

St. Patrick Parish IN FOCUS

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Welcome!

If you are new to St. Patrick's Parish, or if you are returning after being away, welcome indeed! We hope that you will find us a vibrant, faith-filled community that will help you to grow closer to God and his people! And we have a few messages for you.

First, please let us get to know you: introduce yourself to one of our staff, come to one of the fall events at which we make a point of welcoming newcomers, or stop by the parish office to register as a member of the parish. Then we can help you find the kinds of activity and fellowship that will make you feel at home.

Second, pardon our dust! We're in the midst of a project to expand our church and connect it to the parish

center. We've tried hard to make our temporary worship space in the parish hall a place of prayer and beauty, but we're very short of space right now. Some parish groups are meeting in homes and others are taking a break until construction is complete.

We hope to welcome you as Jesus was welcomed to the home of Mary and Martha. Mary sat at Jesus' feet, an image of companionship, of listening to God, and of prayer. Martha, meanwhile, made a

wonderful meal for Jesus. We're glad that you are here to join us in prayer and community. Join us in feeding the hungry and addressing many other needs in our local community and in the world.



Supplement

An illustration of four stylized figures in a row, each with arms raised and legs in a dance-like pose. They are wearing patterned shirts and shorts.

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

Enjoy an evening with Susan Nagele!

Dr. Susan Nagele, a parishioner of St. Patrick's, is a long-term

Maryknoll Lay Missioner, now in her 31st year of service. She has spent many of those years in war-torn Kenya working with other Maryknoll lay missionaries in



caring for the sick and supporting the poor and marginalized. Most recently, Susan has been working to establish clinics and expanding facilities for treating the many who come for help.

The Women of St. Patrick will host an evening with Dr. Susan Nagele at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10, in St. Mary's parish center, the Romero Center. Susan will speak about her work as a Maryknoll lay missionary in Kenya, after which there will be refreshments, time to socialize, and time to talk with her one-on-one.

Parking is available in the lot between the church and the Romero Center or in the lot to the west of the parish property. Please come to hear and visit with Susan, to learn how her work has been affected by the troubles in Kenya and how the lay Maryknoll missionaries are coping with the situation.

Have you found yourself—in the parish mosaic, that is?

You may have noticed that in the parish center main hall, where we are celebrating Mass now, there is a picture of St. Patrick Church on the north wall. It looks pretty pixelated until closer inspection reveals “We are the Church!” Our pictures actually make up the picture of the church!

This ingenious compilation is the brainchild of the Sabbath Renewal Team. In the fall of 2014, they asked parishioners to contribute pictures of themselves, their families, and par-

ish events to be used in the mosaic. On several Sundays parishioners brought pictures to the parish center, where Sabbath Renewal Team members scanned them into computers. The team also scanned pictures from the archives and earlier parish directories. Finally they scanned the pictures taken this spring for our new parish directory. Over 1300 scanned images were then sent by computer through the ether to the computer of Jim Long.

Using Artensoft Photo Mosaic

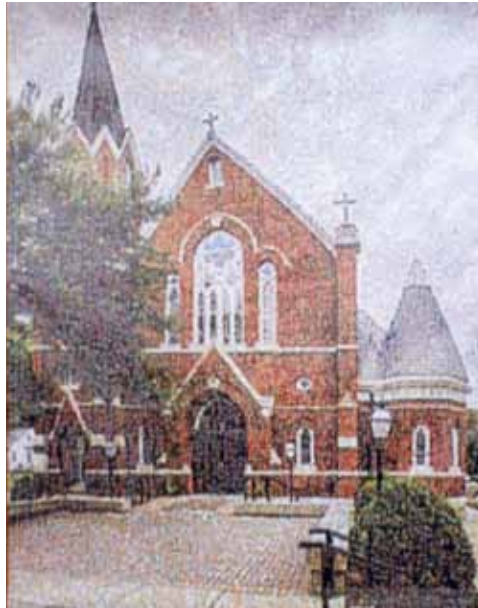
software, Jim was able to plug those 1300+ pictures into the program, which uses the individual image of the church as an overlay and then fits the many pictures as mosaic tiles into this overlay to create the design. The mosaic is made of 10,000 pictures, so your picture probably appears multiple times and in different orientations, because the program rotates the images in all directions—up, down, sideways—to make more tiles. The final image was then given to Dean’s Blueprint, who printed it on banner material.

Many thanks also to Jim Long for the lovely image of the Rising Christ on the south wall of the main hall. Using his Photoshop skills, he was able to blur the background and color in order to make the image of the Rising Christ to accompany us on our Sabbath Renewal journey. We are also grateful to our Liturgical Arts Ministry for having the photo printed and mounted.

So next weekend when you attend Mass, arrive early or remain after and find yourself and your loved ones in the St. Patrick mosaic. Have fun studying the mosaic. Make it a game (“Where’s Father Joe?”). And, more seriously, feel blessed to know that your image is now watching over Christ’s tabernacle and altar!



These individual pictures . . .



make up this mosaic!

Jeremy Quinones, the new leader for Vivo

“Vivo” is Latin for “I live!” Life shouted enthusiastically is a really appropriate name for the St. Patrick’s religious education and activities group for 11- to 13-year-olds. Their new leader is Jeremy Quinones.

A volunteer with Vivo since January 2012, Jeremy is a full-time undergraduate Honors student at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). He’s majoring in molecular and cellular biology. Three years



ago, Jeremy came to Urbana from Chicago. In addition to his full-time classes, Jeremy is a research assistant at the Schuler Lab. He usually attends the St. John Newman Center parish. Recently, he returned from visiting his family, now living in Brisbane, Australia. (FYI, Jeremy is *not* related to parish secretary Tyra Quinones!)

In the coming academic year, Vivo lessons and activities will focus on the saints and

sainthood. Jeremy plans a range of talks and events to make the lives of the saints more familiar and attainable to the Vivo youth. As part of seeking a more holy life, the group will learn about human dignity in the Roman Catholic tradition during their third week of meetings. Parents can expect members to bring home materials about the saints for family discussions!

Vivo is open to all Roman Catholic seventh- and eighth-graders in our area. Volunteers are welcome, especially the parents of Vivo students. For more information, contact Jeremy Quinones (jquinon2@illinois.edu).

Fr. Joseph is an *Oriole* fan?

Father Joseph Baker (that's "Fr. Joseph" for short) comes to us from not-that-far-away Morton, IL, where he attended church and grade school at Blessed Sacrament Parish. According to our new parochial vicar, "simply learning the basics of the faith at Blessed Sacrament School and receiving the essential sacraments there have done more for me than I'll probably ever know in this world in terms of advancing my relationship with God."



Read on to find out more about Fr. Joseph, including his thoughts on the ongoing rivalry between our priests regarding their MLB affiliations.

Can you tell us a little bit about your family?

I come from a relatively big family. I'm the third of six children, three boys and three girls. My older brother, Steve, and his wife, Marisa, are both software engineers. They've lived in the SF Bay Area for about 12 years. They have a little boy (4 years) and a little girl (2 years) and are expecting another child next month. My older sister, Sarah, works in the computer science field together with her husband, Jay. They met in grad school at Notre Dame and currently live in Bridgeport, W.Va. with their 16-month-old daughter. They also are expecting another baby next month!

My younger brother, Mark, a graduate of the U of I, is a proud resident of the Mount Pleasant neighborhood in South St. Louis and teaches math in the St. Louis public schools. My younger sister, Rachel, is beginning her senior year at Marquette University in Milwaukee and is studying criminology. Much to the pleasure of her older brother, she lives in the women's "Catholic House" at Marquette.

The youngest in the family, Maria, will be a sophomore at the University of Cincinnati. She is a talented seamstress and very interested in fashion design and is thus enrolled in the College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning.

Did you have a different education/career focus before deciding on the priesthood?

Yes, over the years I had several plans of what I was going to do in the "real world" after graduating from the U of I. However, my final plan before eventually letting God drag me into the seminary was to apply to a handful of JD/MBA programs where I eventually hoped to get into some sort of corporate business. Clearly, God didn't think that was a good idea, and looking back on it now, I think God was right!

Looking back on college/seminary, what were some of the moments that had the biggest influence on you?

Generally speaking, getting involved at the U of I at St. John's in my sophomore year was the best thing I ever did. More specifically, though, I had a couple of profound moments of experiencing God's grace during Eucharistic adoration. The first of these events occurred during the diocesan Emmaus Days retreat I attended in June 2007 and the second was at the adoration chapel at St. Matthew's in November that year. Each of those moments was an absolutely unmistakable directive in which God revealed to me His plan for me, going to the seminary and becoming a priest of Jesus Christ. Aside from that, developing good, solid, Christian friends while in college and seminary was crucial to having the support structure of so many others who were also striving to give glory to God by the witness of their lives.

Was accompanying CREW on their summer mission trip your "baptism by fire," or would you describe the experience a different way?

Ha! No, it wasn't baptism by fire at all! It was a wonderful week with the youth of St. Patrick's. Honestly, I was honored to be able to spend the week with the kids and share my faith with each one of them. You remember the



song "Hokey Pokey"? It has the line "That's what it's all about!" Truly, sharing our faith and our lives with others is really what it's all about! That's what we did on the CREW mission trip, and it was a joy to do it.

What are you looking forward to the most in your time at St. Patrick's?

I'm really just looking forward to sharing my faith with others and having them share theirs with me. This is how we grow together in promoting the Kingdom of God on Earth. In general, I would say that I'm looking forward to advancing the Lord's Kingdom in our Urbana community. This is most clearly done in our sharing of the Church's sacraments, which I have the privilege to administer as a

see **Father Joseph** on page 5

Join the St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk

It is often said that to understand someone, you need to walk a mile in his or her shoes. That is part of the inspiration for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's annual Friends of the Poor Walk/Run fundraiser. While this is a national program, the money raised by each SVDP Conference or Council event stays local to fund the work they do helping the poor in their own communities.

The St. Patrick SVDP conference decided that holding a local Friends of the Poor Walk this year would be a great opportunity to raise funds for our parish's SVDP Food Pantry. The goal is to raise \$7,000, which Food Pantry Coordinator Ellen Abell says would make it possible to purchase new refrigeration equipment for the food pantry.

The local Friends of the Poor Walk will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Anita Purves Nature Center at 1505 N. Broadway in Urbana. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., with the walk starting at 10:00 a.m. The walk itself will take place on the boardwalk in adjacent Busey Woods. The boardwalk is about one-third mile long and provides acces-



sibility for people with limited mobility.

To register as a walker for the event or to donate, go to www.svdpsusa.net/fop/ and choose "Illinois" from the "Find a Local Event" menu. Then you can click on the Urbana walk and find buttons there for registering or donating. You can also find information at the parish website (www.stpaturbana.org), and of course, keep watching the weekly bulletin for the latest information! Volunteers are also needed for planning, preparation, and helping out on the day of the walk.

We are so blessed to be able to serve our neighbors in need through our SVDP Food Pantry. Here is a chance for us to show our support. Again, all donations to this event will go to the St. Patrick's SVDP Conference. Can you help by registering as a walker, sponsoring walkers, making a donation, and/or volunteering to help with the event? Contact Margaret Kelley (418-8878 or mskelley10@gmail.com) or Jim Urban (367-2665 or jim.urban@stpaturbana.org).

Jordan Magold, new leader for CREW

Fall 2015 starts a new year for CREW, the St. Patrick's religious education and activities group for 14- to 18-year-olds. Their new leader is Jordan Magold. A volunteer with CREW since January 2015, Jordan is a full-time Master's student in Social Work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). Her academic focus is on mental health. She's stepping into the CREW leadership role with many plans for events and volunteers.

Four years ago, Jordan came to Urbana from Orland Hills, Ill., and has since earned a B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies. In addition to her social work classes, Jordan is



a full-time graduate assistant at the campus Counseling Center, focusing on women's issues and trauma, and she usually attends the St. John Newman Center. Working with teens is a great opportunity for Jordan, whose career goals include becoming a licensed clinical social worker and a therapist for adolescents and families.

Jordan plans to start a Youth Ministry Team comprised of UIUC students to help with CREW meetings and events. She has already recruited five volunteer UIUC students who will help with discussion groups, social media postings, and supporting CREW youth. Their

first major event will be an all-day retreat Saturday, Oct. 3 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Morton, Ill. Youth ministry volunteers will use Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to reach teens and spread the word about religious education and CREW events.

CREW is open to all Roman Catholic youth in our area. Jordan's goal, and that of all the CREW volunteers, is to provide a judgment-free, safe learning environment where youth can ask tough questions, find peer and adult support, and grow spiritually in a faith-based environment. CREW will also offer many opportunities for youth to become leaders themselves and focus on topics relevant and important to them.

Details on the Oct. 3 retreat, CREW social media sites, and CREW meetings will appear soon to the parish bulletin and *In Focus*. For more information, contact Jordan Magold (crew@stpaturbana.org).

We are a people of many faces

It is an exciting time in the history of the parish of St. Patrick in Urbana. We watch our church building grow before and around us. We all wait expectantly for the completion of our exciting and beautiful new space to worship and praise our God together as the People of God.

It is also an exciting time to be joined in worship by Catholics from many nations of our world. Just witness the Mexicans and Mayan people, the Congolese, the Filipinos, Vietnamese, Indians, Asians, and the many others who join us in the pews each Sunday.

In his work *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis writes, "Whenever a community receives a message of salvation, the Holy Spirit enriches its culture with the transforming power of the Gospel. The history of the Church shows that Christianity does not simply have one cultural expression, but rather (at this point, Pope Francis quotes the late John Paul II) remaining completely true to itself, with unswerving fidelity to the proclamation of the Gospel and the tradition of the Church, it will also reflect the different faces of the cultures and peoples in which it is received and takes root."

We have seen parish organizations welcoming and appreciating the talents of people from other lands by taking part in the Lenten and Holy Week liturgies, the Lenten dinners, and good music at St. Mary's Church; the French African Mass concelebrated by Father Esai from the Republic of the Congo and our pastor, Father Joe Hogan; this summer's



A French African Mass was held at St. Patrick this summer.

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priest. So I'm excited to be doing this and growing together with all of you in our love and devotion to Our Lord, our Blessed Mother, and our Holy Mother the Church.

Fr. Joe seems to have a hard time accepting your Sox fandom. Any words of wisdom on helping us all, whether Cubs, Cards, or Sox fans, to live together in harmony?

Well, the White Sox won a World Series in 2005. The Cardinals are arguably the greatest franchise of the past 10-15 years. Unfortunately, the White Sox are not as successful as the Redbirds, but nobody can take away that 2005 trophy. Now, that leaves the Cubs where? Nowhere near

International Fair; and the gift of song and praise by the Congolese Choir at a recent Sunday Mass. The Holy Spirit is working about and within the people of our parish!

Recently, parishioner Elizabeth Simmons volunteered to lead an eight-week course on *English as a Second Language* (ESL). Elizabeth is licensed and certified to instruct stu-



Father Esai and Father Joe con-celebrate the French African Mass.

dents in foreign language, social studies, and history. Other parishioners have offered to assist in the classroom. In conjunction with the instructional component, the ESL class will offer weekly an informal English conversation session, *EYE* (Exercise Your English). It is hoped that *EYE* will help to ease the way for English learners to use the English language confidently and to observe the culture and the ways of life, work, socialization, and play in our country.

The ESL classes are scheduled to begin at the end of August. For more information, contact any one of the following:

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a World Series, that's where! They might look good right now, but those of us who know baseball know they're a perennial cellar dweller. Taft was elected the same year the Cubs last won the World Series, Mother's Day hadn't yet been invented, there were only about 8,000 cars in the country, and only 8 percent of homes had a telephone. I'll leave it at that! I did come to enjoy the Baltimore Orioles quite a bit during my six years in seminary in the Baltimore area. A lot of people, I'm sure, don't like the Cubs, Cards, or Sox, but I don't suppose there are many people around here who dislike the Orioles. Can all we agree on that? Go Orioles!

Fr. Alexander Millar reflects...

Perhaps it is needless to say, but in the first two months since my ordination, I have been astounded by the goodness of God's gift to me in my vocation as priest. In these middle weeks of Ordinary Time, I am even further astounded at that gift, because the gospel readings for Sunday Mass all come from the Bread of Life Discourse, which is so central to the Eucharist and the liturgy of the Mass. Meditating on these readings in the light of my priestly office, I have found it easy to accept the Church's invitation to reflect upon the great gift



The authentic Christian life is a liturgical life, and it is in the liturgy that we are given the chance to experience the Catholic nature of the faith in a profound and mystical way. In the liturgy, we remember the saving events of the past in such a way that those same events are made present realities where we are able to participate in the here and now. When we celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass, we are present at the sacrifice of Calvary. We are also present at the first Passover, at Mount Sinai, and at the Last Supper. Most im-

The amazing power of the liturgy is such that when we say the words given to us in the Roman Missal, we sing God's praises alongside not only all other Christians throughout the world, but also those who have already lived and those who are yet to be born. When we sing the Gloria, we sing with the angels in the fields outside Bethlehem at the first Christmas. When we sing the Sanctus, we sing with the angels and saints in heaven. This connection across space and time seems to be the reason why the Second Vatican Council, in the document *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, forbade anyone from intentionally changing the words of the sacred liturgy given in the Roman Missal. After all, what a horror it would be to see that sacred chain



of the Eucharist and its liturgy, the source and summit of our faith, with fresh eyes.

The sacred liturgy lies at the core of what it means to be Christian.

Importantly, we are also present at the future Wedding Feast of the Lamb, which takes place in Heaven and makes our Mass on Earth a foretaste of that future joy.

broken and the unity of Christian worship purposely shattered!

God's love for us and God's power to demonstrate it far surpass our capacity to understand it. Yet despite the ineffable nature of God's love, these coming weeks give us that opportunity to reflect on the mystical reality of our liturgy, an enduring expression of God's love.

These last few weeks have given me a new appreciation for the Mass and the Eucharist. I hope and pray that the weeks to come do the same for you.



in our parish library

Due to the relocation of materials and offices necessitated by construction, the parish library is now unavailable to users. Next year we hope to resume our parish librarian's recommendations of parish books for children and adults that inform and enliven us on our spiritual journeys together.

Every picture tells a story

If you have visited the parish office, you may have noticed a three-part photograph hanging on the wall there. Did you ever wonder about its significance?

The photo is the work of Abigail Goad, 13-year-old daughter of parishioners Craig and Stacey Goad. Back in 2009, Abby was in the second grade at Kenwood School when her teacher suggested the children enter a PTA contest. They were to depict something they were very excited about, something that made them feel "Wow!" They could use any medium: paint, crayons, black and white drawing, whatever they chose.

Abby was learning to use her Dad's digital camera, and that was exciting, but more exciting was that her First Holy Communion was coming in the spring of 2010. She decided she would show her excitement in pictures using her dad's camera.

Abby's art teacher helped her

to arrange photographs that she took at St. Patrick's. The top photo shows holy water as Abby uses it. The middle one is a long view of



our church, as in 2010 it welcomed her to First Holy Communion. The bottom photo is of a page of scripture, one of many pages that have

taught her and will continue to help her faith grow. The arrangement of photos was framed and Abby gave it to Father Joe, who put it up in the parish office where everyone in the parish could see it and perhaps be reminded of their own stories of faith.

The Goads have a long parish family history. Abby's mom, Stacey, is the granddaughter of Mary Sleeter and the daughter of Jerry and Susie McArthur, who serve up the coffee shop on Sundays (when the church isn't under construction!). Abby now attends Holy Cross School, where she will be in 8th grade; her sister, Emily, is in 7th grade this year. She will receive the sacrament of Confirmation by Christmas.

Someday, Abby thinks, she would like to be a nurse. Whatever she does in the future, we wish her every joy as she grows and that she may often feel "Wow!"

Ministries providing comfort

St. Patrick Parish now has three programs to support and encourage parishioners by presenting them a blessed, physical gift. They are the Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Baby Blanket Ministry, and the Caring Cross.

The oldest is the Prayer Shawl Ministry, which was begun in 2008 by a group of women who met monthly to pray and work on shawls. Shawls now can be made by individuals at home. They can be knitted, crocheted, woven, quilted, or fashioned in any way suited to the talents of the maker. Patterns are kept in the shawl supply box in the parish hall and also available on line at www.shawlministry.com.

Finished prayer shawls may be picked up as needed at the parish office. The prayer shawls are available to be taken by any parishioner

for someone who is seriously ill, undergoing chemotherapy, in a nursing home, suffering from emotional or physical trauma, caregivers, and newly widowed persons. Anyone

who would benefit from the comfort these beautiful, blessed shawls bring and the prayers they represent is welcome to have one.

A new ministry, recently started at St. Patrick by Dianne Husby-Gordon and Lorraine Kim, is the Baby Blanket Ministry.

They and a group of ladies create flannel receiving blankets with the attached message, "May you be wrapped in God's love. Welcome to the St. Patrick family." These blankets, blessed by the priests, are available to parishioners who have had a new baby, have adopted a baby, or are fostering a baby. Anyone who would like a baby blanket



need only to call the parish office (367-2665) and ask for one. Anyone who would like to help create these baby blankets can also call the office.

The newest support at St. Patrick is the Caring Cross. A box of these beautiful crosses was donated to St. Patrick's by Andrea Shields. Each comes in a drawstring pouch with a prayer card which says, "When I am afraid, I will trust in you" (Psalm 56:3). The Caring Cross is designed to fit comfortably in the palm of your hand as an aid to prayer or meditation. It is ideal as a spiritual companion to ease children's fears, or comfort worried or stressed adults, and especially to focus the prayers of the sick and elderly. These crosses are individually carved from a single, unique piece of lovely-grained, olive wood that was pruned from olive trees growing around Bethlehem. If you, a loved one, or a friend need the strength of Christ at a trying time, call or come to the parish office at St. Patrick.

Becoming a Consecrated Virgin

By Minette Sternke

"I am espoused to Him whom the angels serve. Sun and moon bow down before his glory!" This antiphon can be sung at the end of the Consecration Rite during Mass. It fit my reaction perfectly on June 20 after Bishop Daniel Jenky sanctified me as a Consecrated Virgin Living in the World.

The rite is conducted during Mass. There is a homily, an examination of intention, the Litany of the Saints while the candidate is prostrate before the altar, a statement of resolve, the Prayer of Consecration, and the presentation of the insignia. I was very moved while I lay prostrate as the Litany of Saints was being sung; I felt so very blessed as the Prayer of Consecration was recited over me. I still don't think I've fully absorbed the impact of consecration.

I was thankful that my family was involved in the Mass. My twin sister, Marietta, was one of my attendants.

One of my nephews proclaimed one of the readings, and my youngest nephew, great-niece, and great-nephews brought the gifts to the bishop. Since the youngest great-nephew is four, this brought many smiles in the sanctuary! After Holy Communion, my mother and I presented a bouquet of calla lilies to the Blessed Mother in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help chapel.

Seven priests concelebrated Mass with Bishop Jenky, a number that still astounds me. Father Joe Hogan, Father George Remm, Father Alexander Millar, Father John Cyr (was at St. Matthew's, now at Wyoming Bradford), Father Joe Mulcrone (Chicago Catholic Office of the Deaf), Monsignor Glenn Nelson (Deaf Apostolate for the Rockford Diocese), and Father Mike Depcik (deaf priest with the Oblates of St. Frances

de Sales, Detroit) graciously accepted my invitation and supported me through the entire Mass. Five interpreters for the deaf donated their services so the entire deaf community present could fully participate in the Mass.

This vocation is one that I discovered about 10 years ago as I was seeking God's will in my life. Dating did not seem to be fruitful and only served to point me more toward Jesus. My mother would send me articles from the St. Louis newspaper about women being consecrated, or I'd see something on-line. I didn't take the matter seriously until 2011, when a friend of mine was consecrated and I saw the radiant joy on her face. That led to further investigation, a petition to Bishop Jenky, formation with Father Cyr, and the beautiful Mass in June.

The most frequent question people ask is, "What's next?" There

are no more ceremonies after this one; I am consecrated for life. I am continuing my work with the FDIC, my ministries at St. Patrick's, and Eucharistic Adoration at St. Matthew's. However, I now pray with a greater focus: I am to pray "without ceasing for the salvation of the world."

I am so grateful to St. Patrick's for its support of my deaf ministry and the entire practice of inclusion that can be felt here. For the recession after my Consecration Mass, I requested "Send Down the Fire," which I consider to be the unofficial anthem of St. Patrick's. That was the song that happily led me down the aisle at the conclusion of Mass.

Please pray for me as I start this next phase of my journey with God; know that I will always pray for you. Thanks be to God!



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Vocation Prayer

Loving Father, you know my heart. Help me to know the path I am to walk. I seek your vision, your wisdom, your guidance for my journey in a life of service.

I trust you, Father. If you call me to consecrated life, to married or single life, with your help I will follow. Help me, Father, to know the path I am to walk, and be with me on my journey.

An Update from the Building Committee (as of August 1)

Are we on schedule?

We had extensive, above-average rainfall during May, June, and July but managed to only be about one week behind schedule. The construction crew will attempt to make up this time between now and the end of construction.

When will we be back in the church?

Many factors can influence when the project will be completed. We hope to move into our new worship space in early winter.

What was all the digging in front of the parish center about?

The work on the south side of the existing buildings is all of the site utility work – fire service, domestic water, gas, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer. Power, telephone, and internet utility work is all served from the north side of the buildings.

What major milestones of construction have been accomplished and which are approaching?

The major milestones reached:

- getting the project started
- completing the new nave structural steel roof, including the metal roof decking
- connecting the roof of the addition to the existing roof

The major milestones approaching:

- demolition of the east wall of the existing church, and opening the new nave to the nave of the existing church
- completing the gathering space structural steel roof, including the metal decking
- installing the shingle roof over the new addition and existing church
- installing the windows and enclosing the interior spaces

Construction on St. Patrick's church expansion, which began in March, continues to progress at a remarkable pace. As we witness the transformation of our 112-year old church, we are in awe of the beautiful building that is taking shape.

Photos by Mary Twigg



Calling all musicians!

St. Patrick's has a need for singers and instrumentalists of all ages to add beauty to our worship and help lift our hearts to God. There's a place for anyone who can hold a tune!

The Children's Choir rehearses on most Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m., which meshes nicely with the times for religious education. They sing one Mass per month. Rehearsals include singing, bells, games, treats, and much laughter!

The choirs that sing for the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses will



rehearse together this fall because of the space squeeze due to construction. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the main hall, beginning on September 10.

If you're free during the day, consider joining the Funeral Schola. This group sings at funerals, which are usually held on weekday mornings. Rehearsals are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 9:30-10:30 a.m. It's a wonderful way to offer comfort and support to those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

If you're interested in any of the choirs, watch the bulletin for rehearsal times and just come! Or feel free to contact our Music Director, Laura Theby (367-2665 or laura.theby@stpaturbana.org). The ability to read music is helpful, but not required.

We need instrumentalists too! Laura makes use of a variety of instruments at Mass, depending on when people are available. Contact her to let her know that you're interested.

The Bell Choir rings hand bells at different Masses from time to time, depending on when adult ringers are available. Rehearsals are usually on Saturday mornings, 8:30-10:00 a.m. Contact Cathy Salika (367-7861 or csalika@illinois.edu) if you're interested.

Summertime and the music is . . .

The St. Patrick's Youth Orchestra filled the sanctuary at Faith United Methodist Church with music, enthusiasm, and beauty on August 7. After greetings from Fr. Joe, a blessing from Pastor Rev. Dr. Sheryl Palmer, and the National Anthem, we were well underway. The orchestra of 35 players was led, as it so often is, by Jack Reeder.

The concert's theme was taken from Gershwin's *Summertime*. The program included selections from a number of films and musicals ranging from the *Pirates of Penzance* to the *Pirates of the Caribbean*. We were also treated to the second movement of Beethoven's 7th Symphony and an orchestral rendering of *Take Five*.

Before the final piece, Jack singled out the graduating seniors in the

group: Brendan Preslar, John Kim, Sean Wilkinson, Emily Delacruz, and Claire Michael. Then the orchestra acknowledged Jack, himself a graduating senior, with words of appreciation and a standing ovation. They also gave him a gift, a photo card on the back of which all had

signed their names, along with a personal message. The wistful and hopeful theme from *Forrest Gump* marked the change in leadership for the Youth Orchestra.

It was a lovely evening of warmth and community, made possible by our talented young people!



Cosmas and Damian, brothers and saints

We have often listened to or read the prayer found in the Canon of the Mass where several saints are invoked, including saints Cosmas and Damian. Who were they and why are they included in this prayer?

Cosmas and Damian were twin brothers born in Arabia in 257 A.D.

Christians well known for their skill in the science of medicine, they were held in great esteem by their patients. It was said that they accepted no pay for their services—“Holy Unmercenaries.” This way of treating their patients attracted many to the Christian faith and therefore also led to the brothers’ martyrdom (287 A.D.) on the orders of Roman Emperor Diocletian.

Their younger brothers, Anthimus, Lenontius, and Euprepus, who were inseparable from Cosmas and Damian during life, were also martyred at the same time. (Might it be that the three younger brothers are not invoked along with the twins in the Canon of the Mass because “Saints Cosmas and Damian and Anthimus and Leonontius and Euprepus” would be too much of a

mouthful?)

The twins’ most famous miracle was grafting a leg from a recently deceased Ethiopian to replace a patient’s ulcerated or cancerous leg. This miraculous incident is depicted in many paintings and icons of these sainted brothers.



The martyred brothers are certainly not obscure saints; there are churches built in their honor in Australia, Croatia, England, France, Goa, Hungary, Italy, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, and the United States. Sts. Cosmas and Damian are venerated every year in Utica, N.Y., at St. Anthony Parish during the annual pilgrimage on the last weekend of September. The two-day

festival includes music (La Banda Rosa), much Italian food, Masses, and processions through the streets of East Utica. It sounds like fun!

Sts. Cosmas and Damian are listed as the patron saints of physicians, surgeons, dentists, veterinarians, and barbers. We might add “twins” to that list since today’s twins are sure to need a couple of patron saints to help look after them!



Q: What are some good ways to prepare for Mass?

A: The liturgy is really the work of the whole assembly, each and every one of us who gather to pray together, to worship, and to praise God together. Preparation really begins at home, dressing in appropriate clothes for the occasion and previewing the Scripture readings for the Mass.

Preparation continues in the parking lot, exchanging greetings with others headed for the church and with those standing at the entrance to welcome you. Signing yourself with holy water on entering can be a powerful preparation as a reminder of your baptism into Christ’s body, which you share with others of your faith community as you join together in the celebration of Mass.

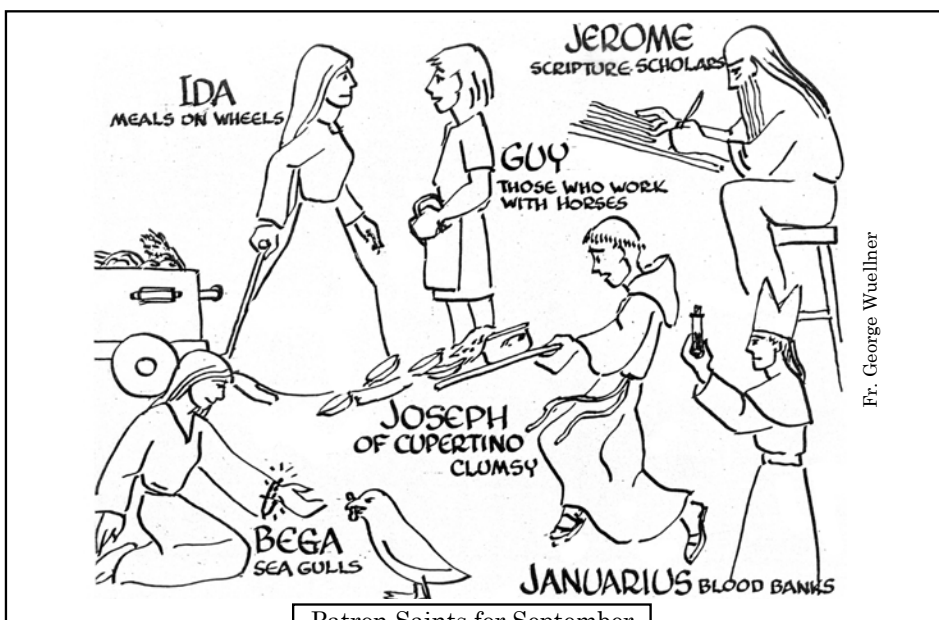
Mindful of others already present who are praying quietly, try not to disturb them as you find your place. But be ready to exchange a smile or nod and perhaps a quiet word of greeting when the situation warrants.

Acknowledge the Lord’s presence and reflect on the act of worship in which you are about to participate. You might pray with the words of a favorite hymn in Gather, pray in your own words to the God who loves you more than you can imagine, or simply rest quietly in the presence of God within you and in the gathering of the faithful.


Whatever method or methods you use will provide some benefit, so try one or more of these—or another of your own devising!

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Patron Saints for September



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

Quick fixin's from the kitchens of . . .

Sophia Zeigler



Stuffed Zucchini

3 zucchini, sliced in half lengthwise	1 T grated Parmesan cheese
2 t canola oil	1/2 t dried basil
1/2 lb lean ground beef	1/2 t dried oregano
1/2 c chopped onion	1/4 t black pepper
1/2 c chopped red bell pepper	1/2 c no-salt-added tomato sauce
	1/4 c shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 400°. Coat a baking sheet with cooking spray. Scoop meat out of zucchini halves; set aside shells and chop zucchini meat finely. In a medium-sized skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat and sauté ground beef, onion, and red bell pepper for 6-8 minutes, or until beef is no longer pink. Stir in chopped zucchini, Parmesan cheese, basil, oregano, black pepper, and 1/3 cup tomato sauce, and cook for 3-5 minutes, or until tender. Stuff zucchini shells evenly with meat mixture, spoon remaining tomato sauce evenly over zucchini, and place on baking sheet. Cover with foil and bake for 30 minutes. Remove foil and top evenly with mozzarella cheese. Bake 5-10 minutes more, or until zucchini are tender and cheese is melted.

Zucchini Squares

4 eggs	1/2 t garlic powder
1/2 c grated Parmesan cheese	1 T chopped fresh parsley
1/2 c chopped onion	1/2 c vegetable oil
1/2 t seasoned salt	1/2 c all-purpose flour
1/2 t dried oregano	1 c biscuit baking mix
	3 c grated zucchini

Preheat oven to 375°. Coat an 8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray. In a large bowl, beat eggs, then add remaining ingredients; mix well. Pour mixture into prepared baking dish. Bake 30 -35 minutes, or until set in center. Let cool 5 minutes, then cut into squares.

Laura Theby

Zucchini Bread

2-2 1/2 c grated zucchini	3 c flour
3 eggs	1 t baking soda
2 1/4 c sugar	1 t salt
1 c oil	2 t cinnamon
1 T vanilla	1/2 t baking powder

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix together zucchini, eggs, sugar, oil, and vanilla. Add dry ingredients and stir in until just moist. Pour into two greased loaf pans and bake for about 60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

Elizabeth Hendricks

Oven-fried Zucchini Circles

Several small or medium zucchinis
 1 egg
 1 c Italian seasoned bread crumbs
 Olive or vegetable oil
 (All ingredient amounts variable, depending on how big or how many zucchinis used)

Preheat oven to 425°. Pour a layer of oil into a baking sheet with sides. In a shallow bowl, beat the egg with a little water. Pour bread crumbs into a shallow, wide bowl. Slice the zucchini into circles about 1/8 in. thick. Dip each zucchini circle into the egg, then into the bread crumbs until it is coated. Set each breaded circle on the oiled baking sheet about a half inch apart. Bake the circles for 5-10 minutes or until browned on bottom. Use a spatula to turn them and bake another 5-10 minutes until they are browned on the other side. Remove them from pan onto a layer of paper towels. Serve with ketchup or your favorite condiment.

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If you have a recipe you'd like to share, please send it to Mary Lou Menches (344-1125, mmenches@illinois.edu). The only requirement is that it is easy and quick to prepare.

CREW ON MISSION 2015

Supplement

Reflections on the 2015 CREW Mission Trip

By Marty Sierra-Perry

*Careful the things you say, children will listen.
Careful the things you do, children will see and learn.
Children may not obey, but children will listen.
Children will look to you for which way to turn...
To learn what to be...*

— “Into the Woods”

The sentiments expressed in the lyrics from the song “Children Will Listen,” from the stage play and movie “Into the Woods,” convey an observation I have witnessed during my years as a parent, teacher, and child-teen advocate. Parishioners of St. Patrick’s who have supported the St. Patrick’s Religious Education program and, by extension, the annual teen CREW Mission efforts show our youth that their spiritual development is important to us as a parish community.

In order to participate in the mission trip, teens are expected to obtain religious education hours, service hours, and fundraising hours. Achieving fundraising hours this year was especially challenging for the teens since our biggest fundraiser, the CREW Service Auction, was not offered this year due to the church construction. Our spirit as a

parish community inspired collaboration with organizers of St. Patrick’s Youth Orchestra, who invited CREW to assist with the benefit concert “Some Enchanted Evening,” featuring parishioner Ricardo Herrera. The benefit concert was well attended and financially supported. It assisted not only the St. Patrick’s Youth Orchestra Scholarship Fund, but also the St. Patrick’s CREW Summer Mission Trip.

This year, the work sites for the St. Patrick’s CREW Summer Mission Trip were coordinated through Catholic Charities in Chicago. Anna Mayer—a veteran of many CREW mission trips—served as our coordinator and worked with Catholic Charities to secure various work sites in the Little Village neighborhood in Chicago’s South Side. CREW teens



provided assistance to Holy Cross Hospital, St. Gall School, St. Sabina Food Pantry, Ada S. Niles Senior



Citizens Center, and Our Lady of Tepeyac.

The work the teens did varied with each work site. At Catholic Charities, the CREW team painted an upstairs porch and furniture to create a lunch/meeting/relaxing



space for employees. Working with another group, CREW teens cleaned up an overgrown playground to repurpose it for use as a garden, a gathering space for children, and for parents to engage with their young children in meaningful ways.

It was while we were working on this space that we witnessed unsupervised youths engaging in foolish, endangering activities. When our partnering group contacted police,

the officer who responded intervened appropriately while we continued to work. We learned that the officer was a Catholic deacon. God was surely watching over us! The



officer joined us later for a photo as we finished working.

Teens were responsible for preparing meals, including sack lunches for the work sites, and later for participating in evening liturgy. Each evening before free time, teens learned about the people and the work site they would serve the next day. They had the good fortune to spend an evening with Father Joe's sister, Mary Hogan, who provided an opportunity for them to deepen their understanding of their gifts and talents for use in meeting their call to serve others. Teens also received a daily reminder of the support of the people of St. Patrick's through the "Secret Servants," who provided a



thoughtful gift or treat for each evening! Anonymous donors made our "fun day" at the Brookfield Zoo and dinner on the trip home extra special.

Thank you, friends of CREW! Our teens "will see and learn what to be" through your faith in action and your generosity.







Mission Trip Participants, 2015

Crew Youth

Bernie Arend
 Jakob Arend
 Sam Arend
 Noah Dowling
 Caterina Kim
 Louis Kim
 Keith Lee
 Sean Parks
 Sally Pennacchi
 George Pennacchi
 Kyle Rasmussen
 Lucas Simpson
 Robert Stavins

Youth Leaders

Peter Kim
 Molly Smith
 Annie Rasmussen

Young Adults

Caitlyn Schutz
 Betsy Schuele

CREW Mission Alum

Cora Freidhof
 (joined us in Chicago)

Adult Leaders

Father Joseph Baker
 Kathy Cimaskasy
 Patrick Hatch
 Anna Mayer
 J.R. Palmisano
 Randy Pankau
 Marty Sierra-Perry

