Dear St. Patrick Parish Family,

God’s blessing and joy be in your hearts this day! As I am writing this, I find myself amazed and thankful about many things. I am amazed at how fast this last year has gone by! I continue to be amazed at the volume of ministries, activities, and outreach that happens here at our parish. Of course, I am thankful for the generosity and involvement of so many of the good people here. Without a doubt, the reason we are able to do all that happens here at St. Patrick is all of you! I’m so thankful you are here…and I’m looking forward to another great year of growth and life together here in our parish.

As we are planning for the months ahead, the word that continues to resonate in my heart is “opportunity.” Sometimes—maybe even often—in the life of the Church we are presented with pressing needs: “We need a volunteer for...” “We need this donation for...” I don’t know if you have noticed, but after working in many places, I’m joyful to notice those pressing needs are not that common here at our parish! Of course we have obligations. Of course we have needs. But I’m joyful to say that those needs are regularly handled by the generosity and involvement of our faith family. That leads me to my reflection on the opportunities that are before us. Because so many needs are generously taken care of, we are free to focus on the possibilities for growth and development. Because we are not bogged down about need, we are able to entertain what is possible.

What is possible? What does your heart tell you? Have you had the desire inside to stretch yourself to grow in a new way? Has there been a desire welling up inside to dive deeper into our lived Faith? If you are feeling drawn to answer that desire, I invite you to look through the following pages with an open mind and an open heart.

In this book you will see many opportunities to grow our hearts: through praying together, learning about our Faith, and serving one another. As you look through the many ministries and opportunities, I invite you to think about the questions: How could any of these ministries grow? How could I live our Faith to the fullest? How could our parish family grow this next year? As you think of your answers, I pray that this book will help guide your resolve to be involved, generous, and excited about great growth in the year ahead!

May God’s blessing be upon our St. Patrick Catholic Church family and all the people who come through the doors each day. Together, may we continue to grow deeper in knowing God’s love for us and stronger in living out that love in our parish, our community, and our world. May this year be a heartfelt strengthening of the great things already happening here...and an exciting exploration of what is possible as we look ahead!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Luke
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Getting Acquainted

THE PARISH STAFF


Fr. Luke Spannagel
Pastor of St. Patrick from June 2017; ordained May 24, 2003

As Pastor, I strive to preach and live the love of Christ for our parish family. I oversee the entire pastoral ministry of the parish and serve as parish administrator. I celebrate liturgies, confer the sacraments, assist with teaching our Faith, visit the sick, and support our schools, education programs, and service opportunities. I am the parish staff representative for Stewardship Ministry. Please always feel free to ask for whatever help the staff and I can provide—we are joyful to serve you and our entire parish family!

Deacon David Zola
Permanent deacon, ordained for service at St. Patrick May 19, 2012

St. Patrick is indeed home for the Zola family. I arrived at St. Patrick in 1978 and Susan arrived in 1985. We met when we were both serving as youth ministers for the high school youth in the mid-1980's. We were married here in 1989. All three of our children, Sarah, Anne, and Luke, were baptized, made their First Communion, and were confirmed at St. Patrick. Now I am serving as a Permanent Deacon, forever grateful for the love and support of the parishioners of St. Patrick. I am humbled by this opportunity and pray daily for the grace and strength to minister with a servant’s heart.

Deacon Cliff Maduzia
Permanent deacon, ordained for service at St. Patrick May 18, 2002

I assist at Mass, officiate at an occasional baptism, and help out at various special liturgies. Finding ways to provide local groups with food to feed the hungry is a fun challenge that takes up a lot of time. Being a partner to unemployed folks makes their path a little less difficult and mine more meaningful. With the participation of others, we can now offer more practical help as well. Through all this I get to see people’s hearts opened by God’s power at work in the world.
Karen Barnes  
*Bookkeeper from March 2016*
As bookkeeper I keep an official record of income and spending so there is an accurate trail of all transactions. This includes Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable, Payroll, Banking, General Ledger, Reporting, and other clerical duties. I meet with our Financial Affairs Committee on a regular basis to set and review our budgets and expenditures. I am the parish staff representative to the Stewardship Ministry. I am happy to serve and be a part of St. Patrick Parish.

Patricia Fowler  
*Parish Secretary from October 2015*
As parish secretary I am an assistant to those who serve the parish. I am the contact for parishioners and newcomers for questions about the parish and parish events. I am responsible for the bulletin, e-calendar, and sacramental records. It is a joy to work with the dedicated staff and faith-filled parishioners here at St. Patrick. I enjoy being of help in such an active and growing parish.

Franklin Gallo  
*Music Director from July 2016*
As director of music, I plan parish liturgies, lead weekend and holy day Masses on organ and piano, as well as for weddings and funerals, and recruit, train, and direct cantors, choir members, and instrumentalists. I am the parish staff representative for the Worship Ministries, provide leadership for the parish liturgical music program, and work with the pastor and the Worship Ministry team to develop liturgies. We strive to invite the full, active, and conscious participation of the assembly.

Jon McCoy  
*Director of Religious Education from August 2012*
I coordinate our children’s religious education program which includes all children from ages four through the fifth grade. I also coordinate with the college students and young professionals who teach our middle school, high school, and Confirmation programs. In addition, I am responsible for finding volunteer catechists as well as selecting the religious education material that is used each year. I also take care of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist preparation for any child that is in the religious education program. Plus, I coordinate our summer religion program (VBS or Totus Tuus), and I assist with the Children’s Liturgy. Finally, I am the parish staff representative of the Faith Development and Spiritual Enrichment Ministries.

Jim Urban  
*Pastoral Associate from July 2013*
As the parish staff representative to the Peace and Justice and Parish Community Life Ministries, I hope to support, encourage, and serve the many groups and committees for these ministries. I’m inspired by all the dedicated volunteers at St. Patrick who live out our Lord’s call to serve others.
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The Parish Council is a group that advises the pastor and parish trustees in conducting the spiritual and secular affairs of the parish. Voting membership of the Council is made up of ten parishioners who serve a 3-year term, the two parish trustees, and the pastor. Three or four new Council members are selected each year in April from parishioner volunteers. Visitors are welcome at Council meetings, held on third Thursdays at 7 p.m. Agenda items may be suggested by contacting the Council president two weeks in advance (marketing4u@comcast.net).
Growing God's family by living the love of Christ through sacraments, service, and a joyful, welcoming community.

Our parish is an exciting place to be in ministry. We strive to live a life that mirrors the life of Christ. We respond to this call by daily placing our talents and gifts at the service of the Lord. We want to empower all of our parishioners, young and old, to grow in faith and to share their gifts in growing God's family.

All of the varied groups and activities within the parish function under one structure, defined by the following six key ministry areas:

- Ministry of Faith Development
- Ministry of Parish Community Life
- Ministry of Peace & Justice
- Ministry of Spiritual Enrichment
- Ministry of Stewardship
- Ministry of Worship

Each of these ministry areas is headed by a leadership team that includes a parish staff representative, a Parish Council representative, and a ministry area parish representative. The leadership team draws together all who serve in that ministry area to discern how best to meet the needs of the parish and the greater community.

This structure embodies a genuine commitment to team ministry. Our ultimate goal is to encourage shared wisdom and leadership, to build more unified, effective programs, and to encourage broader participation and service. “Together we strive to grow God's family by living the love of Christ” (Parish Mission Statement).

Faith Development

The Faith Development Ministry Leadership Team includes the Director of Religious Education Program, two Parish Council members, and a parish representative. The team provides leadership and vision, planning and coordination of activities within the ministry, and maintains communication with the other five ministry areas of the parish. The ministry encourages education in the Catholic faith from childhood through adulthood.

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Parish Representative: Lynn Hardimon, lhardimon@aol.com

Children's Religious Education
Classes for four-year-old preschoolers through 5th grade are offered to accommodate the many children who register each year. Classes in St. Patrick’s parish center are offered on Sunday mornings from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. On the first and second Sundays there is a special children’s Mass at 10:00 a.m. in the church. Classes are also offered for families in St. Joseph at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Baptism preparation for children 7-12 is offered by appointment. Second-graders prepare for their First Reconciliation in the Fall and First Communion in the Spring.

Jon McCoy, jon.mccoy@stpaturbana.org, 367-2665 ext. 132

First Friday with Fr. Luke
Mystagogia 2.0 “Father Why Do we do That?” Have you ever wondered where a certain belief comes from? Where it is found in the Bible? How it became part of Catholic Tradition? Fr. Luke will look at and answer questions on different topics relevant to our Faith, teach and explain the background and the spiritual significance. Bring a brown bag lunch and join Fr. Luke at 12:15 pm on the first Friday of the month in the Main Hall!
Patricia Fowler, 367-2665 Ext. 110, or 531-7000, patricia.fowler@stpaturbana.org
Holy Cross & STM Commission on Youth Education Liaison
For parish families whose children are enrolled at Holy Cross School or the High School of St Thomas More, Rachael and Adam can answer questions about the schools or help with parents’ concerns. These parishioners meet with the schools’ principals periodically throughout the school year.
Rachael McMillan (Holy Cross), rachmcmill@gmail.com, 402-5005
Adam Smith (STM), army.arch@yahoo.com, 377-6987

Marriage Preparation
Married couples assist engaged couples to prepare for marriage by acting as mentor couples. Our pastor connects mentor couples with engaged couples.
Parish Office, 367-2665 ext.132

Pre-Baptism Classes
A baptism preparation class is offered on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. in the parish center. These are small-group, interactive classes for parents on the sacrament of Baptism. Parents are required to attend a session before the baptism of their child. Additional couples are sought to help lead small-group classes.
Deacon David Zola, 359-5297

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH — GRADES 7-12
St. Patrick offers religious education programs for youth in grades 6 through 12, focusing on catechesis, prayer, service, and community building.

Christ Renews Everyone’s World, or CREW for short, is the high school youth group. CREW is formed on the four guiding pillars of Service, Spirituality, Social, and Study. CREW members actively participate in teen-focused liturgies and sacraments, catechesis (teaching of the Faith), service projects, and time for fellowship and socializing. Meetings are led as a collaboration between student leaders and young adult volunteers from the St. John Newman Center and the greater Champaign-Urbana community. CREW meets on Sundays, 6:30-8 pm.
crew@stpaturbana.org

Confirmation is a two year process for our 8th grade and older students. Confirmation is celebrated every other year at St. Patrick, and our next Confirmation will be in the spring of 2020. Baptism preparation for teens can be arranged on request.
Jon McCoy, jon.mccoy@stpaturbana.org, 367-2665 ext. 132

Mission Trip Preparation for high school teens starts in their freshman year, with their first trip between freshman and sophomore year. To go on the annual summer mission trip, teens during the preceding school year need to participate in the fall and spring service opportunities in the community and fund raise by selling Christmas wreaths, yard raking, and a service auction.
Adam Smith, missiontrip@stpaturbana.org

Vivo, the middle school youth group (6th through 8th graders), meets on Sundays, 6:30-8 pm., for religious education activities, including talks, small group discussions, and games. Students also participate in occasional social and service activities.
Tatiana Schaffer, tschaff2@illinois.edu

RCIA
If you or someone you know is interested in looking into the Catholic faith, considering becoming Catholic, or is an adult who needs to complete Sacraments (First Communion, Confirmation), RCIA is the journey by which adults respond to God’s call to the Catholic faith. Through educational presentation and reflective discussion of Scripture, inquirers learn about the church and discern God’s call to faith. Starting in September, sessions are Wednesday nights, 7-9pm. The process of inquiry and discernment culminates in entry into the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Frances Drone-Silvers, francesds@yahoo.com, 377-8099

Vacation Bible School/Totus Tuus
During the summer, we offer either Vacation Bible School or Totus Tuus as one of our week long, summer religious education options. Vacation Bible School is for children ages 4 through 10, while the Totus Tuus program has a day session for children entering grades 1-6, and an evening session for any youth entering 7th-12th grades. This program is led by four team members in our diocese that are either seminarians or college-aged men and women. Both programs evangelize to the children the core beliefs of their Catholic faith while having a lot of fun in the process. Many volunteers are needed to make this program a success.
Jon McCoy, jon.mccoy@stpaturbana.org, 367-2665 ext. 132
Parish Community Life

The Parish Community Life Ministry Leadership Team includes a Pastoral Associate, a Parish Council member, and a parish representative. The team provides leadership and vision, planning and coordination of activities within the ministry, and maintains communication with the other five ministry areas of the parish. The ministry encourages participation in the community life of the parish and provides a welcoming presence and outreach in the community.

Jim Urban, jim.urban@stpaturbana.org
Parish Council: TBD
Parish Representative: TBD

Baby Blanket Ministry
The parish welcomes new babies and their parents with the gift of a special receiving blanket. Parishioners create and pray over these blankets before they are given to the family.
Bernadette Nelson, bernelson@comcast.net

Baptismal Garment Ministry
Parishioners create white garments that are used during the Rite of Baptism. These are a gift from our parish to the newly baptized child and their family.
Shirley Splittstoesser, splitts@life.illinois.edu, 367-3330

Champaign Urbana Young Catholic Professionals
Are you interested in connecting with other young adults, aged 20-40, at St. Patrick? The parish has an active group of young adults who come together for potlucks, outings, and times of prayer and/or sharing. The group also offers opportunities for young adults to engage in volunteering and social events.
Pamela Suresca, pamela@prolifeillinois.com

Coffee Shop
After 8:00 am. Sunday Mass, the main hall of the parish center provides the setting for a socializing event known as the Coffee Shop. Men’s and women’s teams serve coffee, orange juice, and doughnuts until the supplies run out or until 10:00 am., whichever comes first. Come along to meet with friends or to make new ones.
Jerry and Susie McArthur, 649-2845

Communications Committee
If you have journalistic interests or artistic skills, enjoy gathering or disseminating information, can use page layout software, or simply have ideas for In Focus, the Communications Committee would be pleased to hear from you. This committee seeks to deepen understanding and appreciation among parish groups and individuals through the parish newsletter, In Focus, and in the diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Post.
Cathy Salika, csalika@illinois.edu, 267-7861

Knights of Columbus
The Urbana Council 5752 of the Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of men that supports St. Patrick Parish and many local community projects. The local Council sponsors a variety of popular parish activities that include the Lenten dinners, Fr. Charles Martell Scholarships, pancake breakfasts, golf outings, Ladies Knight Out, and the Fall Tootsie Roll drive for the mentally and developmentally disabled.

Jeff Kneer, janck94@comcast.net

Quilters Group
Quilters meetings are scheduled by the group as needed. They work with donated, hand-pieced quilt tops. The finished quilts are raffled off and the proceeds are donated to our church or church related charity. Beginners as well as experienced quilters are welcome.
Shirley Splittstoesser, splitts@life.illinois.edu, 367-3330

St. Jeanne Jugan Seniors Group
Our Seniors Group is under the patronage of St. Jeanne Jugan, foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor and patroness of those folks who have been around for a while. They meet for a monthly luncheon at various local restaurants, with a guest speaker giving a presentation on a timely topic. They go on occasional road trips and enjoy an annual Christmas party. Events are open to all parishioners.
Chuck Milewski, cmil2150@msn.com

St. Patrick Presents . . .
St. Patrick annually offers several parish-wide intergenerational events—known as “St. Patrick Presents...”—to address the need for community building, spiritual formation, and outreach to the larger community. In an entertaining format of dinner/theaters or presentation/desserts, people are invited to grow in spirituality. Parishioners are encouraged to use these events as a means of inviting family and friends to “come home” to the Church.

Parish Staff
Saint Patrick’s Youth Orchestra
The orchestra is open to any student from grades 7 through 12. The group is student-led and provides a welcoming and positive atmosphere for young musicians in the Champaign-Urbana area.
Franklin Gallo, franklin.gallo@stpaturbana.org, 531-7003 stpatsyouthorchestra@gmail.com

Welcome Team
“Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.” [Hebrews 13:2] Do you have a heart for hospitality, making new people feel welcome? Have you experienced being welcomed into a new community or parish and would like to extend that same welcome to others? The St. Patrick Welcome Team seeks to extend a warm welcome to newcomers and visitors to our wonderful parish. About once a month team members stand near the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space before and after Mass to greet those who may be new or visiting. They share info about the many ministries at St. Patrick Parish and also contact newly registered parishioners to offer a parish tour or to meet them at Coffee Shop Sunday morning. Will you will say yes to this ministry of welcoming new people into our parish family?
Mary Long, yemmalong@yahoo.com

Women of St. Patrick
The Women of St. Patrick (WSP) is a group for all the women of St. Patrick. Its mission is to foster spirituality, to provide service to our parish and community, and to organize, support, and host social gatherings for the St. Patrick community. It is an organization that enables the women of our parish to get to know and connect with one another. Events are scheduled for day and evening and include luncheons, guest speakers, dinners out at various restaurants, the Cellar-to-Garret Sale, and the Christmas Cookie and Basket Sale. There are no dues or other requirements to be part of this group. Simply join in any activity or event. All are welcome!
Nancy Olson, nancybolson@gmail.com or womenofstpatrick@gmail.com

Outreach Ministries
Some ministries reach beyond our parish into the community and serve to invite and welcome people into the Church, to encourage collaboration within the Champaign Vicariate, or to collaborate ecumenically with other churches with the goal of unity in the Body of Christ.

• Deaf / Hard-of-Hearing Ministry offers the sacrament of Communal Reconciliation, sign-language interpretation at noon Masses, and a Day of Renewal opportunity. Sign-language interpreters provide a way for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing to participate more fully in the celebration of the Eucharist. Sign-language interpretation is offered at the noon Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month and on special occasions. Minette Sternke, cudeafministry@gmail.com

• Urbana Market-at-the-Square St. Patrick has an occasional presence at the Urbana farmers market on a few Saturdays in the summer (watch the bulletin for dates). This ministry seeks to provide a welcoming presence in the community and to represent the Catholic faith to people who stop by the booth to visit with parish representatives.
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Peace & Justice

**Peace and Justice Ministry Leadership Team** includes a Pastoral Associate, a Parish Council member, and a parish representative. The team provides leadership and vision, planning and coordination of activities within the ministry, and maintains communication with the other five ministry areas of the parish. The ministry encourages a Catholic Christian response to issues of peace and justice.

**Jim Urban, jim.urban@stpaturbana.org, 367-2665**  
Parish Council: TBD  
Parish Representative: TBD

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**PEACE & JUSTICE COALITION**
This ministry includes all leaders of active Peace & Justice direct action and advocacy initiatives. It exists to build connections between the various ministries serving our parish and neighborhood communities and offer prayerful support, brainstorming, and collaboration. They meet every few weeks to share what each ministry has planned and any special challenges they are facing. They create and promote short-term and long-term goals for collaborative and integrated Peace and Justice work at St. Patrick.

**Jim Urban, jim.urban@stpaturbana.org, 367-2665**  
**Eileen Mathy, emaryu@gmail.com**

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**PEACE & JUSTICE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP TEAM**
This group works to provide educational opportunities and adult faith formation around the social teachings of the church. They host classes and workshops, guest speakers, panel discussions, book groups, and other programs to encourage important dialogue about topics around marginalized groups, social issues, and Catholic responsibility in being the eyes, arms, hands, feet of Christ in building the Kingdom of God. They create service projects to provide immersion experiences and direct action in our community. The leadership team meets monthly to plan and promote these activities and service projects.

**Kelly Skinner, kmillierin@hotmail.com**  
**Eileen Mathy, emaryu@gmail.com**

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**PEACE & JUSTICE DIRECT ACTION GROUPS**

**Environmental Stewardship**
There are several parish efforts to promote stewardship of the Earth and responsible use of the Earth’s resources. If you have an idea for additional ministries or projects, contact the Peace & Justice Coalition.

Parishioners plant and maintain an organic garden that provides fresh produce for clients of the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.  
**April Jessee, april.jessee@gmail.com**  
Parishioners are working on efforts around sustainability and energy conservation, specifically regarding the use of solar panels on church property.  
**John Dorsey, jdorsey@ameritech.net**

**Housing and Homelessness**
Maintaining or obtaining affordable housing is a challenge that residents in the Champaign-Urbana community face. Our parish supports efforts to ensure that housing needs are met for the poor and vulnerable members of our community.

**Cathy Strick, mcstrick@illinoisalumni.org**  
Cathy serves as a parish representative to the Champaign-Urbana Coalition for the Homeless.

**Ryan Hughes, rhughes416@gmail.com**  
Ryan serves as a parish representative to Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County.

**Immigrant and Refugee Support**
There are several parish efforts to provide support for the resettlement of immigrants, refugees, or those seeking political asylum in the Champaign-Urbana community. Support is needed to help individuals and families in their transition from dependency to self-sufficiency. Support needs include legal assistance, transportation, housing, healthcare, job development, education, and community support. The parish partners with Champaign-Urbana Friends & Allies of Immigrants & Refugees (CUFAIR).

**Luis Cuza, luis@cusa.us**

**Meals on Wheels**
Twice a year for one week at a time St. Patrick’s parishioners assist in bringing hot mid-day meals to people living in the Champaign-Urbana area through a program called Meals on Wheels. Prepared by University of Illinois nutritionists, the meals are picked up by volunteers who deliver them to designated recipients.

**Kevin Martindale, rewirek@sbcglobal.net, 384-0338**
St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry
The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) Food Pantry is made up of volunteers who answer Jesus’ call to feed the hungry. On weekday afternoons (Monday-Thursday) members give out food to those who come to the parish center. Lots of "behind-the-scene" work is done by SVDP members making it possible for the other members to distribute food on those afternoons. SVDP Friends of the Poor Walk is held in September and Thanksgiving baskets are delivered to needy local residents. In collaboration with other parish ministries, SVDP also hosts a dinner in unity with friends of the food pantry.
Sally Czapar, czapar101@gmail.com

Unemployed Support Group
The support group is for those suffering the loss of employment. Deacon Cliff Maduzia facilitates a monthly meeting at St. Patrick Parish Center on every 2nd Tuesday at 7pm, and coordinates ongoing help with human resource professionals.
Deacon Cliff Maduzia, cmaduzia1@sbcglobal.net, 217-791-1264

PEACE & JUSTICE OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY

Advocacy for Justice
Emails are periodically sent with information from groups such as NETWORK (a Catholic Social Justice Lobby group), Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and Catholic Charities, as well as programs and advocacy initiatives from our Peace & Justice ministries to keep St. Patrick’s parishioners up-to-date on social justice issues that invite a response and call for action by our legislators. Indicate your interest by asking to be added to the email list.
Jim Urban, jim.urban@stpaturbana.org, 367-2665

Interfaith Outreach
Interfaith Outreach focuses on improving dialogue, relationships, and activities with other faith communities, secular and governmental organizations, and individuals in our region. Interfaith programming reaches beyond our parish into the community and serves to encourage collaborative relationships with other houses of worship, with the goal of promoting peace in the world. The group works to plan the Know Your Neighbors program. Luis Cuza serves as the representative to Interfaith Alliance. Interfaith Alliance celebrates religious freedom by championing individual rights, promoting policies that protect both religion and democracy, and uniting diverse voices to challenge extremism.
Luis Cuza, luis@cusa.us

Respect Life
The Respect Life program was established to study, pray, and plan activities in our parish that foster reverence for the whole of life, from conception to natural death. St. Patrick helps coordinate an ecumenical memorial prayer service annually in January on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision.
Jim Urban, jim.urban@stpaturbana.org, 367-2665
Spiritual Enrichment

The Spiritual Enrichment Ministry Leadership Team includes a Pastoral Associate, a Parish Council member, and a parish representative. The team provides leadership and vision, planning and coordination of activities within the ministry, and maintains communication with the other five ministry areas of the parish. The ministry provides opportunities to deepen one’s faith through individual and group activities, studies, and prayer, as well as by supporting those experiencing loss or spiritual need.

Jon McCoy, jon.mccoy@stpaturbana.org, 367-2665 ext. 132
Parish Council: TBD
Marty Sierra-Perry, sierrama1@comcast.net

Centering Prayer
Contemplative prayer is the opening of mind and heart, one’s whole being, to God. Centering prayer opens us to an awareness of God’s presence and grateful acceptance of God’s action within. Individuals gather from 7:00 to 8:15 pm. Mondays at St. Patrick church for shared reflection on a brief Scripture reading (Lectio Divina), followed by silent, centering prayer. First-timers and interested persons are always welcome.

Mary Lou Menches, mmenches@illinois.edu, 344-1125

Divine Mercy Cenacle
The Divine Mercy Cenacle is a prayer and study group that meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 3 pm in Trinity Hall. They pray and discuss topics drawn from the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, the saint of Divine Mercy and also delve into the Bible, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. They enjoy fellowship; if you are seeking to widen your spiritual life and deepen your devotion to God, this group may be for you!

Dan Richards, woregon@hotmail.com, 714-2609

Eucharistic Ministers of Pastoral Care
To someone homebound, in a nursing home, or hospitalized and unable to come to church, receiving the Eucharist and maintaining connections with the parish community bring consolation. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are trained in compassionate pastoral care by others who are experienced in doing just that. This corporal work of mercy is a very rewarding ministry of our Church. Most serve once or twice each month, as they are available. The need is always present. Contact information for each area of ministry is provided below.

Jon McCoy, jon.mccoy@stpaturbana.org, 367-2665 ext. 132

Visits to the homebound:
Mary Karten, mlkarten@hotmail.com, 898-0938

Visits to Meadowbrook Skilled Care at Clark-Lindsey, Amber Glen, and Brookdale:
Mary Karten, mlkarten@hotmail.com, 898-0938

Visits to Carle Foundation Hospital:
Kevin Martindale, rewirek@sbcglobal.net, 217-369-4324;
Diane Wilhelm, wilhelm@d@earthlink.net, 630-292-3028

Ministry Team serving Champaign County Nursing Home:
Do you have some time to share Friday morning Mass with the residents of Champaign County Nursing Home? Starting at 10 am., we set up and bring residents to Mass. Volunteer every week, or when your schedule allows. Help bring Church to the residents at CCNH...they enjoy it so much!
Sandy Anderson, 469-2416; Susie McArthur, 840-7775

Funeral Prayer Ministry
This ministry involves the corporal and spiritual works of mercy—to bury the dead and to pray for the living and the dead. Those active in the ministry are invited to attend funeral Masses at St. Patrick to pray for the deceased and their families. If you sign up, the parish will contact you prior to funerals either by phone or email and ask you to attend whenever possible. There is no commitment to attend all funerals; come as you are able. The ministry is a simple one, but it is vital to the spiritual well-being of our parish community, and it is a great comfort to the family of the deceased. Nancy Olson, nancybolson@gmail.com, 359-6424

Ministry of Consolation
The Ministry of Consolation team provides support for parishioners who have lost a loved one. This is done at the time of the funeral as well as through follow-up grief support through programs throughout the year and personally as needed. The team, with the pastor, offers an Evening of Remembrance twice a year along with a program called A Ray of Hope: Facing the Holidays Following a Loss, and a Christmas holiday luncheon to honor the widows of the parish. They also facilitate the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Nancy Olson, nancybolson@gmail.com, 359-6424
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Volunteers can participate in the Prayer Shawl Ministry, knitting or crocheting shawls while praying for the recipient of the shawl, usually someone seriously ill, caregivers, those who are aging in emotional need or in any stressful circumstances. Shawl makers work in their own home at their own pace and deliver shawls to the parish office when completed. Shawls are periodically blessed before being distributed. Anyone who would benefit from the comfort the shawl brings and the prayers it represents is welcome to have one.
Nancy Olson, nancybolson@gmail.com, 359-6424

Parish Bible Studies
St. Patrick Parish Bible Study small groups offer a way to delve more deeply into the Sacred Scriptures to enhance understanding of these God-inspired passages and apply them to our lives. Small groups meet on different days and times; the staff would be happy to connect you with a group that works for you. The staff will also help new groups form if you would like to gather friends to study God’s Word. Copies of past programs offered in the parish may be borrowed for study at home from our offices for you to study at home. Some are listed here:
Jon McCoy, jon.mccoy@stpaturbana.org, 367-2665 ext. 132
- The Great Adventure Bible Study series offers an opportunity to study Scripture, linking it to our Catholic Christian faith tradition and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Over the years we have studied the Bible Timeline (an overview of all the Bible), the Gospel of Matthew, Acts of the Apostles, Revelation, and Exodus (Study materials and DVDs).
- The Catholicism Study is available to borrow so you can experience these beautiful video presentations covering the faith and traditions of the Catholic Church (DVDs).
- A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, understanding what we say and do in the Liturgy (DVDs, book, study guide).
- Catching Fire, Becoming Flame Study, based on a book and video presentation by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, which explores how to grow deeper in your spiritual and prayer life (DVDs).
- Congolese Community Bible Study.
- The Noon Bible Study meets on Tuesdays during the lunch hour in the parish center.
Chris Whippo, chriswhippo@yahoo.com, 352-7263
- The Little Rock Scripture Study meets at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, in St. Patrick’s Trinity Hall.
Margaret Stewart, mkestewart@aol.com, 356-9475

Parish Library
The parish library contains books and religious periodicals for adults, teens, and children on a wide variety of subjects. The library is located in the classroom wing of the parish center. If you have experience as a librarian or library aide, this ministry is for you!
Megan Raab, raab41987@gmail.com

Parish Nurse Program
The Parish Nurse ministry focuses on empowering each person to make sound choices and decisions, to promote health and well-being of body, mind, and spirit. Parishioners who are registered nurses volunteer to support the health of the congregation through health counseling and education, advocacy in the health care system, and referrals to appropriate resources. Parish Nurses offer blood pressure screenings on most 4th-Sunday mornings in the parish center, and in the Fall they host a Health Fair and dispense flu shots. They also maintain the defibrillators in the church and parish center.
Roxane Lowry, rmlowryster@gmail.com, 649-2978

Prayer Chain
St. Patrick Parish has a prayer chain of parishioners who pray for the intentions of anyone in need or who would like to request prayers. Prayers for others should be requested with the other person’s consent and can be made without using a name if preferred. All prayer requests are confidential. Both prayer requests and pray-ers are welcome.
Parish Office, 367-2665
Mary Lou Menches, mmenches@illinois.edu, 344-1125
Returning Catholics
St. Patrick’s offers a continuous opportunity for inactive Catholics to return to active participation in a Catholic community. By contacting the parish office (367-2665), inactive Catholics will be referred to a member of the Returning Catholics team, who will assist them in discerning their needs as they embark on their personal journey to full communion with the Church in a faith community.
Mary Lou Menches, mmenches@illinois.edu, 344-1125

Stewardship
The Stewardship Ministry Leadership Team includes the Pastor, a Parish Council member, and a parish representative. The team provides leadership and vision, planning and coordination of activities within the ministry, and maintains communication with the other five ministry areas of the parish. The ministry encourages good stewardship practices and cares for our parish resources.
Fr. Luke Spannagel, 367-2665
Karen Barnes, karen.barnes@stpaturbana.org, 531-7002
Parish Council: TBD
Parish Representative: TBD

Archives Committee
The Archives Committee collects and preserves information of historic and current interest about St. Patrick parish community. This includes photographs, newspaper clippings, Parish Council meeting minutes, and other official records. Members make this information available to the people of the parish, genealogists, and researchers. If you are a history buff, we would love to have you help with our memory keeping!
Peggy Pennacchi, archives@stpaturbana.org

Vocation Awareness
Prayers and articles on vocations are shared periodically with the parish through the bulletin and In Focus, as well as updates on parishioners who have followed God’s call to priesthood or religious life. This ministry offers adults of any age a chance to discern what God may be calling them to in their life. This can be specifically regarding the priesthood and religious life, or discernment of how one will live as a layperson in our 21st-century world. If you have been asking yourself “What am I here for, what is it God has for me to do in my life,” this may be a good time to explore your special and unique calling.
Parish Office, 367-2665

Building & Grounds

Committee
This committee is responsible for the ongoing maintenance, repair, and operation of all parish property, equipment, and grounds. Electricians, masons, plumbers, carpenters, organizers, record keepers, and others with special skills provide organization and leadership for a variety of parish projects. Amateur do-it-yourselfers are also in great demand.
Phil Davis, sue.phil.davis@gmail.com, 354-2545

Grounds Crew
The many plantings on our parish grounds are lovely year-round. To help them stay that way, the Grounds Crew keeps an eye on the need for new plantings, watering, and weeding. Helping hands, always welcome, make light work, as the saying goes.

Collection Counters
On Mondays, from 8 to 10 am., a team of parishioners gathers to count the collections taken up at weekend Masses. What might otherwise be a time-consuming and tedious job is made easy and pleasant by teamwork and friendship.
Parish Office, 367-2665
COUNCILS & ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Finance Council
The Finance Council assists in preparing the annual parish operating budget, analyzes expenditures, prepares financial reports, and advises the pastor regarding financial matters. One of the Finance Council’s primary functions is to increase parishioners’ awareness of the need and opportunities for their support of St. Patrick through regular financial contributions.
Karen Barnes, karen.barnes@stpaturbana.org, 531-7002

Parish Council
The Parish Council consists of parishioners who serve in an advisory role for the pastor regarding spiritual and secular matters of the parish. Council members assist and advise the ministry work of the parish and help to establish a welcoming environment for all who attend St. Patrick.
Jack Parisi, marketing4u@comcast.net

St. Patrick Catholic School Tuition Assistance Advisory Group
The St. Patrick Catholic School Tuition Assistance Advisory Group advises the pastor in making decisions about tuition assistance given to parish families who attend area Catholic schools. The group meets annually and consists of parishioners from St. Patrick.

Vincent O. Greene Scholarship Committee
The Vincent O. Greene Scholarship committee is an advisory group to the pastor to assist in reviewing scholarship applications and making recommendations for scholarship amounts distributed annually from the parish gift made by Mr. Vincent O. Greene. The committee meets periodically and is made up of two St. Patrick parishioners and additional parishioners serving in an advisory role as needed.

Vincent O. Greene Scholarship Farm Advisory Group
The Vincent O. Greene Scholarship Farm Advisory Group advises the pastor in making decisions about farm management regarding the farms gifted to the parish by Mr. Vincent O. Greene. The group meets quarterly and is made of parishioners from St. Patrick who are familiar with farming and farm management.

Worship
The Worship Ministry Leadership Team includes the parish Music Director, a Parish Council member, and a parish representative. The team provides leadership and vision, planning and coordination of activities within the ministry, and maintains communication with the other five ministry areas of the parish. The ministry seeks to create an inspiring and prayerful liturgical environment for all parishioners.
Frank Gallo, franklin.gallo@stpaturbana.org, 531-7003
Parish Council: TBD
Parish Representative: TBD

Adult Servers for Funerals
Adult servers prepare the church for the celebration of the funeral Mass and assist the presider in preparing the altar for the Eucharistic sacrifice. Written procedures are provided for reference, augmented by on-the-job training.
Jerry Pijanowski, jerry@illinois.edu

Altar Servers
Altar servers assist the presider in a variety of ways during the Mass: carrying articles to be used, assisting with the presider’s book of prayers, offering incense, and preparing the altar for the Eucharistic sacrifice. Training takes place in the church for volunteers in 5th grade and above, and includes a review of procedures during Mass and practice in handling the book of prayers, processional cross and candles.
Christine Hopper, cmhopper1@comcast.net, 899-6373

Art & Environment Team
Liturgical artists seek to fashion an environment that helps people pray together. They collaborate in the preparation and arrangement of materials designed to serve the community’s prayer, carrying out the themes of our worship services through the use of lighting, arrangements of objects, and banners. Assistance in designing, sewing, crafting, and arranging is needed most especially for the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.
Susan Reese, susanereese@comcast.net
Eucharistic Ministers
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) assist with sharing Christ's Body and Blood with his people. EMHCs may choose to serve at Liturgies only, in pastoral care settings only, or in both liturgical and pastoral care ministries. EMHC training and diocesan commissioning is offered throughout the year. Liturgical EMHCs are scheduled annually to serve once or twice a month, at their Mass time of preference.
Diane Wilhelm, wilhelmd@earthlink.net, (630)292-3028

Lectors
In proclaiming the Word of the Lord, the lector shares the story of God's love for us. This story defines our Catholic faith. Formation and training for this ministry take place in the church. Training includes practice with the microphone using a reading from the Sunday Mass, and procedures to be followed before, during, and after the Mass.
Frank Modica, fcmodica67@gmail.com

Mass Setup
Mass setup ministry enables the priest to prepare for the community's worship service, secure in the knowledge that the bread and wine, chalice, and other sacred vessels and any special items required are in place and ready for use. The setup needs for each Mass are listed for reference, with training provided by the Mass setup coordinator. The volunteer sets up once a month for the Mass time of choice.
Mary Lou Menches, mmenchbes@illinois.edu, 344-1125

Music Ministry
All parishioners share in the parish’s music ministry through their full and active participation in parish liturgies. The parish music program welcomes all who desire to guide and support the sung prayer and praise of the assembly.
Frank Gallo, franklin.gallo@stpaturbana.org, 531-7003

Adult Choir
This group has a repertoire that ranges from Gregorian chant to traditional choral classics to contemporary choral music. Rehearsal on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm. Some music-reading experience is desirable, but not required. Often accompanied by instruments such as flute and guitar.

Adult Instrumental Ensembles
The ensembles play at the 5:00 pm Saturday and 12:00 noon Masses, twice a month. All instrumentalists at varying skills levels are welcome. Rehearsals are 45 minutes prior to Mass.

Bell Choir
This Choir rings for Masses occasionally during the year. Rehearsals are on selected Saturdays, 8:30-10am.

Cantors
Cantors lead the assembly in song at weekend parish liturgies. This includes singing the Responsorial Psalm, leading responses, and announcing the music.

Children's Liturgy Ensemble
The ensemble is a group of adults and children who lead music at children's liturgies and on special occasions. The group focuses on music that helps young children to recognize God’s love for them and to make a joyful response in song and in gesture. Rehearsal before each children's liturgy and as announced.
Teresa Rund, teresarund@gmail.com, 721-0949

Congolese Choir
This choir sings on special occasions, and usually at the 12:00 pm Mass. Rehearsals are on Saturdays, 6 p.m.
Kais Mbuiy, kaiskanyinda@gmail.com

Funeral Schola
This group provides music at parish funeral liturgies, usually on weekday mornings. Rehearsal on second and fourth Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 am.
Teen Liturgy
Teen liturgies are offered periodically. Members of CREW serve as musicians, lectors, servers, and gift-bearers. All teenagers are especially welcome at these liturgies.
Frank Gallo, franklin.gallo@stpaturbana.org, 531-7003

Ushers
Ushers, our ministers of hospitality, greet us on our arrival and help us to find adequate seating before the service begins. They distribute materials needed by the assembly for Mass, take up a collection of our offerings for the maintenance of our house of worship and the continuance of our mission as a parish, help to maintain good order during the Communion procession, and distribute parish bulletins as we leave the church. On-the-job training is facilitated by guidance from one’s peers.
Lynn Black, ltsb@att.net, 714-3476

Worship Ministries Team
In all its work the team seeks to plan for and foster parish liturgies that are inspiring, beautiful, and consistent with our faith tradition. The Worship Ministries Team recruits, trains, and schedules volunteers who serve the parish as lectors, sacristans, artists, Eucharistic ministers, servers, ushers, musicians, and those who prepare what is needed for each Mass. The team, which meets nine months of the year on the third Tuesday of the month, also provides opportunities for continuing education and spiritual renewal. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to participate.
Frank Gallo, franklin.gallo@stpaturbana.org, 531-7003