.

Fr. George Remm, a former pastor under whom Leslie worked for many of those 24 years, described her as an ideal secretary, an "icon" in the best sense of the word: "In more ways than we can count, Leslie Risatti is an image or representation of St. Patrick's Parish to our pastor, our parishioners, and to every stranger who walks up to the parish office. Her title is Parish Secretary. But her significance cannot be depicted in a job description.

"To the pastor—that is, to me for 18 years and now to Fr. Hogan for 4 years—Leslie has been a depend-

able, loyal, confidential, consistent, organized assistant. She has backed us up, run interference when necessary, gently guided us, sometimes corrected us, and helped us to accomplish our ministry in innumerable ways.

"Leslie has served staff and parishioners far beyond the requirements of her job. Imagine trying to be a secretary to about 2600 people! She did not limit her work to paid responsibilities, but joined in helping many groups and committees, especially the Guild, in projects and activities. She worked with and guided many volunteers. She made sure that staff birthdays and other significant events were noted and celebrated. She empathized with suffering parishioners, sensitive to their needs and respectful of their confidentiality. She laughed, she cried, she ached, she celebrated the ups and downs of people's lives. She often worked late to accomplish tasks on her own to see that projects were completed or events were ready for celebration.

"Always well-groomed but never ostentatious, Leslie was a warm, cheerful, welcoming presence. Her smile and giggle could melt young and old and would say to them, 'We are glad to have you here. How can

I help you?' I think that one of my old friends from Normal, Illinois, a crusty old gentleman, did not come so much to visit me as to be greeted by Leslie. He told me that I had a treasure in that lady. She made everyone feel welcome and important.

"How grateful we are that Leslie has represented St. Patrick's so well as Parish Secretary for so many years. Our parish has maintained its reputation as an open, welcoming, affirming, and faithful community of believers. And Leslie has been one of the reasons for this identity. She is 'an image, picture, or representation ... a sign or likeness that stands for ... a person readily recognized as having some well-known significance or embodying certain qualities ... that represents something else of greater significance.' She is an icon of St. Patrick's Parish."

The Seniors presented gifts to Leslie, Fr. Hoa Pham, Chris Ángel, and Kristi Turner, all departing members of St. Patrick's staff.

Many people were involved in the planning and writing of the skit and program, and as actors and readers—far too many to acknowledge individually, but know that your contribution to this event was recognized and appreciated!



From the left: Fr. George Remm, former pastor; Nancy Steerman, hired as parish secretary in 1977; Leslie Risatti, succeeded Nancy as parish secretary; Katie Hinrichs, present parish secretary, succeeding Leslie; and Fr. Joe Hogan, present pastor of St. Patrick's.



Leslie Risatti (right) and Ceil Weir choose from the potluck items brought by Seniors.

## From Susan Nagele

Dear Family and Friends,

Lent, for us, began on January 2.

The presidential elections in Kenya were held on December 27, and after 3 days the electoral commission announced that the President, Kibaki, was reelected. He was hastily sworn in. There were concerns that the election was rigged and that the opponent, Odinga, had actually won. Violence began in many parts of the country. On January 2 our small town began to receive people displaced because of this violence. Since then we have been swamped with 8000-9000 people who are now living in churches and tents and needing medical care. We have provided health care free of charge to people displaced by the violence.

The problems in our area stem from land that was unfairly distributed after the country became independent in the early 1960s. Different ethnic groups claim the land belongs to them. When violence erupted after the elections in Nairobi, the capital, the government ceased to function and violence in our area escalated.

It has been a long 4 months. Towards the end of April I was getting a bit tired. Many people took advantage of our generosity and falsely claimed to be displaced. So when an 18-year-old man came in claiming still to need treatment for a wound on his head, I was



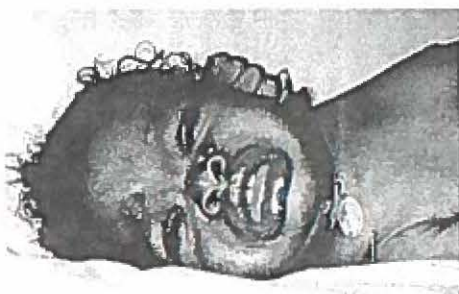
skeptical and sent him to the social worker to see if he was telling me the truth. I was shocked by the report she wrote. The day after the elections he had been hit on the head with an axe because he was of a different ethnic group. People thought he was dead and took him to the morgue at the district hospital. He lay there in coma for three days until they brought in more bodies. When they saw him move, they realized he wasn't dead and put him in the hospital. Somehow he recovered, but the infection in the wound had gone deep into the skull bone and the wound kept recurring. Here he was, resurrected after being thought dead!

When I was leaving at the end of April, I took the bus from Kitale to Nairobi. It was very sad to see the terrible destruction along the way, as our province was the hardest hit. Some displaced people are unable to return to their homes, which were burned down. Others are afraid to return because their homes are insecure. Some farmers on Mt. Elgon left Kiminini to work on their farms during the day and were killed.

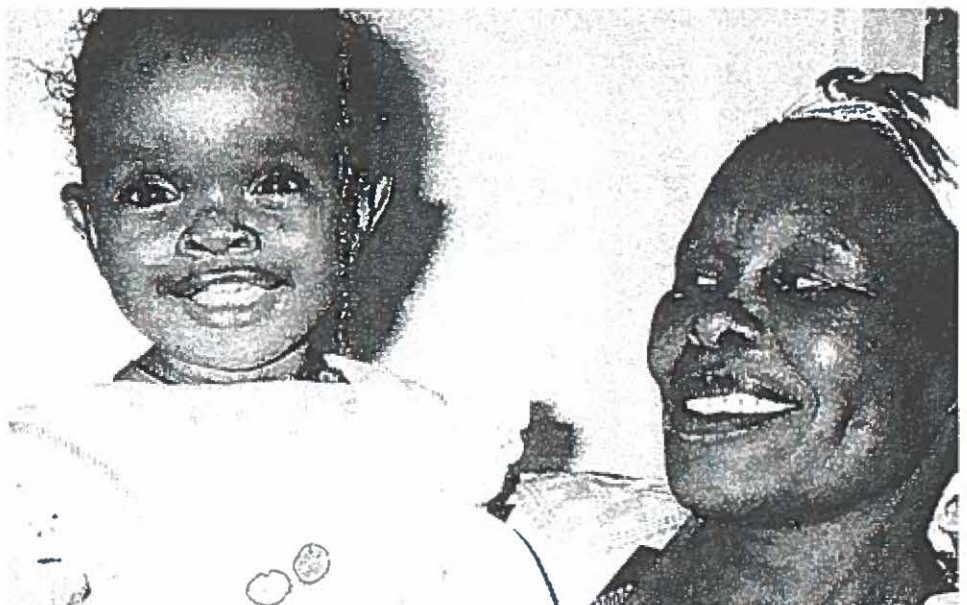
The pictures of little Maureen show another resurrection story. This is the 4-year-old girl I mentioned in my Christmas letter. Since birth she had not grown normally and her mother had disappeared, leaving the grandmother to care for her. We found that she had low thyroid hormone. We have replaced this hormone, and she has become a happy little girl with much more muscle tone. She can now sit up, and although she will never have normal intelligence she brings a lot of joy to her grandmother (and all the rest of us) when she smiles.

I am currently in the U.S. helping my mother recover from

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Maureen, age 4, before treatment.



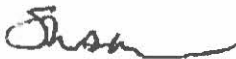
After treatment, Maureen is a happy little girl, here in the arms of her grandmother.

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back surgery. I will return to Kenya at the beginning of June. Because of the increased workload I have not yet been able to complete my financial report for my mission account for 2007, but I am sending some statistics that summarize our work for 2007 and the first two months of 2008. As you will see, the people we saw in the outpatient clinic doubled in January and tripled in February.

We are long past Lent and Easter in the liturgical calendar and so I'm counting on the Holy Spirit to guide us out of these troubled times. Thanks to all of you for your continued support and prayer for our work.

May God bless you,



*Note: The statistics Susan sent are posted on the bulletin board in the office wing of the parish center.*



Loving God, in the name of Jesus we ask you to send your Spirit to encourage men and women among us to respond to your call to service and leadership as priests, deacons, and religious. We pray that those who are opening their hearts and minds to your call may be strengthened and encouraged in your service.

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carried it on. At first, the SVDP, an all-volunteer organization, would deliver food upon request and received a couple of calls per day. Volunteers took turns delivering food. Father Remm suggested that SVDP set up a system where food could be given out daily, and the volunteers began giving out bags of food Monday through Friday at St. Patrick's.

Now SVDP helps about 410 families a month. Sophia wishes every parishioner could see those who need food—persons with physical disabilities, or who have lost jobs, or who are under-employed or not employable. She says there's never a need to advertise, and SVDP has never refused anyone food. She's heard countless "God bless the people of St. Patrick's" from those who come in to pick up food.

Sophia has supervised the filling and delivery of hundreds of Thanksgiving baskets, using funds provided by parishioners of St. Patrick's. She is thankful for all the volunteers who have given generously of their time to pick up food donations and deliver them to St. Patrick's, or who have helped sort and package bags of food, or who have helped someone passing through town or staffed the daily food pickup times.

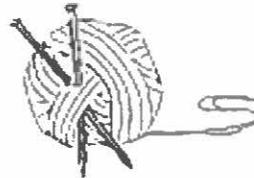
Among her favorite memories

are the grateful responses of those who have passed along the blessing they received. Two of these follow from SVDP's help, in the form of a tank of gas or cash, to travelers in need. Once a gentleman from Ohio needed gas money to return home. He later mailed a check for \$75, asking SVDP to help others as he was helped by them. Another time, the Urbana police called Sophia at 5:30 a.m. because a woman needed gas so she could return home—she had left her purse far away at her niece's home. Sophia urged her to stay in town, as a winter storm was about to arrive, but the woman insisted that she needed to return home and asked how to repay SVDP. Sophia told her to help someone else. A few weeks later a check arrived that covered more than the gas had cost; it was from the woman, a religious, who had not acknowledged her identity because she didn't want to take advantage of this when asking for help. She was extremely grateful for the assistance she received.

Sophia's message to the parish: "I've enjoyed every hour of this work, and I'm retiring only because my 89-year-old legs and my health won't let me continue." She hopes other parishioners will step up to serve the needy of our community.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry Update**

St. Patrick's Prayer Shawl Ministry will be taking a summer hiatus. This means that the regular monthly meetings on the second Saturday and fourth Friday of each month will be suspended until fall. If you are working on a shawl at home, please continue your work! If you would like to begin a shawl on your own, we will be happy to



share patterns and prayers with you. Shawls can be knitted or crocheted. Please call Nancy Olson (359-6424) if you would like to

participate, or if you have a completed shawl to be blessed.

Information about the prayer shawl ministry can be found at [www.shawlministry.org](http://www.shawlministry.org).

## Edith Stein, a modern martyr

What do Edith Stein, a Jew, and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, a Carmelite, have in common? Everything; they are the same person, one who lived during the tumultuous twentieth century.

Edith Stein was born in Breslau, Germany, on Oct. 12, 1891, on Yom Kippur. She was the youngest of eleven children in an observant Jewish family. During her teenage years she became an atheist because she saw little evidence that most believers, whether Jew or Christian, really believed. She reasoned that if there was nothing there, she wasn't going to play the game. She attended the University of Göttingen and later received her doctorate in philosophy from the University of Freiburg. Then her academic career hit a brick wall because she was a Jewish woman in Germany.

In the summer of 1921, when she was 27 years old and on holiday with some of her friends, she casually picked up the autobiography of St. Teresa of Ávila, founder of the Carmelite Order. She read it in one sitting and decided that the Catholic faith was true. The next day she bought a missal and a copy of the Catholic catechism. She was baptized the following January but delayed her desire to enter the Carmelites

because of concern for her Jewish mother.

After her conversion, Edith became a leading voice in the Catholic Woman's Movement in Germany. She spoke at many conferences and helped formulate the principles behind this movement. Edith argued that the woman's soul has a spiritual quality distinct from a man's soul and that physical differences between men and women profoundly mark their personalities. The woman's body stamps her soul with particular qualities that are common to all women but different from distinctly masculine traits. She saw these differences as complementary and not hierarchical in value, and so these differences should be recognized and celebrated rather than minimized and deplored.

In 1933, Edith stopped in Cologne at the Carmelite convent during the service for Holy Thursday. She was moved deeply. She wrote, "I told our Lord that I knew it was His cross that was now being placed upon the Jewish people; that most of them did not understand this, but that those who did would have to take it up willingly in the name of all. I would do that."

On Oct. 15, 1933, at the age of 42, Edith entered the Carmel of Cologne, taking the name of Teresa Benedicta

of the Cross. She remained in Cologne for five years, participating in the community with great joy while continuing her scholarly work. After the terror of *kristallnacht* on Nov. 9, 1938, the nuns in Cologne feared for Edith's safety and sent her secretly to the Carmel in Echt, the Netherlands. Edith's sister, Rosa, joined her there as a Third Order Carmelite. When Holland fell to the Nazis, Edith and Rosa were going to be moved to Switzerland, but before these plans were finalized, the Dutch bishops issued an encyclical attacking the anti-Semitic atrocities of the Nazi regime. The Gestapo retaliated immediately by rounding up all Roman Catholic Jews. Edith and Rosa were arrested July 26, 1942. When Rosa seemed disoriented as they were led away from the convent, Edith gently encouraged her, "Come Rosa. We go for our people."

Edith showed remarkable interior strength as she gave courage to her fellow travelers in the boxcars. She helped to feed and bathe the little ones after their mothers had given up hope. One woman who survived described Edith as carrying so much pain for all her fellow prisoners that it hurt to see her smile. This survivor also wrote, "Every time I think of her sitting in the barracks, the same picture comes to mind: a Pietà without the Christ." Edith and Rosa died in the gas chambers at Auschwitz on Aug. 9, 1942. Edith was beatified on May 1, 1987, in Cologne by Pope John Paul II, and was canonized by him on Oct. 11, 1998.

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross is commemorated by the Church on Aug. 10. She was a leading thinker in the Catholic women's movement in German-speaking countries, a scholar of depth and originality, a proficient and prolific writer, a modern martyr. Of her many writings and prayers, one brief mantra of daily use deserves to be quoted, "Be patient with yourself; God is."





## Parting is such sweet sorrow!

The emphasis was clearly on “sweet” at the farewell celebration for Leslie Risatti, Chris Ángel, Kristi Turner, and Fr. Hoa Pham on Saturday evening, June 14, at St. Patrick’s parish hall. In characteristic St. Patrick’s fashion, the event was well planned, well executed—and very well attended. A special thanks is due to all who contributed their time and resources to the event.

The hall was decorated with a delightful garden party theme. In the middle of the hall was a circle of four benches, one for each of the guests of honor. Hot and cold hors d’oeuvres were served, along with an assortment of desserts.

Sam Reese served as the emcee for the evening’s program, and Jim Mayer led the choirs as they performed four songs sung to very familiar tunes but with new lyrics to send a special message to each of the honorees. Kristi, the former financial manager, was serenaded with “Take Our Bread,” as a reference to her deft handling of money matters. Chris was treated to a rendition of “Teen Angel,” a reference to his last name. Songs from *The Sound of Music* were chosen for the remaining two, “My Favorite Things” for Leslie and “So Long, Farewell” for Fr. Hoa.

Susan Hublein, president of St. Patrick’s Guild, presented Leslie and Kristi with a monetary gift, and Chris Stohr, treasurer of the local Knights of Columbus, presented Chris and Fr. Hoa with a monetary gift. Afterward, Sam introduced the remaining parish staff, each of whom in turn highlighted special characteristics of one of the honorees and presented another gift.

Leslie was given an antique teapot to add to her collection. Kristi received a set of patio dishes as a nod to her dreams of spending the summer poolside with her daughters. Chris and Fr. Hoa, who will both be leaving the area, received books of local landscape photographs by

Larry Kanfer.

Extra touches for the event were a rousing parody of St. John University’s fight song in honor of Chris, who will be a student there in

the fall, and a traditional Vietnamese umbrella dance performed by some of the young ladies of the parish as a special send-off for Fr. Hoa.



## Guild's High Tea a celebration of springtime

About 30 Guild members put on their best finery to attend the Guild High Tea and Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 17. All ages were represented, from grandmothers to mothers and daughters, including Peggy Loftus and her daughter, Rachel, Kristi Turner with her mother, Jane Nelson, and daughters Shelby and Mikala. It was delightful to see everyone sipping hot or iced tea and taking delicate bites of cream cheese sandwiches, white chocolate strawberries, mini fruit tarts and petits fours. Lively conversation and colorful hats added to the festivities of the afternoon.

New Guild President, Susan Hublein, and officers continuing for another year—Cesaria Lancaster, Vice-President, and Mary Ann Luedtke, Treasurer—were elected by the attendees. The officers were installed with a dedication to serve St. Patrick's Parish and Guild faithfully during their 2008-9 term.



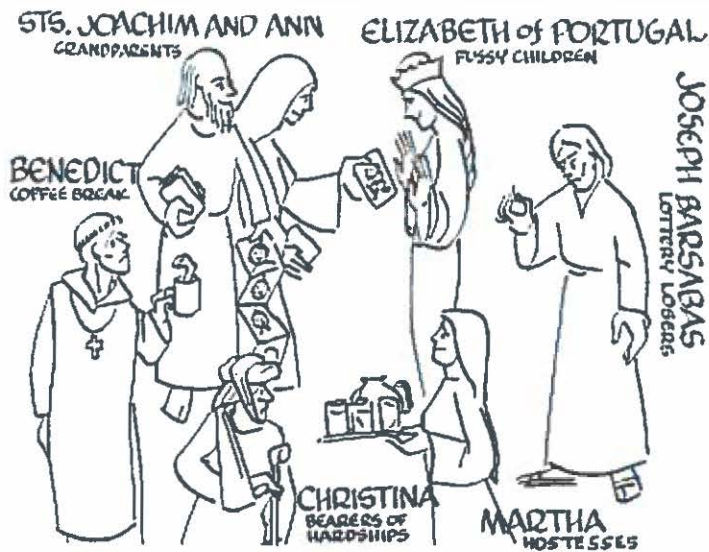
Mother and daughter look over the delicacies prepared for the Tea.



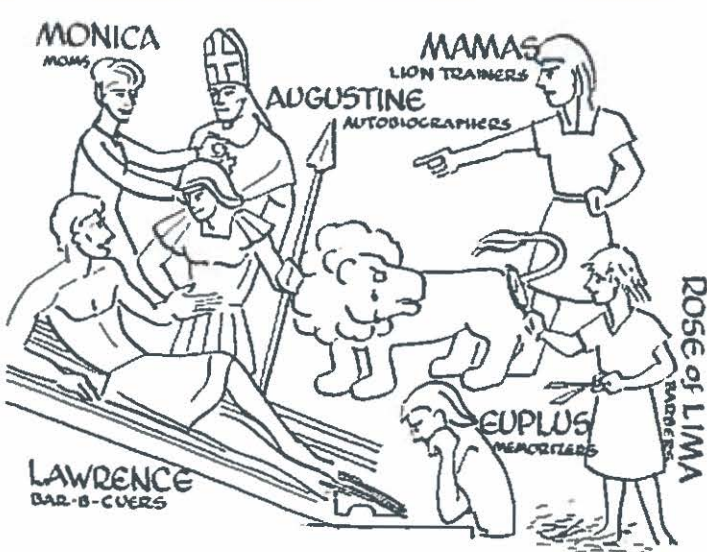
Outgoing president Carole Rebeiz (left) welcomes the Guild's officers for 2008-9: Susan Hublein, president; Mary Ann Luedtke, treasurer; and Cesaria Lancaster, vice-president.



Lovely tea pots and delicate cups and saucers grace a display table.



July Saints



August Saints

## Graduates are moving on!

Congratulations to our high school graduates for 2008. Their many accomplishments and future plans are impressive! The Knights of Columbus have awarded Fr. Martell Scholarships to 11 of these young people. The scholarship is named for Fr. Charles H. Martell, who was pastor of St. Patrick's 1957-1977. The Knights raise the funds for the scholarship at the Lenten Fish Fries. Scholarships are awarded based on academics, church work, and other community activities.

Aimee Black graduated from Judah Christian High School and has enrolled at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois, where she expects to major in sign language interpretation and deaf education. Aimee was awarded a Fr. Martell Scholarship by the Knights of Columbus.

Grant Michael Cinker has graduated from the High School of St. Thomas More. He will attend Illinois State U in Bloomington this fall, where he plans to study biology. Grant was awarded a Fr. Martell Scholarship.

Jacob Cocagne graduated from Centennial High School and will attend the U of I, studying biomedical engineering.

Micah Cottingham has graduated from Central High School. He will study mass communication at Parkland College in the fall.

Justin Drook graduated from the High School of St. Thomas More and will attend Illinois State U, where he will study business and finance.

Kirsten Elise Faught has graduated from the High School of St. Thomas More. The Knights of Columbus awarded her a Fr. Martell Scholarship. She will attend the U of I this fall, studying political science.

Sam Freidhof has graduated from Urbana High School. For the next 10 months he will be working with Americorps, fighting fires out west or working on housing repairs along

the Gulf Coast. He will be attending college in the fall of 2009. The Knights of Columbus awarded him a Fr. Martell Scholarship.

Cassandra Glazier graduates from St. Joseph-Ogden High School. She was awarded a Fr. Martell Scholarship by the Knights of Columbus. Cassandra will attend Illinois Wesleyan U and plans to major in nursing.

Thera Hubler graduated from Urbana High School and is entering the U of I in the fall to study business. The Knights of Columbus awarded her a Fr. Martell Scholarship.

Caroline R. Jones graduated from the High School of St. Thomas More. She is going to attend The Parsons New School for Design in New York City, where she will study fashion design.

Catherine Keane graduated from the High School of St. Thomas More. She will attend the U of I this fall, majoring in anthropology. The Knights of Columbus awarded her a Fr. Martell Scholarship.

Sisters Mandy and Megan Kirby have graduated from Urbana High School and plan to attend Illinois Central College in Peoria. Mandy will be playing basketball and majoring in special education. Megan will be playing volleyball and studying elementary education.

Theresa Laumann graduated from the High School of St. Thomas More. She was awarded a Fr. Martell

Scholarship by the Knights of Columbus. Theresa will begin her college career in general studies at the U of I.

Christine Milewski graduated from Centennial High School. She will study to be a pharmacologist at the St. Louis College of Pharmacology. The Knights of Columbus awarded her a Fr. Martell Scholarship.

Nathaniel Sierra Perry has graduated from the High School of St. Thomas More. He will study criminal justice at the University of Dayton in Ohio. Nathaniel was awarded a Fr. Martell Scholarship by the Knights of Columbus.

Natalie Timpone has graduated from the High School of St. Thomas More. She will attend the University of Wisconsin at Madison this fall.

Marla Diane Westervelt has graduated from Centennial High School. The Knights of Columbus awarded her a Fr. Martell Scholarship. She will study political science at the U of I this fall.

And congratulations to our eighth-grade graduates as well: Angela Bronson, Chris Fowler, Will Laumann, and Kyle Ritten. Good luck with high school, and have a great time in CREW!

St. Parick's celebrated with both high-school and grade-school graduates at a special recognition ceremony during the 5:00 Mass on May 31, followed by dinner in the parish center for the graduates and their families.



## St. Patrick's Parish July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Because the calendar is prepared in advance, be sure to check the bulletin to confirm dates and times.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><i>The deadline for the next issue of In Focus is Aug. 17.</i></p>		<p><b>1</b> 6:30 PM Mystagogia</p>	<p><b>2</b> 12:00 PM Men's Book Club 7:00 PM Re-Membering Church For Returning Catholics</p>	<p><b>3</b> 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Social Action Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b> Independence Day Parish Offices Closed 9:00 AM Mass and Potluck Breakfast</p>	<p><b>5</b> 4:15 PM Summer Choir [Tentative]</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 7:00 PM Centering Prayer</p>	<p><b>8</b> 5:30 PM Financial Affairs Committee 6:00 PM Faith Sharing 6:30 PM Mystagogia</p>	<p><b>9</b> 7:00 PM Re-Membering Church For Returning Catholics</p>	<p><b>10</b> 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10:30 AM Mass, Care Center 10:45 AM Mass, CCNH</p>	<p><b>12</b> 4:15 PM Summer Choir [Tentative]</p>
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<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> 7:00 PM Centering Prayer</p>	<p><b>15</b> 6:30 PM Mystagogia</p>	<p><b>16</b> 7:00 PM Re-Membering Church For Returning Catholics</p>	<p><b>17</b> 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10:30 AM Mass, Clark-Lindsey 10:45 AM Mass, CCNH</p>	<p><b>19</b> 4:15 PM Summer Choir [Tentative] 6:00 PM Hearing Impaired</p>
<p><b>20</b> 10:15 AM Knights of Columbus</p>	<p><b>21</b> 7:00 PM Centering Prayer</p>	<p><b>22</b> 6:00 PM Faith Sharing 6:30 PM Mystagogia</p>	<p><b>23</b> 7:00 PM Re-Membering Church For Returning Catholics</p>	<p><b>24</b> 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Communications</p>	<p><b>25</b> 10:45 AM Mass, CCNH</p>	<p><b>26</b> 4:15 PM Summer Choir [Tentative]</p>
<p><b>27</b> 8:30-Noon Blood Pressure Screening</p>	<p><b>28</b> 7:00 PM Centering Prayer</p>	<p><b>29</b> 6:30 PM Mystagogia</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>		

## Parish Council News

The proposed expansion of St. Patrick's Church and Parish Hall is a step closer to becoming a reality, as members of the St. Patrick's Parish Council saw a schematic drawing of the proposal during their meeting June 19.

The construction may be done in two phases, with the church and offices included in Stage 1, the parish hall and classrooms in Stage 2. The proposed expansion will double the capacity of the church to 600 and the parish hall to 500, and will include 210 parking spaces. According to Fr. Hogan, the cost of the whole project is estimated at \$7 million. The Diocese of Peoria requires that the parish have 50 percent on hand and 20 percent in contingency before building can begin.

During his report, Fr. Hogan announced that Sophia Zeigler will be honored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society for her years of service and all ministry volunteers will be recognized during Coffee Shop June 29. Coffee and donuts will be provided at no cost to parishioners, and each ministry volunteer will receive a small gift.



Fr. Hogan also gave an update on parish personnel:

- A missionary priest from Africa will provide assistance to Fr. Hogan this summer.
- Another African priest who has been in the diocese for a few years will serve as assistant from early fall until January.
- In January 2009, a new Vietnamese priest will be appointed to the parish.
- Laura Theby, the new music director, starts July 1.
- Katie Hinrichs, the new parish secretary, started in May.
- Amy Jobin has been hired as the new full-time pastoral associate and will begin in the fall.
- The parish is still looking for a

part-time bookkeeper to work from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In other business:

- The Parish Council members took a tour of the newly remodeled classrooms, which now have new wood cabinets, carpeting, lighting, and vertical blinds. The chalkboards have been removed and will be replaced with white marker boards, which will be encased in wood cabinets of their own. Father Hogan acknowledged Chuck Shaw and Bob Miller for their work on the lighting, and the members of the Building and Grounds Committee for the painting.

- Council member Shelly Benson shared some demographic data about registered parishioners, including gender breakdown (1,409 males to 1,577 females), median age of parishioners (37 years), and the percentage involved in parish ministries (21.84 percent).

- In preparation for Time and Talent Sunday, Parish Council members will be passing out bookmarks after Masses August 30-31. On the following weekend, September 6-7, the parish ministry signup will take place. The six ministries will have representatives present under a tent in front of the church to answer questions.

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*The next Parish Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, 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.*

## Dates Set for Cellar-to-Garret Sale

St. Patrick's Guild has announced the dates for this year's annual Cellar-to-Garret Sale: August 21-23, with setup to begin August 17. Many volunteers will be needed, so block off these dates to help as you are able.

**Watch the weekly bulletin for more information as the event draws near. Please do not bring items for the Sale until the bulletin notes when these can be accepted.**

Coordinators for this year's fundraiser are Amy and Marco Boscolo (239-7585). They will be happy to receive calls from volunteers!



The deadline for submitting information, articles, and news items for the next (September) issue of In Focus is August 17.

## Parishioner experiences the challenges of discipleship

Felicia Milewski, a parishioner who has been studying at a college in East Asia, has been facing some new challenges in her efforts to spread the message of the Gospel to some of her fellow students.

Felicia had been meeting with three young women who were all eagerly studying the Bible together. They in turn had been sharing their new-found faith with other friends, including one who is a Moslem and another who is a member of the Communist party. Lately, however, the girls have been scared to meet with her.

In a recent letter Felicia wrote "...ministry has been very difficult. There have been uprisings in the government within this month near and in my location. As a result, foreigners are under even heavier surveillance, and cannot even enter the dorms. Students have also been warned not to meet with any foreigners or they will have 'problems' with school officials. No one really knows what

these 'problems' are, but ... the majority of our students have been too scared to meet with us all month."

One young woman, whom Felicia has been particularly close to, recently sent her a text saying that she could never study with her again. Eventually she explained to Felicia that she had told her parents she was a Christian and learned that her parents are Communist party members. The girl said she would not study with Felicia any more, or read the Bible, or pray.

Felicia became discouraged and dispirited by these setbacks and says that she still often feels attacked and alone in her struggle. In spite of this, she wrote, "The last few weeks as I have been choosing to put my hope in God's word and promises, I have been revived and filled with faith and joy. Please pray that I will continue to put my hope solely in Him, because only then do I rest secure."

St. Patrick's Parish is a part of Felicia's support system, and she is very grateful to all who are praying for her and her ministry.

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

Annessa Parisi

#### Grilled Chicken Quesadillas

4 boneless chicken breasts  
8 flour tortillas  
Taco seasoning  
Salsa  
Garlic salt  
Salt  
Pepper  
8 oz shredded cheddar cheese  
4 T sour cream

Sprinkle both sides of chicken with taco seasoning, garlic salt, salt, and pepper.



Grill for 10-15 minutes. Cut the chicken into chunks and put onto 4 tortillas; add salsa and cheese. Top each with another tortilla. Warm in microwave for 1 minute, cut them into fours, and add a dollop of sour cream before serving.

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