

# St. Patrick Parish IN FOCUS

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## Sharing your faith

The final word that Jesus left with his followers was to share their faith with all nations. We are the inheritors of that mission, but today we're not so sure that this is a good idea. How many times have you heard it said that if you want to keep the peace, don't talk about religion or politics? These are hot-button topics for some, and yet there must be a way for peaceable people to share their faith without being aggressive or judgmental. What might that look like?

First of all, be yourself, a person of faith. If you're in a conversation about what you're doing this weekend, include the fact that you're going to Mass. If someone asks what you'll be doing this evening, say, "My bible study group is meeting," or "I'm going to prepare a side dish for a funeral luncheon tomorrow," or "Choir rehearsal tonight." There's no need to hide your faith commitment and the way you live it out. Some people will follow up with a question or two about your church.

Some people will follow up with a challenging "How can you..." question. "How can you belong to a church that covered up the abuse of children for so many years?" "How

can you belong to a church that doesn't allow women in leadership?" These are hard questions, but fair ones, and they're not necessarily a criticism of your faith. How would you answer them? That's something you can think and pray about ahead of time.

Other people may follow up with genuine curiosity, or a desire to know you better. Perhaps they'll ask why you go to church; what you get out of it. This is a really wonderful thing to pray about. As you reflect on the gifts of faith, community, and support that God gives you, you can respond to him with gratitude. And it helps you to be ready to respond to questions about your faith.

Remember, it's not your job to convert people. Conversion is a process that takes time, reflection, and input from many sources. If you can make it comfortable for others to ask you about your faith, it leaves the door open for them to explore further. Always remember too that you're not alone when you are sharing your faith. Jesus is with you. He will give you the words and memories that you need if you ask for them. He is the one who touches hearts, fans the flames of faith, and calls each of us to himself. s



## Maryknoll lay missionary to speak on work for refugees and asylum seekers

You may recognize Heidi Cerneka's name from parishioner Susan Nagele's talks about her life in Kenya. Heidi is a Maryknoll lay missionary. After earning her law degree in 2017, Heidi served local organizations in Mombasa and Nairobi, Kenya. Most of Heidi's missionary career has been as a prison minister in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Currently, she is working as an immigration lawyer in El Paso, Texas.

On Sunday, October 13, at 1:30 p.m., in Trinity Hall, Heidi will speak to St. Patrick parishioners via Skype about her work as an immigration attorney for refugees and asylum seekers on the U.S. border with Mexico. Please come to learn more about this important faith and justice issue.



Heidi won the immigration case for Zam, a Ugandan woman. Only 2-3% of those cases are successful.

## Getting to know you, getting to know all about you . . .



As Father Anthony Co continues to settle in at St. Patrick's, *In Focus* caught up with him to find out a little bit more about our new pastor. Read on for his thoughts on how our parish compares to his other assignments, what he feels we can do to grow closer to God, and how we can support him during this transition.

**We've already gotten to know a little bit about you, but for posterity's sake, could you give us a quick recap of your background?**

I'm from the far west suburbs of Chicago. I got a taste of city life in the summer when I stayed with my Filipino relatives in Chicago. I also spend a lot of time on the farm with my mom's family. But my hometown is West Chicago, a city much like Urbana.

I have three sisters: Cheri, Trinetta, and Betsy. They are amazing big sisters. I am very blessed. My parents now live in South Elgin. My dad, Cesar, is a retired surgeon and family practitioner. My mom, Anna, was a nurse and social worker for years before and after she raised us. They spend a lot of time these days with our family's non-profit that helps the poor, spending time with the grandkids, and visiting their retired friends.

**What have been your first impressions of St. Patrick's? What would you say makes our parish unique, and what do you perceive as areas of need?** I am so blessed to be here. I remember Kathy and Mardia welcoming me the first day by bringing me some groceries to place in my empty refrigerator. So many

people took the time to greet me with a smile. The staff has been so good and supportive. It really is a joy to work with them.

It's hard for me to say what makes St. Patrick unique at this point. This assignment has a number of similarities with my last assignments. For instance, we had a strong social justice outreach, beautiful liturgical music, a diverse congregation, and many wonderful volunteers at our historic parishes. I look forward to discovering the unique character of this active parish.

**One example of a need you identified early on is more time spent in adoration at our parish. Do you have any more ideas on how this can become a regular occurrence?** I look forward to growing personally from the spirituality of the members of the parishes I serve. And perhaps parishioners will benefit from the things God has given to me. One thing I really love is to adore Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. I don't know yet what God wants regarding Eucharistic adoration here. I really need to pray more and wait for him to make an invitation.

**Are there any events, groups, procedures, etc., that you found especially fruitful at your other assignments that you might like to see instituted here?**

There are a lot of things I don't know about the parish. I'm trying to do the best I can to live a balanced life considering the many responsibilities. So this has delayed being proactive and spending time studying the many good things the parish is currently doing. However, that said, one general area Catholics (priests included) need to work on is apprenticing others and being apprenticed for the sake of expanding the Kingdom of God. This is what Jesus did with his Apostles, and I think we need to continually reflect on the biblical model of spreading the Good News. I'd like to see more and more opportunities for Catholics to experience being apprenticed and apprenticing others in the ways of Christ.

**Do you already have a favorite moment from your time here that you can share?** One favorite moment has been learning more about Deacon David Zola. It's been a real joy meeting his friends, talking with his family, learning about the ways he blessed others. The memorial Mass for him was beautiful.

**If you could give only one piece of advice to help others grow in their faith, what would it be?** Good question! Perhaps I would suggest focusing on learning to hear the voice of God. The living God has a living voice. He wants to talk to us. Saints Ignatius and John of the Cross remind us that the greatest and most subtle danger is to think that something good is bad and something bad is good. So we need to learn more and more about hearing the voice of our loving God who wants to speak to our hearts and guide our ways.

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## Join the St. Jeanne Jugan seniors on a trip to St. Bede Abbey

When Fr. Dominic Garramone, the Bread Monk, first visited St. Patrick in January 2011 he encouraged everyone to come to visit his home, St. Bede Abbey in Peru, IL. Fast forward eight years ... on Wednesday, October 16, the St. Jeanne Jugan Senior Group will be visiting the abbey.



The trip is open to anyone who is interested. The group will participate in noon prayers, have lunch at the abbey, have a discussion with one of the monks, take a tour, and maybe do a little shopping in the abbey store. The cost of lunch is \$5. Due to his teaching schedule, Fr. Dom may or may not be able to visit with us.

The group will be carpooling from St. Patrick's for the approximately two-hour drive, leaving at 9:30 a.m. and returning at about 6 p.m. It should be a beautiful time to see fall foliage along the river area near the abbey. If you are interested in going, please contact Chris Whippo (chriswhippo@yahoo.com or 352-7263) or Chuck Milewski (cmi2150@msn.com or 352-1009) by Wednesday, October 9. Please indicate if you would be willing to drive other parishioners.

## Father Co

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**What do you find are the most restorative ways to spend your downtime?** I'm renewed when I am with people who really accept me. They give me the benefit of the doubt. They want to share with me their joys and sorrows. They laugh with me and want to talk about the graces in their lives. And if they are non-believers, they share their fascination with life. I also love adventure. Any adventure. I get charged up by trying new foods, going to new places, and trying new things.

**How can we help you as you continue to adjust to your role here?** Thank you for asking. I know it's hard when you get a new pastor. Wherever I go I hear a person say, with a smile, "Just when you get them broken in, they move on!" It requires a lot of hard work to receive a new person. This has been my experience as I constantly meet new people. The interior work I try to do is to prayerfully remember that each new person is a gift to me. I try to find out what God is doing and has done in them. And I try to just be with them in some way. I think what would help me the most is for others to do that for me so we can grow our friendship.

### For my children

**On this doorstep I stand  
year after year  
and watch you leaving  
and think: may you not  
skin your knees. May you  
not catch your fingers  
in car doors. May  
your hearts not break.  
May tide and weather  
wait for your coming  
and may you grow strong  
to break  
all webs of my weaving.  
—Evangeline Paterson**



## Many Volunteers make the Cellar-to-Garret sale a success

The Women of St. Patrick's annual Cellar-to-Garret sale takes many hands working together, and this year was no different. Special thanks go to sale co-chairs Bernadette Nelson and Anna Conner, who put in many, many hours organizing and running the sale – which brought in approximately \$7000 this year!



If you sorted, priced, or dropped off items, we thank you. If you brought in a treat for workers or helped in the kitchen, we thank you. If you did any of the behind-the-scenes jobs, we thank you. If you shopped and found just the right item at just the right price, we thank you. Well done, everyone!

*Believe  
that He has led you in His love  
to this, your place.  
If to the day  
the evil will suffice,  
so, too, the Grace.  
--Ruth Rains*

## St. Paul of the Cross and the Congregation of the Passion

Born in northern Italy in 1694, Paul Daneo lived at a time when many regarded Jesus as a great moral teacher but no more than that. After a brief time as a soldier, he turned to solitary prayer, developing a devotion to Christ's passion.

Paul saw in demonstration of That devotion supported a touched the hearts became known as preachers of his for his generous

In 1720, Paul the Passion, a members combined with preaching to the poor. They were to live a strict monastic life while fostering an intense devotion to the Passion of Christ through preaching and missions.

Known as the Passionists, they add a fourth vow to the traditional three of poverty, chastity, and obedience: to spread the memory of Christ's passion among the faithful. As they grew in numbers, they engaged in ministry to the sick and dying.

Toward the end of his life Paul founded a community of Passionist nuns. Unique to the habit of both men and women is a large badge in the shape of a heart bearing a cross and the words *Jesu XPI Passio* (Passion of Jesus Christ).

Paul of the Cross died in 1775 and was canonized in 1867. He is the patron saint of Hungary.



the Lord's passion a God's love for all people. nurtured his compassion and preaching ministry that of many listeners. He one of the most popular day, both for his words and acts of mercy.

founded the Congregation of community of priests whose devotion to Christ's passion

## There is always a way back!



*Have you parted company with the Catholic Church – perhaps over new changes, old rules, a marriage situation, hurt feelings, or for some other reason?*

*There is always a way back. Come to talk with us, share your story—we promise to listen. We may be able to ease your way back to your faith community. We'd like to try. Bring your questions, and let us see how we can help.*

*Leave a message with the parish secretary (367-2665), and someone will get back to you promptly!*

## Life, an incomparable gift!

October is Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October has traditionally been set aside as Respect Life Sunday, this year October 6.



Parishioners share a meal with food pantry clients at the 2016 Friends of the SVDP Food Pantry Dinner

In 2001 the U.S. Catholic bishops promulgated the following statement, setting out the fundamental social teaching on the sacredness of life as a gift from God:

“We proclaim that human life is a precious gift from God; that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self, and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence.”

The Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, under the guidance and direction of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities, works to teach respect for all human life from conception to natural death, and organize for its protection. Hence the urgency and the crucial need to stand up for what we’ve come to know as the “consistent life ethic.”

The consistent life ethic points to the value of human life, the respect for human life, in all ways. Our bishops, with our support, encourage and enable programs to meet the needs of pregnant women, persons with disabilities, children, the sick and the dying, the elderly, the homeless on our streets, people in dangerous life situations, immigrants and refugees—everyone who has received the precious gift of life.

Perhaps this time, this Respect Life Month of October, we may become better acquainted with the bishops’ programs and activities in support of human life, and see how best we can encourage and enable them in our own localities.

For starters, we could familiarize ourselves with the ongoing programs and activities in our own parish. What do you know about the work of the Respect Life Committee? Members participate in the planning for the Community Ecumenical Memorial Prayer Vigil held in

January, participate in the diocesan Pennies for Life campaign, and inform parishioners of local and diocesan events and activities that promote respect for life.

You probably know the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry feeds the hungry and makes free dental checks available from time to time. You may remember that the Parish Nurses provide free monthly blood pressure checks. Each summer our CREW teens go on mission trips to better the lives of others.

The Social Action Committee works with the resettlement of immigrants and refugees and the LGBTQ+ in our community. Twice a year parishioners give a week to delivering Meals on Wheels and a little friendly contact to many in our local community. The unemployed receive ongoing help with human resource professionals. Parishioners bring Holy Communion to shut-ins and hospital patients.

And oh, so much more! In what ways might you be able to respond this year to the call to respect life?

## Join a St. Patrick group to build a Habitat House

Do you want to help with housing locally? St. Patrick’s Housing Ministry is looking for 12 volunteers to form a group from St. Patrick to help build a Habitat for Humanity house in Urbana. No tools or construction experience is necessary but volunteers must be at least 16 years old. The build will take place on Saturday, October 19, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Come as you are and help us build a safer future for a family!



To sign up, contact Ryan Hughes (rhughes416@gmail.com).

The vision still has its time,  
presses on to fulfillment,  
and will not disappoint;  
if it delays, wait for it,  
it will surely come, it will  
not disappoint.

– Habakkuk 2:3

## Parish Council reports on the music survey

The Parish Council apologizes for the delay in reporting the final results of the music survey and the actions that are planned in response.

First, the results: 612 people took the survey, a terrific response. Thank you to all who shared their opinions and suggestions! Here are the results of specific questions:

- ✓ 60% like the current music style, which is a mixture of tradition and contemporary.
- ✓ 50% always sing at Mass and 41% almost always sing at Mass.
- ✓ 67% prefer a mixture of organ and piano at Mass, which is the current approach.
- ✓ 89% prefer having additional musical instruments playing.
- ✓ 69% prefer more singing than instrumental music.
- ✓ 75% really enjoy the choir.
- ✓ 81% find the music spiritually enhancing.
- ✓ 73% use the seasonal worship aid.
- ✓ 66% would like to see readings and hymn numbers displayed.
- ✓ 35% attend special music events.
- ✓ 50% would like specific Masses designated as having a certain music style.

We also read the many comments parishioners wrote, and we identified a few trends that we plan to act on, either now or in the future:

First, most parishioners are very happy with the music at St. Patrick and are grateful to Frank Gallo for sharing his talents.



Second, there is a volume-balance problem with the music. This is the most pressing issue, and the most expensive to fix. People mentioned that the organ is too loud in general, but even when the organ was not being used, people could not hear the choirs and sometimes the cantor. Musicians commented that they could not hear one another when singing or playing. Frank commented that he has set the organ on its lowest volume level and cannot hear the organ when he plays. What this amounts to is that our church has a problem with acoustics.

Our plan is to have the church's sound system assessed by an acoustical engineer who will be able to provide suggestions regarding choir microphones, monitors, and any other changes we can make to have music better balanced. Unfortunately, the parish does not have the money to implement this plan. Once we do, we will proceed; in the meantime, Frank continues to make adjustments and to research inexpensive ways to try to adjust the balance of sound.

Third, a large percentage of people encouraged us to have a Mass that features only contemporary music. Currently, the

adult instrumental group is playing on the first and third Saturdays of the month. We will continue this arrangement, with only contemporary music instead of a blended or mixed approach.

Fourth, two-thirds of our parish would like to see readings and hymn numbers displayed. Frank and the adult choir have been exploring options that range from using projectors to putting up several signboards. In addition to cost, he is assessing aesthetic and sightline concerns. Once Frank concludes his research, we will proceed on providing signage (depending on the costs involved, of course).

Fifth, parishioners suggested that the bulletin identifies which Masses feature which type of music, instrumentalists, and choirs. This is something we can and will do. In addition, parishioners requested large-type hymnals. Frank investigated purchasing these, but found that the publisher does not provide them.

Finally, although the comments demonstrate a wide spectrum of opinions (some people like organ music while others dislike it; some people like choir music, others dislike it), the beautiful thing is that St. Patrick's parishioners love to sing and recognize the value of music in our worship. Although we may not agree on songs and have different opinions about music, we are united in worship.



## Learn of God's Divine Mercy

In 1931, a young Polish nun had the first of what would be years of visions of Jesus. Jesus charged Sr. Faustina with the mission of spreading his message of divine mercy to the world. For four years she kept a diary in which she recorded the words Jesus spoke to



her; commissioned a painting to be the image of Divine Mercy; wrote the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, a prayer using rosary beads; and wrote instructions for the Novena of Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday and finishes on the second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday.

The first holy cards with the image of Divine Mercy were printed in 1937, followed by pamphlets with the prayers. The Divine Mercy devotion spread throughout Poland. Sr. Faustina saw the beginning, but after years of illness she died in 1938, at age 33. By 1941 the Divine Mercy devotion had reached the United States and spread throughout

the world. In 2000, Sr. Faustina was canonized by Pope John Paul II.

The Divine Mercy Cenacle group at St. Patrick meets for one hour on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. (known as the Hour of Divine Mercy) in Trinity Hall. During that hour they pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and learn about God's great love and mercy for us. They use a study guide that incorporates the diary of St. Faustina, the Bible, and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in its lessons. The message of divine mercy can be summed up in just a few words: ask for God's mercy, be merciful, and completely trust Jesus.

If you would like to learn more about God's great love for us and His endless mercy, please join us! For more information, please email [rakingery@comcast.net](mailto:rakingery@comcast.net).



**Q: What is a "parochial vicar"?**

**A:** When you read about a change in clergy appointments, you probably notice use of the term "parochial vicar" instead of "associate pastor," which was used for several years. Why the change and what does it mean?

The primary reason for the change is that the *Code of Canon Law*, in canon 545, uses the term "parochial vicar" and not "associate [or assistant] pastor." Hence, using "parochial vicar" brings us more in line with the terminology of the *Code of Canon Law*. It should be noted that "parochial vicar" is interchangeable with "associate pastor" and "assistant pastor," which were used before the new code was introduced in 1983.

What does it mean to be a parochial vicar? In short, a parochial vicar is a priest who is assigned by the competent authority, usually the bishop of the diocese, to assist the pastor in the pastoral

ministry of a parish. Together as co-workers, the pastor and parochial vicar(s) carry out the functions of teaching, sanctifying, and leading the people entrusted to their care. The parochial vicar is subject to the authority of the pastor.

No matter what office a priest holds in the Church, the ultimate goal of all pastoral ministry is the salvation of souls. Please pray for all of the priests who receive new assignments that they may carry out their ministry after the likeness of the Great High Priest, Jesus Christ.

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

### Vocation Prayer

*Will you come and follow me  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't  
know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
Will you let my name be  
known,  
Will you let my life be grown  
In you and you in me?*

**Lord, your summons echoes true  
When you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
And never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
Where your love and  
footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and  
grow  
In you and you in me.**

—From "The Summons,"  
Hymn text by John L. Bell

## St. Patrick is back!

Well-swathed in quilted blankets and secured with straps and tape, St. Patrick made his return from the Daprado Rigali Studios in Chicago on September 11. Restored to his original colors and accented with gold leaf on his miter and crozier, he has resumed his place of honor in the east entrance to the church. The Knights of Columbus and Women of St. Patrick are grateful to all who contributed to the restoration fund to make this transformation possible.



## Looking back at 20 years of CREW Mission Trips

*Have you ever participated in a CREW Mission Trip as a teen or chaperon (or, over the years, both)? We'd love to hear from you! Please contact us at [infocusstpats@gmail.com](mailto:infocusstpats@gmail.com). We hope to print more photos, memories, and reflections on past trips in the next few issues.*





# Hear our prayers, heal our Church

For some time, we have been praying the Prayer to St Michael at Mass as we remember those who suffer from the sexual abuse crisis in the Church. Have you ever wondered about the origin of this



prayer? Legend has it that Pope Leo XIII was attending a conference with bishops and cardinals when he collapsed and lost consciousness. When he awoke, he said, "Oh what a horrible picture I have been permitted to see!" He described evil spirits released from Hell to destroy the Church. From that vision, he composed the prayer that we now say for the protection of the Church.

When you consider the sexual abuse crisis in the Church, do you feel compelled to pray with Pope Leo, or do other thoughts and emotions fill your mind? How are you called to pray for victims, for offending and non-offending clergy and for the Church? Last winter, about 60 parishioners attended a town hall meeting at St. Patrick on the sexual abuse crisis. Afterward, they filled out surveys about how the parish should respond to the crisis. One response that many shared was that they did not like the St. Michael prayer.

A group subsequently met with Fr. Luke to talk about the suggestions made. While the St. Michael prayer was not to be replaced, an idea developed for a writing and visual arts project that

would provide St. Patrick parishioners with the opportunity to express their own prayers regarding the crisis, and for those prayers to be displayed to others and presented during Masses in December.

To kick-start the project, a team that includes Bridget McGill, Lisa Herzog, Denise Freidhof, Pat Mayer, Mary Long, and Eileen Mathy designed a beautiful book of reflections on the crisis that will be available to parishioners toward the end of September. Next, they have planned a retreat to be held on Saturday, November 2, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the parish center. Participants will be guided in spiritual writing for composing prayers and methods to create expressive art. Individuals can join this group or work on their own to produce prayers and art to be included in the project.

Finally, on the weekend of December 7 and 8, a collection of written prayers and artwork will be displayed in the gathering area.

The collection of prayers from the people of St. Patrick will be presented at Masses, and selections will be read during the Prayers of the Faithful.

Please join in calling upon God to hear our prayers and heal our Church! Watch the weekly bulletin for up-to-date details about each step of this project.

## Did you know . . .

St. Patrick's Parish Nurses offer blood pressure screenings on the fourth Sunday of most months in the parish lounge after the 8:00 Mass. Your physician may be pleased to hear that you take advantage of this opportunity!



The Communications Committee is looking to expand its membership to help with brainstorming for upcoming issues of *In Focus*, writing articles, taking photographs of parish events, editing articles to create a file for page layout, preparing the page layout for an issue to ready it for printing, and communicating with *The Catholic Post* about parish upcoming events. We've lost a couple of members recently, leaving us a little short of resources. Can you help?

# Parish Council News

The 2019–2020 Parish Council has been busy on several projects since holding the “Good-bye Fr. Luke” and “Welcome Fr. Anthony” receptions!



After speaking with Fr. Anthony regarding his expectations for the council, we have several projects lined up for the fall. They include:

- Updating the Parish Council by-laws. Our last by-laws were updated in 2012, and we need to update those to reflect the current roles of the Parish Council, new member selection, and the terms of membership on the council.
- Forming a Youth Council. This council will be for students in 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades and will serve as an advisory board to the Parish Council regarding the needs of our parish’s teenagers, as well as providing social activities for teenagers.
- Introducing a St. Patrick clothing line. The Parish Council will work with a local clothing distributor to develop a few items of clothing with the St. Patrick logo. Parishioners will be able to order and wear the clothing to show parish spirit!
- Finalizing the safety plans for our parish regarding what to do in case of any emergency. This will require a slight change in the responsibilities of our ushers and will feature Safety Sunday (date to be determined) when we can practice our emergency protocols.
- Learning more about Fr. Anthony’s ideas for increasing our faith and becoming closer to Jesus. As we work with Fr. Anthony, we will develop activities to help our parish family “grow by living the love of Christ through sacraments, service, and a joyful, welcoming community.”
- Expanding the “Pew Ponderings” to “Pew Ponderings and Praises.” We will have the same arrangement as in the past, with Parish Council members available after Masses, a box for comments and suggestions on the welcome desk, and responses published in the bulletin and *In Focus*. However, we have expanded the kinds of questions to ask and comments to make. Please use this opportunity to tell the Parish Council and the parish why you love St. Patrick Parish; what is important to you about the parish; who in the parish has helped or inspired you, or who has done a great job of something in their lives; ask a theological question; ask for updates on parish projects or information about something going on in the parish;

express a concern and ask why we do what we do. Remember, complaints don’t help our parish family grow or demonstrate “living the love of Christ.” If you want to make a comment in the nature of a complaint, try wording it as a question that clarifies what leads you to comment.

Finally, the Parish Council looks forward to serving you. If you have suggestions for us to pursue, please let us know!

Want to receive *In Focus* by email? Join our email list to receive a monthly notification when a new issue of *In Focus* is published, with a link to it on the parish website (stpaturbana.org). Go to <http://eepurl.com/duJdY1> and sign up—it’s that easy!

You can also find on the parish website all issues of the newsletter that have been published during the current year, as well as access to all previously published issues of *In Focus*.



When we journey inward,  
we find rest and peace  
in that place of solitude  
where Christ awaits us  
to welcome us home.  
—St. Augustine

# Save the date for the second Know Your Neighbor Dinner

Many parishioners greatly enjoyed St. Patrick's first Know Your Neighbor Dinner, when the parish hosted our Muslim neighbors from the local mosque and community center. For the second dinner, parishioners will share a meal with and get to know our neighbors from the First Followers, a local not-for-profit group that provides support to community members returning home from prison. Their services include peer mentoring, a drop-in center at Bethel AME Church, job assistance, computer training, and more.



The Know Your Neighbor Dinner will take place on Saturday, November 16, in the parish hall. Tickets will be sold after Masses starting in September: \$10 for individuals, \$30 for families.

Come to share a great meal, to learn about the challenges formerly incarcerated people face, and to help raise funds for First Steps, a new transitional house to help people make a successful re-entry into the community.

Contact Ryan Hughes (rhughes416@gmail.com) for more information.

*In spite of all  
you have been told,  
darkness inside-out  
is gold.  
--Ruth Rains*

# Trailer on Ladies Knight Out, 2019

*A Brief History of C-U: The Good, the Bad, and The Cath'lic Boys! – The early years of Champaign County, leading to the founding of St. Patrick Church*

What do the following have in common?

- A murder trial, baptism, prison escape adventure
- A downtown fire started by bug-burning boys
- The building of a church in one week

These and many other strange yet true local stories form the basis of this year's Ladies Knight Out. You will journey through time via song and dance performed by The Cath'lic Boys.



In the past, The Cath'lic Boys may have stretched the truth a wee bit. For example, one year they professed to have traveled to Rome and got the Pope to bless the green paint for the church. The Boys once bragged how they helped the Cubs win the World Series six years before the historical win occurred. During the recession they took credit for saving Wall Street from full financial collapse.

However, this year we have been assured that every story is absolutely true, supporting what Mark Twain said, "Truth is stranger than fiction." Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime entertaining history lesson!

**Buy your tickets now!**  
 "Ladies Knight Out" Dinner and Show  
**Saturday, October 26, 6:00 p.m.**  
 Tickets available at the parish office  
 or Sunday's Coffee Shop.



## Quick Fixin's from the kitchen of . . . Carm Walsh



### Peanut Butter Chiffon Pie

Pie crust

3 oz softened cream cheese

1/3 c peanut butter (smooth or chunky)

1 c powdered sugar

12 oz whipped topping (separated)

1/4 c mini chocolate chips

1/4 c crunched peanuts

Bake and cool a single pie crust according to directions on package. Beat until well mixed: cream cheese, peanut butter, and powdered sugar. Fold in 8 oz. whipped topping, and spoon mixture into cooled baked pie crust. Refrigerate for an hour or so until firm. Cover filling with 4 oz. whipped topping. Sprinkle top with mini chocolate chips mixed with crunched peanuts for decoration. Refrigerate until ready to serve. (If served after a meal, you might want to cut it into small pieces because it is pretty rich!)

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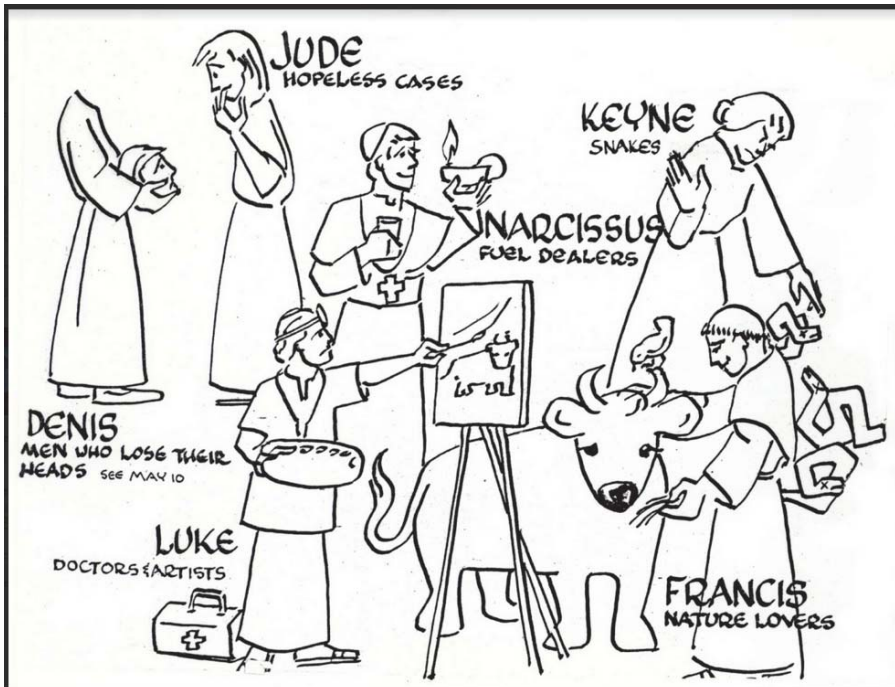
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