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Parish "Picnic with the Pastor"

by Deacon Brian Zeman

JOIN US!

Enjoy food, fellowship, and yard games, just like a good old fashioned family reunion at the "Picnic with the Pastor."

Bring your lawn chairs and sit in the shade between church and Father Steve's house, or pull up a chair in O'Malley Hall to enjoy a meal prepared by the KC's. On the menu are pork sandwiches, hot dogs, side dishes and drinks.

The **MEAL IS FREE** and will be served immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass until 2:00 p.m. Brought to you by your St. Anthony's Knights of Columbus!

We look forward to seeing you there!



SAVE THE DATE

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

JUL 17: Picnic with the Pastor

AUG 7: Family Service Day

AUG 21: Back to School Blessing & Community Sunday

SEP 18: Golf Outing

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Celebrating 40 Years of Priesthood

by Dave McDermott

On May 29th the parish community celebrated the 40th anniversary of Fr. Steve's ordination. Family, friends and the St Anthony community gathered at the 10:30 a.m. Mass to begin the celebration. Fr. Vince, Fr. Steve's older brother, said a few words after Communion and read a blessing. Sr. Margaret Anne then spoke on behalf of the parish and shared some of the many wonderful memories of working with Fr. Steve for the past 12 years. A song of blessing, "Because He Loves God", was then sung in conclusion.

Immediately following the Mass, a lunch and reception gave Fr. Steve the chance to greet everyone, enjoy a slide show of pictures and some delicious food. We congratulate Fr. Steve on 40 years of service to the church and wish God's blessing on him now and always.

Thanks to the music, video and liturgy groups; kitchen and dining room crew; the Knights of Columbus; and Vicki Ben at the Dubuque Flower Co., who helped make the day a big success.

In reflecting on his years in the priesthood, Fr. Steve notes, "When I was ordained a priest May 29, 1982, I obviously couldn't picture myself celebrating a 40th anniversary, or all the twists and turns that would occur the next 40 years. Yet here we are. I've often said or thought that it's easier to see God's work in our lives

when we reflect on the past. We begin to see that God's inspiration and guidance was always present. The 40 years have been rewarding and interesting. Thank you for being a major part of my life, and my 40th anniversary."





Vacation Bible School

by Marcy McElroy

Did you notice a backdrop of a southwest scene in O'Malley leading up to summer? Were you wondering why it was there? Our parish celebrated God's greatness at Monumental Vacation Bible School (VBS) the week of June 13–17th.

There were almost 30 students who participated, ages kindergarten through fifth grade. Youth experienced arts and crafts, games, bible adventures, skits and songs. Middle school and high school teens led the small groups of children, while adults led each of the stations. A few familiar faces at VBS were Sam Anderson from Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Immersion School, Benjy Miller from Mazzuchelli Middle School, Jen Even and Marcy McElroy from the St. Anthony Faith Formation team and Audrey Mueller who was the summer religious education art teacher a few years ago.



God's greatness was explored at VBS by using scripture each day to reinforce the concepts learned. Many of the Bible stories were about Joseph from the Old Testament. The main take-aways were that God loves you no matter what; God is with you everywhere; God is in charge; God is stronger than anything and God is surprising. These messages are important in helping shape young people into loving disciples of Jesus.

Thank you to all who helped make VBS 2022 a success! Keep an eye out next spring for more information on VBS 2023!



St. Anthony Youth Awarded Scholarships by Annie Murphy

Five Mazzuchelli Middle School 8th graders were the recipients of the Captain James Conrad Powers Scholarship. Each student received \$1,000 toward their Wahlert tuition.

The scholarship was awarded to St. Anthony parishioners who demonstrate leadership, faith, character and involvement in their community and church. Each of these students attended St. Anthony's Elementary or Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Immersion school and continue to be active young members of our parish.

Pictured from left to right: Jimmy Topping, Emilia Borelli, Lucy Murphy, Olivia Bellini, and Ruth Tauber.



Celebrating the Sacraments

Congratulations to all of St. Anthony's First Communion and Confirmation students! May this special day help you continue to always feel His love and grace.



We're on YouTube starting today.

NO FOOLIN'.

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SIGN UP, LAUGH, TELL YOUR FRIENDS.



Parishioners Launch Free Family-Friendly YouTube Channel

by Stephanie Klapatauskas



Back in the spring of 2020, while the world began navigating the COVID-19 pandemic, my husband Kyle and I first developed the idea of producing humorous videos to post on YouTube. After two years of discerning, writing and purchasing the necessary equipment, we launched our channel "Done

on This Side," by the Dubuquers, on April 1, 2022. Partnering with our friend, Cathy Goodman, the channel is named in honor of St. Lawrence, the patron saint of comedy (while being grilled alive, he told his tormentors, "Turn me over; I'm done on this side").

One of the first videos we filmed and released was "Post Church Press Conference." The idea of parents responding to reporters at a press conference in their heads about the behavior of their children at Mass cracked us up, and our kids gave us an abundance of material to work with. Fr. Steve gave us his blessing to film in O'Malley Hall, and parishioners Ted Borelli, Jen Even, Mike Larkin and Jenny Stork were gracious enough to lend their talents to the sketch. Our hope

was to let parents know that they're not alone, and amid the chaos it is ok and even GOOD to laugh about it! Upon posting, we were thrilled to see just how many people could relate. A few weeks later, Catholic Vote's newsletter, "The Loop," included a link to "Post Church Press Conference" and then pro-life advocate, Abby Johnson, posted the link on her Facebook page. It was a mini-viral event for us—we went from about 4,000 views to about 120,000 views in just a couple of days. It was very exciting and a bit surreal. The responses were overwhelmingly positive and joy filled as people from all over the country (and world!) mentioned how the video filled them with laughter and joy.

Not all of our content is explicitly Catholic, but we believe that our Catholicism shines through. We show that being a person of joy is part of being a faith filled Catholic. Each week we post a new, family-friendly video and one of our next goals is to increase subscribers (subscribing is free). To view "Post Church Press Conference" or any of our other sketches, visit our channel at www.youtube.com/c/DoneOnThisSide. We believe God has an amazing sense of humor, so we hope to use the gift of humor He gave us to continue to spread some much-needed light, joy and laughter.

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