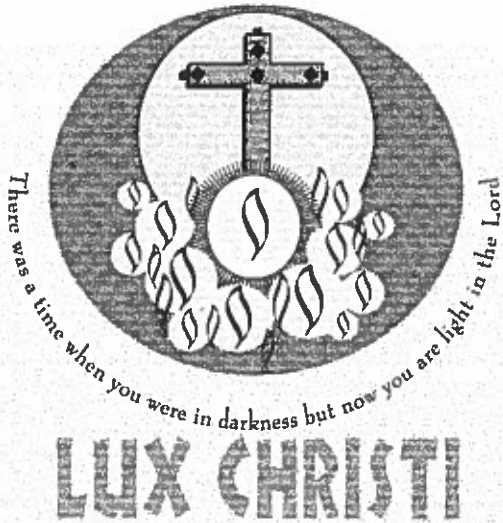


*Families of Faith in a Community of Grace*

**Fourth Sunday  
of Lent  
March 22, 2020**



**Directory**

**St. Augustine Church** e-mail: [augustine306@att.net](mailto:augustine306@att.net)  
**Website:** [www.saintaugustinebreese.org](http://www.saintaugustinebreese.org)  
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**Vision Statement:** "Called to Welcome, Serve and Celebrate"  
525 S. Third St. Breese 526-4362  
St. Augustine Parish Center 526-4341

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**Website:** [www.stanthonybeckemeyer.org](http://www.stanthonybeckemeyer.org)  
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P.O. Box 305, 451 W. Third St. Beckemeyer 227-8236

**All Saints Academy** 295 N. Clinton Breese  
**Website:** [www.asasaints.com](http://www.asasaints.com) 526-4323

**Mater Dei High School** 900 N. Mater Dei Dr. Breese  
**School Website:** [www.materdeiknights.org](http://www.materdeiknights.org) 526-7216  
**Alumni Website:** [www.materdeialumni.org](http://www.materdeialumni.org)

**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 1-888-456-HOPE  
Respect Life Ministry 722-5040  
Sexual Abuse Hotline 1-800-640-3044

**Religious Education**  
**RCIA sessions** - Monday at 7:00 pm at St. Dominic Parish Annex  
**YFF Classes (Youth Faith Formation):**  
Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:45 pm  
(St. Anthony & St. Augustine at St. Dominic)  
CRE - Darlene Menietti

**Youth Ministry Moderators:** Diane Klostermann 526-4395  
Cheryl Loepker 526-7594 Rhonda Pulver (248) 840-1857

**Worship Schedule**

**Eucharist:** Sat. 4:00 pm St. Augustine  
5:30 pm St. Anthony  
Sun. 8:30 am St. Anthony  
10:00 am St. Augustine

**Baptism:** Celebrated after the weekend Liturgies by appointment. Baptismal preparation class required. Contact the **parish office** to register. Set baptismal date six weeks in advance.

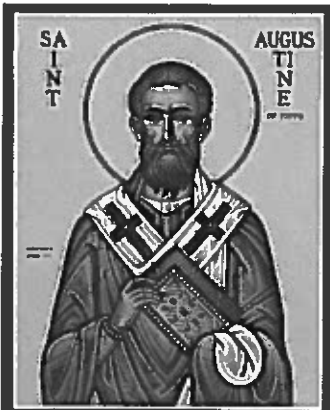
**Reconciliation:** Seasonal penance services offered throughout the year, on Saturday at 3:30 pm at St. Augustine Church or by appointment at any time.

**Marriage:** Call the **parish office** at least six months in advance.

**Anointing:** Annually offered at Mass or as needed. Call the **parish office**.

**Welcome, new parishioners!**

**We invite everyone 18 or older to register at the office as adults.**

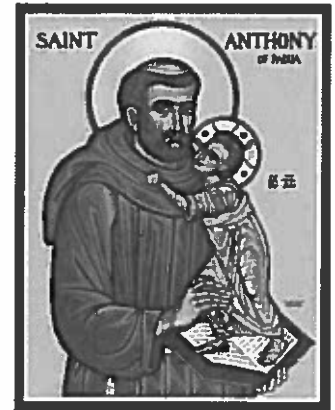


**Parish Staff**

**Pastor:** Fr. Chuck Tuttle 526-2566  
**Pastoral Associate/DRE:** Phyllis Bermdsen 526-4330  
**Pastoral Associate/DRE:** Phyllis Mensing 977-1569  
**Maintenance:** Richard Korte 402-5964  
**Administrative Assistant:** Marietta Kuhl 526-4362  
227-8236

**Office Hours**

**Breese:** Mon., Wed. & Thurs. 8-10:45 am & 3-5:15 pm  
**Beckemeyer:** Tues. 8 am-10:45 am, 3-5:15 pm  
Fri. 7:45-10:45 am  
**Bulletin deadline:** Wednesday 10 am



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**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF**

**ST. AUGUSTINE**

**ST. ANTHONY**

<b>St. Augustine</b>		<b>Carlyle Healthcare Center</b>		<b>St. Anthony</b>	
Mon	No Services	Mon	No Services	Mon	No Services
Tues	No Services	Tues	No Services	Tues	No Services
Wed	No Services	Wed	No Services	Wed	No Services
Thu	No Services	Thu	No Services	Thu	No Services
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Sat	No Services	Sat	No Services	Sat	No Services
Sun	No Services	Sun	No Services	Sun	No Services

**An Act of Spiritual Communion**

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting ourselves in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping Him in the consecrated bread and wine which are His Body and Blood. Always remember that the consecrated bread is the Body and Blood of Christ, even if you receive the Eucharist only under one species.

The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. An act of Spiritual Communion increases our desire to receive sacramental Communion and helps us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

**A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my body,

My soul, and my whole being.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

**CHRIST**  
—  
**our LIGHT**

**Watch a televised Celebration of the Eucharist:**

EWTN: <https://www.ewtn.com>

Catholic TV: <https://www.catholicTV.org>

Bishop Robert Barron, Word on Fire, posts a daily celebration of the Eucharist at 7:15 am. It can be viewed at any time. <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

As of March 18, 2020, and until further notice by directive of Bishop Edward K. Braxton, Bishop of Belleville, all religious services including Lenten Stations of the Cross, Rite of Reconciliation, Rite of Baptism, Rite of Marriage, Communion Services, Communion to the Shut-ins and Masses are not to be held due to the COVID-19 pandemic and health concerns regarding it being spread when groups of people are gathered together.

With regards to Funerals, directions should be followed according to local County Health Department guidelines.

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate Laetare Sunday, named for the first word in the opening antiphon: "Rejoice." Lent can seem burdensome with its emphasis on penitence and sacrifice. But today we look with anticipation to its end in the Easter miracle. Jesus' resurrection is the light at the end of the tunnel. Let us give thanks for the light He gives to our lives.

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON:** In the first reading God chooses the overlooked son of Jesse, for God sees beyond appearances. In the Gospel, the Pharisees cannot see past the appearance of sin whereas the man who was formerly blind sees that Jesus is Lord. As we listen to the readings, let us think about our blind spots and the times when we fail to see beyond appearances.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Sin causes us to turn in on ourselves; to become grasping and exploitative toward possessions and other people; to grow accustomed to conducting relationships not by the standards of generous stewardship but by the calculus of self-interest: "What's in it for me?" Constantly, we must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who we are, to whom we belong, how we are to live the grace to repent, change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards.

**A REMINDER:** This is a difficult time in which we are asked to change the things we are so used to doing all our lives. Schools, restaurants, theaters, and now Churches have been closed during this COVID-19 pandemic. Scripture tells us in one form or another 365 times "Do not be afraid." God our Father is mercy and compassion, let us continually turn to him for solace and peace. I have arranged with Mater Dei Catholic High School to provide for public viewing videos (see separate box). These are being shared to provide opportunities of prayer and the viewing of the weekly Sunday Mass.

**A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK:** When have I judged someone unkindly without taking the time to look deeper? What can I do to remember to allow Christ to illuminate my way?

God bless.

*Fr. Chuck*

For your convenience Mater Dei Catholic High School is providing the following videos on their website: [www.materdeiknights.org](http://www.materdeiknights.org): 1) Stations of the Cross 2) Divine Mercy Chaplet 3) The weekly Sunday Mass  
This is a time of great anxiety and stress for most people and these prayerful, consoling and healing opportunities can provide an opportunity for people to come together in a virtual safe environment with their family.

A most heartfelt thanks to all those who have responded with a gift to **The 2020 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**; we are truly grateful. If you have not already done so, there's still plenty of time...one-time donations or pledges in any amount are needed. Our seminarians, people served by Catholic Urban Programs, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Daystar Community Program, the youngsters at Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School and 12 other ministries and programs are counting on your support. Donations can be made through your parish or online at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org). Please consider making your gift today or at any time in the coming months. Thank you and May God bless you for your generosity.

**St. Anthony's Goal: \$4,524.00 Pledged: \$3,224.00 71%      St. Augustine's Goal: \$7,246.00 Pledged: \$4,142.50 57%**

On March 21/22 our parishes will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC)**. Contribution envelopes are provided in your boxed set or in your monthly contribution envelope packet. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

Those who wish to continue to make their weekly contributions to the parishes of St. Augustine and St. Anthony, can do so in several ways:

- 1) for St. Anthony, you may continue to use the monthly withdraw from your checking for those who are already signed up and anyone wishing to begin that process can contact the parish office for details on how they may proceed.
- 2) for both parishes, you may either mail your contribution envelope(s) or drop them by either parish office during office hours; and that will also work for your CSMA contribution, if you have not yet made your donation.

We do not know how long the Masses will be suspended, so your continued generous support is most appreciated. We, however, also recognize the financial burden that this will be placing on our families and we do not wish any additional burden or obligation be felt by anyone. - *Fr. Chuck*

### Youth Ministry

The next Youth Ministry meeting for all high school youth is tentatively scheduled for April 10 at 2:45 pm at St. Dominic Cafeteria. We will be stuffing eggs for the egg hunts.

Permission slips on parish websites for Youth Ministry events.

### Of Common Interest. . .

These events, previously advertised, have been cancelled:

#### Sun., Mar. 29

St. John UCC in Breese All You Can Eat Omelet Breakfast  
St. Teresa Church, Marydale Chicken Dinner  
Fifth Sunday Breese Knights of Columbus Breakfast

#### Tues., Mar. 31

The Clinton County Genealogy Club Underground Railroad in Southern Illinois talk in Carlyle

**Vocation Corner:** Today's first reading from the Book of Samuel recounts one of the great "calls" in our Church history – the anointing of King David. He was the youngest son of Jesse, tending the sheep during Samuel's visit. But he is the one the Lord wanted anointed. Jesse sent for his son to fulfill God's plan. God has a call for each of us to follow, even the youngest. Encourage everyone to be attentive to their vocation — their call — for it is from the Lord.

The LORD is my shepherd



### St. Anthony News. . .

The St. Anthony Sodality Rummage Sale Committee decided not to hold this year's Spring Rummage Sale due to the coronavirus. The Fall Rummage Sale is set for Nov. 5-7.

#### OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Mar. 14/15	Attendance	Sat. 72	Sun. 88
Envelopes	\$1,094.00	(38/158)	
Loose	\$ 267.00		
Total	\$1,361.00		

All Saints \$10, Christmas \$50, Flowers \$40,  
Immaculate Conception \$10, Kitchen Remodel \$30,  
Sister Parish \$70, Upkeep \$45

### Please remember in your prayers:

Norb Albers	Dolores Benhoff	Darlene Billhartz
Veronica Blumenstein	Roger & Dorothy Boeckman	
Sadie Bryan	Leo Buss	Tim Cass
Mel Deien	Marcie Deiters	Betty Erlinger
Brent Grapperhaus	Carol Gwinn	Mike Haar
Jeff Heimann	John Hilmes	Julie Hilmes
Rich Holtgrave	Gertrude Holthaus	Lucille Holthaus
Andy Huelsmann	Greg Jansen	Theresa Jansen
Sr. Virginia Kampwerth		Rose Kuhl
Dennis Kuper	Bernice Langhauser	Gabrielle Ludwig
Lou Luebbers	Rachel Peters	Rose Pulver
Andy Rakers	Rosie Rakers	Jerome Ratermann
Lou Rickhoff	Pat Rollins	Ron Schadegg
Gavin Schlarmann	Julie (Schlueter) Detmer	
Helen Tebbe	Bernard Wempe	Kathy Wempe
Randy White	special intention	

We salute and pray for these family members from St. Anthony & St. Augustine who are serving our country:



Eric Albers	Spencer Murphy
Siara Asuncion	Joshua Roeckenhous
Marvin Hagen	Nathan Smith
Zach Huelskamp	Clarence "Kennedy" Vogt

### St. Augustine News. . .

The special collection for Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School has been postponed until Masses resume.

Thank you to the family and friends of Laura Laux for the generous donations to St. Augustine Church which were made in her honor.

#### OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Mar. 14/15	Attendance	Sat. 126	Sun. 118
Envelopes	\$2,457.00	(66/294)	
Loose	\$ 426.00		
Total	\$2,883.00		

Building \$230, Easter \$100, Education \$140,  
Flowers \$290, Sister Parish \$35



### 2020 FOURTH WEEK OF LENT Daily Scripture and Reflections in Preparation for Easter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>22 4th Sunday of Lent</b> The Lord gives sight to the blind. <i>1 Sam. 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a</i> <i>Ephesians 5:8-14</i> <i>John 9:1-41</i>	<b>23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo</b> The word of God has the power to transform us. <i>Isalah 65:17-21</i> <i>John 4:43-54</i>	<b>24 Lenten Weekday</b> Water is a source of life and healing. <i>Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12</i> <i>John 5:1-16</i>	<b>25 Solemnity of the Annunciation</b> Like Mary, say "YES" to God! <i>Is. 7:10-14; 8:10</i> <i>Hebrews 10:4-10</i> <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>	<b>26 Lenten Weekday</b> The Lord is slow to anger and relenting in punishment. <i>Exodus 32:7-14</i> <i>John 5:31-47</i>	<b>27 Lenten Weekday</b> Knowing God should lead us to change our behavior. <i>Wisdom 2:1, 12-22</i> <i>John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30</i>	<b>28 Lenten Weekday</b> O Lord, my God, in you I take refuge. <i>Jeremiah 11:18-20</i> <i>John 7:40-53</i>