



Families of Faith in a Community of Grace
The Ascension of the Lord
May 17, 2026

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

Respect Life Ministry (618)722-5040
Sexual Abuse Hotline 1-800-640-3044

Religious Education: Register for 2026-2027 Classes Now
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 (618)975-6446 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.

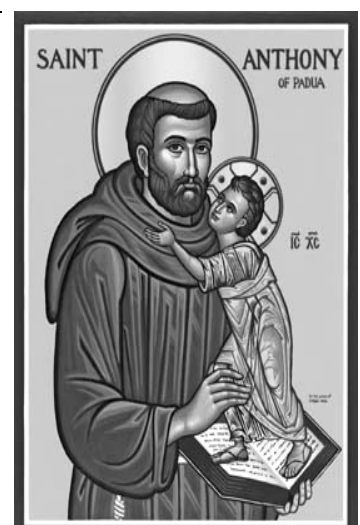
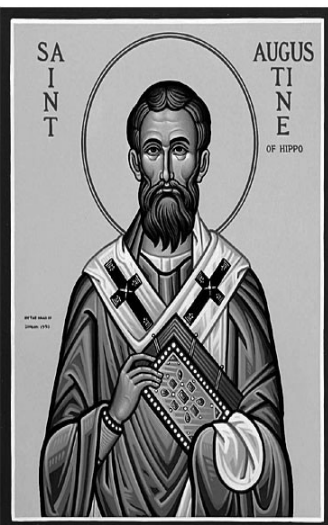
Parish Staff

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

****BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY AT NOON****

Office Hours

Breese: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30am-4:30pm
Beckemeyer: Tuesday & Thursday 7:30am-12:00pm



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St. Augustine	St. Anthony
05/16 Sat 4:00pm Frank & Bert Kluemke †	05/16 Sat No Service
05/17 Sun 8:00am Lavern Kuhl †	05/17 Sun 9:30am Tom Kruse †
05/18 Mon 8:00am Mary Rita & Henry Hilmes †	Gera Thacker †, Justin Thacker †
05/19 Tues Noon-1pm Adoration	05/18 Mon No Service
1pm-2pm Faith Sharing	05/19 Tues 7:30am Mike & Rosemary Mazeka †
05/20 Wed 8:00am Sanctity of Life	05/20 Wed No Service
05/21 Thurs No Service	05/21 Thurs No Service
05/22 Fri No Service	05/22 Fri 7:30am
05/23 Sat 4:00pm Raymond & Florence Usselman †	Living & Deceased of the Eugene Murphy Family
05/24 Sun 8:00am Ben & Georgette Brueggemann †	05/23 Sat No Service
	05/24 Sun 9:30am
	Living & Deceased Family of Marcie Deiters

Upcoming Classes & Events:

- Bibles & Brews:** May 19 at 7pm at Old City Café in Breese. Hosted by Fr. Thomas Lugge & Diocese of Belleville Young Adults
- TEC (Teens Encounter Christ):** June 6-8 at Mater Dei. Register at BellevilleTEC.org
- Holy Hour Happy Hour:** Corpus Christi Mass & Lunch Sunday June 7 at 10am at St. Boniface, Germantown followed by lunch at El Arado, Breese. For Catholic Young Adults age 21-35. Hosted by Fr. Thomas Lugge & Diocese of Belleville Young Adults
- St. Augustine Ladies Sodality Rummage Sale:** Thursday, June 18(1-8pm), Friday, June 19(9am-1pm full price & 1-7pm 1/2 price), Saturday, June 20(9am-12pm \$4 brown bag) ****Collection is June 6, 7, 8 & 9 from 7a-7p (OR UNTIL FULL)****
- Cor:** Saturday, August 22 from 8-9:30am at Mater Dei Chapel. **No Meeting in May - July**
- SAVE THE DATE:** Celebration of 25th Anniversary of Fr. Chuck being assigned to St. Anthony & St. Augustine - Saturday, August 29 - More details to come.
- Retreat Weekend at St Meinrad Archabbey:** Retreat at St Meinrad's the weekend of Sep 25-27. We currently have 5 people attending. For more information contact Deacon Jay at 618-973-3162.

ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Greeters	Lector	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Sun., May 24 9:30am	Brenda Aeschbacher Carol Hilmes	Erin Etheridge	John Hilmes, Steve Hilmes Tony & Kathy Pingsterhaus	Deiters Family

Extra-ordinary Ministers: Sun., May 24 at 9:30am Dan & Karen Becker, Grace Etheridge, Olivia Etheridge
Altar Servers: Sun., May 24 at 9:30am Gwen Etheridge, Anna Pollmann, Myah Pollmann
Sacristans: May 17 - 23 Bev Cater May 24 - 30 Pauline Albers

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Altar Servers	Lectors	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Sat., May 23 4:00pm	Daniel Becker	Aggie Backer	Tom Berndsen, Dan Jansen, Bob & Ruthie Rosen	Usselman Family
Sun., May 24 8:00am	Abbie Maxwell Gabby Maxwell	Katie Siefker	Eric Baumgartner, Curt Hemann, Charlie Hilmes, Kevin Jansen	Wiegmann Family

Extra-ordinary Ministers: Sat., May 23 at 4:00pm Dennis & Mary Jo Krebs, Lynn Maue, Phyllis Berndsen
Sun., May 24 at 8:00am Ian Berndsen, Jerry & Judy Korte, Katie Siefker
Sacristan: May 17 - 23 Lynn Maue May 24 - 30 Phyllis Berndsen
Extraordinary Minister to the Home Bound: May 17 Mary Ann Rakers May 24 Phyllis Berndsen

Dear Friends,

Forty days after he rose from the dead, Jesus ascended to the Father in heaven. His mission had been accomplished. Now he commands the disciples to begin their mission. Once they receive the Holy Spirit, they are to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth. But he assures them of one final thing: even as he reigns at the Father's right hand, he will remain with them always. May that promise reassure us as we take up the mantle the first disciples left for us.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: In both today's first reading and the Gospel, Jesus leaves his disciples with instructions: they are to be his witnesses as they go forth to make disciples of all nations. As we listen to Christ's words today, let us imagine them directed to us, for we are his disciples now.

STEWARDSHIP: Before we commit to Stewardship, we must pray for guidance. Only by praying individually and as a family will God give us open hearts and minds, that we may come up with the answer to the question: "How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12) Every time we bring our gifts to the altar, share in the Eucharist, or celebrate the sacraments, we are unifying the body of Christ. Stewardship is at the heart of what it means to be a Christian. As Christ becomes the center of our lives, we become more capable of responding to one another as He calls us to do. We begin to recognize that all we have is a gift from God to be shared.

A REMINDER: We are in the midst of that beautiful time called "Graduation." Seems so fitting as we also celebrate the Ascension, when Jesus sent his disciples forth. May all students who are graduating from one level of learning to the next, be filled with wisdom and understanding, good council and judgment and take with them what they have learned to help shape a better world.

A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: What will I do this week to give witness to Christ in me and my neighbor?

God bless,
Fr. Chuck

St. Augustine News...

- Finance Council:** Wednesday, May 27 at 6:15pm
- Pastoral Council:** Wednesday, May 27 at 7:30pm
- Ladies Sodality:** Upcoming Rummage Sale
- Building & Grounds:** Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30pm
- Holy Name:** Tuesday, September 8 at 7:30pm

Rummage Sale Worker Lists are available at the back of church. Please contact Bonnie Kunkel at (618)526-2138, if you need to be removed from the worker list or would like to be switched to another department.

Congratulations to all of our graduates from Pre-K to Advanced Degrees in College. May God richly bless wherever the next road takes you on your journey!



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St. Augustine Attendance

May 9 4:00pm.....142 May 10 8:00am.....180

Our Gifts to God

- Collection:** Loose: \$294.00 Envelopes: \$2,077.00(43)
- Other Envelopes:** Ascension \$50.00(4), Building \$240.00(5), Education \$70.00(2), Seminarian Education \$50.00(1), Sr. Parish \$268.00(14),
- E-Giving Week of May 6-12:**
General Collection: \$215.00(2) Building Fund: \$230.00(4)
Education Fund: \$0.00(-)

St. Anthony News...

- Finance Council:** To be Announced
- Pastoral Council:** To be Announced

Ladies Sodality Bunco and Dessert Party Monday, May 18 at 1pm. May Bunco Workers are Karen Beckemeyer, Janette Kruse, Terry Mensing & Geri Pollmann

Calendar Raffle Meeting: The meeting for our Calendar Raffle Fund Raising will be held on Tuesday, May 26th at 7PM in the parish center. Looking for any new volunteers to join our committee.

Bernard & Georgetta Brueggemann established a fund for St. Anthony's to provide \$1,000.00 grants for the benefit of their descendants and the parishioners of St. Anthony.

The grants are for students taking formal training in the religious or medical field. More information pertaining to the grant, eligibility requirements, and grant application is posted on St. Anthony webpage (www.stanthonybeckemeyer.org). Qualified students are to submit their application by June 15, 2026 to the parish office. If you have any additional questions contact Deacon Jay Fowler at (618) 973-3162.

St. Anthony Attendance

May 10 9:30am.....179

Our Gifts to God

- Collection:** Loose: \$281.00 Envelopes: \$1,854.00(38)
- Other Envelopes:**
Building Fund \$115.00(4), Cemetery \$60.00(4)
- E-Giving Week of May 3, 2026:**
General Collection: \$30.00(1) Building Fund: \$0.00(-)

Pro-Life Corner:

“The Lord says to us, ‘Do not fear: I am with you’ (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.” *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Be Not Afraid” NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission*

Breese/Beckemeyer Youth Ministry:

Life Night Social Friday, May 22 at 6:00pm
at Deacon Jay’s House.
See Groupme for more details!

Vocation Corner: “There was never a dull moment growing up with seven siblings. Little did I know that this experience would prepare me well for Benedictine life, a life of stability in community lived in the enclosure of the monastery. Would I have become a monk if my grandmother had not prayed that one of her grandsons would become a priest; if my dad had not told me, ““It doesn’t hurt to give God the first option”; Nothing is more beautiful than encountering Christ. I didn’t lose my family when I entered the monastery; I joined a family much larger than 10. I belong to God’s family.”
Fr. Caesarius Marple, OSB; Westminster Abbey, Mission, British Columbia; Columbia Magazine April 2020

Exploring the Priesthood?
Join a Discernment Group

O’Fallon Group
 fatherjim@stclarechurch.org

Murphysboro Group
 pastor@sasmboro.org

Germantown Group
 frthomaslugge@gmail.com

Olney Group
 levi.jamessiu@gmail.com

Reach out to your local group for more information

Please remember in your prayers:

All those serving in the military and everyone listed:

Carl & Jackie Aarns	Norb & Ruth Albers	Michael Berndsen
Veronica Blumenstein	Karen Boeckman	Megan Brandmeyer
Sadie Bryan	Judith Deien	Julie (Schlueter) Detmer
Dave Deutsch	Mia Dieck	Christie Dust
Ryan Ehrman	Betty Erlinger	Carol Fritch
JoAnn Gray	Gerri Haar	Mary Haar
Pat Hagen	Richard Hellige	Rich Holtgrave
Gertrude Holthaus	Sr. Germaine Hustedde	Greg Jansen
Tony Jansen	Dawn Keilbach	Kevin Korte
Rose Kuhl	Gabrielle Ludwig	Theresa Luitjohan
Mary Ann Maué	Dana Beckmann-Marks	Carol Meier
Joe Mobley	Doris Mueller	Mark Niemeyer
Rachel Peters	Florence Pingsterhaus	Kathy Pingsterhaus
Carolyn Porter	Vera Pulver	Jerome Ratermann
Joanie Rolfingsmeier	Pat Rollins	Fr. Carl Schrage
Jimmy Schulte	Jim Book	Jackie Schneirs
Marian Suhl	Dwight & Mary Beth	Shubert
Marcel Thole	Clete Timmermann	Loretta Trame
Dottie Wellinghoff	Gerri Wellinghoff	Agnes White
Mary Ann Wobbe	Special Intentions	Mel

Rest of the soul of:

Julia “Jupe” Gonzalez, Maxine Huelskamp, Edith Skrobul & Alana White

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

Area Dinners & Meals:

Carlyle Knights of Columbus breakfast Sunday, May 17th
 Proceeds benefit Chakota. Serving from 8am - noon.

St. Dominic Days: It's 2 wonderful nights of picnic fun!! Friday, June 19th & Saturday, June 20th!

Breese/Beckemeyer Youth Faith Formation:

****Teachers needed for 2026/2027****

Call your parish office for more information.



Knightly News Breese K of C Council # 2869 :

Breese K of C #2869 Meeting: Thursday, **June 4**, Rosary at 7:00pm, Meeting at 7:30pm
4th Degree Meeting: Tuesday, **May 19**, 7:30pm at Bartelso KofC Hall

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.)

Fifth Sunday Breakfast: 5/31/2026 from 8-11am

2026 SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER
Daily Scripture and Reflections during Eastertide

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 SOLEMNITY of the ASCENSION <i>Make disciples of all nations.</i> <i>Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20</i>	18 Pope St. John I Take courage, God is with us. <i>Acts 19:1-8 John 16:29-33</i>	19 Easter Weekday Let us bear witness to the Gospel of God's grace. <i>Acts 20:17-27 John 17:1-11a</i>	20 St. Bernadine of Siena <i>Lord, your word is truth.</i> <i>Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11b-19</i>	21 St. Christopher Magallanes We spread the Good News with one another. <i>Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 John 17:20-26</i>	22 St. Rita of Cascia <i>Follow me.</i> <i>Acts 25:13b-21 John 21:15-19</i>	23 Easter Weekday We are called to bear witness to the Lord until he comes again. <i>Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 John 21:20-25</i>