

# St. Patrick Parish IN FOCUS

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## Jesus, Emmanuel, does nothing halfway

How are things in your family this Christmas? Is everyone healthy, happy, financially secure, and loving? If not, read on.

If there is any destructive gossip in your family, ask yourself how many relatives of Mary and Joseph received a visit from an angel to tell them that this child was the son of God. If your family is divided by politics, remember that the holy couple was far from home because Caesar felt a need to count his subjects. If your family is divided by distance, think of how Mary must have

wished for her mother the night she gave birth. If you are a political refugee, remember that Jesus' family was forced to flee for their lives to Egypt. If you have lost your job or your home,

consider that Joseph had to leave his livelihood for all that time.

Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-Us, wants to be with us, and he does nothing halfway. He could have come to a life of ease and privilege as an honored teacher. Instead, he came to a people under the thumb

of a conqueror, to a world of pain and hunger, heat and cold, and more than the usual amount of human ugliness. He came because nothing could keep him away. He came because he loves us.

He loves us still, he is with us still, and nothing can keep him away. Whatever tensions, dangers, and hardships you are dealing with right now, he is with you. Whatever may be dividing your family or community, he is with you. If your life of faith is not as strong as it could be, he is with you.



look for wholeness in all the wrong places. He came to show us how to receive the gift of God's love and to live it out, not in a faraway, someday heaven, but here and now.

Jesus came to where we are, because we are here, and because he loves us.

Jesus didn't come because we are holy, and peaceful, and worthy of his presence. He came because we are none of these things, because we are sinful, and careless, and

## Living Faith: Bringing health and healing

I am a family physician and Maryknoll Lay Missioner. I list these points in that order because



I became a physician first. I had done volunteer work overseas before medical school, and those experiences helped me to choose my specialty, family medicine. I suspected that I would go to other countries to practice and would need a broad education to serve their needs.

When I was completing my residency in family medicine in 1984, I decided to follow my dream of working with people of another culture for several years. I knew that I would need support from other people with similar ideas. I also wanted to work through the Catholic Church because I was born into this faith and had grown into making my

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## It was a splendid affair!

The Cookie and Basket Sale, sponsored by the Women of St. Patrick and now in its 11th year, brought parishioners in droves to review tempting treats and potential gifts. Parishioners crowded the tables in the parish center, looking for cookie specialties and baskets made up on stated themes—after all, Christmas was coming, and what better time to pick up something special for those on a gift list?

Along one side of the hall, tables were filled with tempting displays of many different kinds of decorated cookies. Parishioners could buy the piece to fill a Christmas container, or buy a plate of delicious-looking treats, already wrapped for giving. Across the hall were tables crowded



In the center of the room were round tables on which were displayed numerous items for silent bidders' consideration. One tempting piece included a display of place settings in an attractive pattern. And those who knew and loved Sophia Ziegler, now living near family in Pennsylvania, coveted the aprons remaining from the hundred she stitched and donated last year.

Rumor has it that this year's sale netted about \$1800 for the Women of St. Patrick, who generously apply their funds to discerned needs of the parish.

Thank you to all who baked, to all who donated or prepared such imaginative gift baskets, to all the gracious ones who helped indecisive purchasers, to all who gave their time to set-up and cleanup—and to those who couldn't resist that cookie, Christmas pillow, gift basket, or special display item for bid. Each and every one of you contributed to the success of this holiday event!

Come again next year!



with baskets, some large, some small, each containing imaginative items on a theme.

Across the back of the hall were several beautiful items waiting for silent bidders—including a Christmas train that would grace any mantel or table!



## An evening with Dr. Susan Nagele

St. Patrick Parish welcomed parishioner Dr. Susan Nagele back for a visit on Nov. 28. The evening began with a chili dinner provided by the Women of St. Patrick. WSP board member Norma Gremer had



suggested a "chili toss," so each board member prepared a batch of chili using her own recipe, then all the batches were combined into one. About 75 parishioners enjoyed a bowl or two of the resulting chili



with crackers, cheese, sour cream, or onions, followed by some mighty tasty desserts.

Then Dr. Susan Nagele updated parishioners on the work she has been doing in Kenya. She says that in recent years she is doing less treating of patients and more training of other healthcare workers and helping those who are setting up clinics. The slides she showed gave a glimpse into the many aspects of her work and experiences in and around Mombasa. There were views of places, such as a small clinic near the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro; a vast and crowded neighborhood of very poor people in Mombasa, called "Bangladesh"; a surprisingly

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## CREW presents “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”

On Jan. 25 and 27, CREW will present two performances of Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” for the parish. (Their version is judiciously edited to be family friendly.) The Friday, Jan. 25, performance is at 7:00 p.m. and will include a “Midsummer” feast of grapes, cheese and crackers, wine, and chocolates. The Sunday, Jan. 27, performance is at 2:00 p.m. and will include a raffle of beautiful baskets containing appropriate goodies on the following themes: “Date Night,” “I Love Shakespeare,” and “Romancing the Night Away.”

Tickets for each performance are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and \$25 for an entire family. Don’t be “dead as a doornail” this January—bring “dreamy” excitement into your life! You had best mark your calendar now for one or both of these performances!



## Youth Forum returns to St. Patrick

At 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 6, a Youth Forum for all parishioners will be presented. This forum is sponsored by CREW, Vivo, the Peace and Justice Ministry Team, and the Women of St. Patrick. Its purpose is to give several young adults an opportunity to speak to teens and parishioners about how they have been living the Catholic values taught to them at St. Patrick.

The young-adult presenters include Cora Freidhof, Anna Mayer, Jon Paul Youakim, and others. Each will each speak for about ten minutes, introducing themselves and describing the activities in which they were involved at St. Patrick. They will give examples from their own lives of the compassion and caring, peace-making, and justice-building they have witnessed or experienced since their graduation from high school, as well as the social-justice activities they have participated in at institutions of higher education. They will then explain how their choice of a career facilitates a continuation of working for peace and justice.

Come to hear how these young adults from our parish are living out their faith. Their witness can be a great inspiration to all of us, perhaps helping us to see how we ourselves can better live out our faith.

### Prayer for Christian Unity

Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one, we pray to you for the unity of Christians, according to your will, according to your means. May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sin, and to hope beyond all hope.

## Special volunteer opportunities

- Who sets out hosts and wine for Sunday Mass—the priest? No! Parishioners just like you do this! Currently there is real need for a parishioner (or a parishioner couple) **to set up for the 7:30 Mass** once or twice a month. If you’ve ever wanted a very special way to serve your parish priests and people, this is it! *Mary Lou Menches, 344-1125 or [mmenches@illinois.edu](mailto:mmenches@illinois.edu)*

- Catholic patients at Carle Hospital rely on St. Patrick’s **pastoral care ministers** for Holy Communion. Parishioners bring Jesus every day to the sick, the anxious, the dying, to those awaiting or recovering from surgery, to the young and the elderly, to all who hunger for the Bread of Life and the consolation of Jesus’ presence. Can you help to satisfy this hunger just one day a month? *Kathy Jobin, [kathyjobin@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyjobin@yahoo.com) or 359-7751*

- Parishioners who are able to assist with **funeral liturgies** are needed. What do they do? Those who participate in the Ministry of Consolation welcome family and friends of the deceased as they arrive, provide worship aids, and help those unfamiliar with the church facilities. They also participate in the funeral Mass, praying for the deceased and the bereaved—a compassionate ministry indeed! *Nancy Olson, [nancybolson@gmail.com](mailto:nancybolson@gmail.com) or 359-6424*



*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](mailto: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

Happy New Year! The beginning of a new year is a wonderful thing. It is a time for us to reflect on the joys of the past year, not only its woes and problems. It is a time to rethink our relationship with God and renew our promise to live as God would have us live. These books in our parish library may help us with that.

- **Everyday Simplicity**, by Robert J Wicks. God is present everywhere, no matter where we are or what we're doing. Our search for spiritual life does not come from somewhere we have never heard of in some far-off land. It is accessible to anyone at any time. We simply have to take the time to seek God and listen to God's plans for us, not necessarily our own. Call number 248 Wic.
- **Seasons of Strength**, by Evelyn and James Whitehead. This book focuses on Christian adulthood as an attempt to re-envision, to see anew, the patterns of power, confidence, and loss that shape maturity. This effort is guided by two ideas, or better, images that have long been central in Christian spirituality: vocation and virtue. The goal is to befriend these images, to rescue them from narrow interpretations that have weakened each, and to recover their power to illuminate our adult journey with God. Call number 248 Whi.
- **The 7 Secrets of Successful Catholics**, by Paul Wilkes. Have you ever known a successful Catholic, someone whose faith provides a solid, sturdy framework upon which to base their lives? This framework inspires them and helps them reflect on who they are and what's important in life. Wilkes provides a way to discover the secrets of this framework, helping anyone to become a successful Catholic. Call number 248 Wil.
- **Seeds of Sensitivity: Deeping Your Spiritual Life**, by Robert J Wicks. In this ever-busy, often seemingly harsh world, sensitivity is a virtue that is essential to becoming a caring, compassionate person. Wicks includes insights from contemporary psychologists and spiritual writers, as well as his own experiences as a therapist, inviting us to commit ourselves 3-fold: in self, others, and God. Call number 248 Wic.
- **A Tree Full of Ordinary: Seeing the Holy in the Ordinary**, by Macrina Wiederkehr. This book is a personal invitation from God to stop, look, and listen. Every day, everything, everyone is a blessing and a miracle from God. We must take the time to realize this and praise God for all of the riches he has given us. Call number 248 Wie.

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*The parish library is available on weekdays during office hours; ask for a key at the parish office. It is also open on fourth and fifth Sundays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. If you need help, our Parish Librarian, Megan Raab (mer1987@sbcglobal.net), will be happy to assist you. Scanning the shelves and looking for subject labels may also prove fruitful in finding something you'd enjoy reading.*

### Vocation Prayer

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I consecrated you.*

—Jeremiah 1:4-5

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



Q: In the vestibule of the church, there is a lectern with a book on it where people sometimes write names.

What is this book?

A: When you attend Mass, you may notice that during the Prayers of the Faithful we pray for "the intentions we have marked in our Intentions Book." The notebook on the lectern in the vestibule is our Intentions Book.

The Intentions Book is a place where we can write our intentions for prayers. These may be prayers for general needs, such as for peace in the world, for those suffering from natural disasters, or for a bountiful harvest to be shared equitably with all in need.

We may write our intentions for prayer for individuals: for example, the name of a person who is ill, having surgery, looking for employment, having a baby, going through difficult times, or for whom for any reason we would like to request prayers. If the prayer is for a person who has died, it is customary to mark a small cross in front of the person's name.

Only the name of the person to be prayed for should be written in the Intentions Book, not the reason why they need prayer or the name of the person writing the intention.

All parishioners are welcome to write their prayer requests in this book, reassured to know that these intentions will be remembered specifically during the Prayers of the Faithful.

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



Deadline for submission of information, articles and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is **January 13.**

## Youngsters encounter their “Prodigal Father”

On Nov. 26, children from the St. Patrick’s religious education programs in Urbana and St. Joseph, along with their families, took part in the sacrament of Reconciliation. The event was a culmination of many weeks of study where the children learned about everything from the Ten Commandments and how they can guide our lives, to the parable of the Prodigal Son, which shows God’s love and forgiveness for us. In addition, the children attended a three-hour retreat on Nov. 11, which prepared them for their First Reconciliation.

The service itself began with the assembly singing “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light,” followed by a homily given by Fr. Joel Phelps that was centered on the parable of the Prodigal Son. He pointed out that the relationship of the father and son in the parable was much like our relationship with God, and that even though sin separates us from God, we can still be reconciled and repair that relationship.

After the homily, the assembly

Carmen Arana  
 Teddy Arana  
 Miriam Arend  
 Jose Luis Beuschlein  
 Chloe Briskin  
 Hang Bui  
 Hong Bui  
 Jacquelyn Bui  
 Jennifer Bui  
 Jacob Cooley  
 Tuong Dang  
 Vigo Etshitshi  
 Mary Fraley  
 Haylen Handal  
 Alana Hoye  
 Isaac Juarez  
 Emily Leininger  
 Jacob McArthur  
 Margaret Messner  
 Jack Minor  
 Jemima Nzeza  
 Jean Bruno Omanga  
 Marie Louis Omanga



was led in a responsorial examination of conscience followed by praying the Act of Contrition and the Our Father.

For Reconciliation, there were six stations where children and their families could receive the sacrament. One by one, each child and his or her family went to a station, where they were blessed by a priest. The participating priests for this ceremony included Fr. Joe Hogan, Fr. Dennis Spohrer, and Fr. Joel Phelps, assisted by Msgr. Ketcham of St. John’s Newman Center, Msgr. Ramer of Our Lady of the Lake in Mahomet, and Msgr. Hallin, retired. After the blessing, the child

went in to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. When finished, the child lit a candle to signify his or her light shining in this world.

After a time of reflection and prayer, each child and family retired to the parish hall, where the child received a First Reconciliation certificate, bookmark, and book.

Pray for these youngsters, who have taken a significant step in their young Catholic lives.

Alyssa Acton  
 Owen Ashbrook  
 McGwire Atwood  
 Will Childers  
 Emily Elsbernd  
 Joe Gherna  
 Aidan McCorkle  
 Collin Livesay  
 Jack Robertson  
 Madeline Royer  
 Emma Rydell  
 Kirsten Schaefer  
 Emma Ward  
 Maggie Ward  
 Austin Perez  
 Scott Perez  
 Armando Rodriguez  
 Oliver Rund  
 Wade Schact  
 Patrick Sweeney  
 Hank Thomas

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cheerful-looking clinic for AIDS patients that had been created out of a shipping container; and a gorgeous sunrise over the ocean, the like of which gilds the start of the day for everyone, both health-care workers and those in need of treatment.

Other photos showed people she works with: Kenyan nurses, other lay Maryknoll missionaries, and priests from both Europe and Kenya, as well as people she and they serve. Unforgettable were a heartbreakingly malnourished toddler, an otherwise healthy baby sick with the measles, children orphaned by the AIDS epidemic, and an entire family—father, pregnant mother, and several small children—all traveling on one motorcycle the several miles to a clinic where the mother’s condition would be checked.

Susan spoke of the difficulties and frustrations of her work, but also the many inspiring aspects. She showed pictures of an old preschool that was beautifully renovated into a clinic. Although there are still missionaries coming from overseas, she says that an increasing number of Kenyan missionaries are serving to improve conditions for people in their country.

After 28 years as a Maryknoll Lay Missionary, Susan expects to renew her commitment yet again—when does one say “enough” to God?

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## Journey of the Magi

By T. S. Eliot

“A cold coming we had of it,  
Just the worst time of the year  
For a journey, and such a long journey:  
The ways deep and the weather sharp,  
The very dead of winter.”  
And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,  
Lying down in the melting snow.  
There were times we regretted  
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,  
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.  
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling  
And running away, and wanting their liquor and women,  
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,  
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly  
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:  
A hard time we had of it.  
At the end we preferred to travel all night,  
Sleeping in snatches,  
With the voices singing in our ears, saying  
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,  
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;  
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,  
And three trees on the low sky,  
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.  
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,  
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,  
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.  
But there was no information, and so we continued

And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon  
Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,  
And I would do it again, but set down  
This set down  
This: were we led all that way for  
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,  
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and  
death,  
But had thought they were different; this Birth was  
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.  
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,  
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,  
With an alien people clutching their gods.  
I should have been glad of another death.



### Did you know?

- In 1976, following the directives of Vatican II, a major renovation of the church was undertaken. The original main altar and reredos (a decorated screen behind the altar) were removed, replaced by a free-standing altar that allows the priest to preside at Mass facing the assembly.
- In 1978 the practice of offering Communion from the cup at Mass was approved, as well as the use of laypersons trained to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion in distributing the Eucharist at Mass, hospitals, and nursing homes, and to shut-ins.
- In the 1970s the parish's strong program of religious education for parishioners of all ages was augmented by introduction of the RCIA program for adults seeking to become Roman Catholics. St. Patrick's continues to make a strong commitment to religious education: In the Nov. 2012 financial report to the parish, the operating budget for fiscal year 2012-13 allocates \$281,735 for various components of the religious education program, about a third of the overall budget of \$827,935.

# St. John Bosco, magician and teacher of the young

The boy John Bosco could walk a tightrope, and he learned to juggle and do magic tricks to amuse his widowed mother. Born in 1815 to farmhands in the Italian countryside, his work as a shepherd boy gave him no time or money for study and little time for play. The parish priest gave him some instruction and no doubt inspired his vocation. He left home at twelve and worked at many jobs until a priest helped him to enter a seminary.

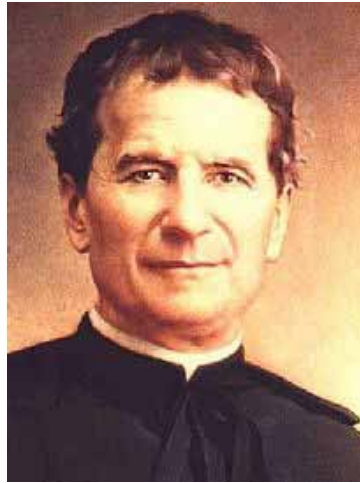
In the seminary he still knew how to have fun. He could amuse and amaze his fellows by making red and white wine flow from the same bottle, or produce two dozen eggs from someone's pocket.

Ordained in 1835, Don Bosco (in Italian, "Don" is used as a title of respect) was stationed in the city of Turin. He saw the poverty and hardship of his early life repeated in the lives of homeless and delinquent boys in the streets of Turin. He befriended one, then another, until he had a group of followers. Trying to teach them to love virtue, he found that kindness and gentleness, plus an occasional magic show, worked better than threats of punishment. He called the growing group an Oratory, dedicated it to his favorite saint, St. Francis de Sales, and emphasized the importance of prayer.

Don Bosco struggled to find places for the boys to study and play. He was criticized, called a revolutionary, and even shot at, but with the help of other priests he kept on. From a start with one boy in 1835, with 20 in 1842, he had 400 by 1846, including older boys who studied technical subjects and trades. He formed a group of Sisters, the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, to teach girls.

The Oratory grew into the Congregation of St. Francis de Sales. Nowadays, priests who are members have S.D.B. after their names, meaning Salesian of Don Bosco. They teach using his methods, called the "preventive system," employing reason, religion, and kindness, plus music and games, in 130 countries.

St. John Bosco's feast is celebrated Jan. 31. He is the patron of boys, apprentices, editors, and magicians.



The Art Department at The High School of St. Thomas More will once again raise funds to help fight hunger in our community. In January, art students, Art Club members and others will make ceramic soup bowls for use at the Art Department's annual Empty Bowl Supper on Thursday, Feb. 7.

The bowls will be sold during the supper for a \$10 donation, and the purchaser will receive a simple but tasty meal of soup (provided by Desthil Restaurant and Brew Works), bread, and dessert. The bowl will go home as a reminder of all those in the world who are hungry.

You can support the event simply by enjoying a meal for the \$10 donation and taking home the bowl of choice. Mark your calendars now.



Patron Saints for January

Fr. George Wuellner





## Holy Cross Happenings



It was quite the first quarter at Holy Cross School. The celebration of the school's 100-year anniversary of founding concluded in September with a "hot dog day" and

an invitation to all past graduates to return for the festivities.

Several St Patrick's parishioners made the Holy Cross School first-quarter Honor Roll: Highest Honors went to Justin Smith, Rachel Loftus, Hannah Niccum, Jessica Hood, Brianna Hopper, Maris Wszalek, and Ethan Smith. High Honors were awarded to Nate Baker, Luke Herzog, Lisa Altaner, Mary Agor, Van Gundersen, Elie Nyembo, and Shelby Turner. And Honors were received by Josie Kuenning, Connor Whittington, Kyle Rasmussen, and Nicholas Jackson. Congratulations, one and all, on this recognition of your

hard work and good study habits!

The second quarter saw the annual saints parade for All Saints Day, had the entire school honor our veterans on Nov. 13, and saw the girls' seventh-grade basketball team win their IESA regional game over Beament Middle School although losing Sectionals to Schlarman Academy on Nov. 28.

The school's Christmas programs were held Dec. 5 for kindergarten through fourth grade, with the students playing roles in the Nativity play. Fifth- through eighth-graders held their chorus and band programs on Dec. 6.

In the next issue of In Focus, look for information on Catholic Schools Week which will be observed from Jan. 27 to Feb. 2.



*Congratulations to seventh-grade Girls' Regional Champs!*



*The school honored Holy Cross veterans.*



*These young men and women received First Quarter Highest Honors.*



*Can you identify the saints these fourth-graders represent?*



## From Dr. Susan Nagele

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Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings from Urbana, Illinois, where I am spending the holidays with my family. It has been a good year—as you can see with this picture, we have added the Klueg family to our Maryknoll family in Mombasa. They arrived in August. Curt will be working in prison ministry, and Anita is doing pastoral work in St. Martin's parish. She has also been chosen to be our new Kenya regional coordinator. The girls were both born in Mombasa during their first contract in 2003. We are truly blessed to have them all back with us.

In January I used mission money to help the Archdiocese sponsor a conference to educate our staff about the diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy. Kikambala Dispensary started a new monthly clinic for epilepsy in March.

In February I attended a conference with five other diocesan staff on Palliative Care in Nairobi. The coastal region has a population of 3.3 million people, but there is no doctor who specializes in cancer diagnosis or treatment. We are working to begin screening programs for early diagnosis of cancer of the breast and cervix. With many people living with HIV, the rate of cancer is increasing due to suppression of the immune system. Judy is a hospice nurse and has taught her staff how to provide good comfort care for people in the dying process. This is a very new concept here.

Many of you have heard that I received the Medal of Valor from the American Medical Association last month. I am grateful to Dr. Richard Scarnati, a longtime supporter of our work, for making my nomination by telling our story. I traveled to Hawaii with seven of my family members to receive the award, and we had a wonderful four-day vacation on the island of Oahu. I also saw the work of the Maryknoll Sisters through Sr. Joan Chatfield, MM. They are celebrating their 100-year jubilee this year and are renowned for their ministry of education throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

Most of my family came together for Thanksgiving. Dad is in a care home, and we visited him in small groups so as not to overwhelm him. Mom is still in the family home; we sit in front of the fireplace each night reflectively making our way through the Advent season.

Kenya is always in our prayer as it prepares for presidential elections next March. There have been reoccurring violent incidents involving bombings of churches and restaurants. Not much has changed since the violence that occurred after the last elections in 2008. Despite the many difficulties here in the U.S., we were able to vote without fear and we continue to be able to choose our leaders peacefully. I plan to return to Kenya on January 10 and ask that each of you pray with us for peaceful elections in Kenya.

I wish for each of you and your family the excitement that comes with the birth of every baby, even more so with the birth of Jesus. May he bring you peace, comfort, joy, and many blessings in the New Year.



*Susan, Curt, Rehema, Mary, Judy, Bethany, and Anita*

*Peace + God Bless,  
Susan*

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own conscious decision to follow this religious tradition. At that time, the only group that gave lay people a vocational role in cross-cultural mission was Maryknoll. I applied and was accepted to the Lay Mission Program for a period of four years.

Over the years I found myself growing more and more in both my faith and my profession. People of different cultures have challenged me to look at the world in a broader context. I can see there are so many different points of view and ways to bring health and healing. I have been able to bring the medical knowledge I have to people and places that have very little resources. There were times when I felt like I was absolutely unable to do what needed to be done. When I realized that there was no one else available, I tried to offer my very best. Many times, to my amazement, people improved. Other times people died, and I had to accept my limitations and the reality of death. When this happened, others were often very consoling when they could say with

their deep faith that it was the way God wanted it to be.

I continue with the Maryknoll Association as a lay missionary because we have become a supportive and challenging group for one another. We try to serve people of other cultures who are in need and often neglected. I am one of the more experienced missionaries who can give encouragement to newer members trying to follow their dreams. I have a lot of experience working in tropical medicine, especially in situations of war and violence, and Kenya presents both of those challenges at the moment.

I continue to follow this path because it is my vocational call. I am trying to be faithful to what I hear God calling me to. There are many challenges in this ministry, but the joy that I feel and the love that I receive from what I do is wonderful.

It is a great privilege to live out my faith this way, and in return I have been greatly blessed.

—Susan Nagele

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### Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . . Lilia Peters

#### Pork Loin Roast

3-4 lb boneless pork loin  
1 14-oz can sauerkraut  
1 T sugar  
Salt and pepper to taste



Season pork with salt and pepper. Mix sauerkraut and sugar; pour over pork. Bake covered at 350° until the internal temperature shown on a meat thermometer reaches 170°.

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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!*