

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Annual Stewardship Report and Newsletter

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?"

--PSALM 116



A Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

I hope the summer has been treating you well! Over the July 4th weekend I tried my hand at camping. No one believed that I actually went – but it's true, I did, and let me tell you I have the mosquito bites to prove it. I sharpened my fire-building skills and learned how to manage an iron skillet over an open fire. I have to admit though, that it was nice coming home to my comfortable bed and air-conditioning.

We become such creatures of habit and it is no small task to have to learn to adapt to different surroundings and circumstances, but when you are with friends, it makes transitions and new experiences all that much easier.

Life is like that...adapting, changing, and learning new things – and so much better when you have good friends to show you the ropes and help you along. So, for good friends - I am grateful, because without them, how would we get through all the different responsibilities and challenges we face in life?

The experience of friendship leads me to deduce that we human beings are made for community. And there is no doubt in my mind that the journey of life is meant to be shared with family, friends and the people who form our community and social network at church, school or the workplace. Because when you stop and think of it – life, our individual life, friends, family and other people is all GIFT.

And, what my folks taught me was, that anytime anyone ever gave you a gift – your immediate response should be: “thank you”. So, here goes: “Thank you Lord, for the gift of life, for the gift of my life, for friends, family and other people who bring so much to my personal journey of life and who help me get through things, show me the ropes and help set me straight.”

The theme for this newsletter is one of gratitude and of making a return to the Lord for all the many blessings He has bestowed on us. I, for one, believe that if we are grateful to God for who and what we are and have in this life, then we will live with a sense of “abundance” and not “scarcity.” And I am further convinced that out of this sense of “abundance” will come a spirit of generosity and a desire to do and be for others.

This spirit of generosity and desire to be of service to others will go a long way in making our families, friendships, parish and community better. But it will also help us to take stock in how blessed we really are in our journey of life, and what a great thing it is, that being so blessed we in turn can be a blessing to the many different folks we encounter along the way.

I, for one, am grateful for adapting, changing, and learning new things and for the people around me who make the transitions in the journey of life easier. Along the way, I never ever want to forget to say “thanks” and in saying “thanks” make a return to the Lord for the many ways He has blessed me.

I hope you never forget either!

Fr. Rudy



August 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

For all regular monthly activities, please check the bulletin each week.

August

- 20 Choir practice resumes each Wednesday, 7:00pm
- 24 Back to School Blessing @10am
1st Communion Parent Meeting
- 30-31 Regina Fall Fun Festival

September

- 1 Labor Day-Office Closed
- 4 God's Helping Hands
Confirmation Parent Meeting
- 5 First Friday Adoration
- 6 First Saturday Mass
Spanish Retreat
- 7 Registration/Coffee-Donuts
Confirmation begins
- 10 Over 50 Potluck
- 13 Parent Baptism Class
- 14 Elementary Youth Group begins
Junior High Religious Ed begins
- 20 KCans4Life
- 21 First Communion classes begin
- 25 Bill Huebsch: A Call to Holiness
Diocesan Faith Formation
- 27 Dr. Tim O'Malley-Diocesan
Liturgy Day
- 27-28 Parish Tailgate Ministry Fair

October

- 2 God's Helping Hands
- 3 First Friday Adoration
- 4 First Saturday Mass
Pet Blessing
- 4-5 Stewardship Renewal
- 5 Registration/Coffee-Donuts
- 8 Over 50 Potluck
- 15 Serve Free Lunch
- 17 Diocesan Stewardship Day
- 18 Spanish Theological Conference
KCans4Life
- 25 New Member Pizza Party

November

- 1 First Saturday Mass
- 1-2 Needleworkers' Bazaar
- 2 All Souls' Day Remembrance
@ Each Mass
- 7 First Friday Adoration
- 8 Baptism Class
- 12 Over 50 Potluck
- 15 KCans4Life
- 23 KC's Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
- 30 1st Sunday of Advent

NEWS FROM THE NEEDLEWORKERS:

A New Prayer Garden at St. Patrick

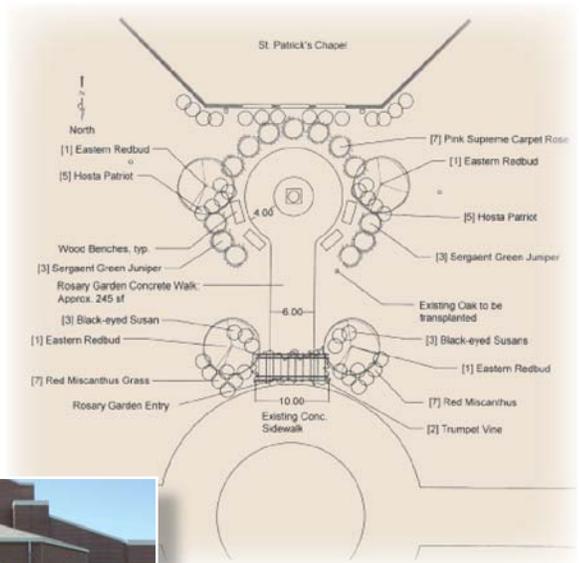
The Needleworkers are planning a prayer garden just north of the day chapel. It will include an arbor with a circular walkway leading to a statue of the Virgin Mary. That arbor has been completed. Iowa City Landscaping will coordinate getting the concrete walkway with the brick cobble edges installed. After the cobble edgers are installed, there will be four wooden benches put into place facing the statue. The area will then be prepared for a large variety of perennial plantings. The plantings will be done by volunteers.



The base for the statue is in place, waiting for the arrival of the ordered statue. The five-foot statue will be placed on a two-foot pedestal.

The Needleworkers plan a bazaar every fall and the money earned from the bazaar is financing this project and many more projects of improvement for our parish.

- Submitted by Joan Couch



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMISSION



WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR?

Our health might not be the greatest, but we still can get around without any extra help. Our family, our sons and their families are here to help us and we get to see the grandchildren often {maybe too much}. While we were young we had great jobs. Our faith and all the great help we get doing the funeral dinners.

- Ron and Sally Whittaker

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) was founded in Utica, New York in 1903 by John E. Carberry and several other Knights of Columbus. The Knights established our 2 standards of "Unity and Charity." Our motto inspires us to work together for those less fortunate.

Some community projects we are involved with are Domestic Abuse Prevention, Choices Medical Clinic, Crisis Center, youth education, seminarian support, Smile Train, Shelter House for homeless Veterans, and many more.

Court Craigie #94 meets at 6:15pm in the church hall of St. Wenceslaus-Iowa City on the second Tuesday of the month, ten months of the year. All practicing Catholic women over eighteen years of age are invited to join.

Court Craigie #94 involves all the parishes of Iowa City, Hills, Cosgrove and Oxford. Regent Carole Olney 351-7554 rcolney@mchsi.com.

- Submitted by Delores Loney



The Catholic Daughters handed out gifts to the First Communion classes this year.

ON PRAYER, PROVIDENCE AND PROPERTY

Back in 2006 after the tornado destroyed St. Patrick Church, we set into motion a whole series of events to rebuild. We moved along quite well. We recuperated insurance monies, established a fund-raising campaign, found architects and had meeting upon meeting of different parish committees to build the new St. Patrick.

In 2007 fully up and running, we were still looking for land on the eastside of Iowa City -when land was a scarce commodity. We were getting desperate when suddenly property came available on the northeast corner of Scott Blvd. and Rochester.

I asked parishioners to pray that we get this land and I remember asking the people from the Perpetual Adoration Chapel to pray that we close on the deal. After the first week of my request the land went up in price and no answer. After the second week, the land increased in price again and still no answer.

It was December and we met with the property owner and once again the price of the land went up along with all kinds of stipulations being attached to the deal before we could have clear title. Depressed, I went to the Adoration Chapel and knelt before the Lord in prayer when in deafening silence I heard the Lord say "NO."

St. Patrick was not to be on the northeast corner of Scott Blvd. and Rochester.

Not two days later and I received a call from our parishioner and real estate agent Mary Jo Streb, who had a seller willing to sell some farm land on the east side off Lower West Branch Road. The City was going to pave the gravel road, bring in water and build a park across from the land that was available.

As it turned out, the corner of Scott Blvd and Rochester would have proved too costly. We would have had to bring in water from blocks away, we would have needed fill dirt because of the lay of the land - plus we would have been bound to certain stipulations for seventy-five years.

The day we closed the deal I danced for joy at the Regina Fish Fry!

On November 29, 2009 we dedicated the new St. Patrick Church.

Of the different miracles and blessings which occurred in the building of the new St. Patrick, this is one. It only goes to show that sometimes the Lord has far better plans for us than we do for ourselves.

For this reason among many, I am most grateful for His Providence, and I ask myself: "How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?" -Psalm 116

- Submitted by Father Rudy



MOYC

(Mothers Of Young Children)

This year we had 30 members and usually had 10-20 members attend the monthly meetings and activities. Each month we host a family event so members can bring their families to meet others and have a good time. The more popular events were our Potluck Picnic, Pool Party, Valentine's Day party (which we collected and donated 24 lbs of baby items for Johnson County Crisis Center), and Pizza and PJs Movie Night where we watched "Frozen."

Our monthly meetings consisted of topics such as Teaching prayer to children, Stress Management, Sacrament preparation and Marriage. We also had some less serious meetings like Zumba, Cook and Chat and Christmas Coffee. Our prayer chain had 37 prayers and we also delivered meals to new mothers.

Our 2014-15 year kick-off is in September and will be led by a new Coordinator, Amanda Mutgi. The many new and returning board members have wonderful topics and activities planned.

- Submitted by Rachel Fehr

ELEMENTARY YOUTH GROUP

Elementary Youth Group meets every second and fourth Sunday from 4-5:30pm during the school year. We met 17 times this past school year with 10-30 youth coming to our meetings. We have 15 meetings scheduled for the upcoming school year.

Our theme last year was the Ten Commandments, which we discussed in multiple meetings in many ways through games, crafts and role playing. We also sang Christmas Carols to residents of Bickford Cottage, made place mats for nursing home residents, sent valentines to veterans, hosted a movie night, enjoyed our first Trunk or Treat, ice skated and much more.

- Submitted by Heather Feller

WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR?

I am grateful for my husband and two perfectly healthy daughters. I was also born into a family with wonderful parents and several brothers and sisters -- and for this I am also grateful.

- Mary Sarrazin

WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR?

“Our actions should reflect the talents and gifts God has bestowed upon us. I am grateful I have the opportunity to do so each day.”
God Bless and Go Regals!
*Leland E. Iben,
President and CEO
of Regina*

I am grateful for many things, big and small: My health, my children, my husband, family and friends, and a good book (among many other things). Also, to have so much opportunity to be able to improve a situation, or to help others improve theirs.
-Trina Surratt

July 23, 2014

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The finances for our parish are currently on solid ground, thanks to the generosity of you, our parishioners.

Our Parish debt is down to \$37,773 and we have building pledges outstanding of over \$100,000.

During this past year, we added 60 parking spaces at a cost of approximately \$129,500. Any pledges we collect over and above our parish debt will be applied to the cost of the parking lot expansion.

The Regina assessment is based on 60% of our ordinary income. Each year's assessment is based on a lag of two years so the 2014-15 assessment is based on the income from 2012-13 fiscal-year.

Although we appear to be in a favorable status at this point, should we have had to pay this assessment for the fiscal year of 2013-14 we would be \$4,600 in arrears as opposed to the \$62,000 excess as shown in the Receipts and Disbursements. Likewise, if we were to pay the Regina assessment in the year in which it accrued, our budget for the year ending June 30, 2015 would show a deficit of approximately \$35,500 rather than the \$4,410 excess of receipts over disbursements. This could conceivably happen if we have a good year for the year we are assessed and a bad year for the time period we have to pay.

In other words, if our expenses increase at a faster rate than our income, which is what is currently happening, we could be in financial discord. It is imperative that we continue to keep our contributions growing so that we do not have this scenario become a reality.

Fred Schieber
Lila Scott



New Parking at St. Pat's

A new parking lot at the NE corner of the church. There are 60 new parking spots!

St. Patrick's adults and youth volunteered to help pack 193 boxes with 36 packages of six servings each for the ecumenical program, Feed My Starving Children.



Submitted by Patricia Ullrich

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

God's Helping Hands is a group of concerned parishioners assisting other members with their spiritual needs.

We bring the Eucharist to our homebound when needed and also visit with those who are patients at Mercy Hospital.

Along with the other Catholic parishes and Fr. Rudy, we share responsibility for the Catholics in the various care centers through Mass and Holy Communion.

We are responsible for sending cards at time of celebration or need and we gather to pray the Rosary at funeral homes when requested.

During this past year we delivered prayer shawls made and donated by members to those who are homebound, parish assistants and volunteers.

We meet for discussion and planning on the first Thursday of the month after 8:30am daily Mass, April through November. New members are certainly welcome. Contact Jean Seaton at 351-4988 for more information.

- Submitted by Jean Seaton

FUNERAL LUNCHES

St. Patrick Church is sensitive to the needs of family members who have recently lost a loved one. Our funeral committee volunteers strive to prepare delicious food and offer Christian service while respecting the privacy and bereavement of those guests in attendance at the meal.

The family meal is prepared by Chef Ron Whittaker with St. Patrick parishioners providing a variety of desserts.

The committee has 5 teams of parishioners who sign up to donate a dessert, serve or clean-up.

From July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 we served 14 funerals, Hy-Vee catered 4 meals, Ron prepared 9, and 1 funeral had no lunch. We serve between 50-200 people and usually need 8 volunteers and 7-12 desserts.

- Submitted by Delores Loney

**ST PATRICK IOWA CITY
FINANCIAL REPORT 2012-2013
BUDGET 2013-2014
Condensed Receipts and Disbursements (Cash Basis)**

From Parish Operations

	Actual 7-1-13/14	Budget 7-1-14/15
Receipts		
Ordinary envelopes.....	756,913.22	775,652.26
Offertory.....	78,178.46	78,547.61
Other Parish envelopes	66,193.02	66,450.18
Other.....	<u>101,891.77</u>	<u>66,984.96</u>
Total receipts.....	<u>1,003,176.47</u>	<u>987,635.01</u>
Disbursements		
Salaries & benefits.....	166,736.07	176,703.74
Regina assessment.....	473,820.00	512,496.00
Buildings & grounds (utilities, insurance, maintenance).....	97,890.36	95,160.75
Postage.....	4,580.02	3,600.00
Supplies.....	16,045.73	10,361.00
Catholic Messenger subsidy.....	4,655.50	5,000.00
Contracted & outside services.....	23,043.28	21,633.50
Other expense.....	39,487.08	44,540.00
Other parish ministry		
Church Life.....	9,954.47	11,200.00
Family Life.....	17,543.31	3,720.00
Faith Formation.....	35,551.81	38,099.96
Social Action.....	587.69	2,900.00
Liturgy.....	<u>50,934.78</u>	<u>57,810.00</u>
Total disbursements.....	<u>940,830.10</u>	<u>983,224.95</u>
 Excess of receipts over disbursements	 <u>62,346.37</u>	 <u>4,410.05</u>
OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION AT June 30, 2014		
Mortgage outstanding	37,773.00	
Building pledges collected last year	334,337.00	
Interest paid Year ended June 30, 2014	7,693.00	
Land cost	705,419.00	
Building cost	12,770,992.00	
General fixed asset cost	421,275.00	
Investment Reserve	1,601,397.00	

**WHAT ARE YOU
GRATEFUL FOR?**

I am thankful for my family and good health. I am grateful for the nurturing and inspiring community around us.

- Chucho and Danielle Loria

I am grateful my sister prayed and prayed for a little sister. This life has allowed me to see many beautiful things and meet many wonderful people.

- Sarah Sheeley

I was born in to a good family and married in to a good family.

Joe Sheeley

MANY THANKS & CONGRATS!
Many thanks to Shelly Conlon, former Youth Ministry Director who has taken a new position at Regina Education Center. Congratulations to Keaton Connell, our Music Director who is also the new Youth Ministry Director in addition to his Music Director duties.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION

Last year, St. Patrick's Free Lunch Program served over 800 meals. This required approximately 270 on-site man hours (about 45 hours per time) for prep, serving and clean-up.

Nigeria Education Project sent \$800 to the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary to pay for the tuition of four AIDS orphans at St. Francis Xavier Secondary School in Agagbe, Nigeria.

The Church-School Partners Project (also known as "Sister School") collected over \$600 for Horace Mann Elementary to pay for Thanksgiving baskets for school families in need.

Submitted by Eileen Scudder

Free Lunch usually has a volunteer staff of approximately 10-12 people and numerous food donations. On average, we serve 150 diners, with this number rising due to the new location.

Project Holiday tags are available during Advent with parishioners sending donations.

Rice Bowl had 1 person coordinating the effort. \$2217.75 was raised for CRS Project Development and \$955.00 for CRS Emergency Funding.

Prayer Shawls ministry is now part of God's Helping Hands ministry.

Welcome Dinner for St. Norbert's Youth is coordinated with the help of 10 volunteers and numerous food donations.

- Submitted by Patty Wohlgenuth

Music Ministry

Number of Choir Members: 30

Number of Coro Members: 15-20

Number of Cantors: 12

Number of Accompanists: 4

Number of Accompanists
who play for Stewardship: 2

Number of Instrumentalists: 8-12
(guitarists, violinist, cellists, organists,
pianist, flutists)

We are always looking for more members to join our Music Ministry here at St. Patrick's. If you love music and are looking for a way to get involved, Music Ministry is the right place! No previous experience is required.

The adult choir rehearses every Wednesday at 7pm from August to June and sings at 10:00am Mass on Sunday morning. The adult choir also sings at Christmas, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, as well as some Feast Days and Holy Days of Obligation. The adult choir will also have a Christmas lessons and carol Matins as well as lead the music during the "We Were There". The Coro rehearses every Saturday at 5pm and sings at the 12:00pm Mass every Sunday. Members of both ensembles will join forces in all bilingual Masses held throughout the year.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY – BY THE NUMBERS MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Wedding Assistant Ministry:

• There were 8 assistants, 5 regular and 2 substitutes • Average number of hours per wedding: 6 hours (includes rehearsal/prep time/cleanup) • Number of weddings: 12 • Total number of volunteer hours is 96.

2013 Milestone Wedding Anniversary Celebration:

• There were 37 couples in attendance • 10 people on the volunteer committee • Total volunteer hours = 50.

Lawn mowing:

• Volunteers are 1 regular and 2 substitutes; • Mowing season is from April to November 1st = 30 weeks; • Total number of hours to mow: 13 hours per week; • 390 volunteer mowing hours.

Water plants inside church/rooms:

• There are 2 rotating volunteers; • 1 hour per week for 52 weeks = 52 volunteer hours.

Linen Caretakers:

• There are 12 volunteers, 1 for each month/year • 1 weekly volunteer • Total volunteer hours = 78.

Arts & Environment:

• There were 4 regular volunteers; • There were 35 Christmas setup/takedown volunteers; • There are 11 Liturgical seasons and feasts; • 135 volunteer hours for the year.

Eucharistic Ministers:

• There are 87 regular Ministers; • There are 15 substitutes; • 25 Eucharistic Ministers are needed each weekend; • 59 Eucharistic Ministers are used for feasts and special Masses;

4:30pm Mass – 25 regulars, 9 substitutes – with a 3-week rotation

7:30am Mass – 18 regulars, 2 substitutes – with a 2-week rotation

10:00am Mass – 44 regulars, 4 substitutes – with a 5-week rotation

Sacristans:

• There are 24 total sacristans; • 2 funeral sacristans; • 4 daily Mass sacristans; • 2 First Saturday sacristans; • 2 substitute sacristans; • 12 weekend sacristans; • 2 wedding sacristans; • Some volunteer for more than 1 ministry. • 1 hour of prep-clean-up per Mass for weekend/daily/1st Saturday/holy days; • 156 weekend hours, 12 First Saturday hours, 208 hours daily mass, 12 hours holy days/holidays.

4:30pm Mass has 2 regulars and 2 substitutes that rotate throughout year;

7:30am Mass has 2 couples that rotate for 6 months each;

10:00am Mass has 3 people that rotate throughout year;

• For funerals there are 2 that rotate; • For the 19 funerals last year at 2 hours each = a total of 38 volunteer hours
• The Sacristan Ministry had a total of 421 volunteer hours.

WELCOME, NEWCOMERS (& THEIR FAMILIES)!

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| Nezar Boutros | Daniel and April Holden | Rosa Ramirez |
| Donald and Margaret Burton | Kaleigh Kasper | Rafael and Elizabeth Rendon |
| Thomas and Amie Carroll | Victoria Linares | Maria "Lupita" Reyes |
| Nate Coffin | David Malone | Richard Sullivan |
| Kevin and Megan Conlin | Dean and Marge Marshall | Pat Wade |
| Cameron and Veronica Dziubinski | Gloria Alonso Martinez | Gerald and Joanne Walters |
| Tania Elguezabal | Armando and Margarita Nuñez | Nathan Yelton and |
| Isabel Gomez | Alexander and | Jorie Means |
| Denis and Diana Hernandez | Ana "Karen" Perez | |

Since Our November Newsletter

Newly Baptized:

- Josephine Emerson Barron
 Ryan Daniel Cobb
 Caden Paul Conlin
 Julie Ann Damiano
 Cameron Ryan Fitzgerald
 Maureen Frances Foley
 Owen Xavier Forsman
 Cesar Garcia
 Paola Garcia
 Josie Aileen Hensel
 Jason Marc Johnson
 Owen Newton Kahler
 Heidi Lynn Kaufman
 Adan Jesús Rosales Lopez
 Andrew James McConnell
 Avery Jean McConnell
 Liam Yahir Nuñez Molina
 Kenneth Wayne Palmer
 Brianne K. Stevenson
 Jake Andrew Streb
 Ethan D. Vazquez
 Joseph James Weber

Deaths:

- Madlyn Halter Baughman
 Darlene Ann Donovan
 Harley D. "Bud" Emrich
 John "Jack" Grady
 Pauline Marie Wright
 Donald J. Zeman

Weddings:

- Jason Michael Hemann and
 Lori Rae Duit
 Derek Paul Sondag and
 Allison Kathleen Walsinger
 Colin Nikolas Iben and
 Alexa Vande Lune
 John Patrick Fordyce and
 Jennifer Leigh Lyness
 Anthony Ramos and
 Megan Eskew
 Brian Klaren and
 Samantha Christens
 Kade Hammes and
 Karen Diaz
 Daniel Brandt and
 Jaime Printy

PANTRY SUNDAY MINISTRY



The total pounds collected in 2013 were 2833 lbs.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Total Pounds Delivered</i>
Jan-13	156
Feb-13	220
Mar-13	250
Apr-13	326
May-13	150
Jun-13	258
Jul-13	177
Aug-13	273
Sep-13	331
Oct-13	312
Nov-13	208
Dec-13	172
Total lbs.	2833

- Submitted by Renetta Burlage

2014 MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Couples participated in our parish Wedding Anniversary Celebration that was held on the 19th of July.



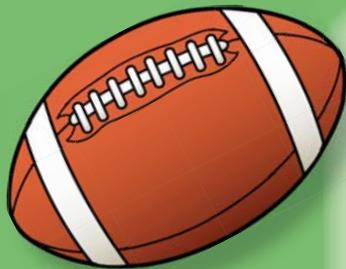
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**GO
TEAM!**

TAILGATE TIME!



**What? Annual Stewardship Ministry
Fair Tailgate**

**When? September 27th & 28th
(After all Masses)**

Where? St. Patrick Social Hall

**Details! Those who turn in a completed form by
Oct. 5th will be in a drawing to win a prize!
See the bulletin for more details!**

**Stewardship Renewal Weekend is
Oct. 4th & 5th during all Masses.**