

At Your Parish

St. Boniface

Registration is now taking place for St. Boniface School's new All-Day Kindergarten Program, slated to begin in September. According to Sister Mary Louise, principal of the school, "Our Pre-Kindergarten program was our new venture last year and has been a big success; we are hoping our All-Day Kin-

dergarten Program will be just as successful!"

The school conducts programs from pre-kindergarten through the eighth grade. A number of classes are still open, Sister Mary Louise said, and persons interested in registering are asked to call 271-6370.



St. Patrick's, Victor

Victor — St. Patrick's Church has formed eight operating committees to plan and conduct the annual parish festival, July 10-11.

The festival, Fun Fest '81, will be chaired by James Schill. Susan Stahling will be in charge of the Country

Auction; David Jarmusz, games; Kathie Wheeler, the Dime-a-Dip dinner; Richard Woodring, Grounds and Maintenance; James Johnstone, the Toronto Weekend; Fred DeSio, Food and Licensing; Eleanor Barry, Finance. Duane Pancoast and Bud Sherman head the Promotion Committee.

St. Thomas More

Eighteen children who will be attending St. Thomas More School next fall were the guests of the present Kindergarten class at a recent welcoming party. Children and parents met with teacher, principal, pastor and secretary at the annual event that helps youngsters become more familiar with going to school. Back row, from left, Mrs. David Merrick, Mrs. Paul Speranza and Mrs. Jerel Carl. Front row, from left, Martha Speranza, Richard David, Mrs. Carole Frantz, teacher, and David Merrick.

St. Francis, Phelps

Phelps — The third annual Jumbo June Junket Day has been scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, June 13, at St. Francis, 22 Church St.

An auction at 2 p.m. will highlight a full day of activities which will include a chicken barbecue, delicatessen, rummage sale, plants and crafts sale, bake sale and games.

Proceeds will be used to finance interior renovations to St. Francis Church in preparation for its 50th anniversary celebration this year.

St. Thomas, Leicester

A farewell reception has been scheduled for Father Walter Wainwright from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, June 28, at St. Thomas Aquinas Hall, Leicester.

Father Wainwright will be leaving as pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas — St. Lucy, Retsof, to assume the pastorate at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Painted Post, effective June 30.

St. Christopher

St. Christopher's Church in North Chili will hold its Summer Jamboree from 6 p.m. to midnight June 12 and 13. Featured will be a cake walk, pony rides, arts and crafts, food and refreshments. Country-Western singer Pat Torpey will entertain on Saturday evening.

St. John of Rochester

The St. John of Rochester building campaign has exceeded its goal by more than \$200,000. It was revealed recently that the fund now stands at more than \$950,000 and is expected to top the \$1 million mark before it is over.

Holy Redeemer

The Church of the Holy Redeemer, 634 Hudson Ave., will hold a chicken barbeque, from 3 to 9 p.m., Saturday, June 20. Admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children.

Sacred Heart

An anniversary Mass and Reception for Father Robert Miller, rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral, will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, June, 14. The public is invited to attend

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On the Right Side

Religion In Ireland

One third of North Ireland is Catholic; two thirds Protestant. Ninety-five percent of South Ireland profess the Catholic faith. To fathom some of the background of North Ireland you might read "Trinity" by Leon Uris, who is himself a Jew. There are many newly built churches, and all of them reflect the architecture of the modern church and the new liturgy. Mary Kleinham wanted to visit the village of her grandfather, Rossmac in Connemara, off the usual tourist route. Our coach and 17 people rumbled up to a grocery store on the outskirts, a kind of Mom and Pop store with family staples; and with a cheerful pub in the back. We all entered the store. Then all drifted into the pub where three male habitués were sipping dark stout at 11 in the morning. Two were silent men. One was talkative. Said I to him: "Everyone a Catholic in the area?" "Just about all." "Do they all go to Mass on Sunday?" "Yes. About 99 percent. You'd be the talk of the town if you didn't." I think at least in the rural areas and somewhat less in the cities there is a combination of faith accepted without question; obedience to Church law; and social custom and pressure to conform. It is disconcerting to observe in the villages many men lounging outside until Sunday Mass begins, and their dash inside just when the priest begins Mass; and the number of young boys who loaf at the back giving physical presence, but little participation in the Mass. Thank God the devotion of others compensates for this spiritual dullness.

Killarney: The Cathedral there is a glorious stone structure built by the famous gothic architect Pugin over 100 years ago. It looks like an English medieval cathedral. Jim Dowling, our courier, brought our people to 10

a.m. Sunday Mass before the tour of the Lakes of Killarney. The Cathedral must seat over 2,000 people, and it was full. There was no singing, though an organist played a few hymns. No sign of peace, though the congregation participated well in the responses. I whispered to a well-dressed woman next to me in the pew: "Don't your people sing?" "At two Masses but not at this one." "Don't they give the Sign of Peace?" "Yes, as a rule. But we have a visiting priest from the seminary saying this Mass, and he doesn't." I sensed a bit of defensiveness in her response, and recalled a few years ago going to Mass at the Franciscan church across from Killarney Great Southern Hotel, and afterward saying to a Friar standing in front of the church: "I noticed your people do not give the sign of peace." He smiled said. "No. It's not quite in accord with the character of our people." In Irish churches, participation in the Mass varies from parish to parish. But in all congregations and in most individuals there is a profound sense of reverence for the Divine Lord which is frequently lacking in many of our more actively participating celebrations. I have often thought how anemic is the translation of the word "cernui" in the "Tantum ergo Sacramentum veneremur cernui." Most translations have "cernui" as "humbly" which is so feeble a translation as to be almost false. "Cernui" really gives the image of utter abasement before the Majesty of God present in the Blessed Sacrament; and St. Thomas Aquinas surely chose that word deliberately for what the dictionary describes it: with face bowed to the earth, prostrate before God. To observe an Irish man or woman telling the beads in the shadows within the church, or just simply gazing at the tabernacle; or to observe a great gathering of Irish at Mass is to realize that the spirit of Moses before God in the burning bush is alive among a people of profound faith and devotion.

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The fee per three-week session (including six classes) is \$25 for adults and \$15 for youths. Class size is limited so call 442-9304 soon for more information about the classes and how to register.

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