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- 20** St. Anthony Community Prayer and Potluck, 5:30 p.m.

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- 13** Generations of Faith, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., O'Malley Hall

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- 20** Golf Outing and Dinner, Bunker Hill Golf Course

- 27** KC Omelet Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. - noon, O'Malley Hall

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- 15** St. Anthony Community Prayer and Potluck, 5:30 p.m.

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- 19** St. Anthony Community Prayer and Potluck, 5:30 p.m.

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- 17** St. Anthony Community Prayer and Potluck, 5:30 p.m.

Meet Your Priests



Rev. Michael Schueller
Pastor

Michael Schueller

I am a native of Dubuque, having attended parochial school in Dubuque (St. Anthony and Wahlert), and graduating from Loras College in December 1991. I taught high school briefly at Senior High School before discerning my vocation to the priesthood and attending St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, and was ordained a priest on May 24, 1997. I

spent three years as an associate at St. Joseph in Mason City (1997-2000), six and one-half years as pastor in some small parishes west of Mason City (Garner, Duncan, Britt, Forest City, Lake Mills and Buffalo Center), as well as teaching and being spiritual director at Newman Catholic in Mason City. I completed an M.S. degree in Pastoral Counseling at Loyola College (now University) in Baltimore (2007-2009). When I returned to the archdiocese, I was named pastor of Holy Family Parish in Mason City and Sacred Heart Parish in Manly, Iowa, and worked as a counselor for Catholic Charities in Mason City. In July 2012, I became pastor of the parishes of the St. Elizabeth Pastorate in central Dubuque County (Bankston, Epworth, Farley, Peosta and Placid), staying there until I was transferred to my current assignment in the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate (Cascade, Fillmore, Garryowen and Temple Hill) in July 2025.



Rev. Mark Murphy
Parochial Vicar

Mark Murphy

I am a native of Marion, Iowa, having attended St. Joseph Catholic School and Regis High School. I then studied engineering, graduating from Iowa State in 2002. After graduation, I served in the military for five years before entering St. Pius X Seminary at Loras College in fall 2008. From there, I attended the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy, and

was ordained a priest on June 28, 2014, at the Cathedral of St. Raphael. After ordination, I spent two years as an associate pastor at Resurrection

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in Dubuque (2014-2016), two years as a pastor of the parishes of Holy Rosary Cluster (Alta Vista, Elma, Lourdes, New Haven and Riceville, 2016-2018), and approximately four years as pastor of St. Jude in Cedar Rapids (2018-2022). In July 2022, I began my current assignment as chaplain at St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center in Cedar Falls, near the campus of the University of Northern Iowa, and as vocation director for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. As I return to Dubuque, I will continue to serve as vocation director for the archdiocese while also serving as parochial vicar for the parishes of the Dubuque West pastorate.



Rev. Brian Dellaert
Parochial Vicar

Brian Dellaert

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord to the parishioners of St. Anthony Parish! I am looking forward to meeting you in the coming weeks and serving

as one of your priests. In some ways it feels like a return to my childhood days. I'm eager for the opportunities we will have to get better acquainted or reacquainted in the future.

I was born in the Quad Cities, the oldest of five children born to Gary and Debbie Dellaert. After moving to Dubuque at six years of age, I attended St. Anthony School and Wahlert High School (Class of 1997). After graduating from Franciscan University in 2001, I began seminary studies at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. I was ordained to the priesthood on June 25, 2005.

I first served in parishes as an associate located in Cedar Rapids (St. Jude), Garner, Duncan, Britt, Forest City, Lake Mills and Buffalo Center. I served as a pastor in Norway, Van Horne, Newhall, Watkins and Blairstown. In 2016, I completed a degree in canon law at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Upon returning, I served as pastor in New Hampton, Ionia and North Washington, and as a judge for the Metropolitan Tribunal. Most recently, I have served as pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Dubuque, since 2022 and as judicial vicar of the Archdiocese of Dubuque since 2023.

It will be a privilege to serve you. Please kindly pray for me and for each other as we enter this new chapter in our parish. Let's ask the Lord to stay close to us as we accompany each other on the way.

May God bless you and your families!
– Father Dellaert



Rev. Peter Jia
Parochial Vicar

Peter Jia

I was born and raised in Taiyuan, China. In 2017, I graduated from Shaanxi Catholic Seminary and was ordained as a priest on May 12, 2018. After a three-month internship at a parish, I was assigned as

deputy director of the Diocesan Office, responsible for the security of church real estate and for celebrating the sacraments for local parishes from 2018 to 2021.

In August of 2021, I came to the United States and received a year of English as a second language instruction at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Then I attended a year of the Intensive English Language Institute at Divine Word College and Seminary in Epworth. In 2023, I moved to Collegeville, Minnesota, where I have just graduated with a Master's Degree in Theological Studies in Liturgy from the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University. In January of 2026, I started serving in Tama, Belle Plaine and Chelsea as a parochial vicar.



Rev. Martin Obeng
Parochial Vicar

Martin Obeng

I was born and raised in Ghana. I completed my seminary formation and theological studies at St. Peter's Regional Seminary in Cape Coast, Ghana, and was ordained to the priesthood on June 7, 2014.

After ordination, I served as secretary to my bishop in Ghana for a year before departing for Italy to pursue canonical studies. I earned my Master's Degree in Canon Law (J.C.L.) from the St. Pius X Faculty of Canon Law in Venice, Italy, in 2018. Thereafter, I continued my studies at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome, where I obtained my Doctorate in Canon Law (J.C.D.) in 2021. While in Italy, I also served as chaplain for the Ghanaian community in the diocese of Vicenza and assisted the Italian parish that hosted me during my six-year stay.

I joined the Archdiocese of Dubuque in June 2021 and was assigned to the Spires of Faith Cluster. In July 2022, I was reassigned to St. Joseph Key West, Dubuque, and Holy Family, New Melleray, parishes. I have also served as a judge for the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Dubuque since July 2022.



St. Anthony Parishioners Help the Miracle League Bat it Out of the Park

By Roger Maiers

What do you normally do on Saturday morning—market, the gym, mow the lawn, nothing special?

Those activities would often allow time for you to do something you may have never considered – attend a Miracle League baseball game at the Miracle League field in Veterans Memorial Park off Kane Street near Wahlert Catholic High School.

And why would I do that, you may ask?

Well, first of all you'll feel good. And secondly, you'll see a number of St. Anthony parishioners keeping things humming. There are four Saturday games during the league's season, 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. And they actually play a split season to avoid the hot summer months: April – June and August – October.

Teams are made up of participants from the tri-state area (age four or five to unlimited) whose various disabilities prevent them from competing on a level with those without disabilities. But they enjoy the thrill of the game and the cheers of the fans just as much as any athlete.

Most people know that the formation of the Miracle League was the brain child of Tom Witry, long-time St. Anthony's parishioner and former baseball coach at Hempstead High School. His key fundraiser and

co-developer has been Ed Feyen, who taught and coached at St. Anthony's School and later became a Wahlert Athletic Hall of Famer.

"I hate asking for money, but virtually everyone I contacted said 'yes' with enthusiasm," said Ed. "Community support has been outstanding."

A relative newcomer to the operation is Richard Schmitt, who returned to his native Dubuque in 2020 following a long career as a dental hygienist at various dental facilities in Colorado and Kansas. Prior to that he served a three-year hitch as a dental assistant in the U.S. Army, including a stint in Vietnam (1970-71).



Richard is a singer. He lends his smooth tenor voice to a variety of music ministries within St. Anthony's, and in the community as needed. It's no accident he joined St. Anthony's when he returned to Dubuque.

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"Dave McDermott recruited me," he chuckles. "I had sung at my niece's wedding, and she told Dave about me. When he learned I was moving to Dubuque, he called me and convinced me St. Anthony's was the right place for me." I don't think many parishioners would disagree.

"I knew very little about the Miracle League until I heard Tom Witry give a talk about it at an Emmaus I attended. I started attending games and decided I wanted to help if I could. At the time they played a recording of the national anthem at some of the games. I asked Ed Feyen if it would be OK if I sang the national anthem before each game."

"I didn't know Richard very well and was a little dubious about his offer," recalls Ed, "but I was just blown away by his singing. He really adds a classy tone to each game."

In addition to his singing, Richard also assists each batter in getting situated at the plate, and serves as the catcher.

Adding to the fun and enthusiasm is PA announcer Clete Campbell, whose non-stop patter outrivals even the greatest World Series announcers. Clete does not belong to St. Anthony's, but his in-laws (Gary and Kay Gansemer) do. That's how Clete got connected to the Saturday morning action.

Now in its sixth year, participation in the baseball program has grown from 40 in year one to currently 149 athletes, divided into eight teams.

And it doesn't end there. Kathleen Klapatauskas is in her second year running a Miracle League Wednesday evening soccer program. And there is also an eight-week winter program at the Hillcrest gymnasium.

The Miracle League is filling a need that few other cities can match. Come on out to the ole' ball game and lend your support as well. And yes—they do have a concessions stand!



Totus Tuus Impacts St. Anthony Youth

St. Anthony hosted the middle/high school program of Totus Tuus during the week of June 7-11. The students listened to talks by the missionaries, engaged in small groups and had opportunities for prayer and fellowship.

Thank you to everyone that helped make the week a success. Your time and talent is greatly appreciated. The week went well and the missionaries were great!



Happy Retirement Fr. Steve and Sr. Margaret! _____

Fr. Steve and Sr. Margaret were each celebrated by the parish as they embark on a new adventure: retirement! Many attended the events and sent them heartfelt well-wishes. We want to thank them for their years of dedicated service and friendship to the entire parish community. We know it isn't goodbye, but just a "see you around!"



St. Anthony Grade School Reunion _____

****ALL GRADES/CLASSES****

Join us for this fun annual event! Spouse/guest welcome. Please share this with family and friends who attended St. Anthony.

DATE: Wednesday, September 9, 2026

TIME: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Catered buffet at 12:15 p.m.)

LOCATION: St. Anthony Parish, O'Malley Hall

COST: \$20 per person. Make checks payable to: SAGSR (St. Anthony Grade School Reunion)

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