

St. Patrick Parish IN FOCUS

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The Rosary reveals a valiant woman

We honor Mary because she is the mother of God, and as such she cooperated in our redemption. When we pray the Rosary we address her many times with the Hail Mary prayer as we seek her assistance in gaining understanding of the life of Christ. Yet we may not fully appreciate how this remarkable woman serves us as a model of courage and strength in pursuing our faith. She merits a place in the long line of women in Jewish history who bravely served their God and his people.

We often tend to focus on Mary as a young mother cradling the infant Jesus or standing helplessly at the foot of the cross as her son dies. But Mary was a woman to be reckoned with. In the major events of her life

chronicled in the Gospels and in Tradition, she exhibited great strength of character.

When a messenger of God comes to tell her she is to become the mother of Jesus, the mother of God, she accepts this mystery without any idea of how it will be accomplished or what will be required of her, or how it will change every aspect of her life. Despite facing possible rejection by her husband-to-be and the scorn of her neighbors, or the humiliation of being a pregnant unwed mother, she does not shrink from what is asked of her.

A pregnant Mary travels to visit her pregnant cousin,

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St. Maximilian Kolbe comes to C-U

On Saturday, October 26, an inspiring production of “Maximilian, Saint of Auschwitz” by Saint Luke Productions will be performed live in C-U. It is a riveting drama of technical artistry with a majestic orchestral soundtrack, full professional lighting, and a video backdrop that sets the story in a historical yet rel-



evant context. This one-man show is performed live by Leonardo Defilippis. It is such an intricate production that it takes five hours to set up.

Leonardo Defilippis was a Shakespearean actor who embarked on a spiritual journey that led him to found Saint Luke Productions in 1980. His work as an actor, producer, and film director has been seen by millions throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. He

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*In Focus celebrates
30 years
sharing the good news about
St. Patrick's Parish*

The first 30 years:
People, service, great events—
Let's do it again!

What do you call a good time at St. Patrick's?

"FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, and FUN!" best describes Fall Fest 2013, organized and hosted by the Parish Party Ministry on September 14.

Competing for points and prizes, dozens participated in the Decathlon of Games that challenged their athletic ability as well as their mental prowess. The bounce houses and balloon artist were especially popular with the younger set, while many others enjoyed the musical performance by St. Patrick's Youth Orchestra. Even our furry friends participated in their own event for prizes!

After 5:00 Mass, the parish hall was full to bursting point, with members of both St. Patrick's and St. Mary's parishes filling it beyond available seating, while enjoying the food and musical entertainment by the St. Mary's Mayan Band, "Rosario." The evening ended with an encore song after the announcement of the Decathlon awards and raffle prizes.

Special thanks to God for everything, especially for a beautiful day! Thanks to our parish staff for their help and to all our cooks and bakers who provided such delicious treats. Thanks also



to St. Patrick's Youth Orchestra, the Knights of Columbus, the Women of St. Patrick's, Prairieland Feeds, Illini FS Farmtown, Action Inflatables, Joe Balloonman, St. Mary's Mayan Band "Rosario," and to the countless volunteers who helped the event run so smoothly. And last, but certainly not least, thanks to everyone who came, making the event so memorable!

The Parish Party Ministry is always looking for new members to help organize future

events, like the Fall Festival and the St. Patrick's Day celebration. If you are interested in helping organize future parish parties, or simply have ideas to share, please contact Jeff and Angela Kneer (janck94@comcast.net)

Becoming a mindful couple

Familiarity in marriage can be very comforting. Mindless familiarity could be destructive to a relationship.

Many of our married couples at St. Patrick's will spend a second year developing a "mindful" relationship as a married couple, in the hope of having realistic expectations of each other. A healthy realistic partnership has proven to deepen faith in God and each other.

And so GREAT DATES begins its seventh year at St. Patrick's on Saturday night, Oct. 12, with a potluck supper and "in-house date" to begin a journey that will take couples on six other special Saturday night dates in the upcoming year: Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 8, and Apr. 5.

Each of these evenings will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the parish center, when a married couple will share their often touching, often humorous, real-life experiences as a married couple. Then each couple sets out on their own to have a GREAT DATE. Couples needing child care



can leave their children, 6-months old and older, to enjoy a fun-filled evening in the capable hands of CREW teens and their parents in the parish center. Child care is provided between 6:00 and 8:30 p.m. All donations go to the CREW Mission Trip fund.

All married couples in the parish are welcome, no matter how long you have been married. We learn from one another's experiences. Registration forms are available at the parish office or can be e-mailed to you. They have also been published in the bulletin. Call the parish office (367-2665) or e-mail

Mary Karten (mlkarten@hotmail.com) for more information. Sessions make use of the book *The Mindful Couple*, by Walser and Westrup; if you need a copy, the registration fee is \$25. If you already have a copy to use, \$15 is the fee.

Child care is provided on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure you send in your registration form right away—the deadline for registration is Monday, Oct. 7.

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Elizabeth. Her Magnificat gives us memorable prophetic words praising God, who "brings down the powerful from their thrones and lifts up the lowly," who "fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich away empty."

Mary trusts herself and her unborn child to Joseph's care in their arduous travel to Bethlehem. There she must give birth in primitive conditions and later endure a precipitous flight to Egypt to save the life of the newborn infant.

These and other examples of Mary's strength and courage in the face of adversity are recalled in the

Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Even the Sorrowful Mysteries remind us of the sufferings of the mother as well those of her son, for what mother can be unaffected by the sufferings of her child? And the Glorious Mysteries raise her together with her son to the glory of God the Father.

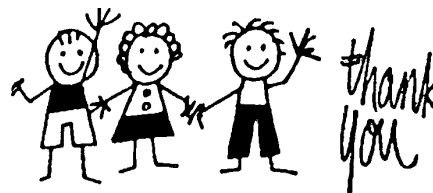
October is dedicated as the month of the Rosary. We do well to pray our beads while meditating on Mary's strength and courage, praising and thanking God for giving this tender yet valiant woman to us as our own mother and praying for her loving care "now and at the hour of our death."

Special volunteer opportunities


- There is real and present need for a parishioner (or a parishioner couple) to **set up for the 5:00 Mass** once 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*

- **Drivers needed!** Can you take someone to keep a doctor's appointment or to shop for groceries or to join us for Sunday Mass? The parish's **Good Samaritans** (Carla Simmering, 328-4841), **Family Service** (352-0099), and **Senior Support Services**, formerly Faith in Action (337-2022) are in pressing need of drivers. Call if you can help.

- **The Food Pantry** needs one or two people to **collect donated breads and bakery goods from Panera's** at closing time. One of the "regulars" has retired and another parishioner has stepped in for the summer but expects to have knee surgery this fall. Can you help? *Ellen Abell, 367-2665*



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.



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



in our parish library

As we all know, October is known for Halloween. But it is also a month that presents a good time to reflect on some of the more famous saints whose feast days are celebrated in October.

October 1 marks the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux. St. Therese was best known as the patron saint of missions. She never actually went on missions or founded any religious orders. She lived a very difficult life, having lost her mother when she was very young. At the age of 14, Therese vowed to devote herself entirely to God. One of St. Therese's best-known works is *The Story of a Soul*, which details her life's journey and her dedication to God. (921 Lis)

October 4 celebrates St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis was best known as the patron saint of animals and ecology. He grew up wealthy and everyone loved him, almost spoiling him. As he grew older, he began to have visions of God. One day, on his travels, he encountered a leper. Though repulsed, he bent down and kissed the leper's sores. At this he was filled with joy—and then found that the leper had disappeared. From then on, Francis dedicated himself to God in helping to protect humans and animals. There are many materials in the library about St. Francis, but you might start by reading *Francis of Assisi*, by G. K. Chesterton. (921 Fra)

October 11 celebrates St. Damien of Molokai. St. Damien is best known as the patron saint of lepers and outcasts. Unlike St. Francis, Damien was devoted to God from the start. He cared for many lepers, especially children, on the island of Hawaii. He built hospitals, clinics, and churches for the lepers so they would have someplace where they felt they belonged. He died of leprosy at the age of 50, but he lived life to the fullest until that time. *Damien: Hero of Molokai*, by Omar Englebert, tells of the heroic life of Father Damien and details some of his miraculous healings. (921 Dam)

October 15 marks the feast day of St. Teresa of Avila. St. Teresa led a fairly normal life as a teenager, even caring about boys and clothes. Her father decided she was out of control and sent her to a convent. As she grew accustomed to life there, she realized that the convent was actually more relaxed than her father had been, and she began to enjoy it. Once officially a member of the convent, she began to practice mental prayer and drew nearer to Christ. There are many books available on St. Teresa of Avila. One of the newest ones available in the library is the book she wrote called *Interior Castle*, in which she gives insights into a life of prayer. (921 Ter)

October 18 celebrates St. Luke, one of Jesus' most devoted followers and the writer of the Bible's book of Acts. St. Luke was believed to have been born into slavery, a Greek and a Gentile. As he grew older, he took an interest in healing and medicine and became a doctor. There are several books by and about Luke in the library but one you might find especially interesting is *The Charismatic Theology of St. Luke*, by Roger Stronstad. It gives a glimpse into St. Luke's teachings and his theology. (921 Luk)

For a complete listing of all the feasts for each day of the year, a good online resource is Catholic.org. To find biographies on various saints, click on the "Catholic Life" link at the top of the page. From there, select "saint of the day" under "Daily Living." This will allow you to select individual months, which will be grouped by individual days containing the saints for that particular day. If you select an individual saint, you will be directed to a page containing a mini biography for that saint. This is just one of many online resources for saint biographies.

The parish library contains a great many books on the saints in the section, 270-271 or 921.

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As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact parish librarian Megan Raab; she will be happy to assist you. Please note that her e-mail address has been changed from mer1987@sbcglobal.net to raab4198@gmail.com. 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 between 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Bringing up the gifts

Just who are those people who bring the gifts to the priest following the collection at weekend Masses? Why are they needed?

The part of the Mass we used to call the "Offertory" but now call "The Preparation of Gifts" begins after we recite

the Creed and pray together for special needs. We are then seated, and the ushers begin to collect our financial contributions.

When the collection is completed, people are needed to carry the collection basket to the altar along with the bread and wine that will be consecrated during the Mass.

The people who bring these gifts to the altar represent the whole assembly of people. Sometimes they are a family; sometimes they are two or three unrelated individuals. They can be anyone present; they don't even have to be Catholic.

It is one of the duties of our ushers to find people to bring up the gifts. They are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to participate in this way with your spouse, your family, your parents, a group of friends, or even as an individual, all you need to do is volunteer to one of the ushers before Mass begins. They will tell you when to come to the back of the church to collect the gifts.

You might volunteer as a way to celebrate a special occasion—a birthday, an anniversary—or to express your thanks for special blessings in your life. It is also a way that everyone in your family participates equally, from parents to children who have yet to receive their First Communion.

The people who participate in this special procession of bringing up the gifts should represent the diversity of our parish, so don't wait for someone else, make the choice to participate fully as our Church calls us to do. Come join in the procession!



Introducing the new Building Committee

Early in September, Father Joe appointed a Building Committee for the church expansion project. Already, the committee is meeting once a week. In order to assure that the parish community is kept informed about this historic parish project, they have agreed to prepare a monthly report that will be printed in the bulletin each month, beginning in October.

Two additional committees related to the church expansion have also been appointed by Father Joe, a Music Advisory Committee and an Art and Environment Advisory Committee. This month we introduce you to the members of the Building Committee; in subsequent months we will introduce you to the members of these committees as well.

In his role as Pastor, **Fr. Joe Hogan** serves as a member of the Building Committee. Here are the others:

Tim Kerestes, Project Manager

Tim Kerestes is serving as Project Manager for the Building Project. In this role he will be managing the planning and construction for the project. Tim says, "Utilizing my experience and expertise I will protect the interests of the parish."

Tim is a Licensed Architect in the State of Illinois. He was a local architect for 12 years; and then worked for the University of Illinois for 19 years, managing the planning and construction of many very large projects. During his last seven years at the University, he was Director of Operations and Facilities at the Institute for Genomic Biology, designing and overseeing all remodeling projects.

As an architect with Isaksen & Matzdorff Architects in Urbana, Tim was involved with the design of numerous churches, including designing and performing the site inspection for the addition to St. Patrick's Parish Center. Tim believes that the new addition and renova-

tion will bring a renewed excitement to the parish.

Randy Pankau, Co-Chair

A licensed engineer in the State of Illinois, Randy's professional experience includes four years of electrical



Presenting the new Building Committee (from the left): Joe Vitosky, David Palmisano, Tim Kerestes, Randy Pankau, Fr. Joe Hogan, and Mark Sweeney

and controls engineering consulting with Henneman Engineering and ten years of experience with the University of Illinois in the role of process control engineer. His project experiences span both roles of client and consultant. Recently Randy earned his MBA from the University of Illinois.

Randy's service at St. Patrick's includes serving as chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, Parish Council member, and managing CREW work sites during the Detroit and Memphis mission trips. Regarding his role as co-chair, Randy says, "My role is foremost that of a servant (literally and figuratively). I see the committee operating as an advisory council to Fr. Hogan and Project Manager Tim Kerestes, as they are the voice of St. Pat's when communicating with the architect and contractors."

Randy went on to say, "The renovation project will necessarily cause some pain during construction; however, that will seem insignificant when we have a functional building that meets our parish's physical needs and allows us to focus on the spiritual instead."

Joe Vitosky, Co-Chair

Joe has worked in the University of Illinois Office for Capital Programs for 28 years. During that time he has been involved with major capital planning efforts, renovation of existing facilities as well as new

additions and new facilities at all three University of Illinois campuses. His current position is Assistant Vice President in the University Office.

Joe brings to the committee his experience in the accounting, procurement, systems, and overall management of capital projects. At St. Patrick's, he has served as Eucharistic Minister; chaperoned CREW mission trips; served on the Financial Affairs Committee; and assisted with the Capital Campaign for the

church expansion.

As one of the co-chairs, Joe says he will "work to ensure that the project continues to move forward and stays within the proposed schedule, stated budget, and defined scope of work." About the building project, he says: "The church expansion will retain the architectural style of the present church while providing needed space for parish growth and meeting existing and future program needs. I believe this effort will enhance St. Patrick's mission and the spiritual growth of future generations."

David Palmisano, At-Large Member

For 45 years Dave has been a carpenter and contractor in the Champaign-Urbana community; he brings that invaluable experience to the committee as an at-large member. He has worked with many local contractors and subcontractors in the community, as well as with the City of Urbana Building and Safety Department.

At St. Patrick's Dave has served on

Vatican II: governing the Church

By Fr. George Remm

We Catholics have been living and worshipping as Church for fifty years in the spirit of perhaps the most important Church council of all time, Vatican II. Other ecumenical councils often dealt with doctrinal issues such as the divinity and humanity of Christ (Nicaea & Chalcedon) or crises facing the Church, like the Reformation (Trent). But Vatican II was a pastoral council, leading and urging the Church to renewal in the light of humanity's ever expanding understanding of itself and the world.



After I was ordained in 1960, I had to face what was called Junior Clergy Exams. Every year for five years we were tested on our knowledge of Scripture, Dogma, Moral Issues, Church History, etc. It must have been in 1964 that I faced the question What is the meaning of "Collegiality" and "Subsidiarity." In all my years of seminary training I had never encountered these words. But the Chancellor who graded this portion of the exam must have been following the deliberations of Vatican II closely. I'm afraid I didn't do well with my answer.

Collegiality is about the way the bishops and the pope govern the universal Church. The "Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium)," in Chapter III, says, "Just as St. Peter and the other apostles constituted one apostolic college, so in a similar way the Roman Pontiff as the successor of Peter, and the bishops as the successors of the apostles, are joined together.... Together with its head, the Roman Pontiff, and never without this head, the episcopal order is the subject of supreme and full power over the universal Church. But this power can be exercised only with the consent of the Roman Pontiff" (Art. 22). Each bishop "as a member of the episcopal college and a legitimate

successor of the apostles, is obliged by Christ's decree and command to be solicitous for the whole Church" (Art.23).

Subsidiarity is an organizing principle, that local matters should be decided at the local level, diocesan matters at the diocesan level, national matters at the national level, and so on. This is regarded as part of Catholic social teaching. Though not explicitly treated in Vatican II, subsidiarity became an influential concept in the way

Church matters are decided. The

pope frequently calls a Synod of Bishops to give him advice. At the national level, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops has given us teachings on national issues such as war and the economy. On the diocesan level, bishops promoted the formation of diocesan pastoral councils and presbyteral councils. On the parish level, parish councils were to advise and assist pastors.

A significant experience of collegiality and subsidiarity occurred in the Diocese of Peoria under Bishop O'Rourke. From 1972 to 1974 he convened a diocesan synod to revise the statutes of the diocese. Input was gathered at hearing sessions held all over the diocese involving clergy, religious, and laity. The process influenced not just the topics but the entire product, a vision of the Church in the Diocese of Peoria, not just a list of regulations. The final product reflected the openness

of the process.

When I was growing up, the pastor made all the decisions about the local parish. He had to have two trustees, who signed the annual report sent to the chancery office of the diocese, but in many cases the trustees were never involved in the formation of the report, they just signed the report handed to them. Most parishes had two committees, one for the women (the Altar & Rosary Society) and one for the men (the Holy Name Society). The laity was expected to support the parish, but was not to be involved in decision-making.

In the two parishes that I served as pastor, Visitation-St. Mary's, Kewanee, Ill. (1976-1986) and St.

Patrick's, Urbana, Ill. (1986-2004), the laity was actively involved in determining the direction and operation of the parish. I met monthly with the two trustees. The



trustees and the officers of the Parish Council met with me also every month to prepare for the monthly Council meeting. The members of the Parish Council were elected

and were to be open to the opinions of parishioners. The meetings of the Council were always open for anyone to attend. Parishioners were encouraged to submit matters for the agenda. The Parish Council sponsored an annual meeting that was open to all in the parish, to set priorities and objectives for the coming year. Each Council member was a connection to at least one of the various committees and groups that facilitated the functioning and missions of the parish. You have only to look at the latest time and talent edition of "Ministry at St. Patrick's

Food Pantry Lesson

Swinging the top half of the oak Dutch door open at exactly 4:30 PM and without looking at the first person in line he says, "Ticket please." Taking a yellow ticket out of a hand, he spins around and grabs a brown bag of groceries off of a stainless steel table, spins back, pushes the sack toward the waiting hands, and says, "Here you go. Next. Ticket please." Taking a red ticket out of a hand, again he spins, grabs a brown bag, spins, drops it on the counter, spins again, grabs another bag and plops it on the counter next to the first. "Here you go. Two Bags. Next. Ticket please."

Yellow ticket, red ticket, red ticket,
Yellow ticket, yellow ticket, red ticket.
Hands flow quickly through
the line, and he smiles, remembering
his time as a fast food night manager.
At this rate he will beat the pantry's
usual closing time by fifteen minutes.
Maybe he could train the regular volunteers, he thinks.
"Here you go. Next. Ticket please."

"You mean!"

Dropping his upraised hand, he looks over the countertop and sees a young, tall, dark-black woman in blue jeans and a black leather jacket standing with hands on her hips. She glares at him with flared nostrils, and firmly repeats her judgment: "You mean!" "I . . . beg your pardon?" he stammers. "You mean! You don' look at nobody! You don' talk to nobody. You mean!" "I am sorry. I . . ."

"You mean!"
Swallowing hard, he stares at the woman's face, seeing her anger and feeling her pain. He slowly says, "Forgive me for being rude. My name is Paul. May I get your groceries for you?" "I'm Tanya. Yes, you may," she says, and hands him her yellow ticket. Taking her groceries from him, she says "Thank you, Paul. You a nice man, once you off that high horse." "Thank you, Tanya."

Turning, he looks closely at the next face in line and says "Hi, I'm Paul. May I get your groceries for you?"

*Stan Yanchus
April 7, 2013*

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the Building and Grounds Committee and the Parish Council; he has run kitchens for parish meals such as Ladies Knight Out and Fish Fries; and participated in CHRP, Renew, and WATCH, parish spiritual renewal programs. However, as he says, "Probably most important, I have been a St. Patrick's member since 1958."

Dave believes the church expansion will allow the parish to continue to grow as a community of believers, provide a means for easier and more accessible access to the church itself from the parking lot, and create more efficient space for gathering.

Mark Sweeney, Parish Council Representative

Mark serves on the Building Committee as a representative of the Parish Council. In that role, Mark says, "I like to think I represent the families of St. Pat's with children and look to the future of how the building project will impact them."

Mark has been a member of St. Patrick's for over 10 years and says he has seen many changes and activities during that time. Employed as a teacher, Mark says he has limited construction experience, other than countless projects and rehabs of his personal residences. "This is a new experience for me so I hope I bring new perspectives."

Time and Talent Volunteers:
If you haven't signed up yet,
there is still time—it's
never too late to volunteer!



Q: Can we use real bread at Mass?

A: Believe it or not, the hosts we use at Mass do qualify as “real

bread.” Admittedly, they aren’t very good bread—at least not in any ordinary sense of the word—because in accordance with a particular tradition of Western Christianity, canon law requires that the bread be unleavened, i.e., made without yeast.

This has been interpreted by the Roman magisterium to mean that it cannot contain anything except wheat flour and water, resulting in a bread that has little flavor and no appealing texture. Reception of Christ in the Eucharist brings joy to the soul, but it certainly offers very little delight to the palate.

The tradition of using unleavened bread is not universal. Orthodox Christians and even Eastern Rite Catholics (as well as many Protestants) use leavened bread and sometimes speak of the bread’s rising as a symbol for Christ’s resurrection.

The source of this divergence in practice goes back to the first century. When Christians gathered to celebrate their risen Lord in the Eucharistic meal, their memory of his Last Supper was not always identical. The authors of the gospels attributed to Matthew, Mark, and Luke recalled Jesus’ death as an event that occurred on Passover, meaning that his final meal the night before required the use of unleavened bread. This tradition became the favored tradition of Western Christians.

The Gospel of John, however, describes the death of Jesus as an

event that happened on the day before Passover, meaning that his final supper didn’t entail the use of unleavened bread, but rather the normal bread of everyday life in his time. This way of memorializing Jesus became dominant among Eastern Christians.

Both traditions are equally ancient; they represent a certain fluidity with regard to the earliest Eucharistic practices of the Church and perhaps serve as a reminder that unity in Christ does not necessarily require uniformity in practice or in the interpretation of his saving work.

There is a rich and legitimate diversity that runs through the heart of the Church.

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

Maximilian Kolbe

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directed, produced, and distributed the feature film “Therese.” More recently Leonardo completed “Vianney Speaks,” a television program based on his live theater production that toured the United States. Leonardo lives in the state of Washington with his wife Patti and their seven children.

Maximilian Kolbe is a relatively contemporary saint. He was christened Raymond on the day of his birth, January 8, 1894, in Zdunska Wola, Poland. At the age of 13, he entered a Franciscan seminary with his brother, Alphonse, and took the name Maximilian when he received the Franciscan habit in 1910. From 1912 to 1918, he studied in Rome, where he earned a Ph.D. in philosophy. At the age of 24, he was ordained in Rome on April 28, 1918. He went on to earn a doctorate in theology in 1919. He was then assigned to teach history in a Franciscan seminary in Krakow, Poland.

All this time he was devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom he

saw in a vision when he was just 12 years old. He started the Militia of the Immaculata in 1917. With approval from Rome, Maximilian published the Knight of the Immaculata Magazine. From 1930 to 1935 he traveled in Japan and throughout Asia, where he started a friary and published his magazine. In 1936 he returned to Poland.

The Nazis invaded the country; Maximilian and 35 other brothers were arrested and imprisoned in 1939, but were released on December 8 of that same year—the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Maximilian was again arrested by the Gestapo in 1941; he was imprisoned, assigned to hard labor, and often tortured until he lost consciousness.

Courageously, Maximilian volunteered to take the place of a married man who was sentenced to death by starvation. Maximilian died on August 14, 1941, by lethal injection after suffering more than two weeks of starvation. The next day, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption, his

body was burned in the crematorium at Auschwitz.

Maximilian was beatified on October 17, 1971, by Pope Paul VI, and canonized October 10, 1982, by Pope John Paul II, the first Polish pope. His feast day is August 14; he is the patron saint of families, pro-life organizations, prisoners, journalists and media communicators, those suffering from eating disorders, and those addicted to drugs.

The one-man show on the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe reminds us not to take for granted the freedoms we cherish, but rather to defend them with our lives. His heroic actions prove that death is not the end, but only the beginning.

Save the date, October 26, for this inspiring production, and watch the parish bulletin for time and location. This program is appropriate for anyone nine years old and older. You can find scenes from the inspiring production of “Maximilian, Saint of Auschwitz,” at www.stmaxdrama.com.

Holy Cross Happenings



Long-time principal, **Rose Costello** retired from Holy Cross School at the end of the 2012-13 school year. In May 2013, Fr Stephen Willard formed a hiring committee with a representative from the diocese. The committee decided upon **Chris Ellis** from Bloomington, Ill. Principal Ellis was the assistant principal at Holy Trinity School in Bloomington for the last seven years, and before that taught at both

Tri-Valley Middle School and Tri-Valley Elementary School in Downs, Ill. She has degrees in public relations and education, and a master's degree in education administration.

Holy Cross Parish and School also have a new pastor. Bishop Daniel Jenky appointed **Fr. Willard** as pastor of St Patrick in Washington, Ill., and St Monica in East Peoria, Ill. He named **Fr. David Sajdak** as pastor to Holy Cross Parish and School in June 2013. Fr. Sajdak is a member of the Province of St. Philip the Apostle of the Salesians of Don Bosco; he moved to Champaign from Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, although he was born and raised in Chicago.

Under new leadership, then, the 2013-2014 school year started off on August 20 with Fee Day and the first full day of classes on August 22.



St. Patrick's Capital Campaign

We're getting closer!

Pledged: \$3,951,117
Cash in hand: \$2,374,538

What's needed before we can break ground:

Pledged: \$4.0M
Cash in hand: \$3.2M

We now have a total of 623 donors and 280 memorial donations!



All-school Mass in May: Rose Costello's last day as principal and Fr. Willard's last all-school Mass at Holy Cross



Students arrive for the first day of school



Fee Day: Students find out who their teachers will be and sign up for sports and other activities

"I was hungry and you gave me food"

When was the last time you were hungry—really hungry? Was it when you were observing a Lenten fast? Or perhaps you had missed a meal? When was the last time one of your children said, "I'm starving!"? We know what it feels like to be hungry, to have our stomach rumble, to feel the pangs of emptiness. Most of us, though, can remedy the situation with a quick trip to the cupboard, refrigerator, grocery store, or restaurant. Sadly, many people in our community do not have that same luxury. Many parents in our community skip a meal so that their children can eat, or have to tell their children that there is nothing to eat. Hunger is everywhere and wears many faces.

We are blessed to be able to serve those in our community who are hungry. We are able to answer the gospel call of Jesus to give food to those for whom hunger is a reality. In our parish, day after day, week after week, our St. Vincent de Paul Society volunteers fill bags with the staff of life: bread, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, snacks. When available, meat or eggs are added. The needs of the hungry are met with a smile, a kind word, and nourishing food.

The St. Patrick conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was aggregated to the Paris, France, International Office of the Society in 1957. Although in years past some of the focus of our conference was on helping those in need to pay for utilities, prescriptions, emergency lodging or travel expenses, and other non-food related needs, it has evolved into a food pantry. We no longer assist with other expenses because our main focus and funds are directed to feeding the hungry. Our conference also helps two other conferences with twice-a-year dona-

tions (one in Jamaica and the other in Ethiopia) "to help the poorest of the poor."

Coordinator Ellen Abell spends an average of \$1,500 to \$2,000 per month on food. When there are fewer commodities (government "free" food) available, more must be spent on food items to supplement them. The cost depends on what the "purchased product" item cost from the Eastern Illinois Food Bank. Bread and produce are free. Some items



As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.

can be purchased for 23 cents per pound. However, the cost can be as much as \$38 for a case of tuna (48 cans) or \$16-\$17 for a case of fruit (24 cans), or \$18 for a case of peanut butter (12 jars). In terms

of average pounds of food per week purchased, it ranges from 500 to 1,000 pounds. Monthly deliveries of random assorted items come to the pantry from the Midwest Food Bank free of charge.

The food pantry served a record number of households in the month of July. Total number of households served: 1,034; total number of individuals served: 4,088; number of children in households 18 years and younger: 1,877.

More than 53 volunteers work directly or indirectly for the pantry. Parishioners assist with loading and unloading food from the food bank, sorting and shelving items, pre-bagging food to be distributed, assisting with distribution, sorting bread donations from Panera Bread Company, and assisting with the day-to-day tasks of feeding the hungry. Several are regular monetary donors to the pantry. A number of people donate food items on regular basis via the basket in the vestibule of the church. Then there are the anonymous individuals who deposit funds in the

Themes set for Seniors' luncheons

This may be the year you decide to join St. Patrick's Seniors, if you haven't already. Seniors meet four times a year for potluck luncheons in the parish hall. You must admit to being 50 or 55 years or older, but guests of any age are always welcome.

The luncheon themes for this year have been suggested by Clare Barkley and will get off to a rousing, if seasonal, start on Tuesday, October 29, with an Oktoberfest potluck featuring brats and beer. (Yes, you read that right!) Bring a German or American dish to share. The program will revolve around stories participants tell about a Halloween trick (foisted on them or by them on someone else) from the past or an Oktoberfest experience.

On Wednesday, December 4, the Seniors have planned an Italian-themed luncheon, but will adjust the starting time to accommodate the 12:30 p.m. Mass of Anointing. Watch the Sunday bulletin for details as the date draws near.

The Seniors will hold a belated St. Patrick's Day potluck on Monday, April 28, 2014, since they don't meet during Lent. Please bring an Irish or American dish to share, and an Irish joke, poem, or story with which to entertain the group.

The fourth and last luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2014. Seniors will celebrate the fruits of the prairie by sharing dishes that feature seasonal foods from their gardens or the farmers' markets.

Programs and field trips for these luncheons come from suggestions made by participants. In the past the Seniors have gone to an Amish farm home for dinner and a buggy ride. They have toured the National Shrine of Our Lady of Snows near Belleville. They have even taken a day trip to St. Louis to see the "Vatican Splendors: A Journey through Faith and Art."

Isn't it time to get in on the fun? Start by joining us on October 29!

Have you heard the Congolese choir?

Our parishioners from the Democratic Republic of Congo have formed a choir at their Saturday afternoon meeting downstairs in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend and listen, from 1:00 to 3:00

p.m., even if the many languages of the Central African country and its neighbors may be unfamiliar.

“Our singing grew from praying together once a year at the Masses Father Joe con-celebrated with our

African visiting priests,” said Delphine Mulamba-Tshimanga, a new member of the Parish Council. Worship together encouraged the Congolese to grow in faith and friendship and the desire to sing in their own languages. They began to meet once a month to help one another and new Congolese parishioners—and to sing!

With a visiting leader from Holy Cross, (Mr.) Kais Mbuyi, who plays the flute, regular practice has begun. (Mr.) Fidèle Tshimanga accompanies on drum “and a little guitar.” The ten core members are adults. They welcome others, including children, to join if they can sing in French, Lingala, or Swahili, which are spoken in Congo, or in Thsibula or Kikongo, languages used in neighboring countries. Instrumentalists will also find a warm welcome.

The choir members hope to sing at a Mass someday, but they expect that will be at some future time. For now, as they sing they pray twice.



The Congolese choir, from the left: Fidèle Tshimanga, Nicole Nyembo, Olivier Nduakulumpanda, Delphine Tshimanga, Michel Mulumba, Philomene Ntumba, Clovis Nyembo, Jerome Mpukuta, John Mbaka, Modeste Nzeza, Kais Mbuyi (Choir Leader)

St. Patrick visits the Urbana Farmers' Market

For the last six years St. Patrick church has sponsored a mission effort at the Urbana Farmers' Market. The Market is held each Saturday morning from May to November. Amid those hawking fresh veggies, frozen meat, and sundry craft items, the St. Patrick's team dispenses informational offering on what's up at St. Patrick: Mass times and church location as well as Time and Talent brochures.

The booth is caparisoned with posters and the St. Patrick banner. The team gives candy to the little ones and offer a warm smile and possibly a friendly ear to the passerby who stops to inquire into what the volunteers are doing there. Sometimes football fans stop by to find out where they can attend Sunday Mass. Occasionally parents are reminded to baptize their infants. Some folks who have simply drifted away from Mass say they are inspired to come back Home, they just need to be reminded. Parishioners are happy to see St. Patrick's booth in the mix of so many others!

In a small way this is the essence of the New Evangelization Pope John Paul II requested: to renew Christian life in a secularized world. This mission takes Christ out of the church walls and into the streets.

One thing our St. Patrick Market team needs is YOU! Please check your ministry book and respond—be there in the Spring of 2014.



Linda Weber and Joe Hinchliffe (front) with Ali Guna and Dan Richards (back) wait to greet and engage in conversation the people who approach St. Patrick's booth at the Urbana Market-at-the-Square.

Joe Siegel: Seeking God as an Augustinian

Sisters and brothers in Christ, may peace be yours! My name is Joe Siegel, and I am a Novice in the Order of St. Augustine. St. Patrick's was my parish home from 2009 until I entered religious formation last year.

I have many wonderful memories of the St. Pat's community. One of these memories was the life-changing experience of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). The members of the RCIA team represented well the friendliness of the parish and created an environment in which we could experience Catholicism as it is practiced by a Christ-loving community. The team shared both the difficulties and the joys of being Catholic.



I will never forget spending an evening at St. Mary's for a workshop on the rosary. When we returned to St. Pat's, Fr. Joe invited us into the church. The church was dark, illuminated only by candles, and was filled with parishioners who had gathered to pray for us. When I pray for your intentions before our evening prayer, this is the scene that enters my mind—I am certain it always will.

St. Patrick's also introduced me to centering prayer through its Monday evening centering prayer/lectio divina group. This practice of resting in Christ has over the past couple of years become central to my individual practice of prayer. I am very thankful for the spiritual spaces that the St. Patrick's community opened for me. The liveliness of the Spirit in your parish is easily experienced—I hope she will continue to provide you with delight.

The Augustinians are an international Roman Catholic religious order of priests, sisters, and brothers, founded in the thirteenth century. The primary ministries of the order in the United States are carried out in universities, high schools, and parishes, but I have also met Augus-

tinian actors, nurses, artists—and even an economist. And, of course, there are many Augustinians who work directly with the poor and those suffering from injustice.

What is characteristic of these diverse ministries is that they are rooted in the experience of God in an Augustinian community. For an Augustinian, the formation of a healthy, safe, and spiritual community is always the primary ministry. Our constitutions states that “community is the axis around which Augustinian religious life turns: a community of people who live harmoniously in their house, united by a single soul and a single heart, seeking God together and open to the service of the Church.”

What does this look like in practice? The Novitiate Community in which I am living this year is an example. First, it is international. Novices have come from Poland, Honduras, Mexico, India, the Philippines, Korea, and the United States. Second, it is integrated into the life of St. Rita Parish in Racine, Wis.: we pray the Office and celebrate Mass with the parishioners every morning, our religious habits were presented to us at a parish Mass, and every Augustinian-related liturgy is celebrated with the parish community. Our life in the Augustinian community is shared with the parish, and the parish's joys and sorrows enter into our community: it is an exchange based in the loving bonds of friendship.

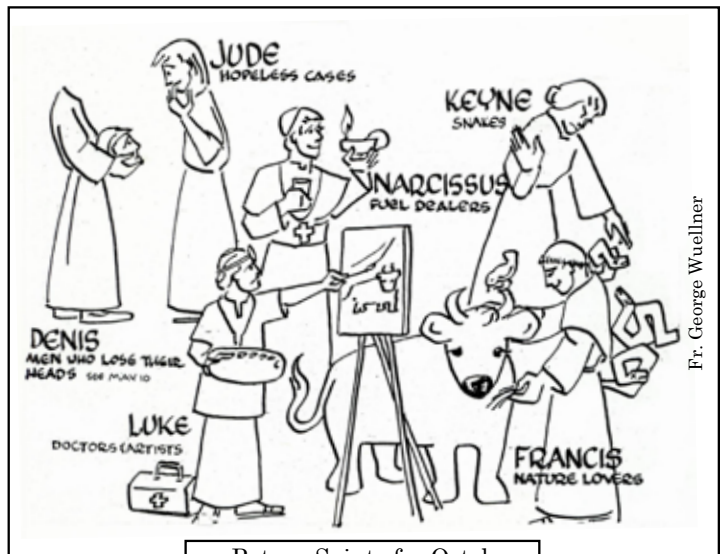
Third, our community life is a harmonious balance between

the active and the contemplative. This year, in addition to the various community prayer times, we spend three hours daily in private, quiet prayer. This is balanced with a few hours of parish work and a few hours of study. A cycle of contemplation, work, and study is the routine of Augustinian formation.

The most common hardship during formation is the departure of someone from the community. During formation, it is quite common for a person to realize that they are not being called to life in religious community. In my community last year, this happened three times in twelve months. Each time, the leave-taking was emotionally wrenching. When a person leaves, dynamics shift and in many ways a new community is born from the old.

This is happening even now in the Novitiate Community. Last week, two of our brothers encountered problems with their student visas, forcing them to return to St. Thomas University in Miami, Fla. We pray that they may soon be able to return to us here in Racine. The close bonds that make such departures difficult to live through also provide the spiritual safety net into which we fall. We cry, but we cry together, and the tears become yet another experience of the Divine.

Please keep me and all my brothers in your prayers, as I keep you in mine.



Patron Saints for October

Budgeting for Religious Education: St. Patrick's Children's Program

September is the time when parish groups and activities get rolling again and the Children's Program at St. Patrick's is no exception.

After weeks of preparing, training catechists, and registering children, a new year of Religious Education classes has begun in the parish.

According to coordinator Jon McCoy, there are about 150 children enrolled in the children's religious education classes this fall. Classes take place during the first three weeks of each month, with 85 children attending classes on Sunday mornings at the parish center in Urbana, 65 on Wednesday evenings in St. Joseph. There are 29 volunteer catechists and aides teaching classes, using materials from Pflaum Publishing Co. for the pre-K through 2nd grade classes, and Our Sunday Visitor's Alive in Christ series for 3rd through 6th grade.

The parish's budget for religious education includes \$18,550 for the Children's Program. Parents are charged a fee of \$45 per student,

with a maximum of \$135 per family, to cover the cost of materials. For youngsters preparing for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, an additional fee of \$30 is charged. Families for whom this is a financial hardship can talk to Jon McCoy about scholarship opportunities..

Why do we budget for the Children's Program anyway? Wouldn't the fees simply take care of the greater part of any actual expense? Well, the answer to the latter question is actually no, and the answer to the former question may seem obvious, but to state it once more: Religious education is one of the best deals around. There is no better way to ensure that our children grow up firmly grounded in the faith, with an ever-growing understanding of what it means to be a child of God, loved

extravagantly by God, a member of God's family here on earth, prepared to share in the life and love of God in our care for one another.



The Sunday morning classes held in the parish center are scheduled from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. for the express purpose of enabling parents to take their children to the 10:30 Mass—

and they are strongly encouraged to do so. On the first two Sundays of each month, the 10:30 Mass is a Children's Mass with the Children's Liturgy Ensemble providing the music. Children are invited to sit on the altar steps during Mass, and a special homily is addressed to the children, often with Father Joe or Father Phelps asking the children what they have learned in their classes. Children also bring up the gifts at the Children's Masses, and at the second such Mass each month, the first reading is done by children from the 5th and 6th grade classes.

The Children's Program also sponsors various social and service activities throughout the school year, with children participating in ways appropriate to their grade level. They enjoy Halloween fun at the "Trunk or Treat" event, a party open to all in the parish. Some classes help to sort and begin packing food items into the Thanksgiving baskets given out by the SVDP Food Pantry. The annual lemonade stand and bake sale raises funds for 'The Twelfth Station,' the Children's Program's gift for the church expansion. In May, there is the End-of-Year Picnic, and then Totus Tuus (formerly Vacation Bible School) in June.

Children in second grade who are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion take part in a half-day retreat for each sacrament, as well as the special Masses. They

Did you know?

- Are there now two Building Committees? Has the Building and Grounds Committee been dissolved? No! The Building and Grounds Committee remains charged with the maintenance and upkeep of our existing parish facilities and grounds, however difficult that may become during groundbreaking and construction of the church expansion. The new Building Committee was established to provide responsible oversight for the expansion of the church and its link-up to the parish center.
- Demolition of the apartment buildings to the north of the present church grounds will begin later this fall, with completion scheduled for the end of this year. Where will all the renters go? Most of them are already gone; expired leases were not renewed this summer. Some few remain for a few weeks more.
- Where will we celebrate Mass during construction? We've done it twice before, and we can do it again: we'll celebrate weekend and daily Masses in the main hall of the parish center. Of course, parishioners always have the option of participating in Mass at St. Mary's. Baptisms, weddings, and funerals will probably also take place in the hall, although they may be accommodated at St. Mary's or elsewhere if desired. We'll have a grand time living through events that promise to provide stories to share with our grandchildren: You just wait and see!

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2013: People, Programs, and Possibilities,” to see how involved in your parish you are.

The acceptance and implementation of collegiality and subsidiarity at all levels of the Church have faced challenges and even rejection in the years since Vatican II. Not every parish has a parish council. Voices of the faithful have not always been welcomed on the diocesan and national level. Even the National Conference of Catholic Bishops was not consulted on the final English translation of the latest Roman Missal.

The election and the pastoral approach of Pope Francis have revived the hope of many that the principles of collegiality and subsidiarity are acknowledged as truly relevant in our Church, and will guide the People of God through the challenges of this twenty-first century.

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also attend the Seder dinner held in the parish before Holy Week each year.

There are opportunities for the children to practice giving. Thanks to the distribution of collection envelopes each week in class, the children’s collection has grown from about \$2-3 a week to about \$20. Children also participate in the Angel Tree program during Advent and Operation Rice Bowl during Lent.

Through taking part in these learning and social activities, children learn more about their Catholic faith and may become inspired to participate in parish activities outside the Children’s Program, such as serving at Mass, singing with the Children’s Choir or Children’s Liturgy Music Ensemble or being involved in other ways. They develop and grow both as individual Catholics and as members of our parish.

Why wouldn’t we want to support the Children’s Program in our parish’s budget?

Come to the (Health) Fair!

Plan to visit the St. Patrick’s Health Fair on Sunday, October 27, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the main hall. This annual event, sponsored by the Parish Nurses, will have multiple booths available to increase awareness of health status and community resources in the following areas:

- Flu shots
 - Lipid profile testing
 - Exercise/Nutrition Information; Body Mass Index calculation
 - Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems
 - Balance testing
 - Learn the Heimlich maneuver to prevent choking
 - Demonstration of Automatic External Defibrillator
 - Blood pressure screening
 - Cancer awareness education
 - Winter health/safety preparation
 - Questions for the Pharmacist – A registered Pharmacist will be available to answer questions and provide information regarding your medications.
 - Blood drive
 - Healthy Smiles
 - Presence Hospice Services
 - Vial of Life
- ... and more!



If you expect to attend the noon Mass on that date, stop by a little early to enjoy the health fair before Mass. We hope to see you there!

Mentors needed for Champaign elementary schools

Spending one lunch hour a week can change the life of a child.

C-U One-to-One, a school-based mentoring program begun in 1994, is a relationship-building program designed to develop students’ self-confidence and to encourage them to stay in school and graduate.

There are currently more than 300 mentors in Unit 4 schools. Mentors meet with their “mentees” for one hour a week during the schoolday and on school grounds. If you have a genuine interest in youth, flexibility, good listening skills, and can follow through on your commitments, mentoring may be right for you!

If you would like to make a difference, mentors are needed at Bottenfield and Carrie Busey elementary schools in Champaign.

To find out more about this life-changing program, contact parishioner Paula Partin (partinpa@champaignschools.org).

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SVDP “poor box” near the stand with large votive candles in the church.

The gospel work of feeding the hungry goes on quietly at St. Patrick’s, but it most definitely goes on. The work Jesus calls us to in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew’s gospel is never far from the hearts and minds of the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you would like to put “hands to work and heart to God” with the parish’s SVDP conference, please contact the parish office and leave a message for Ellen Abell.

Dear parents with young children in church,

You are doing something really, really important. I know it's not easy. I see you with your arms overflowing, and I know you came to church already tired. Parenting is tiring. Really tiring.

I watch you bounce and sway trying to keep the baby quiet, juggling the infant car seat and the diaper bag as you find a seat. I see you wince as your child cries. I see you anxiously pull things out of your bag of tricks to try to quiet them.



And I see you with your toddler and your preschooler. I watch you cringe when your little girl asks an innocent question in a voice that might

not be an inside voice, let alone a church whisper. I hear the exasperation in your voice as you beg your child to just sit, to be quiet as you feel everyone's eyes on you. Not everyone is looking, but I know it feels that way.

I know you're wondering, is this worth it? Why do I bother? I know you often leave church more exhausted than fulfilled. But what you are doing is so important.

When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do isn't about Bible study or personal, quiet contemplation but coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where we share in the Word and Sacrament together. When you are here, I have hope that these pews won't be empty in 10 years when your kids are old enough to sit quietly and behave in worship. I know that they are learning how and why we worship now, before it's too late. They are learning that worship is important.

I see them learning. In the midst of the cries, whines, and giggles, in the midst of the crinkling of pretzel bags and the growing pile of crumbs, I see a little girl who insists on going two pews up to share peace with someone she's never met. I hear a little boy slurping (quite loudly) every last drop of his communion wine out of the cup,

determined not to miss a drop of Jesus. I watch a child excitedly color a cross and point to the one in the front of the sanctuary. I hear the echoes of "Amen" just a few seconds after the rest of the community says it together. I watch a boy just learning to read try to sound out the words in the worship book or count his way to Hymn 672. Even on weeks when I can't see my own children learning because, well, it's one of those mornings, I can see your children learning.

I know how hard it is to do what you're doing, but I want you to know it matters. It matters to me. It matters to my children to not be alone in the pew. It matters to the congregation to know that families care about faith, to see young people—and even on those weeks when you can't see the little moments, it matters to your children.

It matters that they learn that worship is what we do as a community of faith, that everyone is welcome, that their worship matters. When we teach children that their worship matters, we teach them that they are enough right here and right now as members of the church community. They don't need to wait until they can believe, pray, or worship a certain way to be welcome here, and I know adults who are still looking to be shown that. It matters that children learn that they are an integral part of this church, that their prayers, their songs, and even their badly or perfectly timed (depending on whom you ask) cries and whines are a joyful noise because it means they are present.

I know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church. Please know that your family—with all of its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy—is not simply tolerated: you are a vital part of the community gathered in worship.



—By Jamie Bruesehoff. Reprinted with permission from *The Huffington Post's Religion Blog*, Sept. 14, 2013. It does express (quite perfectly) the views of *In Focus* editors!

Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . . Kathy McKenzie



Light and Easy Cheesecake Bars

1/3 c butter, softened
 1 c sugar, divided
 4 T lemon juice, divided
 1-1/4 c all-purpose flour
 1/2 t salt
 1 8-oz pkg reduced-fat cream cheese
 1 8-oz pkg fat-free cream cheese
 1 egg
 2 t grated lemon peel
 18 fresh raspberries, halved (optional)

Line a 9-inch pan with foil; coat with cooking spray. In a small bowl, beat butter and 1/4 cup sugar until smooth, about 2 minutes. Stir in 2 tablespoons lemon juice. Add flour and salt; mix well. Press into a prepared pan and bake at 350° for 14-16 minutes, or until edges are golden brown. In a small bowl combine cream cheeses and remaining sugar until smooth. Add egg; beat on low speed until combined. Stir in lemon peel and remaining lemon juice. Pour mixture over crust. Bake 14-18 minutes longer, or until filling is set. Cool on wire rack for 1 hour; refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Using foil, lift contents out of the pan; gently cut into bars and slide them off the foil with a spatula. Garnish with raspberries if desired.

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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!

Vocation Prayer

*"We are called, we are chosen, we are Christ
 for one another..."*

(From Anthem, by Tom Conroy)

Dear God, help me to discern my vocation in life, to see just how I am to follow your call. Give me the grace to respond with generosity and to persevere faithfully in the path you have opened to me, to be Christ for others.

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