

A voice of one  
crying in  
the wilderness



**PREPARE THE WAY OF THE  
LORD  
MAKE STRAIGHT  
HIS PATHS**

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### Parish Partnership Weekend 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 :** Offered annually. 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.

## Families of Faith in a Community of Grace

### Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2023

#### Directory

St. Augustine Church e-mail: [augustine306@att.net](mailto:augustine306@att.net)

Website: [www.saintaugustinebreese.org](http://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 (618)526-4362

St. Augustine Parish Center (618)526-4341

St. Anthony Church e-mail: [stanthny@papadocs.com](mailto:stanthny@papadocs.com)

Website: [www.stanthonybeckemeyer.org](http://www.stanthonybeckemeyer.org)

**Vision Statement:** "Continuing to Create a Future Together"

P.O. Box 305, 451 W. Third St. Beckemeyer (618)227-8236

All Saints Academy 295 N. Clinton Breese

Website: [www.asasaints.com](http://www.asasaints.com) (618)526-4323

Mater Dei High School 900 N. Mater Dei Dr. Breese

School Website: [www.materdeiknights.org](http://www.materdeiknights.org) (618)526-7216

Diocesan websites: [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org)

[www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org)

[www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org)

<http://catholiccharitiessil.org/ccsil>

**Project Rachel** (618)722-5068

<https://www.diobelle.org/respectlife/project-rachel>

**Respect Life Ministry** (618)722-5040

**Sexual Abuse Hotline** 1-800-640-3044

#### Religious Education:

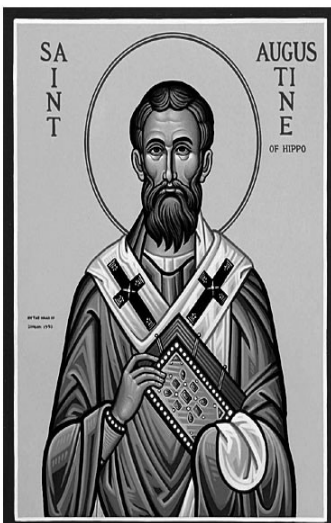
**OCIA/RCIA** For more info please call one of the church office(s).

**Youth Faith Formation Classes:** Call CRE – Dan Robben at (618) 604-3792 or the parish office for more information.

#### **Youth Ministry Moderators:**

Diane Klostermann (618)910-9266 Cheryl Loepker (618)526-7594

Angie Pollmann (618)604-3116 Rhonda Pulver (248) 840-1857



#### Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Chuck Tuttle (618)526-2566

Pastoral Associate/DRE: Phyllis Berndsen (618)791-0069

Permanent Deacon: Deacon Jay Fowler (618)973-3162

Maintenance: Richard Korte (618)402-5964

Office Manager: Carol Hilmes (618)526-4362

(618)227-8236

Business Manager: Dennis Krebs St. Augustine

Business Manager: Karri Kampwerth St. Anthony

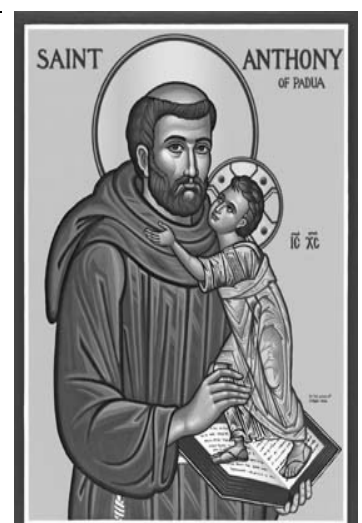
#### Office Hours

**Breese:** Monday & Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm,

Wednesday 8:30am 3:30pm, Thursday 2:00 - 5:00pm

**Beckemeyer:** Tuesday & Thursday 8:00am-12:00pm

**Bulletin deadline: Wednesday at Noon**



## Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

The Catholic Communities of

### St. Augustine

12/10 Sun 8:00am Stan Timmermann †  
 12/11 Mon No Services  
 12/12 Tues No Services  
 12/13 Wed 7:25am Rosary / Perpetual Help Devotions  
 8:00am Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life  
 12/14 Thu No Services  
 12/15 Fri 8:00am To See Christ in Our Neighbor  
 12/16 Sat 4:00pm Al Mourlam †  
 Chuck Schlarman †  
 12/17 Sun 8:00am Bill Timmermann †  
 Joe C. Maue †  
 George Stein †

### St. Anthony

12/10 Sun 9:30am  
 Living & Deceased of Deiters & Shubert Families  
 Living & Deceased of Vic Albers Family  
 12/11 Mon No Services  
 12/12 Tues 7:30am To See Christ in Our Neighbor  
 12/13 Wed No Services  
 12/14 Thu 7:30am Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life  
 12/15 Fri No Services  
 12/16 Sat No Services  
 12/17 Sun 9:30am Dan Beckemeyer †  
 Dave Beckemeyer †  
 Dolly Holthaus †  
 Ed Holthaus †  
 Lucille Holthaus †  
 Bob Kauling †

### ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Altar Servers	Greeters	Lectors	Ushers	Gift Bearers	Extra-ordinary Ministers
<b>Sunday, December 17 9:30am</b>	Olivia Etheridge Savanna Hopkins	Etheridge Family	Erin Etheridge	Luke Etheridge Mike Etheridge Kenny & Lisa Johnson	Ushers	Dan & Karen Becker

**Sacristan :** Dec. 10 - 16 Bev Carter

**Dec. 17- 23** Pauline Albers

### ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Altar Servers	Lectors	December Ushers	Gift Bearers	Extra-ordinary Ministers
<b>Saturday, December 16 4:00pm</b>	Daniel Becker Brayden Wobbe Brennan Wobbe	Rose Huelskamp	Kevin & Dara Hagen Dennis Krebs Jeff Schulte	Mourlam Family	Dennis & Mary Jo Krebs
<b>Sunday, December 17 8:00am</b>	Jackson Langhauser Leo Langhauser	Lynn Maue	Jerry Korte John Rakers Jamie Voss Tony Voss	Maue Family	Justin Foppe Ahren Langhauser

**Sacristan :** Dec. 10 - 16 Phyllis Berndsen

**Dec. 17 - 23** Katie Siefker

**Extraordinary Minister to the Home Bound:** Dec. 10 - Nancy Renschen

**Dec. 17 - Julie Hummert**

Church	Christmas Vigil Sun. Dec. 24	Christmas Mon. Dec. 25	Mary Mother of God January 1, 2024	<u>Reconciliation Services:</u>
St. Anthony	6:00pm	10:00am	9:00am	December 10 3:00pm St. Mary, Carlyle December 10 5:00pm St. Boniface, Germantown December 12 7:00pm St. Rose, St. Rose
St. Augustine	4:00pm	8:00am	<i>None</i>	<b>December 14 7:00pm St. Anthony, Beckemeyer</b> <b>(Partnership with St. Augustine &amp; St. Dominic)</b>
St. Dominic	5:30pm 10:30pm	9:00am	11:00am	December 17 3:00pm St. Francis, Aviston <i>Complete Service Schedule is on the Bulletin Board.</i>

Dear Friends,

"Make straight his paths," Isaiah cried out, prophesying that the LORD would come to rescue and comfort the people of God. Centuries later, Mark quotes this call at the very beginning of his Gospel, presenting John the Baptist as the prophet who took this to heart, preparing the way for the Lord. Now, two millennia later, during this season when we prepare for the Lord's coming into our lives and into our hearts, how can we "make straight his paths"?

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON:** In today's first reading, it is in the desert that Isaiah imagines a way of the LORD will be prepared. In the Gospel, it is from the desert that John the Baptist appears on the scene. Hearing these prophets today, let us contemplate our own spiritual deserts and listen for John's call for repentance. May we heed that call as we prepare for the Lord with the holiness and devotion, we hear called for in the second reading, devoting ourselves to making holy our lives and our world in preparation for his coming.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Advent does not imply a passive waiting, but an active preparation for a new heaven and new earth. Like John the Baptist we must prepare the way of the Lord. We are active co-workers in God's creative plan.

**A REMINDER:** This Advent is the shortest it can be following last year's longest. Time is not relative when it comes to getting ourselves prepared for the Lord's coming – it is an immediate necessity. Take advantage of the Parish Partnership Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Anthony on Thursday, December 14th at 7pm to get yourself prepared to receive the Lord at Christmas.

**A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK:** What is the most difficult obstacle I face in preparing a way for Christ to come into my heart anew this Christmas? How can I remove this obstacle?

God bless,  
*Fr. Chuck*

## ***St. Augustine News...***

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Bldg & Grnds Committee: Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 6:30pm

Holy Name Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7:30pm

Finance Council Meeting Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30pm

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 6 at 7:30pm

Please be sure to grab an envelope from the Giving Wreath. Your giving options for this holiday season are B.C.M.W., City of Breese, C.T.R.C. (Chakota). More information about the charities is available in the gathering space. Please make your checks payable to one of the three charities, place it in your envelope and deposit it in the wishing well.



The Mater Dei Marching Knights will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts after Masses on 12-17 for \$13/dozen at St. Anthony & St. Augustine.

### **Upcoming Classes & Events:**

34th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life Tuesday, December 12 from 6:00pm-10:00pm at St. Dominic Church, Breese. Schedule: 6:00pm - St. Dominic, 7:00pm St. Anthony, 8:00pm St. Augustine, 9:00pm K of C

Baptismal Prep Class for January will be held at St. Anthony on Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00 pm. Call the church office and register by Friday, January 5.

### **St. Augustine ATTENDANCE**

Dec. 2 4pm .....156 Dec. 3 8am.....150

#### **OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Loose: Dec. 2: \$108.60

Dec. 3: \$258.00

Envelopes: Dec. 2: \$1,855.00(51) Dec. 3: \$405.00(8)

Total: \$2,712.00

#### **Other Envelopes:**

All Saints \$5.00(1), Bldg. Fund \$685.00(15), Cath. Camp. Human. Dev. \$50.00(1), Christmas \$25.00(1), Christmas Flowers \$40.00(3), Education \$140.00(2), Immaculate Conception \$5.00(1), Ret. Relig. \$20.00(1), Sister Parish \$35.00(3)

#### **November E-Giving:**

Building Fund \$195.00(7) General \$590.00(8)

## ***St. Anthony News...***

Please continue to remember our recently deceased parishioners: Phyllis Mensing, Betty Schulte & Kenny Schuetz and their families in your prayers.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Finance Council Meeting Thursday, January 4 at 6:30pm

Pastoral Council Meeting: Thursday, January 4 at 7:30pm

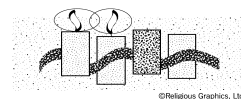
Thank you to all of the men who helped plan and serve at the Ladies Sodality Christmas Party.

Christmas Church Decorating will be Wednesday, Dec 20th at 6:00pm. All are welcome! Following decorating we will have a get together in the parish center. Feel free to bring your favorite beverages and appetizers or Christmas cookies!

Please be sure to grab a tag from the Jesse Tree in the back of church. Gifts are due in by Sunday, December 17.

**Christmas Bunko and Dessert Party** is Monday, December 18 at 1:00 pm in the St. Anthony's Parish Center. Cost is \$5 per person. Be sure to join in the fun! This event is open to everyone from all area parishes.

**Advent Reflection books** are now available at the back of church. Supplies are limited, so be sure to get yours today!



### **St. Anthony ATTENDANCE**

Dec. 3 .....110

#### **OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Loose: \$25.00 Envelopes: \$1,451.00(48) Total: \$1,476.00

#### **Other Envelopes:**

All Saints \$2.00(1), All Souls \$2.00(1), Building Fund \$310.00(14), Catholic Campaign for Human Development \$10.00(1), Cemetery \$210.00(2), Education \$15.00(3), Sister Parish \$15.00(2)

#### **November Automatic Contributions:**

Building \$100.00(1) General \$1,870.00(14)

### **Meals & Events:**

The Hispanic Ministry would like to invite you to the celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The celebration will take place Sunday, December 10th starting at 9:45am. It will begin with a procession from St. Bernard in Albers, ending at St. Damian in Damiansville. Afterwards, a Mass will commence at 11am, with food and music to follow. Please RSVP to [hispanicministrymg@gmail.com](mailto:hispanicministrymg@gmail.com).

**Spanish Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th** at St. Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 1500 N. Main, Mt. Vernon. Mariachi music prelude will start at about 2:30. Mass will begin at 3:00. There will be a Spanish/English Rosary to follow Mass.

**One Day Advent Retreat** at St. Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 1500 N. Main, Mt. Vernon presented by Michael and Michelle Mette on December 17th starting at 6:30 pm.

**Breese Knights of Columbus 5th Sunday Breakfast Sunday, December 31 8:00am - 11:00am at the Breese KC Hall at 480 N. Walnut, Breese.** Dine-in Adults \$10.00 & Dine-in Childre(12 & under) \$5.00. Children 12 & under in Christmas shirts are FREE! **All carry-outs are \$10.00 each.** Santa & Mrs. Clause will be there from 9:00am - 11:00am.

**Catholic Men for Christ** will be 2/17/24 at St. Louis High School Early bird registration is \$30. Grow deeper in your Faith. Contact Diane 618-910-9266 for details.

**Catholic Women for Christ** will be 3/9/24 at St. Louis High School Early bird registration is \$30. Grow deeper in your faith. Contact Diane 618-910-9266 for details.

**Youth Ministry News:** Next youth ministry meeting will be 1/7/24 at St. Dominic cafeteria at noon.

-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.

**Pro-Life Corner:** Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother. Learn how at: <https://www.respectlife.org/support-her> USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

### **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	Edwin Albers	Norb Albers
Ruth Albers	Dolores Benhoff	Veronica Blumenstein
Megan Brandmeyer	Sadie Bryan	Christie Dust
Betty Erlinger	Roger Foppe	Joe Fragile
JoAnn Gray	Carol Gwinn	Gerri Haar
Mary Haar	Mike Haar	Allen Hagen
Jim Haukup	Mary Heimann	Richard Hellige
Carlos Hill	John Hilmes	Rich Holtgrave
Edna Holthaus	Gertrude Holthaus	Greg Jansen
Tony Jansen	Etta Kampwerth	Travis Knolhoff
Rose Kuhl	Evie Lammers	Mary Lemons
Gabrielle Ludwig	Joann Maue	Dana Beckmann-Marks
Mary Ann Maue	Carol Meier	Doris Mueller
Mark Niemeyer	Rachel Peters	Kathy Pingsterhaus
Andy Rakers	Jerome Ratermann	Pearl Richter
Pat Rollins	Fr. Ed Schaefer	Julie (Schlueter) Detmer
Rachel Siefker	Clete Timmermann	Loretta Trame
Lucille Trame	Mark Wasser	Dottie Wellinghoff
Bernard Wempe	Agnes White	Special Intentions

**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

### **All Saints Academy Building Update:**

During these final days of the year, we give special attention to giving thanks. As the construction phase of the new addition begins, A. S. A. would like to extend our gratitude to all those who have generously supported the building project. To date, the south footings and flooring have been poured, and the walls of the classroom which will also serve as a storm shelter are nearing completion. Together we are strong, and together we have raised \$2,035,419. We are still reaching for our goal of \$3,000,000 to complete the new addition and the renovation of the gym entrance and two classrooms. Thank you for all you have done and will do in the future to help provide for more learning space at All Saints Academy.

### **Youth Faith Formation (Y.F.F.) News:**

-Y.F.F. Advent Reconciliation Service - Wed., Dec. 13 at 6:45 at St. Dominic. Please join your child for Reconciliation!  
**-First Day of YFF in 2024 is Wednesday, January 10**

### **2023 SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT** **Daily Scripture and Reflections in Preparation for Christmas**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>10 2nd Sunday of Advent</b> ONE MIGHTIER IS COMING! Take time today to make room for Jesus in your life. <i>Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11</i> <i>2 Peter 3:8-14</i> <i>Mark 1:1-8</i>	<b>11 Pope St. Damasus I</b> YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN Forgive others as you have been forgiven. <i>Isaiah 35:1-10</i> <i>Luke 5:17-26</i>	<b>12 Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> PROCLAIM GOD'S GREATNESS! Tell someone today what God means to you. <i>Zechariah 2:14-17</i> <i>Luke 1:39-47</i>	<b>13 St. Lucy</b> GOD WILL NOT GET WEARY Ask God to give you strength to change your life. <i>Isaiah 40:25-31</i> <i>Matthew 11: 28-30</i>	<b>12 St. John of the Cross</b> GOD WILL HELP YOU Ask God to help you to become more like Jesus. <i>Isaiah 41:13-20</i> <i>Matthew 11:11-15</i>	<b>15 Advent Weekday</b> LEAD US TO YOU, O GOD Follow more closely God's ways for you today. <i>Isaiah 48:17-19</i> <i>Matthew 11:16-19</i>	<b>16 Advent Weekday</b> GIVE US NEW LIFE Turn from your sinful ways and let God heal you. <i>Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11</i> <i>Matthew 17:9a, 10-13</i>