

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Hello Parishioners!

I am so pleased to be in the new church! It's been an adventure adjusting to all this room and the new surroundings.

I can also say that I am grateful for all the wonderful people who make our parish such a great community. I feel blessed by God to be here.

I have often said "great ideas deteriorate into work," and I continue to believe this, whether it be about the Church or public projects. So, it goes without saying, that building our parish community takes a lot of work. But I believe we are up to the task.

In this newsletter you will get a glimpse of community life here at St. Pat's and what we are doing to worship and serve God and to help our neighbor. With your support and involvement, we will be able to do more and even greater things.

May this winter time be a time of many blessings for you and your loved ones. And, may the ice and snow not put a chill on our love of God or our desire to be of service in our families, schools, communities and parish.

St. Patrick! Pray for us!

Sincerely,

Reverend Rudolph T. Juárez



Dedication Mass for the New St. Patrick Church Sunday, November 29, 2009

The Most Reverend Martin Amos presided over the dedication liturgy for the magnificent new St. Patrick Church, concelebrating with our own Father Rudy and the other Iowa City parish priests and priests from around the Diocese. The liturgical celebration included the anointing of the walls and the altar, the sprinkling of holy water and the burning of incense. The more than 1,500 parishioners and guests who were in attendance experienced a sacred and joyous celebration, rich in sight and sound. The Knights of Columbus were in attendance and wonderful music was played by a bagpipe player. St. Patrick's adult choir performed, and the students from the St. Patrick's First Communion class of 2006 sang the song they had sung shortly before the Holy Thursday tornado struck the old St. Patrick Church.

Many were amazed at the blending of the old and new, as they marveled at the exquisite art and architecture, and were comforted to find much from the original church in the Daily Mass/Adoration Chapel. The statue of the Sacred Heart, rescued from the rubble of the old church stands in the vestibule -- a stark contrast to the beauty around it -- a handleless statue, reminding us, as Fr. Rudy did, after the events of April 13, 2006, that we are the hands of Christ. Bishop Amos left us with a reminder and a challenge -- that as beautiful as the building is, "the real treasures will be those deeds done to the least."



Article by Ann Synan

Photos compliments of Mike Jenn

VIEW FROM THE PEW

There is a saying, "Do what you love. The rest will follow." St. Patrick's parishioners Dan and Beth Daly have followed this path.

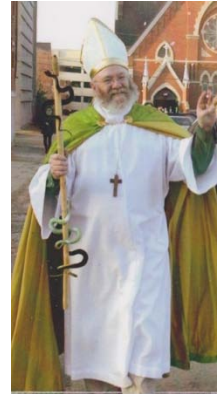
Dan was baptized and received all his sacraments at St. Patrick Church. He attended St. Pat's Elementary School and Regina High School, and went on to graduate from the University of Iowa. He met Beth, a Dallas native and fellow book lover, at the Iowa City Public Library while Beth was attending UI. Beth joined St. Patrick Catholic Church after going through the RCIA Program with Fr. Benda and Adrian Panther.



Dan and Beth were married at St. Pat's in 1984, and had two children, Meghan and Thomas. Beth became a librarian at the Iowa City Public Library, where she still is today. Dan retired from the University after 30 years as the librarian for Hydraulic Research.

They have remained active parishioners, each pursuing what they love to do. Dan was one of the first to volunteer for the Adoration Chapel in the early 1980's and continues this ministry. While Dan was fond of the small Adoration chapel beneath the old rectory, he is pleased with their new "home" in the Daily Mass Chapel. Dan encourages new members to join this ministry – the only requirement is one hour of quiet prayer each week in the chapel.

Dan has dressed the part of St. Patrick and St. Nick at parish parties. He has served on the Parish Council, and he and Beth volunteered as teachers in the Regina Religious Ed program. Dan is eager to become more involved in plans for the church grounds – landscaping and parking! Beth's real love has been the music program. She has been an active member of "El Coro," the choir that performs at the noon Spanish liturgy, and is eager to continue her support of Fr. Rudy's mission to bring the Latino and Anglo parishioners together.



The Daly family is steeped in St. Patrick history. You see, Dan Daly's great-great grandparents, Michael and Bridget Cash, were members of St. Patrick Church in Iowa City when it was dedicated in 1878. So how do Beth and Dan feel about the new church? They say they are delighted with the blending of the "old and the new," in the Daily Mass Chapel and throughout the church. They look forward to the return of the Stations of the Cross from the old church (they are being carefully refurbished and will be placed in the main church soon). Beth says, just like any new home "it will be the experiences that make it feel more like your own." And so they will

continue to do what they love to do for St. Patrick Church...and the rest will follow.

Ann Synan

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

"God's Helping Hands" was formed in 1990 and continues to provide its ministry whose goals are patterned after the Spiritual and Corporal works of Mercy: reaching out to fellow parishioners who have become ill or homebound. This is accomplished by visiting with them and bringing the Eucharist to them. Some are in their own homes, others in retirement or nursing homes or the hospital. They are grateful for the link to their parish. GHH also sends many cards: get well, birthday and bereavement. This group meets the first Thursday of April through December in the Social Hall and does not meet in the winter months. The next meeting is Thursday, April 1st and they would welcome any adult who would love to bring Jesus to others. Please contact Jeanne Seaton (351-4988) if you know of a homebound parishioner who would like to receive the Holy Eucharist. Bulletins are being mailed weekly to those who are unable to make it to Mass. Please contact Margaret Andrews (338-3985) if you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive a bulletin.



Jeanne Seaton

YOUTH TRIP TO NCYC IN KANSAS CITY

I attended the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) of America this past November. Twelve of my fellow youth and I boarded a bus on November 19 and headed out on a six-hour bus ride. When we arrived at the convention center on opening night, I was amazed at how many youth were there - over 23,000 people all ready to celebrate and share their faith.



I had an awesome time attending seminars, small group breakouts, large group assemblies, a Mass, AND eating dinner with Bishop Amos. I had never seen so many youth so excited about their faith, and it made my faith grow. It was so cool rocking out with Christian singers and doing the Catholic dance. It was an experience of a lifetime, and I hope to attend again in 2011 in Indianapolis. Thank you so much for all of your support.

Lizzy Schropp

Judy Swift

FREE LUNCH PROGRAM

Many years ago our parish took turns hosting a regular lunch at the Free Lunch Program in Wesley House. For those of you not familiar with this program, it is a service that was started in 1983 during the Lenten season by a group from St. Mary's Parish to provide a free meal for the needy in the community. On average, over 110 meals are served daily. The project has grown -- thanks to the dedication of volunteer organizations like our own -- and now feeds over 34,000 noon meals per year. You may recall that we helped St. Mary's last spring and summer as a test trial to determine if we had adequate support to "go it alone." Those who participated described it as a rewarding experience and that it was fun at the same time. The Social Action Commission wanted to revive this tradition in our parish and will begin serving these lunches again on the 3rd Wednesday of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, and Dec. Our inaugural day at Wesley House (120 N. Dubuque St) will be February 17th from 10:30-1:30 pm. Anyone from our parish can help with this worthwhile project in a number of ways. We will need people to prepare casseroles, salads and/or desserts either the evening before or on the day of service. We also need servers and a kitchen clean-up crew on our busy day. A Free Lunch Program sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex or you can call Judy Swift at 530-9436 (email: judy-swift@uiowa.edu) to get involved. Thank you in advance for your generosity and hospitality as we work together to serve those in need in our community.

CONFIRMATION

Forty-three members received the Sacrament of Confirmation on January 27th with Bishop Martin Amos presiding. Please pray for those who are saying "Yes, to Christ!"

James Amador
Alexander Balke
Brennan Bogert
Elise Brown
Brandon Capper
Edgar Diaz
Zachary Digman
Michael Donovan
Mani Espinoza

Maria del Refugio Loya
Santiago Loya
Brandon McKaig
Luke Mennan
Marshal Moellers
Ellen Molini
Bryan Nuñez
Tanner Odle
Samuel Pulkrabek

Elizabeth Ferrel
Mitchell Finger
Daniel Gaffey
Amanda Gerard
Lizbeth Gonzalez
James Henkhaus
Michael Henkhaus
Tyler Joseph Hill
Holly Jensen
Bryton Jones
Jake Keating
Thomas Keating
Alexander Ledger

Luis Rangel
Katherine Rapp
Elizabeth Schropp
Stephanie Sirena
Allison Stein
Matthew Streb
Marco Antonio Vargas
Michael Weber
Erin Weno
Zach Williamson
Hannah Wohlgemuth
Brady Joseph Wolf

the
ZAGA
Buzz



The Zaga Buzz is proud to present that....

St. Paddy's Party on March 6th -we will host our annual St. Paddy's Day Party. Pillar will be helping with games for Cornerstone and Lanterns!

Youth Mass on March 7th -we will host our next Family Youth Mass on March 7th! Sign-up now to help! All are invited to participate.

Diocesan Junior High Youth Rally on March 21st -our Cornerstone (JH) youth have the great opportunity to attend the Diocesan Youth Rally at Regina. Please contact the parish office for registration information.

Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th -an Easter Egg Hunt is planned to take place immediately following our 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass.

Youth Sunday on April 11th -once again we will be hosting our monthly Youth Sunday. Beginning with our Family Youth Mass at 10:00 a.m. and continuing that evening from 4:00 – 6:00p.m. for all ages!

Summer Fun Camp from June 14th to 18th – plan ahead for a fun week!

The Zaga Buzz is proud to report that.....

Cornerstone and Pillar Lock-ins! -our year-end lock-ins were great fun! More than 80 youth attended! They had a blast playing



games such as dodge ball, clothing relays, Wii tournaments and much more! Many positive responses were received about the Bible Study, Bible Jeopardy and hour spent in Adoration!

The Sundae Sunday of January 10th -our Sundae Sunday for Lanterns, Cornerstone and Pillar was a fun and filling way to start the New Year. The youth had an endless amount of excitement with the 15 ft. inflatable bounce house, 10+ gallons of ice cream, games and the kick-off for our year long birthday box project.

The Ski Trip of January 17th -104 Iowa City area youth ventured to Sundown Ski Mountain in Dubuque and didn't get injured! Amazing!

Did you know...?

Our youth named their Zaga Room after Aloysius Gonzaga, Patron Saint of Christian Youth.

*For more information, contact:
Chuck Brock, Youth Minister
337-2856
chuckym@stpatsic.com*

COMMISSION OF THE MONTH

Building and Grounds

Ted Pacha & TJ Brandt

With the Church now built and the charge to keep it up, we will be asking for a lot of volunteers with an interest and some experience in several key areas: maintenance, cleaning, green-thumbing, lawn care, painting, carpet cleaning, light bulb changing, wiring, and HVAC, just to name a few.

Someone said "build it and they shall come." Well, our new home is up, and now we must take care of it. Our talents will be just as important as any treasure we have and will be giving to maintaining and taking care of our home! If you have any interest in helping with the upkeep of the Church and/or the grounds, please feel free to e-mail me at: brandtj@aol.com or call me at 337-7490 to be added to our list. We will be having a Buildings & Grounds meeting sometime in February or early March to meet and greet and form sub-groups. Ted & I look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our commission.



BE SURE TO WATCH FOR THE NEXT FEATURED COMMISSION!

FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT JANUARY 2010

The Finance Council meets once a month to discuss various financial items relevant to the parish. The Finance Council consists of Fr. Juarez, Fred Schieber, Dan McGivern, Ted Pacha, Jo Ellen Dickens, John Gavin and Roger Reilly. Highlights from the January meeting are:

- The Building campaign, to fund the costs of the new church, is on schedule. The total amount pledged was \$4,829,881 with \$3,077,742 paid to date. This leaves pledges of **\$1,752,139** remaining to be paid. Thank you for your generosity and prompt payment. The more we can obtain in pledges and gifts, the less we will need to borrow from the bank.
- The Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA), however, is not in as good a shape as the Building Campaign. Our goal is \$81,900 but we have only \$72,950 pledged so far. Of this pledged amount, \$60,153 has been paid leaving an unpaid amount due of **\$21,747**. If you have not pledged to the ADA, please consider doing so today.
- A topic of discussion at the last meeting was the need for a rectory for Fr. Juarez and additional parking spaces. Both of these items are on our "wish list" so the

Finance Council will continue working on how to fund these needs.

- Additional lighting will be added to the sanctuary, social hall and the bell tower in early February.
- A new diocesan campaign, *Moving Forward in Faith and Hope* will be forthcoming in the spring of 2010. Our goal will be **\$630,911** with a portion of the amount raised donated back to St. Patrick Church. Details will be provided at a later date.
- An easy way to contribute to the parish is through electronic giving. Once a month your bank account is charged and your contribution goes directly to the church account. There are no checks to write and your donation is deducted automatically. It is easy for you to contribute in this manner. Please contact Lila Scott (337-2856), office manager, for an enrollment form.



Día de la Virgen de Guadalupe

St. Patrick's parishioners and visitors celebrated the Day of the Virgin of Guadalupe in our new building. Past celebrations have included drums and dancing, but this year's celebration was reverent in other ways. The faithful gathered before midnight on December 12 to say the final prayers of a novena to the Virgin. They gathered again in the early morning to sing the traditional "Mañanitas" or "Little Morning Song." A mass was offered in the evening in praise and thanksgiving for this Virgin of the Americas who appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico in 1531. A potluck reception followed with many traditional dishes such as



mole, *taquitos*, and *pozole* enjoyed by families and friends.

FIRST RECONCILIATION



Forty-three children are preparing for their First Eucharist. This involves learning about Reconciliation, Mass and knowing many prayers! A contest was held for students to win a children's Bible for learning all their prayers in a timely fashion. Luke Burlage and Sofia Renneke were the winners! The class meets twice

monthly during 10:00 Mass and is led by Cheryl Schropp, Stephanie Balke and Bev Bowman.

BLOOD DRIVE

Hawkeye fans may feel like they already bleed black and gold, but it's the red stuff that we're really after. We are hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, February 25th from 2:00-6:30 p.m. downstairs in the Gymnasium. It's easy to donate blood and usually takes less than one hour from start to finish. Walk in, fill out a form, get your blood pressure and temperature taken, and get your finger poked to test your blood count. If you "pass" the screening process, you will be escorted to a very comfortable recliner and a well-trained staff member will locate your best vein to give the true gift of life. Afterwards, refreshments and snacks will be waiting to reward you for your donation.

There are 3 ways to sign up for this worthwhile cause:

- A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.
- You can also register by calling Judy Swift at 530-9436.
- If you have a computer nearby, register on-line at www.uihealthcare.com/bloodcenter.

Bad weather conditions and cold and flu season have taken their toll on donations this winter. Don't be timid. Someone from the Social Action Commission will be there to greet you and help you if you have never donated blood before. Donating blood is one habit that is **good** to pick up. It is an honor to help those who cannot help themselves. Please help. Thank you.

Judy Swift

WELCOME, NEWCOMERS (& THEIR FAMILIES)!

Greg and Meredith Lamb
Tommy Iezek
David and Lisa Henkhouse
Thomas and Marsha Toner
Cindy Stroud
Scott and Julie Dailey
Kate Halsch
James and Rosalie Cahill
Norbert Michel
Adriana Mendez
David Klemm and Catherine Deming
Daniel and Kimberly Salm
Marco Vargas and Vilma Molina
Douglas and Karen Sheetz
Michael and Lori Hartley
Dan and Heather Campion
Andrew and Jennifer Whitters
John and Dawn Eckrick
Katie Cross
Jane Jansen
Chet and Beverly Wisniewski
Barb McGee
Steven and Jeanne Bock
Mary Kay Knapp
Tom and Vicki Vaughan
Greg and Erin Feldmann
William and Nancy Haggerty
Thomas and Michelle Cox
An Leonard
John and Enoka Mihm
Jose Juan and Romelia Serrato
Daniel Dalton
Roger Rosetti and Cheryl Smith-Rosetti
Anne Smith
Fernandez DeCastro and
Alexandra Jaramillo
Steve and Christine Sindt
Stephen and Debbie Klein
Greg and Ann Nalley
Jude and Jessica Pannell
Daniel and Shelly Cilek
Trevor and Shannon Jensen
Brandi Muller
Cyril and Juliet Bergeron
Jon and Mollie Hart
Jerry and Carol Litton

(new members since December 1, 2009)



PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S PARTY! SATURDAY, MARCH 6th!



MAIN CHURCH:

- 3:45pm St. Pat's Irish Choir Sings Irish Music!
- 4:30pm Mass Celebrated by Fr. O'Juarez
- 5:30pm Parade to Social Hall with St. Patrick!

SOCIAL HALL:

- 5:30pm POTS O'GOLD Chance for \$1 Donation
- 5:45pm Announce Queen, King, Princess, Lil Leprechaun winners
- 6:00pm Potluck Food Served—YOU BRING!

St. Pat's provides corned beef/cabbage/
chicken/hot dogs/drink & tableware

- 6:30pm Entertainment by Al Murphy Family
- Euchre Card Games
- 7:00pm Announce POTS O' GOLD Winners!
- 8:00pm Follow the Rainbow Home!



LOWER LEVEL:

- 6:30pm Kids' Games
- Face Painting, Tattoos, Fishing,
Bean-Bag Toss, crafts and more

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- March 6**
*St. Patrick's Annual
Potluck and Party*
- March 21**
*Diocesan Jr. High Youth
Rally at Regina*
- April 4**
*Easter Egg Hunt after
10:00 Mass*
- April 9**
Women's Retreat
- April 13**
*Holy Thursday Storm
Anniversary Open
House & Prayer Service*
- April 25**
*Organ Concert with
Chuck Brock and Steve
Steely*
- May 2**
Crowning of Mary
- May 16**
*Mass honoring our
Graduates*

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