

Families of Faith in a Community of Grace

**The Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday
December 11, 2022**

Directory

St. Augustine Church e-mail: augustine306@att.net
Website: www.saintaugustinebreese.org
 Find us on Facebook: St. Augustine Catholic Church Breese Illinois
Vision Statement: "Called to Welcome, Serve and Celebrate"
 525 S. Third St. Breese **526-4362**
 St. Augustine Parish Center 526-4341

St. Anthony Church e-mail: stanthny@papadocs.com
Website: www.stanthonybeckemeyer.org
Vision Statement: "Continuing to Create a Future Together"
 P.O. Box 305, 451 W. Third St. Beckemeyer **227-8236**

All Saints Academy 295 N. Clinton Breese
Website: www.asasaints.com 526-4323

Mater Dei High School 900 N. Mater Dei Dr. Breese
School Website: www.materdeiknights.org 526-7216

Diocesan websites: www.diobelle.org
www.bellevillemessenger.org
www.catholiccharitiesusa.org
<http://catholiccharitiessil.org/ccsil>

Project Rachel 722-5068
<https://www.diobelle.org/respectlife/project-rachel>

Respect Life Ministry 722-5040
Sexual Abuse Hotline 1-800-640-3044

Religious Education:
RCIA - Monday at 7:00 pm, please call 618-526-4362 or 618-227-8236

Youth Faith Formation Classes: CRE – Dan Robben
 Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:45 pm at St. Dominic

Youth Ministry Moderators:
 Diane Klostermann 910-9266 Cheryl Loepker 526-7594
 Angie Pollmann 604-3116 Rhonda Pulver (248) 840-1857

Worship Schedule

Eucharist: Sat. 4:00 pm St. Augustine
 5:30 pm St. Dominic
 Sun. 8:00 am St. Augustine
 9:30 am St. Anthony
 11:00 am St. Dominic

Baptism: Celebrated after the weekend Liturgies by appointment. Baptismal preparation class required. Contact the parish office to register. **Set baptismal date one month in advance.**

Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:30 pm at St. Augustine Church or by appointment. Seasonal penance services offered during Advent & Lent with dates to be announced.

Marriage: Call the parish office at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick : Annually offered at Mass or as needed. Call the parish office for more information or to schedule an anointing.

Welcome

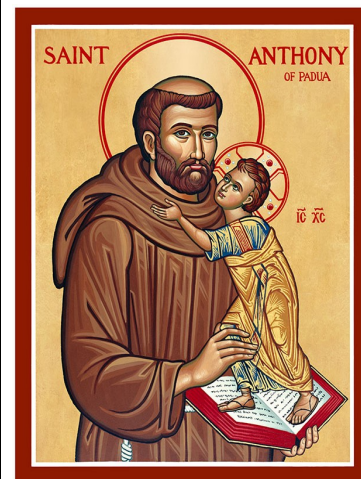
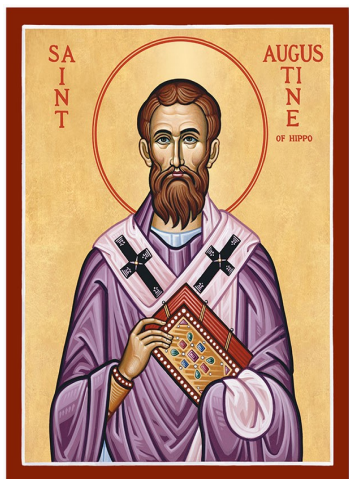
We encourage everyone 18 or older to register at the office as an adult parishioner.

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Chuck Tuttle 526-2566
 Pastoral Associate/DRE: Phyllis Berndsen 791-0069
 Pastoral Associate/DRE: Phyllis Mensing 977-1569
 Maintenance: Richard Korte 402-5964
 Office Manager: Carol Hilmes 526-4362
 227-8236
 Business Manager: Dennis Krebs St. Augustine
 Business Manager: Karri Kampwerth St. Anthony

Office Hours

Breese: Monday & Wednesday 8:30am - 4:30pm
 Thursday 2:00 - 5:00pm & Friday 8:30am - 1:00pm
Beckemeyer: Tuesday 8:00am - 1:00pm
 Thursday 8:00am - 1:00pm
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday at 10 a.m.



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The Catholic Communities of

St. Augustine

Mon No Services
 Tues No Services
 Wed 8:00 am Darlene Billhartz
 Thu No Services
 Fri 8:00 am Respect for Life at all Stages
 Sat 4:00 pm Theresa Grawe †
 David Hummert †
 Frank Usselman †
 Living & Deceased of the Al & Mary Timmermann Family
Sun 8:00 am Bernard Diekemper †
 Joe C. Maue †
 Al Mourlam †
 Sara Isaak †
 Stan Timmermann †

St. Anthony

Mon No Services
 Tues 7:30 am
 Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
 Wed No Service
 Thu 7:30 am Lorraine Gonzalez
 Fri No Service
 Sat **No Mass – New Mass Schedule**
Sun 9:30 am Tom Kruse †
 Bob Kauling †
 Dave Beckemeyer †
 Dan Beckemeyer †
 Living & Deceased of the Dolores Hilmes Family

Things to do:

-Hispanic Ministry Collection We ask for your help: There was a second collection for Hispanic Ministry this weekend. The funds collected assist in meeting the needs of the Hispanic Ministry Team. It is no too late to give. You can drop your donation off at the church office.

-Youth Ministry - Any high schoolers that are wanting to attend Zoo Lights, please respond on groupme. High School youth wanting updates for youth ministry events, download the groupme app and please contact Cheryl, Rhonda, Angie or Diane to be added to the groupme. Any adult wanting to assist with youth ministry, please contact Diane, Cheryl, Angie or Rhonda. Share your faith with the youth as they share theirs with you.

- Youth Faith Formation Important Dates

- Reconciliation Service for 3rd - 8th Grade Classes Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30pm at St. Dominic.

- Save the Date: St. Augustine Trivia Night - Saturday, February 4 at 6:30pm at the Breese K of C Hall. More information to follow.

- Position available at St. Dominic

Church: We are taking applications for an Administrative Assistant. Hours are 9am-5pm Monday through Friday. The main duties of this position are answering the phone, preparing the weekly bulletin, making schedules for ministries, updating Sacramental Records and many other various duties. If interested, please send resume to St. Dominic Church, 493 North 2nd Street Breese, IL.

St. Augustine Ministry Schedules

Ministry	Saturday 17-Dec 4pm	Sunday 18-Dec 8am
Altar Servers	Daniel Becker	
Lectors	Lynn Maue	Phyllis Berndsen
Gift Bearers	Usselman Family	Huelsmann Family
Extraordinary Ministers	Dennis & Mary Jo Krebs Ralph Kuhl	Lynn Maue Sr. Pam Faulter Mary Ann Rakers
December Ushers	Kevin & Dara Hagen Dennis Krebs Jeff Schulte	Jerry Korte John Rakers Jamie Voss Tony Voss

Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick

Dec. 11 Julie Hummert Dec. 18 Nancy Renschen

Sacristan

Dec. 11-17 Lynn Maue Dec. 18-24 Phyllis Berndsen

St. Anthony Ministry Schedules

Ministry	Sunday 18-Dec 9:30am
Altar Servers	Elise Etheridge Luke Etheridge
Lectors	Carolyn Davenport Reagan Porter
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
Greeters	Brenda Aeschbacher Bev Carter
Extraordinary Ministers	Drew Pollmann Linda Mensing John Hilmes
Ushers	Steve Hilmes John Hilmes Tony & Kathy Pingsterhaus

Sacristan

Dec. 11-17 Pauline Albers Dec. 18-24 Annette Burkhardt

Dear Friends,

Halfway through this season of preparation, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, this Sunday of joy and gladness. With eager anticipation we prepare our hearts for Christ as we prepare our homes for Christmas. Recalling that Mary and Joseph could not find a proper place for Mary to give birth to our Savior, we commit to preparing a proper place to receive our Lord anew into our lives. In him, the blind see and the deaf hear, the poor are fed and the dead are raised. May we ready ourselves to see the wonders the Lord can do in our midst.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: What can we see with eyes of faith? Isaiah saw a field of abundant flowers where others saw a parched desert. James saw an urgency to prepare for the coming of the Lord where others focused on its delay. John the Baptist could no longer see what he'd seen in the desert and needed Jesus to remind him of what his disciples were seeing all along: the poor fed, the dead raised, the deaf hearing, and yes, the blind seeing. With eyes of faith, we see past the bleak onset of winter. We see the coming of the Lord on the horizon.

STEWARDSHIP: Jesus identified Himself to John the Baptizer by His stewardship: " ... the blind recover their sight, the cripples walk, lepers are cured, the deaf hear, dead men are raised to life, and the poor have the good news preached to them." As Christian stewards, we are called to receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

A REMINDER: This weekend there will be a second collection taken up for Hispanic Ministry. On Thursday the Parish Partnership Advent Service will be held at St. Augustine church at 7pm.

A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: Have others recognized Christ's presence in me? What can I do during Advent and Christmas to witness to Christ's presence in the world?

God bless,
Fr. Chuck

St. Augustine News. . .

Holy Name Meeting: Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Following the meeting there will be a meal. Please RSVP to Bob Maue if you will be attending. 791-5212.

Decorate the Church for Christmas - Sunday, December 18th after 8:00am Mass. Everyone is welcome!

Giving Wreath is in the gathering space. Please see the sign on the well in the gathering space or by the north & south doors for an explanation of each charity. **All checks must be written out to your giving choice not the church. January 1st is the final weekend to turn in your donation.**

ST. AUGUSTINE GIVING OPTIONS:

Envelopes: Delivered to your home via USPS.

1. You can drop them in the Sunday collection basket or the mail slot in the office door at St. Augustine.
2. You can also place them in the collection basket any local Catholic church including Aviston, Albers, Bartelso, Beckemeyer, Breese, Germantown & St. Rose and they will be sent/delivered to the office. Please note, that there may be a delay on the deposit any checks donated by using your envelope at other parishes.
3. Mail your envelope to the church office.

Online Giving: Please use <https://www.osvhub.com/saintaugustinebreese/giving/funds> to visit our online giving site. You can make an online check donation with the click of a button.

Automatic Check Draft: This process is done by visiting your online banking website through the bill pay section. Instead of choosing to do an automatic transfer, you would simply request that a check be drafted and mailed.

ATTENDANCE

December 3	140
December 4	125

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

3/4 Loose \$ 200.00 Envelopes \$ 2,155.00(64) Total \$ 2,355.00
Building Fund \$670.00(16), Christmas \$75.00(2), Christmas Flowers \$40.00(3), Collection for the Needy \$ 20.00(1), Education \$1,250.00 (2), Immaculate Conception \$ 5.00(1), Retirement for Religious \$ 40.00(2), Sister Parish \$10.00(1)

Roof Campaign: \$ 20,125.00(60)

CSMA 22 Goal: \$ 9,437.00 Pledged: \$ 5,418.50(57%) (38)

St. Anthony News. . .

Winner of the Ladies Sodality Quilt Raffle: Jami Spaur, of Carlyle. \$721 was raised with the quilt raffle!

Christmas Carols - The choir will once again sing Christmas Carols starting 1/2 hour before Mass on Christmas Eve & 15 minutes before Mass of Christmas Day. Come join us!

Decorate the Church for Christmas - Monday, December 19th at 6pm . Everyone is welcome! There will be a social time following in the parish center. Please bring your favorite Christmas cookies, appetizers and beverages.

Jesse Tree: Thank you all for choosing to share Christmas with someone in need this year. All of the ornaments on the Jesse Tree have been picked. Please bring your presents back in to church by Sunday, December 18.

ST. ANTHONY GIVING OPTIONS:

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1. You can drop them in the Sunday collection basket or the mail slot in the office door at St. Anthony.
2. You can also place them in the collection basket any local Catholic church including Aviston, Albers, Bartelso, Beckemeyer, Breese, Germantown & St. Rose and they will be sent/delivered to the office. Please note, that there may be a delay on the deposit any checks donated by using your envelope at other parishes.
3. Mail your envelope to the church office.

Automatic Check Draft: This process is done by visiting your online banking website through the bill pay section. Instead of choosing to do an automatic transfer, you would simply request that a check be drafted and mailed.

ATTENDANCE

December 4	93
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OUR GIFTS TO GOD

4 Loose \$ 50.00 Envelopes \$ 1,256.20(33) Total \$ 1,306.20
Building \$ 343.00(15), Christmas \$ 60.00(2), Christmas Flowers \$169.00(14), Collection for the Needy \$ 10.00(1), Immaculate Conception \$ 10.00(1), Retired Religious \$10.00(1), Sister \$ 10.00(1)
Catholic Campaign for Human Development \$ 5.00(1)

Picnic Campaign: \$ 17,475.00 (65)

CSMA 22 Goal: \$5,135.00 Pledged: \$ 5,142.00(100%) (33)

Upcoming Events or Items of Interest:

St. Stephen, Flora and Guadalupe Project are holding a raffle for a 2023 Can-Am Defender. Tickets are \$20 each or 6/\$100. If 1,000 tickets are not sold, the drawing will become a 50/50 drawing and not Can-Am. Please see the flier on the bulletin board to scan the QR code or for more information on how to purchase tickets.

Young Adult- Advent Reflection Retreat

As you journey closer to Christmas, join the Ondessonk Retreat Team for a weekend with a variety of readings, discussions, rituals, and reflections. This is a perfect weekend to take a moment away from the Christmas preparations to prepare your own heart and mind for the coming of Jesus. Together retreatants will reflect on the Gospel readings of Advent and the Nativity while enjoying the natural scenery of Camp Ondessonk.

Ages 18-30 are welcome to attend.

Cost is FREE and includes St. Noel lodging, 3 meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.

Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/223194633946160>

SEEK is a five-day event happening in St. Louis, Missouri where you will be able to enter into a time of prayer and fellowship, be inspired by great speakers and discuss in small groups what you've been experiencing – along with some great entertainment! **It's for young adults ages 18-29. Together as the next generation of Catholics, we'll seek the truth, beauty, goodness, and abundance that are found in Christ.** (Date of Conference: January 2-6, 2023)

Please remember in your prayers:

If you have anyone who needs to be added or removed from this list, please contact the Parish Office.

Carl Aarns	Norb Albers	Dolores Benhoff
Veronica Blumenstein	Kathy Book	Megan Brandmeyer
Sadie Bryan	Tim Cass	Christie Dust
Betty Erlinger	Carol Gwinn	Gerri Haar
Mary Haar	Mike Haar	Mary Heimann
Lorraine Hemann	Rich Holtgrave	Edna Holthaus
Gertrude Holthaus	Dolores Huelsmann	Dolores Jansen
Greg Jansen	Jeanette Kohrs	Rose Kuhl
Evie Lammers	Gabrielle Ludwig	Carol Meier
Joann Maue	Dana Beckmann-Marks	Carol Neimeyer
Mark Neimeyer	Rachel Peters	Kathy Pingsterhaus
Andy Rakers	Jerome Ratermann	Pearl Richter
Pat Rollins	Jim Ruth	Fr. Ed Schaefer
Julie (Schlueter) Detmer	Arlecia Stamps	Rachel Siefker
Clete Timmermann	Lucille Trame	Mark Wasser
Dottie Wellinghoff	Bernard Wempe	Agnes White
Stan Wolfe	special intention	



We salute and pray for all veterans, and especially the following and all others who are currently serving our country:

Siara Asuncion Nathan Smith
Phillip Hilmes Clarence "Kennedy" Vogt

Upcoming Holiday & Holy Day Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve:

4:00pm - St. Augustine 6:00pm - St. Anthony
5:30pm - St. Dominic 10:30pm - St. Dominic

Christmas:

8:00am - St. Augustine 10:00am - St. Anthony
9:00am - St. Dominic

New Years Eve:

4:00pm - St. Augustine 5:30pm - St. Dominic

New Years Day:

8:00am - St. Augustine 11:00am - St. Dominic
9:30 am - St. Anthony

Advent Reconciliation Services:

St. Bernard, Albers: Dec. 11 at 1:00pm
St. Francis, Aviston: Dec. 11 at 3:00pm
St. Mary, Centralia: Dec. 12 at 6:00pm
St. Mary, Centralia: Dec. 15 at 12:30pm
St. Augustine, Breese: Dec. 15 at 7:00pm
St. Mary, Mt. Vernon: Dec. 16 from 3:00pm - 9:00pm

Vocations Corner:

Our vocation starts as an indwelling, with the quiet whisper of God's pull on our heart. It's often personal and difficult to describe to others and often takes much prayer and discernment to see clearly. Are we to become another John the Baptist - that "voice of one crying out in the desert"? St. Francis de Sales reflected on this individual nature of our call, "We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish."

2022 THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Daily Scripture and Reflections in Preparation for Christmas

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 3rd Sunday of Advent The Day of the Lord is at hand. <i>Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11</i>	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Like Mary, may we find favor with God. <i>Zech. 2:14-17 Luke 1:39-47</i>	13 St. Lucy Advent is a time to prepare and change direction. <i>Zeph. 3:1-2, 9-13 Matthew 21:28-32</i>	14 St. John of the Cross God fulfilled his promise to us in Jesus. <i>Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25 Luke 7:18b-23</i>	15 Advent Weekday God pursues us with his Divine Love. <i>Isaiah 54:1-10 Luke 7:24-30 5</i>	16 Advent Weekday Get ready to meet the Lord along the way. <i>Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8 John 5:33-36</i>	17 Advent Weekday Generation after generation, Jesu is Lord. <i>Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Matthew 1:1-17</i>