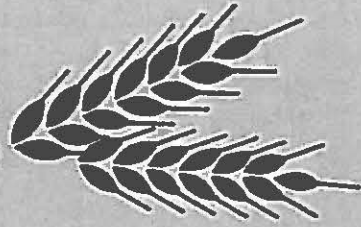


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



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An Invitation to Ministry

"It is an invitation to change the world in Urbana and beyond. It is a call for young and old to renew the face of the earth. It is a call to listen to the voice of the Spirit speaking responsibility, ownership, and gratitude. With so many gifts and blessings, we are challenged. At all times in our lives we have an opportunity, a responsibility, to share what we have been given. Everyone is needed, EVERYONE."

The statement above is taken from Fr. Hogan's letter to all parishioners in the booklet *Ministry at St. Patrick's*. It sums up the rationale for St. Patrick's emphasis on ministry.

Every fall, St. Patrick's Parish devotes one weekend to highlight, challenge, and give parishioners the opportunity to volunteer to serve one or another in one or another of the many, many parish ministries—although the invitation to serve is open all year long.

Indeed, ALL are needed, young and old, to serve one another. ALL

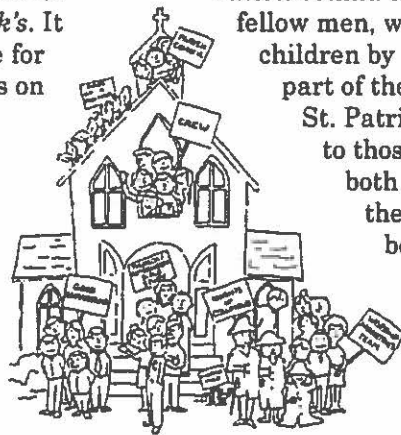
can offer something to the parish at EVERY stage of life. The motivation behind this is to serve our fellow men, women, teens, and children by being an active part of the Body of Christ at St. Patrick's. The benefits to those who serve are both tangible (seeing the fruits of one's labors) and intangible (God's myriad blessings in the lives of those who give).

After each Mass on August 23-24 the booklet *Ministry at St. Patrick's: People, Programs, and Possibilities* will be distributed. This booklet lists and briefly de-

scribes the various parish ministries for you to consider. In the center of the booklet is the form "My Offering of Time and Talent." Please take the booklet home and page through it. Mark the form to indicate ministries you will continue to serve as well as those that may reflect new interests for you. Don't see what you're looking for? Write it in! Don't forget to fill out your own contact information—and include your email address if you use one.

New this year: A "My Offering of Time and Talent" form will also be handed out to St. Patrick's young people on August 23-24. We ask that children and parents look at this together and fill it out

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For parishioners, it goes with the territory!

Imagine going to Disneyworld, making a beeline for Cinderella's castle, taking its tour, snapping a few photos of the place, and then heading straight for the parking lot to locate your car for the long drive home. Would you really be able to tell others you'd "been to Disneyworld?" Technically, sure. And no doubt you would have gotten *something* out of the experience. But in such a brief visit you would have missed out on a lot of wonderful sights and experiences, and you would have missed the whole point

of being there.

It's a little bit like that with going to church at St. Patrick's but failing to volunteer for any of its ministries. You can tell others that, yes, you do go to church. However, you would be missing an important part of being a parishioner, and perhaps the whole point of being one as well.

To look at it another way, imagine a son who dutifully goes to Sunday dinner at his parents' house, arriving just in time to sit down and eat, and taking his

leave as soon as the last crumb of dessert has been cleaned from his fork. No doubt his family would still enjoy his company, and he would benefit *some* from going as well. Now, let's say that he has a brother who comes an hour or two early to watch "the game," helps his mother chop vegetables for the meal, contributes eager conversation at the dinner table, helps wash dishes, and stays for an hour or two afterwards to play cards. By giving his time, help, and a little

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at home. This form can be put in the collection basket at Mass in the next week or two, or mailed or brought in to the parish office.

During the Masses on September 6-7, turn in your own "My Offering of Time and Talent" form, or complete it with the time allotted before the end of Mass. You may also turn it in the following Sunday, or mail or bring it to the parish office. You will be contacted by someone engaged in the ministry or ministries you've indicated.

When you are contacted, discuss the amount of time you can realistically give, as well as your level of participation: Are you getting in on the ground level, or are you ready for a leadership role? Be patient

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more of himself, the second brother benefits much more from spending time with his family.

So, which brother (or sister) are you?

When it comes to volunteering for ministry at St. Patrick's, your answer may be the first scenario, the second, or perhaps even something in between. Maybe you've never set foot inside the parish center, or maybe you spend so much of your free time at St. Patrick's that it feels like a second home. Maybe you're somewhere in the middle—you joined one or two ministries years ago, and have yet to branch out into other areas.

This time of year we *all* have the opportunity to examine the many ministries that are available at St. Patrick's and to prayerfully consider which ones we can do, would enjoy doing, and *are led to do*.

No matter the current level of

with yourself as you begin serving in a ministry new to you, but do feel free to change your mind and choose another that seems a better fit for your time and talent.

The Parish Council and staff thank you for your willingness to consider how you can contribute to St. Patrick's Parish, whether by renewing your commitment to a ministry or by taking up a new ministry.

Father Hogan has put a goal before us all: 100% parishioner participation. It takes everyone to build the Body of Christ at St. Patrick's and beyond. Please prayerfully consider how YOU can be a part of that 100% participation. God bless you!

involvement, God is always rooting for us to take our commitment to serving a little bit deeper. For some, this may mean starting out by picking one ministry—such as contributing baked goods for special events—and seeing how it fits. For others, it may be a matter of finding just a few more hours each month (or even each year) in

which to pick up a couple of new ministries (such as being on the Newcomer Welcome Team, or delivering Meals on Wheels twice a year). And, for those who are already very involved, perhaps it's time to consider switching

to a different ministry or two, or maybe even standing for election to the Parish Council.

No matter which of these best describes your involvement, consider this: like the second brother in the example above, giving of yourself to help others *necessarily* blesses you as well!



Parish Bible study programs resume

Community Bible Study will focus on "The Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ," beginning the week of Sept. 14. Je-

sus teaches us the pure truth... with passion. And his teachings have the power to transform our



lives if our hearts are open to him. A careful study of these incidents and teachings leads the student to a profound depth of insight into Jesus Christ, the best picture we have of God himself. It is our hope and prayer that the Lord Jesus will step out of the pages of Scripture in new, refreshing, and life-changing ways, drawing us closer into a personal relationship with him. You will enjoy the comfortable atmosphere, faith sharing, and spiritual renewal of this small group format. To join a small group study, please call Mary Long (531-7008). Mary will also help new groups to form, if you would like to get a group of friends together to study God's Word. Leadership training and support are provided by the Leaders Bible Study Group.

The Great Adventure Bible Study will resume on Tuesday nights beginning August 26 to continue study of the grand sweep of Bible history. Even if you missed the first year of 12 lessons, you can still join in and catch up for the rest of the lessons spread out over this year. Participants have said that the Great Adventure "puts the parts of the Bible into an understandable, historical context; helps them gain a better grasp of the whole picture of Salvation History; and helps them feel comfortable exploring the Catholic Catechism and biblical foundations of our Catholic faith." Contact Mary Long or Carolyn McElrath (367-2665) to join this great adventure!

St. Patrick's Presents...

I Do! I Do!

Sat., Oct. 4, 7pm
Sun., Oct. 5, 2pm

St. Patrick's
Parish Center

A Musical that Celebrates the Gift of Marriage!

DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL EVENT!



Join us for this delightful musical comedy, which follows one couple through the ups and downs of 50 years of marriage!

Featuring Jim Mayer & Jodi Prosser
Music Direction by Nick Stefanic

Adults: \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door
Students*: \$8 in advance /\$10 at the door

Tickets available at St. Pat's office or call 357-2665

Child care is available for children ages 6 months and up.

Pre-registration is required.
Space is limited. Call 367-2665.

**I Do! I Do! is most enjoyable for ages 10 and up*

Proceeds to benefit The High School of St. Thomas More music program.

St. Patrick's welcomes Katie Hinrichs and Laura Theby

Two new members of St. Patrick's staff are settling into the community life of the parish.

Katie Hinrichs, Parish Secretary, started work at St. Patrick's at the end of May, succeeding longtime

secretary Leslie Risatti. Working at the parish has been "challenging but fun," she admits. Among her

many responsibilities are preparing the parish bulletin for printing by Diocesan Publications, answering the phones—and "doing whatever needs to be done." (And that says a lot!)

Katie grew up in Monticello, where she attended St. Philomena's church. She taught religious education there, and met Father Joe while he was serving at that

parish. She now lives in Sidney with her husband, Kent, and their two children, Ethan, age 6, and Mary Catherine, who is 3 years old.

Laura Theby succeeded Chris Ángel as the parish's Director of Music on July 1 and, off to a running start, played both organ and piano for her first Mass here on the Fourth of July. Laura has a bachelor's degree in piano performance and another in piano pedagogy as well as a master's degree in piano pedagogy.

Laura grew up in the St. Louis area and has played for church services since high school. While studying at the UI, she played at St. John's Chapel for three years, as well as at Holy Cross church and a Lutheran church in Champaign.



At St. Patrick's, Laura's responsibilities include planning and playing music for all five weekend Masses as well as for weddings, funerals, and holy days. In addition, she works with our cantors and instrumentalists and with all the parish choirs. Laura is especially excited to work with the children's choir: "I hope to get more kids singing in the children's choir. It's great to see kids involved!"

Be sure to look up Katie and Laura and let them know how very welcome they are at St. Patrick's!



The deadline for submitting information, articles, and news items for the next (July/August) issue of *In Focus* is September 14.

Rain failed to dampen St. Patrick's Summer Festival

There was a last minute hustle to shift several events indoors as a late-afternoon thunderstorm tried to wash out this year's Summer Festival on June 27, but patience and St. Patrick's "let's have fun anyway" attitude prevailed. The



result was an evening of good times and camaraderie.

Mike Hodits and the Knights of Columbus did a fantastic job grilling brats, burgers, and hot dogs, and we were treated to some delicious international dishes as well, thanks to Basmati Indian Cuisine and our Korean, Vietnamese, and Palestinian communities. The Morning Cup & More provided sweet corn and quenched our thirsts with custom-brewed teas.

The musical entertainment was shifted to an indoor stage in the main hall. As dinner was being served, we were treated to music from CREW's Praise Band and to favorites from the Children's Mass Ensemble. "The Ladybugs" provided more smiles than one could count with their brand of joyful, energetic, interactive song and dance.

Kids were eager to play outside. When the rain clouds dispersed and the lightning subsided around 7 p.m., we were able to open up the

"bounce houses." Soon the parish grounds echoed with children's giggles.

Peggy Loftus and Suzanne D'Andria challenged our youth to soak them in the dunk tank. Prizes from the bean bag toss, clothespin drop, and fishin' game sugared participants with candy. And what's a church picnic without a cakewalk? Folks were waiting in line for a chance to take home the perfect dessert from our parish bakers, and nobody left empty-handed.

Responding to an encore from last summer, BINGO drew pa-



rishioners to the multipurpose room. Local vendors' gift certificates delighted many lucky winners.

"The Dunking of Father Joe" was auctioned off, and the combined team of Alice McLaughlin and Steve Beckett won the chance to plunge a priest. Wearing the jersey of "the most hated team in baseball" (it was red in color and displayed

a bird emblem), Father Joe turned the tables on the would-be dunkers by drenching them with a super soaker. Kids and adults alike then managed to drop Father Joe in the drink, often with evil grins and revenge in their hearts. Our pastor was kind enough to offer forgiveness for all.

Favorites from the Big Band Era filled the hall as "The Pocket Big Band" took the stage. Swing music, cool jazz, and soothing melodies entertained dance couples as others chatted with friends at nearby tables.

The Guild provided ice cream treats, and the parish's popcorn machine was resurrected to provide the traditional snack for viewers of a feature film that brought an end to the "Enchanted" evening.

One parishioner wrote afterward, "I felt so proud of my church last night. It is one thing to say that we stand for 'family values' and it is another thing to go to such incredible measures to show that we value families. What a wonderful multigenerational night for me and for my children! I thought about my friend Mary Ann, whom I met in the third grade and haven't seen in 30 years. She isn't Catholic and simply saw

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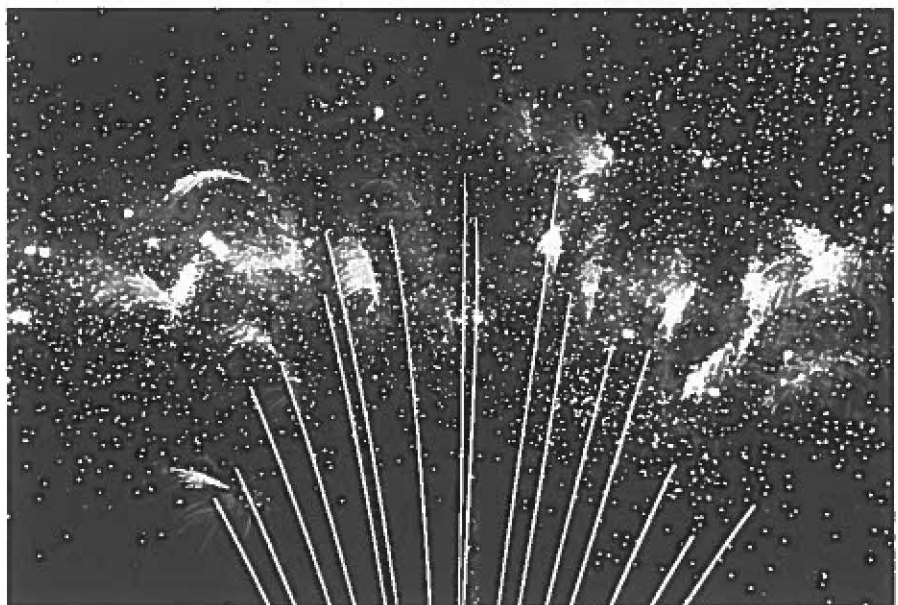


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our sign, so she gathered up 5 or 6 children she cares for whose mothers are in prison and are farmed out among relatives for care. They ate, they bounced, they won prizes, and they closed the place down having a wonderful time. I watched my children equally embraced as they spilt drinks and butted in line and eagerly went from one person to another making friends, while I was reunited with an old friend and ...watched my pastor get dunked. I sensed a little tension in the air during the week leading up [to Summer Fest] about whether or not we could pull this thing off...and of course the threat of rain could have put a huge damper on things. But it was a wonderful success on many levels."

Another wrote, "I wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed last night's festival. It really felt like a festival. The evening's events and activities all went smoothly and pleasantly. I felt proud of our parish and was glad to be able to introduce my in-laws to each of you and to so many of my other friends. Since I've become a Catholic, I have been in many parishes—none have felt as good as St. Pat's. Thank you!"

Let's do it again next year!



Parish Council News

As part of a feasibility study for the proposed church and parish center expansion, St. Patrick's parishioners will soon have an opportunity to see the computer drawings and give their feedback during a series of presentations.

Members of the St. Patrick's Parish Council voted during an emergency meeting in July to accept the architect's plans and to go forward with a Second Century Feasibility Study. During the Parish Council's August 21 meeting, Fr. Joe Hogan explained that all parishioners will be invited to one of the presentations, which will be conducted in the homes of parishioners and in the parish hall in the coming months. The company hired to do the feasibility study will look at the parish's finances and giving trends, and will make an estimate of how much money can be raised for the parish expansion. The study is expected to be completed by the first week in December.

In other business:

- During his report, Father Joe

Hogan announced that vacant parish staff positions have been filled, with the exception of the position of bookkeeper. A bookkeeper was expected to be hired shortly.

- The parish staff has renamed the classrooms. Those in the north hallway will be referred to as Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; the classrooms behind the stage (frequently referred to as the nursery) will be named for St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

- The Ministry Signup Weekend is scheduled for September 6 and 7, and the Time and Talent interests of parishioners will be shared with ministry leaders during the Gathering of Ministries on September 13. While this year's distribution of information will be paper-based, the Parish Council has decided to work toward the goal of using an electronic database instead of paper copies next year.

- During the Ministry reports, Parish Council member Shelly Benson announced that sign-up for religious education classes would take place the weekend of August



23-24, with classes beginning September 14. There is still a need for catechists for fifth and sixth grades.

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The next Parish Council meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, September 18, in the parish center following a 6:30 p.m. gathering in the church for prayer. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open meetings.

Update on St. Patrick's presence at the Market-at-the-Square

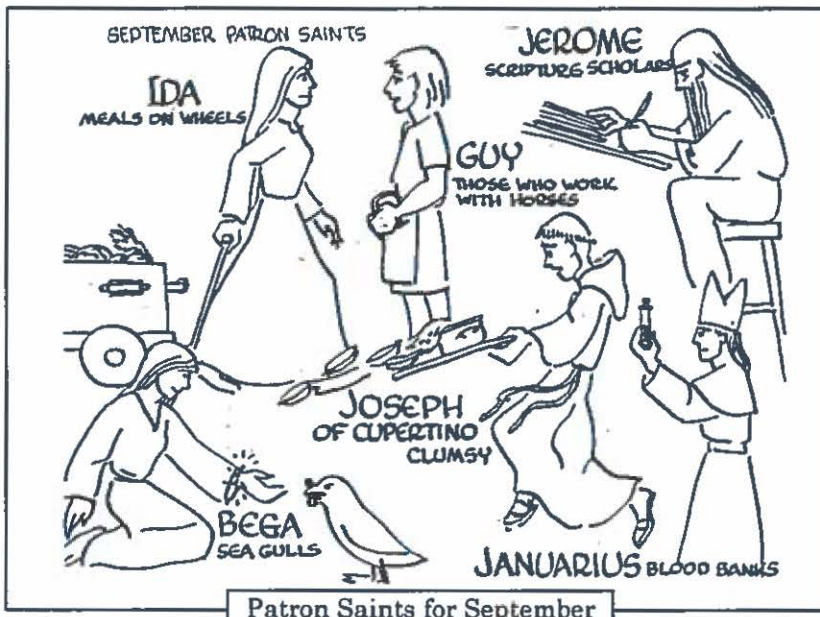
This has been a good summer for St. Patrick's booth at the farmers' market at Lincoln Square.

The booth has a new canopy and table, and now occupies two of the designated spaces at the lot, so visibility is better.

The best news is that efforts to bring the welcoming message of St. Patrick's have been very fruitful. Some people who have been met there have joined St. Patrick's, and one baptism can be attributed to contact at the market. Staffers at the booth had enjoyed a number of conversations with people who stop by. It would not be an exaggeration to say that volunteers have been exhilarated by these responses!

St. Patrick's will staff the booth at Market-at-the-Square on the first Saturday of September and on October 18. When the Market moves inside Lincoln Square, look for the parish's booth on November 15 and December 6.

If this ministry appeals to you, please contact Dan Richards (714-3707) or Mary Long (531-7008) for more information. It truly is a "good work"!



Fr. George Wuellner

Patron Saints for September

Major renovation of classrooms undertaken

Members of the Building and Grounds Committee have been busy this summer with a renovation of the classroom wing of the parish center. They have been working to make the rooms more attractive and suitable for use by adult groups as well as for our children in Religious Education.

On the hallway north of the main hall are three classrooms and the parish library. These rooms received a major cleanup, fresh paint, new ceiling lights, and new carpeting. Built-in cabinets have been provided in some of the rooms, free-standing cabinets in others. The chalkboards have been replaced by marker boards that can be concealed behind doors when not in use. All of these rooms are being renamed for the four Evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Look for the sign beside each door.

The large room behind the stage in the main hall, once known as the nursery, is now two rooms, named for Mary and Joseph. They too received new paint, new carpeting, and upgraded lighting.

You will soon see the names for these rooms used in the parish bulletin to designate where parish groups are meeting.

Now that the Cellar-to-Garret Sale is over, the last few tasks can be accomplished. The paint is getting a final touch-up. New tables and chairs are being put in the library classroom. In the hall, two glassed-in notice boards are being installed, one for information provided by the Parish Nurses and one to display the work of our children in Religious Education classes.

Many thanks to the members of Building and Grounds and all their helpers! We'll enjoy their work for years to come!



Welcome, welcome to St. Patrick's!

When you're "the new kid on the block" it's sometimes hard to get acquainted in a parish as large as St. Patrick's. That's the reason for



the annual Welcome Dinner for new parishioners on Thursday, September 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the

parish center. Invitations are being sent to parishioners who have registered since the previous welcome event, at Coffee Shop in April.

Members of the Welcome Team, the staff, and the Parish Council

will provide a welcoming presence at the salad and crock pot soup supper. All attending will be asked to introduce themselves, and the newcomers will each receive a gift bag containing items such as note cards, a Catholic devotional book, a bookmark, and information on the parish, as well as small gifts for any children.

Newcomers who may not have received a written invitation are encouraged to attend. Just call Mary Long (531-7008) to let her know you're coming.

Vocation Prayer



Good and gracious God, through baptism you have called us to discipleship with your Son, Jesus Christ, and have sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to all people.

We pray you to grant us more priests and religious to build up your Church here in our country. Inspire young men and women to give themselves totally to the work of Christ and his Church.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Henri Nouwen, wounded healer

Can we, when we look at the years gone by, state with confidence that we are closer to God now than at an earlier period? This is the question that Henri Nouwen asked himself. He discovered that all of his many accomplishments had brought him to a place where he was "praying poorly, living somewhat isolated from other people, and very much preoccupied with burning issues."

Henri J. M. Nouwen was born in Nijkerk, Holland, on January 24, 1932. At the early age of six he decided he would be a priest. As a child, Henri heard two voices. One was his mother, who praised and affirmed him as he was and who asked him always to love Jesus. The other was his father, who encouraged him to become a better and more successful person. Nouwen believed that he spent the first part of his life listening to his father and the latter part of his life listening to his mother.

In July 1957 Henri was ordained a priest for the diocese of Utrecht. He was granted further study in psychology at the University of Nijmegen and graduated as a psychologist in 1963. In the following

years he studied, did research, and wrote. He hoped to introduce the combination of psychology and theology into a religious education program in The Netherlands. He also taught at Notre Dame; his first two books were published during his tenure there.

In 1971 he earned a doctorate in theology. From 1971 to 1981 he taught at Yale Divinity School, became a fellow at the Ecumenical Institute at Collegeville, Minnesota, and spent some time as a scholar at the North American College in Rome. He then traveled to Peru, where he lived and worked with the poor.

In 1983 Nouwen accepted a part-time position at Harvard Divinity School and crisscrossed North America on speaking tours about conditions in Latin America. But he was becoming more and more unhappy with himself. In 1985 he resigned from Harvard and went to stay at a L'Arche community in Trosly, France. L'Arche is an international movement of communities that welcome people with physical and mental disabilities. In 1986 he accepted an invitation to serve as pastor of the L'Arche community of



Daybreak in Richmond Hill, north of Toronto, Canada.

This was his homecoming. He lived in one of the homes, where he was asked to help Adam Arnett, a man with a severe disability, with his morning routine. Nouwen's book *Adam, God's Beloved* tells how Adam became his friend, his teacher, and his guide. It was after coming to this place that he experienced his greatest fulfillment as priest, friend, author, lecturer, and mentor. He gave talks and retreats, did counseling, and wrote. Whenever he traveled or lectured, he invited a core member (a person with a disability) to come with him as co-facilitator.

At the age of 64 Nouwen died of a heart attack on September 21, 1996; he is buried in King City, close to his L'Arche community.

Henri Nouwen was a great spiritual leader. His more than 40 books have been published in over 22 languages and have sold more than 2 million copies. (You will find several of Henri Nouwen's books shelved in St. Patrick's parish library.) His teaching is as relevant today as during his lifetime, and it will continue to be relevant for years to come because he speaks to the human condition and how we can all be closer to God if we work very hard at it.

Health tips from your Parish Nurses

- Prevention is better than a cure!
- Make sure your family's immunizations are up-to-date. If not, see your doctor.
- Wash your hands often, especially when you are around people who are sick.
- Post emergency telephone numbers on your refrigerator or some other equally visible place.
- Schedule health screenings at the same time each year as a help to remember them.
- Make sure you and your family receive flu shots before flu season begins.



I would like to say as simply as I know how that I'm convinced that in our lifetime we have no contribution to make to one another or to the world at large except a modest and consistent NO to death.... We are not allowed to kill. We are not allowed to be complicit in killing. We are not allowed to commit the crime of silence before these things.

—Daniel Berrigan, S.J.



in our parish library

The library has seen some modifications, thanks to the recent classroom renovations. In addition to the repainting and new carpeting, you will notice the following:

- New shelving has been added to help accommodate the growth in library materials.
- The children's library is now integrated into the collection. It is to the right of the windows as you walk into the library.
- The Catholic fiction collection and new books are shelved next to the children's collection (to the right of the windows).
- The reference collection is now shelved at the end of the book ranges (to the left of the windows).
- The library computer is now neatly tucked inside a computer hutch supplied by Peggy Loftus.
- You will also see a photocopier.

Special thanks for the assistance of volunteers Nancy Costa, Dee and Ed Mulligan, Nancy Olson, and Sue Schreiber, who helped shelve the thousands of books after the renovation. Thanks too for your tremendous help during the past year. Extra thanks to Bob Miller for his hard labor in moving items!

We hope you will stop in, browse, and check out some books. See the instructions on the little table by the computer hutch. If you have suggestions for new book titles to add, please contact Lori Mestre, library coordinator (lmestre@illinois.edu).

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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.

Vacation Bible School a big hit

The last week of June saw the parish center and grounds transformed as over a hundred youngsters made new friends playing games, making crafts of all kinds, acting out Bible stories, and in many other ways celebrating God's love. They were joined by a

cadre of parents and teens who seemed to be having an uproariously good time as well while teaching, guiding, and monitoring, with watchful care for the youngest and shyest of the children.





Q: On one Sunday this summer the priest wore red instead of the usual green at Mass, and the servers wore red cords too. Why red and not green?

A: Depending on the season or occasion, different-colored vestments are worn by the priest and deacon. The cincture, or belt, worn by St. Patrick's servers is the same liturgical color worn by the priest.

It's true that during the summer, falling as it does in the season of the Church Year referred to as Ordinary Time, the priest usually wears green vestments. This year the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, June 29, fell on the last Sunday in June. This major feast pre-empted the usual Sunday Mass in Ordinary Time, and because these two great saints were martyrs, the liturgical color for vestments worn that day was red.

Priests also wear red vestments on Passion Sunday, Good Friday, and Pentecost in addition to the feasts of saints martyred for the faith. So red is the color of blood or sacrifice, the color of fire, of love, of the Holy Spirit.

Green is a color of vitality, the color of fresh leaves and grass, the color of hope and life. It is used for

the Sundays of Ordinary Time (as you've observed).

White (sometimes gold) is the color worn for the Christmas and Easter Seasons and on the feasts of Our Lord, Mary, non-martyred saints, and other special feasts (for example, the feasts of angels and the Conversion of St. Paul). It is also typically used for funeral Masses, acknowledging the joy of the soul's resurrection into new and eternal life. White is the color of purity and innocence, of joy, of victory.

Violet, or purple, is worn during the Seasons of Advent and Lent. It is the Church's color of sorrow or mourning, the color of penance.

These liturgical colors go back a long way. They were listed as early as the twelfth century and were standardized throughout the Church in the sixteenth century, with little change thereafter. Probably the most notable change for present-day Catholics took place during the liturgical reforms following the Second Vatican Council—the change from black to white vestments now worn for funerals.

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



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Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . . Bob Kimmey

Corn Casserole

- 1 can whole kernel corn
- 1 can creamed corn
- 1 egg
- 1 box cornbread mix
- 8 oz sour cream
- 1 stick margarine



Mix together the first five ingredients and pour into baking dish. Melt margarine and pour over the top. Bake at 350° for one hour, or until inserted knife comes out clean.

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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!

Conversation Seminar: Learning to communicate Christ authentically

If you ever wanted to talk about your faith but held back because you anticipated awkwardness or ridicule (and who among us hasn't?), the Conversations Seminar, a two-day event on evangelism training scheduled for September 26-27, might be the place to be. The presenter is Garry Poole, Director of Evangelism, Willow Creek Church.

The seminar is a real exercise in ecumenism as well. It will be held at the Windsor Road Christian Church, and is sponsored by the Urbana Theological Seminary, together with several churches—including Covenant Fellowship Church, St. Patrick's Church, Twin

City Bible Church, All Souls Presbyterian Church of America, and the host church. The Campus Crusade for Christ, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and Community Bible Study are also sponsors.

As Christians we are all asked to "go and make disciples." This seminar is designed to help us do that by reaching out and beginning the conversation. A goal is to teach us how to share the message of the Gospel in a way that respects the beliefs of others.

The hours will be Friday, 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Mary Long (531-7008).

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.



Welcome to new parishioners Arianna Agramante, Bradley Culpepper, Kathy and Timothy Donley, Mary Lynn Fuller, Ann and Joseph Hanak, Denise and Warren Hood, Patrick Kirby, Regino and Therese Leti, Jane and John Nelson, Robin and Shawn Palmer, George and Kara Paulos, Christine and Geoffrey Pociask, Ana and Jose Rebello, Ann Stokr, Andrew and Christa Weiss, Lara Wipfli, Chris and Jillian Zwilling.

Farewell to these parishioners who have moved away: Chris Ángel, Gilbert Kiamana and Liliane Dibenga, Ann Kirts, Lori and Matthew Kleffner.

Welcome to the following, baptized into our faith community: Miles Boyd, Natalie Pociask, Caroline Francis Thomas, Christian Andrew Weiss.

Congratulations to these couples, married at St. Patrick's: Hayley Smith and Luke Feeney, Kelli Emkes and Travis Tedlock, Justin Andrew Stutes and Gina Marie Sanchez, Robert McCartney III and Amanda Hamel, Bart Halvorsen and Jackie Johnston.

Please pray for deceased parishioners Peggy McKown, Larry Peters, Joseph Whelan.

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

Pictorial Directory Update

Thank you to all parishioners who were photographed by Tureskis Photography or who submitted their own personal photos for the 2008-09 St. Patrick's Parish pictorial directory. There was a delay in sending accompanying inserts to the directory due to the turnover of parish staff in May and June. Now all new staff members are on board, and the pictorial directory is back on track for publication this fall. Thank you for your patience.



St. Patrick's Parish September 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day 9:00 AM Mass and Breakfast 7:00 PM Centering Prayer Parish Offices Closed	2 6:00 PM Faith Sharing 6:30 PM Mystagogia 7:00 PM Great Adventure Bible Study	3 12-1:00 PM Men's Book Club 5:15 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Baptism Preparation 7:00 PM Choir	4 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM Building & Grounds 7:00 PM Social Action 7:00 PM Choir	5 10:45 AM Mass, CCNH	6 6:15 PM 10 Great Dates Time and Talent Ministry Signup
7 6:30 PM CREW Parents' Information Meeting Time and Talent Ministry Signup	8 7:00 PM Centering Prayer 7:00 PM Pro-Life	9 5:30 PM Financial Affairs Committee 6:30 PM Mystagogia 7:00 PM Great Adventure Bible Study	10 9:30 AM Funeral Schola 4:30 PM Bible Study 5:15 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Choir	11 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Newcomer Welcome Dinner 7:00 PM Choir	12 10:30 AM Mass, Care Center 10:45 AM Mass, CCNH	13 8:30 AM-Noon Gathering of the Ministries
14 9:15 AM Religious Ed 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy 6:00 PM CREW Kick-off Party 6:30 PM Junior High Religious Ed 6:30 PM Leaders Bible Study	15 7:00 PM Centering Prayer	16 12:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Faith Sharing 6:30 PM Worship Ministries Team 6:30 PM Mystagogia	17 10:30 AM Bible Study 4:30 PM Bible Study 5:15 PM Children's Choir 6:30 PM Religious Ed, St. Joe 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Bible St.	18 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Parish Council 7:00 PM Choir	19 10:30 AM Mass, Clark-Lindsey 10:45 AM Mass, CCNH	20 8:30-11 AM Liturgical Ministry Recombitment: Msgr. Doug Hennessy shares reflections on the Eucharist
21 9:15 AM Religious Ed 10:15 AM Knights of Columbus 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy 6:30 PM Jr High and CREW Religious Ed 6:30 PM Leaders Bible Study	22 7:00 PM Centering Prayer	23 12:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Mystagogia	24 9:30 AM Funeral Schola 10:30 AM Bible Study 4:30 PM Bible Study 5:15 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Bible St.	25 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Communications 7:00 PM Choir	26 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl 10:45 AM Mass, CCNH	27
28 8:00 AM-10:00 PM Catholic Teen Connection: World Youth Day, Belleville 8:30 AM-Noon Blood Pressure Screening 8:30-10:30 AM Parish Library Open 6:30 PM Leaders Bible Study	29 7:00 PM Centering Prayer	30 12:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Faith Sharing 6:30 PM Mystagogia	<p>Because this calendar is prepared in advance, be sure to check the bulletin to confirm actual dates and times of specific events.</p> <p>The deadline for the next issue of <i>In Focus</i> is September 14.</p>			

CCNH: Champaign County Nursing Home
 RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults