

# St. Patrick Parish IN FOCUS

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## Growing in Faith

What are the things that help you to grow in faith? The answer may be different for each of us. You may be inspired by acts of kindness and turn to God, the source of all goodness. Others may be inspired by beauty in nature or art, and are reminded to turn to God, the source of all beauty. These are wonderful things when they occur. And the joy and awe that come with them are a blessing.

There are more everyday things that help us grow in faith. Being part of a family or community, dealing with their normal stresses as well as joys, can help. Being part of our civic life, working out conflicting values and striving for a more just world, also helps. These experiences may teach us to be more loving and caring. They draw us out of ourselves and into contact with the larger community of God's people. They call us to learn God's ways and God's justice.

For us as Catholics, the sacramental life is an essential source of growth. In Reconciliation we learn to trust God's forgiveness and to avoid the things that would pull us away from God. In Communion we experience God's desire to be with

us, to nourish us, to be part of our deepest selves. In Confirmation we meet the God who expects us to stand as adults, but who will always be with us with his strength, inspiration, and wisdom. These experiences are keys to our identity and our growth in faith. That is why it is so important that we lead our children to them, and why it is a joy for our entire parish when our young people are ready to meet God in these ways.

The life of a parish offers many

ways to grow in the faith. Sunday after Sunday we witness our faith toward one another. Our listening to the Word of God teaches us about human needs, in ourselves and in oth-

ers, that God sees more clearly than we do. Our sharing of Communion draws us together as one body. In these days when many of us are unable to come to Sunday Mass, it takes more insight to see that God is still giving us these blessings, but we trust God for this.

You can bring all these things into your daily prayer. Remember the good things that God has done for you, your family, your parish, the world, and give thanks. Remember

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## Remembering Deacon Bill McClellan

Bill McClellan, deacon at St. Patrick's 1992-1997, passed away July 8 at age 86. Toni D'Urso remembers him as "a very person-



able person," "a wonderful, gentle man." Fr. Doug Hennessy, former pastor of St. Patrick's, recalled that "as a parishioner, Bill was always ready to help and was tremendously supportive of our efforts to make St. Pat's a truly progressive and faithful parish."

Bill was born in Worcester, Mass. He received his master's degree in Music History from Colorado College and in Colorado he married Jane Muir. They had four daughters, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Bill received a master's degree in Library Science at the University of Michigan, and he eventually accepted the position of Music Librarian at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, where

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the family remained for 32 years.

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He remained in ministry here until the summer of 1997, when he and Jane moved to Fort Collins, Colorado, to be near two of their daughters and their families. They returned to St. Patrick's briefly in June 2003, to celebrate with us the rededication of the newly refurbished church during the parish Centennial.

Deacon Bill served at Blessed John XXIII Parish in Ft. Collins, Colorado, where he continued his ministry even beyond his retirement in 2011, until his death in July 2020. Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for him on July 25, 2020.

Sr. Charlene Cesario noted that "Bill and I worked together on our areas of responsibility, and it was always inspiring and encouraging to respond with him to the spiritual growth and needs of St. Patrick's community."

Leslie Risatti remembers him as "a soft-spoken, kind, spiritual man with an under-cover sense of humor. St. Patrick's was very fortunate to have Bill as our deacon. He was complemented by his lovely wife, Jane, who gener-

ously 'served time' as a receptionist in the entryway to the parish offices. I want Jane to know we loved them' both, and will miss Bill."

Susan Nagele describes the McClellan's spiritual outreach during and after their time at St. Patrick's: "The McClellans came to Urbana when I was already overseas with Maryknoll. They were very generous supporters of our ministry over the years, and through Mom I came to know them. Jane was a good correspondent and we wrote to each other frequently when email arrived. She often sent me books overseas to read that she had enjoyed, and I was very grateful for that.

"When they moved to Colorado, they once invited me to speak at their parish, and I visited them a second time in 2018, when I was back in Colorado doing mission education at Regis College in Denver. They were a lovely couple and very hospitable. Bill was quiet and listened carefully – Jane and I were the chatters and probably overwhelmed him at times with our conversations.

"They were very interested in setting up a L'Arche community and worked on it for many years.

"Bill and Jane were one of those couples whose marriage reflected the love of Christ for the Church. You just knew you were in the presence of God when the both of them were together with you. I really didn't know Bill very well personally – he was quiet and didn't talk as much. But he had a gentle presence that was comforting to be with. May he rest in peace."

## Deacon Bill "a ministry-oriented man" By Fr. George Remm

Bill and I were almost the same age, both born in 1934. We lived through the same major world events: the Great Depression, World War II, and the wars in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan, as well as the 'Cold War,' with its threat of nuclear annihilation. But we also experienced the hope and vision of the Second Vatican Council, with its influence on liturgy and parish life. Perhaps that is why I always felt camaraderie with Bill in our vision of Church and ministry.

Bill and Jane had joined St. Patrick's Parish in 1982, just four years before I was assigned pastor of St. Patrick's in 1986. They were already much involved in parish life and ministry, having served on the Education Committee (co-chairs 1984-86) and as Eucharistic ministers and lectors.

In the first years of my pastorate Bill was on the Parish Council and was its president in 1988-1989, so I was able to assess his talents and abilities, as well as his deep

faith and spirituality. At the completion of his service as Council President he gave a reflection on Parish Council membership as a means of spiritual growth. He said that no one has a corner on all spiritual gifts. Each gifted person needs all other gifted people in order to be a balanced human being. Community not only balances us . . . but it brings extraordinary surprises into our lives. These ways of growth take place within community, because there is where the Spirit dwells.

Such insight might explain why I had already asked Bill and Jane to enter the fifth class of the Permanent Deacon Program in the Diocese of Peoria, which met monthly in Peoria from January 1989 through May 1992. Wives attended all the sessions with their husbands, so Jane experienced the same formation as Bill in Christology, Sacramental Theology, Principles of Moral Theology, and Pastoral Theology.



St. Patrick's staff: *standing*: Mark Fisch, Ray Alane, Fr. Tim Nolan, Deacon Bill McClellan, Oscar Kocher; *seated*: Carolyn McElrath, Fr. George Remm, Leslie Risatti, Sr. Charlene Cesario, S.S.C.M.

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## How is the garden growing?

In early August, In Focus checked in with St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Garden Coordinator, Anna Fedders.

### What is the St. Vincent DePaul Garden?

The SVDP garden is a perennial garden plot that provides fresh, organic produce to the guests who receive food from the SVDP food pantry.

### Where is it located?

In the community garden plot of Meadowbrook Park in Urbana. One of the best parts of working down there is chatting with garden neighbors and seeing the variety of crops people plant and methods they use to cultivate their plots. Unfortunately, the rabbits there know it's a great place for salad and are adept at finding the tiniest fence gap to steal into the plot and eat a meal. They seem to really like peas, chard, lettuce, green beans, and whole tomato, pepper, and melon plants!

### Who works in it?

This year, a small group of about four volunteers. Prior to COVID, we had great plans to cultivate a larger group of volunteers, but obviously, during a pandemic this year, having only a few volunteers has worked out better.



### How can parishioners help out?

Contact me if you want to help out (annafedders@gmail.com). The SVDP Garden would love additional creative, enthusiastic folks to work with.

### Are there any restrictions with working in the garden due to Covid?

Nothing out of the ordinary—just maintaining safe distance.

### Where does produce go?

Produce is delivered once per week to the SVDP food pantry for distribution.

### What was planted in the garden this year?

Cucumbers, tomatoes, garlic, zucchini, yellow squash, butternut squash, basil, green beans, other herbs, peppers (and some other things that the rabbits have eaten).

### Anything else of interest?

Gardening seems to have increased in popularity around Urbana this summer! If parishioners have surplus garden produce, please consider donating it to SVDP. Our food pantry guests love fresh produce! Contact the parish office to find out when you can bring your donation in.

## Update from SVDP Food Pantry coordinator Sally Czapar:

The SVDP food pantry is open! We happily have stayed open since everything else closed and are pleased to be considered an essential service by the diocese. Many of our most loyal and experienced volunteers have wisely stepped back for a while and we really miss them. Fortunately, some new volunteers have stepped up to fill the ranks, and we are thrilled to have them.

To keep our volunteers safe, we wear masks that were lovingly made by parish members and friends, some wear gloves, all use liberal amounts of soap, water, and hand sanitizer – and so many prayers. If you have been in St. Brigid Hall, you will notice that it looks as if the pantry has taken over. This is just our way of keeping our appropriate distance to stay healthy and safe. We have appreciated people working around our shelving units and pallets of food. Leaving these items in the hall has allowed our volunteers to rest their backs a little and to concentrate on serving our guests.

Our brave (sometimes sweaty) vol-

unteers are out in the parking lot on Mondays and Thursdays from about 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the cool and sunny weather, the high humidity and heat, and yes, even in the rain. We are hoping for a mild fall so we can continue our mission in the safety of the fresh air.

One of our concerns is getting the word out that all who are struggling with layoffs and life changes due to COVID, or for any other reason, know they are welcome to come and get food for themselves and their families. We strive for a safe, low-contact, socially-distant experience for our guests, too. The sign-in process is quick, lines and wait time are minimal, and the food is great. Everyone is encouraged to let friends and family know. Anyone who still has questions, please call the parish office (367-2665).

Many thanks to all who drop off food, personal hygiene supplies, the ever-popular toilet paper, plastic bags, and garden produce. And of course, thanks to those who remember us with their monetary dona-

tions. Last, but not least, thanks to those who keep us and our guests in your prayers. We could not do what we do without all of you.

### Want to help *In Focus* happen?

Many people contribute their time and talents to help *In Focus* come out each month. We're happy to have all kinds of help, but we have two special needs right now.

**Page Layout:** Three or four times a year, you would receive files of edited articles and photos, lay them out using whatever software you prefer, and create a pdf.

**Committee Member:** We meet monthly (virtually, for now) to brainstorm articles for the next issue. Meetings are usually held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

Interested? Contact Cathy Salika at 367-78761 or csalika@illinois.edu.

## From Susan Nagele

August 9, 2020  
75th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombing of Nagasaki –  
Never Again!  
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To all the good people of St. Patrick's Parish:

I hope you are well – I sure do miss seeing you at church! When this pandemic started, I told people I thought it was going to take longer and be more difficult than we could ever imagine. At the time, I didn't realize what that really meant but it is becoming clearer.

Most of our Maryknoll Lay Missioners have stayed in their ministries overseas; while a few have become sick with COVID-19, they have recovered well. Normally, during the summer I would be traveling to parishes doing mission education and fund raising. But all those plans are canceled to avoid transmission of the virus. I'd like to update you on how people are faring around the world with the pandemic challenges they face.

In East Africa, where I worked, the increase in infections is slower than anticipated. Some of these countries have had experience with Ebola epidemics so their leaders were quick to institute effective public health measures.

However, lack of food is a big problem. Kenya and South Sudan have been plagued by heavy rains that spawned a swarm of locusts in an area measuring 25 by 37 miles. Billions of locusts ate absolutely everything along the path they traveled. In addition, Kenya and South Sudan locked down their populations, and people who live in the cities and have lost their jobs struggle to find food for the next meal. There are no unemployment benefits or stimulus packages from the government.

Kenya closed all schools for the rest of the year, and students will need to repeat again next year. This has led to increased pregnancies in schoolgirls. You can read more on my blog (<http://healthministryinkenya.blogspot.com/>).



*Rich Tarro providing emergency food to children and families of the HOPE project in Mombasa Kenya.*

Tanzania is led by a president who claims there is no pandemic, but our missioners know that the health facilities where they live have plenty of sick people. Tanzania has not published statistics for three months, so it is impossible to know how the pandemic is spreading there.

South Sudan has been declared by the Deep Knowledge group in Hong Kong as the riskiest country in the world for transmission of the virus. South Sudan has also stopped reporting statistics and is unable to respond to any type of crisis because the government is barely functioning.

In Latin America, the virus is spreading rapidly in the big cities and the continent doesn't have enough resources to be able to cope. The president of Brazil has allowed free movement of people, and sickness has spread to remote villages in the Amazon, where there are few health facilities. Indigenous people in rural areas are dying at twice the rate of the rest of the population.

Asia has fared better, on the whole. Cambodia, where we have missioners, has only a few hundred infections and no deaths. This is a very poor country with only basic health-care resources. But they are a good example to show us that the virus can be controlled if public health measures are followed carefully.

I am sure that many of you are fearful of becoming sick and struggling with economic challenges yourselves. We are tightening our belts at Maryknoll Lay Missioners to stretch our resources as far as possible. Our annual report for 2019 is at <https://mklm.org/annual-report/>.

My time as a Maryknoll Lay Missioner is drawing to a close, and at the end of this year I will retire. I am grateful to all of you for supporting us over the past 36 years. Our Association gives lay Catholics the opportunity to respond to our baptismal call to be missioners, to go beyond ourselves and serve others. I hope that others will join us in the future. You can always join with your prayer and donations. To those of you who have thought about becoming a missioner yourself, or with your family, search us out to see what might be possible!

With gratitude as we all continue to follow Jesus In Mission,

*Susan*

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



*Mike Garr is helping to get food to the families of his students at the Marianists Technical Institute in Mombasa Kenya.*

## Welcome Jackie Grandone, St. Patrick's new business manager

Earlier this year, parish staff began to search for a new business manager to succeed Karen Barnes, whose family was moving to Kentucky. Parish trustees George Fahey and Pat Justice, along with Karen, formed the search committee.

This position reports to Fr. Anthony and is responsible for all matters related to the business of the parish, with an eye to promoting efficiency in administrative activities. Among the many tasks assigned to the business manager are handling all financial transactions, maintaining financial records, overseeing the maintenance of facilities, and budgeting. The committee also wanted to find a candidate who would embrace our parish mission statement.

In addition to advertising the position for several weeks in the St. Patrick's bulletin, a letter was sent to all parishes in the vicariate asking them to include an announcement of the position in their respective bulletins.

Jackie Grandone applied and was hired to fill the position; she began working at St. Patrick's on June 1. She brings a wealth of business experience in many areas in-



Jackie Grandone

cluding human resources, supervision, purchasing, training, and customer relations. She also is someone who believes in serving others.

*In Focus* asked Jackie to tell us about herself. Her responses follow:

**Tell us a bit about yourself - your family, your education: Are you a life-long Urbanite or a transplant? Do you have pets? Hobbies?**

I am originally from the south suburbs of Chi-

cago. I attended Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox, and then attended Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC, for two years.

My husband, Matt, was born and raised in Urbana. We have two boys, Michael (12) and Ryan (11), who both

attend St. Thomas School in Philo and will be entering 6th and 7th grades, respectively. We have two dogs – a 10-year-old Boston Terrier named Giggys and a 22-month-old Chocolate Labradoodle named Charlie.

**What drew you to the job of Business Manager at St. Patrick's?**

Since my boys started attending St. Thomas School, it has become our home away from home. I find myself constantly volunteering in some capacity at their school. Many of the staff have become dear friends whom I consider part of our family. In conversations I kept saying that if any position became available would they please let me know! It just so happened that the business manager position was posted in the St. Thomas church bulletin, and it truly spoke to me. It combined my two passions of finance and service to others in one position. I just knew I had to apply.

**If you had a perfect sunny Saturday to spend any way you wanted, how would you spend it?**

To me, the perfect sunny Saturday would be at the ballpark watching my boys play baseball or at the lake with our boys tubing, wake boarding, and boating with our dear friends and their kids whom we met at St. Thomas.

**What is one thing would you like the readers of *In Focus* to know about you?**

I was a teen ambassador for the United States to Australia and New Zealand, where I spent three weeks teaching courses on American culture while learning about theirs. During my time in Australia, I stayed with both an aboriginal Tribe and an Australian family who lived in the Australian Outback, attended my first opera at Sydney Opera House, visited the Steve Irwin Zoo (where I got to hold a baby koala), and got kicked in the stomach by a kangaroo (never stand in front of one!). While in New Zealand, I stayed with a home-study family and learned about many of their customs and traditions.

I also would like parishioners to know that I am truly a hard worker and extremely dedicated. I absolutely love helping people. I truly feel extremely blessed to be part of the St. Patrick's family.

### Read *In Focus* online

Did you know you can read *In Focus* online at the parish web site? Click on the image of *In Focus*, or go directly to <http://www.stpaturbana.org/focus/>. From there you can

- Read recent issues
- Subscribe to receive an email when future issues are available
- Review our complete archive of issues going back to 1981
- Search the archive

It's a great resource for history buffs, genealogists, and people who love the story of our parish!

## Did you know . . .

If you are not registered to vote, need to update your residency, or would like to request a mail-in ballot, there are forms available to do this on the information table at the entrance to the church. Better yet, if you have Internet access you can accomplish this by going to the website [elections@co.champaign.il.us](mailto:elections@co.champaign.il.us). If you have questions regarding voter registration for the upcoming election, call the Champaign County Clerk's office (217-384-3724).

## St. Patrick seamstresses use their talents to help save lives

During the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the problems has been a shortage of Personal Protective Equipment for medical personnel. In March, the OSF Healthcare System, which is based in Peoria but includes OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center in Urbana, faced a unique situation. OSF had hundreds of cases of unused Kimberly-Clark brand N-95 Surgical Masks, the type used by medical personnel in treating highly infectious diseases. The problem was, they had been in storage since past epidemic threats and the elastic in the masks had deteriorated, making them unusable. Buying new masks, even if available, would be prohibitively expensive: global demand had driven the cost of the masks up from 52 cents to around \$4 each.

Vicki Ghidina was recently retired from the hematology lab at OSF Peoria and a member of the American Sewing Guild (ASG). She and her friend Charlotte Cronin sent out a call all ASG members in central Illinois asking for help: volunteers who could sew new elastic onto the masks, making them usable again. More than 100 ASG members responded. In Urbana, 16 seamstresses joined the mission to help: Becky Billman, Bernadette Nelson, Beth McDonald, Carm Walsh, Clair Billing, Dottie Davito, Jan Piland, Joyce Kosman, Lorraine Kim, Marcia Raab, Mary Long, Paulette Horger, Peggy Loftus, Sister Karen, SSCM, Susan Fowler, and Shirley Splittstoesser. Jeff Horger volunteered to meet the Peoria transporter and deliver the masks. Shirley

Splittstoesser coordinated the project in Urbana.

Ghidina and Cronin estimate that they distributed well over 100,000 N-95 surgical masks that were repaired and returned to be used by medical personnel. About 8,610 of those masks were salvaged through the efforts of the Urbana volunteers. Stores sold out of elastic early in the pandemic. Families of ASG members responded by cutting quarter-inch wide strips from tourniquet bands to use instead of elastic.

The two OSF volunteers in Peoria described delivering refurbished masks to two young men employed at OSF who said, "You're saving lives, you know. You're literally saving lives!"

## Peace and Justice Ministry continues to grow, connect, and serve

How do we grow and connect and serve in the midst of a pandemic? Peace and Justice members asked one another this question early on. When news of the pandemic first broke, it took a bit for us to regroup and to recognize that we were safe in our homes, with our masks, and our limited outings. Some had to adapt to Zoom meetings and working from home.

Most of us wrestled with a hard reality that we are high-risk due to age or underlying conditions. Trips were canceled, grandchildren were missed, and Zoom became a cheap substitute for human connection. The same was true for our sense of community as a ministry. We missed each other, and even though we were rich with resources for spiritual growth and many online opportunities to worship, we missed that sense of connection to our home parish, and the ties that bind us as brothers and sisters.

Beyond the cancellation of Peace and Justice Coalition meetings and a lineup of planned events, members of our ministry were hit with a stream of epic-sized national events: the killing of George Floyd, protests and marches, and campaigning for

change. After a month of isolation, and hearts yearning for action, we gathered through Zoom. Our first effort was to join forces with other churches and organizations in the community and raise funds to feed home-bound school children who would normally receive free or reduced breakfasts and lunches.

Our environmental ministry continued to campaign for a focus on environmental issues in the upcoming election. Our food pantry devised safe procedures and adaptive ways to continue distributing food. Our organic garden, which supplies the pantry with fresh produce, was tilled and planted and watered, with volunteers taking shifts.

We have shared news articles and books and reflections on themes related to race and gender and power dynamics. Our outreach/refugee/immigration ministry has worked with Catholic Charities and other groups to apply for a grant to purchase housing for Latinx families who are packed into boarding houses and exposed to Covid. Our LGBTQ+ ministry has strategized ways to increase outreach in our community.

Our Peace and Justice Education

ministry is working with members of the Bloomington vicariate to meet with Bishop Tylka and discuss needed reform in the Church.

Although few of us are able to return to church at this time, the battle cry for advocacy and service to the most vulnerable of our society is louder than ever, and Peace and Justice ministry leaders continue to find creative ways to get the work done.



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the times God has been close to you in the sacraments, and rejoice. Remember the needs not yet met, the hungers not yet filled, the goals not yet shared, and ask God for help. And ask how you can do something different or see the world differently, how you can bring your gifts to make things better.

Our growth in faith can't be reliably measured by how holy and faithful we feel. It's too easy to miss our blind spots, to blow off our bad habits, to underestimate the good that we do. It's much more reliable to keep doing the things that help us to grow in faith, steadily, persistently. Our loving God will do the rest.



### Q: How are bishops selected?

A: Because the choice of a bishop potentially can guide and shape the journey of a given diocese for even decades at a time, the selection and appointment of a bishop is given great care.

How a bishop is chosen has changed a great deal over the Church's 2000-year history. The first bishops were the successors of the apostles. As the number of apostles dwindled, their closest collaborators were chosen and appointed to fulfill their role in the community.

In later centuries it was common for the clergy of a diocese to elect their bishop. In some cases, bishops were selected by the people of the diocese. In the Middle Ages it often happened that a country's government would demand the right to select bishops, and even today some countries still maintain privileges of consultation on bishops nominated in their territories.

The current process for selecting bishops typically begins locally. Any bishop in the larger territory (or province) is invited to submit names of priests whom they believe would do well to serve as a bishop. Together the bishops discuss those nominated and take a vote to decide which names should be forwarded to the country's apostolic nuncio, the pope's personal representative—in the U.S., French-born Archbishop Christophe Pierre.

The nuncio tries to find out as much as possible about the diocese in question and makes contact with persons in diocesan offices, clergy, previous bishops of the diocese, perhaps other bishops in the province, to shorten his list of candidates. Next he seeks input from several dozen people who know the candidates, asking them to respond to a questionnaire in strictest confidentiality. He then composes a report of three candidates in which he notes his preference and forwards all this material to the Vatican's Congregation for Bishops.

Members of the congregation discuss the candidates and take a vote, either supporting the nuncio's recommendation, choosing to move another priest to the top of the list, or asking the nuncio to look further.

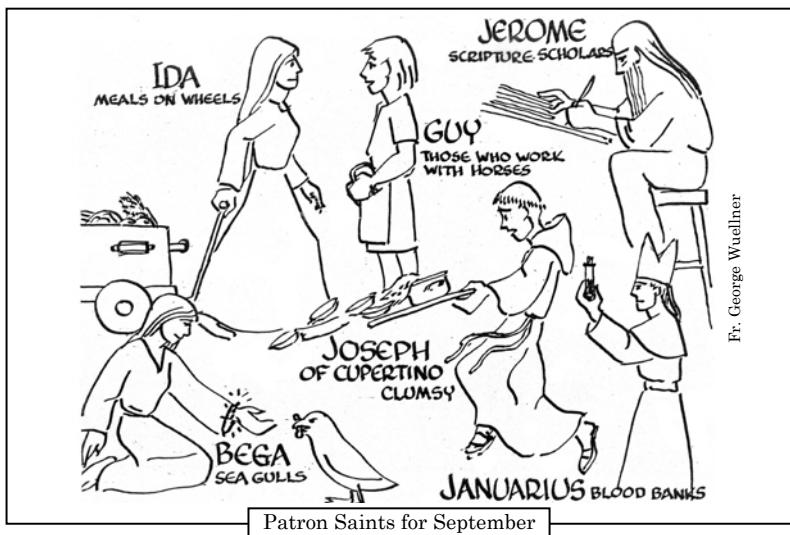
The process finally draws to a close when the prefect of the Congregation for Bishops meets privately with the pope, presenting the list with the congregation's choice at the top. Within a few days the pope's decision is rendered to the congregation, the nuncio is informed, and the nominee is contacted by the nuncio and given the option to accept the appointment.

Next follows a two- to four-week period before the public announcement of the appointment, during which the bishop-elect is not permitted to discuss his appointment.

The entire process of nominating and appointing a bishop usually takes six months to a year. And it's easy to understand why!

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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.



Patron Saints for September

## Deacon Bill from page 2

Early in this formation process Bill acknowledged that he was glad that the wives were an integral part of the program. He felt that their marriage was strengthened by it, and he prayed that as a deacon-couple they would be an extension of the Church's loving and serving heart – the loving and serving heart of Christ.

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They returned to St. Patrick's on June 8, 2003, to celebrate the rededication of the newly refurbished church. Deacon Bill carried the cross and led the entrance procession to begin the Centennial ceremony.

Bill carried out his ministry as deacon at Blessed John XXIII Parish in Fort Collins, where they'd settled in 2004, well beyond his retirement in 2011. He passed away in July 2020.

I am grateful to have known Bill and Jane McClellan for so many years and to have been personally blessed by their spiritual gifts.

### Vocation Prayer

*Loving Father, help us. Our needs are great, especially during this pandemic. Open the hearts of many who will spend themselves in your service – as lay men and women as well as priests and religious. Bless those who now serve with courage and perseverance, many at risk for their very lives. In your compassion hear and answer us! .*

## Thank you!

Dozens of people have worked together to create In Focus during the past year. They contribute to our goals for In Focus:

To build up the St. Patrick's community by:

- publicizing and reporting on events
- encouraging participation
- chronicling parish life
- strengthening ties
- deepening faith

Thank you so much to every one of you (with apologies to anyone we may have missed):

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

#### Shakers' Corn Pudding

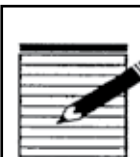
2 c corn  
2 T flour  
1 t salt  
3 T butter  
3 eggs  
2 T sugar  
1-3/4 c milk



Blend butter, sugar, flour, and salt. Add eggs, beating well. Stir in corn and milk. Pour ingredients into buttered casserole and bake 45 minutes at 325. Stir once halfway through the baking time. When done, the pudding will be golden brown, and a silver knife inserted will come out clean.

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