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Getting to know God

Think about one or two of your closest friends. How did you get to know them? It's an interesting question because it gives us insights into how to get to know God. Of course, we never know everything there is to know about another person. Still less do we know about

the closeness of friendship.

And so it is in your relationship with God. Hanging out with God is prayer. We do it one-on-one in our daily prayer time. We do it together when we gather for worship. Sometimes we do it almost automatically, like when a psalm or hymn is going



God. But God made us to live in relationship with other people, and to live in relationship with him. He made us to love him and to love one another.

One way to get to know someone is to hang out with them. As you see how they deal with life, you get to know what is important to them. But even more fundamental than this is the simple pleasure of being together. Well, okay, it's not always a pleasure. Sometimes it's a little dull. Sometimes there is conflict between you. But still, if you never spend time together, you won't experience

through your head in the course of your day. Sometimes we do it more intensively when we go on a retreat or pilgrimage. It may be a little dull at times; at other times you may be aware of a rift or conflict between you and God. But sometimes we find the simple pleasure of being with one we are coming to love.

Another way to get to know someone is to learn about them. You might ask a friend to tell you where they grew up, what they do for a living, their hopes and dreams, and

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Our Fall 2026 Time and Talent Campaign

St. Patrick's Church is our parish home. But most of what happens in our home could not be done without dedicated volunteer parishioners who

- sing and play beautiful music;
- serve at Mass as Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, and Altar Servers;
- livestream our Masses and take the Eucharist to the sick and homebound;
- provide religious education classes, and bible studies;
- prepare and serve meals for funerals and other special events;
- feed the hungry through our Food Pantry;
- comfort the grieving.

You can volunteer for any of our 50+ ministries throughout the year, but St. Patrick's also highlights our ministries each Fall with our Time and Talent Campaign. The 2026-27 Parish Ministry Directory will be available in late September. After the weekend Masses on October 10 and 11, ministry coordinators will be available in the Gathering Space to answer questions and help with signups. Online ministry signups will also be available in early October.

Please prayerfully consider how you can use your time and talents by volunteering to assist in St. Patrick's ministries.

Celebrating 125 Years



St. Patrick's 125th Anniversary Mass on July 18 was a special time filled with love: the love of our parish community, the love of our church, and the love of the Lord. Hundreds of parishioners and guests packed our church to worship the Lord and to honor those who have made St.

Patrick Church the loving and unique community it is. A Widor organ symphony and two Mozart selections played by a brass quintet filled us with a celebrational and devotional mood.

Bishop Louis (Lou) Tylka, presider, and concelebrants, pastor Fr. Anthony Co, parochial vicar Fr. John Pham, and former parochial vicar and current St. Matthew pastor Fr. Joel Phelps processed into the church, led by the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, as our talented choir, led by Music Director James Rossi, sang "O God Beyond All Praise."

Bishop Lou greeted us by saying, "What a great joy to come together recognizing that God has been working in the lives of this community for 125 years, but he charges us with the mission to carry it forward." This message was present throughout the Mass.

Fr. Phelps read the gospel (Mathew 13:24-43) in which Jesus teaches the parables of the "good seed." In his homily Bishop Lou reminded us that "anniversaries cause reflection, and we realize that we are here today because of the efforts of those in the past living out the faith of Jesus. We also must endeavor and seek the Lord's help to be the good seed . . . and we must do the work of spreading the gospel . . . helping others to encounter Jesus. So that 125 years from now when some other bishop and priests and parishioners gather here to celebrate the 250th anniversary of St. Patrick's, they will be giving thanks to us because we have done what the Lord has asked of us."

If you were not able to attend the 125th Anniversary Mass and have not yet had the opportunity to view it on the St. Patrick website, a joyful and spirit-filled experience awaits you. The many special moments in the Mass included seeing St. Patrick parishioners from multiple world cultures serving as gift bearers while wearing native clothing: Mary Ndungu, Kenya; Antony Akshay and Anisha Adol-



Bishop Lou and Frank Rosser

phus Pinto, India; Duyen Thi Nguyen, Vietnam; Trudy Keane, Austria/Germany; Richard Keane, Australia; Joseph Youakim, Dr. Penny, and Rosco Bajjalieh, Palestine.

Barb Wysocki, longtime parishioner and co-chair of the ad hoc 125th Anniversary Committee, said this moment was also special for her. "Many of us come from church experiences that were ethnic in nature . . . and that was the common denominator; worship was culturally formed and everyone shared the same culture. At St. Pat's, many of us come from different cultures, and we've been good at integrating those cultural experiences into one worship body."



Barb Wysocki, Frank Modica and Pam Delay

Another special moment for many, including Bishop Lou, was hearing children of all ages from the 2026 Music Camp sing "Source of Every Skill and Talent" during the Offertory. Over the years, St. Patrick's parishioners have been blessed with gifted music directors, musicians, and choir members who have elevated our worship. This blessing was deeply present at this Mass, and many shared their appreciation.

Perhaps the most unforgettable moment occurred after Bishop Lou's final blessing when Fr. Anthony quickly stepped forward and asked all of us to remain seated. After the servers, priests, and Bishop Lou had moved from the sanctuary to the floor before the altar, Fr. Anthony did a quick hop-step back to the altar, where he set up his iPhone to take the best panoramic selfie of all time. He instructed us to scrunch in from the sides and had younger parishioners kneel in the front to ensure that all of us were in the picture. This moment was too unique not to record, and all of us who were there are grateful to our pastor, who has a way of making special moments extraordinary. This picture will be treasured by many.

After the Mass, many joyful parishioners, guests, and clergy headed to St. Brigid Hall to continue celebrating.

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Good food, good beverages, and good conversation were not the only things awaiting them. The 125th Anniversary Committee, co-chaired by Pam De Ley, Barb Wysocki, and Frank Rosser had created two St. Patrick Archives in the lounge and the SVDP pantry. Amazing collections of historical and religious artifacts, art, written histories, and an incredible historical video awaited us.

Frank remarked that “it was amazing to look at everything people had done in the past. All the organizations that flourished and have continued to flourish to the present day. Some organizations that once existed but are now gone I hope we may instill in the future. It’s very powerful to see how vibrant the parish has been throughout its history and continues to be to this day. It’s truly an amazing place to be.” When asked if anything specific astonished him, Frank said, “The work done by Nick Britsky, especially “The Rising Christ” and the book on how he created it, using Fr. Doug’s arms and hands as a model, and seeing it

still with us every time we leave the church.”

Co-chair Pam De Ley said everyone who visited the Archives was captivated by both the artifacts and the stories. “It was rewarding to see people walking away with powerful feelings of respect, wonder, and even reverence. Many people had no idea about the extent of Nick Britsky’s work, and they were intrigued to see it.” Pam said another favorite was “The History of the Celler to Garret Sale” written by Lucille Kocher.

One person who did not have much time to peruse the Archives was our humble Bishop Lou, who stayed in the vestibule posing for pictures in full regalia for 30 minutes before making his way to St. Brigid Hall, where he spent more time with us talking and posing for more pictures. He finally left for home after what would be a 16-hour day that took him to St. Louis to Urbana and finally back to Peoria. Before leaving he said, “Every time I have been to St. Patrick there has been a great spirit, and you see the diversity of the community. The young people are well prepared for Confirmation, and the church is growing. It is

wonderful!”

At the end of our celebration, those who had worked so hard to make this night possible also were elated but tired. Fr. Anthony said, “Seeing the delight in the people, seeing them enjoying time with the bishop, just the excitement in all of those able to come was really good for me.” With a smile and a sigh of relief he added, “I was just happy things went so smoothly.” Pam added, “A wonderful thing about our parish is that although we are different, we all come together whenever we’re needed.” Barb echoed, “So many people helped without being asked. They just knew what needed to be done, and they did it.” Barb probably spoke for many who had worked for months when she said with a smile, “It was wonderful, but I’m glad it’s over.”

Please take a moment to thank Barb Wysocki, Pam De Ley, Frank Rosser, Fr. Anthony, Jim Rossi, the St. Patrick staff, and all the volunteers for making the 125th Anniversary Celebration such a blessed and extraordinary experience for our parish family.



Fr. Anthony's "selfie"

Focused on our parish community for 45 years

As we celebrate the 45th anniversary of *In Focus*, we reflect on the many ways that our parish newsletter, *In Focus*, has enriched our community with “good news.” Through 45 years’ worth of reporting on parishioners living the Gospel – mission trips, wedding celebrations, parish festivals, education about our faith, ways that we live out the beatitudes, and so much more – *In Focus* has continued to display the vibrant and diverse parish life of St. Patrick’s. The people may have changed, but the work and mission of living out the Good News remains.

In Focus has an intriguing history. In 1980 then-pastor Fr. Doug Hennessy developed an idea he’d had for helping parishioners come together, in other words building community. He thought publishing a newspaper twice a year, focusing on parishioners themselves, parish activities, and special parish events might just do that. In 1981 a small group of parishioners devoted themselves to this goal. (A surviving member of that

group, Mary Lou Menches, continues that effort today, researching, writing, and taking a turn at copy editing.) The first issue was published in

tabloid format that Fall and was mailed to every registered household in the parish.

After two or three issues were published, it was clear that a smaller, less costly format was called for, and the committee stepped up to the task of manually typing and pasting up issues in an 8½ x 11 format for photocopying. A parish survey gave the newsletter its name: St. Patrick in Focus, now

simply called *In Focus*. Member Vincent Bui, then a UI student, was certain that computers would make production far easier, but left for the priesthood before his insight could become an actuality. Today, writing and editing are done on computer and made readable and attractive via computer programs by our page layout volunteers.

Fr. George Remm once remarked that the parish newsletter was unique in the diocese; he knew of attempts in other parishes to do the

same, but these efforts faltered and were discontinued after a year or two. Through the contribution of time and talents of individual parishioners *In Focus*, still going strong after 45 years, continues to work at building community by reporting on parishioners, parish events, and parish activities.

Thank you to all the individuals who have contributed their time and talents throughout the years and to those who step up each month now to share the parish news with all of us. Each issue represents the work of many people who write articles, take pictures, attend events, interview others, edit, and design the end product.

As we reflect on another milestone anniversary, we encourage you to get engaged. Whether it is by writing, taking pictures, helping with editing and layout, participating in this ministry or another, we all are called to contribute meaningfully to our community and to our parish. We hope that *In Focus* continues to share the good news for 45 more years!

You can read that first issue of *In Focus* and every issue since on the parish website, stpaturbana.org. You will find the link to *In Focus* on the “About” menu. Happy reading!



Parish Council News

Many of the discussions that took place at the Council’s June and July meetings dealt with making sure that all was in order for the celebration of the parish’s 125th anniversary. (As you will read elsewhere in this issue of *In Focus*, the celebration with Bishop Tylka went without a hitch. Parishioners filled the church to its capacity for Mass and St. Brigid Hall afterward for fellowship and refreshments.)

The timing for and the location of the Young Adults retreat are still being resolved. Current plans have rescheduled the retreat to March 6, 2027, at a location yet to be determined.

An invitation to one-year Council membership has been sent to parish groups that had responded to an earlier request for feedback on what each would do if money were no object. Mary Nelson, Sally Czapar, and Roxane Lowry have accepted the invitation to membership and have participated in subsequent Council meetings.

Fr. Anthony had recommended that additional adult

formation opportunities be made available for parishioners. Recognition was given to the Cursillo sessions and the movies about saints offered by The Women of St. Patrick’s, but others could be considered. It was suggested that a subcommittee be established to research possibilities, starting with adult formation programs already in use by other organizations such as the Knights of Columbus.

Regarding the Time and Talent event for this year, suggestions discussed include an online signup opportunity, staff research of a possible weekend for T&T (now scheduled for the weekend of October 10-11), a brief announcement at the end of Masses on the designated weekend, and a few ministry signup tables in the Gathering Space. Staff will be consulted about a timetable for updating the Parish Ministry Directory.

We are grateful to Mary, Sally, and Roxane for answering the call to Council membership, even if only for one year, at a time when the Council’s focus is evolving under new leadership. They, and all the Council members, will appreciate our prayerful support during the year to come.

Kids had a great time at summer music camp

The third year of St. Patrick's summer music camp saw 34 excited children, ages 3-12, spend the mornings of July 13-17 under the direction of James Rossi, parish Music Director, assisted by numerous volunteers.

After classroom attendance and prayer each morning, the group gathered in St. Brigid Hall to pray together and



learn several songs while using hand motions, including "Father Abraham," "Jesus Loves Me," and "His Banner Over Me Is Love." Some of the older campers led the group. The children divided into three groups for classroom activities, shared an outdoor break and snack at mid-morning, and gathered again at the end of the morning for more singing and a closing prayer.

Rita Rossi and Linda Dobson led the youngest group, the "Little Notes." Fourteen children, ages 3-6, enjoyed making drums, tambourines, bells, rain sticks, and egg shakers. Their craft activities helped them understand the basics of reading music and learning rhythm and melodies. They also learned to recognize, draw, and color musical symbols. They took "field trips" to the church and James Rossi's office to learn about piano, organ, and percussion instruments.

Roxanne Munch and Janet Althausler led the middle group of eight campers, ages 6-7. The children focused on learning to play recorders. They learned to read notes on the treble and bass clefs, became familiar with the notes on the classroom keyboard, completed a number of crafts, and sang group songs. They learned basic music dynamics: *allegro*, *lento*, *piano*, and *forte*, and learned to sing a round titled "Father, I Adore You." They also joined the older group and listened to visiting musicians, who demonstrated and discussed the French horn, oboe, piano, guitar, cello, flute, and violin.

Marilyn Marshall led ten campers who took part in the older group, learning how to play the chimes. Their lessons in theory expanded on previous learning. Several children in this group with prior experience playing instruments shared their skills by playing solos for the group. This group also hosted the visiting musicians.

Nine adult volunteers brought a wide range of talents and abilities to the camp experience, and several of them also demonstrated their instruments, as did several guest artists: Mr. Rossi, piano and organ; Marilyn Marshall and Lea Humphreys, French horn; and Wendy Marck, cello. Roxanne Munch brought her keyboard to teach some of the middle school students basic keyboard skills. Several

high school students demonstrated their instruments. Janet Althausler took photographs throughout the week. Rita Rossi, Linda Dobson, Antony Akshay, Mary Kate Arend, and nine high school students assisted the children with activities throughout the week, worked extensively on preparations, prepared snacks, and supervised breaks.

The students were excited to share their accomplishments at the Friday concert. The Little Notes played their hand-made percussion instruments to accompany the group singing, while the middle school students played "Hot Cross Buns" and "Mary Had a Little Lamb" on their recorders. They also demonstrated their ability to sing and accompany more complex pieces of music. The oldest group displayed their expertise on the chimes in combination with singing.

The oldest group had one more performance: they joined with the adult choir for the parish anniversary Mass with



Bishop Tylka on July 18, playing the chimes on "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee." All the music campers will be invited to return for special holiday Masses at Christmas and Easter.

Everyone left with craft projects, pictures, recorders, and memories of a joyful and blessed experience. We can't wait till next year!

Baptisms at St. Patrick's

We welcome the following into our faith community:

Gabriella Lidia Wozniak baptized July 5—parents are Marcin Wozniak & Natalia Krawczynska

Journey Rose Kayala Lukusa baptized July 5—parents are Jonathan Lukusa & Jocelyn Yarbrough

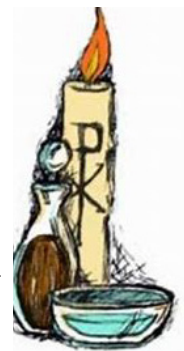
Pedro Maria Reyna baptized July 12—parents are Manuel Maria Reyna & Maria Florencia Bianco

Kyle Matthew Dizon baptized July 26—parents are Kenneth Dizon & Melody Laus

Michael Roberto Amoo-otoo baptized August 2—parents are Rosa Gutierrez & Michael Kojo Amoo-otoo.

Let us celebrate baptism with Gabriella, Journey, Pedro, Kyle, and Michael. 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's at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month except July, or by appointment. Parents, godparents, and all are welcome.





Q: When Bishop Tylka visited St. Patrick's recently, he wore a distinctive "hat" and carried what looked like a shepherd's crook. Can you explain what bishops wear and their significance?

A: The "hat" is called a **miter**; it symbolizes the bishop's authority. Roman Catholic bishops are not the only ones to wear a miter (in other countries, it may be spelled mitre); bishops of many other faith denominations also wear this liturgical headwear.

Under the miter, the bishop wears a **zuchetto**, a small round skullcap, usually magenta or purple, that you saw when Bishop Tylka removed his miter.

The bishop also carried what you described as a shepherd's crook, and that's exactly what it is. It's called a **crozier**, and represents the bishop's role as shepherd of his people.

You may also have noticed the **pectoral cross** Bishop Tylka wore on his chest. The design for this varies with each bishop, reflecting his relationship with God and his people, his mission.

Bishops also wear an **episcopal ring**, on the right hand, as a symbol of fidelity to the Church.

While there are names for bishops' other less noticeable vesture, I'd like to comment on just one, the **cope**, which Bishop Tylka also wore during our Mass of celebration. Bishops wear the cope for solemn ceremonies, and what would be more solemn than the ceremony celebrating our 125th anniversary!

Why Catechetical Sunday?

Catechetical Sunday was inspired by the Vatican document *Provido sane consilio* (*On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education*), published in 1935. This document asked every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has established the third Sunday in September (this year, September 20) for observance of Catechetical Sunday. The theme this year is from Luke 4:18: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me . . . to bring good news to the poor."

This passage reveals Jesus' mission and identity; anointed by the Spirit, Jesus is sent to bring hope, healing, and freedom, especially to the poor, the brokenhearted, and the forgotten. It also becomes a model for the Church, for us, who are called to continue Christ's work by sharing the Good News and caring for those most in need.

Catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry, and we will be asked to give them our prayerful support. Yet Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each of us plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.

From the Pro-Life Committee

by Megan Logsdon

Recent news in the pro-life world is very telling of where many predicted this "slippery slope" would lead.

One story involves a 79-year-old priest in Vancouver who says he was offered Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) twice while recovering from nothing more life-threatening than a broken hip.

Meanwhile, a gestational surrogate has found herself in quite a predicament. While she is not carrying her biological child, she is questioning the intended parents' demand that she terminate the pregnancy after their baby was diagnosed with a serious congenital heart defect, which can often be treated with surgery after birth. The surrogate has refused, saying she is willing to raise the child herself rather than end its life.

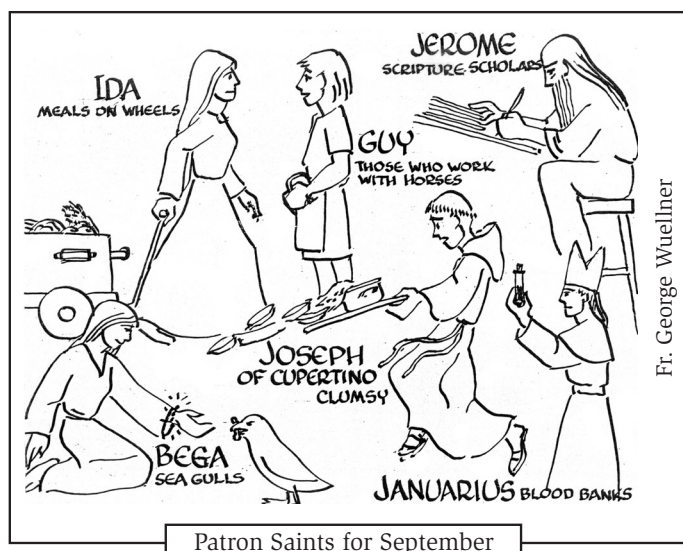
Both of these situations remind me of how transactional our culture's view of human life has become. We are increasingly tempted to assign value based on age, health, ability, or whether someone is wanted or convenient. As Catholics, we know that every human life has inherent dignity because each person is created in the image and likeness of God.

Once society accepts the idea that some lives are less worthy of protection than others, it becomes easier to apply that same thinking in new situations. Today, we see it extending beyond abortion to include the elderly, the disabled, and the seriously ill.

Our call as Christians is to be consistently pro-life – to defend the dignity of every human person, from conception until natural death, and to remember that every life is a gift from God.

When I show love towards others, I know that it is Jesus who is acting within me.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux



Patron Saints for September

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The Catholic Church's annual World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) is a day for Catholics around the world to pray, reflect, and take action on behalf of the millions of people who are forced to leave their homelands because of war, poverty, violence, environmental disasters, and other tragedies.

For the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (Sept. 27), Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme, "Even just one of these children," to focus on the suffering of child migrants and reflect on what our responsibility is as Catholics to prevent their suffering and ensure their well-being. The theme is drawn from Matthew 18:5: "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

In the US, the week leading up to WDMR (Sept. 21-26) is designated as National Migration Week (NMW), which builds on the ideas put forth in WDMR and shapes them for an American context.

In his message for WDMR, Pope Leo writes:

The suffering of migrant children does not end with their relocation. There are very young children who have lost parents, brothers, sisters and friends, and who have witnessed unspeakable acts of violence. Others, separated from their families for long periods, try to reunite with them while enduring the anguish of separation. There are also minors who make the journey together with their parents, yet are exposed to extreme and traumatic conditions. Finally, we cannot forget the tragic situation of those separated from their parents because of repatriation.

What can we, as individuals and parishes, do to mark WDMR/NMW?

To begin, go to the USCCB's Justice for Immigrants website. At justiceforimmigrants.org/national-migration-week-2026 you can find a link to Pope Leo XIV's message for the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, as well as a booklet created by the USCCB for WDMR/NMW that describes the situations faced by child migrants, addresses migration and Catholic Social Teaching, and suggests prayers of the faithful that parishes might use. The website has many resources: information, prayers, suggested actions, and videos. The main USCCB website (usccb.org) also has materials regarding Catholicism and immigration.

This National Migration Week and World Day of Migrants and Refugees, let us take to heart Pope Leo's message that

Every child, every human being, possesses an infinite dignity. Each is created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26); each is a presence of the Lord. Before every migrant child, we are called to make an act of humanity and faith, for we are able to welcome and encounter the Lord.

Let us pray that we can make that act.

Vocation Prayer

Loving Father, help me to live out my mission in the Church and especially in my parish. Help me to know and accept my vocation in life, how best I may serve you in your people. Give those of us whom you call to live lives dedicated to you as ordained ministers or religious the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully, even courageously when the need arises. I love you and want only to live each day of my life with you.

2026 World Day of Migrants and Refugees/National Migration Week



"EVEN JUST ONE OF THESE CHILDREN"
SEPTEMBER 21-27

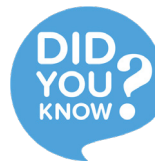
SVDP food pantry undergoes renovation

In early May, a water leak was discovered in the outside wall of the food pantry. It was quickly determined that this was a big deal and much work needed to be done. The pantry was given a few hours' notice to be cleared. Volunteers came in and moved about 12,000 pounds of food into one of the classrooms. Freezers occupied two other classrooms. The "Pick 2" shelf and supplies filled an additional room.

It was a crazy summer, including serving food from the parking lot and up and down the steps leading to it for guests and volunteers. The work being done on the pantry space includes new walls and supports on the outside wall, scrubbing all the walls, removing some walls in the center of the space, and removal of the sink and plumbing. New flooring, ceiling tiles, and a vent to help with refrigeration were added.

All of this work has left us with a large, shiny, clean space to store food and better serve our guests. We are grateful to Jackie, Craig, Mick, all the contractors, our continually hard-working and flexible volunteers, and all those who supported us with prayers, words of encouragement, and financial support.

If the door is open, feel free to take a peek. We will host an Open House in the fall.



The parish chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was formed in 1935.

It didn't take long for Sophia Zeigler (may she rest in well-deserved peace) to start making her nourishing soups to feed the hungry.

Hope without risk is not hope, which is believing in risky loving, trusting others in the dark, the blind leap letting God take over.

—Dom Helder Câmara

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what things are important to them. Learning about a person is a way to get to know them. If you want to know what God has done in the past, you might read the scriptures or some other spiritual book. You might take a class, attend a lecture, or read some other religious material. You might look up a question that you're wondering about in the catechism.

You can learn about a friend by telling others about them. You might say, "What I really love about my friend is . . ." Doing this is a way of reflecting on the relationship and the things that you value with in the friend. There are ways to do this in your relationship with God too. You might offer to be a catechist; in figuring out how to tell our children about God, your relationship with God becomes more treasured. You might offer to sponsor an OCIA candidate, someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic; by participat-

ing in their classes and prayers and sharing your faith, that faith will grow.

And of course, a friendship will grow when you do things together. You can always invite God to come along with you during the day. You can also offer to serve others in some way, relying on God to be beside you and help you.

Our parish bulletin can be a big help in getting to know God; they often included references to classes, retreats, and spiritual reflections. If you want more scripture in your prayer life, you might read the selections for each day's Mass (they're also available at bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading). You can learn when catechists and OCIA sponsors are needed. You can learn about opportunities to serve with God at your side.

Getting to know someone takes some time and effort, but there is nothing like having a deep and meaningful relationship with someone, especially God. What is the next step for you?



St. Patrick's Parish In Focus

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Quick fixin's from the kitchen of . . . Ruth Wene

Japanese Fruit Pie

1 9-in pie crust, unbaked
3 eggs
1 c sugar
1/2 c margarine, melted
1 lemon's grated peel
2 T lemon juice
3/4 c raisins
3/4 c coconut
3/4 c chopped pecans

Mix all ingredients and bake in pie crust at 375 degrees for 40 minutes.

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Do you have a favorite quick and easy recipe to share? Maybe something your family and friends really enjoy? Please send it to Mary Lou Menches (mmenches@illinois.edu) — our readers are always looking for that great addition to a meal!



Deadline for submission of articles and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* (October) is **Sunday, September 6.**