

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



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## A Basketful of Ways to Prove Your Thankfulness

As Thanksgiving approaches, many of us are busily planning get-togethers and elaborate meals. Gathered around tables laden with delicious food, we will offer prayers of thanksgiving for all that we have and enjoy each day of the year.

But many in our community won't have the joy of family and friends with whom to celebrate this day. The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Patrick's Parish makes Thanksgiving happier for the needy in our community who ask for the gift of a food basket.

Traditionally, our St. Vincent de Paul Society ensures that the

needy in our local community will enjoy a good Thanksgiving meal. The food baskets include canned ham, vegetables, potatoes or yams, eggs, margarine, dinner rolls, pumpkin pie and other goodies. Well over two hundred food baskets are given out,



People Touching People

provided by groups like the Mental Health Center and Family Services. The letters of gratitude that come back to St. Patrick's can be real tearjerkers.

You can help continue this tradition in four ways.

- Help pay for the food. Contribute financially, in an envelope

clearly marked "Thanksgiving Dinners." Put it in the Sunday collection or take it to the parish office.

- Join the volunteers who sort all the food, on Sunday, Nov. 23 after the noon Mass in the parish center's main hall. (That evening, the religious education classes will actually fill the baskets.)

- Complete the food baskets with refrigerated items, on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 8 a.m.

- Help deliver the baskets, on Nov. 25 at 9:30 a.m.

What better way is there to give thanks for your own fortune than to share it with those who are less fortunate? If you can help in one of these four ways, please call the parish office (367-2665).

## St. Patrick's offers a way back

This fall, St. Patrick's Re-Membering Church Team offers a series of six weekly sessions, Wednesdays at 7 p.m., beginning Nov. 5. These sessions focus on alienated Catholics—individuals who have not been formally associated with a Catholic community for some time but have decided to give the Catholic Church another chance. No reservation is required; just show up.

The mission of Re-Membering Church is two-fold. First, it reconciles individuals with the Church by reviewing the basics of their Catholic faith and the Church's practices (the Mass, the sacraments, and social justice teachings). Second, it reconciles the Church, at least the local Church,

to the individual.

Through Re-Membering Church, St. Patrick's takes that dramatic first step in reaching out to people who feel excluded. Perhaps the exclusion came in the form of an action or a verbal hurt, or from a list of rules when what was needed was empathy and compassion, or from weekly liturgies that spoke to neither head nor heart. Now, these people are looking for an opportunity to talk through their hurt, knowing that the community is listening and, where possible, responding.

Every parishioner has a signifi-



cant role in this mission. Each of us can encourage those in our family, our workplace, or our circle of friends to attend these sessions. We need to introduce them to the many parish programs, activities, and people who can journey with them and affirm them as they take this significant step. We need to keep St.

Patrick's warm and welcoming, a community that embraces diversity in all its forms, a community that holds the Mass and the sacraments as central to parish life, and, most importantly, listens and responds to those with different life stories and challenges.



**Q: What is the Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran, and why do we celebrate it?**

A: We are all familiar with the expression “Mother Church.” St. John Lateran has been named “The Mother of All Churches.” The basilica is the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome, of which the pope is bishop, and so St. John Lateran is the spiritual home of Catholics everywhere.

On the church façade there is an inscription that can be translated “The Most Holy Lateran Church, Mother and Mistress of All Churches of the City and the World.” This is the first cathedral of Rome, where Emperor Constantine in the year 312 allowed the Pope to set up the Episcopal chair on property that was later confiscated from the influential Laterani family.

The basilica was destroyed and rebuilt, not once, but many times. Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646. According to legend, the original basilica was dedicated on November 9. The baptistry was dedicated to St. John

the Baptist, and generations later the whole building was dedicated to St. John the Evangelist, so it became known as St. John of the Lateran, or simply St. John Lateran.

The Lateran basilica reminds us of our history as a people. It is filled with treasured Christian relics. Its high altar is built over a wooden table on which Peter himself is said to have celebrated the Lord’s Supper with the Christian community of Rome.

The dedication of a church is a feast for all its parishioners, and as it is the spiritual home of the people who are the Church, the dedication of St. John Lateran is a feast celebrated by Catholics everywhere.

However, on this November feast day we celebrate not a building but a loving God who provides a home for us on earth and in heaven. According to St. Paul, we are God’s building; we are living stones that are built up into God’s house.

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

## Looking at the Mass in a new way

Noted speaker and author Gregory Pierce will give a talk at St. Patrick’s at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 10, based on his book *The Mass Is Never Ended: Rediscovering Our Mission to Transform the World*.

Using the dismissal from Mass as his lens, Mr. Pierce will look at the Mass as a “sending forth” into our daily lives: our jobs, our families, and our community and civic affairs.

Mr. Pierce has a reputation as a passionate and humorous speaker who is able to make the Catholic faith come alive in new ways. He is the president and co-publisher of ACTA Publications in Chicago, a husband and father of three college students, a past president of the

National Center for the Laity, an avid Chicago Cubs fan, and the author of the best-selling and award-winning book *Spirituality at Work: 10 Ways to Balance Your Life On-the-Job*.



### *Welcome to new parishioners*

Alicia Beck, Stephen DeBruyn, Adie McCollum, Jason and Teri McKean, Darcy and Kevin Nekolny, Laura Osmond, Crystal Harmon and Jason Randall, Jason and Jennifer Reedy, Gisela and Nate Schmitz, Brigitte Stevens.

***Farewell to these parishioners:*** Amy and Chad Hyman, Carrie Peltier, and John Soucie.

***Congratulations to these couples,*** married at St. Patrick’s: Dawn Morrison and Nicholas Josefik, Bridget Walczak and Noah Melton, and Sarah Smith and Gabriel Bedient.

***Please pray for deceased parishioners*** Margaret Mayfield, Alma Peters, and Gladys Reinhart.

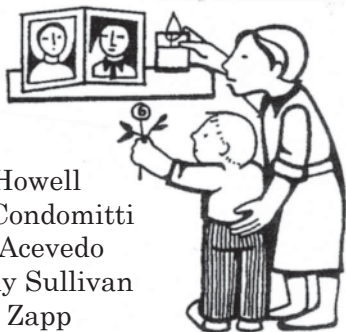
*Also remember in your prayers the many seriously and chronically ill members of our parish, whom the “Privacy Act” prevents us from naming here.*

## St. Patrick's Honor Roll in Heaven

The following members of St. Patrick's faith community entered eternal life in the past year, joining so many others who have preceded them. We pray for them and for their families.

Yvonne Brady  
Robert Chamberlin  
Anna Rita Ferris  
Berniece Goldsby  
Mitch Langendorf  
Rosalie Bell  
Josephine Myers  
Ramon Daguio, Sr.  
Frank D'Urso  
Vivian Wilson  
Florence Cain  
Clara Butler  
Doris Roedl  
Richard Ahlstedt  
Jacqueline Reynolds Lincicome  
Kristin McCartney

Betty Howell  
Mary Condomitti  
Cathy Acevedo  
Dorothy Sullivan  
Teresa Zapp  
Joseph Voelkl  
Beulah Washburn  
Peggy McKown  
Larry Peters  
Joseph Whelan  
Robert Ritter  
Lucille Kocher  
Margaret Mayfield  
Alma Peters  
Gladys Reinhart



*May the angels lead you into Paradise,  
may the martyrs come to welcome you  
and take you to the holy city,  
the new and eternal Jerusalem.  
May you have eternal rest.*

—Commendation, Rite of Funerals

### Vocation Prayer



Loving Father, guide me to choose prayerfully a way of life that best serves you with my gifts. Help me, by your Holy Spirit, to live a life dedicated to you, whether it be as a married or single person, as a deacon, priest, or religious. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

## Dianne, St. Patrick's new bookkeeper

As St. Patrick's bookkeeper, Dianne Husby-Gordon handles all aspects of the parish's banking, budgeting, and payroll. She will soon also help to update our Web site and telephone system.

Originally from the Chicago suburb of St. Charles, Dianne studied engineering. She attended UIUC's program and then returned to Chicago to work for IBM. In 1995 she came back to Champaign-Urbana to work as technical services director for NovaNet/Plato.

When her position at NovaNet/Plato was outsourced, Dianne put her skills to work in a K-12 school setting. This summer a parishioner who is a friend of Dianne's told her about the job opening at St. Patrick's. Dianne liked the idea of using her technical skills in an environment that directly benefits and serves others and expected that

the job at St. Patrick's would be a good fit. And it certainly seems to be that—she says she thoroughly enjoys her current position.

Dianne lives in Savoy with her husband, John, and three cats (who, by her description, are “teetering on the edge of insanity”). Her parents live in the western Chicago suburb of Sandwich. She has one brother living in Portland and another who lives in Houston, where his family is still recovering from Hurricane Ike.

Dianne definitely keeps busy outside of office hours. At Parkland College she is taking courses to be certified in Web-site development and design. She also has a small Mary Kay business. In her spare time she indulges her artistic side by working with stained glass and by making cards for family and friends. She and John

are also avid “online gamers.” Her ideal free afternoon, however, is one where she is “curled up on a big rock overlooking a lake in Northern Minnesota with a great book.”

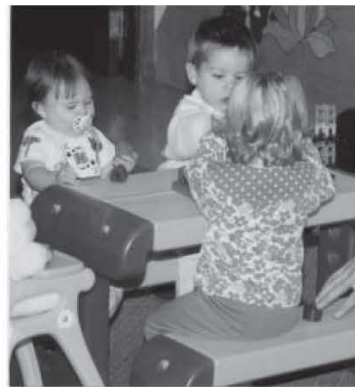


# All saints, all sorts

There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun.  
—Thomas Merton

You don't have to search far for heroes and saints. They are in our midst. Some have been canonized, many haven't, many may never be. What brings them all together? Love of God, love of neighbor, and a willingness to sacrifice self for others. Saints already with God and saints still witnessing God's love among us are easily discovered—just look around you!





## Holy Cross Happenings

Holy Cross School resumed classes at the end of August. Of the 360 students in kindergarten through eighth grade, one in five are from St. Patrick's parish.

Each month the school focuses on a virtue. In September, the students talked about the meaning of integrity. October's virtue is courtesy, November's is compassion. These virtues are not only classroom discussion, though; they are put into action. For instance, throughout the year, each class takes a turn bringing milk and fruit to the Catholic Worker House, often walking down the street to deliver it personally. This September, students also collected children's shoes for hurricane victims. Students in grades 5-8 visit Circle of Friends Adult Daycare, Carle Arbours, and the Champaign County Nursing Home monthly, as part of their community involvement. The kids play board games and bingo, and socialize with the friends they make there.

Meanwhile, the youngest students, in kindergarten and first grade, have prayer pals in seventh and eighth grade. Our first graders feel special having an "older" student giving them high-fives in the hall, making cards for them, and as their special buddy (role model) at Friday Mass. It's quite moving to see 360 students reverentially attend Mass each Friday. Feel free to join them at 8:15 a.m. every Friday.

In just a few days, fourth graders will make a big deal of celebrating All Saint's Day. They study many saints and pick which one they would like to represent for All Saint's Day. They dress up as their saint for a special Mass, and visit other classes to speak about the life of their saint.

Students from fifth grade on participate in a wide variety of sports: baseball, cross-country, basketball, volleyball and track. Bravo to the Varsity Baseball team, who during the first week of October pulled off a fourth place finish at the State Championship in Peoria!

### Calendar:

- Oct. 18, 6-8 p.m.:** Grades K-5 Halloween Fall Festival. Costume parade, haunted hallway, games, and a pumpkin decorating contest.
- Oct. 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.:** Safe-Environment Program, in the library. Required for school volunteers who haven't yet completed Virtus Training.
- Oct. 25:** Grades 6-8 will be treated and tricked at a special "middle school only" Halloween Party at Kaufman Lake, with hayrack rides, haunted woods, and a dance.
- Nov. 1, 2 p.m.:** Grade 8, Confirmation. For the past year, eighth graders have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation with service, classes, and special activities. Reception following in the Holy Cross Parish Center.
- Dec. 10:** Grades K-4, Christmas Concert at Holy Cross School.
- Dec. 11:** Grades 5-8, Christmas Concert and Band Concert at Holy Cross School.



## 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. *Pastoral Care:* Donna Thompson, 688-2701

The **parish library offers many ways that volunteers can enhance its usefulness** for parishioners. No special skills or experience required! *Parish Library:* Lori Mestre, 365-9994 or lmestre@illinois.edu



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

## Skip the malls, shop at St. Patrick's Holiday Boutique

Come one, come all to the St. Patrick's Guild's Holiday Boutique! You'll find it in St. Patrick's parish center on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendors include The Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Stampin' Up!, Tupperware, and the works of several parishioners as well.

Homemade baked goods will be offered for sale, as will lunch items in case your shopping starts early and lunchtime finds you still shopping.

There will be plenty of variety. If you can't make it on Saturday, some vendors will stay for Coffee Shop the following Sunday morning.

## Parish Council News

The feasibility study for the expansion of the church and parish center is moving along, Fr. Joe Hogan told members of the St. Patrick's Parish Council at their meeting October 16. Gatherings in homes and in the parish center to get parishioners' input on the master plan are scheduled for November 2-19.

Council members discussed the challenges of doing a feasibility study during the current economic situation. They were reassured that the study is still necessary and that parishioners may be more realistic in their estimates of what they can contribute.

In other business, the Parish Council:

- Discussed the amount of talking and noise in the pews before and during the Children's Liturgy. Several changes are being considered to make the time before all Masses more reverent, including printing prayers that can be read



before Mass on special inserts in the front of the Worship and Gather books; stopping choir practice 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass; and keeping the lights low before Mass.

- Discussed a recycling proposal submitted by parishioner Alice McLaughlin. The proposal, which dealt mainly with recycling in the parish kitchen, will be forwarded to the Ministry of Community Life, which will be asked to consider ways to make things "greener" in the kitchen.

- During ministry reports, Council members were told that there are 30 students in this year's first

grade Religious Education class. The Ministry of Faith Development representatives, Shelly Benson and Ellen Noonan, said the growing class sizes in Religious Ed, while a good problem, may need to be addressed in the future.

- During the Ministry of Worship report, Mary Karten said that "Advent: A Path to Transformation" has been chosen as the theme for this year's observances. The theme can be used in many facets of the liturgy: liturgical arts, the proposed prayers before Mass, the petitions, homilies, etc. She also announced that children are being given more opportunities for participation in the Children's Liturgy, doing such things as bringing up the gifts, reading the petitions, and reading the announcements.

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*The next Parish Council meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, 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.*

## Second Century Advisory Committee seeks parishioners' input

From Nov. 5 to 19, the Second Century Advisory Committee will hold more than twenty informational meetings. These are part of the committee's feasibility study

for the master plan for expanding parish facilities. The committee works with Joseph Consulting.

At each meeting, committee members will explain the master plan and—most importantly—hear directly from parishioners their reactions, thoughts, and concerns.

All parishioners will receive an invitation to one of these meetings. Your input and participation is critical to St. Patrick's. Please attend: this is your chance to shape St. Patrick's for generations to come.



*Ellen Amberg (left), chair of the Second Century Advisory Committee, confers with Erika Mildred, Development Associate for Joseph Consulting, while host couples identify parishioners who will be invited to the informational meetings in their homes.*



## in our parish library

November is the month of saints and holy souls. The parish library has many books about saints, including individual saints not represented below. Look near call numbers 920-921, in both the children's and regular collection, to browse for other books of interest.

### Children's Books

- *Book of Saints*, by Amy Welborn, illustrated by Ansgar Holmberg. Call Number: C920 WEL. Over sixty saints from all over the world and from all across time are featured in this book. It includes inspiring stories, real-life applications, and information about these heroes. It is written in storybook style for ages 8-12 and explains how saints become saints, why we honor them, and how they help us even today.

- *Saints and Heroes for Kids*, by Ethel Pochocki. Call Number: C920 POC. This book contains brief chapters about the lives of many well-known saints and some lesser-known individuals who may be destined for sainthood.

### Non-fiction Adult Books

- *All Saints: Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets, and Witnesses for Our Time*, edited by Robert Ellsberg. Call Number: 920 ELL. Short biographies of men and women of moral strength and spiritual vision, irrespective of their faith, and quotes for each day of the year. Ellsberg puts traditional saints alongside others also recognized today as spiritual giants, including some from non-Christian faiths. Henri Nouwen commented that "This book is a great treasure. Though not pious, it is spiritually evocative; though untraditional, it is consistent with the larger Catholic tradition. While broadening the traditional vision of sanctity, it calls us to explore our own ways of becoming a saint. I consider Robert Ellsberg to be one of the most significant spiritual writers in the United States, and this book puts him right into the center of contemporary spiritual literature."

- *The Avenel Dictionary of Saints*, by Donald Attwater. Call Number: 920 AVE.

- *Butler's Lives of the Saints*. 5 volumes. Call Number: 920 BUT. Fr. Alban Butler's devoted almost 30 years of meticulous research to the lives of the saints. This resource has been the standard reference on the subject for the last two and half centuries. In these authoritative entries readers can find a wealth of knowledge about the lives and deeds of the saints, as well as their ecclesiastical and historical importance since canonization.

- *Saint of the Day: Lives, Lessons, and Feasts*, by Leonard Foley, O.F.M.; revised by Pat McCloskey, O.F.M. Call Number: 920 SAI. A well-written collection of brief essays concerning saints and feast days. Each two-page entry includes a "Comment" by the author and a "Quote" from a source, such as a document from Vatican II.

- *The Young People's Book of Saints: Sixty-Three Saints of The Western Church from the First to the Twentieth Century*, by Hugh Ross Williamson. Call Number: 920 WIL.

### Web Sites

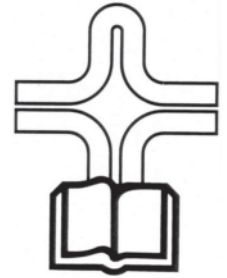
- *Catholic Online's Saints and Angels*: [www.catholic.org/saints/](http://www.catholic.org/saints/)
- *Catholic Online's Saint of the Day*: [www.catholic.org/saints/calendar/](http://www.catholic.org/saints/calendar/)
- *Catholic Pages' Saints*: [www.catholic-pages.com/dir/saints.asp](http://www.catholic-pages.com/dir/saints.asp)

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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.

## Add your page to St. Patrick's Book of Souls

November is a special month to remember family members who have entered eternal life. On its first day, All Saints Day, we celebrate Mass in remembrance of all the known and unknown saints who have attained a place in Heaven. The very next day, All Souls Day, commemorates all the faithful departed.



At Saint Patrick's, one way that we commemorate our deceased family members is by compiling their names in the Book of Souls. In this notebook, parishioners can construct a family page listing loved ones who have died. The pages need not be elaborate. They can be as simple as heading the page with the family name and listing those you wish to remember.

All the pages from previous years remain in the book while new ones are added (unless you want to update a page you have already made). The Book of Souls will be displayed in front of the tabernacle throughout November. All parishioners are welcome to look through it.

If you wish to add a page to the Book of Souls, look for two envelopes in the vestibule. From the first one, take a blank sheet. On this sheet list your loved ones, either by hand or with a word processor. Put the finished sheet in the second envelope. From there, it will be inserted into the book under the heading of the family name.

For more information, call Jan Callahan at 469-9346.



Deadline for submission of information, articles and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is November 9.



## Adult Education Book and Lecture Series Launches 2008-9 season

How long has it been since you've taken time to grow your spiritual life? Take a step forward by reading the latest selection in the St. Patrick Church Adult Education Book and Lecture Series.

The Book and Lecture Series opens the year with *The Mass Is Never Ended*, by Gregory Pierce. All adult members of the parish are invited to read the book and join in discussions of it. Contact Amy Jobin (367-2665) to obtain a copy of the book and to join a discussion group.

There are many options for participation: simply read the book; read the book and meet with others to discuss it; read the book, discuss it with others, and meet with the author Gregory Pierce on Monday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the



multipurpose room to hear his personal insights and to ask questions.

The Book and Lecture Series will offer selections throughout the year to enhance and grow your adult spirituality. A new book will be offered each month with opportunities to discuss the book selections with others in the parish. Watch for future online discussion groups.

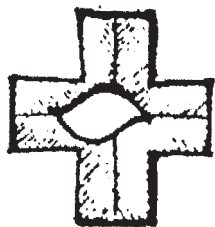
## Book Fair offers titles to grow your spirituality

St. Patrick Church Adult Education Book and Lecture Series, in cooperation with ACTA Publications, will be offering a wide selection of books for your Advent reading and holiday gift giving. Books and tapes will be available for sale in the parish hall on Sunday, November 9, after all Masses. Books will also be available for sale before and after the talk by Gregory Pierce on Monday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m. Proceeds will support the St. Patrick Church Adult Education Book and Lecture Series.



## Consoling the bereaved

During November, the month of Holy Souls, the Ministry of Consolation will host two events to



remember those we have lost to death, to recall their continued presence with us in the Communion of Saints.

On **November 11, at 7 p.m.**, an Evening of Remembrance will be held in the parish center's multipurpose room. This service focuses on those who have died February through September of 2008. We will share our memories, support each other in our journey of grief, and pray for the souls of the departed, their families, and their friends. The evening will end with a prayer service. This event is for any parishioner who has lost a loved one (whether or not the deceased was a parishioner) and for extended family members and friends.

The Evening of Remembrance will especially remember St. Patrick's parishioners Lorraine Cathleen Acevedo, Lucille Kocher, Alma Peters, Robert Ritter, Dorothy Sullivan, Joseph Voelk, Beulah Washburn, Joseph Whalen, and Teresa Zapp.

If you or someone you know has lost a friend or family member during 2008, please join us, even if you're not a St. Patrick's parishioner. Bring a photo or other memento of the person you are remembering.

On **November 17, at 7 p.m.**, "A Ray of Hope: Facing the Holidays Following a Loss" will be held in the parish center lounge, for anyone who finds the upcoming holidays daunting because of the death of a loved one. A professional video will explain strategies and coping mechanisms that have helped others facing the holidays after a loved one's death. We will prayerfully support one another and consider individual ways of coping

as the holidays approach.

If you know someone who would benefit from either event, consider attending with them as a companion. For more information, contact a Consolation minister at the parish office.



If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has his foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.

—Bishop Desmond Tutu

## EWTN celebrates Year of St. Paul in DeKalb

The Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) held its second annual Family Celebration the weekend of October 4-5 in DeKalb, Illinois. After the 25th EWTN Anniversary Celebration, a conference was held to maintain a close link between the network and its wide audience.

The focus of the two-day conference was "Call to Conversion in the



Year of St. Paul." Priests, nuns, and bishops familiar to the network's

viewers covered a deep and broad range of topics, from the intimately personal to the transcendently universal. (The presenters, their credentials, and their TV shows are too numerous to mention here; instead, web-search for EWTN and DeKalb).

One homily related the stigmata of St. Francis to our daily sufferings. Another warned of abortion, genetic manipulation, and the attempt to radically secularize America.

The Beatitudes were described as a stairway to perfection, each step having both a reward and a crisis. For example, the step of mourning (for one's sins) gives the reward of comfort and inner affirmation, but as crisis has an attack of pride: "this is my life."

A convert from Judaism spoke about starting a religious order, the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Israel's Hope, and her previous pain and emptiness. Another speaker emphasized familiarity with St. Paul's writings through multiple readings, Paul's insights on the mystery of the Cross, the Pelagian heresy, and how Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension complete the expiation found in the

## Celebrating a year for St. Paul

Scholars estimate that St. Paul was born 7-10 years after Jesus, so Paul's 2000th birthday should be right about now. To mark the anniversary, Pope Benedict and other Christian leaders have declared a year in Paul's honor. The year began on June 29, the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

It's a year to remember St. Paul, the courageous and eloquent apostle to the gentiles. Some special dates during this year are the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, on Jan. 25, and the commemoration of the Shipwreck of St. Paul on Feb. 10. It would be a good time to read the Acts of the Apostles, parts of which read like an adventure novel.

Most of that book is a tale of Paul's missionary journeys. Did you know that his letters to the young churches were written even before the Gospels? They give a fascinating picture of life in the early Church.

It's also a year to imitate St. Paul. His "comfort zone" was in his Jewish faith and in his homeland, but consider how far he reached beyond that zone to bring the Good News to all people. This would be a good time to reach out to those who have left the church or have never been part of the church. It is also a good time to pray and work for unity among Christians.

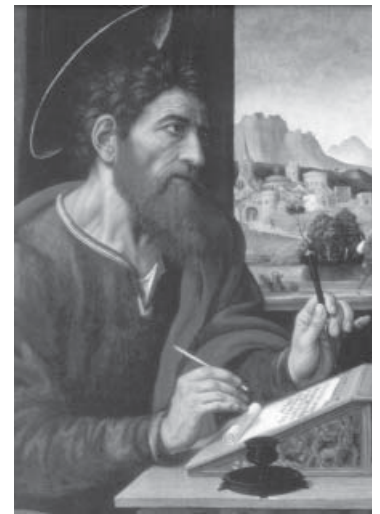
At St. Patrick's, many parish groups will use this prayer at their meetings:

*Glorious St. Paul,  
most zealous apostle,  
martyr for the love of Christ,  
give us a deep faith,  
a steadfast hope,  
a burning love for our Lord;  
so that we can proclaim with you,  
"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."*

*Help us to become apostles,  
serving the Church with a pure heart,  
witness to her truth and beauty amidst the darkness of our days.*

*With you, we praise God our Father:*

*"To Him be the glory, in the church and in Christ, now and forever."  
Amen.*



Old Testament.

A special episode of a youth-oriented TV program discussed how the Church should appeal to campus youth. The local pastor and members of DeKalb's Newman House recounted their experiences with the Newman Foundation as a second home and extended family.

Two books were also discussed. The first, by EWTN's founder, Mother Angelica, was presented as a Scripture study. The second, Pope Benedict's Jesus of Nazareth,

pointed out shortcomings in the historical-critical method of Scripture study, "what the text meant to its writer" rather than the miraculous unfolding of the Living Word.

In honor of the centennial of the Diocese of Rockford, ten priests concelebrated the Sunday Mass. People attended from the Midwest and from as far away as Florida, to see in person the hard-working yet humble talent from whom EWTN's programs spring.

## St. Margaret of Scotland, queen and mother who loved the poor

Margaret of Scotland, born to the English royal family about 1045, fled to Scotland when the Normans conquered England in 1066. Her family had lived in exile for most of her early life, and uncertainty



*Malcolm and Margaret as depicted in a 16th-century armorial*

about her future and even her safety taught her a humility that was unusual in royalty. She placed her trust in God and treated everyone with great courtesy.

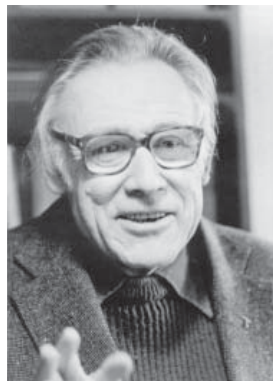
Malcolm, King of Scotland, fell in love with Margaret, and she agreed to marry him. The new queen encouraged her husband to rebuild ruined churches and monasteries and to provide new ones. She imported builders and stonemasons to beautify a country where worship spaces had always been bare and cold.

The royal couple prayed together, and during Advent and Lent they filled their dining hall with 300 poor people each evening. Malcolm served those on one side of the hall, Margaret those on the other.

Margaret and Malcolm had eight children, including three future kings of Scotland and a future queen of England. Margaret saw to their religious education herself, and encouraged them to love and care for the poor.

## Fr. Joseph Gelineau, composer and liturgist

In the Psalm settings in the Worship hymnal, all the music for the



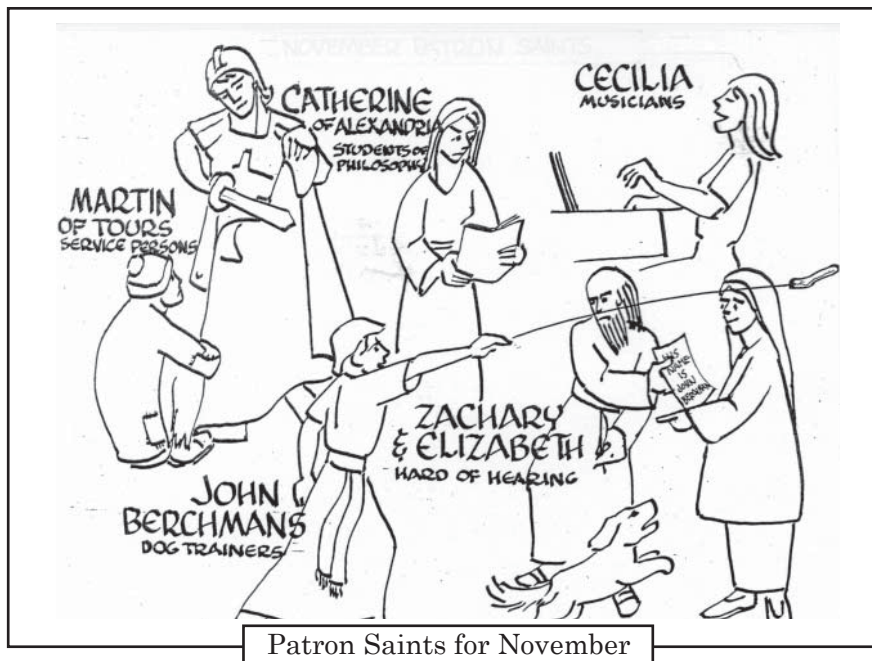
verses were written by one man, French Jesuit Fr. Joseph Gelineau. Fr. Gelineau died on Aug. 8 at the end of a long and distinguished career. Besides these

Psalms, he also composed many hymns and settings of the Mass and the Divine Office.

He wrote music for the Taizé Community, and it was he who introduced Jacques Berthier to the community to write music to meet its special needs. (We sing some of Berthier's music for Taizé such as "Jesus Remember Me" and "Eat This Bread.")

Fr. Gelineau also made extraordinary contributions to the study of the liturgy, visible in the liturgical changes that sprang from the Second Vatican Council. His book *Voices and Instruments in Christian Worship* (1964), helped to restore the ancient tradition of singing the Psalms responsorially, that is, with a refrain sung by all alternating with the verses sung by the cantor. It is thanks to his work with the Eucharistic Prayers that we sing an acclamation after the consecration at Mass. Do you catch the common thread? He was deeply committed to the participation of the assembly at Mass, especially in song.

When he retired from his scholarly occupations, Fr. Gelineau volunteered to serve a large cluster of priestless parishes in the French countryside. He did much to form the lay leaders that were needed to support the faith of his widely dispersed parishioners. It is hard to imagine the many souls that he touched in music, prayer, and worship. Thanks be to God!



Patron Saints for November

Margaret made charity fashionable. When out riding, she would give away her shoes and cloaks to the poor. The knights accompanying her would compete among themselves to be next to give away their cloaks.

The poor of the nation loved Margaret and clustered around her whenever she appeared. Near the town of Dunfermline still sits a rock called St. Margaret's Stone—it is said that she sat their while

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## Elizabeth Ministry starts at St. Patrick's

On October 15 six women gathered at the parish center to share their heart for families with Amy Jobin and with Jeanne Whalen, director of the diocesan Office of Pastoral Services. As a result of that meeting, plans were made to begin the Elizabeth Ministry at St. Patrick's.

Elizabeth Ministry is an international movement designed to support women and their families during the joys, trials, and sorrows of the childbearing years. Its mission is to cherish children, encourage families, and build community. Its mission statement emphasizes following the example of Mary and Elizabeth, with Elizabeth ministers visiting and sharing the sacredness of life.



This ministry, just getting underway at St. Patrick's, is looking for parish women who will volunteer to minister to women of the parish, affirming and supporting them in pregnancy, complications, miscarriage, infant or child death, infertility, adoption, and the birth of children.

As an Elizabeth minister, you will be helping to make our parish a community of compassion, care, and love. In the doing, you will also develop friendships and experience the support of community.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Amy Jobin (ajobin4@yahoo.com or 367-2665).

## St. Margaret of Scotland From page 11

hearing the cases of poor people who had been treated unjustly by the courts.

In the fall of 1093, while suffering from a long illness, Margaret learned that her husband and eldest son had been killed in a battle over border lands. She died four days later, on November 16.

Margaret was canonized in 1250 for her personal holiness and fidelity to the Church. Her feast day is observed on the day she passed from this life to life eternal, November 16. Because of her affection for her family and the entire kingdom, she is one of the patron saints of Scotland.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

## In Focus

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

### Delicious Grape Salad

8 oz cream cheese, softened  
8 oz sour cream  
1/3 c sugar  
1 t vanilla  
3 c seedless grapes  
1 large apple, cored and diced  
3/4 c crushed walnuts or pecans  
3/4 c brown sugar

Mix together well the cream cheese, sour cream, sugar, and vanilla. Add grapes and apple pieces. Fold into a 9 x 9 inch pan. Mix nuts and brown sugar; sprinkle on as a topping. Best when refrigerated overnight.

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



# St. Patrick's Parish

## November 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Because this calendar is prepared in advance, be sure to check the bulletin to confirm actual dates and times of specific events.</b></p> <p><b>The deadline for the next issue of <i>In Focus</i> is November 9.</b></p>						<p><b>1</b>  <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Day Mass, All Saints  <b>9:00 AM</b> Parish Nurse Breakfast</p>
<p><b>2</b>  <b>9:15 AM</b> Rel Ed  <b>10:30 AM</b>            Children's Mass  <b>1-4:00 PM</b> Spiritual Gifts Workshop  <b>6:00 PM</b> CREW Mission Meeting  <b>6:30 PM</b> Jr-Sr High Rel Ed: Lynn Brandon on "Respecting Sexuality"  <b>6:30 PM</b> Leaders Bible Study  <b>7:00 PM</b> Web Site</p>	<p><b>3</b>  <b>1:30 PM</b> Bible Study  <b>6:30 PM</b> Jr-Sr High Parents: Judy Schmidt on "Adolescent Development"  <b>7:00 PM</b> Centering Prayer  <b>7:00 PM</b> Pro-Life</p>	<p><b>4</b>  <b>12:00 PM</b> Bible Study  <b>6:30 PM</b> Mystagogia</p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>12:00 PM</b> Men's Book Club  <b>4:30 PM</b> Bible Study  <b>5:15 PM</b> Children's Choir  <b>6:30 PM</b> Peace and Justice Ministries  <b>6:30 PM</b> Rel Ed, St. Joe  <b>7:00 PM</b> Baptism Class  <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir  <b>7:00 PM</b> Re-Membering Church</p>	<p><b>6</b>  <b>6:45 AM</b> Men's Bible Study  <b>6:00 PM</b> Building and Grounds  <b>7:00 PM</b> RCIA  <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir</p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>10:45 AM</b> Mass, CCNH</p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>6:15 PM</b> More Great Dates</p>
<p><b>9</b>  <b>9:15 AM</b> Rel Ed  <b>10:30 AM</b>            Children's Mass  <b>6:30 PM</b> Leaders Bible Study  <b>6:30 PM</b> Teen Mass, Dinner  <b>8:00 PM</b> CREW Teen Time</p>	<p><b>10</b>  <b>1:30 PM</b> Bible Study  <b>5:30 PM</b> St. Pat's Presents... Team  <b>7:00 PM</b> Centering Prayer  <b>7:00 PM</b> Gregory Pierce on <i>The Mass Is Never Ended</i></p>	<p><b>11</b>  <b>12:00 PM</b> Bible Study  <b>6:00 PM</b> Faith Sharing  <b>6:30 PM</b> Mystagogia  <b>7:00 PM</b> Evening of Remembrance</p>	<p><b>12</b>  <b>9:30 AM</b> Schola  <b>4:30 PM</b> Bible Study  <b>5:15 PM</b> Children's Choir  <b>6:30 PM</b> Rel Ed, St. Joe  <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir  <b>7:00 PM</b> Re-Membering Church</p>	<p><b>13</b>  <b>6:45 AM</b> Men's Bible Study  <b>5:30 PM</b> Financial Affairs  <b>6:00 PM</b> CREW Social Justice Ed  <b>6:30 PM</b> JustFaith  <b>7:00 PM</b> RCIA  <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir</p>	<p><b>14</b>  <b>10:30 AM</b> Mass, Care Center  <b>10:45 AM</b> Mass, CCNH</p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>9:00 AM-3:00 PM</b> Holiday Boutique</p>
<p><b>16</b>  <b>9:15 AM</b> Rel Ed  <b>10:15 AM</b>            Knights of Columbus  <b>1:00 PM</b>            Children's Reconciliation Retreat  <b>6:30 PM</b> Jr-Sr High Rel Ed  <b>6:30 PM</b> Leaders Bible Study</p>	<p><b>17</b>  <b>1:30 PM</b> Bible Study  <b>7:00 PM</b> Centering Prayer  <b>7:00 PM</b> Facing the Holidays after a Loss</p>	<p><b>18</b>  <b>12:00 PM</b> Bible Study  <b>6:30 PM</b> Mystagogia  <b>6:30 PM</b> Worship Ministries Team  <b>6:30 PM</b> First Reconciliation</p>	<p><b>19</b>  <b>5:15 PM</b> Children's Choir  <b>6:30 PM</b> JustSkills  <b>6:30 PM</b> Rel Ed, St. Joe  <b>7:00 PM</b> SSAC Update  <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir  <b>7:00 PM</b> Re-Membering Church</p>	<p><b>20</b>  <b>6:45 AM</b> Men's Bible Study  <b>6:30 PM</b> JustFaith  <b>6:45 PM</b> Parish Council  <b>7:00 PM</b> RCIA  <b>7:00 PM</b> Communications  <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir</p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>10:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl  <b>10:30 AM</b> Mass, Clark-Lindsey  <b>10:45 AM</b> Mass, CCNH</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b>  <b>Jr High</b> Service Project: Thanksgiving baskets  <b>12:00-5:00 PM</b>  <b>Sr High</b> CTC Retreat  <b>8:30-10:30 AM</b> Library Open</p>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Centering Prayer</p>	<p><b>25</b>  <b>6:00 PM</b> Faith Sharing  <b>6:30 PM</b> Mystagogia</p>	<p><b>26</b>  <b>Catholic Teen Connection:</b> Net Ministries Retreat  <b>9:30 AM</b> Schola  <b>7:00 PM</b> Re-Membering Church</p>	<p><b>27</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>  <b>8:00 AM</b> Mass and Holiday Breakfast   <b>Parish Offices Closed</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>10:45 AM</b> Mass, CCNH   <b>Parish Offices Closed</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b>  <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>  <b>8:30-10:30 AM</b> Library Open</p>	<p><b>CCNH:</b> Champaign County Nursing Home  <b>RCIA:</b> Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults  <b>SSAC:</b> Second Century Advisory Com.</p>					