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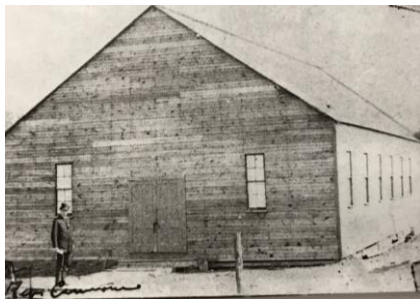
REV. FATHER CANNON HERE.

Ready to Take Charge of the New Urbana Parish.
Is Well Pleased With His New Location and Has Been Welcomed by the People of Urbana.

Rev. Father J. H. Cannon, the minister appointed to the new parish in Urbana, has arrived in the city and taken up the work. During the short time he has been here he has made many friends and a welcome hand is extended him. With his sister, Miss Anna Cannon, he has taken up his new home at 810 West Stoughton street.

Rev. Father Cannon will say mass at St. Mary's church tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock and at that service will meet with his new parishioners for the first time.

The Gibson City "Enterprise" has the following to say in regard to Rev. Father Cannon's removal from that city: "Rev. Father J. H. Cannon, who has been the resident minister of the Catholic church here, also having charge at Melvin, Roberts, Belleflower, and Farmer City, goes Friday to his new home and new appointment at Urbana, Ill.; he will be accompanied by his sister, who is a young lady of remarkably sweet tempered character that has endeared her to all the people of this vicinity. Father Cannon, although a young man, is above the ordinary as a student, a preacher, a financier for the church, and winning in his manners among his church people and outsiders as well, so that he leaves a whole community who will miss his kindly word and his genial smile from among us. Since coming here he has endeared himself to his church membership especially evidenced by his different charges making up the handsome purse of \$500 and handing it to him as a farewell offering of their good wishes, and he desires through "The Enterprise" that the kindness of his people in tendering this gift shall never be forgotten. We wish for Father Cannon and his good sister a most pleasant home in Urbana.



Champaign Daily Courier, July 6, 1901, p. 1:

THIS BROKE ALL RECORDS.

Catholic Church Erected in Urbana in Forty-Eight Hours

Rev. Father Cannon Made Such a Promise and Then He Fulfilled that Promise.

Those who attended mass at St. Mary's Catholic church last Sunday morning and heard Rev. Father Cannon, the minister lately appointed to establish a parish at Urbana, say, during his introductory remarks, that he would lay the cornerstone of the new church the next morning at 7 o'clock and dedicate the church the following Sunday, were at a loss to know how he would or could carry out his project in so short a time.

However, Father Cannon proved himself equal to the occasion and tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock he will say mass in the new church at the corner of Main street and Busey avenue.

The new structure is only a temporary frame structure, but is complete in every detail, even to the stained glass windows. The dimensions are 48x60 feet which, it is thought, is large enough to accommodate the congregation until the permanent building can be erected. Just forty-eight hours of continuous labor was expended in its building, which beats all records in church building. Father Cannon has demonstrated that he is a man of his word. He is determined to erect the finest church in the county and in his vocabulary there is no such word as "fail." There will be no high mass during the summer months. Mass will be said at 8 and 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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IN NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH.

First Service of the New Parish Held Sunday.

A Large Congregation in the Temporary Structure With Mass by Rev. Father Cannon

Public divine service was begun in the newly organized Roman Catholic parish of Urbana on Sunday, in the temporary frame structure at the northeast corner of Main street and Busey avenue. Mass was said at 8 o'clock and again at 10:30, about 100 souls being present at each service.

Father Cannon had obtained an altar from Farmer City. It was furnished with the proper number of mass and vesper lights, vested in the color for the day, red, and the super-altar decorated with flowers from the gardens of the neighborhood. A number of pews, also from Farmer City, were in place, and the interior of the "rushed-up" church – 37 1/2 hours the exact time of the labor put into its construction – was in a degree as attractive and as comfortable as some churches of greater pretension.

After the late mass had been said Father Cannon addressed the congregation, expressing gratification at the creditable number showing up at the initial services. He stated his choice of a name for the church, which had first mass of the day. The parish will be known as St. Patrick's, its boundaries the east and west lines of Urbana, extending north half way to Thomasboro and south half way to Philo.

Father Cannon will begin this week a house-to-house canvass of his people, as he said "no priest can talk to or work among his congregation unless he knows them." He urged upon all the virtue of punctuality at mass, which on weekdays will be said at 7:30, and on Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a. m. Vespers and benediction will be put off until such time as an organ can be procured and a choir organized.

A number of pews were rented on Sunday. The financial feature of the new venture gives promise of earnest support by all belonging to St. Patrick's church.

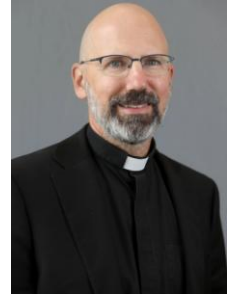
Care For Creation

Recently, Father Charles Klamut came to the parish to speak on behalf of the Care for Creation committee of the Peoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. The evening was part lecture and part call to action through the lens of our Catholic faith.

He began with Genesis, which provided a holistic reality. He tied in Pope Leo XIV's request of participants to "commit themselves to protecting and caring for the creation entrusted to us by God in order to build a peaceful world," citing "an ever-growing awareness that peace is ... threatened by a lack of due respect for creation, by the plundering of natural resources and by a progressive decline in the quality of life because of climate change."

Fr. Charles discussed our faith's call to stewardship and detailed a methodology that we can each use to move forward: See; Judge; Act. We are called to **see** reality, to **judge** according to scripture, church principles, and traditions, and then to **act**. We have an obligation to see the truth and use discernment to understand how to act.

We heard about initiatives taking place in our diocese and were invited to create a Care for Creation committee here at St. Patrick's. After the lecture, there was an opportunity to learn more through pamphlets about reducing plastic in our workplace and Care for Creation Ideas for Church Involvement. The latter provided goals and resources including: studying the *Laudato Si'* encyclical on care for creation, becoming informed, planting and caring for flowers, shrubs, and trees on church grounds, and making giving-tree cards from Christmas cards among many other suggestions. For more information, check the Peoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women page on Facebook.



Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi

Although we are officially in Ordinary Time, the church immediately gives us two very special Feasts to celebrate: Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi Sunday. On Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the awe and mystery of three persons, one God. We cannot fully understand this mystery but we really don't need to. How awesome is our God that it takes three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to be perfect entity!

On Corpus Christi Sunday, we celebrate the Eucharistic presence of Christ among us in the forms of bread and wine. Each time we come to Mass, Jesus becomes fully present with us in the Eucharist. He is here! He is alive! We have the chance to be in his presence and to know him intimately!



The Parish Council has elected new officers:
Frank Rosser, president
Kathy Cimaskasy, vice-president

May Crowning



A special relationship: St. Mary and St. Patrick Parishes



The parishes of St. Mary and St. Patrick have shared a special relationship, which began on May 21, 1901 when Fr. John H. Cannon arrived in the area, and 42 Urbana Catholic families who had been attending St. Mary founded St. Patrick Catholic Church.



Combined parishes picnic, 2016

Over the years St. Mary and St. Patrick remained close in many ways, while at the same time forming distinct individual parish identities. However, in March 2011, the parishes were reunited. St. Patrick's pastor Fr. Joe Hogan's duties were expanded to include replacing longtime St. Mary pastor Fr. Tom Royer. The St. Patrick rectory was sold, and the St. Patrick priests moved into the St. Mary rectory.

In 2013 the Diocese of Peoria, led by Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, announced the recommendations of the multi-year pastoral planning initiative, "*Growing In Faith Together*," that included the plan for St. Mary and St. Patrick to be Partnership parishes, which would merge into one parish after three years. Although the "official" partnership between St. Mary and St. Patrick started slowly, it began to grow and flourish in the following years, especially during the renovation construction at St. Patrick. Parishioners from both parishes shared worship services, spiritual study, and fellowship at both churches.

During 2015 Lent, Stations of the Cross were celebrated at St. Mary's, and prayers were said in English, Spanish, Mayan, and Vietnamese. St. Patrick's parishioners were treated to seeing festively dressed children run up the aisles to visit the special altar of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and their prayers to *Virgen María* echoed throughout the church.

For several years, St. Mary and St. Patrick worked together to coordinate the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). During this time Catholic traditions practiced in different countries were shared.

Lenten suppers were hosted at the St. Mary's Bishop Oscar Romero Parish Center. Newcomers to St. Mary were treated to delicious recipe variations of the fish dinners to which they were accustomed. Under the direction of Gregorio Garcia, volunteers prepared tilapia *al homo et frito*, *sopa ed verduras y pescado* (soup of vegetables and fish), *tostadas con frijoles, lechuga y queso, quesadillas*, and *arroz*, in addition to green beans, mac and cheese, and many delicious desserts. In the following years, the Lenten suppers returned to the larger St. Brigid Hall at St. Patrick. To the delight of all, the menu, many volunteers, and our St. Mary brothers and sisters in Christ came along as friendships continued to grow.

On June 13, 2015 the parishes held an International Fair picnic at the Champaign County Fairgrounds. Hundreds of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's parishioners were greeted with a beautiful banner expressing our values of faith, hope, and love in many languages. Fascinating cultural displays filled the exhibit hall, and food from all corners of the globe covered tables, while entertainment and engagement activities filled the day.

Children enjoyed the bounce houses and games for every age and ability. Adults received a bright yellow paper for a "Get to Know Each Other" scavenger hunt. While searching for someone who had visited the Holy Land or finding someone who was born in another country, they became better acquainted and new friends were made. The highlight of the day for many was the *Coro La Voz* (Choir of Universal Voices) band from St. Mary, featuring many people with beautiful voices.

On May 10, 2016 an overflowing congregation of godparents, family, friends, catechists, and guests filled the newly renovated St. Patrick church to watch the joint confirmation class of both parishes, 99 youths in all, say "Yes" to the Holy Spirit.



Confirmation, 2016



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Meet our Neophytes

We asked the neophytes (those received into the Catholic Church at St. Patrick's Easter Vigil) to tell us a bit about themselves and the journey that brought them here.

Jesus Christ left us a Church to show us what is essential – Samara Brown

Samara Brown is a full-time nurse and a mother of four with another child on the way. She grew up in several Protestant denominations. She knew God but did not have a strong understanding of what it meant to be a Christian. The last church she attended was a nondenominational church that encouraged reading scripture and building community. During a Bible study she came across this quote: "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things charity." She says, "This really got me questioning what even was essential. After many questions and much learning, I realized that Jesus Christ left us a church to help guide us in this – the Catholic Church."



A straight line from Jesus to the Catholic Church – Jeffrey, Ashley, Quinn, Noah, Arabella, and Emmeline Flach

Jeffrey Flach, a Marine Corps veteran, is a Nurse Practitioner at Carle Hospital, and Ashley Flach is an English Professor at Eastern Illinois University. They have six children: Blaine, 21, is in the Navy, and Jacob, 19, is in the Marine Corps, both stationed in South Carolina. Quinn, 17, Noah, 16, Arabella, 14, and Emmeline, 13, went through OCIA along with their parents.

Jeffrey grew up Lutheran, and Ashley grew up Baptist. When they married, Ashley joined the Lutheran Church. "We were attending the

church regularly with all the children," involved in Sunday school and other activities, Ashley says, but "something felt missing spiritually. We didn't feel like we were experiencing the fullness of Christianity."

When they moved from Effingham to Bement in 2020, they began to search for another church. More than anything they wanted to be part of the true Church that Jesus founded, as well as a church that was warm, welcoming, and aligned with their values.

Then Ashley came across a video by Bishop Robert Barron on YouTube. She shared it with Jeffrey, and their journey to Catholicism began. They discovered the works of Fr. Mike Schmitz, Trent Horn, and other Catholic apologists. They started praying the rosary as a family every night and exploring other Catholic practices.

Jeffrey proposed becoming Catholic but Ashley had a more difficult journey accepting certain Catholic doctrines. She wanted to read



more and to understand Church history. When she came across the writings of the Church Fathers, she was sold. "We could see the straight line from Jesus to today lined out in the Catholic Church." They continued their discernment, talked to their children about it, and once they were all on the same page, began searching for a parish to join. They chose St. Patrick's because of the vibrant community and the openness and excitement they felt from Fr. Anthony. They began going to Mass, reading the Magnificat every day, praying the rosary.

Ashley says, "Overall, it's been a beautiful journey for us all. We know we are now part of Jesus' true church, and we couldn't be happier!"

Why are you afraid? – Sophie Ellis

Sophie Ellis is the Marketing and Communications Manager for Eastern Illinois Foodbank, the main food provider to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at St. Patrick's.



Sophie was drawn to Catholicism while studying theology in her free time. She was attracted to the Catholic Church because of the unbroken line of succession from Jesus to the current pope. Due to this, she felt that the Catholic Church was the Church Jesus established. She was also moved by the sacred tradition of the Church, which she believes has preserved unity of belief, transcends human opinion and societal changes, and truly brings the word of God to life.

In early 2025, Sophie's Mum had a health scare and an intensive surgery. "I spent hours praying (to no one in particular) in the hospital waiting room," she recalls. When she learned that the outcome was the best possible, she ran to her mom's room to see her and found a sticker of the Divine Mercy on the wall of the hospital room. She went to adoration alone soon after, although she had never set foot in a church all her life.

"I told God I was afraid, and I instantly heard him answer me 'Why are you afraid?'" Sophie says she felt immense peace after visiting St. Patrick's just once. "I knew that God had brought me home."

Looking for a stronger connection to the God on whom we have leaned – Kenny Watts and Mary Bellafiore

Kenny Watts and Mary Bellafiore are engaged and preparing for marriage. Kenny, who works at

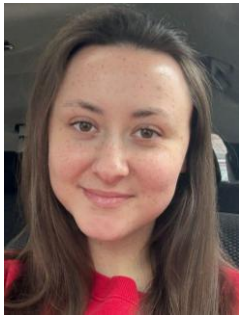


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Menards, attended a Baptist church when he was growing up. “About two years ago, Mary’s family began talking to me about the Catholic faith,” he says. This sparked his interest in faith and belief in a new way. Around the same time, he watched “The Chosen,” a TV series based on the life of Jesus. “Shortly after, I was told that if I wanted to learn more, I could attend OCIA classes. I decided to take that step and begin my journey of learning, and that’s what has led me to where I am today.”

Mary, who is a nurse, attended OCIA along with Kenny. “I was raised Catholic but was never confirmed. During nursing school, I leaned heavily on God and recognized that I had



previously neglected my relationship with him. This realization prompted me to strengthen that connection.”

The missing pieces in my life are being filled – Chad Hawkins

Chad Hawkins is an optometrist for the VA Health Care System. He grew up in a home rooted in Christian morality but without any formal experience of church. His parents (both Protestant) separated shortly after he was born. Chad became interested in God only later in high school, motivated by his curiosity in biology and in science in general, and later by his previous wife, a lifelong Protestant. He sought answers that human experiences could not provide. He decided to attend Indiana Wesleyan University for a Pre-Med program that would also allow him to develop his faith with religious studies.

Despite the deep personal relationships, biblical studies, and encouragement he received to become an evangelist at IWU, he was not able to develop a strong personal relationship with Christ nor have a



meaningful prayer life. He went on to Arizona to study optometry, but “I found my life unraveling: my faith, my body, and my marriage all were neglected during those intense four years of study in the desert. I left with a degree and a shell of myself,” as well as the end of his marriage.

As an optometry resident in Walla Walla, Wash., he continued feeling the need to return to faith but could not find a church that supported the relationship he was seeking with Christ. He still had unanswered questions. Over time, he developed a relationship with a “cradle Catholic” (they will marry later this year) and moved back to the Midwest.

“Through personal study, OCIA, attending Mass, and meeting with Fr. Anthony at St. Patrick’s, I finally feel as if the missing pieces I felt earlier in life are being filled in with the fullness of the Truth.” Particularly impactful studies, he adds, included those of the early Church Fathers, Eucharist, Holy Orders, spiritual discernment, and the intercession of saints. “For the first time in my life, I believe I am feeling God’s calling. Alleluia!”

Please welcome Samara, Jeffrey, Ashley, Quinn, Noah, Arabella, Emmeline, Sophie, Kenny, Mary, Chad, and all other neophytes to our St. Patrick family! Pray for them as they continue their spiritual journeys.

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

—Ruth Rains



On November 20, 1977, 27 parishioners were commissioned as our first lay distributors of communion.

Two Volunteers from St. Patrick’s Honored

Frances Drone-Silvers and Shirley Splittstoesser were honored as Outstanding Volunteers at a Mass officiated by Bishop Louis Tylka followed by a luncheon on April 28. The Peoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (PDCCW) sponsored the Mass, rosary, and offering of flowers to Our Lady at St. Mary’s



Cathedral, followed by the luncheon at the Spaulding Pastoral Center.

The PDCCW president, April Adams,

said to those being honored from parishes throughout the diocese, “Whether you serve in liturgy, faith formation, pro-life efforts, outreach ministries, hospitality, leadership, or quiet acts of service behind the scenes—your generosity strengthens the Church.”

The PDCCW organizes projects to support the needs of the Church and society. The *Care for Creation* evening at St. Patrick’s on April 22 was sponsored by the PDCCW. They have a prison ministry and are involved in Pro-Life and Respect for Life initiatives.

They sponsor retreats, scholarships to graduating students, and appreciation luncheons such as the one



honoring Frances Drone-Silvers and Shirley Splittstoesser.

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The confirmands wore red robes, and the priests, deacons, and servers all were attired in red vestments. Songs and prayers in both English and Spanish filled the church.

Abbot Philip Davey of St. Bede Abbey in Peru, Ill., presided and urged everyone to see themselves as God's works of art. He implored us all to join the confirmands to do our part to make our parishes, communities, and world better as the Church nurtures us.

And then our diocese put forth a new restructuring plan, keeping St. Mary and St. Patrick as distinct parishes. But the time when we were Partnership parishes will always remain treasured in the hearts and souls of those who shared the Lord's love. Parish Council News.

A St. Patrick Music Camp 2026

In year 3 of the St. Patrick Music Camp, both returning youth and new ones have an exciting adventure ahead. Camp begins Monday, July 13, and runs each day through Friday, July 17. Each day begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m.

This year, the kids will experience a variety of instruments, learn musical theory (age appropriate), and sing wonderful songs. They will learn to play recorders and chimes. There will be fun crafts and games, outside time, and snacks as well. On Saturday, July 18, the parish will celebrate its 125th Anniversary with a special 4:00 p.m. Mass with Bishop Lou. If all goes well, the youth will play and/or sing at least one song at that Mass – an exciting, once-in-a-lifetime chance!

It's never too late to join. Simply complete the registration form found in the bulletin, send an email to james.rossi@stpaturbana.org, or come to the first day of camp. What an exciting time awaits!



A word of love.
A word of acceptance.
A word of encouragement.
A word of peace.

This word is spoken by the Father God who meets us in the desert.

The Christ who carries us to the cross and beyond.
The Spirit who will not let us go.

—Michael T. Sniffen



First Communion Retreat



Baptism at St. Patrick's

We welcome the following into our faith community:



Oliver Christian Dillavou, baptized April 12, whose parents are Austin Dillavou and Alyssa Vodacek Dillavou

Joan Elizabeth Skidmore, baptized May 2, whose parents are Nick Skidmore and Marin Thompson Skidmore

Alma Rose Mateo Nicolas, baptized May 16, whose parents are Jose Mateo Francisco and Olga Carolina Nicolas Martinez

Domingo Benjamin Mateo Juan, Ryan Noe Mateo Juan, Claudia Fernanda Juan Bartolo, baptized May 16, whose parents are Hilaria Juan Bartolo and Pascual Mateo Francisco

Miguel Playan Giovanni, baptized May 17, whose parents are Pedro Playan Escribano and Regina Giovanni

Athena Grace Samson, baptized May 17, whose parents are Andrew Samson and Kate Erieca Soriano

Adeline Jiana Dimla, baptized May 17, whose parents are Alyanna and Jan Clarence Dimla

Let us celebrate baptism with these recently baptized. It is the sacrament by which they (and we!) have become adopted sons and daughters of God.

Baptism preparation class is offered at St. Patrick at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month except July, or by appointment. Parents, godparents, and all are welcome.

Celebrate our graduates and scholarship winners

It's that time of year again—graduation season! Saturday, May 9, after the vigil Mass, we honored our high school graduates and scholarship recipients. Congratulations to all! We pray that God blesses your futures with wisdom, courage, and purpose.

High School Graduates

Adelyn Childers, St. Joseph-Ogden High School; will attend University of Illinois and study Kinesiology
Jackson Liong, Jr., Centennial High School; will attend Parkland College, studying Engineering
Delaney Nekolny, St. Joseph-Ogden High School; will attend Iowa State University, majoring in Agri-Business
Harry Polonus, Unity High School; will attend Parkland College and study Aviation.
Alexander Samu, The High School of St. Thomas More; will attend the University of Illinois at Chicago and major in Finance.
Peter Samu, Centennial High School; will attend the University of Indianapolis and play football while majoring in Business and Accounting

Vincent O. Greene Scholarship Recipients

Alyssa Acton (Franklin U)	Joseph Omeh (DACC)
Marissa Altaner (U of Illinois)	Christiana Pembele (U of Illinois)
Miriam Arend (U of Illinois)	Helena Pembele (U of Illinois)
Aidan Beckett (U of Illinois)	Lukas Grosse Perdekamp (Minnesota)
Adelyn Childers (U of Illinois)	Hadley Peters (Olivet Nazarene)
Lilian Eziefula (U of Illinois Chicago)	Ian Peters (U of Illinois)
Franklin Hechler (Parkland College)	Anna Polonus (Iowa State)
Jesse Kaap (Southern Illinois Carbondale)	Harry Polonus (Parkland College)
Jackson Liong, Jr. (Parkland College)	Michael Roesel (Culver-Stockton U)
Madelyn Logsdon (Parkland Pathways)	Alexander Samu (Illinois Chicago)
Michael McCoy (U of Illinois)	Peter Samu (U of Indianapolis)
Jack McMillan (Parkland College)	Ally Schmitz (U of Illinois)
Katherine McMillan (Parkland College)	Charlie Schmitz (U of Illinois)
Delaney Nekolny (Iowa State University)	Samuel Udentia (DACC)
August Niehaus (Parkland Pathways)	
Jemima Nzeza (U of Illinois-Chicago)	
Stella Obasi (DACC)	

Jerry McArthur Scholarship

Jackson Liong, Jr.

Deacon David Zola Scholarship

Jackson Liong, Jr.
 Harry Polonus
 Alexander Samu

Fr. Charles Martell Scholarship

Harry Polonus
 Jackson Liong, Jr.

Through Mr. Greene's generosity, we awarded 31 scholarships totaling over \$250,000 this year. Thank you, Mr. Greene, for your gift to our parish!

Q: I haven't seen anything for quite some time now about our teens' (CREW's) summer mission trips. Are mission trips a thing of the past?

A: For well over 20 years, our teens have traveled far and wide in the U.S. to repair, scrub, weed, replace, paint, etc., for people in need of help. They returned with hearts burning with love in caring for others. For the last three or four years, probably since about the time of the pandemic, interest in the summer mission trips has waned. Yet each year some students opt to participate locally in Catholic Heart Work Camp, which gives them an opportunity to help others.

Are the mission trips gone forever? The CREW leaders fervently hope not, and participation in Catholic Heart Work camp may stimulate interest. The mission trips have provided one meaningful way for our young people to live out the meaning of CREW: Christ Renews Everyone's World.



Parish news

At their April meeting, Council members confirmed plans for the two parish commemorative celebrations, May 24 and July 18.

For May 24, plans include a potluck picnic (confirmed that the Knights of Columbus will cook parish-provided hotdogs), a parish trivia quiz prepared by Tom Kacich, and inflatables for the youngsters. The Young Adults and Bible Study groups will be approached for volunteers to help with setup, serving, and cleanup.



For July 18, the multicultural Mass program is being developed, parishioners for the international offertory procession are being contacted, the Champaign Knights of Columbus have agreed to participate in our celebration Mass, local priests are being invited to join us for the celebration, and a commemorative cake will be ordered from Schnucks. The Young Adults and Bible Study groups will be approached again for volunteers to help with setup, serving, and cleanup.

Turning to other business, members briefly discussed the possibility of including the next International Festival in the parish anniversary celebration, but deferred a decision. The Urbana Archives have been approached for suggestions for reorganizing our parish archives; they have offered use of their program for archival organization and their assistance if desired.

Discussing the current lack of full participation in the Parish Council, members considered recruiting about five ministry coordinators to serve a one-year term as Council members.

A location is being sought for the Young Adults retreat, and a parish observance of the Stations of the Resurrection was suggested. With that, the meeting concluded, as always, with prayer.

Quick Fixin's from the kitchen of...

Lauretta Taylor

Green Chili Tortillas

- 1 lb ground beef, browned and drained
- 1 pkg tortillas (flour or cornmeal), cut in fourths
- 8-oz pkg cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can green chilis, chopped
- 1 small jar pimentos, diced
- 1/2 can water
- 1/2 cup taco sauce, mild or hot



Mix soups, water, chilis, taco sauce, and pimentos in sauce pan and heat. Place tortillas in bottom of pan or shallow dish. Add layers of meat and onions, then the heated mixture. Add cheese. Repeat layers as needed. Heat in 400-degree oven until bubbly. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

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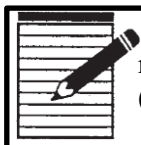
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