

# St. Patrick Parish IN FOCUS



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## That Man Is You! Becoming a Man after God's Own Heart

That Man Is You (TMIY) has touched the hearts of many and is credited to transforming family life and renewing marriages of thousands. The 26-week interactive men's program combines scientific research with the teachings of the Catholic faith. Its 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.

The program is broken up into two 13-week sessions. Each week focuses on a different topic. The objectives of the fall session are to be able to identify the four leadership roles of men. The second 13-week session will begin in the spring.

St. Patrick's offered a trial-run of this program last spring to see if it would be of interest to our parishioners. Seventeen men participated in the trial program, and they overwhelmingly thought this was the right program at the right time for St. Patrick's. Participants identified three areas that distinguish TMIY: content, fellowship, and professionalism. Group members have said the material is put together in a way unlike anything else they have seen, that their minds were opened in a new way and they begin to see God in everything.

That Man Is You! begins at St. Patrick's Sept. 19 at 6 a.m., with a continental breakfast, followed by a presentation at 6:15, and a small-group discussion at 7 a.m. The session concludes at 7:30 a.m. Register for this free program online at [www.thatmanisyou.org](http://www.thatmanisyou.org), or for more info contact Chuck Shaw (217/384-1191).



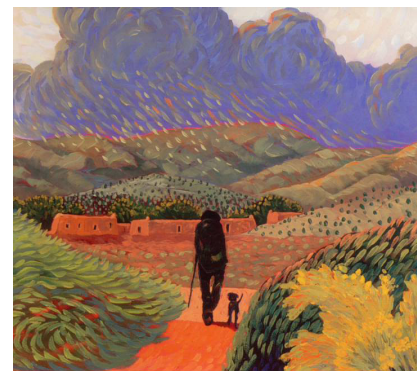
Many men have life-changing experiences that keep them coming back week after week. TMIY's challenge: "Come and see for yourselves. Give the program three weeks and if you don't like it, don't continue." Easy enough!

## Beginnings

Late summer is a time of beginnings. So many things in our lives are shaped by the seasons and the school year. Perhaps the summer has given you a chance to reconnect with family and spend time on whatever re-creates your life. Now the school year and many parish activities begin.

At this time of beginnings, what do you want? What do you hope for? Do you want to learn something? To find a new passion? To find a new job? Do you want to strengthen your marriage? Do you hope to find a new relationship? Do you want to use your skills well? Do you hope to share something of yourself? To grow in faith and prayer? To make our community and our world a better place?

The meeting rooms and school-rooms and workplaces and homes where we attempt to do these things are part of God's creation. You are part of God's creation, as are all the



other people you will be with, along with your skills and talents, your hopes and desires. Why not invite God to be part of your beginnings, and ask him to be with you? The

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*Supplement*



**Report on CREW's  
Mission Trip Inside!**

## Coming in October: A women's retreat

The Women of St. Patrick are sponsoring a retreat for women on the theme "There is a season for everything" (Eccles. 3:1). The Oct. 28-30 retreat will be held at Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center in Beech Grove, Ind., a suburb of Indianapolis.

The Inn is connected both physically and spiritually to Our Lady of Grace Monastery, home base for 70 Sisters of St. Benedict. The monastery grounds and atmosphere of hospitality provide an inspiring venue for the retreat.

Each of us has seasons of growth and success, loss and confusion, well-being and sickness, newness and refreshment. Each season offers unique challenges and invitations, its lessons to be learned as we seek



*Sr. Barbara Leonhard, OFS*

to discover the presence of God within. This retreat is an invitation to pay close attention to our own seasons and how to pray within them.

The presenter of the retreat is Sr. Barbara Leonhard, OFS, who is a spiritual director and retreat leader, with a Masters in Biblical Studies and a Doctorate in Christian Spirituality. She brings energy and practical insight to her role as retreat leader. You can be confident that you will enjoy and be inspired by her.

The cost of the retreat, which includes meals and single-room accommodation, is \$175—or \$160 if paid by Sept. 18. For more information, contact Pat Fettig (356-8136) or Kathy McKenzie (328-2241). Financial assistance is available; contact Anna Connor (469-2115).

## A busy summer for the Women of St. Patrick!

The Women of St. Patrick have worked on several projects this summer. The first was buying an ice machine for the parish center kitchen. No longer will volunteers have to buy bags of ice to bring in for funeral lunches and parish activities! The ice machine was installed with the help of parishioners Chuck Shaw and Mark Cousert, who generously gave of their time and professional skills to carry out the electrical and plumbing work involved.



*Entrance to Joyce and Pat Dill's backyard garden*

Anderson, and Jackie and Chris Sturdyvin. Visitors were treated to the sight of many lovely flower beds, container plantings, and even ponds.

Joan Sargent, Sandy Pijanowski, Kathy Cain, Marcia Raab, Anna Conner, and Carla Simmering volunteered their time greeting visitors so gardeners were free to guide tours and answer questions. The Women of St. Patrick wish to thank the gardeners and hostesses and all those who came out (and those who didn't but bought tickets anyway) for helping to make this first Garden Walk a success.

August is the month of the Women of St. Patrick's biggest fundraiser, the annual Cellar-to-Garret sale. Co-chairs Amy Boscolo and Katie Leininger, with the help of a dedicated group of WSP members, worked hard to prepare for the sale. This year, storage and sorting of donated items was moved to the parish center, and although it meant canceling Coffee Shop for two weeks running, preparations for the sale proceeded on schedule—and in a more agreeable climate. The organizers are grateful to Bob Miller for the many ways he helped, and as always, all those who volunteered were much appreciated!

As fall arrives, the Women of St. Patrick have several events planned. Dr. Susan Nagele will speak at the September WSP luncheon. On Sept. 28, WSP will join volunteers from all St. Patrick's ministries in helping to host, provide food, serve, and clean up after the Friends Dinner hosted by the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. WSP is sponsoring its first women's retreat, Oct. 28-30, led by Sr. Barbara Leonhard, OSF, on the theme "There is a season for everything." [See article to the left.] Watch the bulletin for registration forms.

Although this July felt like the hottest ever, the first Women of St. Patrick Garden Walk went on as planned on July 17. WSP hopes to make this an annual fundraiser; this year's proceeds will support the mission of Dr. Susan Nagele, a lay Maryknoll missionary who grew up in St. Patrick's and has spent her adult life working in Africa. Although several people were kept away by the heat, approximately 55 people braved temperatures in the high 90s to tour the gardens.

Graciously sharing their gardens with visitors were Joyce and Pat Dill, Jayne and Steve DeBruyn, Chris Langendorf, Kathy and Dan McKenzie, Sandy and Paul



*Jayne and Steve DeBruyn's garden features plantings in containers.*

## Moms seeking moms

Are you the mother of a child school-aged or younger? Or do you have time to help by providing childcare for moms who need a break?

M3 (Moms Meeting Moms) is starting up for the 2011-12 school year and looking for moms to participate in the group and for volunteers to provide childcare during their gatherings.

The moms gather every other Wednesday, beginning on Sept. 21, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. M3 members share breakfast, fellowship, and information helpful to moms of kids from birth through high school years.



Guest speakers are sometimes invited to present on topics of interest. Last year the group hosted nutritionists, a postpartum depression specialist, and a Head Start teacher, among others.

If you're interested in participating, either as a member or as a childcare volunteer, please contact Rachael McMillan (402-5005 or rachmcmill@gmail.com).

M3 members once again thank their amazingly wonderful childcare providers and look forward to another year of supporting one another spiritually and emotionally!

## Special volunteer opportunities

- 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.*

## Peggy Loftus—in her own words

The teens of our parish know Peggy Loftus quite well. She has been coordinator of the St. Patrick's high school program



since 2000 and has spent long weeks with CREW members on mission trips to impoverished areas of the United States since 2008.

That's just the tip of the iceberg for this busy mother of four. Read on to learn more about Peggy, the focus of this month's staff spotlight.

**This is the "million dollar question" in these parts: Are you originally from here?**

No, I was born and raised in West Chicago, Ill. The city of West Chicago is about 30 miles west of downtown Chicago near Aurora and Naperville.

Andy and I were married in February 1998; he has a Bachelors and a Masters degree in computer science from the U of I. We both really liked Champaign/Urbana during our college years and Andy was able to find work here, so we are now transplants. We love the slower pace

of life and traffic here, along with all the cultural and ethnic diversity of the twin cities. We are especially huge fans of the Champaign Park District. I'm not sure I could ever move away from St. Patrick's and the Champaign Park District.

**What's your educational and work background?**

I earned a BS in Psychology from the U of I (I graduated Summa Cum Laude) in 1998, a Masters in Human Development and Family Studies, and a Masters in Social Work in Dec. 2000. My two Masters degrees were specialized to equip me to become a Marriage and Family Therapist.

I completed my internship at the Catholic Charities Champaign office in Dec. 2000 and was offered a job as a therapist in the Danville Catholic Charities office immediately upon my graduation, which I accepted. I really enjoyed my time at the



Danville office, where I worked for all of 9 months because in January of 2001 I became pregnant with our first child.

Andy and I talked a *lot* about it and decided that we could afford for me to be a stay-at-home mom. I was already working for St. Patrick's at that time—I had become the Coordinator of HS Religious Ed in 2000, with Cindy Shaw

and then Carol Retz working as the Coordinator of Mission/Social Activities for the HS Program.

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## in our parish library

Selected books this month are about beginning again or reawakening or renewing our spiritual life. These and others on the same theme are available for check-out in the parish library.

**The Awakened Heart**, by Gerald G. May, M.D. Call Number: 248 May 1991. Integrating the wisdom of ancient mystics and the insights of contemporary thinkers, May examines the spiritual longings that are often hidden and controlled by society's pressures and expectations. His book opens an inner door to a greater trust in the instincts, intuitions, and spontaneous acts of love that arise from that sacred space of our heart's basic goodness.

**Awakenings**, by Thomas Keating. Call Number: 252 Kea 1990. Fr. Thomas Keating invites the reader to look afresh at the Word of God and see, perhaps for the first time, the relevance of these ancient words to life today. *Awakenings* is a collection of 30 homilies by this Trappist monk, perhaps best known for his teachings on centering prayer. Arranged by events in Jesus' ministry, themes and images from Jesus' teachings, and liturgical celebrations of Jesus' presence, these homilies are clear, insightful and spiritually profound.

**Catholic Source Book**, by Rev. Peter Klein. Call Number: 282 Kle 1990. This book is a vast collection of information to help people of faith learn, renew, teach, and live the risen life of Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church. The ten chapters include Prayers, An Overview of the Tradition, Scripture, Church, Liturgy, The Liturgical Year, Devotions in Catholic Tradition, Veneration of Saints and Heroes, Catholic Symbols, and Word and Phrase Origins.

**Consider Jesus: Waves of Renewal in Christology**, by Elizabeth A. Johnson. Call Number: 232 Joh 1993. Johnson offers a succinct and excellent overview of middle and late 20th-century Roman Catholic Christologies, the study of Christ's person and qualities. These have been renewed by waves of emphasis upon Jesus' genuine humanity, Jesus' own historical context, liberation of the poor and oppressed, the equality and dignity of women, the truth and greatness of other religious traditions, and preservation of the environment.

**Discernment: A Path to Spiritual Awakening**, by Rose Mary Dougherty. Call Number: 248.4 Dou 2009. The author has brought a wealth of personal experience and sharing to this book on how to be present to the invitations of life that often enough are left at the near-conscious level, if not ignored altogether.

**The Heart of Hope**, by Michael Downey. Call Number: 242 DOW 2005. Downey here offers fresh insight into the Christian experience: faith and reverence; grief and gratitude; grace and fidelity; suffering and forgiveness and hope. Reading each section of this book can become a daily meditation and reflection on how each movement and encounter in life, no matter how large or small, has the potential to change one's perspective on self and the world.

**Reawakenings**, by Fr. Thomas Keating. Call Number: 232 Kea 1996. Keating provides ten meditations on parables and 19 meditations on scriptural passages celebrating Jesus' presence.

**The Rosary in the Home: A Program of Family Prayer Renewal**, by Wal Maggs. Call Number: 248 Mag.

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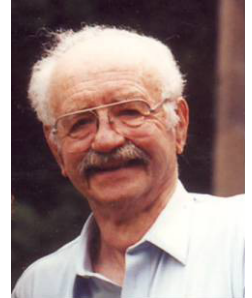
*If you need help locating materials in the library, Lori Mestre (365-9004), library team coordinator. She will be pleased to help. The parish library is open weekdays during office hours (ask for a key at the parish office) and on the fourth and fifth Sundays of the month from 8:30 to 10:45 a.m.*



**Q:** Every time I enter the church my eye is caught by the magnificent crucifix above the altar. What can you tell

me about it?

**A:** The crucifix, named "The Rising Christ" by its designer, was revealed to parishioners for the first time at the sunrise Easter Mass in 1981. Over a year in the making, "The Rising Christ" was the work of Nick Britsky, longtime parishioner now deceased, but then-retired professor of art emeritus from the University of Illinois. His craftsmanship combined design, sculpture, painting, metal-work, architecture, and even some engineering in bringing it to completion.



Nick had help. Urbana cabinetmaker Don Keeler fashioned the cross itself out of walnut and stainless steel. Others provided help in welding, in spraying fiberglass over the body of Christ, in arranging ray-like lighting effects, and in hanging the 160-pound crucifix from the church ceiling—it is suspended by 34 stainless steel wires 18 feet above the sanctuary floor.

He called his work "The Rising Christ" because, he said, "I've always felt that Christianity is really about the resurrection rather than the crucifixion." He did this not for money or fame or for ribbons or plaques. He did it for God: "It was a privilege to do this for my favorite hero," he said.

Over time, Nick Britsky also gifted St. Patrick's church with the work of art above the tabernacle, the depiction of the baptism of Christ by John in the baptistry, and the Marian shrine in the rear of the church. He also repainted the statue of Mary and of St. Patrick, giving each a more pleasing appearance.

We have indeed been blessed by Nick's selfless generosity in sharing his God-given talents!

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

## Fr. Eric, it's been good to know you!

Fr. Eric Yapi came to St. Patrick's in June to help during Fr. Luong Tran's two-month hiatus in Vietnam. Although he was here for only a brief time, Fr. Eric's ready smile and good humor endeared him to many.

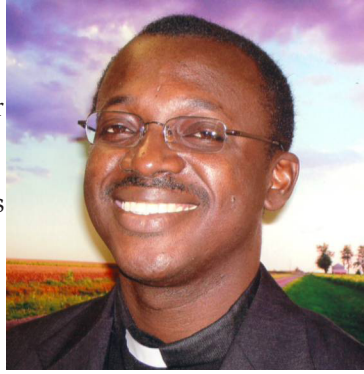
From St. Patrick's, Fr. Eric went in August to Ottawa (Ill.) for a short visit with others from his religious community (Society of African Missions) whom we had the good fortune to meet a year ago: Fr. Mike and Fr. Jules. Afterward, Fr. Eric will make a directed retreat at St. Bede Abbey, in Peru-LaSalle, and then return to Gregorian University in Rome to resume his studies in Systematic Theology.

Fr. Eric grew up in Abgoville in Ivory Coast, second eldest in a family of four boys and three girls. He is fluent in several languages—his native language is Abbey, and he learned French because Ivory Coast was colonized by France, English because it was taught in the grade schools, and Italian from his years of study in Rome.

He expects to complete his Masters in Systematic Theology next year and will await a decision from his superior about whether he is to teach in one of the community's five houses of formation or stay at the university to undertake a three-year course of study leading to a doctorate in his chosen field.

The Diocese of Peoria impressed him, he said, by the love and dedication of the people in the Church, the love of God that shows in their care for one another, especially for those who have little. He felt, as a young boy, that there is a big gap between the love God has for us and the love we have for God, and he wants very much to close that gap, at the very least in his own life.

"I love God very much," he said. "I want to love God more and more every day. And I want to help other people to love God more." In preparing his homilies, the one very significant opportunity he has to speak to people, he said, "I pray very much, I read a lot—St. Augustine, St. Athanasius, the Church Fathers—but mostly I pray. I love to pray."



## Faith and Justice come together in JustFaith

What does the compassion of Christ look like in the modern world? How can we live our faith in our busy lives? We are told to "love thy neighbor," but who is our neighbor and what does our faith say we should do for him or her? How do we become someone who acts on behalf of the poor and vulnerable? What is the social justice tradition of the Catholic Church?



These questions and many others are explored in JustFaith, a process that includes study, reflection, prayer, and community. A small group of 8-15 participants meets regularly over an eight-month period for prayer, reading and discussion, video presentations, speakers, and immersion experiences. Readings cover a number of social justice issues, as well as topics such as the history of Catholic social justice and the lives of remarkable people of faith, and have included such authors as Henri Nouwen, Albert Nolan, Arthur Simon, and Jonathon Kozol.

Graduates of the JustFaith program talk of how it has deepened their faith and changed their lives. "We read. We talked about what we read. And we prayed," one parishioner says. "We were confused, sometimes. We were surprised, even shocked, at other times. We prayed. All of us, in some way, were changed." Another says that through JustFaith, she "could discover who I am/am not, explore simplicity, define a life purpose, de-

### Prayer of those living with cancer

Lord God,  
 even before I was born  
 you knit me together  
 in my mother's womb.  
 Every cell of my body you know.  
 Not a hair on my head goes uncounted,  
 no tear of mine escapes your gaze.  
 So I know you can make me whole again.  
 From the depths of this illness  
 I cry out to you, O God,  
 for I am convinced that  
 neither cancer nor chemo,  
 nor radiation, nor fear, nor doubt,  
 nor isolation, nor pain  
 can separate me from your love  
 and the wonder of the person  
 you created me to be.  
 From my first breath you made me holy.  
 Fashion me again with your Spirit,  
 and fill this sacred body with new life,  
 that every breath to my last may proclaim  
 your mighty and wondrous deeds.

## Peggy Loftus

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But getting back to my education... I love humans! Communication, social groups, culture, rules, norms—all of that fascinates me, especially in the smallest microcosm of society, the family group. Families are amazing! Not *my* family, my family is crazy-nutso-cuckoo, but all other families are amazing!

### How about meeting--and marrying--your husband?

I attended St. Mary's Catholic Grade School and West Chicago Community High School, where I met this wonderful



guy named Andy Loftus two days before my 15th birthday. I came to the University of Illinois in 1994 to study, and Andy joined me at the U of I once he had completed a three-year tour in the U.S. Army.

You can read about how we met in the book *Fried Chicken and Donuts*. Ours is the short chapter entitled "From Beer to Eternity." I wrote it anonymously at first, but I don't have many secrets. No scary skeletons in my closets, at least!

Andy and I have been together since I turned 15 and he had turned 17. I have been with him for more than half of my life! (Which is either really amazing or a little scary, depending on what day you ask me.)

We tease that he is really good at making pie crusts from scratch and I can make the fillings really well, so we can only make pies working together. Not sure what will happen to our pie making if and when one of us passes away!

**You're a mom to four wonderful kids (Rachel, 9, Ellen, 7, Joshua, 5, and Anna, 4). How do you manage your ministry at St. Pat's? What other jobs or activities are you involved in?**

I'm Coordinator of High School Youth Ministry—I do not run the Youth Ministry at St. Pat's, I coordinate it. Honestly, I could not do even

a quarter of what we get done without the assistance of the teenagers, the SALT (Student Action Leadership Team), and the parents.

I was the religious ed coordinator from 2000 to 2005. In fall 2005 I became the Youth Minister of CREW when two positions were combined into one. I coordinated Mission Trips in 2005, 2006, and 2007, but I didn't go on them because I kept having to go into Father Joe's office to say "Andy and I are going to have another baby!"

My first Mission Trip was to Winnebago, Neb., in 2008.

Other things I do: I am the lead coordinator for the Catholic Teen Connection; the lead liaison from our Vicariate for the Diocesan Youth Rally (Oct. 8 this year); Girl Scout Leader for Troop 2577; coordinator of the Holy Cross Girl Scout Leaders; Girl Scout Facilitator (I provide training for leaders when needed); Pantry Elf (I stock and clean the parish's kitchen pantry); and I volunteer at Holy Cross Grade School.

Yes, I do sleep—8 hours a day, usually. The key: excellent organization and a helpful and understanding husband.

### What are some of the highlights of your time spent working with the teens of the parish?

I love seeing the incoming freshman in the fall of each year, getting to know them and their families. My second-favorite part of the fall is seeing the freshman from last year as they begin their sophomore year. They all go from nervous, excited, anxious, bubbly people to "cool cucumbers" once they get that first year under their belts.

I enjoy getting to know the teens as people in their own right. I treat them as people, as equals. Yes, I have a lot to teach them and share with them about our Catholic faith,

but working with them as individuals and equals seems to work very well.

I love seeing our student leaders on the SALT take charge of the youth group and step up to the plate. Last year's graduating class was the first class that I went on all four mission trips with; they will forever hold a special place in my heart.

### What are some of your goals or hopes for the future of CREW?

To keep the Student Leaders Team strong and active. To encourage every single teen in the youth group to take the leap and go on one Mission Trip. I don't want to drown people with all four mission trips—just try it once, just once, please. I want to see CREW become an interwoven and indispensable part of the parish community.

### Any other thoughts you'd like to share with us?

I live and breathe St. Patrick's. Not only because I am a paid staff member, but because St. Pat's is home—truly and honestly home. I love the people, the buildings, the Spirit.

I have grown radically in my faith since coming to St. Patrick's, going from "it's my parents' faith" to "this is *my* faith." St. Patrick's humbly offers so much for all people no matter where they are on their faith journey. If you want to take part in a Bible study, we have you covered. If you want to bake for funerals, you've got it. If you are ready for any level of commitment, we'll help you figure out how your strengths can best be used for our parish community.

I also feel extremely blessed and privileged to work with the most amazing parish staff members on the face of the earth! We can come together at staff meetings and begin with deep and profound prayer, debate and discuss parish activities, directions of parish programs, and the nuts and bolts of parish life, and then laugh together so much that my sides hurt afterwards.

Believe me, the Holy Spirit is alive and well at St. Patrick's!

## St. Mary's Parish is rich in its diversity!

When St. Patrick's parishioners first heard that Fr. Joe was going to be pastor of St. Mary's as well as of St. Patrick's, we had a lot of questions. How is this going to affect our parish? How is Fr. Joe going to do this? And what can we do to help him? This article will not have the answer to these questions, but it will tell you some interesting things about St. Mary's.

If you were to attend Mass at St. Mary's and pick up a bulletin, you would learn that there are two Spanish language Masses in addition to the English Masses on weekends. You would see that sometimes on Sunday there is a Mass in Kanjobal, the language spoken by the Mayan people of Guatemala. You would notice that although the bulletin is printed almost entirely in English, there is a translation of the Agnes Dei into Korean. You might rightly conclude that there are several diverse cultural communities all finding a home in this parish.

The presence of the Korean community at St. Mary's goes back to the 1980s. A group of Korean Catholics looked around town for a parish home and decided that St. Mary's would be very welcoming. Most of the Koreans are students or visiting scholars at the University of Illinois, so they typically stay here only a few years. Many are non-Catholic and join the Church while they are here. In fact, as many as 300 Koreans have been baptized at St. Mary's.

Among the Koreans who are permanent residents is Chris Ha, who came as a student and stayed. He points out that the Koreans are active in the total life of the parish. Almost all choir members are Korean; they serve as lectors and servers, clean the church and cemetery, participate in fund-raising activities like

Taste of St. Mary's and the yard sale. Most of them are fluent in English and attend the English Masses, but they also look forward to a Korean language Mass celebrated by a Korean priest who comes from Chicago a few times a year.

The Guatemalan Community at St. Mary's developed much later, about five years ago. Antonio Juarez, who had come to Illinois from Guatemala about twenty years earlier, was working at the rectory. Fr. Tom Royer, the pastor, had a Maryknoll priest friend who had worked in Guatemala among the Mayans and could speak the language. Fr. Tom said that this friend could come to

St. Mary's and celebrate Mass in Kanjobal, and he asked Antonio if he could bring his Guatemalan friends to a Mass. Although at first reluctant, Antonio eventually said that he would, and more than 75 Guatemalans showed up for the Mass. Most of them continued to come to St. Mary's, and today they are an active community that is very well organized. There is a leadership group that plans events such as weddings, baptisms, and confirmations.

They work out details for religious education programs, which are led by members of the community and use the same books that are used in Guatemala.

Martina Miranda-Lugo, who started doing outreach to Latino workers in the 1990s, recalls how the Latino community found a home

at St. Mary's. About four years ago she attended a conference on empowerment that grew out of the Sanctuary movement. Fr. Tom was also there. It was close to Christmas and it happened that another participant, a Latino, mentioned that she and her neighbors were going to have a La Posada and invited Fr. Tom to participate. (La Posada is a ceremony popular in some Latino neighborhoods, where a group of people go door to door reenacting how Joseph and Mary on the first Christmas Eve looked for a place to stay in Bethlehem.) Father did participate, and in February he arranged for a Spanish language Mass at St. Mary's. There has been at least one Spanish Mass every Sunday since then, and just a few weeks ago a second one was added. Fr. Alphonso Garcia, a Spanish-speaking priest, is now living at the rectory with Fr. Joe and Fr. Luong, and Martina hopes that having the Spanish Masses will bring more Latinos to the parish.

Bridging the language and culture gap is not left to chance. Both Antonio and Martina are translating



*The sanctuary in St. Mary's church is graced by a beautiful crucifix high behind the altar.*



*Following a modest renovation of St. Mary's rectory, Fr. Joe has established one of the front rooms for visiting with parishioners who come to call. Here he and Fr. Luong examine the Spanish translation of a homily.*

Fr. Joe's homilies and announcements. Cathy Harper, the DRE, has been instrumental in outreach to all ethnic communities in the parish. She has recruited many volunteers to teach the Sunday school classes attended by Anglo, Korean, and Latino children.

## Many Bible study groups to choose from

**Israel's Story, Part 2.** In October, a small Bible study group will resume a study of Israel's history, called "Israel's Story, Part 2." The lessons begin at the time of the division of the kingdom and will cover the prophets, the southern kingdom of Judah, the Exile in Babylon and the return to restore Jerusalem. The group uses Little Rock Scripture Study materials, which include Bible readings with commentaries, a DVD with remarks by Biblical scholars, and a series of study questions discussed in the meetings.

The small size of the group encourages participation from its current members and is inviting to new members. Most recently the group has met in the afternoon but meeting times and places for the new study will be decided by the group. Contact Margaret Stewart (356-9475) or Mary Lou Menches (344-1125) for more information.

**Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come.** This study group includes small and large group discussion and an informative video by Jeff Cavins. In "Adventures in Revelation," participants will explore this fascinating last book of the Bible—a book full of images, numbers, colors, and creatures unfamiliar to a 21st-century reader. Though the images may seem fantastical, once the rich symbolism is understood from a Catholic perspective, readers will find it very relevant to their daily life.

A special preview of "Revelation" will be offered Sunday, Sept. 18, at 10:15 a.m. in the multipurpose room. The study will officially begin Tuesday, Sept. 27; participants may choose the study offered 1-3 p.m. or the one offered 7-9 p.m. Groups will meet every Tuesday for 10 weeks in the multipurpose room, concluding Nov. 29.

A 4-week overview of the entire Bible will be offered Tuesdays, Aug. 30-Sept. 20, at 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. The overview provides an excellent background for understanding how the Bible tells our salvation history. Parishioners are welcome to participate in this overview study only, or as background for the study of Revelation. To learn more, visit [www.GreatAdventureOnline.com](http://www.GreatAdventureOnline.com), or contact Carolyn McElrath (531-7014) or Mary Long (531-7008, [mary.long@stpaturbana.org](mailto:mary.long@stpaturbana.org)).

**Tuesday Noon Bible Study.** The objective of this Bible study group is to become closer to God by reading and studying the Word and to support one another in prayer. The year will begin on Sept. 13 with an overview of the Bible as participants view and discuss a wonderful videotape by Dr. Ken Cuffey, director of the Urbana Theological Seminary and a gifted teacher on all things biblical. The next focus of study will be decided by participants. The group will meet on Tuesdays from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the St. Mark room, beside the parish library. For more information, contact Chris Whippon (352-7263).

**Monday Afternoon Bible Study.** The group using the Lifeguide Bible Study series, a continuation of the former Community Bible Study Fellowship, meets on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Matthew room in the parish center. From Sept. 19 through Nov. 7, their study will focus on "Heaven." Leader Carole Rebeiz participates in the ecumenical Leaders Group at Westminster Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Carole Rebeiz (377-9148, [caroler57@comcast.net](mailto:caroler57@comcast.net)).

Where there is love there is courage,  
where there is courage there is peace,  
where there is peace there is God.  
And when you have God, you have everything.

—Source unknown

## JustFaith from page 5

velop a social consciousness, experience compassion, build community, and rediscover prayer."

At St. Patrick's, previous participants in JustFaith have ranged in age from those in their twenties to those in their eighties. Some had already been active in social justice works, while others were only just beginning to explore social justice; most fell somewhere in between. JustFaith graduates have gone on to participate in the Peace and Justice Ministry, as well as in related programs such as Engaging Spirituality and JustSkills, which are occasionally offered.

JustFaith is one of several programs created by JustFaith Ministries to "inspire and empower people of faith to embrace God's call to compassion, healing, care, and community." JustFaith Ministries (JFM) works in partnership with Bread for the World, Catholic Relief Services, and several other Catholic social justice organizations. Another JFM program, JustMatters, will also be offered at St. Patrick's this year. In JustMatters, only one social justice issue is studied; this year's topic will be immigration.

For more information about JustFaith and JustMatters, contact Carolyn McElrath (367-2665 or [carolyn.mcelrath@stpaturbana.org](mailto:carolyn.mcelrath@stpaturbana.org)).

## Beginnings from page 1

Book of Blessings suggests these prayers:

*Lord, may everything that we do begin with your inspiration and continue with your help, so that all our prayers and works may begin with you and, by you, be happily ended.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love!*



## “Nurse Nancy” a hit with kids in Peru

Two parishioners from St. Patrick’s, Nancy Roth and Michelle Paap, accompanied a group from Windsor Road Christian Church in Champaign on a mission trip to Peru in July.

in age from 18 months to 17 years. They come from a variety of backgrounds, including abandonment, extreme poverty, family violence, and abuse.

Some of the activities that oc-



The group of thirteen traveled to Hogar de Esperanza, an orphanage in Salaverry, Peru. Hogar de Esperanza is a non-denominational Christian ministry that first opened its doors to homeless children in 2001.

The large number of street orphans and abandoned children in Peru is increasing due to poverty and lack of resources available to the government. Hogar de Esperanza currently provides a safe and loving environment for 45 children, ranging

in age from 18 months to 17 years. They come from a variety of backgrounds, including abandonment, extreme poverty, family violence, and abuse. Some of the activities that occurred during this mission trip included putting on a vacation Bible school for the children, taking them on a field trip to Incan ruins and to a restaurant, cleaning and organizing the library and classrooms, and working in the orchard at the orphanage.

“Nurse Nancy” (parishioner Nancy Roth) conducted classes on health-related issues for the children and the Madres who live at the orphanage and care for the children.

Thanks to the generosity of the boys and girls who participated in St. Patrick’s Vacation Bible School, she was able to give 65 toothbrushes to the orphanage. The children (and Nurse Nancy) greatly appreciated this generous donation!



## SVDP dines with friends Sept. 28

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will host its second annual Friends Dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the parish center. The Friends Dinner is a time



for parishioners to provide and share a relaxing meal and conversation with our friends who visit the SVDP Food Pantry. In the daily rush of activities at the pantry, it’s just not possible to have a relaxed conversation with those who come for food. The time of the dinner also allows the food pantry to remain open to serve those in need on the day of the dinner.

The first Friends Dinner was held in January 2010 with the help of many parish ministry groups. Everyone who helped considered it a success and agreed that another dinner should be planned. While attendance was good in 2010, harsh weather was a factor, so it was decided to host the dinner in a warmer month.

Parish ministry groups will be contacted to provide volunteers for the Friends Dinner in the hope that many will respond with prepared foods and help with setup, greeting guests, serving as table hosts, and clean up after the meal.

If you’d like to volunteer for the Friends Dinner, whether you’re involved in a parish ministry or not, contact Chris Whippo (352-7263). Your help will be greatly appreciated and, as always, when you give a little you get back a lot!



## *Honoring Our Past* BUILDING OUR FUTURE

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CAMPAIGN

### Heartfelt thanks to our outstanding volunteers

The leadership and service of many parishioners have been instrumental in the development of our church expansion plan and the success of our capital campaign. As of Aug. 17 we had raised nearly \$3.4 million in gifts and pledges from 458 donors. Our faith community is deeply grateful to all who have so generously shared their time and talent to support our goal.

In the years prior to the campaign, from 2005 to 2010, the Second Century Advisory Committee led parish-wide efforts to study our current and future space needs, worked closely with Stauder Architecture to design a proposed building plan, and then conducted a feasibility study and pre-campaign assessment. Members of this group worked tirelessly to gather parishioner input, review diocesan guidelines, study church expansion projects similar to ours, and consult with architectural and professional fundraising firms in order to make sound recommendations regarding our building plan.

Parishioners who served with Fr. Joe Hogan on the **Second Century Advisory Committee** included Ellen Amberg, Mike Andrejasich, Steve Beckett, Carol Bosley, Claude Cole, Diane Cousert, Pat Dill, Pat Justice, Chris Niebur, Kate Niebur, Jerry Pijanowski, Joe Rasmussen, Ginger Timpone and Mort Weir. Our thanks to them for their faithful and prayerful commitment for so many years in pursuit of this vision.

By early 2011, the stage was set for our parish to embark upon a capital campaign, and the Campaign Leadership Committee for *Honoring Our Past – Building Our Future* was formed. This group worked closely with CCS, the professional firm that the parish contracted to help organize the campaign. Committee members' knowledge of the parish, combined with their experienced leadership and service in other areas of ministry, made them the ideal team to lead this historic effort. Their wisdom and spirit, their special insight and team-building skills helped build positive momentum from the outset of the campaign.

St. Patrick's **Campaign Leadership Committee** included Fr. Joe Hogan (pastor); Fr. George Remm (honorary chair); Jim and Dottie Davito (general chairs); Steve and Barb Beckett, Ray and Ginger Timpone (lead gift chairs); Ed and Joyce Wagner, Jose Schutt-Aine and Patricia Fowler (major gift chairs); Marnie Fuesting, Dwight and Marcia Raab (special gift chairs); Ellen Amberg, Pat Justice (Second Century Advisory Committee representatives); Pat Mayer (marketing and communications).

One of the key components of St. Patrick's campaign was building one-on-one, person-to-person connections. The Campaign Leadership Committee did a fantastic job recruiting a wonderful team of **campaign volunteers** and energizing them for the task at hand. Together they visited with individual parishioners to spread the word about our church expansion plan and build support for the campaign. Over 100 parishioners served as campaign messengers, making nearly 600 personal contacts with parishioners. These volunteers approached their work prayerfully and with deep faith, sharing many inspiring stories along the way. Through personal contacts and in-home visits, they brought to life the vision of *Honoring Our Past – Building Our Future*. More importantly, they helped build a sense of community and belonging. We are truly indebted to them for their extraordinary work:

Stephen and Judy Altaner  
Kurt Austin  
Jeanine Berlocher  
Bill and Bev Bermingham  
Tom Berns  
Linda Berry  
Chris and Claire Billing  
Mardia Bishop  
Carol Bosley  
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Randy and Mary Sandone  
Pat and Tony Sheehan  
Marty Sierra-Perry  
Bill and Carla Simmering

see **Volunteers** on page 12

## When Sudden Terrors Tear Apart

This hymn was written by Carl Daw Sept. 12-13, 2001. He says that, like Psalm 130, the hymn doesn't seek deliverance from a particular dilemma, but a restoration of hope in the midst of overwhelming adversity.

When sudden terrors tear apart  
 the world we thought was ours,  
 we find how fragile strength can be,  
 how limited our powers.

As tower and fortress fall, we watch  
 with disbelieving stare  
 and numbly hear the anguished cries  
 that pierce the ash-filled air.

Yet most of all we are aware  
 of emptiness and void:  
 of lives cut short, of structures razed,  
 of confidence destroyed.

From this abyss of doubt and fear  
 we grope for words to pray,  
 and hear our stammering tongues embrace  
 a timeless Kyrie.

Have mercy, Lord, give strength and peace,  
 and make our courage great;  
 restrain our urge to seek revenge,  
 to turn our hurt to hate.

Help us to know your steadfast love,  
 your presence near as breath;  
 rekindle in our hearts the hope  
 of life that conquers death.

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## Results from our Readers Survey

Thank you to all who responded to the In Focus Readers Survey over the summer. The members of the Communications Committee, who prepare In Focus every month, are grateful for the many supportive comments and suggestions.

Two years ago, we stopped inserting In Focus in the bulletin, providing printed copies at the doors of the church instead. We included a one-page preview of each issue in the parish bulletin to call attention to the publication as it became available and to the fact that the issue was also posted on the parish Web site. Our hope was that readers who prefer to read it online would be better served and that the parish's paper consumption could be reduced. The survey bears out that we have a modest number of online readers, enabling us to reduce the number of printed copies by about 50 or so, so we will continue to publish In Focus in both formats.

Several people suggested that the preview in the bulletin should come out a week earlier so that they know to look for In Focus when they come to church the following week. We're going to give that a try and see how it works out. Readers also suggested that we highlight individual parishioners, just as we have been highlighting members of the parish staff over the past few months. We'll give that a try too.

We welcome your continued feedback and suggestions. Watch for a Feedback Box, coming soon on the In Focus page on the parish Web site, or drop us a note in the parish center.

—The Communications Committee

### Did you know?

- You've probably heard that our parish was founded May 21, 1901, by Fr. J. H. Cannon, who led Urbana Catholics from St. Mary's Church in Champaign, where they had been parishioners, to the site of a new parish for Urbana to be named after St. Patrick.
- You've probably heard that a temporary wooden church was built on the site and used for services just a week later.
- You may know that the permanent church and an adjacent rectory, a two-story house with full basement, were completed there in a mere two years at a total cost of \$56,000 and that the church was dedicated on May 24, 1903.
- But did you know that it was only in 1957 with the advent of the new pastor, Fr. Charles Martell, that the assistance of a parish secretary was sought? The volunteer secretary was given a small room for her desk and chair, just inside the front door of the rectory, where she prepared the first parish bulletin using the typewriter Fr. Martell had brought with him and a mimeograph.

# Volunteers

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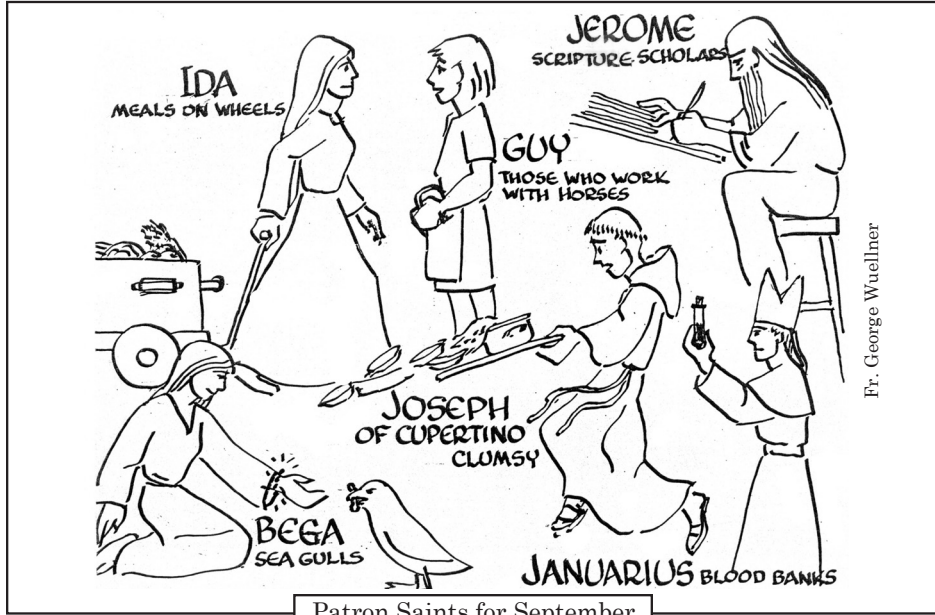
- Fred Stavins & Rosemary Garhart
- Margaret Stewart
- Mark Sweeney
- Patrick and Mary Twigg
- Jim Urban and Anna Kasten
- Joe and Yvonne Vitosky
- Elizabeth Vlach
- Eva Vlach
- Ellen Warmbrunn
- Mort Weir
- Gary and Tracey Wszalek
- Stan Yanchus
- Judy Yasunaga
- April Yasunaga
- Diane Yeazel
- Dominique and Diana Youakim
- Joseph Youakim
- Barb Zak
- David Zola

## St. Patrick's Building Plan

For those who may be new to the parish this fall, here is a recap of what we seek to accomplish through St. Patrick's church expansion plan:

Preserve the sacredness and beauty of our current worship space • Retain the architectural style of the present church • Double the current seating capacity from 300 to 600 • Provide an accessible choir area • Create a new gathering space connecting the church and parish center • Provide a lower level with additional meeting space • Create a new entry plaza for the church and parish center • Include features that will make our parish more welcoming and accessible (family room in the church for parents with young children, elevator, convenient restrooms)

Information about the St. Patrick's building plan and campaign is available at the parish center and also on the parish Web site at [www.stpaturbana.org](http://www.stpaturbana.org). If you have questions, please call the parish office (367-2665) and a campaign volunteer will be happy to follow up with you.



## Vocation Prayer



Spirit of God, help us to understand how you call us to Christ-like service, to a consecrated life of service to your people as a priest or religious. You know better than we that many more priests and religious are needed to serve those who hunger for a closer relationship with you. Help us to recognize your call when we hear it!

## St. Mary's from page 7

St. Mary's has a tradition of a strong social justice ministry, and they have had a special relationship with Calavera, a collection of five villages in El Salvador, for about 20 years. The driving force behind the relationship originally was Kathy Fries, who went to the area in the late 1980s and saw the needs of the people there. Every year since 1992 the parish has sent a delegation of six or seven parishioners to Calavera, bringing a medical clinic and classroom teachers for the two-week period. The schools there have gone from offering two grades of schooling up to as many as nine grades. Now the parish provides funds for tuition, housing, and books for the students, who must

go to other communities for a high school education.

At St. Mary's, puppets made by the Calavera sewing collective are sold. The sewing collective also made robes and stoles for the 20-voice choir that Kathy directs. The choir, which includes a number of instrumentalists, is another piece of the parish's diverse quilt. It regularly sings in all the languages of the parish.

St. Mary's, the "mother church" of St. Patrick's, is the oldest parish in Champaign-Urbana, dating back to 1854—but it is very forward-thinking in its world view. It is an inspiration to all who are trying to do God's work here on earth.

## St. Patrick Parish IN FOCUS

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

### Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . . Jeannie Rasmussen



#### Tomato Pie

- 4 medium tomatoes
- 1 9-in pie shell, baked
- 1 c chopped onions
- ½ t salt
- ½ t pepper
- 2 T fresh basil
- ½ c mayonnaise
- ½ c Parmesan cheese
- 1 c cheddar cheese

Cut six tomato slices for garnish; set aside. Halve remaining tomatoes, remove seeds, and cut each half into 6 wedges. Place half the wedges in the bottom of the baked pie shell. Stir mayo and cheeses together. Sprinkle tomato wedges in the pie shell with half the onion, mayo mixture, salt, pepper, and basil. Repeat layers. Place reserved tomato slices on top and bake 30-40 minutes at 375 degrees. Cool 20 minutes before serving.

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

# CREW ON MISSION 2011

## Supplement

### Giving and Receiving

“I’d never been to Detroit before, and I wasn’t sure what to expect, but what I got out of this trip was a sense of a strong community of people who were welcoming, hospitable, and accepting of our work,” said Luke Cottingham about his third CREW Mission Trip. (Luke graduated from Champaign Central High in May.) “I learned a couple of things on this trip that I want to retain as lifelong lessons. The first lesson Luke learned was the art of



for next year’s Mission Trip.” According to Peggy Loftus, St. Patrick’s Coordinator of the High School Religious Education Program,

exercise called ‘The Valley of the Kings,’ learned about the Seven Social Sins taught by Mahatma Gandhi, and compared them to the Seven Social Justice Teachings of the Catholic Church.”

Every parent can empathize with the adults’ efforts to wind down the teens and young adults after a long day of work, fun, and spiritual study. Have you ever



the theme of this year’s CREW Mission Trip was “SPIRIT: Obey His Word.” Each evening began with a sports activity, aimed at helping the teens expend their excess energy, and then a SPIRIT game; both worked to strengthen their teamwork skills.

hosted a sleepover for a few teen? Just multiply that by six or seven! Joshua Koerner, an incoming junior at the High School of St. Thomas More, shared his experi-



*Mission chaperons enjoy a much needed break in South Haven.*

laying concrete. “I also appreciated the time we spent with the homeowners and families,” he added. “I noticed the enthusiasm they showed towards our work. On our final workday they grilled out and had a huge lunch ready for us at midday. They hope to start a group similar to ours to help out those in need in their neighborhood. I am proud of what I received from this trip, and I hope to return

“After this,” Peggy said, “we moved into our social justice study on the concept of caring for and protecting the ‘common good.’ The teens participated in a professional team-building



*Jo Ellen Machesky gets caulking down to an art form.*

ences on this his first Mission Trip: “The Mission Trip is more than just repairing and sprucing up homes. This trip was about making friends, developing teamwork, and giving hope to those who are less fortunate than we are. I enjoyed everything about the trip, and I am looking forward to next year.”

The sponsoring organization for

this year's Mission Trip was the Detroit Community Initiative, also known as DCI, founded in 1995. The first focus of DCI was youth development through summer camps and special events. This program now provides classes in computer literacy, job readiness training, cultural diversity, and community service projects.

The DCI Youth Group's current project involves using hand-held computers and GPS devices to identify the locations of abandoned cars, dangerous housing, and other barriers to public safety, particu-

sa once said that we should do small things with great love. During this Mission Trip I saw this principle put into action. The teens and adults put all their effort and love into every project they were given," whether large or small. In return, "the homeowners shared with us home-cooked meals, a couple of games of bowl-



*Cora Freidhof and Luke Cottingham learn to lay cement.*



*Betsy Schuele can get that paintbrush into any tight spot!*

ing, and a sense of community and love beyond anything we could

larly in East Detroit. DCI identified the homes best suited for repairs and improvement by our CREW team.

This was the fourth Mission Trip for Cora Freidhof, now a freshman at Concordia



University in Chicago. "This year," she said, "I learned many new skills to help me in life, including power washing, how to blindly shoot silly string at my friends, how to live more simply and laugh more often, how to construct a perfect salad in a dorm cafeteria, and how to play 'killer' sand volleyball."

Cora considers the most important lesson she learned was "the importance of the small things we do in life. Mother Tere-



*Who is that masked bag?*

have given them." (Their new Detroit friends might well say the same of the mission group!)

"We learned," she added, "that Gandhi said that action expresses priorities. If this is true, what we have before us in amazing—a group of teens who prioritize the needs of others before their summer vacations, a group of chaperones who prioritize taking care of teenagers before getting a good night's sleep, and a parish that gives their youth group's Mission Trip a priority in their hearts and minds."



*Shelby Simmering learns how to shoot silly string blindly.*



*Jamie Simmering turned this tub from disgusting to immaculate!*

## Mission Trip Participants, 2011

**Teens**

Mary Campbell  
 Mary Cimakasky  
 Luke Cottingham  
 Amy Crull  
 Kristin Hammel  
 Will Justice  
 Alyssa Kaiser  
 Kelsey Kaiser  
 Nick Kneer  
 Jarred Koerner  
 Joshua Koerner  
 Carly Langendorf  
 Will Laumann  
 Jo Ellen Machesky  
 Chris Mathy  
 Annie Rasmussen  
 Betsy Schuele  
 Dan Schuele  
 Caitlin Schutz  
 Jamie Simmering  
 Shelby Simmering  
 Freddie Stavins  
 Mariya Sturdyvin  
 Gaby Wszalek

**Young Adults**

Aimee Black  
 Mike Fitzgerald  
 Sam Noonan  
 Andy Wszalek

**Adult Chaperones**

Kathy Cimakasky  
 Judy Crull  
 Chris Freidhof  
 Denise Freidhof  
 Patrick Hatch  
 Dick Justice  
 Pat Justice  
 Gary Laumann  
 Peggy Loftus  
 Randy Pankau  
 Jerry Pijanowski  
 Fred Stavins  
 Paula Sturdyvin



*Annie Rasmussen learns how to plant a plant.*



*Cora Freidhof gets silly in South Haven.*



*Mary Cimakasky discovers heaven; it's called "Sherman's Ice Cream."*