

St. Anthony's Emmaus has rich history

The Cursillo Movement, begun in Spain in 1944, influenced the CEW movement and later the St. Anthony Emmaus weekend. Men and women who made the Cursillo weekend left their weekend committed to becoming disciples in their respective communities.

Mary Mulgrew, the first rector for the St. Anthony Emmaus Women's Weekend in 1978, recalled the ground work for our Emmaus weekends.

"During the 1970's Father John Dalton fostered the CEW movement (Christian Encounter Weekends) in the Dubuque area. In the late 1970's Father Mike Tauke was instrumental in bringing the CEW movement to St. Anthony Parish," said Mulgrew.

With the help of a small group of parishioners and Father Tauke's commitment and enthusiasm, a weekend based on St. Luke's Emmaus Story was created.

Mulgrew remembered how blessed our parish was to have Msgr. Bill Blessington as our pastor, a shepherd who had reservations about this new venture, but was drawn in by the passion of those involved. "At one point he mentioned that he saw the snowball coming and knew he either had to hop on it or get out of the way," said Mulgrew. "He was a great witness of humility and opened new doors of communication and lit a fire in the hearts of many."

Mary, although no longer a member of St. Anthony Parish, stated that as a couple, she and her husband Pat thought it was one of the greatest times of their lives. "It brought us back to reality and made us more aware of the importance of Christ in our daily lives—our commitment to each other, our family and the greater parish community," said Mulgrew.

The Emmaus weekends were not always held at St. Anthony School as they are today. Mary Pat Ament, an early rector of a women's weekend, reminisced about the early years of Emmaus at Camp Little Cloud. She recalled how the seven mile journey to Camp Little Cloud was roughly the same distance the travelers in Luke's gospel journeyed from Jerusalem to the town of Emmaus.

Because of the limited accommodations at the camp and the desire of so many parishioners to be part of the Emmaus experience, the setting moved quickly to the parish facilities. What a great problem to have to solve.

Ament said, "The weekends helped the participants realize that they were a witness of the Christian faith and knew they had a parish community ready to support them."

Spring Break at St. Anthony's

Have you made plans for spring break yet? Allow us to recommend a great package offered by our St. Anthony Parish—one that is guaranteed to inspire you, make you laugh, sing, enjoy the company of friends you know, and give you opportunities to make new friends that will touch your life in ways you never thought possible.

Most important of all, this "spring break" will guide you to gently reflect on God's love within you and around you, help you to grow in God's grace, and to share it with others.

What a package! No need to book a flight to a crowded Florida beach or Arizona golf course to enjoy it! This is what a St. Anthony's Emmaus weekend offers to all who are open to accept the invitation.

Curious? How about YOU consider being a part of the Women's Emmaus weekend March 14th-16th, or the Men's Emmaus Weekend March 21st-23rd? If you have any other questions, we would love to visit with you, Marabeth (563-599-0000) or Greg (563-542-1367) or our Promotions Team.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration!
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Nancy Spalla, a participant in many Emmaus weekends and also a former rector has many fond memories of her weekends. Spalla said, "Emmaus Weekends changed the way I practiced my faith. These weekends continue to give me the courage to face life's challenges and grow in my faith. They have truly been life-changing experiences."

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Continuing a proud tradition
Chuck Olson and Lee Baumhover have trained altar servers for several decades, including these senior servers from 2004: Ryan Deutmeyer, Amber Hein and Chris Koppes. They are looking for new trainers to carry on this valuable parish service.

Training others to 'serve'

After decades of training the St. Anthony mass servers, Lee Baumhover and Chuck Olson shared some of the highlights and benefits of training our St. Anthony mass servers.

Lee was asked to become a trainer in 1974 by Tom Frith and Steve Gulyash, and Chuck answered Steve's call to serve as mass server trainer in 1988.

Both Lee and Chuck admitted that there have been challenges through the years but that witnessing our young people commit to this special ministry was rewarding in growing both the servers' faith and confirming the trainers belief in the future of our church and parish.

Lee and Chuck referenced many highlights but a particular one both shared was that of witnessing one mass sever, Father Brian Dellaert, continue his service through ordination to priesthood.

Another found memory was that of the dedication of the servers, and in particular one, Jacob Hesselman.

As you may imagine, spanning

decades of service to St. Anthony's has allowed the two trainers to observe and be involved in many changes.

Several notable changes included the addition of girls as candle bearers in 1992 and the creation of the Holy Family system which resulted in the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders not being available to serve daily Mass.

Lee values his years as a mass server trainer. He said, "...the kids have been a sacrament to me."

Chuck commented that, "Seeing the new servers excited about serving and wanting to know when they will be able to serve their first Mass is rewarding."

Congratulations to both men on their service to our parish.

Both Chuck and Lee are looking for the next trainers to step up as their time in this ministry is coming to an end. As Lee said, "I have been selfish long enough, and it's time for some others to experience the warm fuzzies we have had in working with these neat kids."

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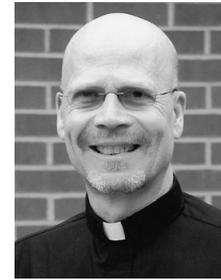
Emmaus 2014 will be the 36th St. Anthony Emmaus weekend. These weekends have touched the lives of countless people in so many different ways.

Often, people will ask what goes on during these weekends. The best way to explain it is to say it is a time to open up to the great love God has for you and to be ready to go out to

the community to share this love. The actual events of the weekend are kept "private" not because of any code of silence, but because it would be like knowing what you are getting for Christmas before you open your gift.

Consider this an invitation to become a part of this enriching St. Anthony history.

Notes from Fr. Steve



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

I remember from my grade school years that we would put the initials "J.M.J."

at the top of our assignments. It was a custom that called to mind the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Sunday, Dec. 29, is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It's very appropriate to celebrate this Feast of the Holy Family right after Christmas. Not only because we remember Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, but also because this is the time of year that people gather with family to celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, etc.

We may think that it's a little unrealistic to compare our own families to the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It might be correct to say that the Holy Family is out of the ordinary, but none the less they would have had the normal responsibilities of any family. They had to provide the essentials of food, clothing and shelter. Mary and Joseph would have had to offer guidance and set a good example.

Every family has its joys and sorrows, its ups and downs. Sometimes disagreements can happen, and also, human weakness can create problems. Regardless of the circumstances, all families can pray to the Holy Family for strength to live faith-filled lives. May the Eucharist help all families, regardless of their configuration, to live in peace.

KC Corner

Knights share proceeds of successful drive

The St Anthony's Knights of Columbus held its annual tootsie roll fund drive in August. This effort is also known as PID (Persons with Intellectual Disabilities).

All funds raised go to local agencies that serve these individual throughout our community. Thanks to the collection effort by as many as 30 of our council members, a total of \$3,177 was raised.

The 2013 recipients of these funds include Hills and Dales, ARK Advocates, Creative Expressions and The Dubuque Archdiocese.

The lives of many in our community are greatly enhanced thanks to the services provided by each of these organizations. Representatives from each organization were presented a check at our November council meeting.

In attendance were Kathy McMullen & Mary Ellyn Jensen from Creative Expressions, Michelle Schmitt from Hills and Dales and Kay Sendt from ARK Advocates. The Archdiocese representative was unable to attend.

On behalf of our council, Grand Knight Greg Wagner expressed our heartfelt thanks to each group for their unceasing service to our community.



Kathy McMullen and Mary Ellyn Jensen from Creative Expressions are pleased to accept a donation from Grand Knight Greg Wagner.



Michelle Schmitt from Hills and Dales gratefully accepts the "fruits" of the Knights of Columbus' Tootsie Roll Drive. The Archdiocese of Dubuque was also a recipient of the Knights' candy drive efforts.



Kay Sendt received a check from the Knights of Columbus on behalf of the ARK Advocates, a group of concerned adults and parents advocating with and for the needs of persons with disabilities.

St. Anthony's more secure thanks to DRA grant

Security for our St. Anthony Campus facilities is a major concern and challenge. Jim Henkels, Parish Business Manager, reports that over the past couple of years, more lights have been installed around our buildings and this year a video surveillance system was added which records activities in front of the Church, inside and outside the parish office, and in front of the Power of Prayer Chapel. This addition was made possible with

the use of capital improvement funds and a \$5,000 grant from the Dubuque Racing Association.

Carrie Campbell of Campbell and Associates became a member of St Anthony's last year. Carrie, who is an attorney and professional grant writer, volunteered to write the grant for the parish and we were successful in receiving the award.

ComElec Services, Inc. installed the equipment in October, and we are

up and running. New doors and locks have also been added to the Church, parish office and the entrances to the school from the Church.

The Power of Prayer chapel is open 24/7 and also benefits from this new security. The surveillance system was the last item needed to complete the plan. The surveillance system is activated by motion. Our hope is this will discourage any potential problems.

Did you know...? Seminarian's service paves way for future ministry

One day each week, Andrew Upah, a seminarian from St. Pius Seminary Loras College accompanies Sister Margaret Anne in her role as Pastoral Minister.

The main goal of the seminary is to foster human formation in the candidate. Sr. Margaret Anne says, "This is accomplished by relating to the parishioners that we visit, leading prayer, responding to sickness and the elderly."

Sr. Margaret Anne says it is a joy to have Andy assigned to St. Anthony's. "Andy has a deep desire to minister as a Priest. His strong faith, his outgoing personality, his ability to relate to others are, and will be, a great asset as he continues his studies in the Seminary," said Sr. Margaret Anne.

We ask that you remember Andy and all the seminarians in your prayers.

Congratulations to these newly baptized parishioners

August through November

Jacob Wayne Atkins
– child of Heather & Gregory
Grace Adele Heer
– child of Kristi & Joel
Madeline Rhea Thomas
– child of Elizabeth & Shawn
Audrey Ellis Wendler
– child of Katherine & Daniel
Amalia Magdalen Wolfe
– child of Jody Wolfe & Dorothy
Giannakouros
Sienna Marie Kohlenberg
– child of Meghan & Chad
Cannen David Muehlenkamp
– child of Marissa & Justin
LeRoy Gregory Murphy
– child of Anne and Marcus
Callen Michael Hesselman
– child of Jessica & Peter
Isabella Therese Rabbett
– child of Justine & Troy
Emma Rose Triervieler
– child of Laura & Nicholas
Noah George Waddell
– child of Jessica & Jason



Christmas 2013 is past, but good memories remain!

The St. Anthony community again showed their generosity in successfully supporting the Christmas Giving Tree.

Many thanks to the coordinators, Michele Watters and Nancy Knipper for their work on this community project. Michele and Nancy teamed up 14 years ago taking over this labor of love from Nancy's sister Julie.

The Christmas Giving Tree had been a part of our community before this time and is believed to have originated from one of our community committees.

FYI

The Power of Prayer has several open adoration hours.

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Welcome, new parishioners

Donath, Marolyn
Gonzalez Garcia, Jose Manuel &
Oliveria Gomez-Llambi, Maria –
Sara (infant)
Heuertz, Emily & Glynn, Edward
LuGrain, Ashley – Kilynn (infant)
Waddell, Jessica & Jason – Noah (1)
Brandt, Thomas
Gelaude, Michele
Schwab, Allison & Thomas
– Joshua (6) Natalie (3)
Speltz, James
Jarcho, Annemarie & Michael
– Collin (9 months)
Hinz, Sharon
Maxwell, Neal
Stecher, Beth & James
– Olivia (7), Hannah (4), Alexander (2)

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