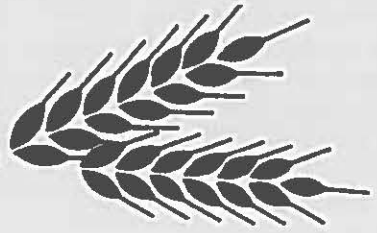


ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



"Come play with me" (God)

For many of us, summertime offers tempting opportunities for outdoor play—for enjoying the gifts that nature provides while engaging in playfulness with children, spouse, or friends. A satisfying round of golf, Shakespeare under the stars, a hike through a wooded area or gardens, or, sometimes best of all, playing with youngsters, renews our spirit, refreshes our soul.

Can we imagine our God at play? How else can we explain the giraffe, the platypus, the ostrich, butterflies, and lightning bugs? A wonderful passage in Proverbs (8:23-31) concludes: "I was beside the master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere on his earth."

Genesis tells us that God used to come by Eden just to walk and talk with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening. Just imagine, God with the first couple, just walking and



talking and enjoying the bright flowers, colorful birds, beasts tame and contented, trees laden with ripe fruit, the light of the moon and soft breezes.

Play reminds us that not everything has a purpose, that some times and some things are about enjoyment and appreciation. Play is doing something just for the fun of it, just for the joy of it.

Miriam danced and sang—for joy, for life, for praise—after the Israelites crossed the Red Sea into freedom. David danced before the ark of God, danced with abandon, danced for joy and with praise in his heart.

We often fail to understand how close real play is to prayer. Both are functionally useless activities; they often do not show immediate results, and sometimes we have to let go of the results and play and pray for the delight of it.

Play, like prayer, is too important to leave to chance; we have to plan for both. That means setting play and prayer times for ourselves, whether alone or with others. Can we set some time each day to find something to laugh over, something to dream about, something to talk over with God?

Joy is a gift of the Spirit. All we have to do is accept it, unwrap it, and take it out to play.

CREW sets out to renew the world of Memphis

Each summer, the St. Patrick's Parish youth group, CREW (Christ Renews Everyone's World), goes on a mission trip. After 7:30 Mass on Sunday, July 12, the 39 participants will depart for their six-day mission to Memphis, Tenn., all wearing their matching CREW t-shirts. The red shirt has a picture of Elvis Presley on the front and reads "The King of Rock and Roll"; the back has a picture of Jesus and reads "The King that Rocks My Soul."

The 27 teens have been working



diligently all year to meet their service-hour and fundraising requirements. But their hard work does not stop there. Once in Memphis, this bunch will be working with an organization known as MIFA, the Metropolitan Inter Faith Association. Teens and

chaperones will be sorted into small groups, each of which will have a specific project for the week, whether it be fixing a roof, repairing damaged floor boards, painting, or being a part of the Meals-on-Wheels team.

The CREW mission trip is not only a great way to make a difference in the lives of strangers in need of a helping hand, but it also aims at strengthening the faith

Many Celtic High Crosses displayed

You may have noticed the beautiful framed crosses in some of the meeting rooms in the parish center. The crosses were selected by Amy Jobin, Pastoral Associate, who was looking for crosses that would fit in with the history and culture of our parish. She chose these Celtic designs to honor our patron saint and the families that founded the parish.

These are replicas of Celtic high crosses, which are found in Ireland and Scotland. They are called "high" crosses because most of them stand between 8 and 20 feet in height. Most were constructed between the 8th and 12th centuries.

The original crosses are made of local stone, usually sandstone or limestone.



Because of their age, they are much weathered, and a few of them have traces of color, which suggests that they may have been painted. There may have been similar crosses made of wood, but these have not survived.

The crosses served a variety of purposes. Some marked the boundaries of monastic lands or important crossroads. Some marked sacred places, such as a church, the site of a miracle, or a place associated with a saint. Some are located in graveyards.

There are many rich symbols adorning the crosses. The twining vines or lace-like patterns are a symbol of eternal life. The spirals reflect the order of the natural

world by recalling the movement of the sun, moon, and planets. There are images of domestic animals and common plants that reflect gratitude for the created world. There are also more conventional symbols, such as the three interlinked circles representing the Trinity, and the letters "IHS" (from the Latin, *In Hoc Signo*) reminding us that we live "in the sign" of the cross.

The replicas at St. Patrick's were made by Ruth McNay and Linda Harp, a mother and daughter from Texas who are skilled in carving and design. With each cross is a note telling where the original is located and describing the symbols. There are six of them: in the multipurpose room, the lounge, and the four "evangelist" rooms—Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John—off the main hall.

Look for them, enjoy them, and consider making them a focal point for the prayer at the beginning of your meetings.

Saint Patrick goes to market

This summer is the third season that St. Patrick's is represented at Market-at-the Square at Lincoln Square Mall. This farmers market, under the auspices of the city of Urbana, is one of the more highly regarded farmers markets in Illinois, and enjoys excellent attendance by the public.

Those who staff St. Patrick's booth at the market have become a little more experienced in interactions with passersby. They have added to the materials taken for display or for handing out, such as the St. Patrick's Welcome leaflet and the ministry booklet. But the basic mission, offering the presence of Christ in this small corner of the world, remains constant.

In May they spoke with a young lady who inquired about

being a sponsor for a friend in the RCIA process. They spoke about Spanish-language Masses in the C-U area with a Hispanic woman hailing from Texas. They spoke with a Catholic from Italy, now living in Sullivan, Ill., who compared his experiences as a Catholic and a citizen in the United States with those in his native country. As always, they spoke with parishioners from St. Patrick's, who invariably seem pleased to see the parish represented in the "public square" in Urbana.

St. Patrick's parishioners staff a booth at the Market-at-the-Square once a month from May through September. If this stirs your interest, please call Dan Richards (714-3707) or Mary Long (367-2665) for more information.



Parishioners stopped by St. Patrick's booth at Urbana's farmers market in June.



The booth also drew the attention of FOCUS missionaries from campus.

"Honoring our past, building our future"

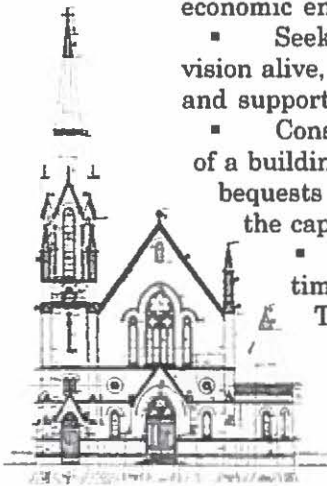
Did you miss the meetings during the first week of May that the Second Century Advisory Committee held to update parishioners on modified plans for the expansion of St. Patrick's church? Here are a few of the changes that brought the initial estimated cost of Phase I down from \$5.9 million to \$3.75 million.

- Decreasing the size of the gathering space but still connecting the church and parish center

- Increasing accessibility by adding a standard-size elevator capable of holding two wheelchairs with companions, or 12 adults. (Steps are inevitable given the 6.5 ft. difference in elevation between the church and the parish center.)

- Eliminating the current multipurpose room to allow for creation of the outdoor plaza, which will provide a welcoming and convenient drop-off area

- Providing a large meeting room and two small meeting rooms on the lower level, beneath the gathering space. This new lower level will also include restrooms, maintenance, and storage, and it will connect to the current



parish center basement area. Grade difference between church and parish center will allow the new meeting rooms to have windows.

Other aspects of renovation and expansion—e.g., additional office space, tearing down the apartment buildings on the property, and providing additional parking—have been moved to Phase II of the project.

What's Next?

The Second Century Advisory Committee recommendations include:

- Finalizing the modified plan and building consensus to move forward with the church renovation and expansion

- Postponing a capital campaign at this time, in sensitivity to those impacted by the negative economic environment

- Seeking ways to keep the vision alive, building momentum and support

- Considering establishment of a building fund to encourage bequests and advance gifts to the capital campaign

- Creating a campaign timeline

The committee recently announced that building plans will be displayed in the parish center for all to see. Watch for them.

Healthy school year fair

On Aug. 9 the Parish Nurses will sponsor a health fair on the theme "Preparing for a Healthy School Year." All parents realize it's not too early to begin preparing! Topics that will be covered include healthy food for lunch boxes, caring for your vision, sleep and hygiene, alcohol and drug abuse, body piercing and tattoos, and homeopathy.

Remember, August is a good time also to schedule your routine health checkup. If you are not certain what your doctor tells you, ask questions. You can also contact the Parish Nurses through the parish office (367-2665) to

request help in understanding your medical information.



Upcoming blood pressure screenings are July 26, Aug. 9, and Sept. 27.

Did you know . . . ?

- Our Fourth of July celebration on Saturday will begin with Mass at 8:00 a.m. (not 9:00 a.m.) followed by a potluck breakfast in the parish center. Y'all come!

- The long-awaited parish pictorial directories have arrived. Be sure to get your copy!

- The depiction of the Last Supper above the votive stand in the back of the church graced the front of the main altar when St. Patrick's church was dedicated on May 24, 1903.

- St. Patrick's Archive Committee is re-forming itself. If you'd enjoy being a part of the team updating and preserving the history of our vibrant 108-year-old parish, tell Fr. Joe.

- Dates have been set for St. Patrick's annual Cellar-to-Garret Sale: Aug. 16-22. Start sorting out your treasures to donate, and reserve the week for helping and shopping!

Native American Wisdom

Peace ... comes within the souls of men when they realize their relationship, their oneness, with the Universe and all its powers, and when they realize that ... the center of the Universe ... is really everywhere, it is within each of us.

~ Black Elk,
Oglala Lakota, 1947



Everyone's welcome at Vietnamese Mass

Wouldn't it be interesting to attend a Mass celebrated by a different culture? St. Patrick's Vietnamese parishioners and our Father Luong Tran welcome Vietnamese and others from a wide area to a Vietnamese Mass on the last Sunday of each month at 5:00 p.m. On special holidays such as Christmas and Easter, the Mass is followed by a Vietnamese dinner in the social hall.

Attending a Mass in Vietnamese, where the only familiar word spoken is "Amen," is not at all off-putting for English-speaking Catholics. Everyone smiles and waves a welcome. The melodious Vietnamese language is well suited to the Mass's chants and songs.

On the last Sunday in May the Vietnamese presented their traditional May Crowning of Mary at 9:00 and 10:30 Masses. Eight young ladies in colorful, long, flowing Vietnamese dresses glided down the aisle. They held a bouquet of flowers in each hand and gracefully twirled and dipped to recorded Vietnamese songs. They concluded the ceremony by placing their bouquets in vases around Mary's statue at the foot of the altar.

For a lovely and melodious expression of the Catholic Mass, you might enjoy participating in the Vietnamese Mass, offered on the last Sunday of each month!



Volunteer Opportunities

▪ The Communications Committee is looking for a volunteer to send brief notices to *The Catholic Post* about upcoming parish events for its "Around the Diocese" feature. Information about the events will be provided by the committee. *Margaret Stewart, 356-9475*

▪ Can you take a turn bringing our retired priests to Mass at St. Patrick's? Seven parishioners have been taking turns bringing Frs. Gene Kane and George Wuellner to Mass at St. Patrick's. One of the seven has recently moved out of state, so one of the group is now doing double duty. This gift of transportation enables our priests, who have given their lives in ministry to God's people, most recently us, to join our faith community for worship—and our parishioners to enjoy the gift of giving. Can you give an hour or so a week? *Randy Sandone, 344-7214*

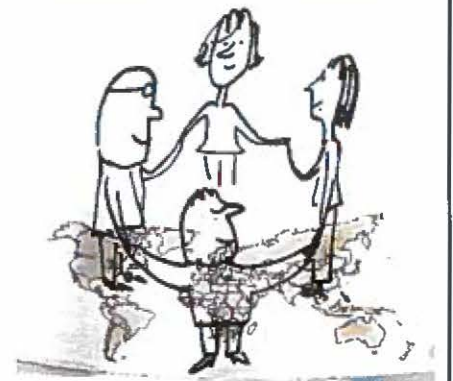


Parish groups or individuals can submit entries for this column to the Communications Committee or by contacting *Mary Lou Menches (344-1125 or mmenches@illinois.edu)*. Provide your name and telephone number or e-mail address with a brief description of the kind of help being sought.

Get ready for the International Festival!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 25, when St. Patrick's International Festival of booths and traditional foods will fill the social hall. Plan to interact with many of our parishioners who come from many different countries and represent many different cultures. Learn more about their countries of origin, sample the authentic foods of their cultures, and enjoy their music and dancing.

It's fun for the family, so plan to bring yours to enjoy the evening and to become better acquainted with the many cultural heritages represented by those who make up the Body of Christ here at St. Patrick's.



Accepting the call

You may have seen him as a Eucharistic Minister at 9 a.m. Mass. Most of us saw him when he recently introduced himself at all weekend Masses. His name is Alex Millar, and he has accepted the call to the priesthood in the Diocese of Peoria. This fall he will enter the Mount St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland.



ests led him to the UI and the College of Engineering, where he received his B.S. in Theoretical and Applied Mechanics in May. He took two classes from parishioner Richard Keane, who mentioned that although Alex was among his brightest students, this was not

Alex was baptized at St. Patrick's. At that time his parents were graduate students at the UI. His parents are from Southern California and met as undergraduates at UC-Irvine. After completing their degrees at UI, they moved to Midland, Michigan, where Alex grew up.

During high school, Alex's interests were math and science. These inter-

obvious because he is such a quiet young man. "Alex and fellow student David Prisco invented a hydraulic bicycle: no chains, no gears. He also developed a huge 'smoke ring' machine." (Sometime you might ask Alex about these inventions and how they work.)

During his formative years, Alex was raised in two faiths: his mother is Catholic and his father is Mormon. He came back to the Catholic faith as a student here. As a result of attending an Emmaus Days retreat along with some seminarians, Alex started the discernment process about his possible calling to the priesthood. Last summer he spent some time at a Dominican Fathers parish in Cincinnati, where he made his decision to go to seminary.

This summer you will see Alex daily in the parish center, church, and grounds. He will help Suzanne D'Andria with Vacation Bible School. He is part of the pastoral team of Eucharistic ministers distributing Holy Communion to Catholic patients at Carle Hospital. And he is not afraid to roll up his sleeves and work: he is helping our custodian, Bob Miller, doing deep cleaning around the parish facilities and has taken on many jobs for Bob. (Did you notice the neatly trimmed bushes around the parish center?)

This is our opportunity to get to know Alex, to pray for him, and to encourage his vocation to the priesthood.



Area Catholics connected on June 3

Some 1100 Catholics from all corners of the Champaign Vicariate gathered for an evening of community on June 3 at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts in Urbana. It was the first of many such events to be presented as part of the Vicariate program Catholic Connected.



Krannert's hall was decorated with banners, each representing one of the parishes of the Vicariate. A PowerPoint presentation featured all nineteen of the parishes, large and small. The featured speaker was Bishop Daniel Jenky, whose subject was prayer: "Prayer is energizing for

service." God is wonderful company, he said; in fact, "nothing makes sense unless we have had a personal experience with the Lord."

The musical program included congregational singing. A combined choir was directed by Laura Theby and Heath Morber. Soloists included Roberto Herrera and Rob Hopkins, violin. Jennifer Roscoe of WCIA was master of ceremonies.

The evening concluded with a reception in the lobby, where members of all nineteen parishes could mix and mingle, "connecting."



Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, give your grace to all who are called to any office or ministry for your people. Fill them with holiness so that they may faithfully serve you and your people. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the model of all service.

Parish Council News

A fresh new Web site design and an expanded weekly bulletin are among the changes to the parish's communication tools that parishioners can expect in the coming months, the Parish Council was told during its monthly meeting June 18.

Parish Council member Shelly Benson gave a report from a recent meeting of representatives of the parish's Web site, the weekly bulletin, and the *In Focus* newsletter, a group that is looking for ways to improve the use of these three communication tools to relay information to parishioners.

The newly developed Web site will be launched later this summer; by next year, many of the things that are now done on paper, such as the Time and Talent Surveys, may be done online. In addition, the bulletin is expected to double in size – to eight pages – possibly as early as September.

During Father Hogan's report, he gave an update on the Second



Century Advisory Committee. While the committee has decided to hold off on starting a capital campaign due to the state of the economy, the committee still wants to keep the

plans for the renovation of the church fresh in parishioners' minds. To that end, there will be a display of the building plans in the parish center and the proceeds of various events will be earmarked for the Building Fund.

Father Hogan also introduced Alex Millar, a seminarian for the Diocese of Peoria whose home parish is St. Patrick's. Father emphasized the importance of the parish supporting Alex and others who are open to vocations.

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The next meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20, in the parish center following a 6:30 p.m. gathering in the church for prayer. (There will be no meeting in July.) All parishioners are welcome to attend these open meetings.

CREW from page 1

of each of its members. Every night adults and teens alike will participate in a Bible study developed specifically for the trip, and join their very own Praise Band in singing a few CREW classics. It wouldn't be a CREW mission trip without the Praise Band!

This year's team is diverse in many ways. There are teens from Centennial, Central, St. Joe-Ogden, St. Thomas More, and Uni high schools. For many of the participants this will be their first mission trip, although some teens, such as Mike Fitzgerald, are back for their fourth trip. Marla Westervelt and Sam Freidhof are former members of the CREW Youth Group and are returning to fill the roles of Young Adult Chaperones. Randy Pankau leads the group by making this his 8th mission trip with CREW. He has participated in seven of the past nine trips.

Although the participants come from different schools, are of different age groups, some first-timers and others with lots of experience, this trip will bring them together and prove to the many people they encounter in Memphis that through St. Patrick's Youth Group Christ does indeed renew everyone's world!

Holy Cross Happenings

Students at Holy Cross had a very busy last month of school:

- Thirty-eight second-graders celebrated their First Communion.

- The track team had a great performance at the Sectionals—8th-grade girls took second place, 7th-grade boys took third place, and 18 individuals advanced to the IESA State Track and Field Meet.

- Eighth-graders celebrated graduation with an honors assembly and a special evening Mass. Forty-nine students are moving on to area high schools.

All, students and teachers, are looking forward to a relaxing summer!

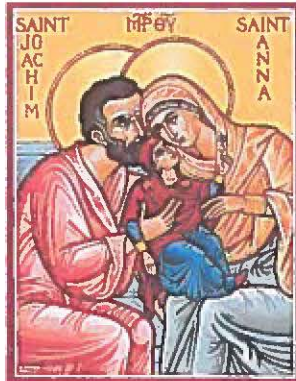


July Patron Saints



Who were Jesus' grandparents?

Did you realize that, like any other baby, Jesus had grandparents? We don't know about Joseph's parents, but tradition tells us that Mary's parents were Anne (or Anna, in Hebrew) and Joachim. The Church honors Grandma Anne and Grandpa Joachim on July 26.



and promised a child to the couple.

Meanwhile Anne mourned, believing that she was now not only childless but a widow as well. Walking in her garden, she sat down under a laurel tree and wept. But the Lord sent an angel to Anne, announcing that she would bear a child "who

Using sources from Christian tradition, from the Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke, and from other Jewish writings, we find that the legend of Anne and Joachim was first compiled in the year 150 in a short text called the "Protevangelium of James," or the "Book of James. According to legend, Joachim and Anne were very old and had had no children, a fact that brought upon them public reproach. Remembering that God had blessed Abraham and Sarah with a son in their old age, Joachim went off to the desert to pray and fast for forty days and nights. An angel appeared and comforted him,

would be spoken of in all the world." The angel also revealed to her that Joachim had received the same message and was returning from the desert.

On his return, Joachim went immediately to the Temple to offer gifts to the Lord. Nine months later, Anne and Joachim had a daughter, whom they named Mary.

Joachim was believed to have witnessed the presentation of the infant Jesus, his grandchild, in the Temple, dying shortly after.

Anne is invoked as the patron of grandparents, married women, and childless couples desiring to have children.



Welcome to new parishioners Barry and Ingrid Alto, Ryan and Bridget Mullin Chester, Rachel and Robert Glasa, Carol McCabe, Helen Janet Thomas, Rose Mary Wallin, and John and Kelli Wegerzyn.

Farewell to parishioners who have moved away: Archie and Diane Portis, Helen and Henry Surowec.

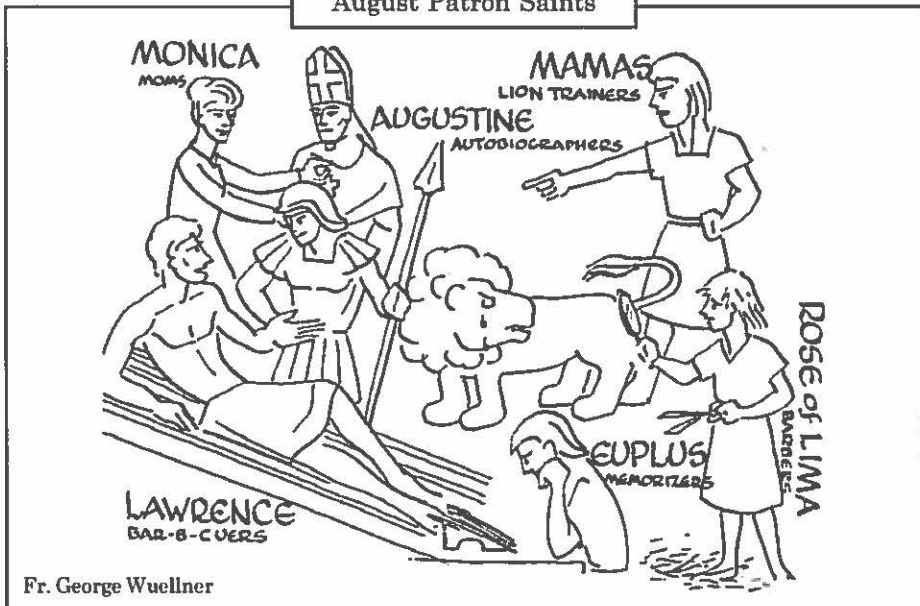
Congratulations to these couples, married at St. Patrick's: Allison Jean Schadeberg and Andrew Burley Musser, and Jacob Cavazos and Sara Nicole Warner.

Welcome to the following, baptized into our faith community in recent months: Taylor Marie Holum, James Drake Hahn, Toriana Elise Hahn, Michael Schuyler Chester, Konrad Octavian Nadolski, Sophia Reese P. Vega, Andrew Michael Christopher Albin, Colton James Langendorf, Maximus A. Alexander, Mackenzie Patricia Wegerzyn, Emilia Anne Lindquist, and John Philip McCabe Rusch.

Please pray for deceased parishioners Walter Mikolaitis and Barbara Pyhel.

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

August Patron Saints



The deadline for submitting information, articles, and news items for the next issue of In Focus is August 16.



in our parish library

During the long, hot days of summer, our thoughts often turn to travel. Check out these selections from our parish library for journeys both literal and spiritual.

Journeys in Ministry: Nine Memoirs from Around the World, edited by Peter Gilmour and Patricia O'Connell Killen (253 GIL), follows nine graduates of Loyola University's Institute of Pastoral Studies around the globe as they reconsider the meaning of the Gospel in a diversity of cultural

settings.

Luigi Lombardi's ***The Holy Land*** (901 LOM) offers armchair travelers more than 200 full-color photographs of sites in the Holy Land. The book parallels the stories of the Gospels so as to offer viewers visual depictions of the many places referenced there.

In Patricia Beall Gavigan's ***Journey into God*** (242 GAV), readers are invited to embark on a spiritual journey, using forty carefully crafted meditations as a

guide. Each meditation includes a passage of scripture, a story, a prayer, and recommended practices to follow through on the meditation.

Your Mythic Journey: Finding Meaning in Your Life through Writing and Storytelling, by Sam Keen and Anne Valley-Fox (155.2 KEE 1989), offers readers a tool for exploring their own personal journey through writing and storytelling.

The Exodus Experience, by Sr. Maureena Fritz (222 FRI 1989), is "a prayer and meditation guide that uses the Exodus story as an allegory of the human spiritual journey." Readers are invited to read, write, and reflect upon this epic journey as they explore their own spiritual path.

Children's Books

150 Fun Facts Found in the Bible, by Bernadette McCarver Snyder (C SNY 220.02 1990), is the perfect companion for long road trips. Comic illustrations and short interactive passages full of thoughtful questions are ideal for family discussions.

Tomie dePaola's ***Patrick: Patron Saint of Ireland*** (C 921 PAT) recalls our patron saint's many travels throughout Ireland, bringing the word of God to the Irish people

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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.

Blessed Are You, Lord Our God, Who Delights Us with the Wonder of Wind.

Father of Ten Thousand Gifts,
we are grateful for the invisible wonder of wind,
for that playful spirit of nature
that drives kites heavenward,
carries away balloons on invisible fingers
and twirls windmills joyfully.

We rejoice in this marvel, the wind,
bearer of seeds, waver of flags and banners,
carrier of clouds and sea-spray
and messenger of God: as holy wind, the Holy Spirit.

We rejoice in that Holy Spirit
who surrounded Mount Sinai with wind, smoke, and fire
when holy Moses met You face to face.

For the breeze which held the voice of God
that called Elijah from his cave of hiding,
for the wind upon which rode the tongues of fire
that came upon Jesus' friends after His ascension to You,
we are grateful.

For all these gifts of the wind,
the dance master of yellow leaves
and bringer of spring rains,
for the wind itself which we feel upon our bodies,
we are thankful;
and we praise You, Spirit Supreme,
by enjoying on this day
Your holy creature and sacred singing sign,
the wind.

Blessed are You, Lord our God,
who delights us with the wonder of wind.
Amen

~ From *Prayers for the Domestic Church*, by Ed Hays





Q: Who picked our bishop?

A: The current practice is a relative newcomer. Until the fourth

century, all the people of the local Church (in modern parlance, all the people of the diocese needing a bishop) were involved in the selection of their bishop. "He who has to preside over all must be elected by all" (St. Cyprian, mid-third century).

By the sixth century, the priests and the people of the local Church selected the candidate and other bishops of the area confirmed their choice. From the sixth to the eleventh centuries kings appointed bishops, and ultimately lay participation in the process faded. The next whose participation diminished were the clergy, as the role of area bishops and the pope increased. But it was not until the 1917 Code of Canon Law that a general law of the Church gave the

pope the authority to appoint bishops freely and directly.

Does this mean that the pope personally seeks out likely candidates and from them selects the one to be consecrated bishop? Not at all. The process begins with suggestions submitted by bishops of the area to the archbishop, who then shares resumés of the candidates with all the bishops of the area, who then vote on which ones should be moved on to the next step. There is a continuous winnowing process at each stage through which the names pass: the apostolic nuncio, the Vatican Congregation for Bishops, the prefect of the Congregation, and ultimately the pope.

So who picked our bishop? It's hard to say. But the pope did indeed have the last say.

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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...

Tracey Johnson

My Granny's Chocolate Cake

- 2 c sugar
- 1 c vegetable oil
- 1/2 c cocoa
- 2 t baking soda
- 1/2 t salt
- 1/2 t vanilla
- 2 T white vinegar
- 2 c hot water
- 3 c all-purpose flour

Mix all ingredients together until well blended. (Batter will be very thin.) Bake at 325° in a 9 x 13 inch pan for 1 hour, or until toothpick is clean. After



removing from oven, immediately cover with foil. This will make the cake so moist that it needs no frosting. If desired, sprinkle with powdered sugar before serving.

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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 is easy and quick to prepare!

St. Patrick's Church

July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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 style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p>The deadline for the next issue of <i>In Focus</i> is August 16.</p>			<p>1 6:30 PM Peace and Justice 7:00 PM Re-Membering Church 7:00 PM Baptismal Preparation Class</p>	<p>2 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group 5:30 PM Buildings and Grounds</p>	<p>3 10:45 AM Mass, CCNH</p>	<p>4 Independence Day 8:00 AM Holiday Mass, Potluck Breakfast</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6 7:00 PM Centering Prayer</p>	<p>7 7:00 PM Web Site</p>	<p>8 7:00 PM Re-Membering Church</p>	<p>9 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group 1:00 PM Parish Communication Meeting</p>	<p>10 10:30 AM Mass, Care Center 10:30 AM Mass, Canterbury Ridge 10:45 AM Communion Service, CCNH</p>	<p>11 4:15 PM Summer Choir</p>
<p>12 7:30 AM CREW Mission Trip Send-off after Mass</p> <p>-----</p> <p>CREW Mission Trip</p>	<p>13 7:00 PM Centering Prayer</p> <p>-----</p> <p>CREW Mission Trip</p>	<p>14 5:30 PM Financial Affairs</p> <p>-----</p> <p>CREW Mission Trip</p>	<p>15 7:00 PM Re-Membering Church</p> <p>-----</p> <p>CREW Mission Trip</p>	<p>16 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group 1:00 PM Cards, Coffee, and Conversation 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>-----</p> <p>CREW Mission Trip</p>	<p>17 10:30 AM Mass, Clark-Lindsey 10:45 AM Mass, CCNH</p> <p>-----</p> <p>CREW Mission Trip</p>	<p>18 4:15 PM Summer Choir</p>
<p>19 10:00-11:30 AM EM and Lector Formation</p>	<p>20 7:00 PM Centering Prayer</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 7:00 PM Re-Membering Church</p>	<p>23 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group</p>	<p>24 10:45 AM Mass, CCNH</p>	<p>25 4:15 PM Summer Choir 6:00 PM International Festival</p>
<p>26 8:30 AM Library Open 8:30 AM Blood Pressure Screening 8:30 AM-1:00 PM Blood Drive in Parking Lot</p>	<p>27 7:00 PM Centering Prayer</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 7:00 PM Re-Membering Church</p>	<p>30 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group 7:00 PM Communications Committee</p>	<p>31</p>	

CCNH: Champaign County Nursing Home

CREW: Senior High Class