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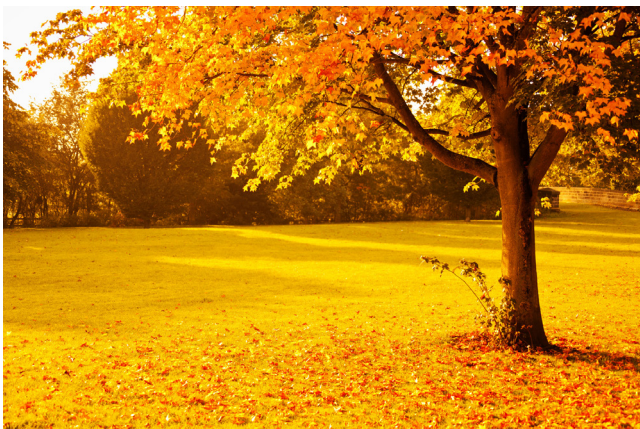
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Autumn Gold

Do you ever feel a bit of a let-down in June? After six weeks of Lenten purple and 10 weeks of festive white, we settle down for some very ordinary green. It's not really a letdown, though. In the days of Ordinary Time, the Church focuses, not on the beginning and end of Jesus' life, but on the teaching at the heart of his life and mission. In the green of Ordinary Time, we learn from Jesus how to live.

The beginning of September has the same kind of feel about it. It's not triggered by the liturgical year; it's triggered by the school year. So many events, especially in the northern hemisphere, fall into place around schooling. It's the end of vacation season and the beginning of classes. Here at St. Patrick's, religious education picks up, RCIA classes begin, and many parish groups that took a break during the summer get back into their groove. In the golden yellow of early autumn, we return anew to living out what we have learned from Jesus. We revisit the essential business of being a community and growing in faith together.



We become a community by coming together. There's more to this than physical presence. We come together around a common love of God and a common joy in sharing that love. We come together around a web of friendships that hold us together in difficult times. We come

together in shared service. True, we each serve our parish community in different ways, but we all gather on Sunday to be nour-

ished by Word and Sacrament. And then we are sent out to act on what we have received.

Is it time for you to take a new look at the way that you are part of St. Patrick's? Maybe the pandemic interrupted the ways that you used to serve. Maybe it left you feeling isolated, less a part of things. Maybe there has been a change in what interests you, or maybe you have discovered that you can do something that you didn't know about before. Keep these possibilities in mind when you review the Time and Talent opportunities that will

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Welcome, Mora!

Stop by the music area after Mass and say hello to our Interim Music Director, Mora Novey. Mora will be with us for approximately the next year or so as we search for a permanent person to serve as Music Director, succeeding Frank Gallo.

Mora introduced herself to the musicians with these words: "I will be an MM student in the fall at UIUC, studying organ performance and have been (quite literally) around the world and back over the last five years or so, from Rome, Pittsburgh, and most recently, Madison. I love Champaign-Urbana and couldn't be more grateful to be back in the cornfields and in this place that feels like home. As your interim director of music, I look forward to continuing to build community, fellowship, and prayer through music ministry."



Mora Novey

A great “Eucharistic Revival” is our goal

By Fr. Luke Spannagel



Last June a former pastor of St. Patrick’s Parish, Fr. Luke Spannagel, was given a new role in diocesan affairs: to travel throughout the diocese to “rekindle the fire of love and devotion for the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.” We invited him to tell us a little of what he hopes to accomplish, and how he plans to go about it. Here is his response.

I want to share with you information about the National Eucharistic Revival and the National Eucharistic Preachers, and my role in both. A couple years ago the results of a 2019 survey revealed that many Catholics did not believe in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Of course, the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is our greatest gift! That many don’t believe or don’t understand this is a great concern.

In response, the bishops are launching a Eucharistic Revival for the next three years. As the website eucharisticrevival.org states, “Taking its title from the Bread of Life discourse in John’s Gospel (Chapter 6), the Eucharistic Revival is not a step-by-step plan or a series of meetings; it is a grassroots call and a challenge for every Catholic across the United States to rekindle the fire of love and devotion for the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. . . . Over the course of three years, every Catholic diocese, parish, school, apostolate, and family is invited to be a part of renewing the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.”

The Eucharistic Revival kicked off on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 19, with this mission: “To renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.” Its vision, “A movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist – and sent out in mission ‘for the life of the world.’”

The outline for the Revival is a three-year buildup to a National Eucharistic Congress, July 17-21, 2024, in Indianapolis.

Throughout the three years there will be different resources to help deepen our faith, both for strengthening ourselves and preparing to help share the truth of Christ’s presence in the world. A team of 50 or more preachers will be available to dioceses around the country to preach homilies, organize conferences or retreats, and so on, to help inspire a deepening of our belief in Christ present.

[Eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org) states: “The National Eucharistic Preachers are a diverse group of priests who have been commissioned to enkindle the flame of Eucharistic faith and devotion in the United States through kerygmatic Eucharistic preaching as part of the National Eucharistic Revival.” The word “kerygma” is a Greek word that means “proclamation,” focused here on proclamation of Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Catholic Faith.

This group of preachers is the one I have been chosen for. I am truly humbled and excited to be called specifically to preach about Jesus in the Eucharist these next three years. As a priest, one of my great passions has been to help teach and preach about the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist, and through this mission I’ve been called to share those truths with people across the United States.

I’ve also been asked to help develop some of the resources to assist with the Revival, and I’m planning to offer some opportunities for prayer and growth within our diocese as well. Please pray for me in this mission and for growth in our faith these next three years.

Know of my prayers for you all and that we will continue to be united in Christ through the Eucharist at Mass.

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be highlighted toward the end of September.

We are a community growing in faith together. How do we do that? Praying together at Mass is clearly a big part of how God shapes us. Our personal prayer time every day is another. As you get back into your schoolyear activities, be sure to leave time for these things. What else? You could join a Bible study group where you can hear how other people listen to Jesus in the gospels. You could find a way to work with people from a culture other than your own. You could find a book to read that blows fresh air into your prayer and your understanding of the Bible. Plans are in the works for a parish mission, hopefully next spring. You could carve out time to participate fully in that opportunity.

So, the green of Ordinary Time and the golden yellow of autumn have much in common. This is where we learn from Jesus. This is where we come together as a community. This is the heart of our faith.

Can you 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.

Totus Tuus comes to St. Patrick's

Sixty-one enthusiastic and energetic students from St. Patrick, Holy Cross, St. Matthew, and St. Malachy participated in the Totus Tuus ("Totally Yours") program entitled "Walk in Light," July 10-15.



Under the leadership of Jon McCoy, Director of Religious Education, many parishioners and families came together to house, feed, and welcome the four students who worked together as a team to lead the program. Forty-five students, grades 1-6, participated in the day program, and

sixteen teens, grades 7-12, participated in the evening program. It was an exciting week filled with games, music, and opportunities to make friends and grow in faith.

"Totus Tuus" was the motto of Pope Saint John Paul II.

The program takes place during the summer throughout America and is sponsored by the area diocese or archdiocese. According to the Totus Tuus website, the program is "a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. The goal of Totus Tuus is to help young people grow in the understanding of and strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ. It is only by establishing a real and personal relationship with Him that we can be led to love of the Father in the Spirit and may thereby become sharers in the life of the Holy Trinity."

The Diocese of Peoria sponsored the team of three students from Illinois State University (ISU) and a first-year seminarian from Immaculate Heart of Mary. They all brought their enthusiasm and devotion to the program. Each of the leaders has had a different experience with Totus Tuus and personal faith development. The team

remains together throughout the summer and maintains a demanding schedule of visiting different parishes each week.

Seminarian Peter Schoonmaker, from Moline, Ill., grew



up in Fr. Anthony's former parish, St. Mary's in Rock Island, Ill. His boundless energy and excitement are infec-

tious, and he was thrilled to say "Yes" to Bishop Lou's request to teach Totus Tuus. He loves spending time with the students "for the greater glory of God," and commented, "Totus Tuus has been a great experience to practice being joyful even when it's hard and I have zero enthusiasm left. In these situations, I am reminded of what a priest told me in seminary, 'Disposition isn't everything, but it almost is.'"



Rose Kirchgessner, an ISU student from St. Mary's parish in Metamora, is majoring in communication sciences and disorders. She has participated in Totus Tuus since the fifth grade and is now in her second summer as a team leader. She notes, "The kids won't remember every

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single thing we did here, but they'll remember the fun they had, the people they met, and that they have a loving Father in Heaven." Her faith and commitment were evident in all she said and did. When asked by the students why they should believe in Christianity, she quickly replied, "Because it's true!"

Julia Lavorata, a secondary mathematics education major from Crystal Lake and its St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, was also the musician of the group, leading the students at Mass with her lovely singing and guitar playing. She is new to the leadership team, and she remarked, "I am blessed to be a part of the education of our next Catholic generation. The Catholic Church would not exist without evangelization."

A recent convert to Catholicism, Paden Wicks is a creative writing major who attends the St. John Paul II Catholic Newman Center at ISU in Normal. His perspective as a new convert was welcomed by the students, and he is delighted "to share the fire that I have for Christ."

Each day, the students participated in a variety of games, conversations with the leaders, snacks, Mass, lunch, recess for the younger students, and faith sharing activities for the older students. On Wednesday evening, families shared in a potluck. Jon McCoy barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers, and families brought food to share. The teens had a pizza party on Thursday evening, followed by a question-and-answer session with the leaders and a shaving cream fight outside the church. After a fun-filled and faith-filled week, the leaders rushed back to Peoria on Friday afternoon for dinner and conversation with their peer teams. Then it's on to another week in another parish to continue their vital work.

Finding your way around St. Patrick's

Welcome to St. Patrick's Parish! Here are some tips to help you find your way around:

Parking

The big lot to the north of the buildings is especially convenient. On weekdays, the green spaces are rented to Carle's staff, and the yellow ones are for parishioners' use. On evenings and weekdays, the entire lot is available for parishioners. You can also park along the streets, but be advised that the Main Street door to the church is now marked for exit only, so parking on Busey Street will not provide a convenient entry to the church.

Handicapped Access

Parking spaces for the handicapped are the ones closest to the buildings. There's a button-activated door opener by the door to the church. For many events the door to the parish center may be unlocked; when it isn't, you can press a doorbell for assistance.

As you enter through the church doors off the parking lot, to your left is the parish center, with staff offices, meeting spaces, and St. Brigid Hall. To your right is an elevator, which will take you up to the church or down to Trinity Hall.

You'll see a wide staircase leading up to the church itself. If you sit in any of the front pews, a minister will come to you with Communion. There is room for walkers and wheelchairs near the front of each section of pews, near the back, and along the side aisles. An usher will be happy to help you find a place.

Meeting Spaces

The *Gathering Space* is at the bottom of the stairs that lead up to the church.

There are two large meeting spaces. *Trinity Hall* is located below the church. You can get there via stairs or the elevator. *St. Brigid Hall* is in the parish center, past the secretary's office and the kitchen.

The *Trinity Hall foyer* is below the church, just outside Trinity Hall itself.

The *lounge* is located in the parish center near the secretary's office.

There are *six classrooms*, named for saints, all adjacent to St. Brigid Hall. St. Mary and St. Joseph are at the east end of the hall. Sts. Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John are in the hallway to the north.

Other Important Locations

Defibrillators are available for cardiac emergencies. One is in the church, near the Reconciliation Room. There is another in St. Brigid Hall, along the north wall. A third one is located down in the lobby of Trinity Hall, near the elevator.

Restrooms are located throughout the buildings: inside the Main Street door of the church, in the Gathering Space, in the lobby of the parish center, in the Trinity Hall foyer, and in the south hallway of St. Brigid Hall.

Happy discovering!

Did you know

. . . that St. Patrick has a team of seven parish nurses? They are available to help people navigate healthcare issues and learn to care for themselves. Contact the parish office if you believe they might be able to help you or someone you love.

St. Patrick's Summer Fest 2022



Welcome Fr. Julio!



Music from Dave & Lisa



Fr. Julio gets dunked





Q: I don't see information about any Catholic churches in the News-Gazette's Friday "Directory of

Area Worship Services." A few years ago, St. Patrick's was included for a time, but no longer. Why are Roman Catholic churches not included?

A: There is no specific diocesan directive or recommendation on this matter, according to Fr. Joel Phelps, vicar for the Champaign vicariate. It was while Fr. Joe Hogan was pastor that St. Patrick's worship services were included for some time. A call to the News-Gazette revealed that the "Directory of Area Worship Services" is an ad, and to be included in it any church can provide six lines of information about worship services for \$15.00 a week.

Vocation Prayer

*We are called, we are chosen,
we are Christ for one another . . .*
—Anthem, Tom Conroy

Loving Father, help me to discern my vocation in life, to see how I am to follow your call. Give me the grace to respond with generosity and to persevere faithfully in the path you have opened to me, to be Christ for others.

Listen, my people,
mark each word.
I begin with a story,
I speak of mysteries
welling up from ancient depths,
heard and known from our elders.
We must not hide this story
from our children
but tell the mighty works
and all the wonders of God.

—Psalm 78:1-4

Why celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2022; the theme: "This is my body given for you."

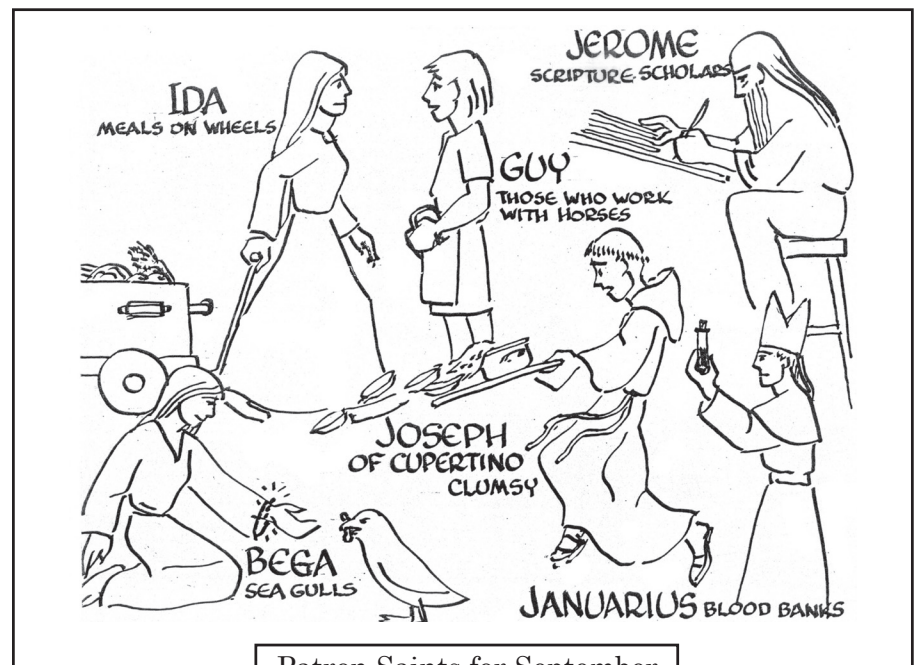
In 1935 the Vatican asked that every country acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists. In 1971 the U.S. bishops designated the third Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday for this purpose.

Parishioners who serve as catechists will be called forth on this

day to be commissioned for their ministry. Parents, truly the primary catechists of their children, prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. Thus, on Catechetical Sunday we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also affirm and commend parents in their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is lovingly passed on to the next

generation.

Indeed, Catechetical Sunday provides a wonderful opportunity for all of us to reflect on the role that each of us plays in this ministry, an opportunity for us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.



Patron Saints for September

Fr. George Wuellner

The Apostle of Charity

Why is St. Patrick's food pantry and similar pantries all around the world called the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry? It is because St. Vincent's passion in life was to feed and help the poor. He said, "Go to the poor: you will find God," and "Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another."



Vincent de Paul was born on April 24, 1581, in Pouy, France. Though his parents were poor, they owned a farm which included livestock and flocks. All their children

helped operate the farm. Vincent's first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He learned so quickly that he became a tutor to the children of a wealthy family. Vincent used the money he earned to continue his education at the University of Toulouse, where he studied theology. At the age of nineteen, Vincent became a priest.

Vincent was well-liked due to his charm, intellect, and sense of humor. In 1605, while traveling on a ship in the Mediterranean Sea, he

was captured by Barbary pirates and sold into slavery in Tunis, Africa. He had various owners during a period of two years but finally escaped and returned to France, where he continued his education in Avignon, France, and later in Rome.

Vincent became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. From then forward, he spent his life preaching missions to the poor and providing food for them. He needed more people to help him serve the poor; together with St. Louise de Marillac, he co-founded the Daughters of Charity, the first non-cloistered religious institute devoted to active

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Cellar-to-Garret Sale 2022

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the 2022 Cellar-to-Garret Sale a success!



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charitable works. Today there are 18,000 Daughters serving the poor in 94 countries.

Vincent also helped reform the French clergy by creating the first seminaries to educate new priests. He founded the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, now known as Vincentians. There are currently 4,000 Vincentians located in 86 countries.

Vincent died at the age of 80 in Paris, France, on September 27, 1660. He was beatified on August 13, 1729, by Pope Benedict XIII. He was canonized on June 16, 1737, by Pope Clement XII, and his feast day is September 27. He is the patron saint of charities, hospitals, prisoners, and horses, and he is referred to as “The Apostle of Charity” and “The Father of the Poor.”

St. Vincent’s incorrupt heart can be seen in the Convent of the Sisters of Charity, and his bones have been embedded in a wax effigy of the Saint, located at the Church of the Lazarus Mission in Paris. In 1833, French university students inspired by St. Vincent, led by Frederic Ozanam, created a charitable organization dedicated to the service of the poor. The resultant Society of St. Vincent de Paul is now a worldwide organization of lay Catholics, following Christ’s call to serve the poor and the suffering. Since 1833 there have been 800,000 members throughout 150 countries, with an additional 1,500,000 volunteers. If you want to see the type of love and food they provide for the needy, just visit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, right here in our parish.

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Quick fixin’s from the kitchen of . . . Kathy Jobin

Apple, Celery, and Walnut Salad

2 Fuji apples, diced (1/4 in)
juice of 1/2 lemon
2 ribs celery, diced (1/4 in)
1/2 c coarsely chopped walnuts
1/3 c golden raisins
1/4 c reduced-calorie mayonnaise
1/4 c low-fat sour cream (or low-fat plain yogurt)
Salt and black pepper to taste



Toss apples with lemon juice in a bowl. Add celery, walnuts, and raisins, then toss. Combine the mayo and sour cream (or yogurt) in another bowl, then fold into the apple mixture. Season to taste with salt and pepper. If made ahead of time, store in tightly covered bowl in the fridge.



Deadline for submission of articles and news items for the next issue of In Focus is **Sunday, September 4.**

I don’t always have wonderful thoughts or feelings when I pray. But I believe that something is happening because God is greater than my mind and heart.

—Henri Nouwen