

St. Patrick Parish IN FOCUS

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The Triduum: Three days to savor

The Triduum encompasses the three days from Holy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday. These days are like a banquet with many courses, in which all of the beautiful and holy things of our faith are set before us to be savored. Whatever attracts you to the Church, you're sure to find it during the liturgies of these three days.

Are you attracted by a sense of community? Gather each night with others who are there to celebrate these days together. Are you attracted by a spirit of service? Let your thoughts linger over the images of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, his gift of himself on the cross, and the gift of new life that he made possible by his death and rising. Does the vigorous growth of the Church draw you in? Celebrate with our First Communion class on Holy Thursday, and witness the baptism and confirmation of new Catholics during the vigil on Saturday night.

On Holy Thursday at 7:00 p.m., we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The outline is similar to Sunday Mass except that we pause to remember the washing of feet, and we end with a procession and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The warmth of the community always seems to be special that night.

On Good Friday at 7:00 p.m., we

venerate the cross. After the Scripture readings, the cross is brought in and revered by all. We remember the cross as an instrument of death, but also as a thing of glory, because Jesus took it up willingly for us. The liturgy of this night has a quiet, measured pace that gives lots of room for reflection.

On Holy Saturday, the liturgy begins at 7:30 p.m. so that we begin when darkness falls and light is sorely needed. We begin by lighting a new fire to celebrate Christ, our light. Next comes a series of readings and psalms, more than we have time to relish on a Sunday, recalling God's saving work throughout history and leading up to the Good News of Jesus' resurrection.

The catechumens and candidates are then called forward to join us in our profession of faith, after which they receive the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. And the celebration continues around the Lord's table.

The Easter Sunday liturgy sums it all up. The Easter candle from the night before stands proudly near the font. We remember our baptism into new life with Jesus, a sharing in his resurrected life.

There is much to savor in these days. Come, taste and see how good the Lord is!



Council membership a ministry? You bet!

Elsewhere in the pages of this issue, you will find the reflections of three parishioners who have



served on the Parish Council and will soon find their third-Thursday evenings free.

One of these generous souls is **Mary Rose Cottingham**, who has also served in office first as secretary, then vice-president, and for the last year as president of the Council. Because officers carry a number of other responsibilities, they are not asked to work with committees or on ministry leadership teams—although some have. Mary Rose has quietly led the Council through a challenging period of change, while continuing in her ministry as lector at our worship services and offering a friendly greeting to parishioners as they arrive for Mass.

Marty Sierra-Perry brought great energy to her service on the Council. She often volunteered to serve on ad hoc committees, taking on an extra task now and again. Her high energy level was especially felt on CREW's mission trips, where she became one of the "regulars" among the adults sharing in the work undertaken

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by our teens. She too managed to continue her liturgical ministries to the parish as lector and, recently, as Eucharistic minister, even as she pursued her interest in social justice concerns as a member of the Social Justice ministry leadership team.

A candidate for election last year, **Susan Hublein**, was asked as a runner-up to complete the last year of a Council member's three-year term. This is surely one of the more difficult ways to serve on the Council, stepping into someone else's job, as it were. Yet Susan soon found that she could participate in discussions and offer suggestions with the best of them. She served on the leadership team for Worship ministries during her year on the Council, and seemed to surprise herself by enjoying everything put before her. She expects to stand for election again this April, to serve out her own three-year term.

Take the time to read their reflections on their Council years. They served the parish well in their capacity as Council members and deserve our appreciation and our thanks.

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.
In your kindness and
compassion,
give us more ministers
willing to dedicate themselves
to your service and to the
service
of your people.



in our parish library

These books may provide some inspiration and guidance as you continue your Lenten renewal after Easter. Look for them in the New Books section.

Clare of Assisi: A Heart Full of Love, by Ilia Delio. Call Number: 271.9 DEL 2007. This tiny book includes some background information regarding Clare's connection with Francis of Assisi and includes four short letters that Clare wrote to Agnes of Prague, which describe the essence of Clare's ideas on spiritual life.

C. S. Lewis on the Fullness of Life: Longing for Deep Heaven, by Dennis J. Billy. Call Number: 230 BIL 2009. Dennis Billy offers a look into the mind of Lewis, his faith, and perhaps the faith of the reader as well. C.S. Lewis on the Fullness of Life is a top pick for those who want to understand the faith behind Narnia.

Discernment: A Path to Spiritual Awakening, by Rose Mary Dougherty. Call Number: 248.4 DOV 2009. Whether you are brand new to the spiritual life or someone who has walked many miles on the spiritual journey, there are nuggets of wisdom here for you.

Francis and Clare: The Complete Works (in The Classics of Western Spirituality series), by Regis J. Armstrong. Call Number: 271.3 ARM 1986. Francis and Clare articulate an incredible vision of what it means to enter into the mystery of Christ. These texts are excellent for anyone wishing to embrace Christ by way of the example of the Little Poor Ones of Assisi.

A Monk in the Inner City: The ABCs of a Spiritual Journey, by Mary Lou Kownakacki. Call Number: 271.9 KUW 2008. An "urban monk" offers incredible insights from Kownakacki's journey of faith and justice, including meditations on dying, living, and religious sense. She juxtaposes spiritual insights with the input of others in society.

Original Blessing: A Primer in Creation Spirituality Presented in Four Paths, Twenty-Six Themes, and Two Questions, by Matthew Fox. Call Number: 248.4 Fox 2000. This book was named one of the "20 books that changed the world" in its first edition. It provides a daring view of historical Christianity and a theologically sound basis for personal discovery of spiritual liberation. It has become widely read and used as a spiritual guide by many.

St. Clare Prayer Book: Listening for God's Leading, by Jon M. Sweeney. Call Number: 242.8 SWE 2007. Discover the spirituality of St. Clare and how it complements that of St. Francis. It is organized into seven days, with prayer times for morning and evening. The prayer times are themselves organized with scripture and silence—perfect for discernment.

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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.

Earth Day, April 22

Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
—From a hymn by Shirley Erena Murray



Sophia's cream puff recipe headed for Ghana

Fr. Mike heard about Sophia Zeigler's legendary cream puffs ever since his arrival at St. Patrick's. He wanted to learn how to make them and finally set up a time for her to come in and teach him the ropes. They set a date, urgent because of his pending departure for Ghana, and they worked away—with Fr. Mike having hands-on responsibility for the outcome.

Sophia proclaimed Fr. Mike a fast learner after examining the final results. He and some lucky staff members enjoyed the fruits of his labor—as did Father Luong, for whom the cream puffs served as a tasty birthday cake.



Vivo's book drive a success!

St. Patrick's junior high students, the Vivo youth group, would like to thank parishioners for the fabulous support of their book drive. With your help they collected more than 600 books!

Students sorted all of the books during their Sunday evening class period and boxed them to be delivered to three different organizations. The children's books suitable for children under the age of 5 were sent to The Crisis Nursery. The adult books were dropped off at the Books2Prisoners organization. The best surprise was that the school books could be sent to Father Mike's schools in Ghana! You can read about the organizations supported by the book drive at the following Web sites:

www.fultonsheenacademies.org/index.html

www.books2prisoners.org/

www.crisisnursery.net/

Father Mike spoke to the Vivo students on Mar. 7 and then led them in a Eucharistic adoration service. Thank you to Father Mike for offering his time and love of the sacraments to Vivo!

On Mar. 23 Vivo students will gather at Savoy 16 to see a movie together. Which movie it will be is as yet undecided, but with this group of kids it is guaranteed to be a fun evening and a welcome "get out of the house" activity for students on Spring Break!



Reflections on my Council ministry

By Mary Rose Cottingham

After having served on the Council, I feel that I have a very good perspective of how the parish “runs,” as well as a renewed and deep appreciation for the many, many ministries our parishioners are involved with, from acting on social justice issues to helping to create meaningful liturgical experiences at our Masses. I have also enjoyed getting to know fellow Council members, some of whom I didn’t meet until we served on together on the Council, and Father Hogan better.

I have come to treasure, in particular, the period of time we spend in prayer in the church prior to each Council meeting. Father Hogan has often said that the most important part of our ministry is to pray together for the parish and one another.

St. Patrick’s is facing the challenge of physically expanding the church, and I have felt honored to be a part of hearing about the plans and the process that the Second Century Advisory Committee has been going through.

This is an exciting time for St. Patrick’s, and being on the Council these past three years has made me very excited about our future as a congregation and to look forward in faith to God’s plan for us.



Every marriage has a story—will you tell yours?

“Our marriages are blessed with insight, humor, sadness, joy, struggles and success—all of which have the potential to bring us closer together and closer to God,” says Pat Mayer, who, together with her husband, Jim, coordinates the Great Dates program at St. Patrick’s.

Every month at a Great Dates gathering a different married couple from the parish gives a presentation on some aspect of marriage and shares stories from their own experiences of married life. After being told by



a number of people that hearing those stories was one of their favorite parts of participating in Great Dates, the Mayers had an inspiration: to invite not just Great Dates participants but everyone at St. Patrick’s to share their written stories and reflections on marriage and to collect those stories in a book to be made available to everyone in the parish.

To this end, they are looking for a wide variety of stories, reflecting the many aspects and experiences of marriage. Topics might include, but are not limited to, how you met or got engaged, marital conflict, differences, forgiveness, expectations, spiritual journey, blending families, becoming parents, empty nest, celebrations, a lesson you learned by being married, what you appreciate about your spouse, disappointments, coping with difficulty or loss, a marriage you admire, watching your own children get married—whatever story you have to tell. Sample stories are available in the parish office and at www.stpaturbana.org (click on the “New Programs” link).

Stories should be between 500 and 2000 words. To submit a story electronically (the preferred method), e-mail it to Pat and Jim Mayer (mayer701@ameritech.net). Handwritten stories will also be accepted. You may submit more than one story, but all stories must be received by Apr. 25.

If you have a story to share but are uncertain about your writing skills, don’t worry. A professional editor has volunteered to look over stories for grammar and clarity. If you can get yours down on paper, the editor can help with the technical aspects.

Pat and Jim hope that all of the stories will be published, but there may be limitations depending on the number and length of the stories received. The paperback book will be available to all parishioners this fall, with proceeds from the book to go to St. Patrick’s.

If you have questions, contact Pat or Jim Mayer (384-4860) or Mary Long (mary.long@stpaturbana.org).

“I’m a big believer that stories connect us, and that when we tell stories it helps us to make sense out of our lives,” Pat says. So get writing—here’s a chance to share yours!



Deadline for submission of information, articles and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is April 11.

Great progress on Fr. Stan's school!

On Dec. 10, Fr. Stanislaus Mutajwaha—Fr. Stan, we called him—saw a major step completed in the construction of Kwauso Secondary School: the last of four buildings has been roofed. Parishioners who came to know Fr. Stan during his brief stay at St. Patrick's will rejoice with him, knowing of his efforts to promote the cause of this school being built in his home diocese, Bukoba, in Tanzania.

He writes: "When completed, all four of these buildings will serve as dormitories, but at the start we shall allocate the rooms for different applications. Last October we successfully completed digging and reinforcing an 85-foot water well. We shall install a submersible pump when our plan to bring power to the school materializes.

"More than half of the work of putting a fence to secure the entire area that will contain the students' buildings has been done. We have planted 800 seedlings of pine trees as a first step towards afforesting the school land. After doors and windows have been fixed, the next step will be putting in place bathrooms and the sewage system."

He reminds us that "the present level of success could not have been reached without your support. It is happening before our own eyes that your decision to extend your helping hand to us will soon begin to transform lives here, thousands of miles away from your home."

If you view the progress made (<http://kwausoschool.blogspot.com>), these achievements seem remarkable by any measure. And much more remains to be done. Yet, Fr. Stan writes, "there is no losing heart. Recently we started sending cards to some people within Tanzania inviting them to get more involved in the project by sending their donations. We hope for a good response. Still, we would so deeply appreciate your continued support. Channeling the funds remains the same: a check payable to St. Mary's Parish, with 'For Kwauso School' on the memo line, and mailed to St. Mary Parish, 79 Third St., El Paso, IL 61738."

When finished, the coed boarding school will accommodate up to 400 high-schoolers. Fr. Stan, whose surname means "man who is not lazy," continues to live up to his



Four buildings up and roofed!



Fr. Stan Mutajwaha, the "man who is not lazy"

name in promoting this cause, so important for the people of his diocese. During this Year for Priests, keep him in prayer in gratitude for his generous service to us. He was an important part of our lives during his time with us and is warmly remembered for his kindnesses, his great good humor, and his humble service.

From Our Parish Nurses:

Spring cleaning ... my medicine cabinet?

The Parish Nurses of St. Patrick's remind you that spring is a great time to review what is in your medicine cabinet. Taking a household inventory of prescription and non-prescription medications is a good safety precaution.

Get rid of medications that are past their expiration dates; they may have lost their effectiveness and, in some cases, may be toxic.

Do not flush unwanted medications down the toilet. There are concerns about the adverse effects

this has on our environment.

You can dispose of unwanted medications at the Carle Rx Express Pharmacy in Old Farm Shops on West Kirby Avenue in Champaign and in the lobby of Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. Your pharmacist may also provide instructions on the proper disposal of expired medications.

Federal guidelines for the disposal of prescription medications suggest mixing them with undesirable refuse, such as coffee grounds or cat

litter, placing them in a sealed bag, can, or jar and throwing the container in the trash can. This extra step can prevent accidental overdose by children and pets, and possible theft.



Reflections on my Council ministry

By Marty Sierra-Perry

I am grateful for having had the opportunity to serve the parish as a member of St. Patrick's Parish Council. When I was asked to place my name on the ballot, I honestly thought, well, here I am, Lord!

What being a member of the Council did for me was to make me aware of the many parts that make up our parish. I marvel at the breadth and depth of our many ministries. Our parish is dynamic, fluid, and responsive to the needs—spiritual and physical—of its members. Additionally, we respond to the needs of those beyond the pews of St. Patrick's.

As a member of the Council I expected to be an extra set of ears and eyes for our pastor, Father Joe, and a voice for members of the parish. What I now know is that I have served as a presence, a witness, and a support to fellow parishioners on the path to deepening our commitment to live a Christ-like life in a

Christ-loving world. How do our actions as a parish fulfill that commitment? What can we do as a parish to welcome the stranger and to feed the hungry? To have these

questions ever present as we review budgets or evaluate programs is critical to our spiritual growth.

Initially, I wondered if being on the Parish Council was a ministry. I have come to believe that indeed it is. Before each meeting we gather in the church and pray that we will be mindful of God's presence, that we clear our minds of all anxieties, and that we be conscious of the effect of decisions we make on behalf of the people of St. Patrick's. We each serve as a liaison to one of the Ministry groupings. During our monthly meetings, we share information with them from the Parish Council and seek input from our constituencies about concerns. The monthly minis-



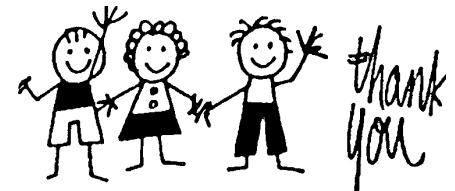
try reports that each Parish Council member prepares has a space for noting needs to bring to the attention of the whole Council. As other ministries do, we close each meeting with a prayer.

I have enjoyed becoming familiar with various ministries. I have particularly enjoyed activities that are the result of various ministries joining together. One difficulty for Parish Council members is attending the many parish events, but we participate in as many as we can.

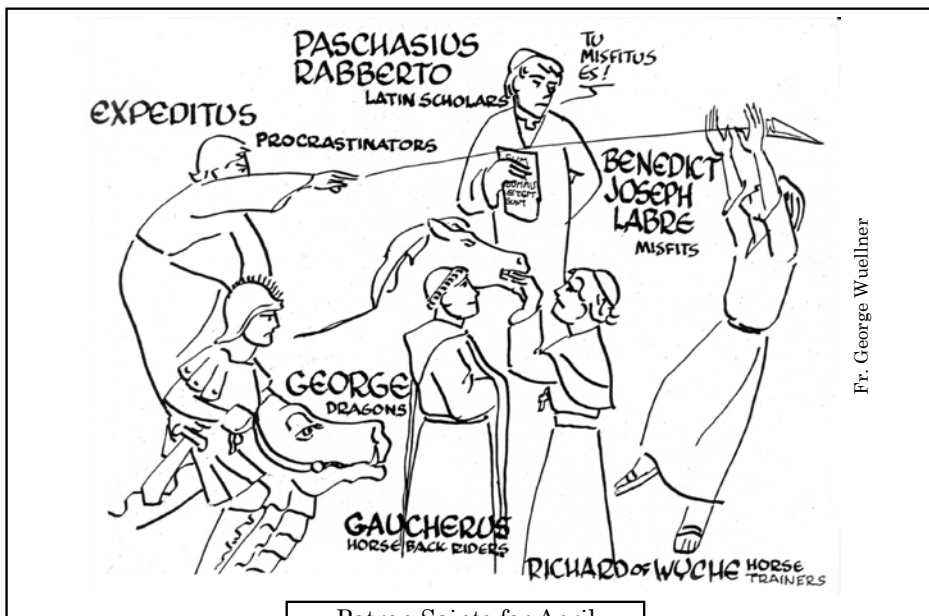
As I end my term on the Parish Council, I look forward to continuing my participation in Peace & Social Justice and Eucharistic ministries. I am appreciative of the trust and faith that St. Patrick's parishioners have placed in me, and I offer my prayers and support to the new Council members.

Special calls for volunteers

In April, the parish will elect three parishioners to the Parish Council to fill vacancies created by retiring members Mary Rose Cottingham, Susan Hublein, and Marty Sierra-Perry. Is God calling you to serve your parish as a Council member? Pray, listen, and call! Mary Rose Cottingham, 355-5721



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.



Patron Saints for April

What return shall I make to you, Lord?

Give and it shall be given to you. Good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, will they pour into the fold of your garment.

Luke 6: 37-39

The American Catholic Bishops, in their pastoral letter Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, tell us that good stewards do four things:

- Receive God's gifts gratefully
- Nurture God's gifts responsibly
- Share God's gifts justly and charitably
- Return those gifts to God abundantly

Stewardship is a way of life that is grounded in gratitude. If we recognize that all we have comes to us as a pure gift from God, then in thanksgiving we must make a return to the Giver of all Gifts. We build our life of stewardship on the foundation of prayer. Through prayer we come to understand that all we do is ultimately the work of God, who works in our time and in this place through the actions of faithful disciples.

When we live generous lives, we are rewarded with immense joy. We are promised by Jesus himself that if we give of ourselves – freely sharing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure – we will receive in return more blessings than our lives can hold!

As spring approaches, the Annual Diocesan Appeal for the Diocese of Peoria also approaches. On the weekends of April 17-18 and 24-25 we will be asked to consider prayerfully how we can share the gifts that God has given us by making our annual pledge to the appeal. We are asked to reflect with deep gratitude on all that the Lord has done in our lives and to share, to the best of our ability, in the work of furthering God's kingdom here in our own diocese.

Our monetary gifts will help educate children to live lives of faith and service. Our gifts will support the many priests of our diocese; seminarians in training, priests in active service, and those who now enjoy a much deserved retirement. Our dollars will insure that when we call for assistance from the Office of Family Life, the Office of Divine Worship, the Marriage Tribunal, or any of the other diocesan offices, someone will be there to give us the help we need. The work of the diocesan church is the work of each of us.

At St. Patrick we struggled to meet our ADA goal in 2009. In 2010 we must search our hearts to know how we are asked to respond to the ADA. If each gives according to our means, we can meet and exceed our goal. As people full of gratitude for the gifts poured out to us by our good and gracious God, we can do no less.

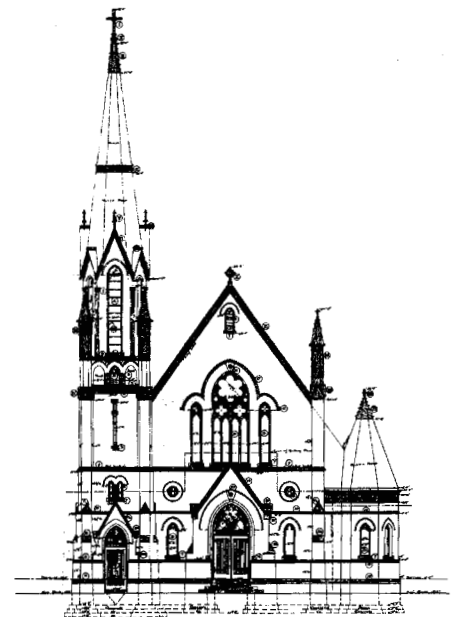


Church expansion update

Dan Stauder of Stauder Architects met with the Second Century Advisory Committee (SCAC) on Mar. 10 to present possible revisions to the Modified Phase 1 plan for the church renovation and expansion. These revisions were completed by Stauder at the request of SCAC to allow further examination of the function and design of the gathering space, additional ways to deal with the grading issue, and connection of the church to the parish center.

Stauder presented three modified options and cost estimate for each. The committee unanimously voted to remain with the Modified Phase 1 plan, which was presented to the parish last May. To view the May 2009 presentation, which includes renderings of the Modified Phase 1 plan, visit www.stpaturbana.org/SCAC.

After endorsement by the Parish Council at its January meeting, SCAC has been finalizing details of the fundraising contract and the timeline for a parish capital campaign. The pre-campaign planning assessment will begin this summer, with the campaign itself to be launched in the fall.



April Fool! Or, Biblical mothers and their sons

“Boot camp to Moses: Call your mom!”

“My little Solomon, I don't want he should be a wise guy.”

“David, leave that slingshot on my desk till after school!”

“Little Jonah, he's so cute, he gets really scared at Sea World.”

“Job, sweetheart, don't be a cry-baby.”

“My boy Abram, he wants a big family someday. So much heart he has!”

“Oprah's on, Daniel. You go watch the Lions' game in the den.”

Reflections on my Council ministry

By Susan Hublein

I was asked to complete the last year of a Council member's term and so have served on the Parish Council for the past year. When asked if I would do this, I thought, "It's only for one year, how bad can it be"? My decision to seek election this spring for a complete three-year term of my own answers this question!

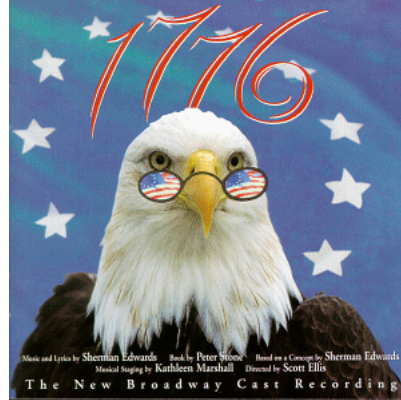
Serving on the Parish Council has opened my eyes to the intricate process of serving the faithful of St. Patrick's. I attend the monthly meeting of the Council as well as that of the Worship Ministry Leadership Team. Each ministry has at least one representative on the Parish Council.

I'm very glad I said "yes" when offered this opportunity!



Holy Cross Happenings

Students have been keeping up with their studies and pursuing their Lenten practices and goals, but along with everything else, they've found time to prepare for the school's spring musical, 1776. Wisps and bits of songs, sometimes just a line or two and sometimes much more,



seem to float in the halls and lunch room; humming students carry the familiar tunes wherever they go.

You'll want to join proud parents for this one, so mark your calendars now for one of three performances, to be held in the school gym:

Friday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 11, 2:00 p.m.

Tickets will be sold at the door: \$5 adults, \$3 students and seniors, \$20 families, free for children 3 years of age and younger.

During Lent this year, all classes are donating their collections in support of Dr. Susan Nagele, who visited with students on Monday, Mar. 8, and presented information about her work with Maryknoll Lay Missioners. They were so inspired by her that they have planned bake sales, raffles, and a used-book/DVD sale to raise money in support of her ministry in Africa.



Q: What do bunnies and eggs have to do with Easter anyway?

A: Easter is the feast of abundant new life: the resurrected life of Jesus and the faith life of the neophytes, those who have just joined the Church. Bunnies are also a sign of abundant life; as the saying goes, they breed like rabbits!

Eggs are an image of Jesus' resurrection. New life emerges without prior notice from a dark enclosure; just so, Jesus brought forth new life from the tomb.

And then there's the Easter lily, dressed in white, fresh and beautiful, emerging from a bulb warmed to new life by sun and rain—just like our neophytes: nurtured by prayer, learning and listening and growing to God!

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

Did you know?

- The Gregorian Chant Choir is looking for new members. If you enjoyed the Gregorian chant at 5 p.m. Mass recently, check out their Web site (www.schola-champaign.net/) and consider whether you might like to join them.
- You can simplify your life, save on writing checks, and help stabilize income for St. Patrick's by using St. Patrick's Automated Donation Program. Once you authorize the transfer, your specified contribution is electronically transferred directly from your checking or savings account to St. Patrick's account. Need more information? Contact Dianne Gordon, parish bookkeeper (367-2665) or pick up an explanatory sheet with enrollment form in the church vestibule.
- This issue of In Focus, and the year's back issues, are on the parish Web site.



Quentin Kirk publishes book of poems

Quentin Kirk, a parishioner whose previously unpublished poetry has frequently graced the pages of *In Focus*, has published a book of his poetry titled *The Moon Straight Overhead*. Published by Lulu, the book can be ordered through the following Web site: <http://stores.lulu.com/store.php?fAcctID=36953702>

The publisher describes the book as follows: "This book is by an anthropologist, poet, and educator who explored Mexico over a period of years and finally came to live there. This is for those who love music and dance, markets, a relaxed lifestyle, mountains, year-round flowers, mild climate, expatriate communities, diverse lifestyles, indigenous people, color, and benign surprises every day."

Quentin himself comments: "Imagine a young person who grew up in Central Illinois, discovered the wonderful University of Chicago and then lives in Europe for three years. He returns to the U.S. and the book begins when on a Friendship Force trip he visits beautiful, enchanting Mexico. The book describes his first encounters, meets his wife-to-be, his many voyages back, and in the end he moves there. It is a very personal account."

The Kirks recently relocated to Mexico, "beautiful, enchanting Mexico." Perhaps their love for St. Patrick's will draw them back from time to time.



Quentin Kirk with his wife, Blanca



Nonviolence sees itself at its best as indivisible, and at its least as potentially universal, that is, as a way of life that is simply human.... A nonviolent movement must be content with long-range vindication and be conceived of as a long-range hope for change.

—Daniel Berrigan

Do you deserve a (K)night out?

Attention, ladies of St. Patrick's Parish! What would you say to sitting down and chatting with friends while someone else cooks and serves you dinner? What if that dinner begins with appetizers and finishes with a tempting dessert? What if there were door prizes? And what if dinner is followed by some of the finest entertainment the parish has to offer?

If all this sounds good to you, then you'll love Ladies Knight Out! The Urbana Council of the Knights of Columbus hosts this annual event as an appreciation of the women of the parish.

This year's Ladies Knight Out takes place on Saturday, Apr. 24. The doors will open at 6 p.m., with appetizers served promptly. This is followed by your choice of entrée, steak or chicken, along with salad, green beans, and a baked potato. Don't forget to save some room for the delicious cheesecake! Next, prepare to be dazzled and delighted by the musical comedy of The Catholic Boys, with their all-new show, "The Catholic Boys Go to Branson."

Tickets for Ladies Knight Out are \$20 and must be purchased in advance. They are available at the parish office and at the Knights of Columbus fish fries. Get your tickets now—this is a night out you don't want to miss!

Richard Proulx, 1937-2010

Richard Proulx was one of the giants of Catholic church music in the time since Vatican II. Many of the Mass parts that we sing at St. Patrick were written by him, including the "Christmastime Gloria" and the Lenten acclamations based on "Adoro Te." He was the Music Editor of the red Worship hymnal; a glance at the indexes will give you an idea of what a prolific composer he was.



He was also a very fine organist and conductor. He served as Organist/Music Director of Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, 1980-94. The cathedral is a busy parish as well as the site of many special events in the life of Chicago Catholics. He directed ensembles of both professional and amateur singers and instrumentalists, making the cathedral one of the great music places in Chicago. And he composed music by the bushel to meet the needs of the cathedral community and the larger Church.

For more about his life, clips of some of his compositions, and a video tribute, go to www.giamusic.com/sacred_music/richardProulx.cfm.

Who, me? Of course I'm registered!

In keeping with the national theme of the U.S. Census, St. Patrick's is having its own "census taking" in the form of a parish-wide re-registration. This registration will take place the weekends of April 24-25 and May 1-2. On those weekends there will be a registration table set up after all the Masses.

To make the process easier and less congested, a registration form will be printed in the April 17-18 and 24-25 bulletins, which you can



tear out and complete. There will also be a registration form on the parish Web site, www.stpaturbana.org, which can be printed out and completed.

Just as in the national census, every parishioner is asked to register again so we know you still worship here.

Fr. Joe has been planning this re-registration of parishioners for several months and hopes that everyone will cooperate in the attempt to update our parish list.

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St. Patrick's Parish In Focus is published on the last weekend of the month in Urbana, Illinois. News items and information may be submitted by mid-month for the next issue. Materials must include the name and telephone number of the person submitting them.

Please send news items to a Communications Committee member, leave them in the committee's mailbox in the parish center, or call a committee member. All submissions are subject to review and/or editing by the committee and staff. By-lines are generally omitted.

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Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . . Ginger Schutz

Peanut Butter Cup Bars

- 1/2 c + 1/4 c butter
- 1-3/4 c confectioner's sugar
- 1 c peanut butter
- 3/4 c graham cracker crumbs
- 1/4 c butter
- 1/2 c semi-sweet chocolate chips



Line a pan (8 x 8, 9 x 9, or 7 x 11) with foil for easy removal of bars. Melt 1/2 c butter over low heat. Pour into bowl and stir in confectioner's sugar. Add peanut butter and graham cracker crumbs, stirring until creamy. Spread mixture in pan, patting down evenly. Melt remaining butter over low heat, and add chocolate chips, stirring until chips are very soft, nearly melted. Remove from heat and continue stirring until chocolate is smooth and shiny. Spread over peanut butter layer, refrigerate for 30 minutes, and cut into bars. Store peanut butter bars in the refrigerator.

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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!

Ours is a unique call

So many terrible things happen every day that we start wondering whether the few things we do ourselves make any sense. When people are starving only miles away, when wars are raging close to our borders, when countless people in our own cities have no homes to live in, our own activities look futile. Such considerations, however, can paralyze and depress us.

Here the word call becomes important. We are not called to save the world, solve all problems, and help all people. But we each have our own unique call, in our families, in our work, in our world. We have to keep asking God to help us see clearly what our call is and to give us the strength to live out that call with trust. Then we will discover that our faithfulness to a small task is the most healing response to the illnesses of our time.

—Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*