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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October.....

12-15 Food Collection, gathering space

15 St. Anthony Community Prayer and Potluck, 5:30 -7:30 p.m.

25 KC Omelet Breakfast, 8 a.m.- Noon, O'Malley Hall

November

6-7 Used Book Sale, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., O'Malley Hall

15 Welcome Pastorate Priests and Deacons, 2-4 p.m., O'Malley Hall

16-20 Food Collection, gathering space

19 St. Anthony Community Prayer and Potluck, 5:30 -7:30 p.m.

26 Thanksgiving Mass, 8:00 a.m., St. Anthony Church

December.....

8 Immaculate Conception Mass, 7:30 am, St. Anthony Church

14-18 Food Collection, gathering space

17 St. Anthony Community Prayer and Potluck, 5:30 -7:30 p.m.

24 Christmas Eve Masses, 4 p.m. (live streamed) and 9 p.m., St. Anthony Church

Autumn, Ecclesiastes, and Hospitality

By Marabeth Freund

Autumn is my favorite season; it engages all my physical senses. I love the feel of a cool, crisp day, the sights of brilliant fall foliage, hearing the crunch of dry leaves, the smell of freshly picked apples, the taste of harvest flavors...pumpkin, squash, warm spices. And, more than spring, summer, or winter, the seasonal changes of autumn also engage my spiritual senses. I feel myself guided to reflect on how I'm living and growing my faith. Particularly this year, I'm thinking about change...being 70 years old suddenly seems much older than 69! How is my call to serve God changing, and how accepting am I of those changes?

I have a perennial flower garden at home, but I'm not really a gardener, and you can easily come to that conclusion on your own just by looking at it! It's become seriously overgrown. Some of the flowers that I love have gotten crowded out by more aggressive ones, and uninvited species have found the space to be a comfy habitat. Last weekend, I did something about it. Clearing out a lot of the plants, the ones that remain now have the space they need to grow and thrive. I couldn't help but think about the passage from Ecclesiastes: "There is an appointed time for everything...a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant."

After my time in the garden, I opened my Bible and spent some time with Ecclesiastes 3:1-15. As has happened so often this year, God's word through Scripture spoke to me of our Journey in Faith process. "There is an appointed time for everything...a time to tear down, and a time to build." Is this time that has often felt like a tearing down of our St. Anthony community also a time of building on the charisms of our community in our new pastorate? Hospitality has always been a quality that defines us; maybe the absence of weekend Masses at St. Anthony is opening up a new space for hospitality to grow and thrive! The opportunities for faith formation, prayer, and community building offered by St. Anthony are drawing increasing numbers of people from across the pastorate. A time

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of tearing down, yes, but also a time of building anew!

This issue of "The Voice of St. Anthony" will be our final edition, and that is bittersweet. Over the years, we've enjoyed reading about and viewing pictures of the people and events of our parish. Thank you to all past

and present contributors to the publication as readers, writers, editors, and photographers. We will miss "The Voice," but I'm comforted by words written by German poet Ludwig Jacobowski in 1899. Loosely translated, Jacobowski says, "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." I'm smiling.

Despite Weather, Golf Outing a Success By Wayne Schumacher

The ninth annual St. Anthony Family Golf Outing was held on Sunday, September 20, at the Bunker Hill Club House, or more precisely, the dinner and auction took place. Due to a little rain, no, a lot of rain, the golf course was saturated and the golf portion was canceled. Fellowship and camaraderie were on full display inside the clubhouse as 120 people were present for a delicious Kalmes dinner and auction. The auction was lively with many different bidders.

Thanks to the generosity of donors and bidders, \$8,000 was raised for this year's beneficiaries: the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Dubuque, to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens; and the

West Pastorate, for programs and projects that will help unify, consisting of St. Anthony Parish, St. Joseph the Worker, Church of the Nativity, and Church of the Resurrection.

Once again, a huge thank-you goes out to the 28 hole sponsors and 20 donation sponsors, along with the generous participants that bid on the silent and live auctions. And thank you also to all the volunteers that helped put on this event.

The St. Anthony Family Golf Outing Committee: Ted Borelli, Bob Kalb, Jim Brimeyer, Dan Mulligan, Dave McDermott, Pat O'Neill, Ralph Rollins, and Wayne Schumacher



Giving Tree Tags Available

For a good number of years St. Anthony's Giving Tree has provided for needs at Almost Home, Catholic Charities, and Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP). There have been other agencies, but these groups have relied primarily on donations from St. Anthony, and we feel called to continue to support them.

We realize that donations may be less since people won't be attending weekend Masses at St. Anthony, but we want to provide a means to donate for people who choose to do so. With fewer opportunities to pick up tags and donate gifts, the tree will be set up much earlier this year. It will be in the gathering space from October 15 through December 4. This will provide opportunities to pick up tags and drop off donations at

the October 15 and November 19 prayer and potlucks, or when visiting the November 6-7 Used Book Sale.

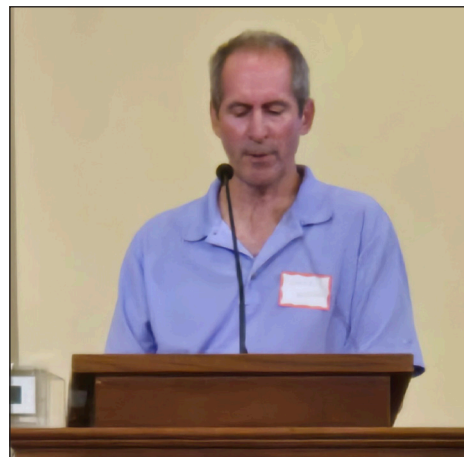
To participate in the Giving Tree project, please stop by the gathering space and take a tag. Donations to Almost Home (unwrapped) can be placed in the box by the Giving Tree at any time. Monetary donations can be dropped off at Prayer and Potluck evenings, or dropped off or mailed to the St. Anthony parish office: 1870 St. Ambrose Street, Dubuque, IA 52001.

Please place your cash or check payable to "St. Anthony Giving Tree," in an envelope marked "Giving Tree." The last day for donations will be Sunday, December 6. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

August Prayer & Potluck



A thank you to Deacon Brian Zeman and Deacon Jeff Lampe for their participation in the prayer service.



Chuck Kutsch discussed the Haiti Committee and the importance of St. Anthony donations to help support our sister parish, St. Montfort. Free will donations recently collected totaling \$500 will support St. Montfort's in Port de Paix, Haiti.



Parishioners head down to the potluck in O'Malley Hall.



Ronnie Larkin was one of many volunteers to help with the potluck in O'Malley Hall. Thank you to all the volunteers!



It was wonderful to see Fr. Steve at the August Prayer and Potluck.



Thank you to Peg Cussen for donating hand-quilted pieces for the silent auction at the August Prayer and Potluck. The quilt auction proceeds go to help support St. Anthony parish.

St. Anthony Elementary Reunion



Emmaus Reunion



Generations of Faith



Fr. Schueller gives blessing

The theme of Generations of Faith was "Celebrating Our History." Each parish had guest speakers present the history of each parish/school in our pastorate. We had a wonderful group that came together to share in community and to celebrate our history.



Diane Zismer from St. Joseph the Worker



Esther Farnum from Resurrection



Greg McGinn from Nativity



Mags & Lenny Young from St. Anthony



Sherry McGinn from Nativity





Living Water: A Renewal



Living Water Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

This year's theme for Season of Creation is "Living Water." The call is for transformation—that Christians be immersed in the living water flowing from the throne of God - stepping in deeper and deeper, inspired by the Spirit of God, working together for the renewal of creation.

Thank you to Deacon Bill Hickson and Deacon Mike Ellis for participating in the Season of Creation prayer service.





Bowl of Tears Making



A bowl making event after the prayer service was hosted by the Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition. The Bowl of Tears is a symbolic, participatory ritual used in environmental, spiritual, and community healing contexts to honor collective grief and connect personal sorrow with the well-being of the earth.

The Bowl of Tears ritual took place September 22 at the Port of Dubuque river pavilion.

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