

# St. Patrick Parish IN FOCUS

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## Thank you, God, for everything!

Thank you, God, for this beautiful world. Thank you for the rhythm of the seasons, for color in the fall trees, for the sparkle of snow, for new life in the spring, and for the abundance of summer. Thank you for the life-giving brilliance of the sun and the tranquil light of the moon. Thank you for the awe of the nighttime sky. Thank you for the connections among all living things.

Thank you, God, for the little acts of kindness that I receive each day. Thank you for the person who holds a door for me and the store clerk who greets me with a warm smile. Thank you for the people who see when I need a hand and jump in. Thank you for those who show patience.

Thank you, God, for teachers, for those who fired me with enthusiasm and for those who got me through necessary material. Thank you for those who taught life lessons, more important than the class material. Thank you for those who helped me to know myself better.

Thank you, God, for all the people who serve others. Thank you for those who feed the hungry and care for the poor. Thank you for those who visit the sick and share your kindness. Thank you for healers, for doctors, nurses, and therapists. Thank you for those who listen and those who encourage. Thank you for those who serve in my place, using

the donations that I make to support their work. Thank you for giving them to me to show me how to serve others.

Thank you, God, for family and friends. Thank you for the relationships that grow richer with the years. Thank you for those that persist in good times and bad. Thank you

for the new relationships that you provide when I need them. Thank you for growth and change in my family. Thank

you for the joy and warmth of human love that reminds me of your love.

Thank you, God, for the Church. Thank you for the preachers and teachers who show me how to know and love you. Thank you for the community that helps me to be faithful by coming to worship you, week in and week out. Thank you for the warmth of ushers and the love of Eucharistic ministers. Thank you for the skills of lectors that help me to hear your Word, and musicians who help me to reflect on it. Thank you for the fidelity of sacristans and servers who help our worship to go smoothly. Thank you for the skills of artists and architects whose beautiful work mirrors for me your beauty.

Thank you, God, for yourself. Thank you for giving me all these gifts to help me to know you and serve you. Thank you for being always present, always listening, always loving, always merciful, always active, always faithful. Amen.



## Would you baptize an extraterrestrial?

In the modern world science and religion are often viewed in opposition to each other; one is upheld to the detriment of the other. However, both science and religion bring something of value to contemporary discussions. A dialogue enhances their relationship and prompts reflection upon the mystery of God's created universe. The opportunity to reflect upon their dynamic connection has the potential to deepen our understanding of science and hopefully our faith in God as well.

On Sunday, November 20, St. Patrick will host, via Skype, Brother Guy Consolmagno, who was recently appointed by Pope Francis as



director of the Vatican Observatory. Brother Guy grew up in Detroit, Michigan, and attended MIT for undergraduate and masters' programs. He earned a Ph.D. in Planetary Science from the University of Arizona and taught physics at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania.

A man of service, he lived in Ke-

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## Rededication of our church and our parish

Those who attended the Mass of Rededication of our church last December 9 will never forget it. The year since then has been memorable as well. We've become accustomed to our new worship home and made adjustments to make it work better for us. Parish groups that took a sabbatical during the construction have picked themselves up and gotten back to work.

Special programs during the year have helped us to renew our focus and service. In February, "Spoon Man" Jim Cruise helped to connect us with children in need. In April, musician David Kauffman gave a concert and workshop. In May, Sr. Sharon Zayac, O.P., spoke on care of the Earth, and in June Ursuline Sister Dianne Fulgenzi facilitated a parish retreat on discernment. Just recently, musician John Michael Talbot led us in a two-day parish mission. Still to come in November is a talk on "Faith and Reason," to be given via Skype by Br. Guy Consolmagno, S.J., of the Vatican Observatory.

On the anniversary of the rededication of the church—Friday, December 9, at 7 p.m.—we will celebrate the blessings of this year with a Mass of Thanksgiving. It won't be as elaborate as the Rededication Mass, but it will be a great prayer of joy and gratitude.

A reception will follow in Trinity Hall, hosted by the Women of St. Patrick. Come if you can!



## Get your quilt raffle tickets today!

Raffle tickets for the quilt by St. Patrick's Quilters are available at the office, at Sew Sassy in Lincoln Square in November, and after Masses on the first two weekends of December. The drawing will be held at the close of the Cookies and Basket sale on Dec. 11. Tickets are 6 for \$5, or a dollar a ticket.

The quilt was found in the Women of St. Patrick's closet by Jolene McGrogan, who donated it to St. Pat's Quilters. Research indicates that the design was from the late 1970s or early 1980s. The Quilters finished the quilt and had it machine quilted by Sue's Heirloom Quilting in Mahomet. The Daisy Gingham pattern features a blue gingham check cross-stitched behind a large central bouquet of white daisies. Daisies form groups of three at each corner. The quilt measures 81 x 90 inches.

The quilting group will start soon on another quilt. Both experienced quilters and those who would like to learn are welcome to join the group. Call Shirley Splittstoesser (367-3330) for questions or for raffle tickets.



## Extraterrestrial from page 1

nya as a member of the U.S. Peace Corps prior to entering the Jesuit community in 1989. His current role at the Vatican promotes outreach to share astronomy with people in developing countries who otherwise would not be able to experience its wonders.

Brother Guy's scientific research explores the relationships between meteorites, asteroids, and the evolution of small solar system bodies. He has authored more than 200 scientific publications as well as the thought-provoking books *Brother Astronomer: Adventures of a Vatican Scientist*, *God's Mechanics: How Scientists and Engineers Make Sense of Religion*, *Turn Left at Orion* (with Dan Davis), and *Would You Baptize an Extraterrestrial?* (with Fr. Paul Mueller, S.J.).

His scientific pursuits have presented him with opportunities to speak internationally and to serve in leadership roles within his field of planetary sciences. In 2014 he received the Carl Sagan Medal from the American Astronomical Society Division for Planetary Sciences.

The event, "Cosmic Faith: Exploring the big questions of science and religion," will begin at 2:30 p.m. in St. Patrick's main hall. Brother Guy will present via Skype, and there will be time for questions. Fr. George Remm will serve as moderator. Light refreshments will follow. Childcare will be provided during the presentation.

Please contact Carol Conaghan (carol.conaghan@stpaturbana.org or 531-7004) by November 14 and let her know the number of children for childcare.

### Vocation Prayer

*Whom shall I send?*

Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.



## Celebrate your thankfulness: Help is needed with the SVDP's Thanksgiving baskets

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Patrick's is proud of the tradition of providing Thanksgiving baskets to over 250 families in the Champaign-Urbana area. Recipients are referred by local agencies, such as Community Elements and the City of Champaign Township, by personal requests from parishioners for someone else, or by calls to the parish office.

The baskets are packed with the makings for an easily prepared Thanksgiving dinner including ham, canned sweet potatoes, vegetables, canned fruit, rolls and margarine, and—of course—pumpkin pie. Additional items are included to help recipients make a few more meals.

Helping with this process is a wonderful way to give back to the community and begin the holiday season! Many hands make light work. How can you help? Volunteer opportunities include:

- Pickup and delivery to the parish hall of non-perishables on Saturday morning, November 19
- Assembling boxes and non-perishables on Sunday evening, November 20
- Pickup of perishable items from local stores on Tuesday at 7:45 a.m., November 22
- Final packing of baskets for delivery on Tuesday, 8:00 a.m., November 22
- Delivering baskets to recipients on Tuesday, November 22, 9-11 a.m.

Donations are needed to cover the costs of the ingredients. A donation of \$30 will provide a family with a Thanksgiving basket. Donations may be put in the gold envelope that was included in your parish envelopes, or

in a plain envelope marked "Thanksgiving basket donation." These may be dropped in the collection basket at Mass or brought to the parish office. You may also donate through your online giving account at the parish website ([stpaturbana.org](http://stpaturbana.org)) by marking the donation for the Thanksgiving basket program.

If you have questions or would like to help, please call the parish office (367-2665) or contact Sally Czapar ([czapar101@gmail.com](mailto:czapar101@gmail.com)). Watch the bulletin for a link to an online Doodle sign-up.





## in our parish library

As we approach All Saints Day, you might enjoy reading some of the novels by Louis DeWohl on the lives of saints. A few are described here to get you started.

**Lay Siege to Heaven: A Novel about St. Catherine of Siena.** The daughter of a prosperous dyer in 14th-century Siena, Catherine played an important role in the Church as well as in the civic world. At that time in history, the pope was living in Avignon, but Catherine persuaded him to return to Rome. She also helped to bring peace between the warring city-states of Italy. It is said that St. Catherine truly did lay siege to heaven. (Fic Dew)

**Dear & Glorious Physician: A Novel about St. Luke of the Cross.** The story of St. Luke tells the story of everyman's pilgrimage through despair and darkness, suffering and anguish, bitterness and sorrow, to the understanding of God. (Fic Dew)

**The Restless Flame: A Novel about St. Augustine.** DeWohl tells the story of St. Augustine's transformation from a vain, sensual youth to the brilliant devout writer and theologian, who conquered himself as completely as he did the adversaries of the Church. (Fic Dew)

**The Quiet Light: A Novel about St. Thomas Aquinas.** A pupil of St. Albert the Great, St. Thomas through a life of study, writing, prayer, preaching, and contemplation rose to become an influential figure in his age and was later proclaimed the Angelic Doctor. (Fic Dew)

**The Joyful Beggar: A Novel about St. Francis of Assisi.** In this magnificent and stirring novel, Louis de Wohl turns his famed narrative skill to the story of the soldier and merchant's son who might have been right-hand man to a king but who became instead the most beloved of all saints. Set against the tempestuous background of 13th-century Italy and Egypt, here is the magnificent and inspiring story of Francis Bernardone, the brash, pleasure-loving young officer who was to become immortalized a saint. (Fic Dew)

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*If you have questions, contact our parish librarian, Megan Raab (raab4198@gmail.com); she will be happy to assist you. The door to the parish library is now always open—come and browse to your heart's content!*



**Q: Why does the priest drop a little piece of the host into the chalice during the Lamb of God?**

**A:** In the Mass of the Roman Rite, the practice of dropping a small piece of the host into the chalice, called the "commingling," seems to have been practiced in Rome since at least the late 300s.

In a letter written by Pope Innocent I in the early 400s, he mentioned that particles of the consecrated bread from the papal Mass were carried to other churches in the city of Rome, and those consecrated particles were put into the chalices at Masses being celebrated there.

This signified that, even though not everyone could be at the pope's Mass, the local assemblies were, in fact, united with the pope because part of the Eucharistic bread he had consecrated became united with the "one cup" they shared.

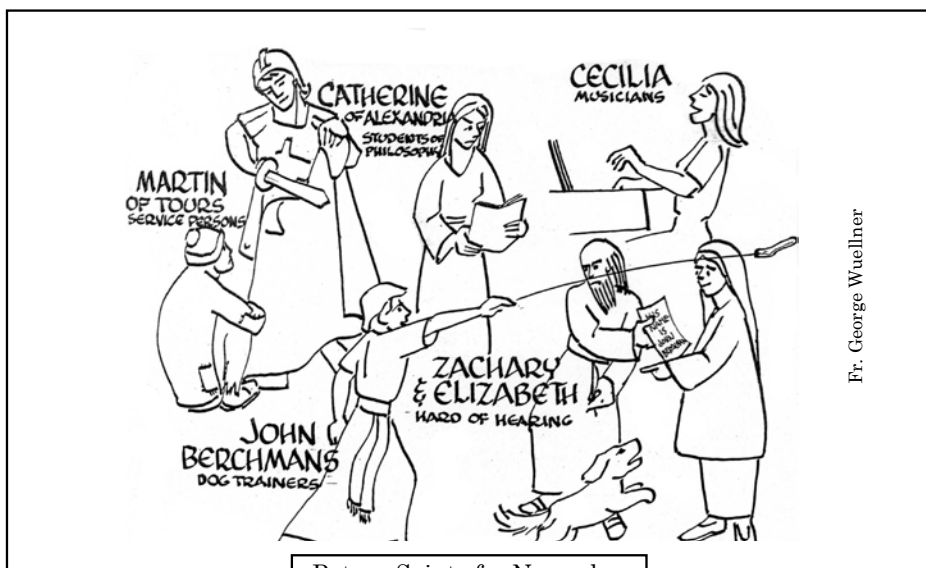
This rite slowly began to be included at Masses celebrated in other places in Europe to imitate what happened at Masses in Rome, even though the particle dropped into the chalice necessarily came from the Eucharistic bread consecrated at that Mass.

In some places, a specific symbolism was given to this mixing of the consecrated bread with the consecrated wine—the resurrection of the Lord. Since the separation of blood from a person's body meant death, the union of a particle of Christ's body (in the consecrated bread) with his blood (in the chalice) would, for many people, symbolize the resurrection.

This symbolism is hinted at in the "General Instruction of the Roman Missal," which says that the priest places the particle into the chalice "to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, namely, of the Body of Jesus Christ, living and glorious."

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



Fr. George Wuellner

Patron Saints for November



### Are you a saint?

Of course you are a saint! You are part of a great fellowship, or communion, of saints: you have been consecrated to God by your baptism, become a member of the vast congregation of all those so consecrated who are in heaven, on earth, and in purgatory, a member of the Mystical Body of Christ! We can never forget those who have gone before us in faith; we pray for them, they pray for us, we pray for all those others who are with us still. We are one in the love of God who made us and loves us beyond what we can imagine.

So yes, remember that you are a saint, pray that you may live up to whatever you think a saint must be, and humbly thank God for that love that unites us all, living and deceased, in the vast Communion of Saints.





## Speaking out for the poor cost him his life

Did you realize that one of the banners in our Saints Chapel depicts a man who is not yet a saint? It was only in May 2015 that Pope Francis beatified Oscar Romero. Still, many people in his native El Salvador already call him Saint.

When he was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, Oscar Romero was a conventional, conservative bishop. Unlike activist clergy, such as his close friend and confidant Father Rutilio Grande, a Jesuit who was involved in land reform and the organizing of poor communities, Romero seemed unlikely to challenge the status quo. However, when Fr. Grande was assassinated by government death squads because of his work with the poor, he began to change. “When I looked at Rutilio lying there dead, I thought, ‘If they have killed him for doing what he did, then I too have to walk the same path,’” said Romero.

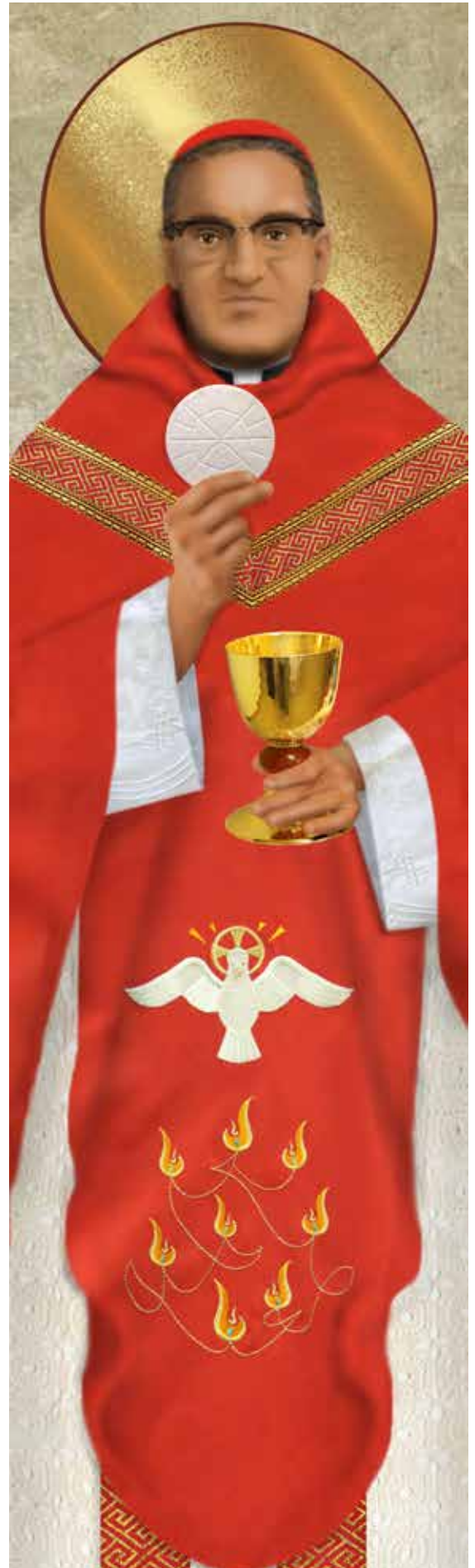
In El Salvador the government supported the interests of the small number of wealthy people who owned and controlled most of the land, while the majority of the population lived in poverty. Speaking out against the injustice, torture, and assassinations taking place was dangerous, yet Romero felt that as someone who believed in the Gospel he could do nothing else. This once reserved man became fearless and outspoken. His weekly sermons were broadcast throughout the country by radio and earned him the enmity of the country’s oligarchy and even some of his conservative fellow bishops.

“If they kill me, I shall arise in the Salvadoran people,” he said in the face of death threats. “Let my blood be a seed of freedom and the sign that hope will soon be reality.” Only weeks later, on May 24, 1980, Archbishop Oscar Romero was shot by an assassin while celebrating Mass.

In creating the Blessed Oscar Romero banner, parishioner Pat Mayer decided to depict him wearing a red Pentecost vestment. “I was drawn to using the symbol of Pentecost because his martyrdom inspires all those who carry on the nonviolent struggle for justice and peace—much like the Holy Spirit came to inspire the apostles after Jesus’ death. He holds the Eucharist because he was martyred while saying Mass, and because, like Jesus, he clearly knew that speaking out for the poor might cost him his life.”

As with all the banners, many details came from photos of items borrowed from parishioners or found in the parish. The Pentecost vestment is one from our parish. The gold trim was acquired in Cambodia by a woman who served there in the Peace Corp. An 1860s baptismal garment makes up the sleeves, and a piece hand-crocheted in the early 1900s became the white robe. The trim is from a First Communion dress, and at the bottom is a lace mantilla a parishioner recalled her mother wearing to Mass every Sunday when she was a child. Both the chalice and the priest’s collar belong to former pastors of St. Patrick’s.

As we contemplate Blessed Oscar Romero, may we be both inspired and challenged by his example.



## Fr. Joe spoke to Seniors on the church expansion

More than forty St. Patrick's parishioners gathered on the patio at Biaggi's restaurant on a very warm late summer day to see the church renovation and expansion through the eyes of our pastor. The St. Jeanne Jugan Seniors sponsored the lunch, which featured Fr. Joe Hogan as speaker.

Fr. Joe began with some facts on the capital campaign. The initial survey indicated that \$3 million could be raised by the parish, although the final pledged amount reached \$5 million! This amount was raised despite the fact the parish had no single million-dollar pledges, which is usually the case in a project of this size. The projected level of participation was 25 percent, but so far over 33 percent of parishioners have contributed to the expansion project. This means that parishioners prayed and discerned what they could give, and many, many small gifts helped us to reach our pledge goal.

Money was not the only factor causing some anxious moments during the project. Father spoke of the "trust" factor coming into play: trust in the decisions of the diocese, Carle Foundation Hospital, the City of Urbana, the three parish expansion committees—and ultimately laying it all in the hands of God. Father recognized and thanked

the entire parish community for their prayer support every step of the way; for example, the day asbestos was found in the church, and other occasions where immediate decisions were involved.



Fr. Joe said he often reflected on the fact that we are called to be stewards. He thought of the original 42 founding families, who had the vision to build a church that would serve beyond their current needs in 1903. They built a church that served thousands of families throughout a hundred years and more. He hoped that our own witness to that kind of stewardship would prepare our worship and gathering space for future generations, saying that this is our duty as disciples.

One of the questions asked was regarding guided tours of the new worship space. A brochure giving extensive information on the artwork, furnishings, and architecture will be available sometime this fall. If you are interested in a guided group tour of the church, please contact Mary Karten ([mlkarten@hotmail.com](mailto:mlkarten@hotmail.com)) or inquire at the parish office (367-2665).

For information about the St. Jeanne Jugan Seniors may be had by contacting Dan Richards ([woregon@hotmail.com](mailto:woregon@hotmail.com)).

## A ray of hope for those who grieve

After the death of a loved one it is normal for emotions to vary greatly. There may be moments of calm acceptance followed by tears or anger and frustration.

Often these changes seem to be spontaneous or unexpected. They may be triggered by events or memories. Times or seasons may bring up strong emotions. Birthdays, anniversaries, or holidays may seem like insurmountable events. The day itself may be preceded

by days or even weeks of anxiety: "How will I ever make it through Christmas without Mom?" "Will the empty seat at the table bring me to

tears in front of everyone?" "How will I spend our anniversary now that my husband is gone?"

The Ministry of Consolation will help with these issues by sharing the program "A Ray of Hope: Facing the Holidays Following a Loss." On Saturday morning, November 12, at 8:30 a.m. we will gather in the lounge of the parish center to view the program, share our stories, and pray together.

The presentation will help participants to form realistic expectations and develop strategies for getting through difficult days and seasons. Each person's journey

of grieving is unique and each person copes in their own way. "Ray of Hope" respects each person and meets them where they are, providing tools and suggestions for making decisions regarding the upcoming holidays.

If you are grieving the death of a loved one and can't imagine the holidays without them, please join us for this insightful and helpful presentation. If you know someone who could benefit from the ideas and help the program provides, please invite them to participate. Consider coming with them to offer your love and support.

If you would like more information about the "Ray of Hope" presentation, please contact Nancy Olson ([nancybolson@gmail.com](mailto:nancybolson@gmail.com) or 359-6424).





## Seniors went on pilgrimage to Peoria

On October 5, the feast day of St. Faustina, ten parishioners of St. Patrick's made a pilgrimage to see some of the holy places in Peoria. The diocese graciously provided guides to shrines, relics, and historical items of interest.

The St. Jeanne Jugan Seniors toured St. Mary's Cathedral, the mother church of the diocese, where they visited the reliquary chapel, which contains literally hundreds of saints' relics, even a relic of the True Cross. They also visited the Lady Chapel, with its iconic shrine to Our Lady of Good Help, the patron of the

Diocese of Peoria. There they also saw a statue of St. Anne, mother of Mary; a statue of St. Therese, patron of vocations; and paintings of the French missionaries Pere Marquette and St. Isaac Jogues. They also visited the Fulton Sheen Museum.

For lunch and fellowship, the seniors went to Kelleher's Irish Pub for a delightful noon hour. Afterward they visited the gorgeous Sacred Heart Church, remarkable for the mosaic-style medallions of North

American saints. Its unusual crimson ceiling is meant to reflect Heaven.

And finally the group visited the impressive historic St. Joseph Church, which has an enormous wooden organ that is quite impressive. The wooden altar and statuary reflect the influence of the German Franciscans who ministered there for over a hundred years.

All agreed that this was a very good day indeed!





# Blessed are they

St. Patrick’s parishioners and friends gathered October 4 for the blessing of pets. Father Pham led prayers and all sang the hymn “How Great Thou Art.” Six dogs received blessings and a sprinkling of holy water on a sunny fall day with birds chirping nearby.

St. Francis of Assisi’s feast day was a fitting time for celebrating the gifts that animals bring to our lives!



### Did you know?

If you bring a container, you can fill it with blessed water from the holy water crock. Have you lost it? It’s been moved around quite a lot during and post-construction, but it seems to be at home now. You can find it at the foot of the stairs as you enter the church, tucked into the corner where you’d turn to use the elevator.

*Do not worry about your life,  
what you will eat or drink . . .*

You are so afraid,  
so worried.  
I know you are good  
in your heart.  
I know you want to do  
what is right.  
I know all about you.  
I watched you grow  
in your mother’s womb—  
before you were born,  
I spoke your name.  
I know when you stand up,  
when you sit down.  
Nothing is hidden  
from me. . .  
come, waste some time  
with me!

## Friends came to dine with us!

After skipping a year due to the church expansion project, a recent St. Patrick's tradition was able to make a comeback this year. On September 21, the sixth Friends of the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Dinner— more commonly known as the Friends Dinner—was held in the main hall of the parish center.

Guests were greeted at the door, then brought to volunteer table hosts who welcomed them, wrote name tags, passed out crayons and coloring pages to children, and made conversation. When everyone was seated, Father John Pham led a prayer. Then dinner!

There were many delicious dishes donated by our generous parishioners: a variety of mixed greens or fruit salads, baked beans, casseroles, pasta dishes, vegetables, and even meatloaf. There was also fried chicken from Schnuck's and ham from Sam's Club. The dessert table groaned under the weight of all the pies, cakes, cookies, and brownies. There were so many sweet treats that rumor had it no one would be allowed to leave the building without at least an extra brownie!

Although attendance at this year's dinner was rather lower than usual, that turned out to be a good thing. At the last minute a funeral dinner was scheduled to take place in Trinity Hall at the same time the Friends Dinner was taking place. The dinners had to share both food and the work of the kitchen crew. The lower number of Friends Dinner guests meant that the food stretched to both dinners and volunteers were less stressed than they might have been otherwise.

The atmosphere was definitely relaxed! Guests, hosts, and other volunteers were able to take their time eating and chatting afterwards. At the end of the dinner, guests were able to take home not only an extra dessert but also a bouquet of fresh flowers. Food Pantry Coordinator Ellen Abell had visited the Eastern Illinois Food Bank the day before and was given free boxes of flowers

to use for decorating the tables for the Friends Dinner. As a result, the tables looked lovely and both guests and volunteers were pleased to have flowers to take home.

It was a wonderful evening, reminding us how blessed we are to be able to serve our neighbors and to share our hospitality with them.

*Friends Dinner organizers Denise Freidhof and Elizabeth Hendricks would like to give a heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers who gave of themselves, their time, and their prayers, to help make this dinner such a wonderful experience. Many thanks to those parishioners who so generously cooked, baked, bought, and otherwise supplied the absolutely delicious food that fed everyone. An extra special thanks must go to Kathy McKenzie and the funeral dinner crew, who did double duty that night and always give so much to our parish!*





## A day at hard labor for CREW teens

Our CREW teens on Sunday, October 16, had a service day at CU at Home's Phoenix Center on Green Street. The Phoenix Center is a day-time drop-in shelter for the homeless population of Champaign-Urbana. These CREW service days not only get our teens out helping in the community and expose them to social issues in our own backyard, but it also helps them prepare for the week-long mission trip this summer.

The CREW team consisted of thirteen high-schoolers, four CREW counselors from the Newman Center, and three chaperons. The team was split into three groups: one group did a thorough cleaning of the center and wiped down all of the furniture, mopped the floors, and cleaned out the cupboards; the second group painted the laundry room and the hallway; and the third group scraped a shed and a fence so that they can be painted in the future.

All in all, the team spent three hours of good hard labor at the Phoenix Center. Well done, high schoolers!



## All Souls' Day Mass at Woodlawn Cemetery

The Divine Mercy Cenacle Community invites you to celebrate outdoor Mass at Woodlawn Cemetery on All Souls Day, November 2, at 4:00 p.m. Fr. Matthew Deptula of St. Matthew's Parish will preside. This Mass will be offered for those seeking healing after the recent death of a loved one. All of the Catholic parishes in the area are invited to attend. Please call Dan Richards (714-2609) with questions.



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

#### Margaret Oakes

##### Mini Apple Pies

- 2 Granny Smith apples, cored, peeled, diced
- 1 T brown sugar
- 1.2 t ground cinnamon
- 1/4 t ground nutmeg
- 1 t lemon juice
- 1 T margarine
- 2 T chopped walnuts
- 1 pkg refrigerated biscuits (7.5 oz)



In a medium bowl combine apples, brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and lemon juice. In a large skillet melt margarine over medium heat. Add apple mixture and cook for 5 minutes, or until apples are soft, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and stir in walnuts.

Place biscuits on a flat surface and press with fingertips to flatten. Equally divide the apple mixture into the center of each biscuit. Fold dough over to form a half-moon. Using a fork, crimp the edges to seal. Place on baking sheets and bake at 425 for 8-9 minutes, or until golden brown.

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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](mailto:mmenches@illinois.edu)). The only requirement is that it be easy and quick to prepare!*



Deadline for submission of information, articles and news items for the next issue of In Focus is **November 6**.