

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



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Send Down The Fire!

The story of Pentecost told in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2) tells us that tongues of fire appeared over the heads of the disciples. They knew the scriptures well and, inspired by the Spirit, they would have understood the gifts God gives when appearing in fire.

They knew the story of the covenant that God made with Abram in Genesis 15. God promised to be with him and to make him the father of many peoples. Then God told him to bring a sacrifice.

As Abram prayed, he saw a flaming torch, a sign of God's presence and of the covenant between them.

They knew the story of the call of Moses in Exodus 3. God called out to him from a burning bush. God spoke of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He called on Moses to lead the people

of Israel out of Egypt to freedom. Again, fire signifies the presence of God. The disciples on Pentecost knew that they too were being called by God. They were being sent on a mission to carry word of God's covenant of freedom to all peoples.

They knew the story of the crossing of the Red Sea in Exodus 14. As the people of Israel left Egypt, they were led by a column of cloud during the day and by a column of fire during the night.

The fire led them on their way. It gave them light in the night and assured them of God's presence. It also protected them, coming between them and their pursuers so that they could cross the sea in safety. The disciples on Pentecost knew that they could rely on God's presence for guidance and protection.



And yet, it must have been overwhelming to be called by God and to wonder whether they were fit for whatever task God gave them. Perhaps they took encouragement from the story of the call of Isaiah (Isaiah 6). Isaiah had a glorious vision of God but said, "I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet I have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." An angel brought him an ember from the fire in that place and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin is purged." The fire of God gave him the holiness he needed to carry God's message to the people.

The presence of God. Covenant. Being called. Being sent to do God's work. Light. Guidance. Protection. Forgiveness. Holiness. Strength. These are some of the gifts that the disciples on Pentecost received from the Spirit of God that appeared as tongues of fire.

Mary Hogan inspired women at kickoff event

You've heard the announcements. You've seen the pink t-shirts. And maybe, just maybe, you're lucky enough to have a copy of the cream puff recipe.

But now, it's official. As of Tuesday, May 19, the group known as The Women of St. Patrick's is up and running. The kickoff event featured a talk by Mary Hogan, the sister of Father Joe Hogan (who, along with Father Luong Tran, donned pink shirts for the event), the introduction of the group's new

board, and an ice cream social.

Mary Hogan, who holds an advanced degree in theology from Loyola University in Chicago, gave a moving speech based on the story from Luke about two travelers who encounter the Lord on the road to Emmaus. Her talk interwove pieces of the story with her personal experiences. She encouraged the women present to

live in the questions raised by the gospel, such as, "Who are the wise women in your life?" and "Do you invite Jesus into your home/life?"

The board members were introduced and each offered a couple of ideas that the

Women of St. Patrick's could focus on in the coming year.

Kathy McKenzie, the board

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Women of St. Patrick's



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Service
Social**

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chairwoman, spoke about continuing the "Taste and See" cooking demonstrations that began with Sophia Zeigler's cream puff tutorial in early May, and of starting a gardening club.

Rachael McMillan, the secretary/treasurer, suggested giving a baby shower for a small group of expectant mothers from the community who lack financial support. She also mentioned the possibility of doing a cookbook fundraiser.

Stephanie Smith, the social chairwoman, spoke for herself and Chris Whippo, the group's vice-chairwoman. Their suggestions included having social outings at a local coffee shop, expanding child

care availability for parish events, and increasing the availability of Bible study to all women, but especially to young mothers.

Molly Pankau, the service chairwoman, talked of joint plans with the women of the Elizabeth Ministry to try to get an M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Preschoolers) group up and running in the parish. She also spoke of helping with a local Christian non-denominational group that seeks to provide mentoring for teen mothers.

Teresa Rund, the spirituality chairwoman, spoke of hosting guest speakers such as Kendra Smiley (a Christian author who addresses parenting issues) and representatives of Avah Ministries, a group that seeks to foster posi-

tive body image in women.

Teresa concluded the evening's official business with a prayer, and the women then enjoyed an ice cream sundae and cookie bar, served by several volunteers.

The group felt blessed beyond all expectations to have almost one hundred women return information cards indicating their willingness to be a part of this exciting new group, which has evolved from St. Patrick's Guild, which in turn grew out of the Altar and Rosary Society.

The Women of St. Patrick's expects to hold its next meeting in July and hopes for the same outpouring of support from the women of the parish.



Mary Hogan with her brother, Fr. Joe



The Women of St. Patrick's new board members (from the left): Stephanie Smith, Molly Pankau, Teresa Rund, Kathy McKenzie, Chris Whippo, and Rachael McMillan

St. Thomas More's



Congratulations to the Class of 2009 of The High School of St. Thomas More! The commencement ceremonies took place on Sunday afternoon, May 17, in the school gymnasium.

This event marks the culmination of four years of dedicated scholastics, spiritual growth, and community services. Like most graduates, they will probably remember

the good times with classmates, exciting achievements in athletics and the arts, and inspirational moments shared with faculty and friends.

St. Patrick's parishioners graduating from St. Thomas More are:

- Michael Cliffe Fitzgerald, who will attend Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
- Patrick Franz Keane, who will attend Parkland College
- Ellen Margaret Pierce, who will also attend Parkland College
- Ian Patrick Tate, who will attend the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- Jeremy William Towns, who will attend Eureka College
- Laura Anne Welle, who will also attending the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

St. Patrick's First Communion Class, 2009

Their names were displayed for all to see on the parish bulletin for April 25-26. Now we present the official photo of the First Communicants, together with Fr. Joe Hogan, Fr. Luong Tran, and catechist Angie Monk. Such demure young ladies and handsome young men, dressed in their finest—and with folded hands! Here are their names once again, just in case you missed them earlier. Can you match names and faces?



Gage Andrew Atwood
 Brenna Lynnae Berns
 Alexandria Marie Berns
 Bethany Barbara Flassig
 Maxx Hernandez
 Candy Leti
 Lauryn Elizabeth McArthur
 Erin Miller
 Joseph Johnson Nguyen
 Michael Ostoja Starzewski

Joseph Paul Rajlich
 Hannah Mae Beddow
 Erin Beyers
 Finn Dallas
 Nicole Kay Gremer
 Liliana Hernandez
 Angelica Leti
 Keely Ireland McCorkle
 Sean Matthew Neaville
 Hannah Alexis Niccum

Eve Owens
 Ella Ryan
 Rachel Marie Schreiber
 Michael Schumacher
 Kamryn Smith
 Nathan Rae Walden
 Jack Ward
 Jacob Patrick Welbes
 Grace Yopez

Honoring our past, building our future

During the first week of May the Second Century Advisory Committee held meetings to update parishioners on the results of the facilities master plan feasibility study and to review modified renovation and expansion plans. Approximately 140 parishioners participated in the meetings.

Feasibility Study Results

During the feasibility study last November, the parish conducted 25 informational meetings, with 380 parishioners participating. Additional feedback was gathered through 70 confidential interviews and 117 confidential questionnaires.

Interview and questionnaire responses indicated that 83% of respondents were at least partially supportive of the overall master plan (52% were fully supportive). There was a high rate of approval for the blending of the architectural style of the current church with the new church addition. General concerns expressed were with the size and design of the gathering space, the number and location of restrooms, and physical accessibility for those with mobility problems.

Two-thirds of those interviewed by Joseph Consulting or who returned confidential questionnaires indicated that the \$5.9 million cost of Phase I was unlikely or not possible to achieve. Slightly more than half supported going forward on a somewhat scaled-back basis, and 86% said that they would support the project financially.

Modified Phase I Plan

Based on feasibility study results and the recommendations of Joseph Consulting, the Second Century Advisory Committee has spent time this spring setting new priorities and working with Stauder Architecture to develop a scaled back Phase I plan at a maximum cost of \$3.75 million.

At the May meetings, the committee presented architectural renderings of the revised plan that focuses on the church renovation, church expansion, and addition of a gathering space to connect the church and parish center. All other areas of renovation and expansion presented in the original master plan have been moved to Phase II of the project.

Changes to Phase I include:

- Decreasing the size of the gathering space but still meeting the goal to connect the church and parish center
- Increasing accessibility by adding a standard-size elevator; 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 that will provide a welcoming and convenient drop-off area

- Replacing the current multipurpose room with one large meeting room and two small meeting rooms located on the lower level, beneath the gathering space. This new lower level will also include restrooms, maintenance and storage, and will connect to the current parish center basement area. Grade difference will allow the new meeting rooms to have windows.

With no work being done on additional office space and no tearing down of existing apartment buildings on the property at this time for additional parking, the new Phase I plan is projected to cost \$3.5 million.

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 and initiating plans when deemed appropriate

Parishioners who attended the May meetings were enthusiastic in their response to the modified Phase I plan. They were pleased to see that the issues and concerns raised during the feasibility study had been addressed and expressed overall approval of the changes to the plan. The majority of participants favored the establishment of a building fund and agreed that the capital campaign should be postponed temporarily due to the economic climate.



Ellen Amberg and Steve Beckett discussed changes made to the earlier design proposal for the expansion of St. Patrick's church.

Presenting the 2009-10 Parish Council

The April 18-19 weekend saw voting for the 2009-10 parish council. When all the votes were counted, elected were Susan Fowler, Mark Gerhart, Jeff Kneer, and Lakshmi Lancaster.

A fifth, Susan Hublein, will join them. With the resignation of Thomas Kim and in accordance with Council by-laws, as the remaining candidate with the greatest number of votes Susan will serve out the remaining year of Thomas's three-year term.

At the May meeting all five were

seated on the Council. Their first responsibility was to participate in the election of Council officers for the coming year. Elected by acclamation were Mary Rose Cottingham, president; Pam Donze De Ley, vice-president; and Jeff Kneer, secretary.

Council members meet monthly on third Thursdays, with the agenda set by the Council officers in conjunction with the parish trustees and the pastor. In addition, members serve on ministry leadership teams for the six key

ministry areas of the parish.

Here they are, the ten elected members and three ex-officio members who make up the 2009-10 Parish Council.



*Fr. Joe Hogan
Pastor*



*Mary Rose Cottingham
2007-10, president*



*Susan Hublein
2009-10*



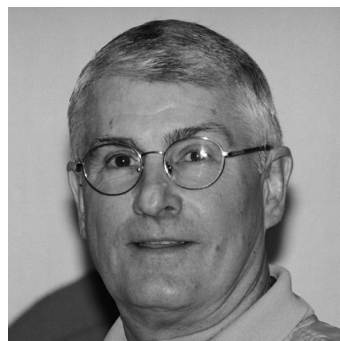
*Marty Sierra-Perry
2007-10*



*Shelly Benson
2008-11*



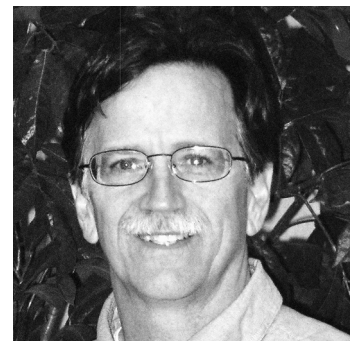
*Pam Donze De Ley
2008-11, vice-president*



*Doug Wolfersberger
2008-11*



*Susan Fowler
2009-12*



*Mark Gerhart
2009-12*



*Jeff Kneer
2009-12, secretary*



*Lakshmi Lancaster
2009-12*



*Joe Rasmussen
2005-10, Trustee*



*Ginger Timpone
2008-13, Trustee*

Parish Council News

The five newly elected members of the St. Patrick's Parish Council were introduced during the Council's May 21 meeting.

The new members will be taking on the following ministry assignments:

Lakshmi Lancaster and Susan Fowler, Faith Development;

Mark Gerhart, Stewardship; and Susan Hublein, Worship. Jeff Kneer will serve as Parish Council secretary.



In other business:

- The Parish Council is continuing its efforts to improve communication within the parish by looking at the main tools that the parish uses to communicate: the parish newsletter (In Focus), the parish Web site, and the weekly bulletin. Last month, Mary Lou Menches presented information about In Focus to the Parish Council members. In upcoming months, people representing the Web site and the bulletin will be asked to bring the Council up-to-date on these communication tools.

- The long-awaited parish directory is expected to be available soon.

- Fr. Joe Hogan announced that a new seminarian will be coming to St. Patrick's at the end of May and will be with the parish for the summer. St. Patrick's will be considered his home parish; when he is ordained, his first Mass will be celebrated here.

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The next meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 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.

Volunteer Opportunities

The St. Vincent de Paul Society asks for periodic donations of certain food items not always available from the Eastern Illinois Food Bank. These include powdered milk, dishwashing liquid, cooking oil and canned meats or fish (e.g., spam, beef stew, tuna). Donated items can be taken directly to the food pantry any afternoon after 4:00 p.m., or placed in the large basket in the church vestibule. Donations of cash or checks are also especially welcome to help provide food for the ever-increasing number of needy applicants. *Ellen Abell, 367-5648*

Childcare providers are needed during various parish events as a way of supporting families in their spiritual growth. *Parish office, 367-2665*

Volunteers are sought to prepare for Mass at Canterbury Ridge (Urbana) and to help residents assemble. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on the second Friday of each month. *Amy Jobin, ajobin4@yahoo.com or 367-2665*

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.

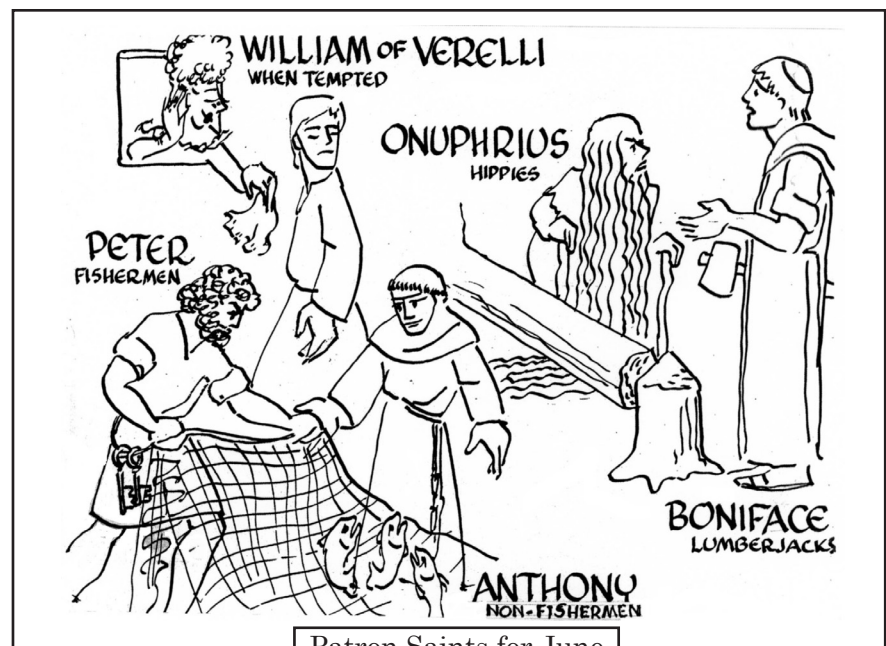
Information about the events will be provided by the committee.

Margaret Stewart, 356-9475

Can you take a turn once a week bringing our retired priests to Mass at St. Patrick's? Seven parishioners each volunteer one day a week to bring Frs. Gene Kane and George Wuellner to Mass at St. Patrick's. However, one of the seven is moving out of state and another parishioner is needed to provide transportation in her place. Can you help to enable our priests to join our faith community for worship? *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.



Patron Saints for June

Why *shouldn't* Catholics study the Bible?

Have you always thought that Bible study was only for Protestants? Those who participated in The Great Adventure Bible Study, either the 24-session study of the Old Testament or the condensed 3-week overview this spring, learned how important the Bible is to Catholics.

They learned how important it was to keep God's covenant by studying the lives and mistakes of the Jews. Each time the Jews failed to teach their children about their covenant with God, the Jews ended up in sin and slavery. They learned about the love story between God and humankind. God gave us his Son as the perfect, spotless victim because he loves us so much. They also got a deeper and richer appreciation of the Mass.

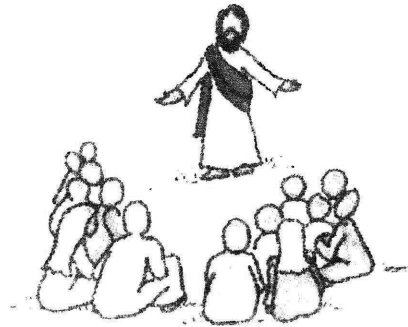
Beginning in the fall, St. Patrick's provides another opportunity to study the Bible using the Great Adventure Bible Study. Starting Sept. 8, the Gospel of Matthew will be studied for 24 sessions. Why Matthew's Gospel? It is called the Jewish Gospel because it was written for a Jewish-Christian audience. Matthew stresses Christ's fulfillment of Jewish prophecies, giving a connection to last year's study of the Old Testament.

Matthew is also called the Church's Gospel. It is the only gospel to cite the commission given to Peter by Christ. It is the only gospel to mention the Church. Jesus cites its authority and calls on his disciples to practice forgiveness.

The Gospel of St. Matthew is the most popular of the four gospels. It is best suited for public readings because of its rhythmical and often poetic prose, and because it includes a large amount of material containing the teachings of Jesus.

How can one attend each of the program's 24 sessions? St. Patrick's makes it easy. Every Tuesday you can choose to meet at either 1:00-3:00 p.m. or 7:00-9:00 p.m., whichever fits into your schedule. If you miss a week or two, you may borrow the one-hour video to experience the insights and wisdom of Jeff Gavins, the instructor. The study pauses during Advent and Lent to allow you to concentrate on the seasons.

What's stopping you? It is never too late to learn about God's covenant so you can pass it on to your children.



Reaching the staff made easy!

If you've been frustrated trying to contact a staff member after hours or at other times when the office is closed, weep no longer! Each member of the staff has a direct line, as well as voice mail, that you can make use of when the office itself is closed—or even when it's open.

You can reduce the number of telephone calls Dianne Gordon or Katie Hinrichs must handle by calling the direct number of the staff person you want to reach. After office hours another option is to call the office number, wait for the automatic answering device to take the call, and (as invited) dial the person's extension and, if unavailable, leave a message on voice mail. In addition to this convenience, you can reach the staff by e-mail.

How are you going to do this when you don't know direct telephone numbers or extensions or e-mail addresses? Well, here they are—clip and save!

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



in our parish library

If you want to understand where you are, look at where you have been. Knowing where we are as Catholics today requires knowing something of the history of our Church from its foundations through 2000 years of growth and change. The parish library offers tools for exploring that history.

The quintessential discussion of Catholicism in a highly readable and well organized form is *Catholicism* (282McB), by Fr. Richard P. McBrien, chair of the theology department at Notre Dame. It is not meant as a cover-to-cover read, but it is an exceptional reference tool.

From liturgy to social justice, the teachings of the Church promulgated at the Second Vatican Council are available for all the faithful to read and study in *Vatican Council II, The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents* (262VAT), edited by Austin Flanery, O.P.

The thought of a concise history of an institution that is 2000 years old may seem oxymoronic, however Thomas Bokenkotter, in *A Concise History of the Catholic Church* (REF282BOK), moves from 30 A.D. to 1978 in a highly readable and well-annotated 430 pages.

To read the writings of scholars from Augustine to John Henry Newman, reach for *The Catholic Tradition* series, Books I and II, subtitled *The Church*. These are in the reference section of the library with no call numbers.

Also suggested is *The Story of American Catholicism* (277MAY), by Theodore Maynard. Published in 1951, it does not cover the American response to the Second Vatican Council. Also, *Catholic Customs and Traditions: A Popular Guide* (282DUE), by Greg Does, answers questions about liturgy, sacramentals, the Church Year, and other uniquely Catholic observances. This book will help answer the questions sometimes asked by non-Catholics about why we do what we do and the meaning of symbols, gestures, feast days, etc.

While there are no children's books devoted to the topic of Church history, parents will be better able to answer children's questions by having a good understanding themselves.

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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.



Q: Why is the Sunday collection taken up in the procession with the bread and wine during Mass? Is it given to the priest for his use—is that how we pay for his expenses?

A: The revised General Instruction of the Roman Missal states that "it is appropriate for the faithful's participation to be expressed by an offering, whether of the bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist or of other gifts for the relief of the needs of the Church and of the poor" (n. 140).

What is clearly underscored here is the association of Eucharistic gifts with serving the poor and needy. The Church asks that we unite our liturgical service with service of the poor—it is part of our tradition. This suggests that the financial contributions received are to be used for parish expenses (e.g., clergy and staff salaries and continuing-education expenses, plant maintenance, insurance, and programs, and for the bread and wine, candles, incense, etc., used for the liturgy) as well as for social justice concerns.

Today our gifts are generally in the form of cash or checks. But in the early Church, people donated all

kinds of things for the support of the clergy and the poor, or simply as a kind of tribute: honey, clothes, meat, shoes, chickens, flowers, oil, furniture, geese—almost anything.

By the year 390 it was decreed that things other than money were to be given separately, and by about 1000 the hierarchy made it clear that these goods and livestock really ought to be converted into money, which is easier to handle and can more easily be applied to most needs.

Despite these changes, however, the basic understanding remains: gifts for the Church are inextricably linked with service of the poor. The diocesan Church periodically collects money intended for the relief of the poor, and on every third Sunday of the month St. Patrick's conducts a second collection specifically for the poor and needy of our local community or elsewhere. And many parishioners add to their weekly monetary gift a few nonperishable food items for the parish's food pantry, which they place in a basket for this purpose in the church vestibule.

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

Teens and Pre-Teens have plenty to celebrate!

Grade- and high-school graduates recently celebrated together their readiness to take their next step in life. Celebration included recognition at Mass and dinner on April 26, with many high-school grads receiving the Fr. Charles Martell scholarship from the Urbana Knights of Columbus. What are their plans? Read on!

Eighth-Grade Graduates, New CREW Members

- **Louis Acklin** is finishing at Prairieview-Ogden Middle School and will attend St. Joseph-Ogden High School in the fall. He is looking forward to his driver's education classes.
- **Will Justice** is graduating from Holy Cross School and will attend the High School of St. Thomas More. Will is ready to take this next step toward his career goals and is looking forward to making new friends.
- **Maddy Kangas** is also graduating from Holy Cross School and will attend the High School of St. Thomas More in the fall. She too is looking forward to meeting new people.
- **Jo Ellen Machesky** will move from the sub-freshman level at University Lab School into her final years of high school there. She is looking forward to playing volleyball and soccer.
- **Alex Mestre** is also graduating from the sub-freshman level at University Lab School and will move into his final years of high school there. He looks forward to more Teen Masses.
- **Eric Pahre** is finishing at Jefferson Middle School and will attend the High School of St. Thomas More this fall. He is looking forward to learning more about the sciences and where he can make his contribution to the school and to the world.
- **Dan Schuele** is finishing at St. Joseph Middle School and will attend St. Joseph-Ogden High School this fall. He is eager to play soccer there.
- **Zach Smith** is graduating from Holy Cross School and will attend the High School of St. Thomas More. He is looking past high school to getting started on his college career.
- **Theresa Welle** is graduating from Holy Cross School as well and will attend the High School of St. Thomas More. She looks forward to new experiences, new friends, academic challenges, and school activities.
- **Breanna Wickert** is also graduating from Holy Cross School and plans to attend the High School of St. Thomas More in the fall.
- **Liliana Yépez** is graduating from Urbana Middle School and will attend Urbana High School in the fall. She is looking forward to the diverse student body and making new friends.

Twelfth-Grade Graduates, Retiring CREW Members

- **Timothy Anderson** is graduating from Centennial High School and will attend Southern Illinois University in Carbondale this fall to study cinematography.
- **Michael Fitzgerald** is finishing at the High School of St. Thomas More and will also attend Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in order to study chemistry.
- **Peter Floess** is graduating from Urbana High School and will attend the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, the College of Agricultural & Consumer Economic Sciences, where he expects to major in Policy, International Trade, and Development.
- **Patrick Keane** will graduate from the High School of St. Thomas More and, in the fall, will participate in the Parkland and University of Illinois Dual Program in Physical Sciences.
- **Mary Kimball** is graduating from Urbana High School and will attend the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, this fall, majoring in General Studies.
- **Caitlin Lowry** is finishing at the High School of St. Thomas More and will attend Parkland College in the fall, in the General Studies program.
- **Hannah Noonan** will be graduating from Centennial High School and plans to attend the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, majoring in Human Nutrition.
- **Jeremy Towns** will graduate from the High School of St. Thomas More and, in the fall, will attend Eureka College in the General Studies program. He is also looking forward to playing soccer there.
- **Laura Welle** is graduating from the High School of St. Thomas More and also expects to attend the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, majoring in Art Education.
- **Paige Whippo** is graduating from Centennial High School and will attend the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, majoring in Aviation in order to become a pilot.



Recipients of the Fr. Martell Scholarships

Each year the Urbana Knights of Columbus award scholarships in honor of former pastor Fr. Charles Martell to graduating high-school seniors. This year, from a fund of \$2700, the Knights awarded Fr. Martell scholarships to Mike Fitzgerald, Mary Kimball, Hannah Noonan, Laura Welle, Caitlin Lowry, Andy Koch, Peter Floess, and Patrick Keane.

Fourth-graders learn that they can make a difference

The power of people working in faith for others was a message brought home to St. Patrick's fourth grade religious education class recently, and from an unexpected source.

Last October, during the Eastern Illinois Food Bank's Annual Food for Families drive, the class learned about the plight of many individuals and families who haven't enough to eat. They learned about the important work being done by the Food Bank and area food pantries, including St. Patrick's food pantry operated by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The 9-, 10- and 11-year-olds decided it was their responsibility to help.

They developed a project that was to be twofold: (1) they brought to class donations of nonperishable food items, and (2) each student worked to redeem 5 coupons in exchange for money. The coupons were "good for one chore or helping hand with a good attitude and a smile, because I'm helping to feed God's children."

Youngsters understood that the money was even more important than the food because every dollar

donated can buy ten dollars' worth of food. The class collection totaled 15 pounds of food and \$16.26. Both were gratefully accepted by the Eastern Illinois Food Bank, and the boys and girls were very proud of what they had accomplished.

They had an understanding that even as fourth-graders they had power to help and to change their community for the better and they wanted to extend their efforts. They decided to contact our government legislators to ask for their help. All the students participated in writing and signing a letter before mailing it to Illinois State Representatives and Senators.

In November they received responses from State Senator Michael Frerichs and State Representative Naomi Jakobsson, who shared the students' concerns and thanked them for their hard work.

On their last day of class in April, the students heard from the White House—President Obama responded to the letter they had sent while he was still an Illinois State Senator. His message was one of thanks, hope, and an appeal for working together to better the lives of all in need.

The fourth grade religious education class learned many lessons this year about faith, love, and charity, but one of the most important lessons learned was that they have power to spread the work of God in their communities—and beyond.

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

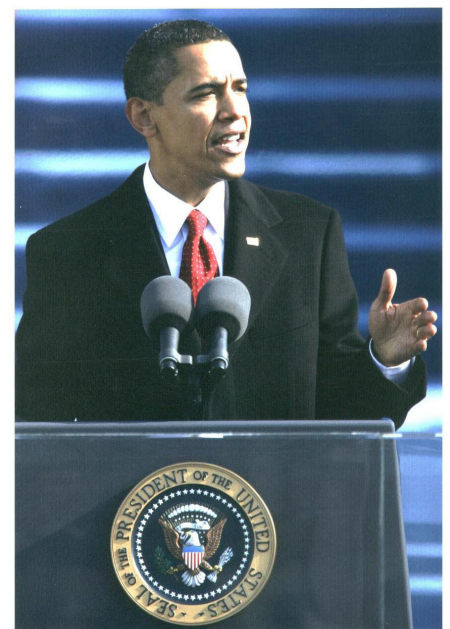
Thank you for your recent note, and for sharing your thoughts with me. Your kind words echo the messages of millions of Americans who have welcomed me and my family to the White House with an outpouring of goodwill.

On January 20th, Americans spoke with one voice, choosing hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord. Our Nation faces serious challenges, but we will overcome them if our imagination is joined to common purpose.

Now is our time to work together, reaffirm our enduring spirit, and choose our better history. With your help, we will renew our Nation's promise to carry forth the great gift of freedom to future generations, as our forebears have delivered it to us.



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All the best, 

Did you know?

- The Women of St. Patrick's is currently planning its second event, a luncheon for all women of the parish, on June 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. An ambitious project—watch for more information to come!
- You can find out when and where to celebrate Mass while enjoying time away from home. Simply access www.masstimes.org and select the city and state, or even country, of interest for Mass times. The Web site also provides information about times and places for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and for Reconciliation. Go with God!
- Parishioner Alex Millar will spend his summer as a seminarian in ministry at St. Patrick's. You may already know Alex from his Eucharistic ministry at 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Masses.
- Our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers provided food for a record-setting 61 needy people recently. Ellen Abell noted a 30% increase in applicants over this time last year.

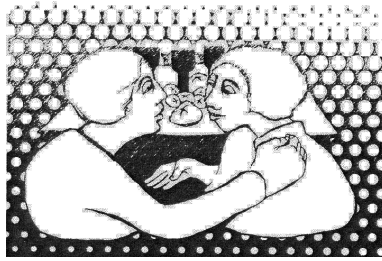
Meet the Ministry of Consolation team

The Ministry of Consolation team invites you to contact any of us if we can be of service to you. We have access to a wealth of resources and are always available to listen with compassion if you simply need someone to talk with. Please feel free to call upon us.

Vera Duncanson I'm grateful for the opportunity to work with the caring members of the consolation team, offering support to members of St. Patrick's who are grieving. My work as a Pastoral Minister at Provena Covenant has given me experience in the areas of hospice, grief, and loss, and children and loss. 337-2487

Terry Jobin I have a special interest in death, dying, and grieving due to my work of the past 33 years as a professional counselor and my own personal experiences with loss and grief. I am comfortable providing support to teens and adults who have lost loved ones and are grieving, and others who may be survivors of a suicide of a family member or friend. I view it as a privilege and a blessing to walk this road of grief with a person who has experienced the loss of one they love. 359-7751

Nancy Olson I joined this ministry as a way to express my belief that the support of our parish family is vitally important at those times when we are most in need. My training and experience is in the field of aging. It is a joy to meet and get to know parishioners through Prayer Shawl, Cancer Companions, and grief ministry. 359-6424



Mary Jo Thomsen I became involved in the Ministry of Consolation because people need someone they can talk with and share their feelings. We also can serve as a reference to other resources. The Evening of Remembrance is a very uplifting service offered by the parish. As a widow, I am happy to talk with other widows or widowers about this experience. 469-7278

Eileen Unander I treasure the work we do with the Ministry of Consolation because I know how vulnerable someone can be during a season of loss and grief. In 2001 my father died rather expectantly, and it was the priest who presided over his service who brought comfort and solace to our family and planted seeds that later led to my return to the church. As a therapist I work with many families facing issues related to loss. Putting the life of a loved one into perspective and learning to carry on can be complicated, and I would like to help in any way I can to ease and assist in that journey. 621-3014 (cell); 877-9117, ext 113 (work)

Chris Whippo I became involved in the Ministry of Consolation after attending an Evening of Remembrance twice, first for my sister and later for my mother. I was very touched that our parish offered this multifaceted ministry to grieving families and I wanted to see it continue. As part of this ministry we try to attend every funeral at St. Patrick's, which I find a privilege and a huge blessing. I am a nurse and I am happy to be a part of this ministry, which seems to fit my God-given talents. 352-7263

They came to see and taste ... Sophia's cream puffs!

On May 6 the Women of St. Patrick's (WSP) hosted its premiere "Taste and See" food demonstration. Upon request, Sophia Zeigler graciously taught a group of 24 women and some children how to make her famous cream puffs, now affectionately known as "Holy Cream Puffs."

Sophia began by expressing her strong belief in the power of prayer by sharing several instances in which prayer has miraculously impacted her life. It was a real gift and an inspiration for those present to hear Sophia speak. She then taught the group how to make

her cream puffs, sharing many invaluable hints—"Don't peek in the oven!" was the most essential. They then consumed her delicious puffs, which she had made for the group to enjoy.

Thank you so much, Sophia, for being so generous with your time and talents. WSP looks forward to hosting more "Taste and See" demos in the future. Men, of course, are very welcome to attend as well!



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**“What have you done for your marriage today?”**

Perhaps you've seen the billboards around town that pose this question. If you are able to read the fine print (not while you're driving, please!), you may have noticed that the billboards are part of the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC).

The CCC is an initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which reaches out to the larger community in a variety of ways. It serves as a news outlet when there are special events, such as a papal visit to the U.S. It offers a podcast of the daily scripture readings (available at www.usccb.org/ccc/). There is also a weekly radio program, “Personally Speaking with Msgr. Jim Lisante,” available as an MP3 download from the same site.

Some of the CCC's projects are in languages other than English. It helps to distribute the Catholic radio program called *Tu Compañero Católico* to Spanish-language radio stations around the country. It produces inspirational radio dramas in Creole for broadcast in Haiti. And it is helping the Catholic dioceses of West Africa to purchase audiovisual equipment that enables their programs.

The “For Your Marriage” project is designed to convey the meaning and value of married life, both in the Church and in society. In addition to the billboards, the Web site www.ForYourMarriage.org provides many resources for growth in marriage and stories of how couples nourish their relationships.

Dear family and friends,

I will be moving to a new ministry site in October! I bet you've all heard of the Somali pirates and the port of Mombasa on the east coast of Kenya, where the ships and pirates have been taken. Well, this will be my new home in a few months' time.

I came to Kiminini cottage hospital 6 years ago to help get it functioning again. We have done that, and now a new lay missionary, Kathy Dunford, a physician assistant, has come to begin working in the hospital. In January I visited the Archdiocese of Mombasa and was warmly welcomed by everyone. They have many health centers and dispensaries in need of supervision. After visiting these facilities I will develop a work plan to provide primary health care doing teaching and consultations.

Last December I visited the Diocese of Torit, southern Sudan, where I worked from 1991-2003. They were celebrating the 25th jubilee of the diocese. I was invited to return to this diocese, but I don't feel this is the time to go back. I left Torit town very abruptly on 16 May 1992 and was never able to return because of the war.

When I lived at the mission in Torit town, Natalia, the cook, had not been able to get pregnant and her husband was looking for another wife. I treated her for an infection and by the grace of God she was four months pregnant when I left. I gave her medicine and she took off for Loronyo, her village, far away from the town. After the Eucharistic celebration for the jubilee in Torit town, I walked to the back of the crowd and—there was Natalia standing in front of me! If hugs could crush, we'd both be dead! She told me that she'd had a very difficult delivery and almost died. Then she introduced me to a tall, slim, 16-year-old girl named Susan, her only child.

Torit town was full of people, new buildings, 5 phone towers...unrecognizable compared to the ghost town I had left behind. The peace accord signed in 2005 has given people hope that they can rebuild their lives and make a future for their families. It is still a very troubled country, with many people living in desperate conditions due to greed and corruption. Hopefully they will be able to hold democratic elections this year as planned.

Kenya has been much more peaceful this year compared to 2008. The rains have come and everyone is planting at the moment. The coalition government spends most of its time fighting internally and very little progress is made with good governance. Inflation remains at 25-30%, and the ordinary citizen is struggling very hard to make ends meet. There are still internally displaced people (IDPs) who have been living in tents since January 2008, some of whom are our patients.

I will be in the U.S. from July to October, spending most of my time with my family in Illinois.

I hope this Easter season brings you much joy!

Blessings,

Susan

A rainy day failed to dampen the enthusiasm of travelers

On an unforgettably stormy day, May 13, 44 people traveled by bus to the national shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, in Belleville, Ill. During the 3-hour trip the travelers sang, watched a DVD, and prayed the rosary. On their arrival the sun broke through the clouds, enabling the group to enjoy a pleasant lunch and tour of the shrine's many devotional areas in bright sunshine.

Devotion to Mary under the title of Our Lady of the Snows is the oldest devotion to Mary in the Catholic Church. It can be traced to Rome, Italy, in 352 A.D., when Mary appeared in a dream to a wealthy, childless couple who wanted to build a church in her honor. She indicated a site that was covered with snow—on a hot summer day in August!—on Equiline Hill. The church was completed five years later and is now called the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

The devotion to Our Lady of the Snows was introduced to the Midwest in 1941 by Fr. Paul Schulte, known as the flying priest of the Arctic—he brought medical aid

and supplies to remote missions north of the Arctic Circle as one of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. In 1958 the Oblates purchased 80 acres near Belleville and built the shrine; it has subsequently been expanded to 200 acres, with 12 devotional areas.

The main shrine and amphitheater accommodates up to 7000 people. Other devotional areas include the Agony Garden, Annunciation Garden, Children's Memorial Garden, Church of Our Lady of the Snows, Fathers' Memorial Wall, Lourdes Grotto, Millennium Spire, Mothers' Prayer Walk, Our Lady of Guadalupe Hill, Resurrection Garden, and Way of the Cross.

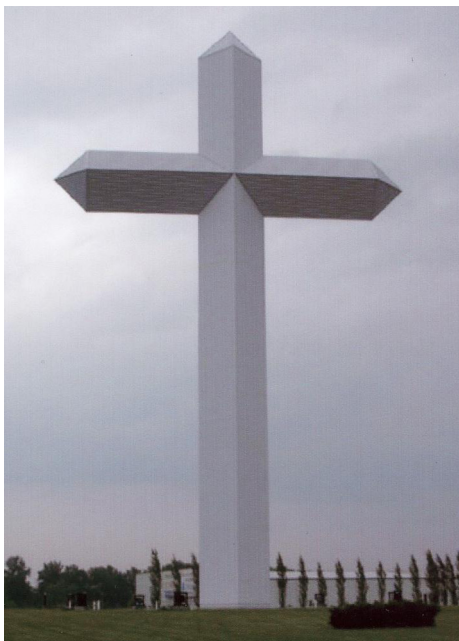
On the journey home, the group stopped at Effingham to see the world's tallest cross. It is 198 ft. tall—2 ft. taller than the Texas cross, but below 200 ft. (FAA regulations state that any object 200 ft. tall or taller must have a light on top.) The cross is an ecumenical project and is surrounded by 10 stations, each with a short audio of one of the Ten Commandments.

Home at last, the group was met by a relieved Fr. Joe Hogan, who welcomed their safe return after such a stormy beginning to their journey.

The trip was sponsored by St. Patrick's Seniors with Pat Sheehan handling arrangements.



The main shrine is set within an amphitheater on the 200-acre grounds.



The world's tallest cross (198 ft.) on I-70 west of Effingham. At its base are 10 stations that teach the Ten Commandments.



Posing in front of a statue of Our Lady of the Snows are (from the left) Tony Sheehan, Ceil Weir, Fr. Luong Tran, and Leslie Risatti.

My dear friends at St. Patrick's:

Greetings from the Land of 10,000 Lakes! The nearby lake has finally thawed after five months of standing frozen, and I have officially survived one of those Minnesota winters so many of you warned me about.

I feel quite blessed to be studying at Saint John's School of Theology Seminary, or, as we call it, the SOT. My classmates are a wonderful mix of priests, monks, nuns, and dedicated lay people like myself. We come from around the country and around the world, bringing a wealth of experiences and backgrounds. Some have just finished college; others have been in ministry for decades. It's a wonderful community, with many opportunities for fun and fellowship.

Classes have been very inspiring this year. Some classes have tended towards the theoretical, such as studying the theory of ritual, or understanding ancient conceptions of the Trinity. Others have included more practical assignments, such as practicing how to proclaim the Word, or studying how to train lectors. Studying Church history has given me a much deeper appreciation not only of our faith, but also of the faith of all Christians, and the faith of all who seek to know God.

One of the highlights this year was the chance to hear Walter Cardinal Kasper, who is our Church's chief ecumenist. He visited the campus and gave a lecture on the importance and timeliness of theology. He also visited the SOT for lunch and took our questions, and we didn't hold back! The author Kathleen Norris also visited and was very generous with her time and presence. A personal highlight for me was taking part in an organ recital at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis in Advent. While I'm not working regularly for a church right now, I have many chances to play for SOT Masses and prayer services.

The time I shared with you has been formative for my faith life, as well as my studies here. While I know St. Patrick's is not a perfect parish, I remain very proud to have been a member of a parish that does the things St. Patrick's does. I come back to my time with you all again and again in the papers I write; it grounds me when theology threatens to become too theoretical. I treasure the time I spent at St. Patrick's, and I continue to remember you all in my prayers.

Peace, and all good things, (Mr.) Chris



Chris Ángel
Former Music Director

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus

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Vocation Prayer



Heavenly Father, you who have given us your blessing on a calling to the single life, show us how to live it, help us to love it, enable us to serve you through it. In company with our Lord, and in his name, we pray. Amen.

Peggy Loftus honored

On May 1, Church Women United met at St. Matthew's Parish Hall to participate in the World



Peggy Loftus (left) with parishioner Carole Rebeiz of Church Women United

Day of Prayer. The group also celebrated by honoring Outstanding Young Church Women who have faithfully served in their churches. St. Patrick's parishioner Peggy Loftus was chosen as one of ten young women honored that evening. Congratulations, Peggy! We are thankful for all you do in working with our youth and how you help to bring together all the generations in the parish.

CCC offers good times this summer

Many parish programs take a break for the summer, but not Cards, Coffee, and Conversation! If you're looking for something to do this summer, an opportunity to get together with friends—or to make new friends—you will find this group ready and waiting for you during the summer months.

Please watch the bulletin for upcoming dates as they are announced. The group meets at 1:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's in the St. Matthew room, next to the library. All who enjoy cards, coffee, and conversation are welcome. Questions? Call Chris Whippo, 352-7263.

Seniors greet Spring with a luncheon—and Judge Roy Bean

St. Patrick's Seniors met for their Spring Potluck Apr. 24. After lunch they watched a Powerpoint presentation on Judge Roy Bean, "the law west of the Pecos." This is what they learned:

Judge Roy Bean was recommended by the Texas Rangers, who felt that he had what it would take to bring the law to the wild, untamed area of Langtry, Texas.

Bean claimed that the town was named for Jersey Lilly Langtry, a British actress born on the Island of Jersey. He invited her to sing in the opera house he had built for her, and she did come—arriving 4 months after his death.

The town was actually named by the railroad for one of its superintendents, Goerge Langtry.

Bean never sentenced anyone to the penitentiary. If anything needed doing in Langtry, the prisoners would do it.

Once Judge Bean fined a dead man \$40, the exact amount in the dead man's pocket. Less well

known was that the \$40 bought a casket and a headstone, and paid for the gravedigger's labor. He enjoyed his tough reputation and kept his kindness hidden. He gave some of the fines and most of the goods collected to the poor and destitute of the area.

The planning committee for the Spring luncheon consisted of Norma Kite, Pat Sheehan, Mary Ann Luedtke, Betty Blanco, Leo Wood, and Shirley and Walter Splittstoesser. The group's next gathering is planned for Tuesday, June 23.



In photo above, Judy Long (left) and Betty Blanco alphabetize name tags while Toni D'Urso (left) and Nancy Haessly watch (photo right).



What goes into preparing for a wedding?

The wedding date is set and the dress ordered. The bride and groom are making decisions about the guest list, the cake, the flowers, the music, the gift registry, the honeymoon, and on and on.

And so, in common with many engaged couples preparing for their wedding, they may not get around to talking about issues that will likely come up after the wedding—how much time they will spend with friends, how they will make decisions about spending money, when they will try to have children, how they will resolve differences.

That's where the premarital inventory called FOCCUS would come in. A married couple would meet with the engaged pair in the former's home and introduce the inventory to the engaged couple. The inventory is designed to help couples learn more about themselves and their relationship, and to help them work through important issues before they are married. It is a user-friendly diagnostic tool of more than 150 statements pertaining to marital issues. The couple, individually and without consulting with each other, indicates on the questionnaire where they agree or disagree with each statement. Then the married couple reviews their answers and highlights areas for discussion. As a confidential process, the results are shared only between the two couples and Fr. Joe.

One of the married couples who have been involved in this Marriage Preparation ministry is Walter and Shirley Splittstoesser.



From their experience, they see that couples need to find out what issues they should be talking about, and FOCCUS will highlight those matters for them. Walter zeroed in on the need for the couples to discuss financial issues, which is one of several categories in the questionnaire. Other issues include communication, problem solving, religion and values, parenting, sexuality, and extended family.

Gary Laumann, who has administered FOCCUS with his wife, Bernie, said that they take special efforts to make the engaged couple feel at ease, and the meetings have always been very cordial. Often the engaged couple has come from a great distance. The Laumanns emphasize to the couple that there are

no right or wrong answers in the inventory. When an issue is highlighted, it is because the couple disagreed with each other or with what the creator of the instrument considered a "preferred response."

Linda and Tim Bowers chaired the ministry for ten years before resigning recently. Linda noted that FOCCUS is part of the requirements for marrying in the Diocese of Peoria. The requirements also include participating in Pre-Cana or an Engaged Couples Encounter, as well as the Christian Sexuality Workshop or Natural Family Planning Workshop. FOCCUS is unique among these in that, as its name implies, it is focused specifically on the couple and creates an opportunity for them to communicate face-to-face.

So the wedding preparations continue and the bride and groom can attend to the myriad details that go into planning a wedding, but they have also at least begun to discuss with each other some of the crucial issues that go into making a marriage work.

Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . . Mary Karten

Pan-seared Salmon

2 center-cut salmon filets, 6 oz each
1.5 T lemon juice
1.5 T olive oil
Salt to taste
Freshly ground pepper to taste



Combine lemon juice, olive oil, salt, and pepper in shallow dish. Place salmon filets in dish, coating well; rest for 15 minutes. Add salmon to medium-high heated skillet, and cook skin-side down for 2-3 minutes, lifting the salmon with a spatula to prevent sticking. Reduce heat to medium, cover, and cook until done (about 3-4 minutes). Skin will be crisp and flesh will be medium rare—and oh so tender! Can serve with wild rice and green beans.

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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!

Rosary Week at St. Patrick's

The week of May 10 offered several opportunities for parishioners to honor Mary and to come to a new appreciation for praying the rosary.

On the weekend of Mother's Day, every woman coming to Mass received a fresh flower to place at a display before the altar in Mother Mary's honor. Rosaries were available for anyone who wanted one, and both mothers and rosaries received a special blessing.

Sr. Sarah Roy offered insights into the mysteries of the rosary and led participants in praying the rosary on both Monday and Tuesday of that week.

On Wednesday, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, parishioners traveled by bus to the national shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Ill. En route, they prayed the rosary led by the "Rosary Stars" on a video. [See separate article on page 13 for more information and photos of the trip.]

And on Thursday, wrapping up the Rosary Week, St. Patrick's Young Adults presented the Living Rosary outdoors, enacting each of the Glorious Mysteries with all present praying the rosary.



Young Adults portray the Glorious Mysteries during the Living Rosary on Thursday evening.



Flowers, statues of Mary, rosaries, and items depicting the life of a mother make up the display before the altar during Rosary Week.



Travelers visited the Living Holy Water Fountain in the Church of Our Lady of the Snows.



(right) Sr. Sarah Roy enjoys a light moment with Peggy Loftus during the reception after her presentation.



Please pray for deceased parishioners Muriel Withers and Kathrine Grierson.

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



Our commitment to the Catholic social mission must be rooted in and strengthened by our spiritual lives. In our relationship with God we experience the conversion of heart that is necessary to truly love one another as God has loved us.

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1998

St. Patrick's Church June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 PM Centering Prayer 7:00 PM Pro-Life	2 7:00 PM Mystagogia 7:00 PM Web Site 7:00 PM Baptism Preparation	3 12:00 PM Men's Book Club 7:00 PM Catholic Connected, with Bishop Jenky	4 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group 5:30 PM Building and Grounds 7:00 PM CREW Mission Meeting	5 10:45 AM Mass, CCNH	6
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21 Father's Day 8:30 AM Blood Pressure Screening 10:15 AM Knights of Columbus	22 9:00 AM-Noon Vacation Bible School 7:00 PM Centering Prayer	23 9:00 AM-Noon Vacation Bible School 11:00 AM Senior Luncheon 7:00 PM Mystagogia	24 9:00 AM-Noon Vacation Bible School 6:30 PM JustMatters	25 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group 9:00 AM-Noon Vacation Bible School	26 9:00 AM-Noon Vacation Bible School 10:00 AM Shawl Ministry 10:45 AM Mass, CCNH 5:30 PM Summerfest	27 4:15 PM Summer Choir
28 8:30 AM Library Open 10:30 AM Children's Mass 3:30-6:00 PM Vietnamese Reconciliation, Mass	29 7:00 PM Centering Prayer	30 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 is June 14.</p>			