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# VOICE



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## Honoring Our Faith, Investing in Our Future

By Bob Kalb, St. Anthony Business Manager, and Fr. Steve

The time has come to provide our parish family with a long-range plan to revitalize our campus and update our church. Regarding our campus, after our school closed three years ago, we sold the school building and ballfield across the street and explored possible future uses for the school building attached to the church.

Having no need for the attached school building and being unable to sell it for commercial or residential use because of parking issues, we reached the conclusion that the school building needs to be demolished. Regarding our church, it's been 30 years since the interior was last updated, and some areas are currently in need of attention.

To accomplish this work, we need a capital campaign to raise the necessary funds. You may be thinking, "What happened to the money that we received when we sold the school building and ballfield across the street?"

The simple answer is that we still have approximately \$600,000 in a savings account. Some of the money received was used to help pay for new boilers to heat the church, disconnect electrical and water services from the school, and remove asbestos from the school in preparation for demolishing the building.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

STA Book Club book: *For Love of the Broken Body*, by Julia Walsh  
Meets EVERY THURSDAY from September 25th - October 10th at 10 a.m.

### JULY .....

**20** Community Sunday, O'Malley Hall, after 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses

**27-8/1** City Wide Totus Tuus at Resurrection

### AUGUST .....

**17** Community Sunday, O'Malley Hall, after 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses

### SEPTEMBER .....

**3** St. Anthony Class Reunion

**4** Season of Creation Prayer Service, 5:30 p.m.

**14** Generations of Faith

**18** Emmaus Reunion, 6:30 p.m.

**21** Community Sunday, O'Malley Hall, after 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses

**21** St. Anthony Golf Outing, Bunker Hill Golf Course, 2:30 p.m.

**25** STA Book Group, 10:00 a.m.

Questions? Check the bulletin or website for more information, or call the Faith Formation Office.



Architectural drawing of the planned updates to the Church

Our capital campaign will be called “Honoring Our Faith, Investing in Our Future,” and our hope is to raise \$2,000,000. Added to the \$600,000 in savings, we will have a grand total of \$2,600,000. As money is raised, the following will happen in phases:

### Phase 1: Campus Revitalization

Demolish the school building and construct a new parking area with an additional entrance to the church on the land where the school currently stands. (Please see the architect’s drawing from the northeast corner of our property showing the new parking area and new entrance.) The new parking area will have an off-street drop-off lane, and will make our church more welcoming and accommodating for people that struggle to safely cross Rosedale Avenue (e.g. disabled, elderly, and families with young children). The estimated cost of this phase is \$2,000,000.

### Phase 2: Church Interior Improvements

The interior of our church was last updated in the mid-1990s. The ceiling and walls need to be cleaned and painted, but we intend to keep the murals and stencils as they are. The carpeting also needs to be replaced. The estimated cost of this phase is \$300,000.

## The Social Justice Committee

By Jim Kuhl

“Lord when did we see you hungry, thirsty, naked, a stranger, ill or in prison?”

Mt 25: 37-39

These are the questions we all ask as members of St. Anthony’s Parish and the Social Justice Committee. What’s important is what do WE do about it.

### Phase 3: O’Malley Hall Improvements

O’Malley Hall also needs a fresh coat of paint, new ceiling tiles, and a new air conditioning unit. The current air conditioning unit is 44 years old and approaching the end of its life. The estimated cost of this phase is \$75,000.

### Phase 4: Invest in Future Expenses

Funds raised greater than the costs identified in phases 1, 2 and 3, will be invested to pay future maintenance expenses. This will help St. Anthony Church remain viable for future generations. The desired amount is \$225,000.

Parishioners will have three years to fulfill pledges to the capital campaign. St. Anthony Parish is an active and vibrant community, and with the help of everyone, we will achieve this goal!

St. Anthony Church will communicate with you later this summer or early in the fall regarding the capital campaign. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and please pray for the success of this capital campaign.

WE do feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty... WE packed 33,480 meals for the Take Away Hunger food packing event we participated in just a few weeks ago. (Mel and Theresa Harvey, Ronnie and Mike Larkin, Ding Bell, and Dan Arnold have so faithfully led us for over 15 years). WE donate thousands of pounds of food each year through our generous giving in the Purple Bags. (Duey Meyer delivers or loads boxes for delivery

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each month). WE serve hundreds at the Rescue Mission meals we sponsor. "I assure you as often as you did it for one of my least brothers and sisters, you did it for me." Mt 25: 40.

WE clothed the naked and welcomed a stranger with the thousands of dollars and presents collected through the Giving Tree. (Nancy Knipper organizes this). "I assure you as often as you did it for one of my least brothers and sisters, you did it for me." Mt 25: 40.

WE visit people who are ill or in prison (Sr. Margaret Ann and Deacon Bill), you as a member of our parish community does this. "I assure you as often as you did it for one of my least brothers and sisters, you did it for me." Mt 25: 40.

The Social Justice Committee organizes many of the actions above and decides where the second

collections at Mass go. But WE as a parish live it out! Continue to be Social Justice Superstars!!

**Who are we?** The Social Justice Committee meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the upper conference room to discuss and act upon needs of the community (everyone is welcome to attend). We do not meet in June and July. We will be printing Catholic Social Justice Teachings in the bulletin over the next year. Members of the committee are Bev Rech, Anne Hedrick, Michelle Watters, Ronnie Larkin, Marabeth Freund, Deacon Bill Hickson, Nancy and Tom Spalla, and Colleen and Jim Kuhl.

**"Peace be with you all."**

*Jesus and Pope Leo XIV*

**CONTACT US TO JOIN, ATTEND A MEETING OR ASK QUESTIONS**

**Jim Kuhl**

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## Congratulations on your Sacraments

We want to offer our blessings and congratulations to all our youth on their First Communion or Confirmation, which they received earlier this spring.



# Join the FUN: STA Golf Outing and Dinner

By Jim Brimeyer

**FORE!** St. Anthony Church is hosting its annual nine-hole (with cart) golf outing with dinner, prizes and a live auction. This event is open to both St. Anthony parishioners as well as non-parishioners of all ages. Line up a foursome, or we can team up any number of players less than four. If you do not wish to play golf, join us for a Kalmes-served dinner. Event details are as follows:

**DATE:** Sunday, September 21, 2025

**TIME:** Golf tee-off begins at 2:30 p.m.

Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Bunker Hill Golf Course

**COST:** Golf & Dinner \$53 per person

Dinner-only \$20 per person

## NOTES:

- Only the first 108 golfers and 30 dinner-only reservations are accepted
- Registration cut-off date is Wednesday, September 17th
- **Payments must be made in advance.**  
**Reservations are valid only after payment is received.**
- In case of a weather cancellation for golf, the dinner will still be held.

Make reservations for GOLF & DINNER at \$53 PER PERSON or DINNER-ONLY at \$20 PER PERSON by paying in advance using one of the following options:

- Pay by credit card** at the St. Anthony website ([www.stanthony-dubuque.org](http://www.stanthony-dubuque.org)).
- Drop off** at St. Anthony's Church Office, 1870 St. Ambrose St., Dubuque, Iowa
- Mail** to St. Anthony's Church Office, 1870 St. Ambrose St., Dubuque, Iowa 52001
- Contact Bob Kalb** at 563-588-0571 or e-mail at [dbq060bm@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq060bm@dbqarch.org) if none of the above work for you.

The beneficiaries of this year's golf outing and dinner are the St. Anthony Capital Improvement Fund and the Dubuque Rescue Mission.



## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The St. Anthony Family Golf Outing Committee is also asking area businesses for their support and donations. Hole sponsor advertisement opportunities are available at a cost of:

PAR DONOR: \$100

BIRDIE DONOR: \$250

EAGLE DONOR: \$500

Hole sponsors will have their company names (logo, etc.) displayed at a tee box during the golf outing. Donors will also be acknowledged at the event with their names on leaflets distributed at the dinner. New hole sponsors are asked to send a PDF format copy of their company's logo to St. Anthony Business Manager Bob Kalb ([dbq060bm@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq060bm@dbqarch.org)), or we can simply print a name on the sign. Another option is to scan your business card with your logo and email it to Bob Kalb at ([dbq060bm@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq060bm@dbqarch.org)).

We also invite individuals or families to sponsor a hole for \$100. Any other types of donations—such as goods, services, gift cards, or cash—will also be gratefully accepted.

Come join in the fun and fine food. Thanks for your support.

## SPONSORSHIP OR OTHER QUESTIONS

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# STA Religious Education Update

By Maci Helle and Marabeth Freund

**"The only constant in life is change."**

*Heraclitus circa 500 BCE*

**"Transitions and change are a part of our lives. Change is going to happen."**

*Fr. Steve, Feast of the Ascension, 2025*

From Heraclitus to Fr. Steve, people have been facing change, and religious education (RE) at St. Anthony is certainly no exception! Let's take a look:

- **Prior to 2020:** RE for grades K-10 held Wednesday evenings.
- **2020-21:** The Covid pandemic slammed into every aspect of our lives. No longer able to meet in person, RE went to virtual learning, serving St. Anthony and Nativity families.
- **2021-22 and 2022-23:** Classes for St. Anthony and Nativity grades K-8 students were held Sunday mornings. Grades 9-10 students met Wednesday evenings.
- **2023-24:** Nativity and St. Anthony established separate RE programs. September 2023 found us with no director of youth formation, no catechists, and fewer students. K-8 lessons were offered on Wednesday evenings via zoom, and grades 9-10 lessons in person.
- **2024-25:** Grades K-5 met for two weeks in July, and grades 6-10 met Wednesday evenings through the school year.

We greatly appreciate the families riding the tides of change with us as we navigated through some unexpected situations over the last several years. Now we've arrived here, strong and as committed as ever, and looking ahead at the 2025-26 year.

Facing the decision as to how and when to offer the coming year's program, the Faith Formation Team considered a number of factors, such as consistent formation throughout the school year, convenience for families, and best use of our resources. In listening to parents and studying RE models, the Faith Formation Team and the St. Anthony Faith Formation Commission came to the decision that a program that meets weekly throughout the school year is the best way to serve our youth. We also believe it is important that all of our St. Anthony families gather together several times throughout the year for times of prayer, faith formation, service, and celebration.

So, beginning in September 2025, religious education classes for all students through grade 10 will be held on Wednesday evenings in the Faith Formation building. Gatherings for all St. Anthony families with school age children will be held at the beginning of the year, during the seasons of Advent and Lent, and at the end of the school year. More information will come in summer emails, printed in the bulletin, and posted on our parish website. Registration for religious education will open in July, and there will be a parent meeting prior to classes starting in the fall.

## **We are looking for catechists!**

If you are interested in teaching a small group of children enrolled in RE on Wednesday evenings, we would love to have you join our team.

**SIGN UP TO BE A CATECHIST**

**Contact Maci Helle**

**Work cell: 563-277-7487**

**Office: 563-582-0377 ext. 234**

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KC members serve an omelet breakfast



KC assists the Clarity Clinic

# The Knights of Columbus: Life Changing

By Steve Cornelius

## Did you know the Knights of Columbus can change your life?

I joined the Knights in 1972, shortly after marrying my wife Kathy. At the time, her father Jim Fransen was the Financial Secretary of Council 510. My own father was also a Knight in Mason City, so I was familiar with the tradition. Back then, it seemed natural—almost expected—for Catholic men to join. Once I became part of Kathy's family, I was gently encouraged to become part of the Knights of Columbus legacy.

Throughout my time as a Knight, I've attended meetings, participated in charitable activities, and helped maintain the KC building on Locust Street. But more importantly, I grew in my faith, surrounded by a community of faith-filled men from parishes across town. Eventually, I transferred to the St. Anthony's council to more deeply engage with our parish and support the many programs sponsored by Council 8384.

One day, I came across a pamphlet from the National Office entitled 24 Hours Can Change Your Life. It emphasized that even the busiest person can make a difference with just one day a year. That small commitment can have a powerful impact—not only on your life, but on the lives of others. Did you know that more than two million men worldwide have found meaning and purpose through the Knights of Columbus? Here's what your 24-hour commitment might look like:

- **8 hours/year** volunteering for charitable projects with Council 8384 for St. Anthony's and the Dubuque community

- **4 hours/year** enjoying social activities — like breakfasts and picnics — with your family
- **4 hours/year** attending Council meetings (second Monday each month at 6 p.m./social at 7 p.m.)
- **6 hours/year** staying informed reading Columbia, the Knights' official magazine; free with membership
- **1 hour/year** learning of benefits/programs for you and your family through National K of C
- **1 hour/year** praying the rosary with Council 8384

**Just 24 hours a year. Imagine the impact a group of committed men could have with that time!**

We thank all who have answered the call to this ministry and warmly invite you to join us. You'll find a place where your time and talents can truly make a difference.

## Upcoming Events – We Need Your Help!

- **Tootsie Roll Drive:** July 31, August 1 & 2
- **Dubuque County Right to Life, Life Saver Sunday:** October 11 & 12
- **Omelet Breakfast:** October 26 (profits to benefit the parish)
- **Children's Christmas Party:** December 14

Please consider joining us and helping to build a better community—one hour at a time.

**JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
1ST YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP IS FREE

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# Take Away Hunger—A History

By Theresa Harvey

Since 1988 St. Anthony Parish has enjoyed a Twin Parish connection with St. Montfort Parish in Port-de-Paix, Haiti. While financial assistance was given, the St. Anthony Social Concerns Committee felt the need to deepen our relationship by encouraging visits to and from the two parishes. In January 1996 a team of four parishioners traveled to Port-de-Paix to learn more about the parish. They met with the pastor Fr. Wilner Donicea and the Parish Committee. They found a welcoming, faith-filled people joyfully celebrating their trust in God. On April 28, the Feast of St. Montfort, another group attended the celebration of "The Fet." This included a three-hour liturgy and a procession through the streets of Port-de-Paix. They heard and saw the many needs of the parish community. The relationship began to grow as visitors reported back to our parish.

In September 1996 Fr. Donicea and parishioner Ginel Jean Gilles visited St. Anthony Parish. They learned of our sincere desire to help. In the following years over 90 people from St. Anthony and the Dubuque area traveled to Haiti. Medical teams made numerous trips to St. Montfort and to satellite parishes in northwest Haiti. St. Anthony Parishioners often represented our parish at the annual "Fet," and others helped repair the church by replacing an aging roof and making improvements to the school. A parish in Grand Rapids, Michigan, took on the responsibility for assisting the parish school.

On the first Sunday of each month, St. Anthony Parish celebrates "Haiti Sunday" by lighting a candle and praying for our parish relationship. After Mass a free-will offering is collected for St. Montfort. Besides

monthly donations, St. Anthony began sending medicines, seeds, clothing books, construction materials, and food. The primary need was clearly stated; "One of our greatest needs is for food for severely malnourished children."

Early in 2009 the St. Anthony Haiti Committee learned about a Kids Against Hunger program based in Minnesota. It was part of Feeding Children International, whose mission was to end kids hunger throughout the world and in the US by sending highly nutritious meals to starving children. A subcommittee brainstormed how to get food to Haiti. They recommended a Kids Against Hunger (KAH) project. Through a generous donation, equipment was purchased. Assisted by a KAH group in Cedar Rapids, the Haiti Committee began facilitating the packaging meals that were developed to reverse starvation. The beans and rice meals contained soy, vitamins, and flavoring. The food was sent to St. Montfort Parish. Then pastor, Fr. Rams, reported that KAH meals were "delivered and distributed by the parish school." Six packaging events took place in 2009.

On January 12, 2010 a massive earthquake struck the capital of Haiti. Fr. Rams reported that over 31,500 displaced people fled north to Port-de-Paix. Food was scarce and high priced. He had nothing to give them. The need for KAH meals was great. St. Anthony Parish organized a day-long event with 300 volunteers packaging 80,000 meals. These meals were sent directly to St. Montfort Parish through the assistance of Carnival Cruise Lines. The KAH Committee shifted into high gear. Information on food packaging was sent to

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every church and school in the area. The large volume of events necessitated establishing a corporation named as Kids Against Hunger—Dubuque. The Board of Directors included people from various denominations



in Dubuque County. On May 3, 2010 Kids Against Hunger—DBQ received tax exempt 501(c)(3) status. The corporation became an official public charity. It also became a “wing” of Kids Against Hunger—Iowa, which supplied food and materials for events.

In May of 2014, a St. Anthony Book Sale, a Harvest of Blessings Grant, a Capable Volunteers Garage Sale, and the Our Lady of Guadeloupe/St. Anthony School Lenten Project combined to sponsor a packaging event. It was the first of many large packaging events sponsored by successful St. Anthony Book Sales. Other sources of funds included generous donations/assistance from other grants and the sale of t-shirts.

The corporation Take Away Hunger—Dubuque changed its name to Take Away Hunger—Dubuque in

October 2016. Higher shipping charges brought about another change. TAH —Dubuque could no longer send packages directly to Port-de-Paix. Packaged meals were given to our supplier (TAH—Iowa) for use in the U.S. and globally. That food was sent to Africa, the Philippines, Central America, and Haiti. In spite of two years of Covid and gang violence that restricted travel to Haiti, TAH—DBQ has provided rice and bean meals to starving people worldwide and to weather-related disasters, especially in the southern United States. This spring St. Anthony Parish and Holy Cross School, assisted by The Outreach Program from Union, Iowa, and Take Away Hunger—Dubuque, packaged 54,295 macaroni and cheese meals. The meals were given to the food distribution centers in the Dubuque area. TAH—DBQ has packaged over 966,655 meals at 105 events in fifteen years.

Recently the board of directors agreed to dissolve the corporation due to a need for younger leadership and fewer packaging events. But that doesn’t mean that St. Anthony Parish will no longer have these events. Gathering to package meals is a response to a call to serve others, and provides great community-building in our parish. As long as there are people willing to coordinate fund raising like the Parish Book Sale (held every November) there will be money to sponsor more food packaging events.

May our generous God, who provides for our every need, continue to bless all who work for justice and peace in our world.

**“... for I was hungry and you gave me food.”**

Mt 25:35

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