

St. Patrick Parish IN FOCUS

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Christ in our messy lives

Of all the ways that God is present in our lives, none deals with the messiness of human life quite the way that the Eucharist does. There's the messiness of distributing Jesus' Body and Blood. He's willing to deal with crumbs and drops. There's the messiness of eating. He's willing to be chewed, digested, and absorbed because this is how he has chosen to sustain our lives.

There's the messiness of sin. He doesn't wait for us to be sinless before he comes; he comes because we are not yet sinless. He knows that we feel the pull of selfishness and greed. He comes to help us acquire a taste for himself.

There's the messiness of our closed hearts. If we were completely open to Jesus, we'd see his love for us in a thousand ways every day.

But we're not that open, so he gives us a sure, touchable, taste-able sign of his love in the Eucharist.

There's the messiness of our disunity. We let ourselves be divided by nation, class, politics, abilities... the list is endless. We overlook the observation that all people, created by God and loved by God, share a

unity that is fundamental. He offers to transform the things that divide us into things that allow us to embrace one another with understanding.

When we eat regular food, it nourishes all parts of

our bodies. We can't direct the nutrients to a particular purpose. When we eat and drink Jesus, he nourishes our bodies, our spirits, our hearts, our families, our communities, and the world. Blessed are those who are called to this supper!



Living Faith: Clothing the Poor

Every Saturday I spend two hours doing some mundane tasks, such as gathering empty hangers, folding t-shirts, or searching clothing for rips and stains. Those two hours are often the highlight of my week.

I am a volunteer in the clothing room at Empty Tomb, a Christian organization that helps the disadvantaged in our community by distributing clothing, furniture, and food to those in need.

All of the items have been donated and are given to others for free "in Jesus' name."

While I enjoy getting the clothing room ready for shoppers, my favorite time is 1 p.m., when I go outside with one of the Empty Tomb staff to welcome the first shoppers of the day. After listening to a list of announcements, each visitor receives a ticket, and numbers are called so that there isn't a mad rush inside. Only 50 people can be admitted to the clothing room at a time, and

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Sue Schreiber

You're invited to WSP's Garden Walk June 24

The Women of St. Patrick are growing...growing annuals, perennials, container arrangements, and blossoming back yards. Expect to see blooms at their best on Sunday afternoon, June 24, 1-4 p.m. on the WSP's second annual Garden Walk. Cost of a ticket and map is \$5 prior to the walk, or \$7 if you wait until you get there. You can buy your ticket after Mass on June 16-17 or 23-24.

Proceeds will go to parishioner Dr. Susan Nagele, Maryknoll lay missionary who works in Africa. With Garden Walk proceeds last year, Susan bought beds for the maternity ward of a hospital she was opening.

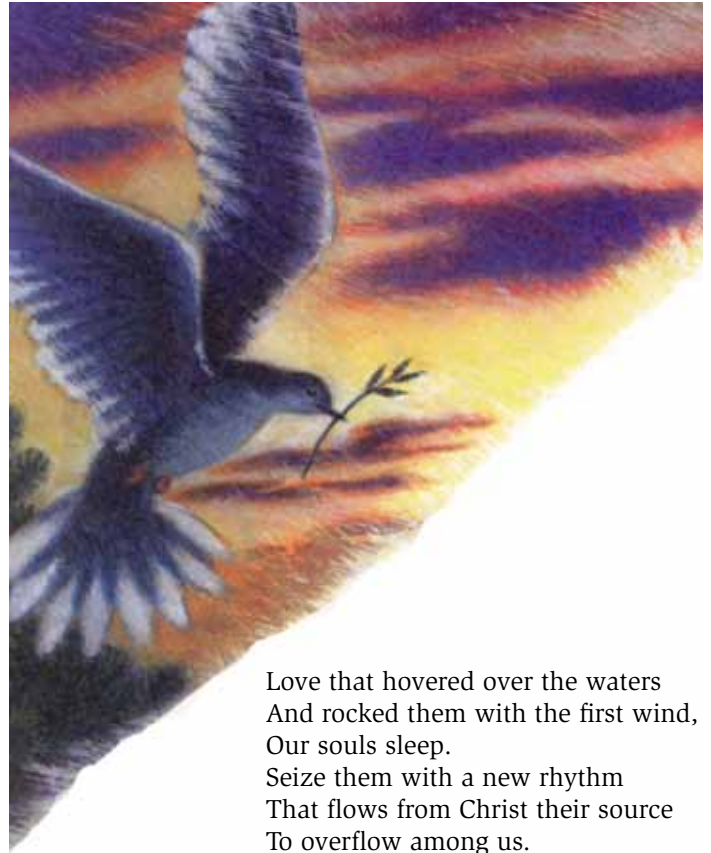
To keep the element of surprise and avoid sneak previews, all WSP can say now about the locations of yards and pots, patios and plots, is that two are in south Urbana just a couple of blocks away from each other, two are in north Urbana a few blocks apart, and two more are in St. Joseph. All can be visited in a short time.

Parking is on the street. Seating will be available for Garden Walkers to rest and enjoy the views of lush gardens. Some places will provide ice water if requested. At each home, the gardener will answer your questions, and a WSP hostess will also be on hand.

Non-gardeners are more than welcome. Come and see what's growing!



Pentecost, 2012



Love that hovered over the waters
And rocked them with the first wind,
Our souls sleep.
Seize them with a new rhythm
That flows from Christ their source
To overflow among us.
You are the voice that groans,
Amid the sorrows of our world,
The name of the Father;
But you are also
The voice that brings his response:
The love of God covers the earth.
Love descending today,
Come stir up the secret waters
Of our baptism,
Which from the death of Jesus Christ
Makes us rise up in his life:
All is love in Love itself.

Prayer for a Prayer Shawl Knitter

God in the clicking of the needles,
God in the yarn,
God in my fingers and hands.
God in the intentions.
God in the ewe.
God in the weaving, for the sake of your peace.
God's Peace in the making
Christ's Peace in the giving
The Spirit's Peace in the receiving.
Amen, Amen, Amen.

—Vicky Dawson

Presenting the 2012-13 Parish Council

In February, the Parish Council accepted four parishioners to serve three-year terms on the Council: Margaret Bronson, Delphine Mulamba, Libby Stubbers, and Mark Sweeney.

After a brief period of orientation, the new members were seated on the Council at the May meeting, and the officers for the coming year were acknowledged: Amy Fahey, president; Oscar Gonzales, vice-president, and Libby Stubbers, secretary.

Council members meet 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 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 2012-13. All will be grateful for your interest, communication on matters

of concern, and (especially) your prayer support.



*Fr. Joe Hogan
Pastor*



*Amy Fahey
2010-13, president*



*Mark Cousert
2010-13*



*Judy Altaner
2010-2013*



*Bridget McGill
2011-14*



*Oscar Gonzalez
2011-14, vice-president*



*Ron Eagan
2011-14*



*Margaret Bronson
2012-15*



*Delphine Mulamba
2012-15*



*Libby Stubbers
2012-15, secretary*



*Mark Sweeney
2012-15*



*Bruce Rogers
2011-16, trustee*



*Ginger Timpone
2008-13, trustee*



in our parish library

The parish library is open on weekdays during office hours; ask for a key at the parish office. Directions for using the computer are posted to help you search for specific books by title or author name, or by subject of interest. Scanning the shelves and looking for subject labels may also prove fruitful in finding just exactly what you want to read next!

Our thanks to Lori Mestre for providing annotated lists of books to help us make our selections. When her successor as parish library coordinator is in place, we hope to resume this practice.



Q: What is a “permanent deacon,” and what is a deacon’s role in the parish?

A: The permanent diaconate was restored by Vatican II. A permanent deacon is in contrast to one ordained as a deacon on the way to being ordained a priest. The applicant for the permanent diaconate must be at least 35 years old and may be married (however, once ordained he may not remarry if his wife dies). His responsibility is to serve the liturgical and other needs of the faithful.

It should be noted that liturgical functions of the deacon, especially at the celebration of the Eucharist, are intended to be a climax and a symbol of the other services he renders to the community outside of the liturgy, something really emphasized in the years of training.

You will have seen St. Patrick’s Deacon Cliff Maduzia functioning as deacon at celebrations of Mass. He has also served as celebrant of the sacrament of baptism and may officiate at marriages, at services for the deceased, and at burial rites. He can serve as celebrant of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, bless religious articles, bless throats on the Feast of St. Blase, and bless and distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday. The deacon may also preach at cele-

brations of the Mass (as Deacon Cliff does occasionally) and at other ceremonies, although this function and the faculty to officiate at marriages must be granted by his bishop.

Many, probably most, permanent deacons receive no regular payment for the services they give. Policies concerning remuneration are established by the diocese and the institution (e.g., the parish) in which the deacon serves.

So you see, the deacon has a special responsibility to the people of his parish. The people of St. Patrick’s have been blessed to have had a resident deacon for more than 40 years. Each one has brought a special charism to his service here. Deacon Cliff, the fourth of our deacons, who celebrated his tenth anniversary of ordination in May, has, in addition to his liturgical service, given his prayerful attention to the needs of the poor and the unemployed. We have yet to learn what charism newly ordained Deacon David Zola will bring to his service of our parish.

Our own responsibility is clear: pray, pray, pray for our ordained priests and deacons!

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

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there are days when there are more than 50 people waiting outside. Those who cannot come in are welcomed back at the 2 p.m. opening, or between 3 and 5 p.m.

The shoppers—of all races and ages—have 40 minutes to make their selections, and then the clothing room closes so that we can restock. It’s slightly chaotic during those 40 minutes as shoppers fill bags with the things they need. Some of the shoppers are impatient and frustrated; others constantly express their gratitude. I’m surprised how often I hear shoppers praising God for all of the blessings in their lives.

I volunteer in the same way that other people garden or knit or play softball. It is my hobby, something I enjoy doing. This is what I choose to do in my spare time, whether it is working in the clothing room at Empty Tomb (my “steady” volunteer job), writing grants, picking up donated food for Daily Bread, repacking bulk foods at the Eastern Illinois Foodbank, or helping people take groceries to their cars at the Wesley Food Pantry. I enjoy the camaraderie with other volunteers and staff, and I enjoy the tasks, which are very different from my “day” job at Parkland College.

I find it extremely satisfying knowing that what I’m doing is helping others and is at least in a small way fulfilling Jesus’ instructions to feed the hungry and clothe the poor.

—Sue Schreiber



Deadline for submission of information, articles and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is June 10.

From Dr. Susan Nagele

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March 2012

To all the good people of St. Patrick,

Greetings to all of you from hot and humid Mombasa. The seasons here on the coast of the Indian Ocean at the equator are opposite from Illinois. While all of you are welcoming the warmer weather of spring we are steaming, sweating, and looking forward to the cooling rains that usually come in April.

A mother recently told me a story that still has me thinking: her 16-year-old son was brought in because he has epilepsy. When he was four he was hospitalized at the provincial hospital in Mombasa, the referral center for 3 million people living on the coast. He had cerebral malaria and was in a coma for a month. The doctor pronounced him dead, removed all the tubes and IV line, and so informed the mother. She begged the doctor to leave the child in the hospital bed while she prayed for him. The doctor agreed and for four days the child continued in coma. On the fifth day he opened his eyes. The mother told the attending nurse, who didn't believe her. The other patients confirmed the mother's story; when the nurse went to see the boy, she called the doctor. He came immediately, saw that the boy was alive, and tore up the old hospital notes. He began IV fluids; on the third bottle the boy began to talk, asking for water to drink.

The boy is now in the second year of high school. He began having seizures last year and came to us looking for medicine because the government doesn't have any.

I suspect that part of the reason this boy was in a coma so long was that he was given too many fluids and his brain swelled. Once the fluids were stopped, the



swelling in his brain decreased and he woke up. But what impresses me the most is the love and determination of the mother. She said she just knew in her heart that her son wasn't dead. That is the kind of love God has for each of us. Despite our faults and failings, God keeps waiting faithfully for us to wake up and truly live the fullness of life.

More than 600,000 people in Kenya live with epilepsy. In February we held a seminar on epilepsy to educate our staffs. There is a lot of stigma for these patients: more than 90% believe epilepsy is caused by curses, or witchcraft, or is a punishment from God. On the coast, epilepsy is usually caused by low oxygen at birth, head injuries, and infections with meningitis and cerebral malaria. People seek treatment from traditional doctors, and children are prevented from going to school. In March we started a new clinic in Kikambala parish for people with epilepsy and saw 22 patients on the first day. We hope to find those with this illness, educate them about the causes, and treat them so that they can live better lives.



Susan at the epilepsy clinic

The health care we provide is increasingly important because the government of Kenya really isn't functioning much at all. According to the new constitution, elections for the President are supposed to be held in August; the electoral commission says it can't be ready by August. No one knows when the next election will be held. Since the Ministries of Public Health and Medical Services aren't able to address a plethora of health care problems, we continue to try to provide good care for those who are most in need. The frustrations and challenges of lack of decent health care have made Lent much more real for many people.

I am planning to return to Illinois in October and spend the holidays with my family. I look forward to seeing many of you then. In the meantime, I hope that Lent has helped each of us open our hearts ever more tenderly to the love of God and the joy of Easter.

*Peace + God Bless,
Susan*

We are grateful for your prayers and financial support. If you would like to know more about Maryknoll Lay Missioners, log onto our website (www.mklm.org) or call toll free 1-800-867-2980.

Holy Cross Happenings

Another school year has come to an end, but plans are already underway for the 2012-13 school year. During the Feast Week in September, celebration of Holy Cross School's 100th anniversary will continue with additional events. Several upgrades to the physical plant are planned for this summer: refinishing the gym floor, updating locker rooms, and upgrading the door security system.

In February, a team from AdvancEd/North Central Accreditation visited the school and performed a quality assurance review. They visited classrooms and spoke with teachers, parents, and students. They reviewed documentation of curriculum, procedures, resources, test results, and lessons. Through this process, Holy Cross School earned AdvancEd/North Central Accreditation, which puts the school on a 5 year track of ongoing school improvement using the AdvancEd/North Central system of standards that define quality practices and conditions that research and best practice indicate are necessary for schools to achieve quality student performance. For additional information about the school's performance, please check the website (www.holycrosselem.org) to view test results under the heading Resources.



Every year, all students in grades 4 and 7 take the Metritech Writing Assessment. Students in grade 4 write a narrative, and students in grade 7 write a persuasive essay. 87% of the 4th-graders scored at or above grade level; 95% of the 7th-graders scored at or above grade level. Scores place Holy Cross School in the top 25% of all the schools in the Diocese of Peoria.

A team of Holy Cross 6th-graders recently competed in an online contest called American Answers, a follow-up to the Quiz Bowl competition that the entire 6th grade took part in earlier this year. Of the 205 teams from 33 states, our team finished 21st out of 165 6th grade teams, and 29th overall.

Our 8th-grade girls track team took 3rd place at the IESA Sectional Track Meet on May 5th; 24 students advanced to the IESA State Track and Field Meet on May 11-12. Nicholas Jackson took 8th place in the 7th-Grade Boys High Jump.

As always, parents are the best ambassadors for Holy Cross School. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to check it out. Applications will be accepted all summer for the 2012-13 school year. Please call the school office (217/356-9521) for further information.

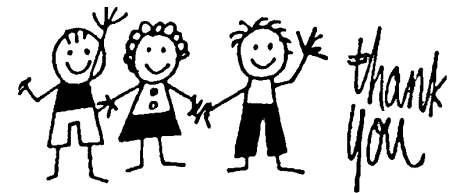
Did you know?

- In 1966 the Altar and Rosary Society (now known as The Women of St. Patrick) began to give freely of their services to families at the death of a loved one by providing them with a luncheon after the funeral. Their compassionate service continues to this day.
- In 1968 the first Cellar-to-Garret Sale was held by the women of the parish (probably assisted by their male counterparts with the heavier tasks of setting up tables and racks). The Sale has continued since as an annual late-summer event and has proved to be a major fundraiser for the parish.
- Dr. Susan Nagele, whom we're pleased to acknowledge as a parishioner of St. Patrick's, will be awarded the AMA Medal of Valor in November. This honor is presented to physicians who "demonstrate courage under extraordinary circumstances in non-wartime situations." (Susan does that, all right!) This award is presented irregularly; it was last presented in 2007. Well done indeed! Congratulations, Susan!

Special volunteer opportunities

• **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*

• Can you help **assemble *In Focus***? To prepare copies for distribution, the color page must be stapled to the black-and-white pages. If you can spare 20 minutes or so on the last Saturday of the month (usually), you'll get a sneak preview of the current issue and enjoy the company of gentle souls. *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.



St. Patrick's Capital Campaign We're getting closer!

Pledged: \$3.5 million
Cash in hand: \$1,152,377

What's needed before we can break ground:
Pledged: \$4.0M
Cash in hand: \$3.2M

Vicky Schmidt on working with Mother Teresa

The Women of St. Patrick will present Vicki Schmidt as guest speaker for an all-parish event, on Monday, June 11, at 6:30 p.m. Her presentation is entitled, "Working with Mother Teresa."

Vicki, who lives in Springfield, Ill., has the credentials to tell us about Mother Teresa. Vicki has been interested in missionary work since her teenage years. When just 24 years old, she spent several months in India and became involved with some co-workers of Mother Teresa. From 1986 through 1995, she met Mother Teresa many times, in the United States and in Europe.

In 1994 Vicki became the founding director of S.A.R.A. Center, an AIDS ministry in Springfield, Ill. Five years later she became the first lay director of Thesians International, and continues in that position presently.

What is Thesians International? Founded in 1961 by Msgr. Elwood C. Voss in Pueblo, Colo., it is named after St. Therese of Lisieux because she was the patroness of the Pueblo Diocese—and because St. Therese developed a simple theology unlike the complex spirituality practiced over the centuries.

Thesians International is a Catholic organization open to all Christian women. There are nearly 2,000 women organized globally into 150 small faith communities. Members are women of all ages, married, single, or vowed religious. It is a women's organization led by those who bond for mutual support and growth. The average size of a Thesian community today is 12-18 members. You can learn more about this organization at www.thesians.org.

Vicki continues to stay in touch with Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity. In her role as director of Thesians International, she also visits the Missionaries of Charity around the world. Yet she still resides in Springfield with "Sufi," her golden retriever.

Thanks be to God for the many gifts that we have received in Fr. Luong Tran:



a kindly man
a soft-spoken gentleman
a priest with a lovely singing voice
a composer of hymns and songs
an expert at tying servers' cinctures
a humble and devoted priest
a priest with a deep love for people
our window to the international Church

May God bless him and bless those he serves in the years to come in his priestly ministry, as God has blessed us through his ministry at St. Patrick's!



You won't want to miss Vicki's interesting presentation on working with Mother Teresa!

Vocation Prayer

*Before I formed you in the womb
I knew you,
and before you were born
I consecrated you.
(Jer. 1:4-5)*

God of new beginnings,
you call us in strange ways,
often disrupting our customary life
to make pilgrimages of faith.
When we hear that call and obey,
sustain and strengthen us
for what lies ahead.

On being a father

“What’s more important Daddy? Soccer, or taking First Holy Communion? Which is a Blessed Sacrament?”

These were the words from my seven-year-old daughter, Madelyn, as we drove into our subdivision. I had been teasing her that she would have to miss her soccer game on the day of her First Communion, and this was her response to set me straight.

Seven years...Had it really been that long since I began my journey into the Catholic Church? Seven years since I took the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and communion—and now we were only weeks away from my little girl sharing in that same faith moment I participated in not that long ago. The same little girl who forced me to look at my life and my commitment to God.

She was born Madelyn Grace McCoy on June 22, 2004, in Springfield, Illinois. She was seven pounds and six ounces of joy that continues to challenge me each and every day to make the right decision. One of those decisions I had to get right was committing myself to a faith. I attended the Assemblies of God and Church of the Nazarene from the time I was born until my junior year in college. Then I met my future wife (Dawn), and we began attending Mass together.

We continued going to church together for the next five years, but when Madelyn was born I knew I needed to make a commitment and join the church. So when we moved to Urbana and started attending St. Patrick’s Church, I decided to take a leap of faith and attend RCIA in the fall of 2004. I was a little scared because I still didn’t know many people at St. Patrick’s, but I knew this was the

right decision for me as a father.

The decision to have another child brought our son Michael into the world. His birth was marked by my getting more involved in parish life at St. Patrick’s. A few months before Michael was born, Father Joe called and asked me to with him. At the meeting, he asked me if I would be interested in helping with RCIA. My shyness made me a little reluctant, but I knew God was providing me an opportunity to do the right thing and become more involved in the parish.

Another opportunity that arose as a result of fatherhood was something I never expected: When my wife was pregnant with Madelyn, I assumed I would look for another teaching job when we moved from Springfield to the Champaign-Urbana area. However, one night my wife brought up the idea of me staying home with Maddy and any future children we might have. At the time, I had no idea that dads, or future dads, actually stayed at home with the kids. Once I told my wife I

grow up each and every day proves each day how lucky I am to do what I do.

I am also very lucky because I have a great father. The word hero is often tossed around way too much in our society, especially when describing celebrities and athletes. However, in the world of Brad Pitt, LeBron James, and Albert Pujols (I’m still trying to forgive him for leaving the Cardinals), my hero has always been my father. He has always believed in me and supported me no matter what. I remember a particularly tough soccer game in high school that we lost by one goal in overtime. After the game, I was tired—tired of losing every game we had played for the past two years—tired of putting in all of the hard work and feeling like it didn’t matter; and tired of criticism from classmates because we lost all of the time. I couldn’t take it anymore, and I just started crying. My dad could tell that I was upset. So when our coach was finished talking to us, my dad walked over to me, put his arms

around me, and held me until I knew everything was going to be all right.

You know, I think this is the father image I will always have. It is an image where our heavenly father wraps his arms around us even when we are at our lowest point. No matter how bad we feel, or what we have done, God is there for us.

Finally, to all of the dads out there, you are doing a great job. That you are reading this means you went to church with your family today, and that is a great thing.

Also, to my kids Michael and Maddy, I love you both so much. If life ever gets too hard, just reach out and Daddy will be there to give you a hug.

—Jon McCoy



Jon with Maddy and Michael

would stay home, I can honestly say that I made one of the better decisions in my life. Being able to take my kids to school, playing board games and putting together puzzles with Michael, or just seeing them

St. Mary's gift to St. Patrick's: Parishioners!

The history of St. Mary's Parish would not be complete without an acknowledgment of its role in the founding of a new parish to serve the residents of Urbana. It was, after all, members of St. Mary's who left their home parish in 1901 to found the parish named for St. Patrick by its founding pastor, Fr. John H. Cannon. Although we don't have all of their names, these families form the link between our two parishes. What were their countries of origin, when did they come to Champaign County, and what drew them here?

In St. Patrick's Centennial Journal is a copy of a list of early parishioners, followed by a dollar amount presumed to be the donations of our founding families to the construction of the church in 1901.

Dorothy Hudson's father, Oscar Hudson, and two other members of the Hudson family are listed as giving sizable donations for that time. The Hudson family came from England and settled in Ohio and Indiana. In the 1850s they moved to rural Champaign County, where Dorothy Hudson Lierman's grandfather built a farm of 360 acres near St. Joseph. Her maternal grandfather brought his family from Ireland seeking work on the railroad. Dorothy's parents, Oscar Hudson and Katherine Mullen, were born and raised in Urbana and attended St. Mary's Church

until St. Patrick's Church was built. In 2001, Dorothy shared a childhood memory of riding a car with side curtains, the family huddled together covered by lap robes.



The Roger Tyrell family: Ruth Shaw, "Rog," Tom, "Lottie," and Dorothy Freehill

The Michael McDonough family immigrated to America in 1860, probably through the port of New Orleans. Their son, Thomas Michael, the eldest of five children, was born in County Clare in 1856. The family settled in Memphis, Tenn., and later moved to Mattoon.

By that time, Michael and his sons, Thomas Michael and John, worked for the railroad. While traveling as part of his work as a blacksmith, Thomas Michael met Bridget Griffin in Litchfield, where they were married in 1884. They lived in Nebraska for a time, then in Litchfield and Mattoon before settling in Urbana around 1895. Of their ten children, three died very young and their oldest son died during World War I. Their third child, daughter

Charlotte ("Lottie") married Roger Tyrell at St. Patrick's in 1911. Their ninth child, Thomas, born in Urbana in 1899, was the father of our own Tom McDonough.

Enter the Tyrells: Roger's parents, Thomas Tyrell, born in 1850 in County Meath, and Catherine McGrath, born in 1851 in County Cork, immigrated to the U.S. from Ireland. They lived in Urbana all their married life and were first-genera-

tion members of St. Patrick's. Roger was their fifth child. He and Lottie McDonough had seven children, but only three survived: Dorothy, 1912-98, Ruth, born in 1918, who married Albert Shaw, and Thomas Joseph, 1921-95.

Ruth and Albert were married in 1940 and had eight children, several of whom, with their children, are very active current members of our parish: Chuck and Connie Shaw, Kathy and Dan McKenzie, Chris Langendorf, and Tom and Sandy Shaw.

The Conerty family members trace their heritage back to Hugh Conerty, who served as a Sergeant in Company 1 of the 25th Illinois infantry in the Civil War. Hugh Conerty, who donated the stained glass window of the Sacred Heart, died in 1908. Hugh's son, James P. Conerty, received his First Communion at St. Mary's Church and was confirmed there in 1879. He was a founding member of St. Patrick's and the donor of the Host and Chalice window in the church. James P. married Carrie Hud-



Hugh and Helen Conerty on their wedding day, September 1, 1931

son Conerty in the mid-1890s. Their eight children were born on a farm in Somer, northeast of Urbana. Their youngest child, James Cummings Conerty, was born on May 13, 1915, just two months after the death of his father, James P. Conerty. Jim C. Conerty married Elizabeth (Betty) Marriott in 1940 at St. Patrick's.

Betty also grew up northeast of Urbana and attended Somer School. Her grandmother, Anna Marie Zeigler, was born in Nonneweier, Baden, Germany, in 1857, and came to America when she was eight years old. She married Robert Taffender Burnett in 1882, and they raised their nine children on their farm. Betty's mother was Susie Bur-



Thomas McDonough and Bridget Frances Griffin on their wedding day, August 26, 1884

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nett. Betty's father, Oscar M. Marriott, was the son of Oscar Thompson Marriott and Henrietta Hill. He had three brothers and three sisters.

After working at Sackett's Furniture Store, Jim Conerty started farming in 1942. He lost his left hand in a corn picker accident that same year. He farmed the George Pfeffer Farm from 1945 to 1985. In the latter years he was helped by their son, Michael. Betty and Jim had four children: the late Connie Sue (Armstrong) Difanis, James Thomas Conerty, Elizabeth Ann (Beth) Anderson, and Michael Roger Conerty. All four attended St. Mary's School and graduated from Urbana High.

Beth Anderson's childhood memories at St. Patrick's are of security, of loving caring Christian people gathered to worship together. "My parents had a strong belief that a child's first outing into the world was their baptismal day. I guess they felt that you must be right with our Lord before all other things could fall into place.

"We always attended Sunday Mass at either 6 or 7:30 a.m., never later than 9 a.m. The rule in our house was that if you missed church on Sunday, you didn't get to do anything else that day."

The importance of Sunday Mass was a tradition in the Conerty family: the Conerty grandparents, James and Carrie and their eight children traveled by horse and buggy to Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's, about an hour's ride from their home.

This devotion to church was a hallmark of all our founding families. But lest we give you the impression that all of our founding families were of Irish extraction, next time we will share the stories of a few families whose heritage is rooted in other parts of the world.

From Your Parish Nurses Stuffee enjoyed visitors at the Health Fair

The Parish Nurses would like to thank all those who visited their Health Fair on April 22. Many parishioners took advantage of the medical screening, offered by IMSS, which included a check of cholesterol and glucose levels. Other popular offerings included educational resources related to the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse, provided by a specialist in this field, and healthy lifestyle information provided by Walgreen's pharmacy.

Our young parishioners enjoyed getting to know "Stuffee" (borrowed from Carle Hospital) which helps children learn about nutrition and basic anatomy. It looks as though Stuffee had a good time, too.



Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . . Mary Karten

Knox Blocks

- 3 3-oz boxes of Jello
- 4 packets of Knox gelatin
- 2 T lemon juice
- 3 c boiling water
- 1 c warm tap water



Dissolve Jello in the boiling water. Dissolve gelatin in warm tap water; stir in the lemon juice. Add gelatin mixture to dissolved Jello and mix well. Pour into 13 x 9 pan or glass casserole dish, and refrigerate several hours till hard. Cut into squares.

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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!

What's next for St. Patrick's graduates?

On May 5, St. Patrick's graduating eighth- and twelfth-graders were honored at the 5 p.m. Mass, which was followed by a special dinner for the graduates and their families.

The 2012 Fr. Charles Martell Scholarships, sponsored by the Urbana Council of the Knights of Columbus, were awarded that evening to **Caroline Koch, Kyle Ritten, Michael Wagner, Patrick Wagner, Alyanna Balanay, and Tate Long.**

8th-Grade Graduates, New CREW Members

Isabella Dallas (Edison Middle School) will attend Centennial High School this fall. She is looking forward to meeting new friends and joining the theater program.

John D'Andria (Urbana Middle School) will move on to Urbana High School. He is looking forward to playing on the high school tennis team.

Jacob Rajlich has finished his sub-freshman year at University Laboratory High School and will take up the high school classes this fall. He is truly looking forward to the more advanced classes.

Luke Zola (Franklin Middle School) will attend Centennial High School this fall. He is looking forward to music classes.

12th Grade Graduates, Retiring CREW Members

Alyanna Balanay (Urbana High School) will begin study toward a degree in Nursing at Parkland College this fall.

Angela Bronson (Centennial High School) will participate in the Young Adults program at Parkland College this fall.

Mikhaela Eveland (Urbana High School) will be attending Eastern Illinois University, where she plans to study Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine.

Chris Fowler (Centennial High School) is currently pursuing employment in the Champaign-Urbana area.

Hannah Graham (St. Joseph-Ogden High School) will be going to college this fall to study Physical

Therapy and to run track and field.

Emily Griswell (St. Joseph-Ogden High School) will begin study in Elementary Education at Parkland College this August.

Caroline Koch (Champaign Central High School) will study Kinesiology at Iowa State University.

Jarred Koerner (The High School of St. Thomas More) will attend Murray State University in Kentucky. He will major in Biology and Pre-med—and run cross-country.

Will Laumann (The High School of St. Thomas More) will enter the General Studies program at Parkland College this fall.

Tate Long is finishing at Champaign Central High School. He plans to attend DePaul University, where he will study Economics.

Kyle Ritten (Champaign Centennial High School) will study Radiation Therapy at North Central College.

Michael Wagner (The High School of St. Thomas More) will study Biology at Millikin University.

Patrick Wagner (The High School of St. Thomas More) will study Chemistry at Illinois State University.

Sarah Zola (Champaign Centennial High School) is going to Miami of Ohio University, where she will study Clinical Psychology.

Congratulations and the best of luck to all our graduates! God's blessings on you all!

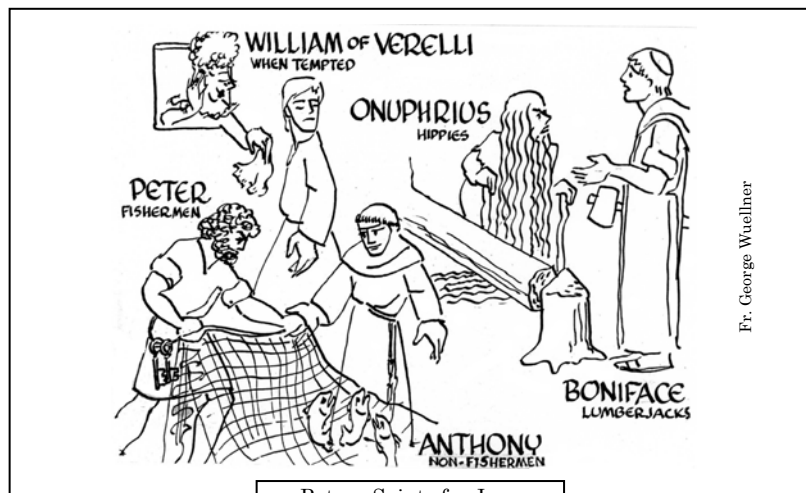
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