

Families of Faith in a Community of Grace
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14, 2025

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St. Augustine Catholic Church Breese Illinois

Vision Statement: "Called to Welcome, Serve and Celebrate"

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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 (618)526-4323

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

School Website: www.materdeiknights.org (618)526-7216

Diocesan websites: www.diobelle.org

www.bellevillemessenger.org

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:

Amy Camillo

Rhonda Pulver (248) 840-1857

Erin Etheridge (618) 604-7640

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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 at least two months in advance.**

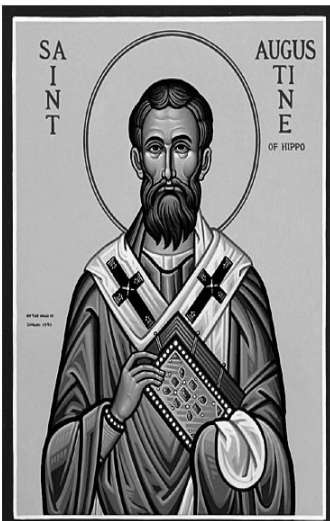
Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:30 pm at St. Augustine Church or by appointment. Seasonal penance services offered during Advent & Lent with dates to be announced.

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 7:30am-4:30pm

Beckemeyer: Tuesday & Thursday 7:30am-12:00pm

***BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesday at 10am**



Dear Friends,

By his crucifixion, Jesus transformed the cross from a profane instrument of execution to a symbol of triumph. Jesus sanctified the cross making it holy, by sacrificing his life to win our salvation. We exalt the holy cross in a special way today, but we also exalt it every time we make the sign of the cross to express and bear witness to our faith. May the cross be a sign for us of Christ's power to overcome death and give new life.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: In today's first reading, God has Moses make a bronze serpent, mount it on a pole, and lift it up so that those who were bitten by venomous snakes could look upon it and live. Centuries later, Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man must be lifted up in a similar way so that all who look upon him as their salvation will live. On this feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, let us consider that what Jesus did for us on the cross to save our immortal souls recalls what God had Moses do in the desert to save the Chosen People's mortal lives.

STEWARDSHIP: God's greatest gift to humankind is His Only Son for our redemption. In probing the Christian meaning of stewardship one confronts an astonishing fact: God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of redemption and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense. We are baptized into Christ Jesus: able to act explicitly on God's behalf in cultivating and serving the portion of the world entrusted to our care.

A REMINDER: A change from the Ordinary Time Green to the Red for the Passion of Christ this weekend, we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. With it we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death through the Cross and the hope it offers. The feast highlights the Cross as a symbol of God's love and sacrifice, transforming a once-hated instrument of torture into a symbol of salvation. Tradition tells us that St. Helena (the mother of Emperor Constantine the Great) is said to have discovered the True Cross in 326 AD and at the site of its discovery, Constantine ordered the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (which stand yet today in Jerusalem).

A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: How can I imitate Christ by helping someone else carry their cross, as he helps me carry mine?

God bless,
Fr. Chuck

St. Augustine News...

Building & Grounds: Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00pm
Holy Name: Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30p.m. - Steak Dinner*
*Please R.S.V.P. Bob Maue for the Dinner: 618-791-5212

Finance Council: Thursday, October 30 at 6:30pm
Pastoral Council: Thursday, October 30 at 7:30pm

Mark your calendar:

Altar Servers training: All youth third grade and up
September 15 after school 3:15-4:30p or by request.
Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister: September 23 6:30-7:30p
or by request.
Can't make the scheduled time, please call Phyllis at 618-791-0069

This is your opportunity to serve the Lord & others!

October will soon be here, Would you like to lead the Rosary before Mass during the month ?

Please call Phyllis...618-791-0069

St. Augustine Bingo - Sunday, September 21. Worker List #1 Luncheon begins at 11:30am & Bingo 2pm. Last names A-K, please bring desserts. Raffle tickets available at church entrances.

Please come and join the Rosary Rally....October 11 @ 12 noon at the grotto/weather permitting

Remember to bring your lawn chairs. Many Saints compare the Hail Mary to a rose offered to "Our Lady.

St. Augustine ATTENDANCE

Sept. 6 4:00pm.....171 Sept. 7 8:00am.....122

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

General Collection:

Loose: \$991.00 Envelopes: \$1,840.00(45)

Other Envelopes: Bldg. Fund \$270.00(13), Education \$150.00 (1), Retired Diocesan Priests \$20.00(1)

E-Giving 09/01 - 09/11:

General Collection: \$390.00(2) Building Fund: \$175.00(4)
Education Fund: \$0.00(-)

St. Anthony News...

Finance Council: October 7 at 6:30pm
Pastoral Council: October 7 at 7:30pm

Next week, September 21, is the last day to turn in your calendar. Drawings will take place in October. Completed Calendars can be turned in at 9:30 mass on Sundays or given to your parish representative. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to drop your calendar off during the week.

Ladies Sodality will be holding a Bunco and Dessert Party on Monday, September 15 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. Cost is \$5 per person. Be sure to join in the fun! This event is open to everyone from all area parishes. September BUNCO workers are Karen Beckemeyer, Janette Kruse, Terry Mensing & Geri Pollmann.

JustFaith Program - Faith & Poverty: A Solidarity Response
Join us for this small-group series from the JustFaith program, which explores local poverty and provides participants with practical tools and insights to respond with compassion and action. This 8-week course will meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 PM, beginning September 28, in the Mater Dei High School Library. The sessions will be facilitated by Deacon Jay Fowler (618-973-3162) and Helen Essenpreis (618-980-1875). Please contact them if you are interested in participating.

St. Anthony ATTENDANCE

September 7 9:30am.....140

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

General Collection:

Loose: \$181.36 Envelopes: \$932.00(24)

Other Envelopes: Bldg. Fund \$330.00(12), Cemetery \$190.00(9)

E-Giving Week of September 7, 2025:

General Collection: \$30.00(1) Building Fund: \$00.00(-)

Parish Events & Luncheons:

St. Felicitas, Beaver Prairie Drive-Thru Only Chicken Dinner
 Sunday, September 21, 2025 Serving 11:00am - 5:00pm
 \$15.00per meal.

St. Teresa Church, Marydale DRIVE-THRU Chicken Dinner
 Sunday, September 28, 2025 Serving 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 \$15.00 per Meal

Breese KofC Breakfast for Pro-Life : Sunday, October 5
8:00 – 11:00am at the Breese KofC Hall. This breakfast will
help support local Pro-Life Groups.

St. Dominic Carry-Out Only Chicken Dinner: Sunday, Octo-
 ber 5 Serving 11:00am - 5:00pm \$15.00per meal.

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Retreats for

2025/2026: The Belleville Diocese is providing 2 TEC
 retreat weekends for the 2025/2026 academic school year. TEC
 is a 3-day Catholic retreat weekend designed for young adults,
 juniors and seniors (or older) in high school, who are looking
 for an opportunity to develop a stronger relationship with God
 and/or their fellow Christians. If you, or someone you know,
 are looking for an opportunity to enhance your relationship
 with Jesus Christ or experience your Catholic faith in a dy-
 namic and fun-filled setting, then a TEC retreat may be just
 what you are looking for. The TEC weekends are scheduled for
 October 11-13 at Mater Dei High School in Breese and January
 17-19 at Immaculate Conception School in Columbia. To learn
 more, or attend a TEC weekend, please visit our website at
bellevilletec.org. If you've attended a TEC weekend in the
 past and would like to attend one of the reunions, please visit
bellevilletec.org for additional details.

Vocations Spotlight: Today's Gospel is the popular, often
 quoted, section from John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world
 that he gave his only Son". We see it often proclaimed at pro-
 fessional sporting events. Do we embrace those words? Can we
 give of ourselves to consider a vocation to the Priesthood or
 Sisterhood? Can we encourage and support our young folks
 who might be pondering this path in life? Be bold and pose the
 question - "Are you considering a religious vocation?"

Please remember in your prayers:

All those serving in the military and everyone listed:
 Carl & Jackie Aarns Edwin Albers Norb & Ruth Albers
 Veronica Blumenstein Megan Brandmeyer Sadie Bryan
 Judith Deien Dave Deutsch Christie Dust
 Betty Erlinger Roger Foppe Carol Fritch
 Arnel Garcia Family Jupe Gonzalez JoAnn Gray
 Carol Gwinn Gerri Haar Mary Haar
 Pat Hagen Jim Haukup Richard Hellige
 Rich Holtgrave Gertrude Holthaus Greg Jansen
 Tony Jansen Kevin Korte Rose Kuhl
 Jeff Jahnke Gabrielle Ludwig Theresa Luitjohan
 Mary Ann Maue Dana Beckmann-Marks Carol Meier
 Joe Mobley Doris Mueller Mark Niemeyer
 Rachel Peters Florence Pingsterhaus Kathy Pingsterhaus
 Carolyn Porter Jerome Ratermann Joanie Rolfingsmeier
 Pat Rollins Julie (Schlueter) Detmer Fr. Carl Schrage
 Marian Suhl Marcel Thole Clete Timmermann
 Loretta Trame Lucille Trame Dottie Wellinghoff
 Agnes White Dwight & Mary Beth Shubert
 Special Intentions Mel

If you have anyone who needs to be added or removed from

Word Among Us:

The September issue is *To Love as Jesus Loves - Sharing the love*
that gives everything!
 Be sure to pick up a copy of *The Word Among Us* and spend 5 to
 10 minutes each day reflecting on the word of God in your life.
 Copies are located by the entrances. The Word Among Us
 features uplifting and thought provoking meditations based on
 the daily Mass readings.

Pro-Life Corner: "We pray to you, O Lord, that we al-
 ways recognize each member of this human family as being
 made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dig-
 nity." USCCB, "Prayer to Heal Racial Division"

Youth Ministry: Next Life Night Sunday, September 14 &
 every Sunday in September at 6:00pm at the Upper Room at St.
 Augustine Parish Center.



Knightly News Breese KofC Council # 2869:

4th Degree Meeting: Tuesday, **September 16**, 7:30pm at Breese, KofC Hall

Breese K of C #2869 Meeting: Thursday, **October 9** Rosary at 7, Meeting at 7:30pm

Taco Tuesday: 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: 11/30/2025, 03/29/2026 & 5/31/2026 from 8-11am

2025 TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
Daily Scripture and Reflections during Ordinary Time

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 Exaltation of The Holy Cross In the Cross is our hope and salvation. <i>Numbers 21:4b-9 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17</i>	15 Our Lady of Sorrows Loving Jesus means sharing in His suffering. <i>1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 2:33-35</i>	16 Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian Jesus is <i>the Resurrection and the Life.</i> <i>1 Timothy 3:1-13 Luke 7:11-17</i>	17 St. Robert Bellarmine <i>Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.</i> <i>1 Timothy 3:14-16 Luke 7:31-35</i>	18 Weekday Offer God love in return for His forgiveness. <i>1 Timothy 4:12-16 Luke 7:36-50</i>	19 St. Januarius Pursue right- eousness, love, and patience. <i>1 Timothy 6:2c-12 Luke 8:1-3</i>	20 Martyrs of Vietnam Prepare daily to receive God's word. <i>1 Timothy 6:13-16 Luke 8:4-15</i>