

St. Patrick Parish IN FOCUS



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The gifts we have, we are given to share

Where do you belong? You are probably part of several communities: home, extended family, workplace, neighborhood, school, coffee shop, church, or places you volunteer. To each of them, you give some of your time and your talents. It's not the price of admission—it's just part of belonging. We belong in places where people share of themselves. If people weren't sharing in these places, there'd be no point in belonging.

At St. Patrick's we talk a lot about giving of one's time and talents. As a faith community, we give witness to how God wants us to live. Living in community, sharing of ourselves, being available to one another—these are some of the things Jesus showed us about living together. These are things that help to prepare us for the great community of heaven.

One reason we talk about time and talent is that we want St. Patrick's to be a strong and vibrant community, a place where many people express their faith by sharing. We also respect the other communities that we are part of and the way we share with them. After all, the Church thrives when families and civic life thrive.

There are hundreds of ways that

you can give of yourself at St. Patrick's. If you reflect on the possibilities you'll probably find several ways that fit into your schedule and interests. If you have children, pick something that involves all of you. You'll be giving to both your parish and your family, and what a wonderful example you'll be giving your children! If your schedule is tight, could you

manage to help with yard work around the parish on a couple of Saturday mornings, bake something for a parish event, or provide a food dish for a funeral meal? You might also look for overlap with some of the other communities that you are a part of. Maybe someone at work would like to know about the Cellar-to-Garret sale, for example.

Toward the end of August, St. Patrick's will be publicizing ways that you can share your time and talent and inviting each of us to find some way to share. What can you find to share?

We are many parts. We are all one body.

And the gifts we have, we are given to share.

—Marty Haugen



Could God be nudging you?

"I've seen your ads announcing Returning Catholics sessions many times. This time, I just had to respond to it."

This comment from a recent attendee could be viewed as the power of advertising. On the other hand, it could be seen as God nudging an individual to return to his or her Catholic roots after a long absence and some significant life changes.

The Returning Catholics team will offer a noontime six-week summer session for inactive or questioning Catholics beginning on Wednesday, July 6, at the parish center. Each week, we will focus on some aspect of Catholic sacramental/spiritual life—Mass and the sacraments, especially Reconciliation, parish life and ministries. Even with the time limitation (we promise to keep to about 45 minutes), we'll still leave time for your questions about current Church practices and thinking, or whatever concerns you'd like to raise.

Bring your lunch and make this session the most productive use of your lunch hour in some time. Need more information? Call the parish office (367-2665), Barbara Wysocki (367-5014), or Mary Lou Menches (344-1125) for more details. Could God be nudging you?

This Is Your Invitation to Reconsider the Catholic Church



Enjoy the Idea Garden this summer

Not far from St. Patrick's church is a beautiful garden, a perfect place to take a stroll after a summer Sunday Mass. Located at the corner of Florida and Lincoln, the Idea Garden has been a community educational tool since it was first planted in 1997.

In addition to being simply a lovely place to explore, as an educational tool it promotes environmentally responsible gardening practices, demonstrates ideas for garden design and layout, encourages novice and experienced gardeners to experiment with new plants and techniques, and serves as a site for public workshops.

Planned and maintained by the Champaign County Master Gardeners, the Idea Garden has four uniquely designed mixed borders, each a combination of shrubs, grasses, perennials, and annuals with plantings of an interesting blend of colors, shapes, textures, and all-season interest. Trial plants (new plants not yet available for general purchase) are used alongside commonly available plants.

The Idea Garden also includes a sensory garden designed to appeal to the five senses; a vegetable garden demonstrating how to grow both

common and unusual vegetables; and a children's garden with playful delights and surprises. Other gardens include a rose garden, a tropical garden, a berry patch, and an annual color garden. The gazebo in the center offers a perfect place for a visit or quiet reflection.

During the summer on Saturday mornings, Master Gardeners offer Garden Chats at 11 a.m. at the Idea Garden. These are open to all, and free; the schedule:

June 18: Designing Perennial Borders, by Mary Ann Metz

July 23: "Best of the Best," Trial Garden Plants, by Ann Tice

Aug. 20: Talking Small Fruits, by Phyllis Williams

Sept. 10: Winter Gardening and the Low Hoop Tunnel Project, by John Jones and Tom Seals

The Idea Garden is just down the road from St. Patrick's. Take the opportunity this summer to explore it and be inspired by the beauty of God's nature.



Did you know . . . ?

- There are many ways to be active at St. Patrick's, as you may have guessed! The booklet, Ministry at St. Patrick's: People, Programs, and Possibilities for 2010 (available in the church vestibule) includes descriptions of the many ways in which we live out our faith. (The ministry booklet for 2011 will be available later this summer.) If you haven't yet taken that important first step, perhaps this summer you might explore opportunities listed there in preparation for our parish's fall ministry signup weekend.

- The parish newsletter, In Focus, has been informing and entertaining our readers with news about parishioners and parish events and activities since 1983—and we regularly call on other parishioners for help. May we call on you? Let us know by leaving your name and telephone number with Tyra, parish secretary (367-2665).

**Lord Jesus,
you know our regular routine,
the way we pant and puff
to get everything done,
the crushing weight of days
that are too filled-
or perhaps too empty.
This is vacation time . . .
May our joy
find full measure in you!**



The deadline for submitting information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is August 14. *There will not be a new issue of In Focus at the end of July.*

Mary Long: A person of many talents and ministries

Mary Yemma Long, a pastoral associate at St. Patrick, was born in Youngstown, Ohio, the fourth child in a future family of six siblings—all boys except for Mary. Dominic, Mary's father, was a career Air Force radio man, so they moved quite often. Four of Mary's early years were spent in Japan. When her father retired from the Air Force, her family settled in Austin, Texas, near where Mary's mother, Lee, grew up. Mary fondly remembers family reunions as a child in Yoakum, Texas, with dozens of cousins playing on Mockingbird Hill. In later years, Mary's mother was the matriarch of this extended family.

Mary met her future husband, Jim, in high school in Austin. They were the proverbial high school sweethearts. This past May, Mary and Jim celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. Both Mary and Jim attended the University of Texas in Austin, where Mary majored in German and was involved in the Texas Association of German Students, and Jim majored in civil engineering. After Jim earned his M.A., they moved to Brussels, Belgium, for two years and then back to Texas for Jim to get his Ph.D. in civil engineering. Jim has been a professor at the University of Illinois for 26 years.

Mary and Jim have three sons: Zachary, born in Brussels; Adam, born in Austin; and Alex, born in Urbana. Zachary and Adam served in the Marine Corps for five years before they attended university. After school, they both re-enlisted in the army; Zachary is a lieutenant, and Adam is a sergeant. Alex is a mechanical engineer for an Urbana firm.

Mary has always worked part-time so she would be available to her family. She has had quite an eclectic mix of jobs: a substitute teacher and volunteer at the boys' schools, a freelance illustrator, and a calligrapher for the State of Texas. She also made shoes and sewed for a fabric store. Both Mary and Jim were Boy Scout troop leaders. They enjoyed

backpacking at Philmont Scout Ranch, Yosemite, and the Grand Canyon, among other places.

When Jim took the professorship offered by the UI, the family moved here from Texas in January 1985, one of the coldest months on record. Mary continued to do freelance illustrating. She also enrolled in the Urbana Theological Seminary and earned a Masters of Arts degree in Religion, specializing in Bible study.

Mary became involved with St. Patrick Parish from the beginning of their life here. This was the first parish she called, and she was instantly assured that here was a warm and loving parish. Mary was hired in 1998 by Father Remm to be Evangelization Coordinator. Later, Father Joe appointed her Pastoral Associate. Her main responsibility is to be the staff liaison to the parish ministries of Parish Community Life and Spiritual Enrichment. Her ministries include Bible studies, parish renewal opportunities, funeral ministry, welcoming newcomers, the Military Moms Prayer Group, and "St. Patrick Presents..." parish-wide events. She also represents our parish on the Catholic Connected team. She says she serves at the pleasure of Father Joe, doing whatever he needs her to do.

Mary most enjoys interacting with the many wonderful and interesting people here. She believes that God is all about relationships—relationships between people, between people and God, and in the Holy Trinity. God calls us into these relationships. Mary also believes that it is her calling from God to share Scripture with people. (If you want to experience how well she accomplishes this, enroll in the Great Bible Adventure this fall.) Her depth of scriptural knowledge was enhanced last year by her trip to the Holy Land, led by Father Joe. Mary stood in many of the places she had studied in the Bible and even sailed on the Sea of



Galilee. Now when praying the Rosary, she finds it easy to visualize the places mentioned in the Mysteries!

When asked where she received her deep faith, Mary quickly responded that her mother, Lee, was her role model. Lee moved up from Texas to live with their family for the last five years of her life, dying at 90 years young. Mary was awed by her mother's approach to death, her dying so full of grace because of her deep faith. Mary keeps her own faith strong by praying, studying Scripture, and frequently attending Mass. She also has a spiritual mentor whom she visits once a week.

Mary participates in lots of activities in her spare time. She has always enjoyed sewing, needlework, and crafts. She participates in two book groups and one gourmet group composed of couples from the parish. She has a garden of flowers and vegetables mixed together. She exercises regularly at the Mettler Center. She and Jim like to bike; they ride a tandem bike because Jim is so much faster than she is. They also like to backpack, hike, and canoe together.

Mary calls St. Patrick's Parish home because it has such a warm and welcoming atmosphere. She feels the staff members work well together and she enjoys working with them to meet the day's challenges. We are really blessed to have such a helpful and gracious staff to serve us.

Two parishioners honored as Outstanding Young Church Women

Each spring, Church Women United-USA calls on member churches to recognize and affirm our young sisters in Christ who are working in many different vineyards of church, school, community, or business. CWU of Champaign-Urbana invites each congregation to honor women between the ages of 21 through 45, who live up to its motto: "Agreed to Differ, Resolved to Love, and United to Serve."

Upon the recommendation of parish staff and Women of St. Patrick board members, Minette Sternke and Rachael McMillan were honored at the May Friendship Day celebration on Friday, May 6, at First United Methodist Church in Champaign. Regrettably, Minette was unable to participate because she was hosting the presenter for the Deaf Ministry Workshop at St. Patrick's.

Rachael McMillan was chosen because she is a strong advocate for young women in our parish. She is the coordinator of Moms Meeting Moms (M3), which meets every other week. The purpose of this group is to provide a venue for mothers of young children to get to know and to support one another in reaching their spiritual goals during this busy time in their lives. Rachael invites speakers and organizes activities for the group. She has also helped to organize programs and retreats for the women of the parish. She has served on the board of the Women of St. Patrick for the past two years, and she regularly submits articles for publication in the parish newsletter, *In Focus*. She and her husband, Scott, have two young children, Jack, 6, and Kate, 4.

If you have attended noon Mass

on first or third Sundays of the month, you may have seen Minette Sternke facing the congregation as she interprets the Mass for deaf or hard-of-hearing parishioners. The Deaf Ministry Workshop on May 7 that she organized was

just one part of her volunteer ministry to the deaf and hard-of-hearing members of our parish and in the local community. She is also involved in Cursillo and Koinonia weekends, often serving on the leadership teams. She is a Eucharistic minister at weekend liturgies and also brings Holy Communion to a deaf and blind couple at their home. Minette is a bank examiner for the FDIC, the U.S. corporation that insures deposits in member banks.

In all, twelve young women from eleven congregations were honored on CWU's May Friendship Day. Evangelist Eloris Nash of New Hope Church of God in Christ (in the accompanying photo, she is second from the left in the back row) moderated this diverse group of young women in their discussion of experiences in their churches and in the local community. Rachael McMillan is the fourth person from the left in the back row. Minette Sternke, unable to be present, is not shown.

Church Women United holds three celebrations each year. The dates, times, locations, and themes are described in our parish bulletin in the weeks before these events. It is a racially, culturally, and theologically inclusive international Christian women's movement that celebrates unity in diversity and works for a world of peace and justice.

—Carole Rebeiz



Holy Cross Happenings

From Principal Rose Costello:

Holy Cross School is still accepting applications for the 2011-12 school year for kindergarten through eighth grade. Call the school office (356-9521) for more information.

The school year flew by. Of the 44 students who graduated from 8th grade, 12 are St. Patrick's parishioners: Alexandro Griffin, Natalie Hittmeier, Sean Kelly, Braxton Parisi, Laura and George Pennacchi, Megan Porter, Jack Reeder, Abbi Simpson, Molly Smith, Piotr Swiech, and Chris



Tate. Molly Smith and Jack Reeder of St. Patrick's received the American Legion Outstanding Student/Citizen Award.

Congratulations to

each and every one of you!

The spring musical, "Beauty and Beast," was a success, thanks to the many students and parents who helped with the four-performance production.

Save the dates: Fee day is Aug. 18. The first day of school is Monday, Aug. 22.



Q: Tell me again, how can I find a Catholic church when I'm on vacation?

A: Go to <http://masstimes.org> or call 1/734/794-2100 and enter a zip code to find nearby churches.

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

Presenting the 2011-12 Parish Council

In February, parishioners elected Oscar Gonzales, Bridget McGill, and Barb Thomas to three-year terms on the Parish Council, a consultative body to assist the pastor.

At the May meeting, having had a brief period of orientation, the new members were seated on the Council, and the officers for the coming year were acknowledged: Jeff Kneer, president; Amy Fahey, vice-president; and Oscar Gonzales, secretary.

The Council meets monthly on third Thursdays, with the agenda set by the Council officers in conjunction with the parish trustees and the pastor. Members also occasionally

serve on ad hoc committees as the need arises.

All Council members, excepting the officers, also serve on ministry leadership teams for the six key ministry areas of the parish, helping to keep the Council and staff abreast of the concerns, issues, and activities of parishioners in their several ministries.

Here are the ten elected members and three ex-officio members (pastor and parish trustees) who make up St. Patrick's Parish Council for 2011-12. All will be grateful for your interest, communication on matters of concern, and (especially) your prayer support.



*Fr. Joe Hogan
Pastor*



*Jeff Kneer
2009-12, president*



*Mark Gerhart
2009-12*



*Lakshmi Lancaster
2009-12*



*Susan Fowler
2009-12*



*Amy Fahey
2010-13, vice-president*



*Mark Cousert
2010-13*



*Judy Altaner
2010-13*



*Bridget McGill
2011-14*



*Oscar Gonzales, secretary
2011-14*



*Barb Thomas
2011-14*



*Joe Rasmussen, trustee
2005-10*



*Ginger Timpone, trustee
2008-13*

How will they do in Detroit?

After the 7:30 a.m. send-off Mass on July 10, CREW teens and chaperons will board a bus to Detroit, Mich., embarking on the 12th annual mission trip of the parish teen group, CREW (Christ Renews Everyone's World). Twenty-five teens, 4 ex-CREW young adults, and 13 adult chaperons will stay at Wayne State University and work with the Detroit Community Initiative (DCI).

CREW members will work with a couple of Neighborhood Block Clubs toward "neighborhood sustainability" and "affordable housing development," two goals of DCI's program.

Parishioner Mike Andrejasich researched the Detroit Community Initiative several years ago for CREW, and this is CREW's second mission trip to Detroit. Peggy Loftus (parish coordinator of Senior High Youth Ministry), Mike Andrejasich, and one of the young adults going on the trip visited Detroit in May to

talk with DCI and Wayne State University, and to see a work site.

Previous CREW mission trips have been to Memphis, Tenn., and East St. Louis, Ill. At both they have been welcomed back with open arms because of their dedication and hard work. The work week is usually four days, with a fifth day for fun before their return home.

For this trip to Detroit, CREW members will have had no advance practice to learn the skills they will use, but the teens want very much to help and so they learn what they need to know. According to Peggy Loftus, "They are pretty good at listening to instructions and asking questions. Much of the skill set necessary for a mission trip includes paying attention, listening to instructions, and asking questions. We also have excellent chaperons. They are very patient at teaching needed skills, such as how to run a power saw and how to hold a hammer and swing effectively. Many skills are

easily learned on-site: how to dig holes for a fence, proper painting technique, etc." She added that when it comes to demolition, "you give a couple of teenagers a sledge hammer and point them in the right direction, and the job is accomplished in a few short minutes!"

Each evening of the trip after dinner (Sunday through Thursday) the teens plan a competition type of game (pure fun, silly stuff), followed by their social justice study. This year their focus is on the social justice concept of "working, protecting, and living for the common good." Each evening opens and closes with a prayer service.

The schedule for a typical day on the mission trip looks like this:

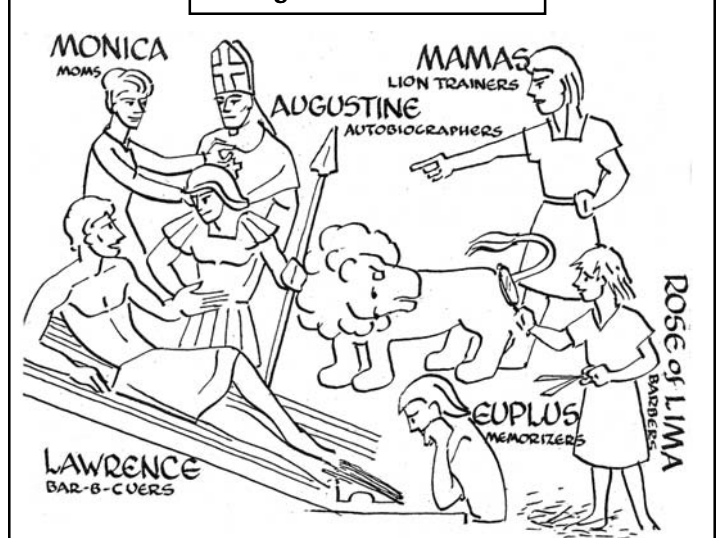
- 7:30-8:30 a.m.: Breakfast
 - 9 a.m.: Depart for work sites
 - 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Work!
 - Noon: Lunch break (box lunches at work sites)
 - 4:30-5:30 p.m.: Clean up, relax
 - 6 p.m.: Dinner
 - 7-10 p.m.: Games and social justice study
 - 10-midnight: Relax
 - Midnight: Lights out
- Almost every moment of every day is busy, with good work, good times, sufficient rest, and prayer. After hearing more about the CREW mission trip from the teens themselves on their return, you may want to join them next year!



July Patron Saints



August Patron Saints



Fr. George Wuellner

Get ready: It's almost time for the Sale of Sales!

It's time to start rummaging through our closets and cupboards and set aside what we'd like to contribute to the Cellar-to-Garret Sale, set for Aug. 11-13.

That's when the tables in the parish center, where we usually sit to enjoy coffee and doughnuts on a Sunday morning after Mass, will again be piled high with sweaters and shirts and small household goods. The classrooms will house books, toys, holiday items, and electronics. And the small parking area next to the church garage will be showing furniture and other large pieces. The annual sale will be underway.

Beginning in mid-July we may take our small donated articles to the brown garage. Watch the bulletin for the exact date.

Each year thousands of dollars are raised from the sale. Last year the funds were used to purchase an ice machine for the

kitchen, \$2000 was donated to Susan Nagele for her work in Kenya as a lay Maryknoll medical missionary, and \$5000 allotted to the parish's Capital Campaign, specifically for the Family Room.

The Women of St. Patrick are sponsors of this annual event, and Katie Leininger and Amy Boscolo are this year's co-chairs. Starting Sunday, Aug. 7, scores of volunteers are needed to make this sale the success that it has always been. Volunteer jobs include carrying donations from the garage to the parish center, organizing and tagging items for sale, bringing in food for those who are working during the days of preparation and the sale itself.

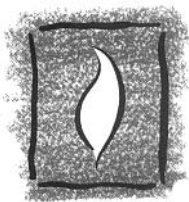
Traditionally, taking part in some aspect of the sale has been enjoyable and rewarding. Let's take this opportunity to contribute to a worthwhile cause and have fun doing it!



From our Parish Nurses:

On advance directives

An advanced directive is a legal document that allows you to make your medical/healthcare wishes known to your family, friends, and medical personnel in the event that you are faced with a serious accident or illness and are unable to speak for yourself. Injury, illness, and death are not easy subjects to talk about, but by planning ahead and describing your treatment preferences, you can ensure that you receive the type of medical care you want and your loved ones may not have to try to guess what you would want done.



Advance directives include:

- Living Will. This spells out the types of medical treatments and

life-sustaining measures you do and do not want, such as mechanical breathing, tube feeding, or resuscitation.

- Medical power of attorney. This document, sometimes called a durable power of attorney for health care, designates an individual to make medical decisions for you in the event that you are unable to do so. This is different from a power of attorney, which authorizes someone to make financial transactions for you.

- Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order. This is a request not to have cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) if your heart stops or if you stop breathing.

Advance directives aren't just for older adults. Unexpected end-of-life situations can happen at any age. Anyone 18 or over may prepare advance directives. The Web site

Volunteers needed

- Two small groups of parishioners, alternating monthly, count the collection from weekend Masses on Monday morning. With some counters unavoidably out of action, both groups need help. They gather on Mondays at 8 a.m., enjoy a quick cup of coffee, and get to work. Can you help? Parish office, 367-2665

- More Eucharistic ministers are needed to carry Communion to Catholics at Carle Foundation Hospital. Carolyn McElrath, 531-7014 or carolyn.mcelrath@stpaturbana.org



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.

www.caringinfo.org has free state-specific advance directives forms and instructions. Although it is not required, you may consult an attorney if you desire.

It is important to explain to your loved ones what you'd want done in regard to healthcare in specific instances. It is generally best to approach the subject in a matter-of-fact and reassuring manner. Once you have filled out the forms, provide copies to your physician, your designated health care agent, and your family members. Periodically review your advance directives to see if you wish to revise any of the instructions. If so, fill out new forms, discuss changes with your loved ones and physician, and provide them with copies.

Coming to St. Patrick's this fall: "That Man Is You"

That Man Is You (TMIY) is a program that has touched the hearts of many and is credited with transforming family life and renewing the marriages of thousands. TMIY is a 26-week interactive men's program that combines scientific research with the teachings of the Catholic faith. The goals are to address the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture and to offer renewal to men and their families through the Church. The program includes fellowship and some fun to achieve these goals.

TMIY originated in Houston, Texas, in 2004. It was formed by a small group of men that got together and wanted to make a difference in their own lives and the lives of other men. They were aware of the temptations of modern society, including the Internet, night life, work, and others. They wanted to form a group in which men could feel

comfortable and be able to put Christ back into their lives while providing life lessons along the way. This program, they felt, teaches lessons that have never before been taught and aids participants in learning and portraying who they want to be and what they want to teach their kids.

By fall 2011, TMIY was an active program in more than 35 states and 250 parishes. This past winter, Father Joe met with a group of men from St. Patrick's, seeking ideas for ways of involving more men in the parish. They considered some options, including the program called "That Man Is You." They decided to try this program during Lent to see

whether it seemed a good fit to offer to all the men of the parish. The men who participated in the trial program thought it the right program at the right time for St. Patrick's.

TMIY does not specifically have team-building activities, but team building takes place in small groups week after week. In each week of the 26-week program, there are about 30 minutes to work in small groups to discuss the information presented. The bonds that form in the small groups are amazing!

Participants have identified three areas that distinguish TMIY: content, fellowship, and professionalism.

They say the material is put together in a way unlike anything else they have seen. Their minds are opened in a new way, and they begin to see God in everything. Many men had life-changing experiences that kept them coming back week after week.

Mark your calendar to participate in next fall's program, beginning Monday, Sept. 19, from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., for 13 weeks, in St. Patrick's main hall. Each Monday morning, session begins with a light breakfast, followed by a half-hour video presentation and small group discussions. TMIY challenges men "to come see for themselves": give the program three weeks and if you don't like it, don't continue.

If you have questions or would like more information about this program, contact Chuck Shaw (384-1191), Mark Gerhart (893-9654), Dick Justice (328-1776), or any of the men shown in the accompanying photo.



Parishioners who participated in the trial program this spring are (from the left, back row): Dave Mendoza, Kai Nielsen, Jim Davito, Dick Justice, Kevin Martindale, Doug Wolfersberger, Chad Beckett, Randy Pankau; and (front) Dave Ellis, Mark Gerhart, Dave Palmisano, Chuck Shaw, and Josh Nielsen. Not pictured: Chris Freidhof, Terry Jobin, Bob Kimmey, Chris Leininger, and Ben Rund.

Seniors' luncheon honored Fr. Tran

St. Patrick's Seniors met for their summer potluck luncheon June 15. The group honored Fr. Tran for his service to St. Patrick's. He left June 16 for his home in Vietnam. He expects to be back at St. Patrick's in August, as the U.S. Immigration Service had given him permission to return. He received this news only hours before the luncheon; he was quite excited.

In Vietnam, the Catholic homes have two altars; the one usually seen in Catholic churches and a second one honoring their ancestors. Other homes have only the altar honoring their ancestors. Fr. Tran said that without air conditioning, his vestments are soaked after the service because of the 100-degree heat.

Fr. Tran received a card and a donation from the seniors and promised to send pictures of his home area in Vietnam to St. Patrick's secretary, Tyra, to be shared with parishioners.

After lunch, the group saw a slide presentation of Petra, Jordan's main tourist attraction. Petra is famous for its mausoleums, hewn out of the sandstone mountains, in particular one called "The Treasury." This spot was used in the movie Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom and 20 other movies.

Betty Blanco, Mary Jo Thomsen, and Walter and Shirley Splittstoesser planned the summer event. The next seniors' gathering will be Friday, Oct. 28, for their annual cookout.



Fr. Luong Tran, honored guest at the luncheon, graciously thanked the seniors for their donation.



in our parish library

Here are new books available for checkout in the parish library. They are shelved in the New Book section or near their call numbers.

▪ ***Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God***, by Francis Cha. Call Number: 248.4 CHA.

From the book description: "Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible-even radical-solutions?" This book "is written for those who want more Jesus..., for those who are bored with what American Christianity offers..., and for those who don't want to plateau. It is a book that is meant to change the way Christians live their lives."

▪ ***Heaven***, by Randy Alcorn. Call Number: 236.2 ALC 2004. The author spent years studying what the Bible says about heaven and answers the expected queries on heavenly life as well as quirkier ones, all presented in engaging, reader-friendly style.

▪ ***Love and Respect: The Love She Most Desires, The Respect He Desperately Needs***, by Emerson Eggerichs. Call Number: 248,8 EGG 2001. Based upon Ephesians 5:33 and extensive biblical and psychological research, Dr. Eggerichs reveals the power of unconditional love and unconditional respect and how husbands and wives can reap the benefits of marriage that God intended.

▪ ***Pope Benedict's Divine Mercy Mandate***, by David Came. Call Number: 282 CAM 2009. Discover how the Holy Father spoke of receiving a gift of Divine Mercy when he was elected pope in 2005 and how he then stressed Divine Mercy as "an integral dimension of a Christian's faith and prayer" when he led the Church in 2006 as the new pontiff in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday.

▪ ***Praying God's Word: Breaking Free from Spiritual Strongholds***, by Beth Moore. Call Number: 248.3 MOO. This book can

help the reader decisively overcome specific strongholds: pride, idolatry, addiction, loss, depression, unbelief, temptation, and more. Moore invites readers to demolish their particular strongholds with "two sticks of dynamite: scripture and prayer," and gives those new to prayer and seasoned prayer veterans the ability to do so.

▪ ***Praying with Women of the Bible***, by Bridget Mary Meehan. Call Number: 242.6 1998. Meehan presents the stories of twenty spirited compassionate and courageous women who have left us a legacy of faith and inspiration. Discussion questions, prayer experiences, and reflections help to heighten one's spiritual growth.

▪ ***Sacred Marriage: What If God Designed Marriage to Make Us Holy More Than to Make Us Happy?*** by Gary Thomas. Call Number: 248.4 THO 2000. The author seeks to put the sacredness back in marriage. Couples learn the most fulfilling message about marriage-together a married couple has the capacity for sacredness, for a God-honoring, other-empowering, self-sacrificing purpose that brings joy now and impact forever. This can also be seen in "the respect you

accord your partner; the forgiveness you humbly seek and graciously extend; the ecstasy, awe, and sheer fun of lovemaking; the history you and your spouse build with one another-in these and other facets of your marriage."

▪ ***The Shelter of God's Promises***, by Sheila Walsh. Call Number: 248.8 Walsh. Walsh offers powerful, heart-filled teaching on ten bedrock promises of God, providing the foundation for daily confidence, joy, and hope.

▪ ***The Story of Ruth: Twelve Moments in Every Woman's Life***, by Joan Chittister. Call Number: 248.8 CHI. "Joan Chittister unfolds beautifully and clearly what every mother wishes her daughters to know in order to become the full persons they were created to be." Chittister confirms, refreshes, and energizes the "stuff" that all women hold within themselves.

If you need help locating materials in the library, call Lori Mestre (365-9004), library team coordinator. The parish library is open weekdays during office hours (ask for a key at the parish office) and on the fourth and fifth Sundays of the month from 8:30 to 10:45 a.m.

Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Marietta Hubler

Gluten-free Oat Cookies

3 medium ripe bananas
1/3 c butter, melted
2 c uncooked gluten-free oats
1/4 c skim milk
1/2 c raisins
1/2 c chopped walnuts
1 t vanilla extract

Heat oven to 350°. Put wet ingredients together in food processor and mash well; add other ingredients and pulse. Let batter rest for at least 5 minutes.



With spoon, drop dough on greased cookie sheet and bake for 15-20 min. or until lightly browned. Yields about 2.5 dozen cookies.

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If you have a recipe you'd like to share, please send it to Ellen Noonan (403-0979, eknoon@comcast.net). The only requirement is that it is easy and quick to prepare!



Honoring Our Past BUILDING OUR FUTURE

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generosity!

It has been an exciting spring and summer at St. Patrick's! More than 60 volunteers have worked diligently on our parish's capital campaign during the past five months, and we are thrilled with the response and progress to date. As of this writing (June 12), 438 parishioners have contributed \$3.3 million toward our goal of \$4 million, which will be used to expand and renovate the church.

If you have already made your gift or pledge, please know that we are very grateful to you for getting us to nearly 83% of our goal.

If you have not yet made your pledge, please stop by the parish office or call the office at 367-2665 to arrange to make your gift. If you would like more information about our church expansion plan or the campaign, a volunteer would be happy to meet with you in your home or at the parish center.

Please keep in mind that pledges

are payable over a five-year period. Pledges may be increased, decreased, or canceled at any time if your circumstances change.

Commemorative gift opportunities are available if you would like to make a gift in memory or recognition of your family or a loved one. A list of these opportunities is available at the parish office or on the parish Web site (www.stpaturbana.org).

Thanks to the enormous generosity and commitment of the people of St. Patrick's, we are well on our way toward our \$4 million campaign goal. Watch for regular updates in the parish bulletin and on the parish Web site as gifts and pledges continue to come in during the summer months.

Let us thank God for calling us to be a part of this important work. Let us joyfully anticipate a beautiful new addition to St. Patrick's church and all the ways it will enhance our worship and faith life.

Please continue to pray for St. Patrick's Parish.

We have a unique opportunity to shape the future of St. Patrick's Church

Over 100 years ago my ancestors Roger and Mary Harkin contributed their treasure during St. Mary's extension by placing matching marble altars in St. Mary's church in Clonmany, Co. Donegal, Ireland. This expansion stands to this very day: my second cousin, Fr. Hugh Brendan Harkin, was ordained a priest there in 1961. How fitting now that as a Harkin descendant, I, along with my husband, Gregory Danner, have also chosen with God's blessing to continue this tradition and share our treasure to build an expansion here at St. Patrick's Church in Urbana, Illinois. I hope that St. Patrick's Church will continue to be God's house and the house of the people of St. Patrick's Parish for the next millennium!

—Bridget McGill

Welcome to the new WSP board members

Along with the usual good food and fellowship, the Women of St. Patrick's May luncheon produced a change in the board's leadership.

During the business portion of the event, board members Chris Whippo, Stephanie Smith, and Rachael McMillan officially ended their two-year terms and have been succeeded by Jolene McGrogan, Elizabeth Hendricks, and Marcia Raab.

In addition, it was announced that Kathy Sarnecki will serve one year on the board. Next May Kathy, current president Kathy McKenzie, and secretary/treasurer Anna Conner will leave, to be succeeded by three new members. This system of voting

three new members onto the board, while retaining three current members to preserve continuity, will become the yearly protocol for the Women of St. Patrick.

As the new board members meet throughout the summer to plan events, they will spend some time determining who will serve in the roles of spiritual, service, and social chairs. They will also select one of their number to serve as vice-president.

The Women of St. Patrick thanked the previous board members for their service, and extended the warmest of welcomes to Jolene, Elizabeth, Marcia, and Kathy!



The new board members and their responsibilities for the coming year are (front, from the left) Marcia Raab, vice-president; Anna Conner, secretary/treasurer; Elizabeth Hendricks, service chair; (back, from the left) Kathy Sarnecki, spirituality chair; Jolene McGrogan, social chair; Kathy McKenzie, president.



Congratulations to the Class of 2011. The High School of St. Thomas More commencement ceremonies took place on Sunday afternoon, May 22, in the school gymnasium. This event marks the culmination of four years of dedicated scholastics, spiritual growth, and community services. Like most graduates, these students will long remember good times with classmates, achievements in athletics and the arts, and inspirational moments shared with faculty and friends. May God bless them, one and all.

St. Patrick's parishioners who graduated from St. Thomas More include:

Mary Kathleen Cimasky will attend Beloit College. She also qualified for the Chapin Presidential Scholarship, Beloit College; the Theater Scholarship, Cornell College; the Presidential Scholarship, Cornell College; and the Egan Scholarship, Mercyhurst College.

Stephen Charles DeBruyn will attend Butler University. He also qualified for the Magis Scholarship, Marquette University.

Claire Elizabeth Drone-Silvers will attend Truman State University. She also qualified for the Hermann R. Muelder Scholarship, Knox College; Knox Writers' Scholarship, Knox College; Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship, Knox College; Combined Ability Scholarship, Truman State University; Neighboring States Scholarship, Truman State University; President's Honorary Scholarship, Truman State University; James Scholar, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Merit Scholarship, Wentworth Military College. Claire received a Father Charles Martell Scholarship, St. Patrick Parish, K of C, Urbana Council, and was an Illinois State Scholar.

Claire graduated with the STM Departmental Award - Latin; STM Departmental Award - Music; and STM Departmental Award - Spanish.

Alicia Anne Drook will attend the Parkland College Pathway Program to Illinois. Alicia also received a Father Charles Martell Scholarship, St. Patrick Parish, K of C, Urbana Council.

Cora Caitlin Freidhof will attend Concordia University Chicago. She also qualified for the Trustees Scholarship, Butler University; Presidential Scholarship, Bradley University; Pillars Scholarship, Concordia University Chicago; Damien Scholarship, Loyola University; President's Scholarship Interview, St. Louis University; Vice President's Scholarship, St. Louis University; Cougar Pride Scholarship, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville; Catholic School Scholarship, University of St. Francis; Dean's Enhancement Scholarship, University of St. Francis; Duns Scotus Honors Scholarship, University of St. Francis; Presidential Scholarship, University of St. Francis. Cora graduated an Illinois State Scholar and was an STM Ambassador.

Heidi Nicole Hublein will attend Parkland College and graduated an Illinois State Scholar.

Joshua Michael Krueger will attend Parkland College

Grace Elizabeth Mayer will attend Rhodes College. She qualified for Trustee Award, Beloit College; Trustee Award, Kalamazoo College; Lincoln Scholarship, Knox College; Performing Arts Scholarship, Knox College; Rhodes Award, Rhodes College; Mark Twain Award, University of Missouri. Grace received a Father Charles Martell Scholarship, St. Patrick Parish, K of C, Urbana Council, the Champaign-Urbana Optimist Club Scholarship Recipient, Daughters of the American Revolution Award Recipient, and American Legion Good Citizenship Award. She also graduated as a Saint Thomas More Award Recipient, with the STM Departmental Award - English, and was an STM Ambassador.

Kaleigh Anne Niccum will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She qualified for

Ignatius Academic Excellence Scholarship, Marquette University; Honors Program, Marquette University; Board of Trustees Scholarship, Parkland College; Vice Presidents' Scholarship, Saint Louis University; Presidential Finalist Scholar, Saint Louis University; Division of General Studies Honors Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Honors Program Chancellor's Scholar, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; James Newton Matthews Scholarship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the James Scholar Honor Program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Kaleigh graduated an Illinois State Scholar STM Ambassador.

Shelby Marie Simmering will attend Western Illinois University. She was awarded a Father Charles Martell Scholarship, St. Patrick Parish, K of C, Urbana Council, and was an STM Ambassador.

Dana Linden Williams will attend Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. She also qualified for the Centennial Scholarship, Northern Illinois University, and the Cougar Pride Scholarship, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. Dana received the STM Departmental Award - Art.



Father, you inspire and bring to fulfillment every good intention. Bring to maturity, I pray you, the seeds you have sown in the field of your Church. May many of your people choose to serve you by devoting themselves to the service of their brothers and sisters.

Eucharistic ministers gather

St. Patrick's is very fortunate to have a large, dedicated group of parishioners who have chosen to serve their parish community as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. They will gather this summer on Saturday, July 30, 8:00-10:00 a.m., for Mass, breakfast, and reflection on the role of Eucharistic ministry in our church.

This year the gathering includes both liturgical and pastoral care ministers. Liturgical ministers are those who serve in the distribution of Communion during Mass. Pastoral care ministers are those who take Communion to the sick and homebound. Many parishioners serve in both roles.

The need for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion arose from the post-Vatican II Church, when all



Catholics were encouraged to share in Communion at every celebration of the Eucharist in which they participated, and under both species. The "Ordinary Ministers of Communion" (priests and deacons) were not able to serve all the faithful in a timely fashion without assistance from these new lay ministers, empowered by their baptism to serve in this capacity.

Today the Church welcomes all who choose to participate more fully in the celebration of the Eucharist by serving as lay ministers of Communion. If you are older than 16, fully initiated in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist, and live in harmony with the Catholic faith, you are encouraged to serve in Eucharistic ministry. The need is great! Whether you choose to serve the sick and homebound of the parish or serve at our liturgical celebrations, the commitment to service is usually once each month, although some choose to serve more frequently.



Extraordinary ministers of Communion receive initial training in protocol, and annual opportunities for review and spiritual formation. They are commissioned through the diocese to serve in their parish for a three-year period.

If you feel called to assist in Eucharistic ministry at Mass or to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound, please contact Mary Karten (898-0938 or mlkarten@hotmail.com) or Carolyn McElrath (367-2665).

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Market ministry an outreach to passersby

Have you ever wanted to tell strangers about God's love and how to find it at our wonderful, welcoming parish, but were afraid to appear too pushy? Well, have we got an opportunity for you!

On the third Saturday of each month, St. Patrick parishioners staff an informational booth at the Farmers Market at Lincoln Square. Inquiring people come to you!

This is an opportunity to be an ambassador for Christ. St. Paul wrote in II Corinthians, 5:20, "On behalf of Christ, therefore, we are acting as ambassadors, God, as it were, appealing through us."

Those who have staffed the booth have astonishing stories to tell about their interactions with strangers. There are young parents who are



looking for a church in which to baptize their baby. There are newcomers to town who are looking for a place to worship. How will visitors learn that our parish is welcoming, unless you tell

them—and model it for them? Who knows, someone may be moved by God to start a conversation with you. Many of those onetime strangers have become active members of our parish after visiting our parish booth.

There is still time to sign up for a two-hour shift at St. Patrick's booth, either 8:00-10:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m.-noon, on Aug. 20 and Sept. 17. You may call Susan Hublein (384-8356) or Linda Weber (344-4884) to schedule a time to help. See you at the Market!