

St. Patrick Parish IN FOCUS

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Our Lenten journey begins

It's time to start planning our Lenten journey. A season that begins with ashes to mourn our sins and ends with resurrection and salvation is a journey indeed. We'll be making the journey in good company. Most Christians keep the season of Lent, and even those who don't keep it know the journey from sin to salvation. Our catechumens are on a journey too, a journey to a new and deeper faith, a journey to communion with the Catholic Church. As always when on a journey, God is in our company too.

How shall you start thinking about this journey? Start from love, the sturdy, constant love that God has for you. Let it be the walking stick that steadies and helps you to go forward. Let it be the shoes that protect your feet and the cloak that protects

you from cold, rain, and sun.

Look around you as you begin the journey—you're sure to find God. God knows that you are starting from a place of sin. More than anyone, God wants your journey to succeed, to bring you to a whole-hearted acceptance of the gift of salvation.

Our tradition has advice for you as you begin. *Fasting:* Don't carry too much with you; if there are things that you normally carry, things that won't help you on the journey, maybe you need to leave them behind. *Almsgiving:* Remember that you are traveling with others, and do what you can to help them. *Prayer:* Welcome God's companionship and listen for the guidance God offers.

Have a safe and holy journey! We'll be with you on the way!

Knights offer food and fellowship

Beginning Feb. 24, the Urbana Council of the Knights of Columbus will host Lenten Suppers in St. Patrick's parish center on the Fridays of Lent. As well as providing an opportunity for parishioners to share food and fellowship, this fundraiser raises money for the Father Martell scholarships, which the Knights award each year to qualifying high school seniors in the parish.

Again this year, the Lenten Supper menu will offer tasty baked cod and spaghetti with delicious homemade marinara sauce and a green salad on the side. A new menu addition will be homemade macaroni and cheese. If all that's not filling enough, desserts will be available for purchase.

Although there was a little grumbling last year when the Knights decided to stop offering a traditional fish fry and instead opted for a menu without fried foods, the Knights themselves have been very pleased with the result. Preparation of baked fish and pasta took less time and needed far less cleanup than the frying had, making it easier to find enough volunteers to help. Diners enjoyed the new, healthier menu choices, and no one seemed to miss the lingering fried fish smell for days afterward!

This year's Lenten Suppers will begin at 6:00 p.m. so that diners may participate in the Stations of the Cross in the church beforehand if they choose. Watch the bulletin for further details.



“Dressing” the church

“Who made that banner?” is a question often heard as parishioners approach for a closer admiring look. Well, lots of people are involved in making the banners you see in our church. The ideas come from a shared reading of the Scriptures for a liturgical season (Lent, Easter, Advent, Christmas, and Ordinary Time) or from a search through illustrations in books that depict banners and other items intended to enhance the worship experience. In the past it was often a single person who carried this responsibility. In recent years an entire team of parishioners have shared their creative ideas as well as their time and talents to this end.

The Liturgical Arts Team was formed in 2005; its founding members included Becky Billman, Jan Callahan (team leader), Kay Evans, Doey Gordon, Mary Lou Menches, and Susan Reese. Mary Ann Luedtke, as parish sacristan, gave assistance and advice. Over time, as is to be expected with any group of volunteers, members have moved on and others have come to share their gifts. An admittedly incomplete list of these includes Pat Barrett, Tina Colombo, Ann McDowell, Marilyn Pollard, Susan Reese, Father George Wuellner (advisor), Erin Baxley, Janet Althaus, Mary Ann Luedtke, Patty Anderson, Sarah Bedient, Linda Daniels, Geri Condomitti-Turner, Thomas Skaggs, Mariya and Paula Sturdyvin, and Josh and Jared Koerner.

Here is the story behind some of the banners that you may recognize as they appear again:

- The bright blue banners with wheat were designed by Ann McDowell, and Becky Billman came up with a way to put them together. Others contributed fabrics used in carrying out the design.
- The design for the Easter ribbon banner was found in a banner book; it was enlarged from the design for a hand-held banner. Fran Callahan constructed a form from PVC pipe, upon which members wove ribbons to achieve the design.
- The Lenten cross of twigs was conceived of and constructed by Becky, Susan, and Ann. Becky and

Susan brought in twigs and small branches, which members arranged to give the cross character and definition. Susan found the wooly fabric used as background.

- The idea for the Advent banner of graduated shades of purple with a vine growing came from the Scripture readings of the season. The flowering vine was created by Ann and Becky.
- The idea for the “grape” banner also came from a banner book. Jan acquired the fabric needed for the banner and cut and pieced the quilt. Becky embroidered the grape design on it. To give it length, members added ribbons at the bottom.
- The quilted Eucharistic banner is made up of squares designed and created by individual parishioners. Beth McDonald stitched them together and provided the backing for the quilt. The team added a top and a bottom to the quilt for display in the sanctuary.
- The montage of doves was also a collaborative effort. Ann drew the design pattern for the doves, which members traced and cut from special paper. She also made the large dove to be hung behind the presider’s chair. Fran made a PVC frame from which the doves were suspended on fishing line. (Have you seen them disengage and drift down in the sanctuary during a service? The Spirit is always moving among us!)

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Bruce Rogers tapped as parish trustee

Bruce Rogers, recently appointed parish trustee to succeed Joe Rasmussen, was born in New York State, graduated from Boston University, was promoted to captain in the Marine Corps, flew in combat in the Vietnam War, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, all before he undertook graduate school. He became a certified public accountant and eventually assumed greater financial responsibilities in both the U.S. and Europe. Most recently, he served as chief financial officer for Developmental Services Center in Champaign. For three years Bruce was a member of St. Patrick's Financial Affairs Committee—and then Father Joe invited him to become a parish trustee.

Bruce and his wife, Phyllis, came to St. Patrick's 14 years ago. They have seven children and seven grandchildren. One granddaughter is director of student services at St. Thomas More. Two other grandchildren are students at Holy Cross.

Of his five-year term as trustee serving our pastor and our parish, Bruce says, "From my experience in working with many different countries in Europe, I have learned to listen to and respect the ideas of others before offering solutions." Sounds just right! Welcome, Bruce!

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Joe Rasmussen served as a parish trustee from 2006 to 2011. As such, he assisted Father Joe through being available to confer, discuss, and advise as needed. Outstanding in his tenure was being part of the parish's Second Century Advisory Committee in planning for a larger church during hard years for the economy. He says, "We were always very cognizant that it was a trying time to pursue expansion, understanding that it would be a sacrifice for parishioners, but we hoped to be guided by the Holy Spirit."



The Holy Spirit has led Joe from his home in Pontiac, Illinois, to Eastern Illinois University, to service in the Air Force as a medical technician, and to a career as social worker in the field of developmental disabilities. He is currently assistant administrator at Swann Day Care Center. His wife, Jeannie, teaches in Champaign schools. Their daughter, Annie, and son, Kyle, are at St. Thomas More and Holy Cross, respectively. Joe plays drums and percussion with the CREW Praise Band, and is already rehearsing for Ladies Knight Out on Feb. 18.

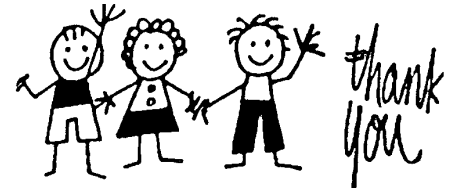


Deadline for submission of information, articles and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is February 12.



Special volunteer opportunities

- St. Patrick's now receives deliveries of bread and sweets for the SVDP food pantry on Wednesdays as well as on Mondays and Thursdays. Can you help sort and repackage donated breads and sweets for distribution to the hungry? This good work currently falls to 3-4 seniors in their seventies and eighties, who begin at about 8 a.m. after a quick breakfast following Mass. *Ellen Abell, 367-2665*
- You may "sing along with Mitch" and even sing in the shower. How about singing with the 9:00 choir? *Laura Theby, 367-2665 or laura.theby@stpaturbana.org*
- Wanted: Creative suggestions and practical assistance for the Liturgical Arts Team. Their primary task is to "dress the church" to enhance our worship during special liturgical seasons and events in the life of the parish. *Susan Reese, 344-3414 or susanereese@comcast.net*
- Recipes! Recipes for In Focus! Our readers have asked for low-calorie recipes with few ingredients and easy to prepare. Share those special recipes that have made you the envy of family and friends! *Mary Lou Menches, 344-1125 or mmenches@illinois.edu*



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.



in our parish library

Lent is almost here! If you'd like to add some spiritual readings to your daily routine, the parish library offers many possibilities. Here are just a few:

Here and Now: Living in the Spirit, by Henri Nouwen (248 NOU). Nouwen challenges us to think about living in the present, joy, conversion, suffering, disciplined living, and prayer. His straightforward style, the brevity of these meditations, and his practical statements provide plenty to ponder this Lent.

Living a Gentle, Passionate Life, by Robert Wicks (158 WIC). The author presents a healing life philosophy to help develop a strong inner life. The book emphasizes simplicity and silence. Each chapter has reflections for further consideration.

Psalms for All Seasons, by John F. Craghan (223 CRA). No matter what stage of life you are in at the moment, you will be able to find a psalm that speaks to it. This book looks at 55 psalms and how they address times of life, from "the pits" to times of confidence or praise.

Reaching Jesus: 5 Steps to a Fuller Life, by David Knight (248 KNI). This book suggests five choices to die to ourselves and rise to new life in Christ. Knight offers clear steps to a more meaningful life.

Armchair Mystic: Easing into Contemplative Prayer, by Mark E. Thibodeaux (248 THI). "The armchair in my house is just as capable of being the 'holy ground' of contemplative prayer as the monastery stall of a cloistered church," says the author in his introduction to this helpful book. He offers an excellent, sometimes humorous, introduction to this type of prayer, maybe just the kind of Lenten experience you are seeking.

Hope against Darkness: The Transforming Vision of St. Francis in an Age of Anxiety, by Richard Rohr with John Bookser Feister (234 ROH). Rohr says that by following St. Francis's way of forgiveness and love we can find hope and even change the face of history.

The parish library has a number of other books and pamphlets for Lenten reading. Do stop in and browse.

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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.



Patron Saints for February



Q: Why aren't there any flowers in the church during Lent?

A: Flowers add beauty, sweet scent, and a festive atmosphere to our liturgies. They remind us of God's beauty mirrored in creation.

We're fortunate to have flowers so often, yet they are out of character during Lent. Lent is a time for simplicity. We set aside the things that aren't essential to help us focus on the things that are. When our attention needs to be on the basic questions of our life with God and with one another, anything that is a distraction is set aside.

When Easter comes, however, we celebrate with all our senses: beauty for our eyes, scripture and music for our ears, the splash of baptismal water for our touch, bread and wine for our taste, and of course, the sweet fragrance of flowers.

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

Everybody wins at the Super Bowl Breakfast

Start your Super Bowl Sunday with a hearty breakfast on Feb. 5 in the parish center at the annual Super Bowl Breakfast offered by the Urbana Council of the Knights of Columbus. This fundraiser helps raise money for the Knights' local charitable activities.

Begun in the 1990s, the Super Bowl Breakfast has two teams of Knights competing to see which breakfast entree will prove most popular. Who will prevail: the team serving up fresh, made-to-order omelets with a choice of ingredients, or the team delivering fluffy pancakes accompanied by sizzling sausage links?

Whichever team claims victory, everyone will enjoy a good breakfast, accompanied by coffee, milk, juice, and fresh fruit—and all in support of a good cause. A super way to enjoy Super Bowl Sunday!

Enjoy a night out, on the Knights!

Ladies, don't you deserve a night out? Wouldn't it be great to socialize over some appetizers, then to be seated at a beautifully set table and served a delicious steak or chicken dinner, perhaps drink a little wine, enjoy a sumptuous dessert, and then be entertained by some of the best musical and comedic talent the parish has to offer?

The Urbana Council of the Knights of Columbus certainly thinks so, which is why for more than 25 years they have hosted Ladies Knight Out, their annual event for showing their appreciation for the women of the parish. Knights cook the dinner, serve as waiters, and clean up afterward. Guests are greeted with flowers, and several door prizes are awarded throughout the evening.



In 2011 the Catholic Boys rode the "Peace Train" through the Middle East in their search for the Holy Grail.

As if that weren't enough, guests will be dazzled and delighted by the latest musical revue from The Catholic Boys, a group of talented men from the parish. In recent years, the Catholic Boys have made musical journeys to Branson, Broadway, and around the world, showcasing the many and varied musical and comedic talents of their members. Rumor has it they're staying closer to home this year, with a CSI in our very own parish. Expect them to uncover any number of surprises!

If you're ready for a great night out, this is it. Ladies Knight Out will take place on Saturday, Feb. 18. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are on sale now, in the parish center on Sundays and in the parish office during the week. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Jim Healy coming in March!

Yes, it's early days yet, but you'll want to reserve Saturday, Mar. 10, for Dr. Jim Healy's presentation on "Marriage and the Eucharist," a follow-up to his marriage enrichment presentation at St. Patrick's in 2007. That event was enthusiastically received by over 100 couples and resulted in the parish's popular Great Dates program and the subsequent publication of a book of parishioners' reflections on marriage and stories of spouses' misperceptions and stumblings in getting to know one another. (If you missed it earlier, a few copies of *Fried Chicken and Donuts* may still be available from the parish office.)

A counseling psychologist with a quarter-century of full-time experience working with families, Dr. Healy was honored with the Family Ministry Award from the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers in the year 2000.

Jim was an active member of the young adults group at St. Patrick's and was married here in 1984. He has retained a special feeling for our parish; consequently he plans to waive his usual speaker's fee. Jim has asked that the free-will offerings from participants go towards the St. Patrick's Capital Campaign.

All married couples are invited. The morning (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) includes the "Marriage and the Eucharist" presentation by Dr. Jim Healy and a structured reflection time for couples, concluding with the celebration of the Eucharist.

You'll read much more about this event in the parish bulletin as the time draws near, but do mark your calendars now—you won't want to miss it!



Take a biblical walk through the Mass

Did you realize that almost every part of the Mass finds its inspiration in Scripture? On four Sunday mornings in Lent—Feb. 26 through Mar. 18, from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.—you'll have the opportunity to enrich your experience of the Mass by studying these connections, and come to see the words and gestures of the Mass in a new light. Watch the bulletin for registration information.



Prayer the best medicine

St. Patrick's has a not very visible but an extremely valuable resource, a prayer network called the Prayer Chain. "The greatest thing one person can do for another is to pray for him," writes Corrie Ten Boom.

Is this hard to do? Well, one parishioner who is a member of the Prayer Chain expressed the personal satisfaction she experienced by being able to serve her parish community from her kitchen table. The choice of where and how to pray is made by each person who agrees to pray for others.

Another parishioner, who has relied on the Prayer Chain often, said she felt great relief in knowing that she could call just one person and know that many others would be praying for her intention, regardless how insignificant or how noteworthy it might seem to anyone else, and be assured that her intention is held in confidence by all who receive it.

Whether the need for prayer support is for preparing for an exam, for marriage, for a doctor's visit, for safe travel, for the birth of a child, for relief from tension or stress, for recognizing one's vocation in life, for a family member who is dying, for a friend undergoing surgery, for healing of mind or body or family relationships—whatever the need, just ask to be remembered in prayer by the members of the Prayer Chain.

Would you like to be on the Prayer Chain as one who prays for others in need? You too can serve the parish community from your kitchen table or from your bed or wheelchair. Contact Mary Lou Menches (344-1125, mmenches@illinois.edu) to be added to the Prayer Chain.

To request prayer for a special intention, you may contact any one of the following, who will forward your request to all on the Prayer Chain:

Ann Stokr, 344-4833
 Merdy Smith, 367-6159
 Dianne Gordon, 531-7002
 Teri McKean, 954-1100
 Tyra Quinones, 531-7000
 Mary Grace Bowen, 356-3491
 Mary Lou Menches, 344-1125

Prayer really is the best medicine for every ill in this world of ours!



Dressing the church from page 2

The team has been aided in a very substantial way by members of the Building and Grounds Committee. Tom Korder responded to a call for help by creating a tool for mounting banners, which eliminated the need to use the very tall (and very heavy) ladder. Others have helped considerably by setting up and taking down the Christmas trees and the Christmas greenery, especially the wreaths mounted in high places. Chuck Shaw provided an electrical outlet behind the dais in the sanctuary that has eliminated winding extension cords through the sanctuary to outlets behind closed doors.

The team's currently active members, the ones who come together to share ideas and to help with putting up and taking down, include Marilyn Pollard, Susan Reese (team leader), Mariya and Paula Sturdyvin, and Jan Callahan, with Mary Ann Luedtke continuing to advise and assist in her role as sacristan. Becky Billman now serves in an advisory role, and Mary Lou Menches helps as time permits. The team would welcome parishioners who are willing to share creative ideas and research and to help with turning ideas into reality, in whatever way they are able.

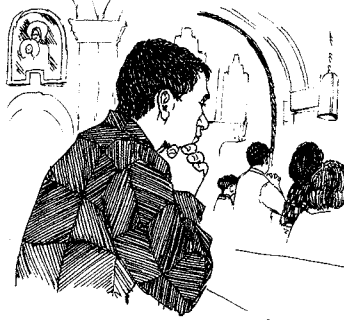
Did you know?

- The Great Depression was a tough time for those who remember it, hard on churches too. In 1932 a house-to-house collection was taken up (for the first and only time) to be used as parish income. Another source of income was pew rent. A family paid a yearly fee for the regular use of a pew at Sunday Mass. On the arm of the pew was a numbered metal tag; the number was also used on the family's church envelope. Pew rent was discontinued in 1935, but parishioners retained its number on their church envelopes.
- The parish library got its start in 1935 with an \$18 purchase of books, which were placed in the church vestibule for parishioners' use. (Our parish library today crowds the shelves in a room named for St. Mark in the classroom wing of the parish center.)
- As of Dec. 31, 2011, pledges from 513 parishioners for the church expansion amounted to \$3,571,047.29. Cash in the building fund totaled \$898,646.05. Based on guidelines from the Diocese of Peoria, when St. Patrick's has \$3.2 million in cash in the building fund and has secured the remaining \$800,000 in pledges, the parish can seek approval from the diocese to begin construction.

Our sick and their caregivers need our prayers

The World Day of the Sick is observed, appropriately enough on Feb. 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is a special occasion to reflect on redemptive suffering, pastoral care, love of neighbor, and respect for human life, and to pray for our sick and their caregivers.

On this day especially, remember to pray for all our sick and their caregivers. Try to find ways you can involve yourself in that care, even if for brief periods of time. Many of our parishioners are chronically or terminally ill, recovering from surgery or disabled, homebound by age or frailty. Many of them are lonely and suffer from the lack of connectedness to our parish community. Pray for them especially on this occasion, but do pray for them often, even daily, for prayer is a great healer of body and spirit.



Here is a prayer to Mary for the sick; perhaps it will help you get started:

*Mary, mother of God and our mother,
be at the bedside of our sick ones:
those who are unconscious and dying,
who have abandoned all hope of a cure,
who weep and cry out in pain,
who have no money for care,
who ought to be resting but must work,
who pass long nights sleeplessly,
who seek in vain for a less painful position,
who know the cares of a family in distress,
who must renounce cherished plans,
those, above all, who do not know that
your son suffered like them and for them.
Bring them ease of body and peace of mind,
secure in the knowledge that they are loved
beyond all measure
by the One who made them.*

Vocation Prayer



Father, Jesus told us the harvest is great but the workers are few. Few and even fewer today, we hear. We can teach our children about you and about your Church, we can visit the sick and the dying, we can share our faith with those who respond to your call to become Catholics, we can encourage those who are drawn to return to your Church, we can nurture a sense of community in our parishes—there is much we can do as lay men and women.

But we need our priests, not only for Mass, Eucharist, and the sacraments, but also for their wisdom, counsel, prayerfulness, and so much else on our journey of faith. Hear our plea, Father: call many young men and women to a life consecrated to your service! Stir their hearts and wills to follow your call. Give them courage and steadfastness in their loving care for us, your people, to see us all safely home with you at the last!

“Death of a Doornail”

Have you ever wanted to attend one of those exciting murder-mystery plays enacted in front of you while you were eating good food? Well, your wish has come true! CREW is putting on a mystery play, “Death of a Doornail,” on Friday, Feb. 3, at 7:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 2:00 p.m. in the parish center.

This play will be presented as a murder-mystery “dessert” theatre. Fittingly, the dessert is a “Death by Chocolate” dessert bar. Wine will be served to adults at the Friday

evening performance.

CREW has organized this production as a fundraiser for this summer’s mission trip to Washington, D.C., July 7-14—their thirteenth mission trip. Tickets for the performance are \$10 for adults and \$5 for teens. There is a family price of \$25 for parents and their children.

“Death of a Doornail” was written by Lee Mueller and is generously sponsored by Owens Funeral Home. There will also be raffle tickets available for a gift basket at each performance. The raffle tickets are \$1 each

or seven for \$5.

The stars of the play are CREW members Mary Campbell, Willie Campbell, Kristin Hammel, Maris Wszalek, Isabella Dallas, Lindsay Vallance, Anne Zola, Grace Rogers, Molly Smith, and Jamie Simmering. They promise a rollicking and delicious production and hope for your attendance.



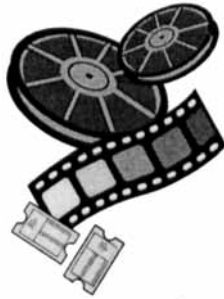
Lenten Film Series focuses on a just society

This year's Lenten Film Series, "Following in the Footsteps of Jesus," will explore Jesus as teacher and Catholic social teaching at work in our world today.

On the Mount of the Beatitudes, Jesus called all of us to a life of service and justice when he taught that we should "do to others what you would have them do to you." *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that we are to build a just society and foster the common good among all God's people.

Through this film study, we hope to understand better the social teachings of Jesus and the Catholic Church. We will also seek to discover, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, how each of us can serve the Lord by creating peace and justice in our world today.

Our Catholic social teachings include: (1) Life and dignity of the human person, (2) Call to family, community, and participation, (3) Rights and responsibilities, (4) Option for the poor and vulnerable, (5) Dignity of work and the rights of workers, (6) Solidarity, (7) Care for God's Creation.



Films and discussion will take place in the multipurpose room on the six Friday evenings of Lent, beginning Feb. 24. The first film will be *In the Footsteps of Jesus: Catholic Social Teaching at Work Today*. (A complete list of films and topics for the remaining Fridays will appear in the March issue of *In Focus*.)

The evenings will follow this format:

6:15 to 6:25	Gather
6:25 to 6:30	Prayer
6:30 to 6:40	Introduction of film and topic
6:40 to 7:40	Film
7:40 to 8:15	Discussion

Although the films are not directed toward young children, everyone is welcome. You may finish your Lenten Supper in the multipurpose room, or bring snacks with you. While all the films will be thematically connected to Jesus as teacher and our Catholic social teachings, each film can be viewed independently.

There will be a short introduction about each of the films on Feb. 24. For those who have been interested in the *JustFaith* program but have not found the time to participate, this is a wonderful opportunity to examine core beliefs about peace and justice. Please come to watch, learn, and share your questions and thoughts about social justice.

St. Ansgar: Passionate but frustrated missionary

The "apostle of the north" had enough frustrations to become a saint—and he did!

Ansgar (801-65) became a Benedictine monk at Corbie, where he had been educated as a young boy. When the king of Denmark became a convert, Ansgar went to that country for three years of missionary work, but without noticeable success.

Sweden asked for Christian missionaries, and Ansgar answered the call, suffering capture by pirates and other hardships on the way. Less than two years later he was recalled to become abbot of New Corbie and bishop of Hamburg.

The Pope made him legate for the Scandinavian missions, funded by the emperor Louis; funds stopped with the emperor's death.

After 13 years' work in Hamburg, Ansgar saw it burned to the ground by invading Northmen; Sweden and Denmark returned to paganism.

Although he had wished to be a martyr, Ansgar died peacefully at Bremen, Germany.

St. Ansgar's biographers remark that he was a builder of schools, an extraordinary preacher, a humble and ascetical priest, and devoted to the poor and the sick, washing their feet and waiting on them at table.

His life is another reminder that God writes straight with crooked lines, that the work of the sower is to sow, not necessarily to reap the fruits of the sowing. We can learn much from St. Ansgar as we set about doing good works!



Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . . Ellen Noonan

Overnight Oatmeal

- 1 c steel-cut oats
- 1 c dried cranberries
- 1 c raisins
- 4 c water
- 1/2 c milk
- 1 t vanilla

In a slow cooker, combine all ingredients and set to low heat. Cover and let cook for 8-9 hours. Works well to cook overnight and have it ready for the morning!

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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!



From Your Parish Nurses



Parishioner Rica Saligan recently completed the Parish Nurse training course sponsored by The Carle Foundation.

The Parish Nurse Dedication Ceremony for Rica's class was held on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church in Urbana. Parish Nurses Lilia Peters, Carolyn Stahl, and Nancy Roth attended the ceremony to celebrate Rica's accomplishment and to welcome her as Parish Nurse for St. Patrick's.

Rica has been a nurse for 24 years and is excited about becoming a Parish Nurse and this new opportunity to be of service to the community. Rica was born and raised Catholic and has been married to Mario Tito for 23 years. They have been blessed with three children: Marc (22), Erika (13), and Mario Rico (11). Please join us in welcoming Rica as a Parish Nurse!



Rica receives her Parish Nurse pin



Parish Nurses (from the left) Carolyn Stahl, Rica Saligan, Lilia Peters, and Nancy Roth at Rica's dedication ceremony

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