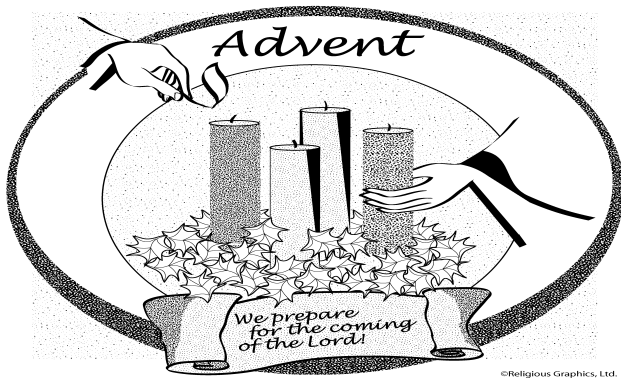




Families of Faith in a Community of Grace

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

Directory

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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
Website: 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 (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
<http://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 Paris Stulir (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.**

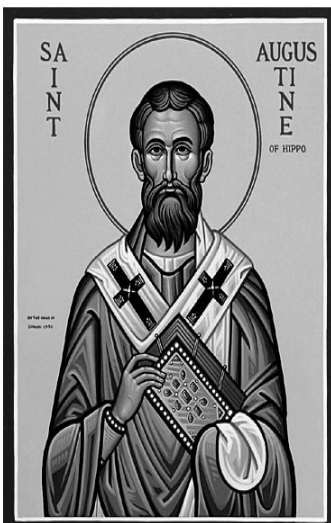
Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:30 pm at St. Augustine Church or by appointment. Seasonal penance services offered during Advent & Lent with dates to be announced.

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.



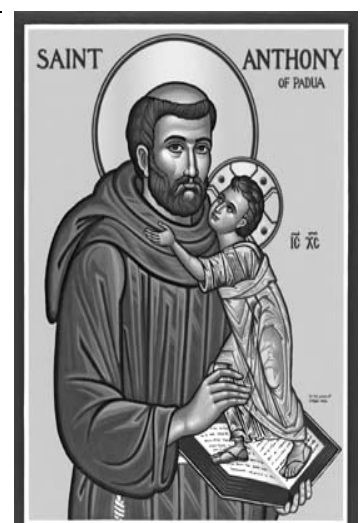
Parish Staff

Pastor:	Fr. Chuck Tuttle	(618)526-2566
Pastoral Associate/DRE:	Phyllis Berndsen	(618)791-0069
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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**



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St. Augustine

11/29 Sat 4:00pm Raymond & Florence Usselman †
 11/30 Sun 8:00am Arnold & Mary Heimann †
 12/01 Mon 8:00am
 Christians Living in Areas of War
 12/02 Tues Noon -1pm Adoration
 12/03 Wed 8:00am All Those Without Shelter
 12/04 Thurs 10:18am *All School Mass (Mater Dei)*
 7:00pm
 Advent Partnership Reconciliation Service(*St. Anthony*)
 12/05 Fri No Service
 12/06 Sat 4:00pm Mary Shadegg †
 12/07 Sun 8:00am Anthony & Gertrude Voss †

St. Anthony

11/29 Sat No Service
 11/30 Sun 9:30am
 Living & Deceased of the Vic Albers Family
 Living & Deceased of the Paul Peppenhurst Family
 12/01 Mon No Service
 12/02 Tues 7:30am
 Living & Deceased of the William Burkhardt Family
 12/03 Wed No Service
 12/04 Thurs 10:18am *All School Mass (Mater Dei)*
 7:00pm Advent Partnership Reconciliation Service
 12/05 Fri 7:00am *First Friday Confession*
 7:30am Mike & Rosemary Mazeka †
 12/06 Sat No Service
 12/07 Sun 9:30am
 Living & Deceased of the St. Ann Altar Sodality

Advent Reconciliation Services

Nov. 30 1-2:30pm St. Lawrence, Sandoval
Dec. 1 7:00pm Corpus Christi, Shiloh
Dec. 4 7:00pm St. Anthony, Beckemeyer
Dec. 4 6-7:00pm OLPH, Posen
Dec. 7 1:00pm St. Damian, Damiansville

Dec. 9 6:30pm Holy Trinity, Fairview Heights
Dec. 9 6:30pm St. Stephen, Flora
Dec. 9 7:00pm St. Rose, St. Rose
Dec. 10 6:30pm St. Mary, Carlyle
Dec. 11 6.30pm St. Theresa, Salem

ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Greeters	Lector	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Sun., Dec. 7 9:30am	Etheridge Family	Karri Kampwerth	Luke Etheridge, Mike Etheridge Kenny & Lisa Johnson	St. Ann Altar Sodality

Extra-ordinary Ministers: Sun., Dec. 7 at 9:30am Steve & Carol Hilmes, Dan & Karen Becker

Altar Servers: Sun., Dec. 7 at 9:30am Anna Pollmann, Myah Pollmann, Sabrina Timmermann

Sacristans: November 30 - December 6 Bev Carter December 7 - 16 Pauline Albers

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Altar Servers	Lectors	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Sat., Dec. 6 4:00pm	Jake Buller Breck Rutz	Rose Huelskamp	Kevin & Dara Hagen Steve Hagen, Jeff Schulte	Shadegg Family
Sun., Dec. 7 8:00am	Noah Rauen Wyatt Rauen	Curt Hemann	Jerry Korte, John Rakers Jamie Voss, Tony Voss	Voss Family

Extra-ordinary Ministers: Sat., Dec. 6 at 4:00pm Karen Huelskamp, Eric & Alison Johnson, Jeff Schulte

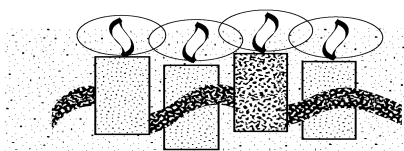
Sun., Dec. 7 at 8:00am Mary Ann Rakers, Katie Siefker, Alex Wiegmann, Phyllis Berndsen

Sacristan: November 30 - December 6 Lynn Maue

December 7 - 13 Phyllis Berndsen

Extraordinary Minister to the Home Bound: Nov. 30 Lois Laux

Dec. 7 Nancy Renschen



come, LORD JESUS

Dear Friends,

During this season of anticipation, we are reminded that Jesus didn't come into the world only once, as a newborn baby over two thousand years ago, but also comes into the world—and our hearts—throughout our lives. Furthermore, as we hear in today's Gospel, he will return to the world without warning on the day of judgment. Therefore, over the Advent season we have a great incentive to prepare our hearts for his coming. May Jesus' words to his disciples resonate with us today: "You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jesus paints a scary picture of his second coming in today's Gospel, warning his disciples to be ready always. We too must prepare our-selves, not only for his return at any time, but also for his coming into our hearts in a deeper way at a time we least expect. The words of the prophet Isaiah and the apostle Paul can help. "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ," Paul says, or, as Isaiah puts it, "Let us walk in the light of the Lord." May God's word inspire us to prepare our hearts so that we may all "go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

STEWARDSHIP: The time in which we live is dominated by a secular culture. Stewardship provides a vision of a sharing, generous, accountable way of life rooted in Christian discipleship. Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime. At every step forward, one is challenged to go further in accepting and loving God's will. Being a disciple is not just something else to do, alongside many other things suitable for Christians, it is a total way of life and requires continuing conversion.

A REMINDER: This weekend we are most pleased to be able to conduct the Rite of Introduction of the OCIA program at St. Augustine on Saturday with the 4pm Mass to welcome Randall Dieck and his Sponsor Rachel Ehrman and at St. Anthony on Sunday with the 9:30am Mass to welcome Lydon Barwick and his Sponsor Don Parker. Both Randall and Lydon are entering as Catechumens preparing to be received into full Communion in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers. Also remember to take advantage of the Parish Partnership Advent Reconciliation Service in St. Anthony Church on Thursday, December 4th at 7pm.

A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: How can I prepare my heart this Advent to receive Jesus whenever he comes?

God bless,

Fr. Chuck

St. Augustine News...

St. Monica Sodality Christmas Party Monday, December 1
at 6pm at St. Augustine's Parish Center

Joint Finance & Pastoral Council December 2 at 6:30pm
(St. Augustine Parish Center)

Building & Grounds: Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30pm

Holy Name: Tuesday, December 9 at 7:30p.m.

****No BINGO in December****

Next Bingo January 18!

Food Collection - We are collecting non-perishable food for House of Manna in Breese.

Please place your donation in the containers in the gathering space. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Free Tables: 8ft wooden tables are available to parishioners. Please contact the church office 618-526-4362 for more information.

St. Augustine

ATTENDANCE

Nov. 22 4:00pm.....140 Nov. 23 8:00am.....170

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

General Collection: Loose: \$320.31 Envelopes: \$2,775.00(49)

Other Envelopes: All Saints \$25.00(2), All Souls \$25.00(2), Bldg. Fund \$25.00(2), Cath. Camp. Hum. Dev. \$280.00(9), Education \$25.00(2), Sister Parish \$100.00(4), World Mission \$25.00(2),

E-Giving Week of November 20-25:

General Collection: \$20.00(1) **Building Fund:** \$5.00(1)

Education Fund: \$0.00(-)

St. Anthony News...

Joint Finance & Pastoral Council December 2 at 6:30pm
(St. Augustine Parish Center)

St. Ann Sodality Christmas Party Friday, December 12 at 6pm
at St. Anthony's Parish Center

Food Collection - We are collecting non-perishable food for Matthew 25 Food Pantry in Carlyle.

Please place your donation in the shopping cart at the back of church. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Men of the Parish - Friday, December 12 is the Ladies Sodality Christmas Party. We need volunteers to help at the meal and deliver meals to the home bound.

Ladies Sodality will be holding a Bunco and Dessert Party on Monday, Monday, December 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. November BUNCO workers are Pauline Albers, Jan Gonzalez, Mary Kelso, Diane Winkeler.

St. Anthony

ATTENDANCE

Nov. 23 9:30am... .. 129

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

General Collection: Loose: \$145.00 Envelopes: \$1,571.00(41)

Other Envelopes: All Saints \$100.00(1), All Souls \$5.00(1), Bldg. Fund \$245.00(2), Cath. Camp. Hum. Dev. \$275.00(9), Cemetery \$115.00(3), Christmas \$10.00(1), Collection For Needy \$10.00(1), Education \$40.00(4), Immaculate Conception \$10.00(1), Ret. Fund for Relig. \$10.00(1), Sr. Parish \$50.00(4)

E-Giving Week of November 23, 2025:

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

Vocations Spotlight:

-Pray for an increase to vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Jesus says in Matthew 9:38 "to beg the master of the harvest to send laborers into the vineyard." If we want more priests, sisters and brothers, we all need to ask.

- God calls us in many ways. Will you answer as a spouse, a priest, a religious or a single person living a life of purpose?

Upcoming Classes & Events:

- Knights of Columbus Hat, Glove & Scarf Drive** has begun. There is a donation box located at each entrance. **Thank you for your generosity!**
- First Friday Benediction:** **December 5** at 7:00pm at St. Dominic.
- Padre Pio Mass:** **Saturday, December 6.** Rosary at 8:30am & Mass at 9:00am at St. Dominic.
- Baptismal Prep Class:** Please contact your church office to register for the December 9 class at St. Augustine.
- Cor:** Saturday, December 13 from 8-9:30am at Mater Dei Chapel.
- Save the Date: St. Augustine Trivia Night -**
Saturday, February 7, 2026 More information to follow

Pro-Life Corner:

Local: Thursday, December 11, The Annual Pro-Life Night of Prayer service will be hosted by St. Augustine 7:00-8:00pm. Please join us in praying our state and nation will get back on a moral and virtuous path and our culture will change to more fully appreciate and cherish our Lord's precious gift of life.

Diocesan: "Lord Jesus Christ, you chose to share our human nature and redeem all people. We ask your help for our brothers and sisters who are ill. Support them with your power and shelter them from sadness. Keep them firm in faith and serene in hope. Also, help those who assist the sick and care for them in their time of illness. Inspire our society to resist the temptation of assisted suicide for the elderly, the sick, the vulnerable, and all your people. May life's beauty and sanctity be respected among all our brothers and sisters. All this we ask in your holy name. Amen."

Prayers and Novena to Combat Assisted Suicide

<https://www.ilcatholic.org/stop-assisted-suicide/>

Please continue to pray for the defeat of SB 1950, which would legalize assisted suicide in the state of Illinois, and consider contacting Governor Pritzker's office at 312-814-

Please remember in your prayers:

All those serving in the military and everyone listed:

Carl & Jackie Aarns	Edwin Albers	Norb & Ruth Albers
Michael Berndsen	Veronica Blumenstein	Megan Brandmeyer
Sadie Bryan	Judith Deien	Julie (Schlueter) Detmer
Dave Deutsch	Christie Dust	Betty Erlinger
Roger Foppe	Carol Fritch	Arnel Garcia Family
Jupe Gonzalez	JoAnn Gray	Gerri Haar
Mary Haar	Pat Hagen	Richard Hellige
Rich Holtgrave	Gertrude Holthaus	Hostmeyer Family
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	Fr. Carl Schrage	Jim Book
Dwight & Mary Beth Shubert	Marian Suhl	Marcel Thole
Clete Timmermann	Loretta Trame	Lucille Trame
Dottie Wellinghoff	Gerri Wellinghoff	Agnes White
Mary Ann Wobbe	Special Intentions	Mel

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

Breese/Beckemeyer Youth Ministry:

Thank you for helping build the future of our church in the Breese/Beckemeyer area. Your support of Youth Ministry enabled **6 youth** to attend NCYC(National Catholic Youth Conference) in Indianapolis Thurs. Nov. 20 – Sat., Nov. 22 last week and return energized & full of Faith!

Next Life Night is Sunday, December 7 at 6pm in the Upper Room at St. Augustine Parish Center.

Please watch Groupme for more updates!



Knightly News Breese K of C Council # 2869:

Breese K of C #2869 Meeting:

Thursday, **December 11 Pro-Life Night of Prayer (Leading Rosary) Service begins at 7:00pm**
Meeting will immediately follow at the KC Hall

4th Degree Meeting: Tuesday, **December 16,** 7:30pm at St. George Parish Center, New Baden

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: 03/29/2026 & 5/31/2026 from 8-11am

2025 FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Daily Scripture and Reflections in Preparation for Christmas

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 1st Sunday of Advent Stay awake, for you do not know the day of the Lord's return. Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew. 24:37-44	1 Advent Weekday <i>Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.</i> Isaiah 4:2-6 Matthew 8:5-11	2 Advent Weekday Jesus reveals himself to the childlike. Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24	3 St. Francis Xavier Be open to the healing power of God in your life. Isaiah 25:6-10a Matthew 15:29-37	4 St. John Damascene Build your lives on the Rock of Salvation. Isaiah 26:1-6 Matt. 7:21, 24-27	5 Advent Weekday Everything is possible when believing in the Lord. Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31	6 St. Nicholas <i>The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.</i> Is. 30:19-21, 23-26 Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8