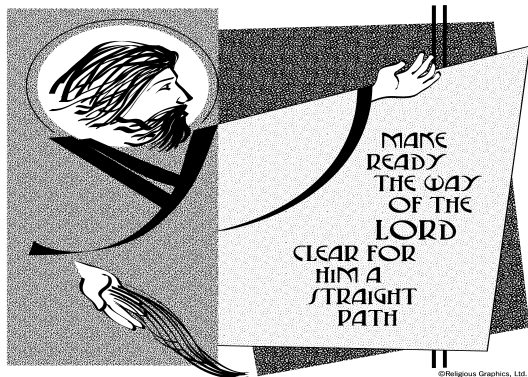


*Families of Faith in a Community of Grace*  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 8, 2024**



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St. Augustine Catholic Church Breese Illinois

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**Vision Statement:** "Continuing to Create a Future Together"  
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**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:**  
 Erin Etheridge (618)604-7640 Rhonda Pulver (248) 840-1857  
 Paris Hempen (618)910-4551

**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 at least two months 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 or by appointment. Call the **parish office** or (618)-791-0069 for more information or to schedule an anointing.

**Welcome**

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

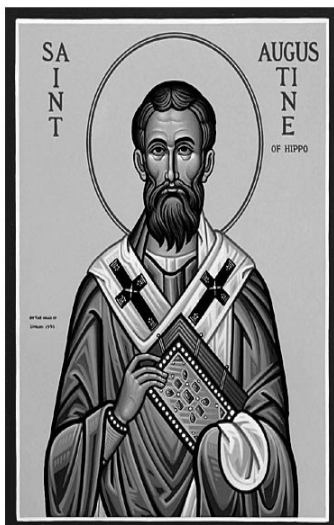
**Parish Staff**

**Pastor:** Fr. Chuck Tuttle (618)526-2566  
**Pastoral Associate/DRE:** Phyllis Berndsen (618)791-0069  
**Permanent Deacon/DRE:** Dcn. 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, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-4:30pm  
 Thursday 2:00pm - 5:00pm  
**Beckemeyer:** Tuesday & Thursday 8:00am-12:00pm

**\*BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday at 10:00am\***



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The Catholic Communities of**

**St. Augustine**

12/08 Sun 8:00am Anthony & Gertrude Voss †  
Stan Timmermann †  
Living & Deceased of The Mensing & Thole Families  
12/09 \*Mon 8:00am Our Sister Parish in Guatemala  
12/10 Tues No Adoration  
12/11 Wed 7:25am Rosary/Perpetual Help Devotions  
8:00am Seminarians & all those discerning  
a Vocation to Priesthood or Religious Life  
12/12 Thurs No Service  
12/13 Fri 8:00am Parish Family of St. Augustine  
12/14 Sat 4:00pm Kathy Book †  
12/15 Sun 8:00am Joe C. Maue †  
Living & Deceased of Paul Meier  
Family

**St. Anthony**

12/08 Sun 9:30am Lou Cooper †  
Ken Keilbach  
Living & Deceased of the Tom Kruse Family  
12/09 \*Mon 7:00pm Our Sister Parish in Guatemala  
12/10 Tues 7:30am Parish Family of St. Anthony  
12/11 Wed No Service  
12/12 Thurs 7:30am Those in Need of Shelter  
12/13 Fri No Service  
12/14 Sat No Service  
12/15 Sun 9:30am Wilford & Mildred Kapp †  
Living & Deceased of the Herman & Mary Beth Deiters  
Family

**\*Immaculate Conception**

**Upcoming Classes & Events:** -Parish Partnership Reconciliation Service Thurs., Dec. 12 at 7:00pm at St. Augustine.  
-Pro-Life Night of Prayer Tuesday, December 10 at St. Anthony: 6pm-7pm - St. Dominic, 7pm-8pm - St. Augustine,  
8pm-9pm - St. Anthony, 9pm-10pm - Breese Knights of Columbus

**\*After Friday, December 13, no adjustments can be made to the Mass Intentions schedule for the remainder of December.**

**ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

Ministry:	Greeters	Lector	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Mon., Dec. 9 7:00pm	Carolyn Davenport Jan Gonzalez	John Hilmes	Andrew Burkhardt, Rich Davenport, Ben Gonzalez, Tom Mensing	Volunteers
Sun., Dec. 15 9:30am	Kelly Pollmann Diane Winkeler	Karri Kampwerth	Mike & Sharon Peppenhorst, Dennis Pollmann, Gary Winkeler	Shubert Family

**Extra-ordinary Ministers:** Monday, Dec. 9 at 7:00pm Carol Hilmes, Karri Kampwerth  
Sunday, Dec. 15 at 9:30am Karen Beckemeyer, Geri Pollmann

**Altar Servers:** Monday, Dec. 9 at 7:00pm Marshall Timmermann, Sabrina Timmermann  
Sunday, Dec. 15 at 9:30am Luke Etheridge, Nolan Rist

**Sacristans:** Dec. 8-14 Pauline Albers Dec. 15-21 Annette Burkhardt

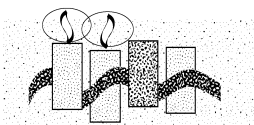
**ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

Ministry:	Altar Servers	Lectors	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Mon., Dec. 9 8:00am	Men of the Parish	Katie Siefker	Men of the Parish	A.S.A. Students
Sat., Dec. 14 4:00pm	Jake Buller	Cierra Hilmes	Kevin & Dara Hagen, Dennis Krebs, Jeff Schulte	Book Family
Sun., Dec. 15 8:00am	Jackson Davis Myla Davis	Sr. Pam Falter	Jerry Korte, John Rakers, Jamie Voss, Tony Voss	Maue Family

**Extra-ordinary Ministers:** Mon., Dec. 9 at 8:00am Phyllis Berndsen, Katies Siefker  
Sat., Dec. 14 at 4:00pm Cierra Hilmes, Jeff Schulte  
Sun., Dec. 15 at 8:00am Judy & Jerry Korte

**Sacristan:** Dec. 8-14 Katie Siefker Dec. 15-21 Lynn Maue

**Extraordinary Minister to the Home Bound:** Dec. 8 Phyllis Berndsen Dec. 15 Mary Ann Rakers



**Partnership Christmas Mass Schedule**

Tuesday, December 24: 4:00pm St. Augustine, 4:30pm, St. Dominic, 6:00pm St. Anthony, 10:30pm St. Dominic  
Wednesday, December 25: 8:00am St. Augustine, 9:00am St. Dominic, 10:00am St. Anthony

Dear Friends,

"Make straight his paths," we hear John the Baptist proclaim today. How do we do so? John's primary message throughout the whole region answers that question: We must repent of our sins. Our sins are the obstacles that block the path of the Lord, that make it more difficult for him to enter our hearts. True repentance allows for God's forgiveness to clear those obstacles, to make straight the Lord's path into our heart. Let us resolve today to repent of our failings and seek God's forgiveness.

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Who better than John the Baptist to guide us during this season of preparation for Jesus' coming? Today we see John travel throughout the region proclaiming a baptism of repentance and recalling the prophecy of Isaiah. Baruch's prophecy, which we hear in the first reading, echoes Isaiah as well. All three trumpet God's mercy and forgiveness as they envision the coming of the Lord. Let us heed their call.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Stewardship is an invitation to learn to value the things that really matter. The glory and boast of Christian stewards lie in mirroring, however poorly, the stewardship of Jesus Christ, who gave and still gives all He has and is, in order to be faithful to God's will and carry through to completion His redemptive stewardship of human beings and their world.

**A REMINDER:** Please welcome Fr. Pat Peter to this weekend's Masses, as I attend the State Knights of Columbus Mid-Winter meeting in Oak Brook Hills and on Monday, December 9th for the Immaculate Conception 7pm Mass at St. Anthony, as I say the Mother's & Friend's Mass at Mater Dei. Pro-Life Night of Prayer will be held this year at St. Anthony, (see schedule). And finally, the Parish Partnership Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on Thursday, December 12th in St. Augustine at 7pm.

**A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK:** What do I need to repent of in order to cross the main chasm that separates me from God?

God bless,

*Fr. Chuck*

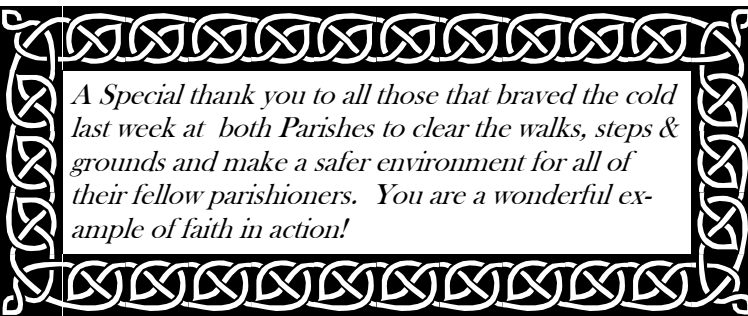
### ***St. Augustine News...***

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

**Thank you to all those that helped to make the St. Monica's Altar Sodality Christmas Party a success.**

**Reminder:** No Bingo in December

**Please be sure to grab an envelope from the Giving Wreath.** Your giving options for this holiday season are City of Breese, Coping 4 Life, Sister Thea Bowman Grade School. **Please make your checks payable to one of the three charities, place it in your envelope and deposit it in the wishing well.** Last Day to give your contribution is Sunday, December 22.



**Vocations Spot light:** Today we hear the evangelist John's account of the ministry of John the Baptist. John the Baptist had a self-awareness of who he was (a proclaimer) and what he was not (the Savior). He knew his vocation and accepted that call from the Lord to "Prepare the way of the Lord". Even though the priests and Levites couldn't determine who he was, John assured them that his role was to baptize with water in anticipation of the one who would baptize with the Spirit. Are you listening for the call to be what the Lord wants you to be?

#### **St. Augustine ATTENDANCE**

Nov. 30 4:00pm.....147 Dec. 1 8:00am.....154

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

Nov. 30 Loose: \$98.00 Envelopes: \$1,185.00(28)  
Dec. 1 Loose: \$139.00 Envelopes: \$ 650.00(15)

#### **Other Envelopes:**

Catholic Urban Programs \$128.00(Thanksgiving Loose) \$5.00(1), Building \$155.00(10), Education \$55.00(2), Sister Parish \$5.00(1)

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

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

**Men are needed to help set-up for the Ladies Sodality Christmas Party.** We will be setting up the gym on Wednesday, Dec. 11th at 7pm. Any men that can help out would be appreciated

**Ladies Sodality Christmas Party: Friday, Dec 13th, 6:00pm.** The men of the parish will be hosting the party once again! Party will begin with dinner, meeting, then entertainment by The Prairie Travelers Band. All parishioners are invited to attend. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. As in past years, bring your coins/cash to the party for the local nursing homes. The men will deliver carryout's to the homebound parishioners, please sign up for them as well. Anyone needing transportation to/from the party call Deacon Jay at [618-973-3162](tel:618-973-3162).

**Quilt Raffle ticket are available in the front entryway.** The drawing will take place on Dec.13 at the Ladies Sodality Christmas Party.

The choir is learning songs for next year and Christmas. If anyone would like to join the choir, and we would love to have you, please contact any choir member.

**Mater Dei Band will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts on Sunday, December 15** after 8:00am Mass at St. Augustine & 9:30am Mass at St. Anthony. Thank you in advance for supporting MD Band.

**As the weather grows colder, the Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869 is organizing a drive to help those in need. We kindly ask for donations of new or gently used hats, gloves, and scarves. Please drop off your contributions in the red collection box at your church.**

#### **St. Anthony ATTENDANCE**

Dec. 9:30am.....89

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

Dec. 1 Loose: \$50.00 Envelopes: \$920.00(19)  
**Other Envelopes:** Building \$585.00(10), Christmas Flowers \$70.00(2), Immaculate Conception \$20.00(1), Retirement for Religious \$20.00(1)

**Meals & Events:**

Breese Knights of Columbus Breese Council is having a 5th Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, December 29th at the KC Hall. Breakfast is being served from 8:00am - 11:00am. Santa & Mrs. Claus will be there from 9:00am-11:00am. Please see the flier on the bulletin board for pricing & more information.

**Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights Volunteer:** Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights, greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows from now – 12/31 This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours. If interested, please email to [prorams@snows.org](mailto:prorams@snows.org), call 618-394-6281 or go to our website at: [www.snows.org](http://www.snows.org)

**The Catholic Diocese of Belleville will sponsor the annual Diocesan Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, at 11:30 a.m. in the Monsignor Bernard Voss Parish Center of St. Henry Parish, 5303 West Main Street, Belleville. Meals can also be delivered in Belleville to those who are disabled/homebound (three meals maximum for delivery). If you or someone you know live alone and would like to attend the dinner or need a meal delivered, please call 618-722-5024 no later than December 16, 2024.**

The Next Healing Mass in our Diocese will be Tuesday, January 21st. Watch future bulletins for the location as it is yet to be determined.

**Youth Ministry News:**

- \*Holiday treat making on 12/8 at St. Anthony Parish Center.
- \*Christmas caroling for the elderly and Youth Ministry Christmas Party on 12/15. Please watch *Groupme* for details.

**Knightly News Breese K of C Council # 2869**



**Breese K of C #2869 Meeting:** Thursday, December 12  
Rosary at 7:00pm Meeting at 7:30pm

**Taco Tuesdays:** 4:30pm - 7:00pm

**Wing Thursday:** 4:30pm - 7:00pm

**Chicken Fry Fridays:** 4:30pm - 7:00pm

*(All meals are eat in or take-out and are served in the basement.)*

**5th Sunday Breakfast:** 12/29/2024, 03/30/2025, 06/29/2025 at 8-11am

**K of C Fourth Degree Meeting:** Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30pm at St. Barbara, Okawville.

**Have you ever thought about joining the Knights of Columbus? See Fr. Chuck for more information on how to join!**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**All those serving in the military and everyone listed:**  
 Carl & Jackie Aarns    Edwin Albers    Norb & Ruth Albers  
 Dolores Benhoff    Veronica Blumenstein    Sadie Bryan  
 Dave Deutsch    Christie Dust    Betty Erlinger  
 Roger Foppe    Carol Fritch    Jupe Gonzalez  
 JoAnn Gray    Carol Gwinn    Gerri Haar  
 Mary Haar    Mike Haar    Joe & Pat Hagen  
 Jim Haukup    Mary Heimann    Richard Hellige  
 Carlos Hill    Rich Holtgrave    Gertrude Holthaus  
 Greg Jansen    Tony Jansen    Kevin Korte  
 Rose Kuhl    Evie Lammers    Gabrielle Ludwig  
 Theresa Luitjohan    Joann Maue    Dana Beckmann-Marks  
 Mary Ann Maue    Carol Meier    Doris Mueller  
 Fr. Jim Nall    Mark Niemeyer    Rachel Peters  
 Florence Pingsterhaus    Kathy Pingsterhaus    Ken Porter  
 Jerome Ratermann    Joanie Rolfingsmeier    Pat Rollins  
 Fr. Ed Schaefer    Julie (Schlueter) Detmer    Marcel Thole  
 Clete Timmermann    Loretta Trame    Lucille Trame  
 Dottie Wellinghoff    Agnes White    Special Intentions  
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*If you have anyone who needs to be added or removed from this list, please contact the Parish Office.*

**Youth Faith Formation News:**

**First Reconciliation:** Wed. Dec. 11 at 6:30pm

**3rd - 8th Advent Reconciliation Service:** Wed., Dec. 18 at 6:30pm

*\*Please Join your student at the Reconciliation Service.\**



**Pro-Life Corner: ASSISTED SUICIDE INCENTIVIZES DENYING TREATMENT**

Insurance companies have turned down coverage for cancer treatment but offered to pay for suicide drugs instead. Furthermore, the disabled community already faces demoralization and oppression in seeking adequate medical care. Assisted suicide encourages this kind of prejudice. Access Living, Progress Center for Independent Living and the National Council on Disability oppose assisted suicide. People need quality medical care and treatment, not assisted suicide. Tell your state legislators to **Vote NO on SB 3499- assisted suicide.**

*Visit [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) for additional information and resources.*

**2024 SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT  
Daily Scripture and Reflections in Preparation for Christmas**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>8 2nd Sunday of Advent</b> We are made pure and blameless by Jesus.  <i>Baruch 5:1-9 Phil. 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6</i>	<b>9 Immaculate Conception</b> The power of God can work through us, also.  <i>Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38</i>	<b>10 Our Lady of Loreto</b> When nothing else makes sense, God does.  <i>Isaiah 40:1-11 Matthew 18:12-14</i>	<b>11 Pope St. Damasus I</b> Take up your yoke and learn from Jesus.  <i>Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30</i>	<b>12 Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> In Mary, God has visited his people.  <i>Zechariah 2:14-17 Luke 1:39-47</i>	<b>13 St. Lucy</b> Strive always to understand how God is working.  <i>Isaiah 48:17-19 Matthew 11:16-19</i>	<b>14 St. John of the Cross</b> Do we recognize God's message today?  <i>Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13</i>