

St. Patrick Parish IN FOCUS

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Our Green Earth

Central Illinois is beautiful in the summer. The trees are deep green. There are lots of flowers in gardens and fields. The farmland is rich with food. Caring for the land and the crops gives work to many people. Backyard gardens and farmers' markets bring the freshest food to our tables. An amazing variety of wildlife shares the land with us.

There is much here to stir us to gratitude. God is the giver of sun and land, rain and wind. God is the creator of the miracle of growth and life. God gave



us the intricate relationships among plants, animals, microorganisms, and humanity that allow each to support the life of the others. We know that we need to be prudent about the fertilizers and chemicals that we use on our fields, that we need to be vigilant about our aquifer and soil erosion so that God's gifts will sustain the generations that come after us. We give honor to God and continue God's work by our care for the earth.

Even as we give thanks for the richness around us, we know that there are many parts of the world and many members of our human

family that do not have these blessings. There are places where there is not enough water or too much water, where the soil is depleted, where farming cannot be done because of war, landmines, and other human-made disasters. There are people who cannot raise enough food to feed their families, and people who don't receive a fair share of the fruits of their labor. We need to remember them, to seek out ways to deal justly with those who have too

little to live on. In this way, too, we give honor to God and continue God's work.

Psalm 65 gives us words to praise God for the beauty of the earth:

You care for the earth, give it water; you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows are covered with flocks.

The valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing!

Service, Fun, and Bargains at Annual Cellar-to-Garret Sale!

The annual Women of St. Patrick's Cellar-to-Garret Sale will be here in just a few weeks! Starting Monday, July 30, you can drop off gently used clothes, housewares, working electronics, books, games, tools, and other items for the sale.

The Cellar-to-Garret Sale, which begins at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 9, and runs through 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 11, is the Women of St. Patrick's biggest annual fundraiser. The WSP uses the money raised not only to fund their activities but to make significant purchases that benefit the parish as a whole and to help support important work such as the medical mission of Dr. Susan Nagele.



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Reflections on formation, ordination, and 15 years of priesthood

In Focus caught up with Fr. Luke recently to get his thoughts about his vocation 15 years in, especially in light of the fact that he will be aiding in the formation of seminarian Daniel Delgado Acosta, who will be assigned to St. Patrick's this summer. Following the interview is a short introduction of Daniel in his own words. Congratulations, Father Luke, and welcome, Daniel!

Congratulations on celebrating the 15th anniversary of your ordination! Did you do anything special to commemorate the occasion? Thanks so much! There were a few special celebrations: the staff had a nice cake and social



time together, my dad and mom came up to take me out to lunch, and then I enjoyed a get-together with my classmates who were ordained with me (there are five of us actively serving in the Diocese of Peoria).

Having Daniel with you will probably bring back some memories of your own formation. What is your number one piece of advice for him as he gets to know the parish in his role? The best advice I was ever given is: "Just plan on being a priest; if it isn't God's will, it will be made abundantly clear." I'll definitely encourage Daniel to spend time with our people – to get to know what is important to them, the ways they want/need to grow, the support they need for that growth.

What responsibilities can a seminarian take on? Do you have an idea of what you'd like

Daniel to focus on during his time here? Seminarians are able to help in many ways, such as visiting the sick and homebound, teaching, and assisting at Mass. Since Daniel has been especially working on his fluency of English this past year, I'm hoping to give him many opportunities to interact with our people.

Can you share one or two of the most challenging moments you've experienced since your ordination? Generally speaking, I think the hardest thing for me is moving on from people I really love. I can honestly say I would have been happy to stay longer in all of my assignments.

As far as administration, the most difficult experiences involve letting people go from a position. Most of the people I work with are very good people who want to serve God – that is what makes it



so painful to realize that the skillset doesn't match the need. Because work for the Church is so wrapped up in our lived faith, those transitions can often be hard on people and they experience an obstacle to their faith lives.

Spiritually, the most challenging was preaching the

homily recently for a young husband and father who took his own life. I was very close to the family and found myself grieving along with them. As a priest I feel like I should know what to say, but that was a situation where I started working on the homily without honestly knowing what to say.

What is a time (or two) that you felt especially blessed by accepting your calling? Honestly, I could mention a hundred instances! There are many stories of healing, and many people who have turned their lives around. Some are very serious; many are lighthearted. Once when I was at the Newman Center I was traveling with the Resident Advisors for their bonding retreat before the school year started. We stopped off for ice cream (my treat – there were 23 of us in the group); a young family ended up in line

behind us and I could tell that the dad was a bit impatient with how slowly the line was moving. I turned to him, smiled, and said, "I'm the father of many." The next day at a welcome pizza

party, one of the resident advisors came running up to me to bring me a drink: it was a Diet Coke that said "Dad" on the side. That moment truly helped me understand the joy of being a real spiritual father.

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How would you say you've grown as a priest? I hope in many ways! From the standpoint of experience, I'm thankful to have collected a lot of "how to" knowledge along the way. Working in a variety of ministries, God has really grown in me the experience of setting a vision and helping organize people to follow it. Looking back through the years, I would say I've grown the most in my understanding as a spiritual father of a family. In my early years, I saw myself as a prayer leader, a worker, a teacher; over the last several years I have really experienced at a deeper level journeying with people as they grow, both individually and together as a faith family.

Is there a part of the vocation you feel you have yet to master? Several! I would say I'm terrible at saying "no" and at living the balance between being available and taking good care of myself. It is easy for me to lay out a nice schedule that has balance, only to find later on that I have scheduled over the rest and recovery times. I've been blessed/burdened with a desire for perfection and so I've always worked hard to achieve it. Yet we are imperfect people! I am reminded to ask God's help and to continue trusting in God's guidance for our life together.

What are the best ways we parishioners can spiritually "gift" you? Prayer is definitely the best gift – it truly does keep me going! Prayers for health and well-being are always appreciated, especially since I think that is most

easy for me to neglect. Prayers for wisdom would also be very much appreciated – I desire very much to help guide us into spiritual growth, financial health, unity in our life of faith and our service together. I'm also always thankful for kind words of encouragement. Since I'm a perfectionist, it is easy to dwell on the comments about improvements that are needed, things that aren't going well. Sometimes it can be a gift to be reminded of how great our parish is and how much people are growing.

Is there anything else you'd like to add about your own experience as a seminarian, your 15 years as a priest, or welcoming Daniel to our parish?

There is an old saying that the worst day as a priest is better than the best day as a seminarian. I really loved being a seminarian; I enjoyed getting to know parishes around our diocese and the good people here. But without a doubt, the priesthood has been the most enjoyable life I could have imagined. It is true that there have been a few hard days now and then, but they have also been full of blessings and joys. Celebrating the Mass each day and allowing Jesus to bring himself to his people through my voice and hands – I'm truly humbled and overjoyed every day! I will encourage Daniel, knowing that in the midst of the goodness of life as a seminarian, the best is yet to come!

One of the reasons I asked for a seminarian is that I believe St. Patrick is a great parish! The generosity and volume of

ministries, the diversity of our people, the variety of daily experiences here – I envision all these helping to give a well-rounded experience of the life of a parish priest. I do believe our parish is a great place for a seminarian to gain experience and to get to know many types of people. I'm looking forward to a great summer, and hopefully many more to come!



Daniel, in his own words:

My name is Daniel Delgado Acosta; I'm twenty-one years old. I was born and raised in Chihuahua, Mexico. I have three siblings, all of whom have taught me many things throughout my life. Currently, I'm a seminarian for the Diocese of Peoria; for this coming fall I'm going to be in college seminary in Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Minnesota as God wills. Since I was a little boy I always dreamed to be a priest; I feel the Lord called me when I was a child. As I was growing up I experienced that that call didn't disappear but rather continued being there in the depth of my heart.

Vocation Prayer: Father, by baptism and confirmation you have called all of us to build up your Church. We ask that you choose from among us many priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters who will love you with their whole heart and gladly spend their entire lives making you known and loved. For those of us not called to consecrated life, give us this grace also, to live for you and to serve you in your family here on earth, to love you in everyone.

Mission Trip Minute

The motto for this year's CREW Mission Trip comes from Pope Francis: "Service towards our brothers and sisters springs from the heart that loves." The Mission Trip focus is always on how to reach out and help those in need. Throughout the past year, the teens prepared for their summer mission trip by serving their brothers and sisters in the Champaign-Urbana community. They continued through June, when on each Sunday different members of the group helped to serve lunch at the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen.

Now they will head out to spend the week of July 15 in the coal country of Pennsylvania. Their destination is the Young People Who Care Ministries in Frenchville, Pennsylvania. The sisters of the Anawim Community will send the teens out each day in small groups to work in the community, at nursing homes, and with citizens that need help.

Please pray for our parish teens and chaperons as they head out this month on their trip as representatives of our parish.

If you didn't have a chance to go on this year's mission trip, mark your calendars for the week of July 14, 2019, when we will be going to the Winnebago Reservation in Nebraska. We invite teens and adults to be a part of our team providing needed services to our larger community and sharing our Catholic faith with others. Contact missiontrip@stpaturbana if you are interested in going on the mission trip in 2019.



Kayley and Noelle Schacht and
Katelynn and Brooke Berry

STM Minute

The High School of St. Thomas More celebrated its 2018 commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 20th on the Monsignor Hallin court inside the STM gymnasium. The celebrants were Fr. Hoelscher, school chaplain; Fr. Spannagel; Fr. Rayson, St. Matthew; Fr. Phelps, St. Malachy; and Fr. Menner, St. Lawrence.

Diplomas were announced by Vice Principal Tracy Neitzel and handed out by Principal Jason Schreder. The 70 graduates included these parishioners from St Patrick's:

Jessica Hood, attending Belmont University

Brianna Hopper, attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



Yasmine Lubuzya, attending Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana

Maria Lukusa, attending Parkland College

Kayley Schacht, attending the University of Notre Dame

Lucas Simpson, attending Iowa State University

Ethan Smith, attending the Catholic University of America

Maris Wszalek, attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Congratulations to all on your future endeavors!

Do you need information about annulments in order to marry in the Catholic Church?

Are you considering becoming Catholic and have a previous marriage(s)?

Do you have family members or friends who frequently ask you about annulments and you're not sure how to respond?

Then join us for an

INFORMATIONAL MEETING on ANNULMENTS

on SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, at 9:00 a.m.

at St. Matthew's Catholic Church
1303 Lincolnshire Dr., Champaign

Barbara Wysocki Jackie Scott Toby Stortz
Notary-Auditors for the Diocese of Peoria

St. Patrick's Catholic Education Fund continues to grow

Did you know that St. Patrick has a separate parish capital fund for religious education? It is called the St. Patrick Catholic Education Fund. It is used to benefit all students of the parish either for the parish CCD program or for tuition at Catholic schools.

Father George Remm, then pastor, began this fund on October 24, 1992. He wanted to promote Catholic education for the children of our parish. The fund was established with a \$10,000 donation from a deceased parishioner, Catherine Trueblood, in memory of Carl and Catherine Trueblood. The next deposit to the fund was \$15,250. Thereafter, all deposits and interest were added to the fund until it reached \$100,000. Then 90% of its interest income over the \$100,000 base became available for distribution to the parish for Catholic education. The remaining 10% is added to the principal of the fund.

The current amount in the fund is \$891,481.35. Money is withdrawn regularly, usually quarterly, for CCD costs and school tuitions. There is now another Catholic education endowment fund specifically for St. Thomas More High School. That account currently has \$332,090.69 in it.

Parishioners can, and still do, contribute to these funds. The most recent gifts have been in memory of Walter Splittstoesser and Ginger and Ray Timpone. If you want to contribute to these funds, there is a golden-colored envelope marked for the education fund. If you don't have this envelope, simply use a plain white envelope and write St. Patrick Education Fund on it. If you want the gift to go to the St. Thomas More Education Fund, include a note to that effect. St. Patrick's bookkeeper, Karen Barnes, deposits these funds with the Diocese of Peoria, in the St. Patrick Catholic Education Fund or the St. Thomas More Education Fund as indicated.

Just imagine how many children Father Remm has helped educate in the last 26 years since he established this fund! Our retired pastor is still serving St. Patrick Parish!

**Even now, says the Lord,
return to me with your whole heart;
for I am gracious and merciful.**

Seniors hear of the goodness of God

"The Goodness of God" was the theme of Dr. Paul Curtis when he addressed the St. Jeanne Jugan seniors group. He spoke to a full house at Manzella's Italian Patio.

His family farmed the area that is now Rolling Acres and Curtis Apple Orchard. At three years of age he was diagnosed with rheumatic fever, so he was kept under restraint until he was eight, and his mother took him to Florida and California for his health. (He suffers no heart problems now.)



His sister moved to Santa Monica, California, and Paul stayed with her during his senior year of high school. There he met a girl, who came back with him to the farm for the summer, but he broke off the relationship and six months later met his wife-to-be in summer school at the University of Illinois. It was love at first sight. A year later, they married; they have had two children and adopted a third.

Paul struggled with his belief in God and read books to bolster his faith. He attended a Full Gospel Church; in June 1975 he heard a sermon on "Face Up to a Miracle" and became a committed Christian. He completed his doctorate in Theology and then started at Parkland Community College, where he headed the business department.

Inspired by some friends in Belleville, Illinois, who had a commercial "u-pick" orchard, Paul and his family bought apple trees from Stark Brothers Nursery in Louisiana, Missouri. They now operate an orchard, a pumpkin patch, a store, and a café.

His wife died of cancer in hospice care. Paul retains absolute faith in God and in bodily resurrection.

Please join the seniors for their next meeting, at 11:30 a.m. on July 10 at Atties in Urbana, when the presentation will be on helping pregnant women.

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June 2018

Dear good people of St. Patrick Parish,

The address above has changed; yes, I am coming home to Urbana on July 1!

Of course most of us have various places we call home in our lives, but Urbana has been my anchor. I've wandered through Kowak, Tanzania, Torit, Palataka, Loa, Nimule, Narus, Lotimor, and Nanangachor, all in South Sudan, Kitale Kenya, and at the moment Mombasa Kenya. I am so grateful for the journey, which all of you have supported every step of the way. You've heard my tales of woe and tales of some surprising miracles...at least, things that can't be explained with my understanding.

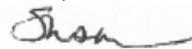
I finished my medical clinics at the end of May and am now cleaning out the files and packing up the essentials that need to be given away or taken with me. I've had numerous farewell gatherings. It has been a blessing to say good-bye well!

As of July 1, I will be a Maryknoll Lay Missioner living in Urbana and working in Mission Education and Advancement in the Midwest. I will be travelling a fair amount, trying to get the word out about the joys of following Jesus when he calls you to go to another country and culture. This is now my chance to help recruit and support new people called to this ministry.

Our Maryknoll Mission Association is mainly lay missioners, but we have one priest and welcome members from both the clergy and religious communities. I do hope that St. Patrick will continue to accompany us on this journey!

I will be living with my mother and will not be practicing medicine in the U.S. I've been away too long to do that! I look forward to being more present at St. Pat's and being a part of this faith community once again.

With gratitude,



Susan Nagele

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) or call toll free 1-800-867-2980.



Where is Mary (the statue of Mary, that is)?

This statue, one that graced the original church in 1903, is slated to be repaired (one of the fingers of the baby Jesus is broken) and repainted as necessary. The statue will stand opposite that of St. Patrick (it also dates back to the original church) between the outer and inner doors from the parking lot.



Mary, I beg you, by that grace
through which the Lord is with
you,
and you willed to be with him,
let your mercy be with me.
Let love for you always be with
me,
and the care of me be always with
you.

—St. Anselm

Parish Council News

The Parish Council's May meeting was a five-hour workshop on Saturday, May 21. Parishioner Jenn LaMontagne facilitated the workshop, guiding members through several exercises to help with brainstorming potential mission statements.



The first exercise was to share a story of an experience at St. Patrick's. The framework of these stories was to identify a cause or a situation, an action that was taken to deal with that situation, and the impact of that action. For example, one Council member described an experience from a choir practice when an unknown person entered the church and started observing the rehearsal. Most choristers weren't sure what to do, and Frank Gallo asked the person if she would like to join and sing with them, which she did. The *situation* was an uncomfortable moment at a choir practice with a stranger, the *action* was an invitation, and the *impact* was a feeling of inclusion on the woman's part.

Another story focused on the St. Patrick's Youth Orchestra: a young member felt bad about his playing ability and wanted to quit. The orchestra conductor reassured him that his playing would improve and that he was counted on as someone who could be a section leader in the future because his ability and his potential. The *situation* was an insecure musician filled with self-doubt, the *action* was a reassurance of the student's value, and the *impact* was that the member stayed in the orchestra and grew in self-confidence.

Jenn encouraged Council members to identify the specific situation, action, and impact in each story. Some of the actions that kept emerging were welcoming, nurturing, and educating. Some of the impacts that emerged were growths in faith, confidence, and health. From this exercise, Jenn divided the members into groups to compose a mission statement, and instructed each group to contemplate some of the actions and results from these stories. The mission statement had to include the people they wanted to reach, the action they wanted to take, and the result they wanted as a result of the action.

As an example, Jenn shared the mission statement of St. John's Catholic Newman Center, whose leaders participated in a similar workshop: "The mission of Saint John's Catholic Newman Center is to lead college students to a life-long connection to Christ through the sacraments and a vibrant and inviting community." The people were college students, the action and impact were to lead them to Christ.

From the groups' brainstorming, six potential mission statements were developed. The surprising (and not-surprising) occurrence was that the six mission statements had the same people, actions, and impacts, but were merely phrased differently. It was gratifying to see that all identified the same things as the heart of St. Patrick's parish. All of the mission statements mentioned in some way the importance of helping people grow closer to God through the sacraments and living the life of Christ.

The next step in this process took place at the Parish Council meeting on June 28, when they ranked their choices for a mission statement from these six and worked out the final wording. Our waiting will be imbued with faith and hope in the process and in the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit until the final result is unveiled!

Breaking bread with our Muslim neighbors

“There was much joy and love in our parish as we broke bread with our Muslim neighbors,” organizer Luis Cuza said of the Know Your Neighbor dinner held in St. Patrick's parish center on Thursday, May 10. On that night, 64 St. Patrick parishioners welcomed 31 members of the local Muslim community to share a potluck dinner and get to know one another.

Father Luke opened the evening with a welcome to our guests and a prayer, then Imam Ousmane Sawadogo of Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center (CIMIC), Mehmood Rasheed, President of CIMIC, and Ahmet Taha, President of Muslim American Society (MAS), each spoke.

Each table was arranged to include both parishioners and Muslim guests. The guests were as interested in getting to know us as we were to get to know them. They shared about their lives and experiences as well as information



about their faith. They welcomed all questions and had questions of their own.

Muslims are called to pray five times throughout the day. After dinner, our guests made their way to Trinity Hall (chosen because it was a space without decoration) where Imam Ousmane led their evening prayer.

Parishioners were invited to attend, to observe, to pray. Afterward the imam described what we had observed and answered questions about it.

A number of guests had never been inside a church, so all who were interested were invited to look around the church. Fr Luke answered questions, and parishioners and guests continued conversations or answered individual questions. Several parishioners remarked later that female guests seemed especially taken with our banner of Mary, who is shown dressed almost as they were.

Through our conversations, we discovered some basic things we have in common. Jerry Walsh notes that although

Muslims call God “Allah” and do not believe in the Holy Trinity as we do, “We are still standing on similar spiritual foundations regarding a single all-powerful but merciful God. As the imam mentioned, Jesus

set forth two commandments as being above all others, and they are quite acceptable to Muslims as well as Christians: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself.”

While standing by the font in the church, Eileen Mathy was

asked by several guests about the use of water in our sanctuary. “I thought of what I have observed at the mosque, that the men wash themselves with water before entering the mosque to pray. I told them that this is how we remind ourselves as Catholics of our baptism, when we are cleansed of

our sins, before we enter our sanctuary to begin our rituals of prayer.”

Parishioners who attended the dinner have spoken of how they enjoyed the chance to get to know these neighbors and to learn that despite obvious differences, we share a common humanity and a love for our families, our communities, and our faith.



The Muslim holy month of Ramadan began the following week, and St. Patrick parishioners were invited to attend several of the Iftar dinners (which break the day-long fasts Muslims undertake during Ramadan) at the mosque and Muslim Community Center. A number of parishioners accepted the invitation and have enjoyed the experience and the chance to get to know our Muslim neighbors better.

The interfaith group at St. Patrick hopes to have more opportunities to connect our parish with our Muslim neighbors, as well as to sponsor future Know Your Neighbor dinners with other local faith communities. The Peace and Justice Ministry is planning a program in the fall to help develop Christian-Muslim dialogue. Watch the bulletin in late summer for more detail.

Did you know . . .

Transfigured

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothes became dazzling white. (Luke 9:29)

If you're new to the parish and haven't registered yet, you can do so by stopping at the parish office during office hours (daily, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.) or online at the parish website (www.stpaturbana.org).

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Ushers, Eucharistic ministers, and servers are in very short supply for the noon Mass on Sundays. Father Luke has been known to try to round up ministers to fill the perceived needs just before the entrance hymn begins. If you can help, Father will be glad for the time to reflect on the Mass he is about to celebrate and any of the coordinators below will be very happy to hear from you!

✚ If you can greet with a smile the people who are coming in for Mass, help pass the collection baskets, and hand out the parish bulletin after Mass, please contact **Lynn Black, usher coordinator** (itsb@att.net, 344-8618).

✚ If you can serve our people the Body and Blood of Christ for which they hunger, contact **Eucharistic ministry coordinator Diane Wilhelm** (wilhelmd@earthlink.net, 630/292-3028).

✚ If you can assist the presider with his book of prayers and prepare the altar with hosts and wine for the Eucharistic sacrifice, contact **Christine Hopper, server coordinator** (cmhopper0620@att.net, 899-6373).

The Transfiguration is the linchpin of Christian contemplation, for in the moment when Jesus appeared to his disciples in glory conversing with Moses and Elijah about his coming death in Jerusalem, all of the major themes of our faith – Jesus as God incarnate, his sacrificial offering as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, Christian discipleship as God's invitation to all of us to share the true glory of love – came together in a flash.

The Gospel of John unfolded this mystery in a series of signs that culminated in the final sign of the "lifting up of the Son of Man," which revealed to eyes of faith the hidden meaning of his crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, and the breathing forth of his Spirit in the new creation, the birth of the Church at Pentecost.

But in 1945 another layer of significance was added to our contemplation of the Transfiguration. On August 6, the feast of the Transfiguration, a project to develop the atomic bomb (code-named "Trinity") culminated in the dropping of the first bomb (code-named "Little Boy") on the city of Hiroshima.



In a flash was born the atomic age, the Cold War, the race among nations for ever larger and more destructive weapons of mass destruction that continues to lock the world, its resources, and hopes for development and community, in a stand-off of mutual distrust and competition.

It is now difficult, if not impossible, to mark the feast of the Transfiguration and its promise of glory without contemplating its shadow side, the ultimate destruction unleashed on Hiroshima. The two events reveal two very different outcomes for humankind. They call us to a day of prayer, prayer in loving appreciation of Christ's gift of himself in this great mystery, and prayer in humble acknowledgement of our human frailty in the decisions we make that cost so much of others.

Holy Cross Happenings

The 2017-18 school year, which started only two months ago (or so it would seem), is already in the books. Of course, it always goes by too fast. The school year also always ends with Holy Cross graduates celebrating some amazing accomplishments, and this year was certainly no exception.

In Focus would especially like to recognize St. Patrick's parishioners who are moving on to high school. At the pre-graduation awards ceremony, the following students were recognized for these achievements over the past year:

Daniel Caughlin

Participant: altar server, band, Music Man

Awards: President's Award for Educational Excellence

Brandon Hood

Participant: Mission to Mars, band
Awards: AR library award, High Honors or above (all year), Spirit of Cooperation Award

Ellen Loftus

Participant: altar server, Girl Scout, Scholastic Bowl, Mission to Mars, band, basketball, volleyball, "Music Man" set design

Awards: Art Award, Highest Honors (all year), Citizenship Award

Maddy McCoy

Participant: altar server, Girl Scout, Geography Bee, Scholastic Bowl, Mission to Mars, band, soccer, basketball, volleyball, track, "Music Man" set

Awards: AR library award, Athena Library Award, High Honors or Above (all year), President's Award for Educational Excellence



Abbie Vessell
Participant: altar server, Girl Scout, Mission to Mars, Mass cantor, chorus, band, soccer, volleyball, track, "Music Man" set design

Awards: 4th Quarter High Honors

Congratulations to our graduates and to all of our students and their families on another great year. May God bless your plans, today and always!

Please feel free to contact Rachael McMillan (rachmcmill@gmail.com) if there is anything you'd like to see featured in an upcoming installment of Holy Cross Happenings or if you have any additions or corrections to report.

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 the St. Patrick's parish office (367-2665) for more details.

Highest Honors

- Michael McCoy
- Anna Loftus
- Ian Peters
- Lukas Perdekamp
- Brooke Hasenstab
- Jasmine Waite
- Hadley Peters

High Honors

- Cate Feinen
- Dereje Jahiel
- Josh Loftus
- Marissa Altaner
- Natalie Caughlin
- Aidan Beckett
- Tsega Jahiel
- Christina Pembele
- Ava Borbely
- Emily Leininger

Honors

- Jack McMillan
- Sylvia Withers-Sickles



Cellar to Garret

Continued . . .

The sale is also seen as a service to the community. Prices are deliberately kept low enough to make it possible for parishioners and community members who have limited resources to buy much-needed items. Thanks to those prices, you might see moms letting kids practice their shopping and math skills while picking out clothes and toys, as well as university students and other new arrivals to the community looking for household goods for a new home. Bargain hunters of all ages can find useful and entertaining merchandise. And the Saturday morning \$2 bag sale can't be beat!

If you have a little more to spend, you may be surprised by what you'll find in the "better room" – art, antiques, fine jewelry, collectibles, designer items, and more await.



All this takes many volunteers, beginning with setup on July 29. People are needed to help sort, price, and organize donated items July 30 – August 8, before the sale opens. Cashiers and helpers are essential from the sale's opening at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 9, to its closing at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 11. Contact Linda Weber (lindaweber@juno.com or 367-2202), click on the sign-up link at the parish website, or sign up after Masses on July 14 and 15. However you can help, the WSP will be delighted to hear from you – and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you can make a difference in the lives of many!



in our parish library

The following books deal with religious freedom in a variety of ways. Take and read!

The Quest for True Freedom, by Jennifer Penn. An intimate portrayal of Thomas Merton, this book journeys into the daily monastic life and Merton's spiritual quest. The book also contains many personal anecdotes and memories from his fellow monks. 271 Pen

The Inner Voice of Love: Journey through Anguish to Freedom, by Henri Nouwen. This is Nouwen's "secret journal," written during the most difficult period of his life, when he suddenly lost his self-esteem, his energy to live and work, his sense of being loved, even his hope in God. 282 Nou

God Lives: From Religious Fear to Spiritual Freedom, by James Kavanaugh. A book written for those who wonder about sin, hell, the Bible, infallibility of the pope, a personal god, and how to live within the Church when they are fed myths and lies. 291 Kav

The God of Freedom and Life: Commentary about the Book of Exodus, by Stephen Binz. The journey of Exodus is the quest for freedom and life. It is the foundation of the Jewish faith and therefore at the heart of the Christian-Judaic heritage. Binz explores what to the Judaic tradition is the perennial event of Exodus, not just a historical event but a continuing journey toward God and toward understanding themselves as God's people. 222 Bin

Q: Where did the clerical collar come from? On television I see some priests wearing a shirt and tie!



A: The question of whether or not priests should be distinguished by their dress goes all the way back to 428, when Pope Celestine I took issue with the clergy of France, who distinguished themselves by their attire. He argued that learning, purity, and good conduct should mark the clergy rather than vesture.

Despite his warning, the habit of clerical dress caught on and developed in two parallel tracks, the garb worn for everyday use and the other reserved for liturgical and sacramental celebrations. In the evolution of priestly garments over centuries, styles changed but some clergy retained older ways of dress for their daily use, such as the chasuble (originally a large cloak worn by men and women in ancient Greece and Rome) and the stole or pallium (a Roman symbol of civic authority).

These garments were eventually reserved for liturgical actions. The stole and chasuble continue to appear in their varied liturgical colors. A more ornate pallium made of white lamb's wool is worn only by bishops overseeing large cities. Among the bishops the pope, as bishop of Rome, holds greatest honor, and it is he who gives the pallium to the others.

Today's "Roman collar" probably received its start as a shirt worn under a high-collared tunic, or perhaps even as a scarf intended to prevent the tunic's stiff collar from aggravating the neck. There are two styles seen today. One is usually a simple plastic insert on a shirt; the other, the collerette, goes all the way around the neck, which some find more comfortable. A soft cloth material similar to linen is gaining in popularity as a substitute for the plastic insert.

With or without the Roman collar or distinctive dress, clergy are known primarily by the manner in which they welcome and serve others rather than by what they wear.

Quick Fixin's from the kitchen of . . .

Shirley Splittstoesser

Ham and Cream Cheese Roll Ups

- 2 pkg ham slices (each with 8-10 thin slices)
- 1 8-oz pkg Philadelphia Cream Cheese
- 1 T horseradish
- 1 T Lipton Onion Soup Mix (dry)
- Sliced olives



Bring cream cheese to room temperature. Lay ham slices from one package in a horizontal row to overlap. Lay slices from the second package below and overlapping first row, forming a rectangle with two rows.

Mix cream cheese, horseradish, and Lipton Onion Soup Mix. Spread the cream cheese mixture on rectangle of ham slices. Use back of a spoon or spatula. Spread in direction of overlap to prevent ham slices from curling up. Spread a thin layer of the mixture on all edges to help hold the roll up together. Sprinkle sliced olives on the cream cheese.

Roll by starting with long side of rectangle. Press firmly as you roll (the roll will be about 1½ inches thick). Refrigerate for at least two hours. Cut slices ¾ inch to 1 inch thick (makes 24-30 roll ups). Place slices on a serving plate and return to the refrigerator. These will keep well overnight, covered.

Since the roll ups may soften if left at room temperature for serving, set the serving plate on ice – a plastic bag of ice cubes, or water frozen in a plastic container about the size of your serving plate.

Serve with your favorite crackers.



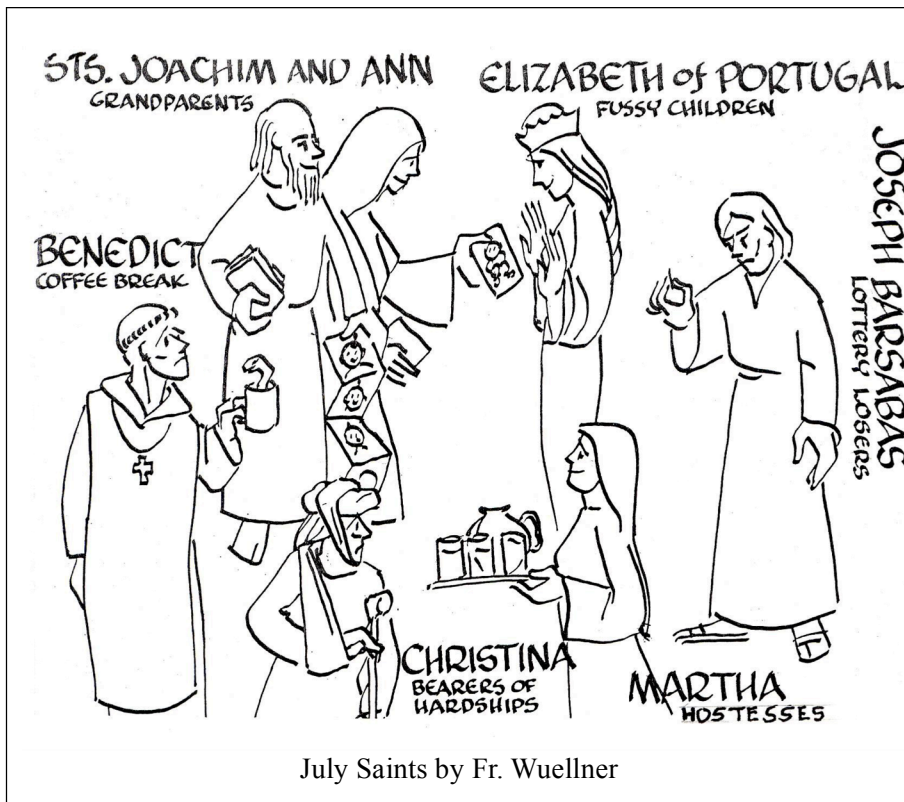
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