

# St. Patrick Parish IN FOCUS



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## Being there

Have you ever watched someone who is holding a newborn infant? They probably talk to the little one, or make soothing sounds. The baby doesn't understand the words and sounds, of course. What matters is the touch and warmth and the security of knowing that someone is there. The gift of presence is one of the first and most important gifts that parents give their children.

Have you ever watched people at a wake? Often it seems that they don't know what to say to those who are grieving. But it almost doesn't matter what they say. Just by being there, they offer comfort and support. Long after, the grieving may remember who was there much more than what was said.

Have you ever watched someone trying to relate a wonderful experience to someone else? Sometimes it's hard to express how awe-inspiring or hilarious or tragic it was. They might even say, "Oh, you just had to be there!"

Sometimes there really is nothing like being there. Just by being with someone, we can give companionship, or comfort, or safety. When we are present with our whole selves – attentive, open, listening carefully, loving – we help the connections to

grow even if we don't say a whole lot.

Christmas is the feast of God being there for us. He could have continued to speak to us through prophets and priests, as he had done in the past. He could have defended

his people by working wonders from afar. But sometimes, there really is nothing like being there.

By coming as a baby, God taught us to look for him in the everyday events of

our lives. By coming as a poor one, God showed us that he loves every person. His touch made known his healing and comfort. His friendship revealed his intimate understanding of us. We treasure the words and teaching of Jesus, the Son of God and son of Mary, and we see them lived out in his life – because he was with us.

He is with us still, in the closeness of the Eucharist, in the healing touch of Reconciliation, in the comradery of parish life, in the intimacy of prayer, in the ups and downs of family life. Whether we are grieving or joyful, he is with us. Whether stunned by beauty or ugliness, he is with us. Whether we are alert to him or unaware of him, he is with us. At the end of our days, he is with us – today and every day he is with us.



## Migrants and refugees: Many journeys, one family

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has observed National Migration Week (this year, Jan. 7-13). It offers us an opportunity to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The entire month of January is devoted to concern for the dangers and problems encountered by refugees, particularly those fleeing for their very lives.

In December we rejoiced in and celebrated, together with all Christians, the birth of Jesus, son of God and son of Mary. Yet soon after his birth, his parents had to leave their all-too-temporary shelter and flee to Egypt to save his life. Does this sound familiar in today's world?

How often have we been shocked, saddened, even angered by news stories and photographs of mothers and fathers with infants or very young children encountering dangers of many kinds simply to



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## Definitely a Knight to Remember!

Did you miss the Ladies Knight Out starring the Cath'lic Boys on November 5? It was a brilliant production from beginning to end and a 'knight' to remember.

The fine-tuned voices and orchestra, dazzling costumes, and precision 'hoofing' made for an enchanting evening.



It beat by a mile anything Bob Fosse has ever done on the Great White Way. Counterpoint to all this creative energy were the minimalistic props and set design – just breathtaking. Some Tony Awards will be on their way to St. Patrick's in 2018!

Most notable was the seamless appearance of the realistic little red car in the "Oil Change" scene. The lady in pink in the "Dancing with the Stars" number brought the house down; whispers of "Who is she?" echoed around the hall.

Let's not forget that the evening was billed as dinner theater – what a dinner it turned out to be! There is no way to describe this gastronomical feast except to say "Magnifique!" The executive chef did things to the steak that have never before been seen in Urbana. There were even rumors buzzing around that Frank Perdue (1920-2005, for many years the president and CEO of Perdue Farms, now one of the largest chicken-producing companies in the United States) was in the kitchen supervising the preparation of the chicken entree.

Serving as backdrop to this magical night were crisp linens, crystal glasses, roses, attentive waiters, handsome busboys and unlimited wine.

Anyone familiar with theater knows that good productions take a tremendous amount of preparation and rehearsing, and this year's show (titled "The Cath'lic Boys Present – A New Pastor's Guide to St. Patrick's") was no exception. Creative Director, Jim Mayer, said that although

this year the songs featured could be called "Their greatest hits from over the past 25 years, there's still a great deal of new stuff in the show and that takes 'tons' of work to rehearse and stage."

Mayer had nothing but great things to say about the band: Rick Murphy (piano), Pascal Youakim (bass), and Anthony DeCerbo (drums). Mayer was equally effusive about the talent of the Actors,/Singers/Players: Fr. Luke, Bill Blickhan, Gary Bosley, Terry Bosley, Chris Freidhof, Dave Madden, Jim Meyer, Chris McDonald, John Minor, Gary Wszalek, and Joseph Youakim.

Mayer also gave high marks to the Knights, who with their efforts in planning menus, cooking, setting tables, publicity, reservations, greeting the guests, and serving as super waiters made the evening such a hit. To sum up, he had this to say, "Every man in our Knight's organization pulls together to make this event one that honors the ladies of St. Patrick's."

So, ladies, if you missed this year's Cath'lic Boys Production, mark your calendars for next year!





# Thanksgiving baskets provided a welcome feast

On Nov. 21, our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry gave out 260 Thanksgiving baskets to our neighbors in need. This year the “baskets” were brown paper grocery bags beautifully decorated by students from St. Patrick’s Religious Educa-

tion classes, CREW, Urbana Middle School, and Gerber School.

Many thanks to all who participated by picking up food, assembling bags, making calls or answering the phone to take names, helping to deliver or hand out bags, and of

course, donating money to cover costs. Because of your generosity, many people who might not have otherwise had a Thanksgiving dinner were able to share a festive meal with family and friends.



# Parish nurses hold their annual Health Fair

Thanks to our wonderful parish nurses and several local healthcare providers, parishioners were able to receive blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol screenings, as well as flu shots, chair massages, hearing tests, answers to medication questions, and information on many health topics at the annual Health Fair on October 29.





# Christmas cookie and basket sale

The Women of St. Patrick’s annual Christmas Cookie and Basket Sale took place on Sunday, Dec. 3, in the parish main hall. This year’s cookie selection offered a wide variety of choices and showed off the talents of St Patrick’s bakers. The gift baskets for sale ranged from Christmas-themed serving dishes to Erin Go Bragh baskets, with a very special Illini basket as a raffle prize.





# Holy Cross Happenings

As the semester rolls on, our students continue to achieve in the classroom as well as on the athletic field and in the arts. Boys basketball is in full swing (and wrapping up by the time this issue will come out), while girls volleyball is just getting underway. Who knows, maybe some of those young ladies will enjoy the success of their 2017 State Champion St. Thomas More big sisters!

The spring musical has been announced; our talented youngsters will deal with trouble (with a capital “T”) right here (or there, as in on the stage) in River City when they present *The Music Man Jr.* There will be a movie night in Holy Cross’s parish center on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m. so the young actors can learn more about the parts. Auditions will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3, with callbacks the next day if necessary. More information will be coming out about audition requirements; watch your emails!

Also, mark your calendars for Catholic Schools Week, which will kick off with a fabulous dinner after Mass at St. Patrick’s on Saturday, Jan. 28—more details to come. Expect some changes to the format from years past!

Congratulations to all St. Patrick’s parishioners who made honor roll for first quarter. Keep up the good work!

**Highest Honors**

Michael McCoy  
Anna Loftus  
Ellen Loftus  
Noelle Hunt  
Natalie Caughlin  
Ian Peters

**High Honors**

Josh Loftus  
Marissa Altaner  
Elizabeth Stubbers  
Janey Thomas  
Jasmine Waite  
Emily Leiningner  
Daniel Caughlin  
Brandon Hood  
Maddy McCoy

**Honors**

Philip Withers-Sickles  
Aiden Beckett  
Abbie Vessell



*Holy Cross students dressed as their favorite saints for All Saints Day in November.*

Please contact Rachael McMillan (rachmcmill@gmail.com) if there is anything you’d like to see featured in an upcoming installment of Holy Cross Happenings.

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

## Young Catholic professionals at St. Patrick’s

A group at St. Patrick’s is helping young adults transition into the professional world. According to Pamela Suresca, who is helping to organize the group, the Urbana-Champaign Young Catholic Professionals group is geared toward Catholics between the ages of 21 and 35. Suresca says the goal is to “create an environment that fosters community and virtuous friendships.” The Young Catholic

Professionals hope to enable members to grow in service, education and faith.

The group normally meets twice a month, once in a more social setting, the other in a faith and prayer development setting. There are also smaller groups that gather for a Bible study-like meeting. Their upcoming meeting dates can be found on the St. Patrick’s online calendar.

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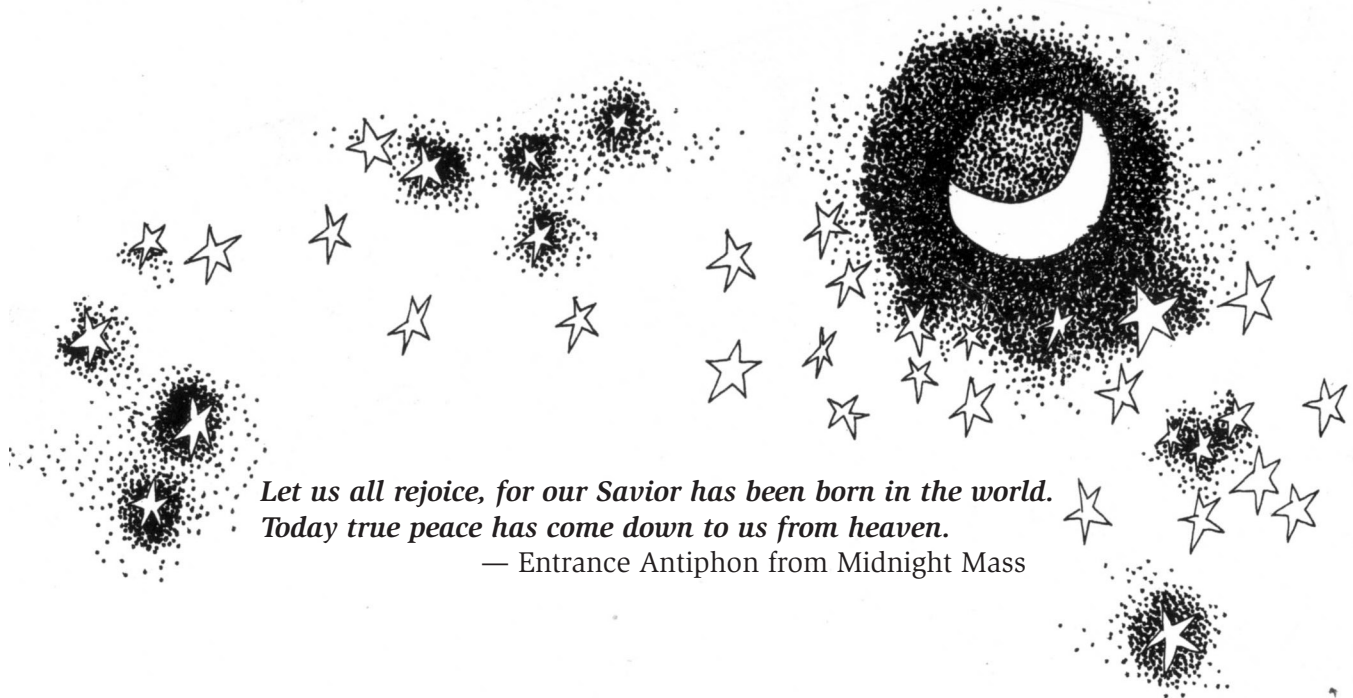
escape situations that threaten their lives. Do we see Jesus and Mary and Joseph in them?

Too often in our contemporary culture we fail to encounter migrants, or refugees, as persons. We fail to take the time to engage them in a meaningful way, remaining aloof to their very presence and their needs, and suspicious of their intentions. The theme of National Migration Week this year is “Many Journeys, One Family.” Spurred by the Church’s concern for migrants and refugees, and by our common heritage as children of God, let us engage them as worthy of our attention and support, and seek out ways we can help.



# Gift baskets for fathers are sure to bring cheer this Christmas

Many thanks to the parishioners of St. Patrick who donated tools, stationery supplies, clothing, games, and food for the recent basket drive. Due to your generosity, the Women of St. Patrick on Nov. 28 was able to put together 40 men's gift baskets for empty tomb's annual Christmas giveaway. Area children from low-income families were able to pick out baskets for their parents during the giveaway Dec. 9, giving some of their fathers the only gifts they may receive and teaching the children the joy of Christmas giving.



*Let us all rejoice, for our Savior has been born in the world.  
Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.  
— Entrance Antiphon from Midnight Mass*



## Susan's updates

Susan Nagele sent this update to her Christmas letter, which appeared in the December 2017 issue of *In Focus*:

Kenya held the rerun of the presidential elections on Oct. 26. The main opposition candidate boycotted the election, calling it a sham and refusing to accept the election of President Uhuru Kenyatta for another five-year term. Kenyatta received 98 percent of the vote. Only 38 percent of those registered voted the second time. Kenyatta's inauguration will be on Nov. 28.

This is a very divided country. The political problems are rooted in corruption and negative ethnicity (tribalism). There has been violence in Nairobi, the capital and the western stronghold of the opposition. Mombasa has been very peaceful and we expect it to remain so. The economy is on its knees and people are hoping that the holidays will bring back tourists and a way to earn money to pay the bills.

To read more about the ongoing situation in Kenya and how Susan is doing, you can read her blog at <http://healthministryinkenya.blogspot.com>.

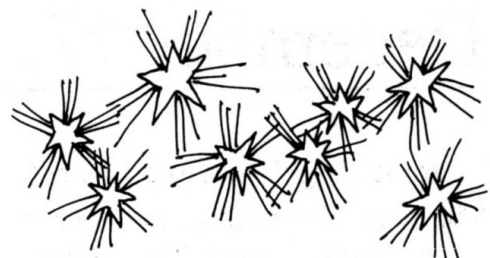
### Vocation Prayer

Loving God, you have gifted me with life and called me to be a light to the world through Baptism. Help me to brighten our world by sharing my gifts in the service of others. Help all of us in our discernment of how best this may be accomplished, whether as dedicated to your service through ordained or consecrated life or as lay men and women. We are ready and willing to follow your lead – guide us on our journey!

The grace to shout . . .

Today we ask the grace to shout when it hurts, even though silence is expected of us, and to listen when others shout though it be painful to hear; to object, to protest, when we feel, taste, or observe injustice believing that even the unjust and arrogant are human nonetheless and therefore are worthy of strong efforts to reach them. Take from us, guiding God, the heart of despair and fill us with courage and understanding. Give us a self that knows very well when the moment has come to protest. We ask the grace to be angry when the weakest are the first to be exploited and the trapped are squeezed for meager resources, when the most deserving are the last to thrive, and the privileged demand more privilege. We ask for the inspiration to make our voices heard when we have something that needs to be said, something that rises to our lips despite our shyness. And we ask the grace to listen when the meek finally rise to speak and their words are an agony for us.

The light of Christ surrounds us  
 The love of Christ enfolds us  
 The power of Christ protects us  
 The presence of Christ watches over us  
 —Contemporary Exsultet



# St. Jeanne Jugan seniors enjoy festive Christmas luncheon

*Befell During the Transparent Bewitching Hour. Yonder in the Hay Rack. Exuberance Directed to the Planet. Homo Sapien of Crystallized Vapor. I Spied My Maternal Parent Osculating.*

Can you names these Christmas carols? Eleven members of the St. Jeanne Jugan seniors enjoyed fellowship and a delightful lunch at the Olive Garden on Dec. 6. The seniors tried their hands and brains at a Christmas Carol Trivia game of 20 songs. Shirley Splittstoesser and Joyce Cryer were named the Master Trivia Elves for correctly identifying 18 of the songs. The group spent the rest of their time addressing Christmas cards for nursing home, assisted living, homebound, and elder St. Patrick parishioners. They prepared nearly 150 cards. A good time was had by all.



*Shirley Splittstoesser*



*Joyce Cryer*



*Sr. Charlene Cesario, Ginny Conner, Susan Sondag, Chuck Milewski*

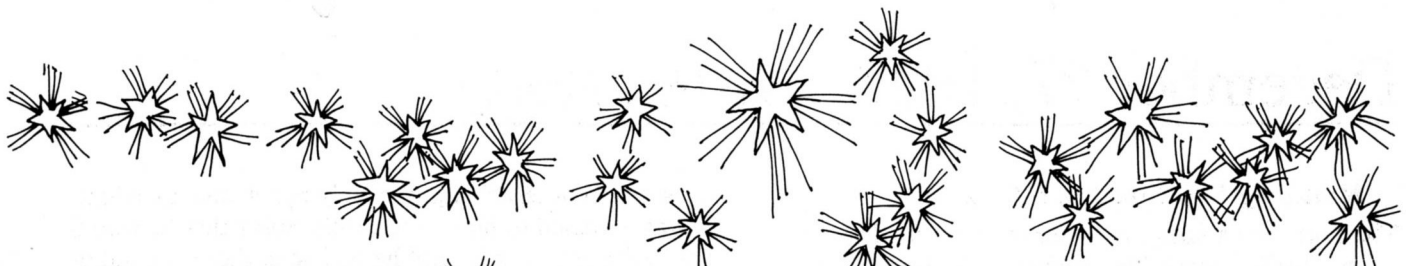


*Margaret and Howard Erlandson*

Good and gracious God, loving Father:  
Protect all people who are forced from their homes or separated from their families because of threats of violence and persecution; keep them safe. Although we have our origins in different cultures, we were all created by you and made in your image, and therefore we all share an inalienable dignity that is deserving of respect. Give us the strength to defend those who are marginalized, to give aid to those in need, to come to the defense of those who are poor or vulnerable, and to welcome those who are on the move into our homes and into our hearts.

God our beloved,  
born of a woman's body,  
you came that we might  
look upon you, and handle you  
with our own hands.  
May we so cherish one another  
in our bodies that we may also  
be touched by you;  
through the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ,  
Amen.

—Janet Morley





## Vivo members prepare for Christmas with a Jesse tree

At their Dec. 3 meeting, the Vivo Jr. High youth group members and their U of I student leaders learned about the tradition of the Jesse Tree by creating one of their own. Construction paper, markers, colored pencils, crayons, and glitter pens were used to create handmade ornaments that depicted Bible stories, ranging from Creation to the birth of Christ. Once all the ornaments were on the Tree, each artist explained which scripture they had illustrated and why they had chosen to draw what they did.

The entire group was absorbed in the activity, putting lots of thought and effort into these special creations, giving one another ideas and encouraging fellow artists. Some previously unknown talent was uncovered as ornaments were shared and appreciated.

Kudos to the leadership team for a fun activity that got everyone involved and taught us all something in the process!



## Pray for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is shared by many churches, the Roman Catholic Church among them. It begins on Jan. 18 each year and ends on Jan. 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The feast helps to root Christians in the great tradition that we share, the life and words of Jesus and our call to spread the good news of him.

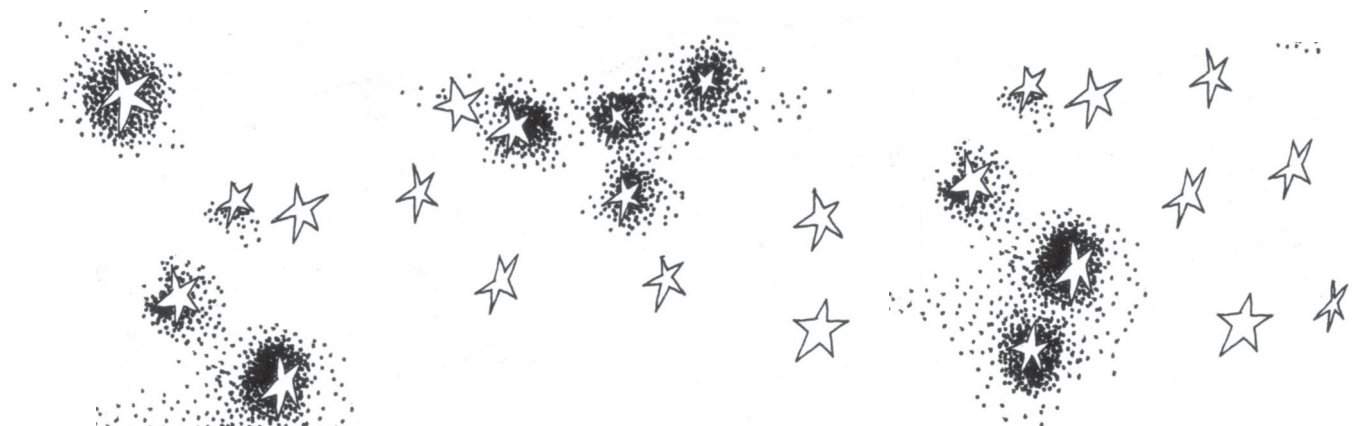
This week of prayer began slightly more than 100 years ago, but its real origins are in the prayer that Jesus prayed for us at the Last Supper: "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that you sent me." (John 17:20-21) Being united, he says, makes us better witnesses to him.

There are efforts underway to increase unity and understanding among Christians. Much of this work involves theologians and church leaders. But there are three ideas that each of us can keep in mind in order to promote unity.

First, we can reach out to other faith communities in friendship and welcome them here with hospitality. Events such as concerts, rummage sales, church walks, and other community-oriented events give us a chance to visit other churches and get to know their people. They also give us a chance to welcome others here to St. Pat's. A modest number of non-Catholics join us for prayer at the Christmas, Easter, and Ash Wednesday liturgies, another chance to offer hospitality. And we can respond with kindness when evangelizers from other churches knock on the doors of our homes.

Second, we can work together to be a voice for the poor and a voice for peace. Our community is blessed with many interfaith service opportunities, such as the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, the C-U Men's Shelter, and Habitat for Humanity building projects. St. Patrick's Food Pantry offers help to people of all faiths.

Finally, we can pray for unity among Christians. Ultimately, we hope for unity at the Lord's table and for unity of leadership. We can pray for those who work toward this goal and for the success of local interfaith projects. We can also pray for open hearts for ourselves so that we can live out, in a small way, Jesus' prayer for unity.





**Q: Why were priests and churches wearing purple during Advent? Isn't Advent a joyous waiting for the coming of Jesus?**

**A:** Advent is really a season of looking forward and back, looking forward and waiting for something greater, both for the annual celebration of the event of Christ's birth and for the time when Christ will come again. The latter is the reason for the violet so apparent in our Advent liturgies.

During Advent, the New Catholic Encyclopedia states, we are asked to (1) prepare ourselves worthily to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love, (2) thus to make our souls fitting abodes for the Redeemer coming in Holy Communion and through grace, and (3) thereby to make ourselves ready for the Lord's final coming as judge, at death and at the end of the world.

Fr. Luke pointed out that in the very early days of the Church, many of its liturgical practices and themes reflected its origins in the prevalent Jewish and Roman cultures. In the Jewish culture of the time, preparation for special days of celebration had a penitential character so it seemed natural for the Church to do the same.

Consequently, our anticipation of the Lord's coming is marked by a

penitential theme—not as intense as that of the Lenten season, but one of prayerful, spiritual preparation for the second and final coming of the Lord as well as the joyful preparation for the festive remembrance of the Incarnation and Christ's birth. Thus our liturgies are clothed in violet (a color with less red and more blue than the purple worn during Lent).

The word "Advent" is from the Latin "Adventus," which—as you probably know—means "coming." It marks the beginning of the new liturgical year and spans the time from the fourth Sunday before Christmas until the Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated. But did you know that Advent once was observed not just for four weeks but for several weeks, then for five weeks, and finally for the four weeks we observe today?

Are you wondering why Advent began in December this year, leaving an extremely short fourth week of Advent? Well, the first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (Nov. 30), and so it will always fall between Nov. 27 and Dec. 3.

So there you have it: a little something you can share to amaze your friends!

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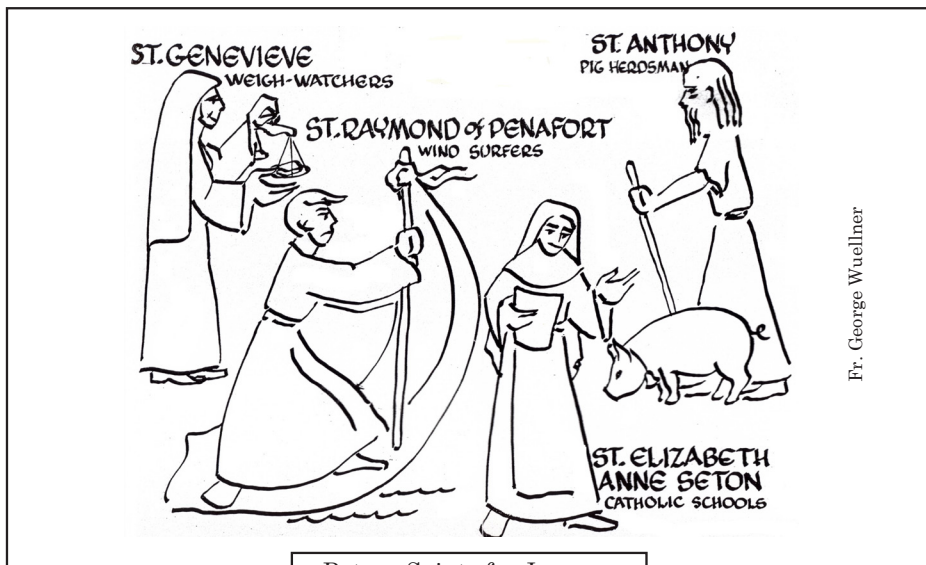
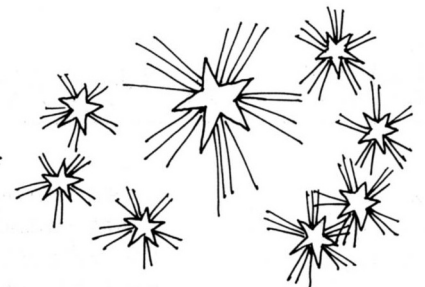
## St. Patrick's to host Respect Life prayer vigil

The Respect Life Committee at St. Patrick's is planning a prayer vigil with various members of local churches in our community participating, to observe the 30th anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision. The year's theme is "Be Not Afraid."

Every year a prayer vigil is observed by members of the local churches of various faith denominations, on or near the anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision. This year, St. Patrick's will host the gathering. The Respect Life Committee will provide music for the prayer service and host a reception afterward.

The vigil will take place Jan. 22, at 7 p.m., at St. Patrick's church. Reverend Condos, from Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox Church, will be the guest speaker. The participating faith communities include Community Evangelical Free Church of Mahomet, First Church of God of Champaign, First Wesleyan Church, Holy Cross Catholic Church, Monticello Church of the Nazarene, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox Church.

The Respect Life Committee encouraged the collection of supplies for the Pregnancy Resource Center and monetary donations for the Family Resource Center in Peoria. The committee is looking for new leadership and members. If you are interested in learning more, contact Jim Urban (jim.urban@stpaturbana.org).



Patron Saints for January



## Parish Council News

During the November Parish Council meeting, members began to address St. Patrick's mission. The parish's current mission statement dates from 1992. In addition to being somewhat out-of-date, the statement does not provide specific directives on why we are here or what St. Patrick's brings to the community that no other parish brings.

With a new pastor, a remodeled church, and new generations attending St. Patrick's, it is time we contemplate our mission so that we can better serve God, our parishioners, and our community. Ultimately, we want to develop a mission statement that will provide a vision for everything our parish does – from music to youth education to ministry activities to worship to community outreach.



We want St. Patrick's mission to identify who we and what we do. We want our church to have a mission, instead of our many missions having a church. Having a stronger idea of why St. Patrick's is here

will enable us to have a stronger identity in the community and make the best use of all of our resources.

To figure out why St. Patrick's is here, we brainstormed answers to such questions as "What does St. Patrick's do well," "What does St. Patrick's not do well," "What is the best idea for St. Patrick's future," and "What is the worst idea for St. Patrick's future." Interestingly, several responses were listed as both good and bad attributes. Obviously people's perspectives are different, which indicates that it is time to define what we want to be and why we are here.

Over the next few meetings, Council members will continue these discussions so that we can formulate our mission by the summer. In closing the meeting, Father Luke asked that we read Michael White and Tom Corcoran's *Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter*. The authors provide practical and proven suggestions that helped bring greater vibrancy to their parish.

As we move into 2018, we want St. Patrick's Church to embrace the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' reflection on the parish: "The parish is where the Church lives. Parishes are communities of faith, of action, and of hope. They are where the gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth. Parishes are the home of the Christian community; they are the heart of our Church."

## Pew Ponderings for the Parish Council

### Frequently asked question – music at Mass

Our parishioners are not shy about offering their suggestions about the music ministry: Too much, too little; too loud, not loud enough; too much singing, too little singing; too much instrumental music, too little instrumental music; too traditional, too contemporary; more patriotic songs, fewer patriotic songs. A beautiful aspect of our parish is that we sing!

Fr. Luke has heard all these suggestions, opinions, and more. As we move forward in defining our parish's mission, Fr. Luke, Frank Gallo, and parishioners will develop a music program that meets the needs of the parish.

Frank has been actively working on finding the balance, including asking professional musicians to attend Mass here and offer their opinions. Frank has also secured a substitute for a weekend so that he can experience the Mass and music from different areas in the church.

### Another frequently asked question – Mass schedules

In a close second place to the music ministry, Mass times also bring out a number of suggestions and opinions. With the reality of fewer priests comes the reality of fewer Masses. Fr. Luke is aware of the intricacies and sensitivities surrounding Mass times, especially during Advent and Lent. He is very interested in your feedback: make sure you give your take on Masses in our parish survey and daily Mass survey.

### Could we have an attractive coat rack in the gathering space?

This is a wonderful suggestion. It's necessary to think about where we might place it as there isn't that much room left in the gathering space – as well as how to pay for it.

**Thank you for announcing at Mass where proceeds from the second collection go to. If there are other ways to advertise the second collection, I think there would be an increase in donations.**

Thank you for this suggestion.

### When can there be another Eucharistic Adoration or Holy Hour?

Fr. Luke has been hoping to have some time for Eucharistic Adoration in our schedule. He is also hoping to add a regular Holy Hour for vocations in our diocese. In a parish as active as ours, finding free space in the calendar can be a challenge, but look for some adoration opportunities in the coming year.

**Could we have a large container with various sizes of sweatpants and t-shirts for the occasion when someone needs warm, dry clothing? We could tape on the top of the container a list of the contact information of organizations in the community that can help the homeless.**

This is a good idea. A volunteer is needed to coordinate this. In addition, consideration must be given to where the

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box would be located, how people would know about it, and so on. As work continues with regard to the parish mission, consideration must be given to where St. Patrick's can make the most difference in the community and where a clothing box would fit.

**This may be a silly question, but after the priest gives the final blessing and says, "Go in peace, the Mass is ended," why do we continue with a song? Isn't the Mass officially ended after the blessing?**

Here's an explanation from Fr. Luke: Whenever we sing together as a faith family, the song (and the singing together) symbolizes our unity and gives an outward expres-

sion of it! It is important that we are united in prayer while we are together at the Mass, and it is also important for us to be united in the love of Christ as we go forth!

After reverencing the altar, the priest and other ministers follow the crucifix in procession. Following the cross "into the world" is a profound act that all of us can undertake – the cross is the most powerful symbol of God's love for his people. Let us then remember this love as we "process" out into the world. Let us take with us what we have learned about God and about ourselves; let us take the graces we have received; let us take the victory of the cross which we have experienced – and process out into the world. That is how the victory of the cross is extended to every heart; that is how the fruits of the Mass are extended to all people.

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



### Quick Gugellhuph or Bundkuchen

A true Gugellhuph is the traditional Name Day cake – not your birthday, but the birthday (or feast day) of the saint for whom you were named.

3-1/2 c sifted all-purpose flour  
3 t double-acting baking powder  
1 1/2 t salt  
1 c butter  
1 c sifted sugar  
5 eggs  
1 c milk  
1 c seedless golden raisins  
1 t grated lemon rind  
1 t vanilla  
confectioner's sugar

Have all ingredients at room temperature (about 70 degrees). Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. In a large bowl cream butter until soft; gradually add sugar and cream until very light.

Beat in the eggs one at a time. Add the flour mixture in three parts, alternating with milk and stirring until smooth after each addition. Add raisins, lemon rind, and vanilla. Pour batter into greased 7-inch tube pan and bake at 350 for 45-50 minutes. When cool, sprinkle with confectioner's sugar.

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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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