

# St. Patrick Parish IN FOCUS

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May 2017

## A pelican, a hen, and Jesus

Have you noticed the pelican in the stained glass window to the right of the sanctuary in the church? She has been there all along but she is more prominent now, and it's a very good place for her. Mediaeval zoologists believed a myth about pelicans, that a mother would cut open her breast and feed her young on her own blood. So it's no surprise that the pelican became a symbol of Jesus in the Eucharist, who feeds us on his Body and Blood.



Aside from the myth, a pelican is a dedicated mother. She sits on her eggs for four or five weeks and then feeds the hatchlings for several months. So even today she is an image of the patient, faithful care that Jesus has for us.

Jesus once compared himself to a mother bird or, in some translations of the Bible, a mother hen (Mt 23:37 and Lk 13:34). He was speaking to the city of Jerusalem, where many prophets had been killed and whose people would soon put him to death. He said, "How often have you yearned to gather your children, as a mother bird gathers her young under her wings, but you refused me." It's such a tender image, a hen using her own body to keep her chicks warm and safe from the weather and predators. And what a compassionate thing for Jesus to say, to show the he wanted to give the people his love even though they were about to reject and kill him.

May is the month of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and of Mother's Day. Just as the pelican and the hen teach us about the tender love of Jesus, the love of mothers can do the same. The commitment, the careful nurturing, and the generous gift of self that a good mother shows us is an image of the steadfast, merciful love of Jesus.

May is also a month of First Communions. The mother pelican can help us to understand what a tremendous gift the Eucharist is, a sign of the dedicated, merciful care of Jesus. In May, some of us see our fledglings take off after graduation; we know that we will continue to care for them and we can be sure that Jesus will never stop caring for them.

Pelicans, hens, and even our own mothers are just a shadow, an image, of the care that Jesus has for us. They make mistakes; he never does. They sometimes fail in love; Jesus never does. They sometimes have to leave us; Jesus is always with us. But how blessed we are to have them to help us grasp the love of Jesus!

## Parish history revealed in photo display

If you have been to one of the many events and receptions held in Trinity Hall, the beautiful new gathering space under our expanded church (and if you haven't, what are you waiting for?), you have probably noticed that in addition to the lovely new seating in the lobby outside the hall, there are now an array of posters and displays lining the walls.

The posters, created by parishioner Pat Mayer, use archival photos



and text to tell the story of our parish. Beginning with the first wooden church building---built in a mere

see **Photo Display** on page 8

## We celebrated our patron saint with a party

Reviving a beloved tradition at our parish this year, we celebrated our patron saint in a big way on Sunday, March 12. The celebration began with several crafts and games for children. The shamrock cake walk was a huge hit, and each child that won received a yummy cupcake. Several adults also helped the children make green rosaries, a good reminder to keep the mysteries of the faith close at hand!

Parishioners Mary and Pat Twigg, together with several helpers, cooked a delicious meal of corned beef, two kinds of cabbage, and potato leek soup. In the usual St. Patrick's style, the side dishes and delicious desserts were brought by parishioners. Nearly 200 people packed the main hall, which was festively decorated in green for the occasion.

The celebration concluded with a beautiful concert by the St. Patrick Youth Orchestra members. We are certainly fortunate to have such talented young people in our community!

To all who attended and volunteered at the party, thank you for your dedication to St. Patrick Parish.



## Fauré's Requiem a reminder of wondrous love

Saturday, April 1, St. Patrick's sanctuary filled with parishioners and friends old and new who joined together for a Lenten musical event—a performance of Gabriel Fauré's Requiem, organized by St. Patrick's Music Director, Franklin Gallo.

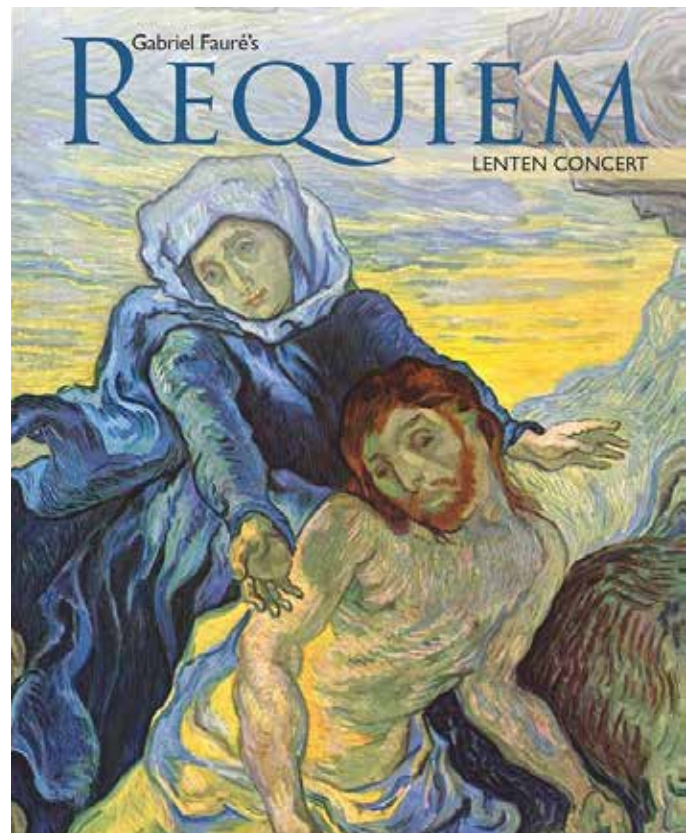
The community choir and the Soli Deo Gloria orchestra included musicians from St. Patrick's and other churches, the Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana, the University of Illinois Oratorio Society, The Chorale, and the University of Illinois School of Music. Scott Montgomery, Director of Music Ministries at Holy Cross Church in Champaign, served as organist, allowing Franklin Gallo to conduct the work, a musical setting of the Mass for the dead.

The evening opened with prayer and a solo organ piece, Samuel Barber's variations on the hymn tune What Wondrous Love Is This. All present then joined in singing this hymn as the choir processed into the sanctuary. The seven movements of the Requiem that followed filled the sanctuary with music, relating well to our experiences of thoughtfulness and reflection during Lent.

Two vocal soloists were featured—Ricardo Herrera and Stephanie Rayl—both active participants in St. Patrick's music ministry.

Prior to the concert, UI School of Music professor emeritus Chester Alwes spoke to audience members in Trinity Hall, and the hall also served as the setting for a post-concert reception.

The evening provided a wonderful opportunity for community, artistic experience, and contemplation of a truly wondrous love!



# Holy Cross Happenings

The school year is zip(-a-dee-doo-dah)ing right along. A good way to mark the passage of time at Holy Cross is by the annual musical: this year kids in grades K-8 put on a delightful version of Alice in Wonderland, Jr. (and, yes, Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah is a part of that show! Who knew?).

That being a “wrap,” the year itself will start winding down pretty quickly. Third quarter honors were an-



nounced; St. Patrick’s kids who received honors are listed here. Only about four weeks remain until the 2016-17 year is in the books.

That being said, some touchstone events remain before the close of the school year. If you’ve never attended the May Crowning Mass, you may want to make plans to join the kids at 8:15 a.m. on Friday, May 5. Every child will bring a flower to place on the altar, and students will present the statue of Mary with a new floral crown.

And, of course, there is 8th-grade graduation, which will take place on Thursday, May 18. The weekend before, St. Patrick’s will hold a reception following the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 13 to honor all of our 8th-grade and high-school grads. All graduates and their families should plan to attend! Contact Jon McCoy (jon.mccoy@stpaturbana.org) for more details and to make sure your graduate’s special achievement is recognized.

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*Do you have any events or recognitions you’d like to see covered in a future “Holy Cross Happenings”? Contact Rachael McMillan (rachmcmill@gmail.com) to get them added.*

*Interested in having your children attend Holy Cross School? Schedule a tour of the school by calling Principal Chris Ellis (356-9521). Financial help may be available; contact the St. Patrick’s parish office (367-2665) for more details.*



## 3rd QUARTER HONOR ROLL, 2016-2017

### Highest Honors

Natalie Caughlin  
 Ian Peters  
 Jasmine Waite  
 Emily Leininger  
 Ellen Loftus  
 Brandon Hood  
 Maddy McCoy  
 Kylie Hopper  
 Kaleb Leininger

### High Honors

Zach Lewis  
 Jay Saunders  
 Elizabeth Stubbers  
 Marissa Altaner  
 Lukas Grosse-Perdekamp  
 Daniel Caughlin  
 Joyson Kakinga

### Honors

Parker Moore  
 Sam Ramey

## CREW teens prepare for Mission Trip

As preparation for their summer Mission Trip, St. Patrick's CREW teens participated in service activities around Champaign-Urbana in March. One group performed a deep clean at the Crisis Nursery in Urbana. They wiped down all of the toys, cleaned the bathrooms, and washed the floors. A second group cleaned the yard at one of the group homes of CU At Home, and then

wiped down all of the furniture and washed the floor at the Phoenix Center. A third group organized and straightened up the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry shelves.

On April 9, CREW held a Service Auction to raise funds for their trip. Thanks to the generous support of the parish, they raised \$2,010. They would like to thank everyone who participated in the auction, as well

as give a special thank you to Tom Costello for his awesome auctioneering skills and to Angela Barden, Jeannie Rasmussen, and Stephanie Smith for their baked goods.

This summer's CREW Mission Trip will take them to Frenchville, Pennsylvania. The teens will be staying at the Young People Who Care camp and working in the central Appalachia region of Pennsylvania. Please keep them in your prayers!



*CREW teens at a CU at Home group home*



*CREW teens at the Crisis Nursery*

## From Dr. Susan Nagele

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April 2017

Dear friends at St. Patrick's,

I find myself in the midst of Lent and reflecting on the support that all of you have given us over so many years. As a faith community you have always been concerned about people in need and have looked beyond your local community to reach others whom you will never see or know...except through us. When I come home I am always touched by the genuine interest and concern you show for them. It is, in part, because of your faith and compassion that I find myself still here in Kenya. Thank you for your annual parish contribution and for all of the many personal contributions that some of you have also made. I am including my financial report for 2016 to show how we used your donations. [See next page.]

I am getting older (61 now and counting!), so of course my perspective on the future is changing and I wonder how it will unfold. The young girl I'm pictured with, Mary, gives me some idea. She is about 9, but she might never have been. Her mother became pregnant when only 16, and in her desperation she started looking for an abortion. The Sisters of St. Joseph, who run the hospital where I do clinics, begged the mother to keep the child, saying that they would help her raise the baby. When the mother could see she was not alone and would have help rather than condemnation, she agreed.

Mary is as sharp as a tack and wants to be a doctor, so of course we have a special friendship! She can see another woman who has gone that route, showing that it is possible for a girl to do such a thing in a society that often doesn't think girls are worth wasting money on to pay for schooling.

The Kenyan doctors were on strike from December 5, 2016, for 100 days. The government told the people to go to our mission facilities for health care, and we worked very hard to do the work of the government. The numbers of patients have finally decreased, but the cost of food is sky rocketing. Yesterday a 60-year-old woman with diabetes and high blood pressure told me she can no longer afford to buy greens to eat. She only eats green grams and ugali (stiff porridge), never meat. She wanted to stop taking her blood pressure medicine because she came to the clinic with \$1 and the drugs cost \$7 for six weeks.

Kenya is in the middle of a drought, with the coastal areas here around Mombasa severely affected. Our clinic in Bamba had no water and jerry cans



*Susan and Mary*



*Jerry cans along the road to Bamba*



*Effects of drought in Kenya*

were lined up along the road waiting for the truck to come from the cement factory to fill them. We are not as bad as South Sudan and Somalia, where there is famine. The rains should come any day now—that would be the greatest Easter blessing possible!

Wishing each of you a very joyful and blessed Eastertide...all the way up to Pentecost!

*Peace + God Bless,  
Susan*

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

*Donations may be made payable to Maryknoll Lay Missioners; if to go to Susan's mission account, write Ministry Account Susan Nagele in the memo line (check) or in the comment box (online).*

# Susan Nagele Annual Report

BEGINNING BALANCE	EXPENSES	INCOME	US\$14,729.50
<b>INCOME</b>			
General Donations		59,061.00	
Donations in Memory of Thomas E. Nagele		8,865.00	
<b>Total Donations 2016</b>		<b>67,926.00</b>	
Missioner Sustenance Fund	30,798.25		
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
CAM Medical Store	236.36		
Charity medical care	5587.73		
Dispensary Support Bamba	3284.60		
Dispensary support Bangaladesh	3740.25		
Dispensary support Giriama	69.12		
Dispensary support Kanamai Health Center	84.60		
Dispensary support Kikambala	745.36		
Dispensary support Likoni	2309.91		
Dispensary support Mbungoni	9.41		
Dispensary support Mrima	2040.74		
Dispensary Eldoro Staff Quarters Building	6000.00		
Education	4968.00		
Licenses/Visas	421.80		
Miscellaneous	177.57		
Medical supplies	10.94		
Medical trips	2132.70		
Mission Education	131.05		
Offices supplies	391.69		
Phone	208.00		
Transport	158.28		
Vehicle maintenance KAD 119T	580.98		
Workers' Incentives	23.65		
World AIDS Day	42.01		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>64,152.98</b>		
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>			<b>US\$18,503.02</b>

## NOTES:

- The Missioner Sustenance Fund was created in 2015. Approximately 50% of donations to my mission account are removed to this fund which is used to support me. My current living allowance is \$30,250.02 which was increased from 2014 due to requirements for pension payments when I retire. This includes Actna medical benefits of \$4,607.94 making my taxable income \$25,642.00. Business council, Business council fee, Workmen's comp, Empl Fid, Retirement contributions and FICA tax = \$10,661.51. Total salary and benefits = **\$40,911.51**. In addition to the \$30,798.25 for the missioner sustenance fund, donations were made to the general fund in my name totaling \$9846.00. These two amounts total \$40,644.25. I also made a personal donation to the retirement fund of \$320.00 which brings a total of **\$40,964.25** and therefore offsets the money required to keep me in mission.
- The total amount contributed to the Defined Benefits Initiative Plan for Retirement was \$1320.00.
- Many of my donors do not know how to direct their donations. If a donation is tax deductible it must be made to **Maryknoll Lay Missioners**. If a donation is to go to my mission account it must be clearly designated '**Ministry Account Susan Nagele**'. This can be written in the memo line on a check or in the comment box if giving online. If there is no designation or the gift is given in 'honor' of Susan Nagele the donation will be put in the general fund.
- Bangaladesh, Bamba, Giriama, Kikambala, Kanamai, Likoni, Mbungoni and Mrima are eight dispensaries where I do routine clinics. I have used ministry money to support them with medical equipment, educational materials and medicines.
- Funds were given for building a staff house in Eldoro Dispensary in both 2015 and 2016. Construction was finally begun in December 2016. The Eldoro Maternity unit was renovated by mission funds in 2014 but has not succeeded because there is no housing for staff.
- Medical trips include mileage costs, fuel, drivers and parking expenses in our medical ministry.
- The large closing balance of \$18,503.02 is the result of donations totaling \$23,517.50 that came in December 2015.
- Donations can be made as follows:
  - Send a check to Maryknoll Lay Missioners, Box 307, Maryknoll, N.Y. 10545-0307. In the memo line write '**Ministry Account Susan Nagele**'. For assistance call toll free: 1 800 867 2980.
  - They can be made online <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/MaryknollLayMissioners/SNagele.html>

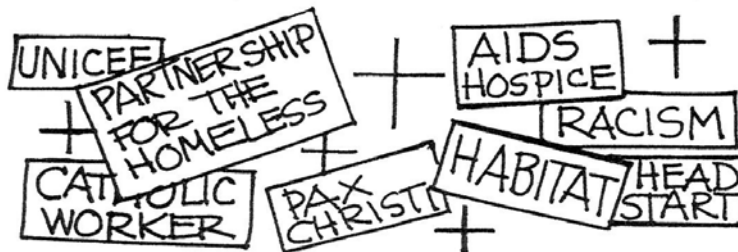
## Helping the homeless and refugees

The Peace and Justice Ministry at St. Patrick's encompasses a number of areas of social justice concerns, including our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. In recent months, members have been meeting in groups concerned with two important issues: the refugee crisis and homelessness.

In the effort to provide support and advocacy for refugees and immigrants, Luis Cuza has been working with Champaign-Urbana Friends and Allies of Immigrants and Refugees (CU FAIR). He and a number of other Peace and Justice members have provided a parish link to this organization and helped it become connected to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops refugee services (detailed elsewhere in this issue).

A group formed at St. Patrick's last fall addressed the local crisis of lack of winter emergency shelters for homeless men. Peace and Justice Ministry members met to explore ways our parish might join

with other local churches to provide that shelter. Although they weren't able to find a way for our parish to contribute directly to the solution, members took up the mission to educate the parish about the complicated nature of homelessness by



hosting a panel discussion with local pastors, providers, and other experts involved in working with people who become homeless as well as working to prevent homelessness.

Since that panel discussion, Cathy Strick and Eileen Mathy have taken action to connect our parish efforts with the wider community. Cathy, who facilitated the panel discussion in January, now represents the Peace and Justice Ministry of St. Patrick's in her position as the chair of the

Council of Service Providers to the Homeless, an area-wide organization that facilitates planning and funding of services intended to meet the needs of the homeless in our area. Eileen represents the Catholic Worker House in her seat on the

Continuum of Care Council. Both Cathy and Eileen also serve on a subcommittee working toward providing quality mental health services to people staying in shelters for the homeless.

The Peace and Justice Ministry plans to begin holding monthly meetings, beginning on Sunday, April 23. The meeting format will be open, starting with prayer and introductions, and then feedback and discussions from the group as to their social justice interests. Also included will be discussion of Catholic-based peace and justice education. Watch the bulletin for dates and times of upcoming meetings. If you have questions, contact pastoral associate Jim Urban (367-2665 or jim.urban@stpaturbana.org).

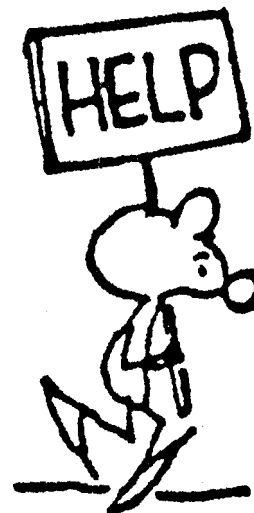
### *In Focus* needs your help!

The future of our parish newsletter, *In Focus*, is in your hands. Two of our generous volunteer parishioners have had to resign, one from laying out pages for printing and another from editing.

**Page layout.** With the January issue Jim Urban completed his years of preparing page layout for *In Focus*, leaving only two volunteers to prepare the newsletter for printing. They really need help from one or two parishioners to page a couple of issues a year. Templates, guidelines, schedules—all would be provided.

**Editing.** Margery Kane, who joined our all-volunteer staff over a year ago, has moved away, leaving only two volunteers to edit *In Focus* to prepare it for page layout. They need help from one or two volunteers to edit a couple of issues a year. We can provide a short list of editing guidelines, schedules, and interesting articles for editing on your PC.

**Can you help?** We can put you to work right away—and probably give you your choice of issues to work on! Please contact Denise Green (dgree1@gmail.com). And thank you!





**Q:** What are the holy oils, and where do they come from?

**A:** The three holy oils are called that because they are blessed and used in the sacraments that impart a sacramental character (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders), in the Sacrament of Healing (or the Anointing of the Sick), and in the blessing of catechumens. Each of the three is, as you can see, intended for a different, specific purpose.

It used to be that the oils had to be pressed from olives, but in 1970 it was allowed that, if necessary, the oils may be from any plant, not only from olives. The oils are traditionally blessed on Holy Thursday by a bishop at a cathedral. (In recent years our bishop has blessed them at a Chrism Mass on the Tuesday of Holy Week, after which they are distributed to the priests or other representatives of parishes in the diocese.) Oils unused the following year are burned, replaced by the new holy oils.

So what are the three holy oils? They are Chrism, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Oil of the Sick.

**Chrism**, always recognized by its unmistakable fragrance from balsam, is used in Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. It is also used when consecrating churches, altars, chalices, and patens. Were you close

enough to notice the fragrance of the chrism that Bishop Jenky used in consecrating our new altar during the Mass of Rededication?

The **Oil of Catechumens** is used during the prayer of exorcism and anointing of a catechumen during the initiation. This oil is also less familiarly known as the oil of the saints, from St. Paul's acclamation of members of the early Church as "saints."

The **Oil of the Sick** is used in anointing the sick, intended for healing of mind and body as God wills. This oil is used at every Healing Mass at St. Patrick's, when the priest anoints all present who hope and pray for healing. Did you make it to the one in April? If not, there is usually one in December also. But meanwhile, if you expect to be in a precarious situation healthwise—if you are in fragile health or anticipating surgery, for instance—simply ask a priest for this anointing.

*Let nothing disturb you.*

*Let nothing make you afraid.*

*All things are passing,*

*God alone never changes.*

*Patience gains all things.*

*If you have God, you will want for nothing,*

*God alone suffices.*

—St. Teresa of Avila

## Photo Display from page 1

37 ½ hours back in 1901—you can see the evolution of our church's physical structure: the permanent building, completed in 1903, through various renovations, culminating in our most recent renovation and expansion.

Other posters show how the people, practices, and even the art and architecture of the parish have changed over the years as the parish has grown, how events in the world have influenced lives and traditions were affected by Vatican II.

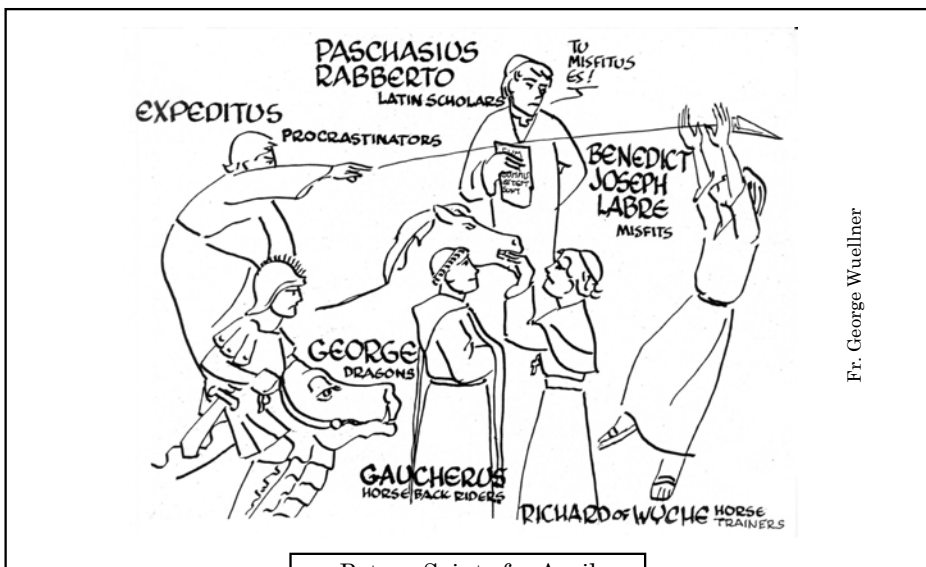
In addition to the posters are two very important sculptures. On one wall hangs the sculpture of The Last Supper, which you may remember seeing in the southwest corner of the old church with banks of votive candles in front of it. This sculpture was part of the original altar of our church (you can see it in the old photographs). When that altar was replaced, the sculpture was kept in the church.

The other item is a "maquette" (scale model) of our parish's iconic Rising Christ sculpture. One of the posters show sketches of it and tells about how parishioner and artist Nick Britsky was commissioned to create it. His widow, Anne, donated the model to the parish.

Be sure to take the time to browse through this display, to see the amazing journey we have made.

## Vocation Prayer

God of the universe, you speak to us in all of creation, and call to us most surely in the depths of our hearts. Help us to listen for your voice today, gentling our work, our recreation, and our relationships with others in ways that let us hear you. Deepen in us our faith in your presence in us. Grant this through the intercession of all your prophets, who listened in sincerity and truth



Patron Saints for April



## St. Patrick's continues a welcoming tradition

Did you know that Champaign County has the second largest immigrant population in Illinois after Chicago? Over the last 35 years, the Champaign-Urbana area has provided a welcoming environment for immigrants, thanks to actions taken by local governments and by religious and secular organizations. That has resulted in the successful economic and social integration of newcomers in our community.

Both St. Patrick's and St. Mary's parishes include a large number of immigrants, both migrants and refugees. In times past, St. Patrick's has supported refugee families. Luis Cuza and a number of other St. Patrick's parishioners are working with our parish and with a local organization to find ways for our parish to assist migrants and refugees.

Champaign-Urbana Friends and Allies of Immigrants and Refugees (CU-FAIR) is an organization made up of both faith and secular organizations working to find concrete ways to help with the world-wide refugee crisis. Last spring, CU FAIR members met with representatives of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Refugee Resettlement Agency in Chicago.

Last fall, a letter signed by 35 faith and community organizations requesting that Bishop Daniel

Jenky approve the establishment of a USCCB Refugee Resettlement Agency in Champaign County. On November 28, Bishop Jenky signed a letter addressed to the USCCB in which he stated that he had been briefed on the efforts of the CU-FAIR and their desire to explore becoming a center for a USCCB Reception and Placement Program. He pointed out that "St. Patrick's Catholic Church in



Urbana is a leader in this interfaith Task Force." He stated that he supports "the effort to resettle refugees in a manner which enables them to become integrated into our society in a positive way. I approve the effort to see if Champaign-Urbana in our Diocese can become a center for the USCCB resettlement program."

The goal of a Refugee Resettlement Program is to develop long-term,

sustainable programs that recruit faith and community organizations to train and organize volunteers to assist refugees and immigrants as they adjust to the life in the U.S.

Since September, CU-FAIR has provided direct assistance to numerous individuals and families, including a Congolese refugee family, a political asylee, Syrian refugees who were accepted by the State Department

and USCCB on February 8 but have yet to arrive, a Mayan woman whose husband was arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in February, and a Congolese family with a baby born at the end of March. They look forward to welcoming an Iraqi refugee family of five who are expected to arrive in April or May.

CU-FAIR has also helped to organize a visit by representatives of the Mexican Consulate to provide services to Mexicans in our area

in May. They plan to participate in a Welcome Center for Immigrants near downtown Champaign that is to open this summer.

If you are interested in learning how you and our parish can join in with this effort to welcome those people fleeing war and famine, contact parishioner Luis Cuza (luis@cuza.us) or Jim Urban (367-2665 or jim.urban@stpaturbana.org).

*Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made,  
Let all the earth rejoice!*



## in our parish library

May celebrates Mother's Day, a day to honor our earthly mothers who gave birth to us and raised us, as well as a time to remember and honor Mary, the mother of Jesus. These two very influential women provide some of the core values and beliefs for our faith life.

Mary has been a very influential woman throughout history, and remains as such today. To spend a column on only five out of the many resources devoted to Mary does not do her nearly enough justice. However, the five books available in the library listed here can at least get you started.

**Mary, Mother of the Lord**, by Karl Rahner. A glimpse into Mary's life as it relates to Jesus, including her influences in Jesus' life. His central theme is that Mary, because of her role in the redemptive work of Christ, is at once Mother of God and mother of all the faithful. As Mother of God she is to be honored above all the saints; as mother of the faithful she is to be loved and cherished by every Christian. 232.93 Rah

**Our Lady of Fatima: Prophecies of the Tragedy of Mary**, by Antonio Borelli. This book recounts the events of the sighting of the Blessed Mother by Correa de Oliviera, according to Sister Lucia, who also encountered the events. Sister Lucia tells of de Oliviera's miraculous sighting of Mary and includes some of her personal insights of the event from her experiences as a religious. 232.93 Bor

**Crises Facing the Church: Catechetics; The Ordination of Women; The Papacy; The Role of Mary; Who Was Jesus?** by Raymond Brown. This book is made up of some of Brown's more famous lectures focusing on catechism. It also centers on Christology and some of the more influential women in the Catholic Church. 230 Bro

**True Devotion to Mary**, by Louis-Marie Grignion de Monfort. Considered the greatest book on Mary ever written, this classic sums up the entire Christian life and provides the key both to sanctity and salvation. St. Louis de Montfort prophesied that true devotion to Mary would be the way of life of the great saints of latter-day times.

**Mary's Message to the World**, by Annie Kirkwood. In 1995 Mary declared that the most dire predictions had been delayed by up to 10 years. This book contains a series of "talks" given by Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to a woman in Texas from 1987 to 1991, which are as relevant today as when they were first written. At Fatima and Lourdes, Mary has a message for everyone, predicting specific earth changes that will disrupt all, urging us to open our minds and hearts to God, to live more fully conscious of our presence and purpose here on earth, and how to prepare ourselves for re-entry into life after physical death. Mary's eloquent words on love, energy, truth, and prayer, with a special message to families, reveal a most compassionate and universal mother. 133.9 Kir

These five books are only some of the many materials devoted to Mary that are available in the library. To find others, stop by—the door is always open!

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*If you have questions, contact our parish librarian, Megan Raab (raab41987@gmail.com); she will be happy to assist you. Come and browse to your heart's content!*

## Pray for deceased loved ones at the Evening of Remembrance

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." *John 11:26*

St. Patrick's Ministry of Consolation invites you to an Evening of Remembrance on Tuesday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m. in Trinity Hall. We will honor the memories and pray for parishioners and family members who have died in the past year. The Evening is a time to gather family and friends to celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have died, to share memories of them, and to pray together for them and for those of us left behind to grieve their loss.

Everyone is welcome to participate, to remember those who have died and lend prayerful support to their loved ones. If there is someone you would like to remember that evening, you are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Nancy Olson (359-6424 evenings, or nancybolson@gmail.com).

*Praise to you, God of all consolation.  
Give us comfort and hope at the death of your faithful ones.  
In you, O God, life is not ended, but transformed.  
Death is swallowed up in victory.*

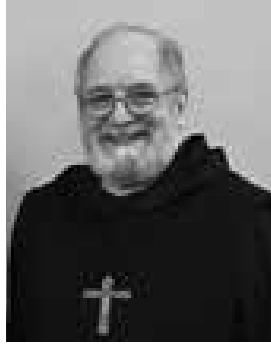
From *Intercessions of Mercy*

## Abbot Philip Davey shares Benedictine charism with SJJ Seniors

St. Jeanne Jugan Seniors hosted Abbot Philip Davey, OSB, from St. Bede Abbey. In his address, he taught that there are many kinds of monks. The monks of his Benedictine charism are from around 480 A.D. Their way of life is based on the Acts of the Apostles, when the early Church shared everything in common. After a preparation process they take vows for life, including stability. Their life is both a gift and a challenge.

Abbot Davey, now 70 years old, highlighted how his journey progressed from postulant to novice to temporary vows and then to study philosophy and teach a year before making his commitment for life. His first work assignment was to teach U.S. history – a subject he hated but made enjoyable for his students. Then he was sent to Rome to study for the priesthood. Being Italian, he adapted well to the language, so much so that he was sometimes mistaken for being from Milan. Next, he studied at the Chicago Theological Union.

After ordination he was given spiritual direction duties for the TEC (teen retreat) Program and religious in Nauvoo. More duties included training new people, translating



the Divine Office, and then pastoral counseling studies. He was about to join a four-person counseling practice, but he was named prior and thus had to put that goal aside. He still enjoys seeing how marriages and families can be revived. His life is anything but boring!

Now, elected abbot for five years, he has development duties, to rebuild. St. Bede's hopes to accommodate boarding high school students from China. This latest endeavor is to support his brother monks since not enough are able to work now. When he started there were 80 monks at St. Bede, and now there are 13.

At every turn, the question is: What does God want me to do?

St. Bede's, located in Peru, Illinois, offers guest rooms. The monks pray 3-5 times a day. Abbot Davey also directs 3- and 5-day retreats at the Benedictine women's St. Mary Monastery in Rock Island as well.

Contributions to St. Bede Abbey were welcomed. We closed the lunch with the Abbot's blessing and the healing blessing of St. Maurus. More information can be had at [www.stbedeabbey.org/](http://www.stbedeabbey.org/).

### Lovely Lady Dressed in Blue

Lovely Lady dressed in blue,  
Teach me how to pray!  
God was just your little boy,  
Tell me what to say!

Did you lift him up sometimes,  
Gently on your knee?  
Did you sing to him the way  
Mother does to me?

Did you hold his hand at night?  
Did you ever try  
Telling stories of the world?  
O! And did he cry?

Do you really think he cares  
If I tell him things—  
Little things that happen? And  
Do the angels' wings

Make a noise? And can he hear  
Me if I speak low?  
Does he understand me now?  
Tell me—for you know!

Lovely Lady dressed in blue,  
Teach me how to pray!  
God was just your little boy,  
And you know the way.

—Mary Dixon



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

### Orange Marmalade Cookies

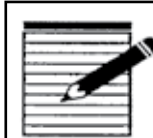
2 c flour  
1/2 t baking powder  
1/2 t salt (omit if the butter is salted)  
2 c quick rolled oats  
1 1/3 c unsalted butter (2 2/3 sticks)  
1 c sugar  
2 eggs  
1 t vanilla  
1/4 c orange marmalade  
1 t grated orange rind



Mix flour, baking powder, salt, and oats. Cream butter and sugar; add eggs and vanilla and beat until fluffy. Stir in dry ingredients, marmalade, and rind. Drop by teaspoons on a non-stick or greased baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 12-15 minutes, until edges are lightly browned. Cool on wire rack. If you wish to ice them, mix 2 cups of powdered sugar with 3 tablespoons fresh orange juice and 1-2 drops of orange oil (optional).

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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 be easy and quick to prepare!*



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