

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

In Focus



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Fr. George Wuellner: Grounded in Faith and Family

Father George Wuellner was born in Alton, Ill., the son of Joseph and Marie Wuellner. In 1938, while he was in high school, the Wuellner family moved to Urbana and became members of St. Patrick's Parish. Parishioner Betty Marriott Conerty remembers Fr. Wuellner from the late 1930s, when they both attended Urbana High School on Race Street.

Fr. George's sister, Elizabeth (Betty), was the only girl in a family with five sons. Becoming a tomboy was a matter of survival, she often said. Betty Wuellner married fellow parishioner Frank Suter. Fr. George and his brother Frank planned the Solemn High Mass, including a choir from Fr. Frank's seminary.

The Wuellners have fond memories of their annual family reunions, which always included four to six priests celebrating Mass and singing. Between reunions, Fr. George kept the family in touch with a monthly "Dear Relatives" newsletter, which included updates on events in family members' lives.

Frs. Frank and George established the family tradition of rewarding each nephew with a camping trip to celebrate graduation from grade school (eighth

grade at the time). They took Craig Wuellner to Pittsburgh, where friends of the family were expecting them. Since they arrived after 10 p.m., to avoid disturbing the family they pitched their tent in the back yard. To their surprise, the police woke them up in the morning—they were in the wrong back yard!

On another trip, Frs. George and Frank took Joe, Chris, and Dave Wuellner to Colorado. On the way it rained cats and dogs, preventing them from setting up their tents, and

they ended up camping overnight in a city park's pavilion.

Fr. Frank preceded Fr. George into Christ's Kingdom. We can imagine him greeting his brother with a thumping great hug before making way for their parents.

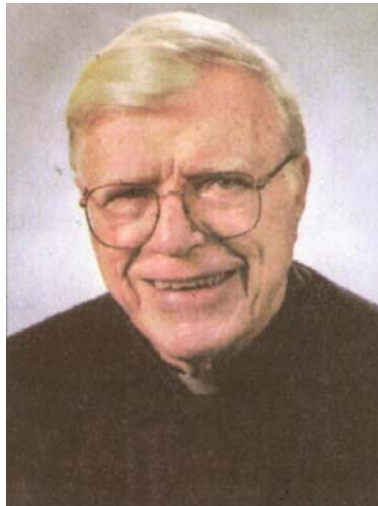
Fr. George often celebrated Mass at St. Jude Catholic Worker House before their monthly meetings. He also invited volunteers to all-day retreats at St. Boniface in Seymour, starting with Mass in the church and including a potluck lunch in the parish hall. His strong commitment to the Worker House and to social justice showed itself in the many volunteers and donors from Our Lady of the Lake and St. Boniface parishes.

After completing his studies for the priesthood at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana, Fr. George was ordained at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria on June 6, 1954. His classmates were Frs. Kane, Dietzen, Mullens, Mooney, Reynolds, Gaughan, Flattery, and Casper. His good friend, Fr. Eugene Kane, was a graduate of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Ill. Fr. Frank, ordained two years before, assisted at Fr. George's first Mass.

Many parishioners will remember the Masses Fr. George celebrated at St. Patrick's, his homilies delivered in a soft voice but whose content rewarded the effort to hear and absorb their message, his humble and unassuming manner with everyone, his gentle humor. If you have enjoyed his drawings of patron saints for the month, know that he has kindly gifted St. Patrick's with an assortment of his drawings and lettered quotations from Scripture, which will continue to appear in the pages of In Focus.

When Frs. Gene and George moved to Canterbury Ridge Retirement Community in Urbana, they became even closer. As long as Fr. Gene could drive, he took Fr. George with him to Mass seven days a week. Later, they were chauffeured to Mass by a group of St. Patrick's parishioners: Randy Sandone, Joe Tobias, John and Norma Gremer, Mary Lou Menches, Alice McLaughlin, Antonino

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Father George Wuellner

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Musumeci, Mike Williams, and probably others.

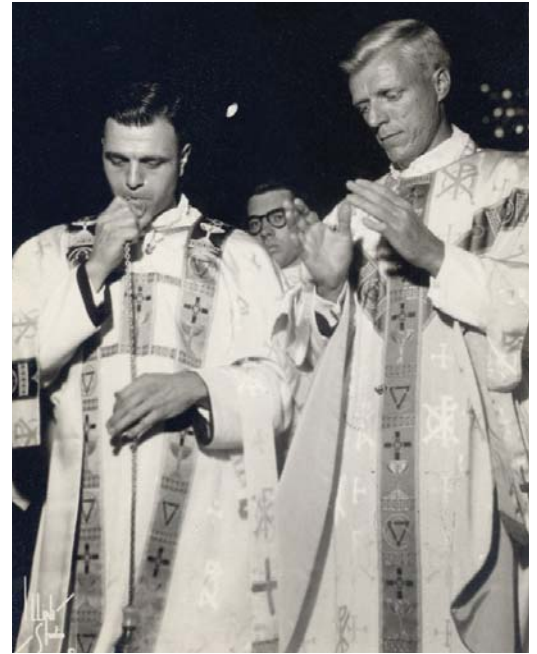
Fr. Gene passed away on July 28, and Fr. George followed his good friend soon after, on Aug. 8.

Pray for these good priests, and thank God for their ministries among us—may they bear much fruit for generations to come. Realizing that loved ones are never really separated from those they loved, we trust in their continuing care for us.

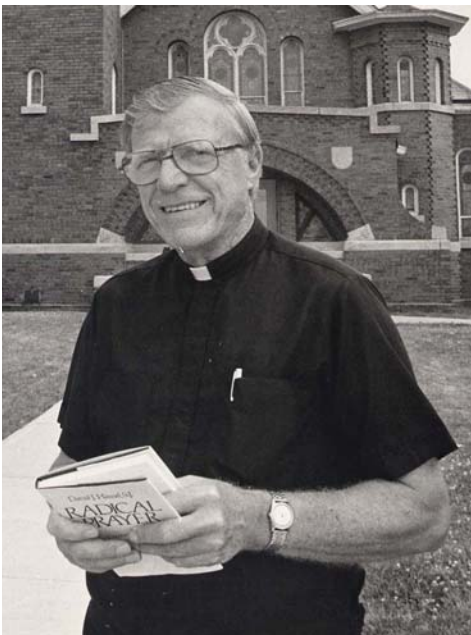
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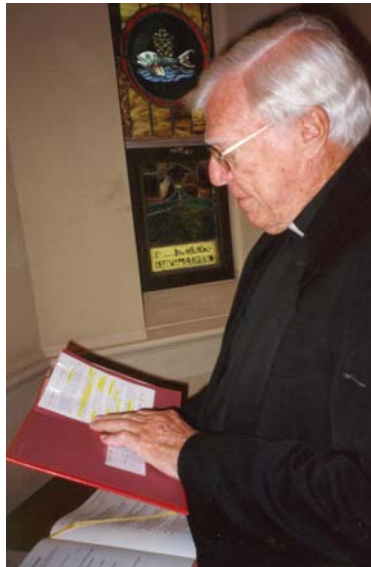
A young and strikingly blonde George Wuellner, seminarian.



In 1954 newly ordained Fr. George Wuellner celebrates his first Mass, assisted by brother Frank (left).



Fr. George served at St. Boniface Parish from 1982 to 2001.



In his retirement, Fr. George Wuellner was a "regular" at St. Patrick's during the lengthy period that our pastor was without an assistant.



Fr. George joined with us in celebrating St. Patrick's centennial.



(Left) Celebrating his fifty years of priestly ministry in 2004.

Community effort made the Sale a success

The Cellar-to-Garret sale brings many people together—parishioners and members of the larger C-U community, donors and buyers alike.

Many thanks to all who worked on the sale. Amy Boscolo and Katie Leininger served as co-chairs. Kathy McKenzie kept the books. Countless others helped with setting up, keeping things in good order during the sale, working the registers, and cleaning up at the end. The Women of St. Patrick also helped by providing babysitting and sit-down meals for the workers. Many hands did indeed make light work!

As for the bottom line (drum roll, please): the sale brought in just over \$8200. Wow!



Fr. Joe Hogan strikes again!

Fr. Joe is always on the lookout for a practical joke. He found an opportunity for one, with a bit of a twist, during August's Cellar-to-Garret sale.

Our retired secretary Leslie Ri-satti spotted a rather pricey small, red, all-metal child's car in the Better Room and wanted it for her grandnephews and grandnieces. The fun started as Thursday evening drew to a close. Leslie had been told that if the car did not sell for full price by the 9 p.m. closing time, she could have it for the Friday price of 50% off. Promptly at 8:45 p.m., Leslie came to the Better Room, found the car unsold, measured it, and left to find a box for it.

Moments later, Fr. Joe entered. He told Shirley Splittstoesser, who was in charge of the Better Room, that he wanted to buy the car and give it to Leslie in appreciation for all that she had done for him over the years. Shirley agreed, and hid the car for him. Leslie returned to find the car "gone." She was most gracious when she was told that the car had gone for full price. The next day, the car was boxed up and delivered to Fr. Joe's office.

After a few days, Fr. Joe phoned Leslie and asked her to come to his office. The boxed car was plainly visible in his office when Leslie entered and sat down. Fr. Joe asked her if she knew why he had asked her to come in. She said that she had no idea. He gestured toward the box and asked her to open it. She looked at the box, still unaware of what was going on. When she finally spied the car, what was going on became apparent. Leslie later said that she was completely taken off guard and wonderfully surprised.

Chalk up another one for our Pater Practicalius Jokestus!



Little did Leslie Risatti know, as she helped prepare items for the sale, the surprise that awaited her!

Update on Church expansion

At the Sept. 3 meeting of the Second Century Advisory Committee (SCAC), the working group charged with researching church fundraising firms was asked to begin its work. At the next meeting of the full committee, members are to review the list of recommended firms from which proposals would be sought. The SCAC wants to be assured that the parish is ready to launch a capital campaign as the economy begins to recover and a decision is made to open the campaign.

The marketing and branding working group of SCAC, including Vanessa Faurie and Pat Mayer, met on Aug. 25. Two recommenda-



tions emerged. First, parishioners should be able to get updates on the church expansion and renovation, and on the anticipated capital campaign, from the revised parish Web site. Second, as the parish develops building project plans, the group will work toward engaging young parish families and individuals.

As plans move forward and groundwork is laid for a capital campaign, the SCAC looks forward to calling upon other parishioners for assistance. All parishioners are asked for their continued prayerful support at this significant time for St. Patrick's Parish.

Parish Council News

St. Patrick's Parish Council completed another successful Time and Talent drive the weekends of Sept. 5-6 and 12-13, but members are still looking for ways to improve both the timing and administration of the process.

During their meeting Sept. 17, Council members expressed appreciation to Mary Karten for helping with this year's ministry sign-up weekend. The Council also discussed ways to streamline the process, including moving to a Web-based system and moving the ministry displays to a weekend other than the Labor Day holiday weekend.

In other business, Shelly Benson gave an update on the planned changes for the parish's communication tools. She noted that some parishioners have expressed concern that the In Focus newsletter would no longer be available in print and would become a Web-only publication. Shelly said there was no intention of eliminating print copies, only reducing the number of print copies as online readership increases.



The group is also looking into how much it would cost to have someone design and maintain the parish Web site instead of relying on volunteers. Shelly mentioned the Web site of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Carmel, Indiana, as a good example of one that is interactive and dynamic.

During ministry reports, it was announced that the Peace and Justice Ministry is looking for parishioners who are fluent in Spanish or French to help with outreach to our Hispanic and Congolese parishioners. The Worship Ministries Team has announced that the Recommitment of Eucharistic Ministers will take place Sept. 26. Hand sanitizers for the Eucharistic ministers are now located behind the columns at the front of the sanctuary.

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The next meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15, 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

Good Samaritans, a group of parishioners helping other parishioners with small acts of kindness, is looking for volunteers to help with grocery shopping for a parish couple, and with rides to Sunday Mass for two parishioners. Carla Simmering, 328-4841

Holiday potluck breakfasts following 8:00 a.m. Mass give parishioners a relaxed and pleasant way to begin Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving Day. A couple of volunteers are needed to prepare the coffee and to set out dishes and tableware on a serving table—others bring the food items to share. Can you come and bring a friend along to help? Mary Lou Menches, 344-1125

Have you ever wondered who **counts the Sunday collection?** Parishioners just like you! Right now each of the two teams of counters (they alternate on a monthly basis) could use 1-2 more helpers. Joe Costa, 328-3748

Some **wheelchair residents at Champaign County Nursing Home need help getting to and from their chapel for Mass on Friday mornings.** The need is great; one helper must stay at the chapel so early arrivals don't wander off, while other helpers collect Catholic residents for Mass. There simply aren't enough helpers at the present time. Can you give an hour a week, or even just once a month? Sandy Anderson, 469-2416



Parish groups or individuals can submit entries for this column to the Communications Committee or contact 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.

One Light, Many Lamps: An interfaith retreat

On Saturday, Oct. 17, St. Patrick's will host a retreat welcoming both parishioners and community members (teens and adults) of all religious traditions and spiritual paths.

The morning session, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., will explore the common aspects of our traditions. Br. Joseph Kilikevics, retreat director, will lead participants in prayer, meditation, and ritual as a way into the wisdom found in these traditions.

The afternoon session, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., will explore the deep, rich meaning of Jesus' teaching and the wisdom tradition using the Aramaic text (Jesus' native language was Aramaic.) Prayer, meditation, and ritual will enrich understanding of this man called Rabbi Yeshua.

Each of the two sessions costs \$5. A vegetarian lunch is also available for \$5. Scholarship assistance is

available.

The retreat director, Br. Joseph Kilikevics, O.P., is a friar of the Central Province of the Dominican Order. He is the founding director of the Shem Center of Interfaith Spirituality in Oak Park, Illinois (www.shemcenter.org). The Shem Center, founded in 1993 during the Parliament of World Religions, offers a place of welcome and respect. Here, people of all faith traditions and spiritual paths come to experience a rich source of spiritual wisdom. The programs and retreats involve a creative process of ritual, chants,



dance, silence, conversation, guided meditation, and companionship.

Registration sign-up will be available after Masses, and at the coffee shop, on the weekend of Oct. 10-11. At other times, you can register at the parish office.

Respect for life a core value for Christians

From our conviction that life is a gift from God, we value and protect the life of all human beings, created in the image and likeness of God. The Church dedicates the month of October especially to affirmation of the sacredness of human life, from conception to natural death.

Respect for life presents many facets for our appreciation, support, and involvement. Among these are:

- the Church's preferential option for the poor
- those lacking adequate food, clothing, education for their children
- those who are sick, homeless, mentally ill, physically handicapped
- the unborn children carried by women who sorely need moral support and help with the physical needs of a growing family
- those suffering from addictions, who need encouragement during their struggle for freedom
- the elderly who endure not only loneliness but also verbal or physical abuse

The members of St. Patrick's Respect Life Committee, formerly known as the Pro-Life Committee, seek to educate and inform themselves and other parishioners in the many ways that respect for life can be seen as the root of issues facing all of us, in our own lives and the lives of those around us. Ask them what you can do to help.

I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

— John 10:10



Back to school?

If you feel a wistful longing to join all the students who return to their studies in the fall, why don't you? St. Patrick's offers opportunities to deepen your faith and broaden your knowledge that you still can take up.


One of the many faith-building offerings at St. Patrick's is **The Great Adventure Bible Study**. This year it concentrates on the Gospel of St. Matthew. It features group discussion and Jeff Cavins' videos to give you a deeper appreciation of the Bible. Participants



meet every Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. or from 7 to 9 p.m., your choice. This study lasts all year with time off during Advent and Lent. Get to know your Christ. For information or to register, contact Mary Long or Carolyn McElrath at the parish office (367-2665).

A new offering this year at St. Patrick's is "Jane Austen and the Art of Living." Participants will read and discuss Jane Austen's books and moral vision, and watch and critique the movie versions of her books. *Sense and Sensibility* is offered in September, *Pride and Prejudice* in October. The group meets every Friday from 7 to 9 p.m., again with time off during Advent and Lent. It is enthusiastically led by Bao Bui (longbui2@illinois.edu), a parishioner who taught this at an eastern university.

What are you waiting for? Enrich your faith and your life!



Deadline for submission of information, articles and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is October 18.

St. Phocas, garden-variety martyr

Phocas lived a simple life in the city of Sinope, in what is now Turkey. He had a small cottage near the city gates, smothered with a spectacular display of flowers. Here he gardened, grew food for the poor, and was certain to invite any passersby who were lost or hungry to receive a good meal and hear the word of Christ. His generosity and great faith were becoming well known, and many were baptized because of his influence.

Phocas would have been just one of the many forgotten early Christians who led quiet and holy lives, until the Roman Emperor Diocletian (ironically, also an avid gardener) began a bloody and brutal persecution of the fledgling Church early in the fourth century. Someone seeking royal favor denounced Phocas, and soon a squad of soldiers galloped toward Sinope. Their information was sparse, however, and they did not know what Phocas looked like or where to find him. As chance would have it, they stopped at that flower-strewn cottage.

Here they were greeted by a kind old graybeard, who insisted that they come in for a meal and some rest before proceeding farther. As the soldiers enjoyed his hospitality, they explained that they were searching for a Christian troublemaker named Phocas. The gardener said nothing but that the hour was late and that the soldiers should stay the night. In the morning, he said, he would take them right to this Phocas.

That evening, as they slept, he went outside. By moonlight, in deep prayer and confidence, he began to dig in his beloved garden for the last time. When he was finished, he had dug his own grave.

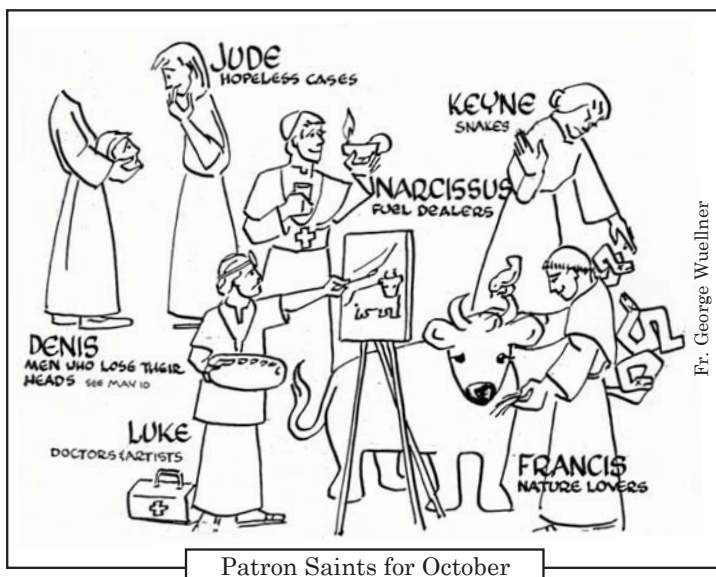
In the morning he revealed his name. The soldiers

were horrified. Phocas actually had to beg them to fulfill their orders. He told them that he was absolutely confident that God would accept him into his kingdom, whereas the soldiers' refusal would bring them terrible punishment. Thus Phocas was martyred, his body placed in the grave that he had dug himself.

During a few idle moments in class, a young boy read about Phocas and adopted him as a kind of personal patron saint. Some forty years later, while driving, he heard gunshots. In his rear-view mirror, he saw a man running desperately toward him who pounded on the door and screamed that he had been shot. To let him in could put himself in danger as well, but he didn't pause to think. He told the man to get in, and drove quickly to escape the unseen gunman. Within minutes he was phoning for help, and soon emergency vehicles came to their aid.

Only later, with shaking hands, did he realize that in all the confusion he had followed the example of Phocas. The gardener knew that it was his place to care of others, be they weary travelers or hired assassins, and that he must do this no matter the consequences to himself. This man, too, had no consideration for the dangers of letting the wounded man into his car, but only the certainty that our task on earth is to take care of each other. Had something happened to him that night, he trusted that God would take care of him.

Saints matter. They are given to us to help us know how to live, how to love and serve God in one another. Who is *your* patron saint?



CCC continues to offer congeniality

Cards, Coffee, and Conversation (CCC) will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 30. Thereafter, CCC moves to the second Thursday of the month: Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. Where do you find CCC-ers? Just drop by the St. Matthew room next to the parish library, at 1 p.m. Even those who don't play cards are most assuredly welcome. If you have any questions, call Chris Whippo (352-7263).

Celebrating Ten Years of Mission

Ten years ago, the CREW Youth Group returned from its first Mission Trip, to Washington, D.C. This summer CREW returned from Memphis, Tenn., its tenth. The teens, parents, and St. Patrick's parish community have wholeheartedly supported the CREW Mission Trip for the past decade, sending 160 people on Mission. Over half of those have gone on Mission several times.

The time has come to celebrate the success of the CREW Summer Mission Trips! Join the CREW Youth Group at their "Mission: Possible" event on Sunday, Oct. 4, from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are free, but required. Get yours before or after any Mass, or at the parish office.

What can you look forward to at this event? This one particularly celebrates and thanks St. Patrick's parishioners for their years of support. There will be a performance by the CREW Praise Band, special guest speakers, and a showing of the Mission: Possible Ten Year Anniversary Movie. And you will be treated to hors d'oeuvres and sparkling punch.

There will also be a silent auction for some truly spectacular items, including:

- A Tenth Anniversary Quilt made out of the 10 Mission Trip t-shirts (on display in the parish hall)
- A vacation to Las Vegas at a RCI Gold Crown Resort for Spring Break Week, 2010
- A six-course gourmet dinner for your family, made by Fr. Joe

- An original wood carving by Chuck Shaw
- Two framed prints by Jimmy Long
- Four tickets to see "Annie" at the Assembly Hall on Dec. 14
- Four tickets to see "The Wizard of Oz" at the Assembly Hall on Apr. 8, 2010
- Baseballs signed by Ryan Dempster, Aramis Ramirez, and the Cardinals' Ozzie Smith, and the game ball from the Cubbies' June 22 victory over the White Sox

All the proceeds from the silent auction will support next summer's Mission Trip.

The Mission: Possible parish celebration will also be a reunion of sorts for past Mission Trip participants. It'll be a fantastic evening—come join in the celebration of ten years of Mission Trips!



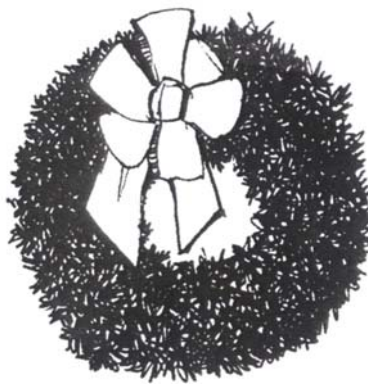
Deck the halls with boughs of holly....

The CREW Youth Group will again be taking orders for fresh holiday evergreens, on the weekends of Oct. 18, Oct. 25, and Nov. 1. You'll find the CREW at Coffee Shop and outside after Mass (weather permitting).

These beautiful and fragrant evergreens come from Washington State's Sherwood Forest Farms. The family-owned business supplies evergreens only to not-for-profit fundraising groups. Their trees far surpass anything available locally (guess which state's nickname is The Evergreen State).

If you're wondering how to deck your home this Christmas, try a beautiful centerpiece arrangement for your dining room table, or a 22" or 28" Noble Fir Wreath on your front door. How about a Western Cedar Garland around

your front door? To give you an idea of how beautiful these are, remember what our church looked like last Christmas. Yes, those were CREW's evergreens, both inside and out, ordered by the Liturgical Arts Team.



After placing your order, you need to be patient because the evergreens will arrive on the first weekend of December. There will also be a small number of "extras" for sale then, in case you forgot to place an order.

All the proceeds from the sale will support next summer's CREW Mission Trip to East St. Louis. The beautiful evergreens decoration your home or of-

fice will help to send teens and chaperones on a social justice mission. Stop by Coffee Shop in October and order your Christmas greens!



in our parish library

Here are books newly available in the parish library.

Fiction

Five for Sorrow, Ten for Joy, by Rumer Godden. Call Number FIC GOD 2007. This is a tale of shame and redemption of Lise Fanshawe, prostitute and brothel manager in postwar Paris, murderer and prisoner, and finally a Catholic nun in an order dedicated to serving the marginalized. Her story shows how God's mercy extends to the darkest human places.

Dinner with a Perfect Stranger: An Invitation Worth Considering, by David Gregory. Call Number FIC GRE 2005. In this short first-person narrative, an average modern man receives a dinner invitation from Jesus. He thinks it is a practical joke or a ploy from a local church but later finds it is the real deal. The two discuss the dichotomies of sin and salvation, grace and works, organized religion and personal faith. The main character deals with Jesus in sarcastic tones, and Jesus responds in ways that seem believable, wise, and funny. Enjoyable and thought-provoking.

Non-Fiction

Daily Guide Posts 2007 and 2008: Spirit-Lifting Thoughts for Every Day of the Year. Call Numbers 242.1 GUI 2007 and 242.1 GUI 2008. Short inspirational pieces for each day of the year.

How Much Is Enough? Hungering for God in an Af-

fluent Culture, by Arthur Simon. Call Number 241.6 SJM 2003. An examination of how our materialistic culture stunts our compassion and drives a wedge between us and God.

Raised Catholic: Can You Tell? by Ed Stivender. Call Number 282 STI 1992. A trip down pre-Vatican II's memory lane, with stories from the author's own Catholic boyhood in the 1950s.

Why Do Catholics Do That? A Guide to the Teachings and Practices of the Catholic Church, by Kevin Johnson. Call Number 282 JOH. A renowned scholar and religion columnist answers common questions about Catholic faith, worship, culture, and customs. A resource for anyone who wants to learn more about the rituals, symbols, and traditions that strengthen our faith daily.

Children's

How Do I Make Up My Mind, Lord? Story Devotions for Boys, by Robert Kelly. Call Number CH 242 KEL. Fifteen stories for boys, each with a Christian theme followed by a devotion.

My First Book of Prayers: Catholic Edition. Call Number CH 242 MY.

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If you would like to donate books on the parish library's wish list, please contact Lori Mestre (365-9004), 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: Do I have a vocation? What is a vocation anyway?

A: The answer to this question is an unequivocal yes! In general terms, your vocation is what God calls you to do with your life. All of us are called to know, love, and serve God; the difference is the path each of us takes to do this.

Individual vocations vary. One's calling may be to the single life, the married state, consecrated life as a religious or a priest. In the one life that God has given you to live, you have a particular mission. Discovering and ultimately following God's invitation to fulfill that mission may be the work of a lifetime.

Because God communicates this invitation in a variety of ways and through human agencies, you may not immediately see how you are to live out your calling. What can help?

- Pray and pray again for enlightenment.
- Search your heart for the word God has planted there.
- Talk with friends, parents, and the parish priest about what you think you're hearing.
- Take stock of your talents and gifts, and consid-

er how best to use them in today's world.

God, who tends to reveal this invitation gradually, fortunately takes us where we are, so your only concern need be where God wants you to go from here. Your only job is to remain open to whatever God wants of you, to do your best to live up to God's will, to respond to what God is asking of you at the present moment.

Oct. 10 is Vocation Awareness Sunday. On that day especially, pray for a heart and mind open to God's calling and the will to respond with generosity. And pray not only for yourself, but for all of us!

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Questions about Catholic practice or Catholic teaching may be sent to the Communications Committee in care of the par-



The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

—Psalm 24



School days The High School of St. Thomas More is pleased to welcome young adults to the new school year. In celebration of the school's tenth anniversary, students will have a busy year of academic, athletic, artistic, and service achievements. "Saber Stories" will keep parishioners informed of their progress. Parents, please feel free to tell the latest news to Mary Welle (m.welle@comcast.net).

Support our kids ... spiritually! This year continues with the monthly Parent Prayer and Social, on the second Thursday of each month. Parents, teachers, staff, and administrators pray together for the needs of the students and the school. It begins at 8 a.m. with a half hour of prayer in the chapel, followed by a half hour of socializing. The first gathering will feature a brief look at how families can better balance all the demands placed upon them. Questions? Contact Fr. Lampitt (rlampitt@hs-stm.org or 352-7210).

Coming Attractions

- Oct. 2: Homecoming Game
- Oct. 7: Academic Letter Award Ceremony
- Oct. 22-24: Fall Play, "Arsenic and Old Lace"
- Oct. 21: New Student STM Preview Night
- Nov. 13: Athletic Booster Organization Dinner
- Nov. 25-29: Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 4-5: Annual Madrigal Dinner
- Dec. 19: Christmas Break Begins
- Jan. 15: Alumni Basketball Game
- Jan. 27: New Student STM Preview Night
- Feb. 19: Battle of the Bands
- Apr. 17: Spring Gala

Katie Hinrichs, R.N.-to-be

Katie Hinrichs, St. Patrick's parish secretary for the past year, left the staff at the end of August to take the next step in her journey. She has enrolled in classes at Parkland Community College to further her education in nursing.

Katie, thank you for all you have done for the staff of St. Patrick's, and indeed for all us parishioners, as parish secretary. Know that you have our very best wishes and prayers for your new venture!



Katie Hinrichs

Tyra: A new smile in the office

"It would be perfect for you!" That's how Tyra Quinones's friends reacted when she told them she was applying for the secretarial position at St. Patrick's.

They knew that she had been praying for an answer to the question "What is being asked of me?" Her friends also knew that she had been a valued employee of the U. of I. Credit Union for ten years, and that she had the skills to match the need.

Tyra enjoyed her work at the credit union because she felt she was serving its members, and she sees her new job also as an opportunity for service. She wants to use her skills to help build up the body of Christ, to be of service to our parishioners.

A member of Holy Cross Parish and a graduate of Champaign Central High School, Tyra has lived here all her life, except for travel as a military dependent. That travel took her to Okinawa, Germany, Washington, D.C., Texas, and Kansas. Her experience abroad has given her a good ear for foreign accents (yes, in this context, Texas is foreign). If you want to say her last name without an accent, try "kwinn-OH-ness."

Tyra has three grown children—a daughter in Arizona and two sons still here—and three grandchildren. She enjoys cooking, gardening, and sewing, all interests with tangible results. Her husband has two grown sons who live out East. She met him when he was in the engineering department during the construction of the Clinton power plant.

Summarizing her enthusiasm for her new position, she remarked, "St. Patrick's is a vibrant community, and I want to support the people in their mission."

Welcome, Tyra, to our parish community!



Tyra Quinones

"Take and eat... Take and drink"

The receiving of Jesus' body and blood during the sacrifice of the Mass is central to our Catholic faith. Our parish has been offering Communion under both species at all Masses so that we can fully partake in the realization of this miracle—a share in the divinity of Christ.

In view of recent public health concerns, St. Patrick's is taking the prudent step of installing two hand-sanitizer dispensers in the sanctuary area. Starting in Octo-

ber, all Eucharistic ministers will cleanse their hands as they arrive in the sanctuary, immediately before distributing Communion.



Those in the assembly who suspect they are ill are requested to pass up reception of Communion from the cup until they are well again. Receiving the host alone is

still the full reception of the Body and Blood of Christ. Receiving under both species is always the choice of the communicant.

Did you know?

- **The vesting sacristy**, the small room beside the Mary shrine in the back of the church, was the baptistry in the original church. The stained glass windows there reflect that use. Today, however, this room is where priest and deacon vest for Mass and where altar servers and lectors gather for a brief prayer with the priest before Mass begins.
- **Articles left in the church** during weekend Masses are sometimes brought to the vesting sacristy or placed on a shelf in the vestibule after Mass. On Monday, all items are removed to the parish center, where they join a host of other left-behind articles identified as Lost and Found. Missing your umbrella, sweater, sunglasses, cell phone? Call the parish office (357-2665) after 10 a.m. on Monday to inquire.
- **It's never too late to volunteer** for a parish activity or group engaged in a ministry that appeals to you. Read about it in the *Ministry at St. Patrick's* booklet and call the person listed for that ministry—or simply ask a staff member for information. The staff can be reached through the parish office (367-2665); their names and direct telephone numbers are also listed for you on p. 8 of the booklet.

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In Focus

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Holy Cross Happenings

Holy Cross welcomed back 341 students and 2 new teachers. Mrs. Natasha Rhodes teaches Grade 5 social studies, and Mrs. Loyal Anderson is the new Grade 7 science teacher.



Continuing in the tradition of examining a virtue every month, September's virtue was Faith, and October's is Work. Students from all grades will reflect on these virtues and plan service projects around them.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was a weeklong celebration in September for Holy Cross Parish and school. Many students participated in a Living Rosary and special all-school masses. The celebration wound up on Sept. 19 with a grand Family Fun Day, which included a barbecue, games, and inflatables.

Coming in October (mark your calendar!):

- Friday, Oct. 16: Hot Dog Day. This annual celebration invites students to share their lunch with family, friends, and alumni of Holy Cross School.
- Saturday, Oct. 24: Halloween Party, Grades 6-8, Kaufman Lake
- Friday, Oct. 30: Halloween Carnival, Grades K-5, Holy Cross gym

Busy summer and autumn for The Women of St. Patrick

July saw another fantastic "Taste and See" food demonstration—this time, delicious Vietnamese eggrolls. Parishioner Ut Ha showed a group of ladies how to make the pan-Asian delicacy; nobody could resist sampling the results.

Also in July, WSP gathered at the Morning Cup & More coffee shop in Urbana. About 14 ladies attended and enjoyed a relaxing time together. Parishioner Ann Stokr, co-owner of Morning Cup, took good care of the group. Those who attended suggested that this become a monthly event, and so there will be a repeat on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 8:30 to 10 a.m., for a bite of breakfast, something hot to drink, and happy chatter throughout.

Of course, the biggest event of the season was the Cellar-to-Garret sale. The Women of St. Patrick sincerely thank Amy Boscolo and Katie Leininger for co-chairing the event, and all of the dedicated, hard-working volunteers who devoted their time and talents to this year's sale.

As fall kicks into gear, wom-

Christian author Kendra Smiley to speak at St. Patrick's

The Women of St. Patrick have been planning a very special event for several months. On Thursday, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m., the Christian speaker and author Kendra Smiley will be here at St. Patrick's. She will give a talk about Empowering Choices, encouraging us to make godly decisions. As she puts it, "All of life is filled with choices. Big. Small. Significant. Mundane. Every day, we are faced with a myriad of them." Kendra's wit and wisdom encourages us to make the next choice rightly.



Kendra's daily radio program is heard on more than 50 stations across the country. Her books include Empowering Choices, Be the Parent, Give Your Heart a Good Spring Cleaning, High-Wire Mom, and Journey of a Strong-Willed Child.

All women in the parish are invited. Tickets are free but space is limited, so get your ticket early, at the beginning of October. Please join in giving Kendra Smiley a big welcome from The Women of St. Patrick!

en of the parish have even more opportunities for fun and fellowship:

- Sept. 16 kicked off two new groups sponsored by The Women of St. Patrick: a Garden Group, and a group for mothers of young children called Moms Meeting Moms (or M3).
- On Sept. 23, WSP held its second bi-monthly rosary luncheon.
- On the evening of Sept. 30, parishioner Lucy Synk will give a presentation on how to declutter. Come see this free, fun, and informative event!
- Another "Taste and See" event is planned for Oct. 12; at 1:00 p.m. Betty Conerty will demonstrate

how to make her renowned cinnamon rolls, and the lucky participants will get to sample these heavenly pastries. Childcare will be provided.

- On Oct. 29, the group will host acclaimed Christian author and speaker Kendra Smiley as she delivers a presentation entitled "Empowered by Choice" at St. Patrick's. Tickets will be free, but limited; childcare will be provided.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events. You can sure of having a great time!



Ann Stokr saw to it that the women were well served.

Vocation Prayer



Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the faithful is governed and sanctified, receive our prayers for all the members of your holy Church, that in our vocations and ministries we may truly serve you.



Welcome to new parishioners (registered since mid-June): Mary Smith, Lolita McDonald, Daniel and Mary Smith, Michael Williams, Margaret Goethals, Robert and Mandy McCartney, Cecelia Kimble, Bridgette Smith, Lorcan Murphy, Joan Sargent, Vivien Azoon, Ray and Vanessa Faurie Elliot, Shannon Kenyon, Thomas Dousa, Mung Nguyen, Lewis Howell, Martin and Iwona Ostoja-Starzewski, Annette Foster, Ann Lindquist, Mike Snyder, Katie McCullough, Marjorie Dorne-Williams, Jonathan Wilson, Benjamin Rund, Rick Schutt, Lucy Freeman, Ramon Caruso, Gail Rogers, and Brian Neiswender.

Congratulations to these couples, married at St. Patrick's: Micaela Alvarez and Crecencio Juan Ubaldo, Amanda Kathleen Wingfield and Jefferson Briscoe Goldman, and Rachel Quigley Buttitta and Mark Dineen.

Please pray for deceased parishioner Margaret Duffy.

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

Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . . Rose Krueger

Apple Cake

- 3 eggs
- 1-3/4 c sugar
- 1 t soda
- 1 t vanilla
- 2 c unsifted flour
- 1 c Crisco oil
- 1 t salt
- 1 t cinnamon
- 3 c sliced apples
- 1 c chopped nuts (optional)



Stir all ingredients together and pour into 13 x 9 inch cake pan. Bake at 350° for 45-50 minutes. Sprinkle top with powdered sugar.

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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!

Prayer for People I Dislike

Loving God, Mysterious Wind-like Spirit,
blow strongly if you will
and surround with joy all those people whom I dislike.
Be gracious to those whose giftedness I envy.
Bless with wealth and success
those already annoyingly more successful than myself.
They deserve my encouragement, never my scorn.
I pray especially for all those
who do not particularly reverence me,
or may, in fact, dislike me and shun my company.
Give me eyes to see beauty and winsomeness
where I have not seen it before,
and give us all the self confidence to believe
that we would have no enemies at all
if we were known as you, Holy Wisdom, know us.
Amen.



—William Cleary

From Susan Nagele

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Dear friends,

Maureen Masinde can stand by herself!

She came to us two years ago, unable to hold her head up at the age of three. We diagnosed a lack of thyroid hormone since birth, and with one pill a day she has come alive. Just before I left Kiminini hospital in June, she walked into my office on her own for the first time and brought tears to my eyes. I couldn't have asked for a better going away present!

I came to Illinois in July, and in August I went to our center in Maryknoll, New York, to celebrate with my group of lay missionaries who came to mission 25 years ago. August 15 is the founding day for our Association, and we had wonderful celebrations. It has been an honor and privilege to serve in Tanzania, southern Sudan, and Kenya as a Catholic lay woman. It is my plan to return to Kenya later in the year to begin a new ministry in the Archdiocese of Mombasa, where I have been asked to teach, consult, and supervise in the health centers and dispensaries that operate throughout the Archdiocese.

While at Maryknoll we learned about the financial difficulties that our organization is encountering. We currently have 74 lay missionaries and one priest serving in 11 regions throughout the world. We have 9 candidates in the orientation program this fall who will begin service in 2010. The 11 regions are in the process of being evaluated, and five of these regions will be closed by June 2010. Our budget in 2003 was \$9 million when we were receiving financial assistance from the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. That assistance has ended however, and we must raise the entire budget for 2010 on our own. Therefore our budget has been cut to \$4 million.

Maryknoll Lay Missioners are an independent Maryknoll Mission Association, separate from the Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters. The Association has provided me with training to go overseas, health care insurance, and retirement benefits. I have also benefited from renewal programs and a three-month sabbatical in 2001. We were to have had a renewal program this June, but it was cancelled due to lack of funds.

Many of you have been very generous in your financial contributions over all of these years, and I have never had to ask for money for our health care ministry. We have been very grateful for your donations, and I have tried to account for your contributions each year in my annual financial report.

I know, too, that many of you are also experiencing economic difficulties, just as we are. It is difficult for me to ask this, but if you are able could you please help our organization with financial support? Contributions can be sent to:

Maryknoll Lay Missioners
 Promotions - Box 307
 Maryknoll, NY 10545-0307

Your check can be made payable to "Maryknoll Lay Missioners" or "MMAF". Please write on the memo line of the check whether you want the donation to go to the general fund or to my mission account.

Like Maureen, we need to stand by ourselves. Thank you for helping us in any way you can.



(Right) Celebrating 25 years on mission (clockwise, from top left): Mary Humphrey, Chris Cahalan, Susan Nagele, Sr. Paula Kuntz, M.M., and Kevin Cahalan



Maureen Masinde, at Kiminini Cottage Hospital, Kenya

*Peace + God Bless,
 Susan*

St. Patrick's Parish October 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 October 18.</p>				<p>1 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group 5:30 PM Build'g and Grounds 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM RCIA - Faith Developmt 7:00 PM Divorce Support Group</p>	<p>2 10:45 AM Mass, CCNH 6:00 PM Young Adults BBQ</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 9:15 AM Religious Ed 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy 4:00-7:00 PM Mission Trip Anniversary: "Mission: Possible" Dinner 5:30-8:30 PM Vivo: Corn Maze</p>	<p>5 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Engaging Spirituality Begins 6:30 PM CREW Confirmation Formation 7:00 PM Centering Prayer</p>	<p>6 12:00 PM Bible Study 1:00 PM Bible St. 6:30 PM Cursillo 7:00 PM Bible St. 7:00 PM Web Site Committee 7:00 PM Baptism Preparation 7:00 PM Mystagogia</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM Moms Meeting 5:15 PM Children's Choir 6:30 PM Rel Ed, St. Joe 6:30 PM JustFaith 6:30 PM Peace & Justice Ministries 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Re-Membering Church</p>	<p>8 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group 1:00 PM Cards, Coffee & Conversation 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM RCIA - Faith Developmt 7:00 PM Divorce Support Group</p>	<p>9 10:30 AM Mass, Canterbury Ridge 10:45 AM Communion Service, CCNH 5:30 PM New-comers Welcome Dinner</p>	<p>10 5:00 PM Mass with Children's Choir 6:00 PM More Great Dates</p>
<p>11 9:15 AM Religious Ed 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy 6:00 PM CREW Mission Meeting 6:30 PM CREW Confirmation Formation 6:30 PM Vivo</p>	<p>12 1:00 PM Bible Study 1:00 PM Taste and See: Betty Conerty's rolls 6:30 PM Engaging Spirituality 7:00 PM Centering Prayer 7:00 PM Respect Life</p>	<p>13 12:00 PM Bible Study 1:00 PM Bible Study 5:30 PM Financial Affairs Committee 6:30 PM Cursillo 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Mystagogia</p>	<p>14 9:30 AM Schola 5:15 PM Children's Choir 6:30 PM Rel Ed, St. Joe 6:30 PM JustFaith 7:00 PM Choir 7:30 PM Ministry of Faith Development 7:00 PM Re-Membering Church</p>	<p>15 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM RCIA - Faith Developmt 7:00 PM Divorce Support Group</p>	<p>16 Boss's Day! 10:30 AM Mass, Clark-Lindsey 10:45 AM Mass, CCNH</p>	<p>17 8:30-10:00 AM WSP at Morning Cup & More 10 AM-4:30 PM One Light, Many Lamps Interfaith Retreat</p>
<p>18 9:15 AM Religious Ed 10:15 AM Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM CREW Teen Mass, Dinner 6:30 PM Vivo</p> <p>CREW Evergreen Sales</p>	<p>19 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM SALT Leadership Training 6:30 PM Engaging Spirituality 7:00 PM Centering Prayer</p>	<p>20 12:00 PM Bible Study 1:00 PM Bible St. 6:00 PM SALT Leadership Training 6:30 PM Cursillo 6:30 PM Worship Ministries Team 7:00 PM Bible St. 7:00 PM Mystagogia</p>	<p>21 9:00 AM Moms Meeting 5:15 PM Children's Choir 6:30 PM Rel Ed, St. Joe 6:30 PM JustFaith 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Re-Membering Church</p>	<p>22 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM RCIA - Faith Developmt 7:00 PM Divorce Support Group</p> <p>Cursillo Retreat</p>	<p>23 10:45 AM Mass, CCNH</p> <p>Cursillo Retreat</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Cursillo Retreat</p>
<p>25 8:30 AM Library Open 3:30 PM Vietnamese Reconciliation, Mass</p> <p>CREW Evergreen Sales Cursillo Retreat</p>	<p>26 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Engaging Spirituality 7:00 PM CREW & Vivo Parents Night: Kathy Jobin on "Teens & Alcohol" 7:00 PM Centering Prayer</p>	<p>27 12:00 PM Bible Study 1:00 PM Bible St. 7:00 PM Bible St. 7:00 PM Mystagogia</p>	<p>28 9:30 AM Schola 5:15 PM Children's Choir 6:30 PM JustFaith 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Re-Membering Church</p>	<p>29 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group 11:00 AM Senior Luncheon 6:00 PM WSP: Kendra Smiley 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM RCIA - Faith Developmt 7:00 PM Divorce Support Group</p>	<p>30 10:45 AM Mass, CCNH</p>	<p>31</p>

CCNH: Champaign County Nursing Home

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

WSP: Women of St. Patrick

CREW: Senior High Class

Vivo: Junior High Class

SALT: Student Action Leadership Team

K of C: Knights of Columbus