 **St Anthony's**
Memorial Hospital
Effingham, Illinois
An Affiliate of Hospital Sisters Health System



A Tradition of Caring
~Since 1875~



Our Mission

The mission of St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital is to participate in the healthcare ministry of the Church. We commit our valuable resources to provide a family-centered approach in meeting the healthcare needs of all people in the community and surrounding area regardless of ability to pay, and to foster the values of respect, care, competence, and joy.





St. Anthony's celebrates

Anniversary's are often a time to reflect...a time to look back over the years that lay behind us and look forward to the years that lay ahead. There are often happy as well as painful memories that resurface, but all memories remind us of the occasions, events, and trials that made us what we are today.

As St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital celebrates the 50th anniversary of the dedication of our current building in 1954, we also mark the 55th anniversary of the 1949 fire that tragically took 77 lives and destroyed St. Anthony Hospital. The memory of that fire still lingers with many people today, but so does the dedication and commitment that was demonstrated by the people of Effingham, surrounding communities and all over this nation to rebuild St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital... a dedication and commitment mirrored by the first Hospital Sisters of St. Francis that came to Effingham and is carried on by the employees, volunteers and Medical Staff of St. Anthony's today.

Much has changed in Effingham in the 129 years that have passed since the three Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis arrived in Effingham from Germany to serve the poor and the sick in the small rural Illinois community. The delivery of healthcare has evolved from caring for the sick only in their own homes to caring for them in St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital, a state-of-the-art regional medical center. The service of three Sisters who treated the sick in the Effingham community has increased to hundreds of highly skilled and caring healthcare professionals who meet the healthcare needs of the region at St. Anthony's.

One thing has not changed: The tradition of caring established by the first Hospital Sisters is carried on today at St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital. We at St. Anthony's are committed to meeting the needs of all the patients we serve. We do not take lightly the footsteps in which we follow and the legacy of healing that the original Hospital Sisters created. We will always be committed to the Sisters' ministry of faith by sharing Christ's healing touch through our service to our families, friends, and neighbors throughout the region.

We at St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital pay tribute to the courage and commitment and faith of those Sisters who began this ministry so many years ago. As we advance into the next century, we embrace the calling that we have been given in this ministry. We strive for excellence and will stay true to our commitment to progress and constantly improve the quality of care and compassion given to our patients. While this book provides glimpses of our past, we move forward in time with God's love to continue to serve the healthcare needs of the community with respect, care, competence, and joy.

Daniel J. Woods, Administrator
St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital
May 2004





A long journey

On July 2, 1844, a Franciscan priest, Father Christopher Bernsmeyer, witnessed the religious commitment of five women in the pilgrim Shrine of the Sorrowful Mother at Telgte, Germany, a village outside the city of Muenster, Westphalia. These five women became the first Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, an Order founded by Fr. Bernsmeyer, whose express purpose was to take care of the sick poor in their homes in rural areas. Later on, they continued the care of the sick in home and hospital and on the battlefields.



Father Christopher Bernsmeyer



In 1875, they welcomed an invitation from Bishop Baltes of Alton, Illinois to come to America. Twenty Sisters volunteered for the mission. The Sisters boarded the ship, Maas, for the three-week journey and arrived in New York on November 3, 1875. The Sisters then traveled onward to Alton to be missioned to different areas.

Father Weis, Pastor of St. Anthony's Parish, invited the Sisters to come to Effingham.

1844



*The Shrine of the Sorrowful Mother
in Telgte, Westphalia, Germany which still stands today*



Arriving in Effingham

Three of the Sisters arrived in Effingham on November 15, 1875. These first Sisters were Sister Euphemia Gartner, Superior; Sister Francis Dreisvogt; and Sister Fortunata Honkamp. The three Sisters were greeted by the pastor and people of St. Anthony's Parish church. The Sisters were soon going about the area serving the poor and the sick, without thought of any return. All patients were welcomed by the Sisters, regardless of religion or the ability to pay. Doctors soon recognized that the Sisters' care was truly professional, as well as generous and concerned.

Building a hospital

The Sisters had not been in the area long when people began asking them to build a hospital. Michael Moenning donated several lots for such a building. Support quickly followed, and the cornerstone was laid and the hospital dedicated on August 27, 1876.

Barely a year later, on September 15, 1877, St. Anthony Hospital was opened. The hospital was named after the parish that had so generously invited them to come to Effingham. Mr. L. Ludwig was the first patient admitted on September 15, 1877, according to *"His Love Heals"* by Sister Frances Cooke, O.S.F. The two-story hospital was 46 by 47 feet and provided for 18 patients. It was built at a cost of \$9,000.



...and growing!

As the city grew and the number of patients expanded, the hospital soon proved inadequate. An addition in 1891 provided living quarters for the Sisters and private rooms and wards for the patients. There were many additions to follow.

1891



St. Anthony's Hospital after 1891 addition

An addition expanded the hospital to 35 rooms. The first x-ray equipment was installed in 1912. There was a 21-room addition in 1917 and another addition in 1924. The 20 Hospital Sisters who came to America had grown and expanded their order to include 14 hospitals in three states.



Crowded quarters in the hospital would not permit the kind of care St. Anthony's was committed to give. In 1945, a temporary home for the Sisters was erected, and the Sisters moved from the third floor of the hospital, providing space to increase patient capacity to 110. The second part of the plan provided for building a new hospital in 1951 or 1952...or so they thought.

1945



St. Anthony Hospital, circa 1945



Midnight April 4, 1949

The screaming sirens at midnight, April 4, 1949, would not cease, and the townspeople, awakened from sleep, followed the sounds. The hospital was belching fiery flames into the sky like a mighty furnace. Dedicated employees carried some to safety and went back to help others, some not to return.

Help came from everywhere. Doctors rushed to the scene, police arrived with needed blood plasma, staff came from area hospitals and the Sisters' hospitals in Springfield and Decatur.

1949



Fire overwhelms St. Anthony Hospital on April 4, 1949



The fire claimed victims from everywhere – patients, newborn children, nurses, Sisters, a Priest, employees. One nurse, Fern Riley, stayed with the newborns so they would not be alone. According to the April 18, 1949 article “Sorrow in the ‘Heart of the U.S.’” in *Life Magazine*, “On the night of the fire she was on duty caring for 10 newborn babies in the second floor nursery. When the alarm sounded someone heard her shout, ‘My babies! I’ve got to stay with my babies’ Her body was still in the nursery when the fire burned out.”



The morning after the devastating fire



Aerial view of St. Anthony's Hospital after 1949 fire



Early in the morning of April 5, after the fire, ten town citizens met to determine how they could best serve their stricken community. These men — Mayor Eugene Wenthe, J. William Everhart, George Dehn, C.J. Moritz, Dr. D.A. Niccum, Tom Buell, Edwin McDonald, Fred Mason, Paul Koboldt, and Charles Smith — all prominent city leaders — conferred and planned their course of action. That group became the Finance Committee, and the drive began to raise funds to rebuild the hospital.



All ages join in the community effort to build a new hospital



The ten members of the finance committee sitting in front of the hundreds of contributions that poured in



Help of every possible kind came forth. From every state in the union and from several foreign countries, the daily contributions poured in.

Date	Donor	Amount	Total
August 27	K of G		
	Cowlitz Council #2763 Longview, Washington	35.00	
	J.L. Vetava, Univ. Council Chicago, Illinois	1.00	
	Louis Burgrave Box 318B, RR #3 Geneseo, Illinois	5.00	
	Benwood: Battle Creek Cleaners, Mich.	10.00	
	Dehn (2)	2.00	
	TOTAL (NO DEPOSIT)	53.00	53.00
August 29	K of G		
	Council, Luling, La.	25.00	
	Dehn (4)	14.00	
	Donnelley (3)	4.25	
	Joseph Durabaro, Arlington, Mass.	5.00	
	Fishman's Sporting Goods, Inc. 603 E. Washington, Springfield	25.00	
	TOTAL (NO DEPOSIT)	73.25	73.25
August 30	Veterans of Foreign Wars Caseyville, Illinois	10.00	
	Dehn (4)	4.50	
	Donnelley (2)	2.00	
		TOTAL (NO DEPOSIT)	16.80
August 31	Dr. C. Frank Tuma, Cleveland 13201 Miles Avenue	10.00	
	Hirider, Inc. 1101 W. Main, Decatur	10.00	
	Dehn (2)	5.00	
	#239 TOTAL DEPOSIT	25.00	25.00

A page from the deposit receipts showing contributions to the Effingham Civic Foundation Hospital Fund

“It is the story of the spirit that arose out of the hot ashes and waved a wand that created an episode in American generosity. This is the tale of a great nation opening its heart to a little city’s courage in tackling a rebuilding task that seemed too big a load for it to lift.”

— From *History of the Campaign for Funds to Rebuild St. Anthony’s Hospital at Effingham, Illinois,*



In the meantime...

New beginnings

Within a few days after the fire, the Sisters created an emergency hospital from their existing convent. The structure was such that not too much remodeling was required. On June 22, 1949, St. Anthony's Emergency Hospital was opened for medical emergencies, surgery and accident cases. It consisted of 16 patient beds, a pharmacy, laboratory, portable x-ray machine and two operating rooms. Medical cases were cared for in their homes, and doctors often delivered babies in their offices or homes.

This facility served the community for over three years, while preparations were made to build a new hospital.

1949



St. Anthony's Emergency Hospital, opened June 22, 1949



Building a *new hospital*

1951



Sister James, Reverend John Goff, Sister Oda Krueger, and Mr. William Everhart at the 1951 Groundbreaking Ceremony

According to a 1950s Effingham Daily News article, each citizen in Effingham and the surrounding area had a special interest in the new hospital and wanted it to be the most modern and efficient hospital in this section of the country. On August 15, 1951, ground was broken for the new hospital. The ceremony was the climax of over a year of efforts to raise money for the new structure. The architect commissioned to design the hospital, Mr. Henry Slaby, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, had to ask, "What was the motivating force which inspired a group of young Sisters to sacrifice all home ties and go into a strange



land to administer to the sick and poor.” According to Mr. Slaby, “The Sisters were very insistent in stressing the importance of the safety of the patient.” Bearing all this in mind, the architect designed a building completely fire resistive and incorporated the latest techniques in the care of the sick.

On September 15, 1952, the cornerstone was laid. The cornerstone contained a statue of the Sacred Heart, statue of the Blessed Lady, statue of St. Anthony, crucifix, homemade Rosaries of the Sisters’ beads, Sacred Heart Badge, and Medals of St. Anthony, St. Christopher, Miraculous Medal, Infant of Prague, St. Benedict, Our Lady of Telgte, Holy Ghost, Our Lady of Consolation, St. Francis, St. Peter, Little Flower and Medallion of the reigning Holy Father, Pope Pius II.



Mayor Eugene Wenthe and Bishop O'Connor laying the cornerstone in 1952



Steadily over the next three years, the new hospital rose up to a total of six floors and two floors of equipment penthouse. Construction was completed, and the hospital was ready for occupancy on February 2, 1954.



Like a phoenix rising from the ashes...



A new hospital takes shape



Newspaper clipping (publisher unknown) Circa 1954, showing the statue of St. Anthony that was placed in a niche atop of the sixth story of the new building. Shown are: George Bernert from the office of Henry Slaby, architect; Adolph Roegner, commissioned as sculptor; Sister Superior Gregory of the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis; Sister Florentia, hospital anesthetist; Reverend George Faller of Sigel; and Carl Stephens of the J.L. Simmons Construction Company.



Dedicated into service

May 16, 1954 marked the dedication of St. Anthony's **Memorial** Hospital, named "Memorial" in honor of those who died in the fire five years earlier.

1954



Governor William G. Stratton, Mayor Eugene Wenthe, and Most Reverend William A. O'Connor, Bishop of Springfield

The Effingham fire sparked a nationwide hospital inspection for fire hazards. A National Hospital Survey investigated every hospital of 50 or more beds in all 48 states. The survey indicated that more than 90 percent of the country's 4,539 general hospitals were unsafe from fire. Since that time, major improvements have been made in laws and statutes to ensure that a fire of this magnitude does not occur again.



In 1955, the hospital received approval by the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Hospitals, the highest type of approval that a hospital could attain.



An entire community turns out to dedicate St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital



Federal Funds.....	\$1,690,185.69
State Funds.....	487,888.65
Effingham Civic Foundation:	531,527.67
(Effingham Area.....	\$125,000.00)
(48 States & 4 Foreign Countries	\$406,527.67)
Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis	1,646,546.67
TOTAL.....	\$4,356,148.68

Final accounting for the new hospital

Scenes from 1954



A Sister escorting a new mom and her baby in 1954



1954 Dietary Department



1954 Operating Room



St. Anthony's Medical Staff in 1954



1955



The 50s, 60s & 70s

The chapel was dedicated October 15, 1955 and is always kept open to welcome anyone who seeks its comforting atmosphere. Daily Masses are still performed today.

In 1956, Sister Gregory organized St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. It soon had 154 members volunteering their services. They rendered minor services directly to the patients and engaged in other hospital activities. Through the years, these activities increased, many of them involving fundraising for various projects and equipment.



1956



The Auxiliary was founded in 1956 by a small group of women who wanted to help the patients of St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital

Through the 1960s and 1970s, the hospital underwent constant renovations to make available the latest advances in science and medicine. Departments were added or expanded – Physical Medicine in 1965, Social Services in 1973, Pastoral Care in 1974, and Nuclear Medicine in 1976. The Intensive Care Unit began caring for patients in November 1969, on the Fourth Floor. The Unit provided four beds for critically ill patients and has expanded numerous times since then.



In 1974, the building of a new St. Francis convent was undertaken to house the 22 Sisters stationed at St. Anthony's. This new convent became necessary as the hospital progressed in its building program. The facility was placed adjacent to the hospital for the convenience of the Sisters. The residence was a simple duplex-type structure capable of housing 18 to 20 Sisters.



The former attached convent area within St. Anthony's now became home to Medical Records, Doctors' Lounge, conference room and other offices.

Then and Now

	<u>1975</u>	<u>2003</u>
Inpatients Treated	5,514	7,337
Patient Days	37,638	29,815
Births	690	708
Surgical Procedures	1,781	10,485
Emergency Visits	9,104	22,901



In early 1974, the Effingham community united again to support St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in raising funds to build an addition to the facility. Spearheaded by Joseph McNaughton, the owner of the

1975



Pictured at 1975 groundbreaking ceremony for the Acute Care Addition are (L-R) Carl Stephens, Sister Marcellita, Rep. Charles Keller, Joe McNaughton, Carl Koerner, Dr. Thompson, Mrs. Doris Mansfield, Michael Schabbing, Sister Marianna Kosior, Don Eden and Dr. David Bristow

local newspaper and radio station, the capital campaign raised over \$1 million from hospital employees, physicians, Auxiliary members, and local citizens. The campaign greatly assisted the hospital in building an expansion of the Emergency Department, Radiology Department, new elevators, Intensive Care Unit and Cardiopulmonary Department.

The new Emergency Room/Radiology addition was dedicated on May 16, 1977. In May, 1977, the Intensive Care Unit was given a new dedicated location on the Second Floor with ten beds for patients.



1977 Emergency Room addition



The 80s

Cardiac Rehabilitation began at St. Anthony's in 1982. Cardiac Rehabilitation soon combined with Pulmonary Rehabilitation within the Physical Medicine Department, and St. Anthony's was able to care for a wider range of patients.

1982



St. Anthony's specialized cardiac rehabilitation service helps patients return to a productive and healthy lifestyle



In late 1986, a \$2.7 million project was approved for the building of an expansion onto the rear of the present Radiology Department and the acquisition of a high technology linear accelerator and a Computerized Tomography (CT) Scanner. The expansion to house the new services was a 7,083 square foot addition. The addition included rooms for radiation treatment, CT imaging, examination, waiting, dressing, treatment planning, film viewing, computers and rest-rooms.

St. Anthony's celebrated a Grand Opening and Dedication of the Cancer Center expansion in early 1988.

1988



St. Anthony's Cancer Center

Hospital Administrators

St. Anthony Hospital (1875 to 1949)
 St. Anthony's Emergency Hospital (1949 to 1954)
 St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital (154 to Present)

Sister Euphemia Gaetner	1875 to 1876
Sister Cyrilla Witte	1876 to 1885
Sister Fortunata Honkamp	1885 to 1891
Sister Arnolpha Weber	1891 to 1897
Sister Wilhelmina Reiners	1897 to 1920
Sister Julitta Grimmig	1920 to 1923
Sister Jerome meyer	1923 to 1926
Sister Salesia	1926 to 1929
Sister Vitalia Stepanek	1929 to 1932
Sister Hermana Miller	1932 to 1938
Sister Carmelita Reisch	1938 to 1944
Sister Cecilianna Kaufman	1944 to 1950
Sister Gregory Brunette	1950 to 1956
Sister Francesca Goebel	1956 to 1962
Sister Marianna Kosior	1962 to 1968
Sister Hugh Holtman	1968 to 1971
Sister Marcellita Besserman	1971 to 1983
Sister Ann Bailey	1983 to 1985
Mr. Gregory Voss	1985 to 1992
Mr. Anthony Pfitzer	1992 to 1999
Mr. Daniel Woods	2000 to Present



The 90s

In 1989, the Friends of St. Anthony's was established to accept, acknowledge and recognize the generosity of those who support St. Anthony's with their contributions. The Friends are a division of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis Foundation. In late 1990, the Friends Board of Directors commissioned a Donor Recognition Wall and it was installed in the hospital's front lobby. The Donor Recognition Wall is a formal tribute to the many individuals, foundations, service organizations, and businesses whose contributions have aided in the hospital's healing mission. To this day, more names are added yearly to recognize the generosity of those who help ensure the stability and future growth of St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital.

1990



St. Anthony's Donor Wall in the hospital lobby recognizes those who help ensure the stability and growth of St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital



The Friends of St. Anthony's undertook a capital campaign called "A Legacy of Healing" in 1992, to assist St. Anthony's in raising funds to build a new Outpatient Center. This campaign raised over \$728,000 from hospital employees, physicians, Auxiliary members, and the community. This building project was the single largest construction project undertaken at St. Anthony's since the original construction of the building in the early 1950s. By the fall of 1994, the \$10 million project was completed and St. Anthony's launched a new era for healthcare delivery in the Effingham community. The addition contained new facilities for Emergency Services, Diagnostic Services and Outpatient Support Services.

1994



St. Anthony's Outpatient Center



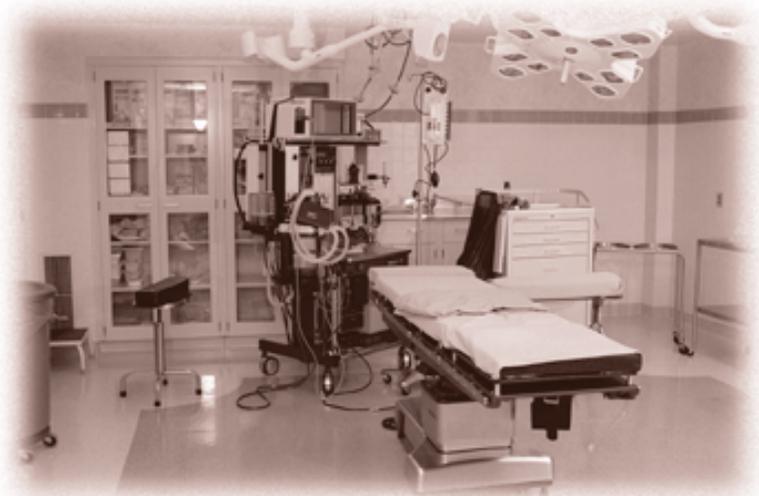
A new, efficient, state-of-the-art Emergency Department Renovation on Second Floor South began in early 1994 and St. Anthony's soon opened a newly renovated area on the south end of the Maternity department. The renovation heralded a new era in childbirth at St. Anthony's, one that made giving birth a more comfortable experience for mothers and their families. The project included four new labor, delivery and recovery (LDR) rooms and a new Cesarean section suite. The LDR rooms allow mothers to labor, deliver their child and recover in the same room without having to be moved from area to area.

An adjacent surgery room permits Cesarean sections to be performed in the area quickly and safely without the need to move patients to the Surgery floor.

1994



A new mother and father enjoy the comfort and privacy of one of St. Anthony's labor, delivery, and recovery rooms



A new surgery room on the maternity floor

In an effort to provide quality healthcare services in the home environment and to provide uninterrupted healthcare services for patients beyond their hospital stay, St. Anthony's initiated a new Home Care Service in November 1996. Just as the first three Hospital Sisters provided care in homes in 1875, St. Anthony's Home Care offers family-centered home health services: nursing services; physical, occupational and speech therapy; medical social work; home health aide services; and a Mother/Baby program. Home Care services are provided to patients in Effingham County as well as Clay, Cumberland, Fayette, Jasper, Marion and Shelby Counties.

1996



New mothers receive a complimentary Home Care visit through the Mother/Baby program



St. Anthony's new Skilled Care Unit was given approval for occupancy from the Illinois Department of Public Health in early 1997. The 13-bed Skilled Care Unit was developed to provide patients with more time to recuperate in the hospital environment between the acute care stage and returning home or to a nursing home. Patients on the Skilled Care Unit can be seen on a regular basis by their attending physician. In addition, specialty services such as physical, occupational, respiratory, and speech therapy are readily available to enhance their hospital stay.

Another type of patient that St. Anthony's cares for is very young Pediatric patients. Pediatric patients often times have a very high level of anxiety and fear during their hospital stays. In the late 1990s, St. Anthony's acquired toy carts, movie videos, and electronic games for our Pediatric patients. These toys and games help alleviate some of the anxiety experienced by these young children and enhance their comfort during their hospital stay.



A child chooses a toy from the toy cart



In early 1998, St. Anthony's purchased a new PRIMUS Linear Accelerator that allowed for expanded radiation oncology services and brought more healing and comfort to patients. The features of the PRIMUS Multileaf Collimator and Virtual Wedge are used to help the radiation oncologist deliver highly precise radiation treatments. With more precision, oncologists can escalate the dosage to the targeted area and limit the exposure to surrounding organs. In addition, the solid-state unit assured a quiet and less intimidating environment for cancer patients. The Collimator also is now located inside the unit, thereby placing it further away from the patient and making it less likely to cause skin irritation. The new equipment became operational in February 1998.

1998



The PRIMUS Linear Accelerator brought more comfort and healing to St. Anthony's cancer patients



The Cancer Center began renovations in early 1998. The renovated area features a single entrance and joint waiting area for Medical and Radiation Oncology patients. Three medical oncology exam rooms and one radiation oncology exam room are located in the area. The new area also housed an open chemotherapy treatment area with private rooms and a chemotherapy preparation area.

1998



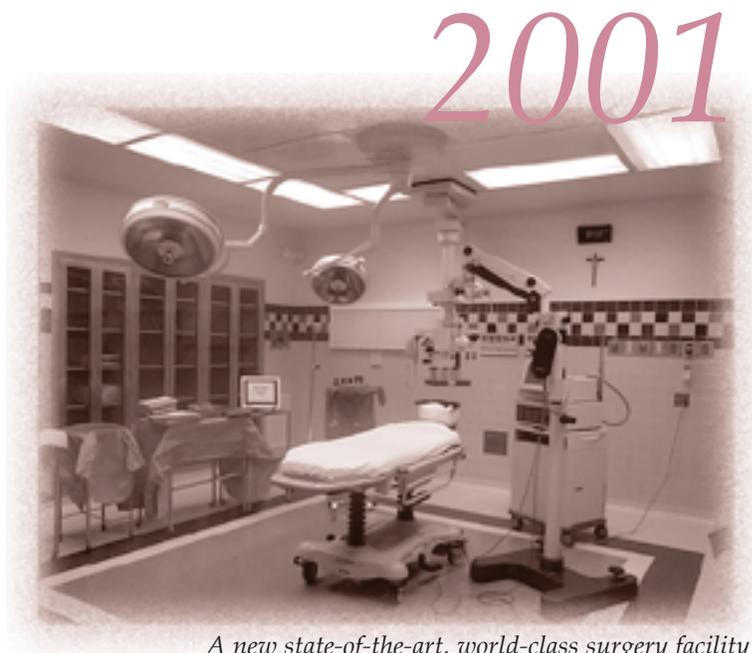
The Cancer Center's renovated waiting area

Beginning in June 1999, the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis began a year-long celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the establishment of their American Province. In June 2000, the Medical Staff, employees and volunteers of St. Anthony's enjoyed an outdoor cookout in celebration of this momentous occasion. A Mass of Celebration commemorating the anniversary was held June 13, 2000 in the hospital Chapel for local sisters and various community supporters of St. Anthony's.



A new century **begins**

From June 2000 until July 2001, the hospital undertook the construction and renovation of a 26,500 square foot \$8.6 million project for a new Surgery facility. St. Anthony's Surgery Center locates all surgical services at St. Anthony's, including anesthesia, recovery, operating rooms and same day surgery in the newly constructed area to accommodate and more efficiently serve the growing number of surgical patients. The project combines surgical talent and technology in a world-class facility for specialized and major surgical care as well as the convenience of an ambulatory surgery center for simpler procedures, all in the safety of a full-service hospital setting.

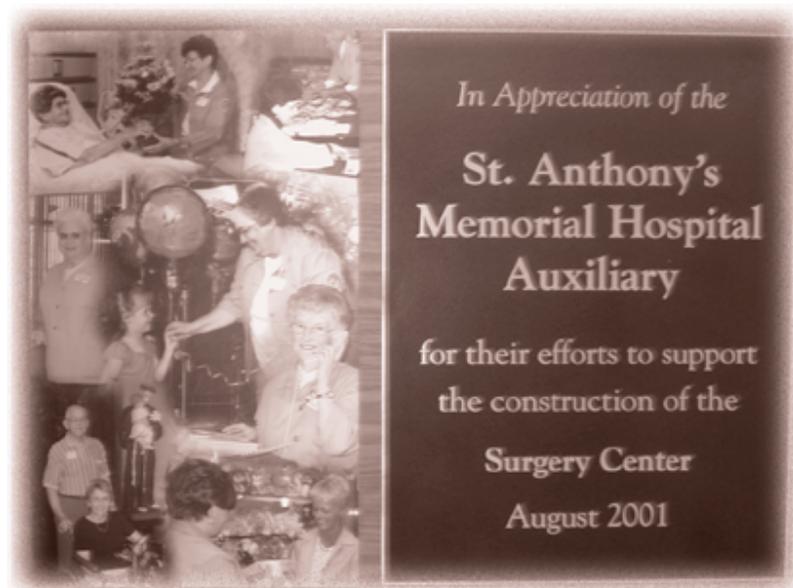


A new state-of-the-art, world-class surgery facility



The same-day surgery nursing station

The project received financial assistance from the St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. The volunteer organization made a \$200,000 donation to the Friends of St. Anthony's for the Surgery Center. The donation was made possible through the Auxiliary's Gift Shop sales and various fundraising events.



In appreciation of the Auxiliary's contribution to the Surgery Center, this plaque hangs in the first floor Surgery Waiting Area



St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital employees, staff and invited guests took the first step toward opening the hospital's new Surgery Center with a Mass of Dedication and preview of the addition in August 2001. The Most Reverend George J. Lucas, Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield, led the Blessing ceremony with Dan Woods, Administrator of St. Anthony's, Sr. Josepha Schaeffer, O.S.F., Chairperson of St. Anthony's Board of Directors, and Leann Nitschke, M.D., President of St. Anthony's Medical Staff. St. Anthony's began utilizing the new Surgery Center in December 2001, after receiving written approval to occupy from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

2001



Daniel Woods, Administrator, Sr. Josepha Schaeffer, O.S.F., Chairperson, St. Anthony's Board of Directors, and Bishop George J. Lucas, Diocese of Springfield, take part in the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Surgery Center



In 2002 ...

In early 2002, a UroView 2800 digital imaging system was installed in the Surgery Center, offering the latest in urological technology and increased patient comfort and safety. Both fluoroscopic and endoscopic images can be viewed simultaneously, enlarged and manipulated on a flat display. With the ability to view both types of images, procedures are made safer and more efficient with shorter procedure times and less anesthesia for the patient.

St. Anthony's Home Care improved the quality of care provided to its patients by acquiring a 3M Home Care Management system and 12 laptop computers in 2002. The new system provides immediate access to the latest patient information, eliminating the extra phone calls between staff and physicians, and enabling the staff to have access to all parts of the patient care plan for a more accurate, streamlined process.

2002



A Home Care nurse utilizes a laptop computer to access her patient's treatment plan



In May 2002, St. Anthony's held a ceremony dedicating a new flagpole on the hospital's premises. The flagpole has a stone at its base dedicating the pole with gratitude to the police, fire, emergency medical services and hospital personnel who answered the call September 11, 2001.



Dave Storm, Director of Business Support, leads local police, fire, and emergency medical service in raising a flag in memory of their comrades

An Open House was held for employees, volunteers, and Medical Staff of the newly renovated Physical Rehabilitation department in summer 2002. The new area combines a bright, cheerful environment with modern technology and highly skilled staff to care for patients requiring physical, occupational, speech and cardiac therapy.

In August 2002, St. Anthony's expanded its diagnostic services by offering Positron Emission Tomography (PET), one of the most powerful diagnostic imaging techniques available. PET can effectively pinpoint the source of many of the most common cancers and give physicians important early information about cardiac and neurological diseases, streamlining testing and decreasing the need for invasive biopsies.



In late 2002, Maternity Services added a new updated fetal monitoring and OB management system. The new system allows the nurses to monitor and quickly access the vital statistics of all the mothers in labor from any bedside unit. A labor nurse now can monitor any mother no matter where they are on the floor, therefore enhancing the safety for the mother and her baby. This new system also has the ability to more effectively display heartbeat patterns of twins.

2002



The fetal monitoring system has multiple bedside units, allowing laboring mothers to be monitored on a continuous basis

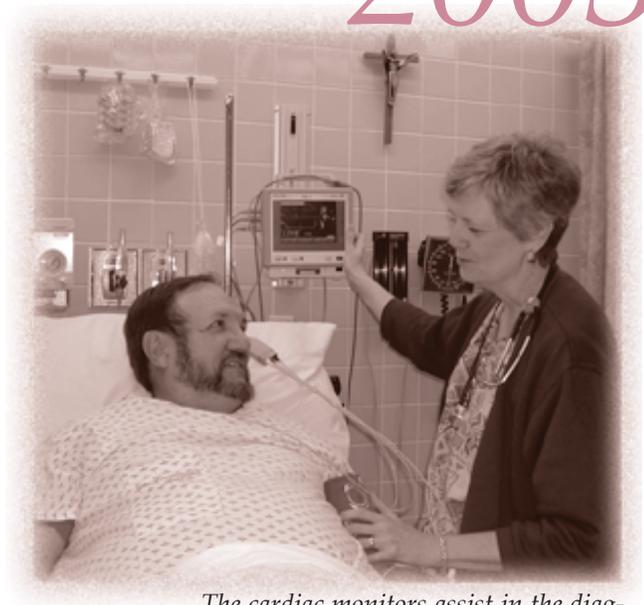


In 2003 ...

In February 2003, St. Anthony's purchased 41 new Hill-Rom Advanta patient beds for Medical Care and 10 Total Care beds for Intensive Care. The new beds offer the latest in safety, comfort and convenience features for our patients and assist nursing staff in caring for the patient.

A new cardiac monitoring system was installed in the Emergency Services Department of St. Anthony's in June 2003. This new system increases our monitoring capabilities from 7 to 17 patients, making monitors available in all ER exam rooms. This allows staff to immediately begin monitoring a patient, saving critical time in the treatment of the patient. The new monitors are capable of handling any age group, from infant to adult, and are more sensitive, thereby enhancing the diagnosis of all patients, especially pediatric cases. The new system is standardized with other systems throughout the hospital, allowing for continuous heart monitoring of a patient from ER to Surgery to Intensive Care to discharge.

2003



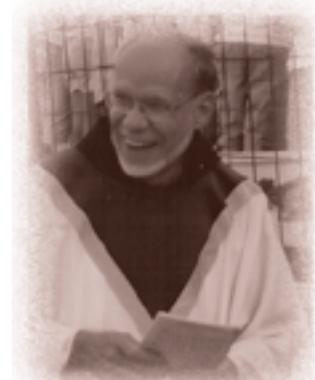
The cardiac monitors assist in the diagnosis of patients of all ages



In May 2003, St. Anthony's assisted in sponsoring the Effingham Sesquicentennial Celebration. Celebration activities included live entertainment, parade, city birthday party, historical displays, and military re-enactments. St. Anthony's had a float in the parade that depicted Hospital Sisters visiting a patient's home to administer to their medical needs. St. Anthony's also provided a first aid station at the celebration throughout the weekend. In addition, the Catholic Diocese of Springfield celebrated 150 years of Catholic life. St. Anthony's banner depicting the healthcare provided by the early Sisters who came to the Effingham area in 1875 was part of the Jubilee Mass celebrated in Springfield. St. Anthony's also took opportunities to reflect on our history by educating our employees about our Franciscan heritage at the local monestary located in nearby Teutopolis.



Celebrating our tradition of caring



Father Ralph enjoying the Jubilee



During Christmas 2003, Dr. and Mrs. Ruben Boyajian created a gingerbread house depicting the original St. Anthony Hospital. Above the Hospital Sisters are shown viewing the gingerbread creation. Left to right are: Sr. Marianna Kosior, Sr. Doris Poettker, Sr. Helen Marie Plummer, Sr. Rachael Jost, Sr. Gertrude O'Connor, Sr. Jolinda Snyder, Sr. Fran Winkler, Sr. Josepha Schaeffer, Sr. Mary Ann Vogt, Sr. Joan Jordan, and seated Sr. Angelus Gardiner.



In fall of 2003, Dr. Peter Bonutti performed the first live satellite broadcast to take place at St. Anthony's Surgery Center. Demonstrating a minimally invasive total knee replacement, the broadcast went out to an international audience. A live web cast was aired a month later.

In April 2004, St. Anthony's began utilizing a computer-assisted mammography system. This "image checker" technology aids in the early detection and prevention of breast cancer. The latest advancement available, this technology assists radiologists in identifying breast cancer with greater effectiveness at its earliest stage and therefore dramatically increases survival rates among those diagnosed with breast cancer.



Camera crews taping a surgery for live the live satellite broadcast



Looking to our Future

St. Anthony's continues to evaluate and identify the healthcare needs of the region. We are committed to providing comprehensive services close to home.

With our state-of-the-art Surgery Center in full use, renovation of the sixth floor that once held surgery is underway. The plans include renovation of the area to accommodate an increase to 26% private patient care rooms house-wide. Plans call for 19 private rooms and one semi-private room, along with a nurses' station, treatment room, storage, visitor waiting area and patient rehabilitation work area. This is one of several phases to completely transform our patient care environment.

In November 2002, the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board unanimously approved St. Anthony's Certificate of Need (CON) application for a \$13.1 million building addition project to house a cardiac catheterization laboratory and relocation of ancillary and support services. Plans are ongoing to build the 45,000 square foot addition. The establishment of a cardiac catheterization laboratory at St. Anthony's will enable the hospital to care for the increasing number of patients who require this standard diagnostic procedure because they present



with symptoms of coronary artery (or heart) disease. The development of the cardiac catheterization laboratory project allows St. Anthony's to proceed with this major advancement of cardiac care in the region.

St. Anthony's believes in continually investing in its people, facility, and technology. By constantly improving these assets, we are taking steps to ensure that St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital will be here to serve the people of this region for generations to come.



St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital today



Today, the American Province of the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis operate 13 hospitals in the Hospital Sisters Health System throughout Illinois and Wisconsin and provide mission services in the countries of Haiti and Tanzania.

Reflecting on our rich history, reminds us of why we are here and the commitment we make to serve our patients with respect, care, competence and joy. We will remain true to this mission, proudly following in the footsteps of the first Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis.

St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital
Continuing Our Tradition of Caring



St. Anthony of Padua

Anthony of Padua was born in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1195. As a very young man Anthony was called to be a servant of God.

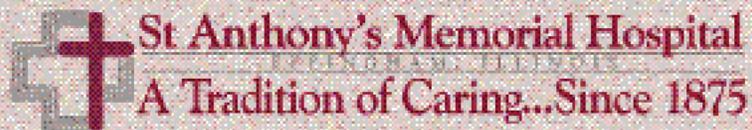
Following the Franciscan Order, Anthony was a great preacher and was sent out as a missionary to many cities in Italy and France where he converted many sinners. His sermons were notable for their learning and gentleness.

It is said that when Anthony was praying in his room, the Infant Jesus appeared to him, put His little arms around Anthony's neck, and kissed

him. This wonderful favor was given to Anthony because he kept his soul free from even the smallest sin and because he loved Jesus very much.

Anthony was only 36 years old when he died on June 13, 1231. Anthony's feast is celebrated on June 13, on which day the Church prays, "Almighty, ever-living God, You gave Your people the extraordinary preacher Saint Anthony and made him an intercessor in difficulties. By his aid, grant that we may live a truly Christian life and experience 'Your help in all adversities'."





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