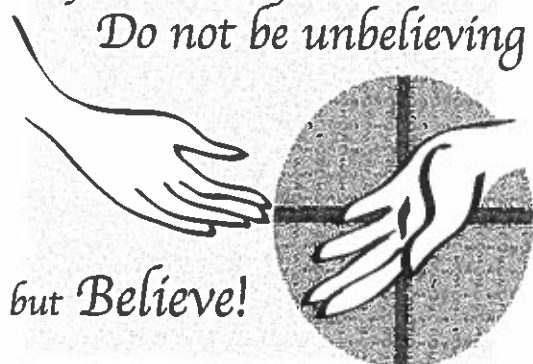


Put your finger here
and see my hands
bring your hand
and put it into my side.

Do not be unbelieving



but Believe!

Families of Faith in a Community of Grace

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2020

Directory

St. Augustine Church e-mail: augustine306@att.net
Website: www.saintaugustinebreese.org
 Find us on Facebook: St. Augustine Catholic Church Breese Illinois
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 525 S. Third St. Breese 526-4362
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All Saints Academy 295 N. Clinton Breese
Website: www.asasaints.com 526-4323

Mater Dei High School 900 N. Mater Dei Dr. Breese
School Website: www.materdeiknights.org 526-7216
Alumni Website: www.materdeialumni.org

Diocesan websites: www.diobelle.org
www.bellevillemessenger.org
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.

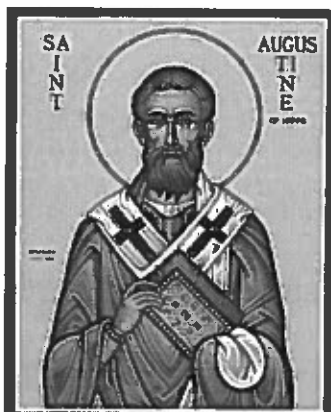
Reconciliation: Seasonal penance services offered throughout the year, on Saturday at 3:30 pm at St. Augustine Church or by appointment at any time.

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.

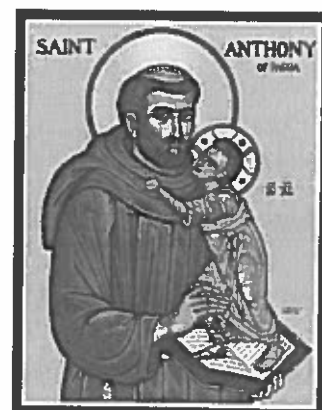


Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Chuck Tuttle 526-2566
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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



Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2020

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF

ST. AUGUSTINE

ST. ANTHONY

St. Augustine		Carlyle Healthcare Center		St. Anthony	
Mon	No Services	Mon	No Services	Mon	No Services
Tues	No Services	Tues	No Services	Tues	No Services
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A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

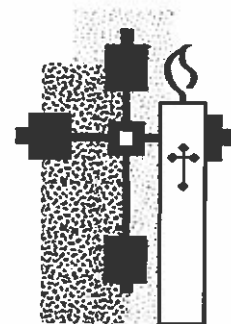
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

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.



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Contributions to the parishes of St. Anthony and St. Augustine, as well as CSMA contributions, can be mailed or dropped off at either parish office during office hours. Call the parish office for options regarding online bill payments at St. Augustine or monthly direct deposit at St. Anthony. 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.

St. Augustine News...

Parish office hours will remain the same throughout April as listed on the front bulletin cover.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

April 11/12 Attendance Sat. 0 Sun. 0
Envelopes \$1,575.00 (25/294)

Building \$460, Catholic Home Missions \$5,
Catholic Relief \$55, Easter \$750,
Education \$5, Holy Land \$50, Needy \$42,
Rice Bowl \$180, Sister Parish \$120

CSMA Goal: \$7,246.00 Pledged: \$5,543.50 77%

St. Anthony News...

The Quilt Raffle (blue tickets) will be held in the fall since the Spring Rummage Sale has been cancelled.

Parish office hours on Tuesdays throughout April will be from 7:30 am - 1 pm. Fridays will stay the same.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

April 11/12 Attendance Sat. 0 Sun. 0
Envelopes \$737.00 (17/158)

Catholic Home Missions \$25, Easter \$2,575,
Education \$10, Holy Land \$75, Rice Bowl \$60,
Sister Parish \$10, Upkeep \$730

CSMA Goal: \$4,524.00 Pledged: \$3,674.00 81%

Dear Friends,

We celebrate God's mercy today-that gift of compassionate forgiveness that is offered to all. For generations people had turned away from God, failing to respect the law or the prophets. Yet God sent us the Son, who took upon himself the sins of the world in order to redeem us all. Let our presence here today be a sign of our gratitude as we lift up our hearts and voices to the author of divine mercy.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: A week out from Easter Sunday we have the opportunity to listen to three responses to the Resurrection event. In Acts we hear of the communal practices of the early church. Peter praises God for the "living hope" Jesus brought to all who believe. John tells the well-known story of Thomas, who needed to see the resurrected Jesus before he would believe, and Jesus' subsequent blessing of those who believe without seeing. Let us listen and believe.

STEWARDSHIP: The reading from Acts describes the new community effected by Jesus' reconciling humankind with God: the People of God, the Body of Christ, the Church. The unity of this people is itself a precious good, to be cherished, preserved, and built up through lives of love. Today we are called to Stewardship: personal participation in and support of the Church's mission of proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying.

A REMINDER: Next weekend we would have celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion with seven of our Second Graders at St. Anthony on Saturday and with eight of our Second Graders at St. Augustine on Sunday. As we continue this time of "sheltering-in-place" and "social distancing," we will be unable to do so. Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers. The children were so excited in anticipation of their First Communion and are disappointed and not completely understanding why they now have to wait. Our catechists have been working with them to keep them focused and ready when at last they will be able to receive Jesus for the first time.

A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: Can I identify with Doubting Thomas, at times unsure of my faith? In what ways has Jesus given me peace to overcome the anxieties in my life?

God bless.

Fr. Chuck

Today's Gospel of "doubt" seems most appropriate in this time of wondering "why this is happening" and "when will it be over." Some questions cannot have an immediate response nor when we are given an explanation do we always completely understand all the implications. We find ourselves in an unprecedented event, one which, though faced in past generations (the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918-1919), did not have the same social, economic and spiritual effects that it has in our time of instantaneous media coverage and total global access.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we, like Thomas, must attain a level of Trust that transcends the questions, fears and doubts we may have and we must experience instead the consolation and peace that the Risen Christ offers us. "Peace be with you" is his invitation to us as well. A peace that overcomes our doubts and fears and brings us to the truth of His Divine Love and Mercy. Trust is a difficult leap of faith –Thomas was not willing to believe until he saw and experienced the Risen Christ. We on the other hand are called "Blessed" because we "have not seen and have believed." The truth is: God loves us and sent His Son as expiation for our sins; and as Peter reminds us in the Second reading this weekend: "In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

May we have both the courage and faith to endure our trials (the crosses we are asked to carry, especially during this time) to the greater honor and glory of God, the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. Let us never forget and always remember: God does not take that He does not give.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Chuck

As of Thursday, April 16, 2020, with the printing of this bulletin, we have not yet heard from the Governor or Bishop Braxton regarding the month of May and social distancing / shelter-in-place guidelines. Please know that parish events and meetings would continue as previously scheduled (if an all clear is given) or be postponed / cancelled (if the guidelines remain in effect) accordingly.

It is easy to stay in-touch with what is happening at our two parishes and to also see the on-line Sunday Liturgy, Stations of the Cross, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and a message from both our Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Braxton and our Bishop-elect, Michael McGovern. Just go to the following:

St. Anthony, Beckemeyer: <http://stanthonybeckemeyer.org> and St. Augustine, Breese: <http://saintaugustinebreese.org>

Youth Ministry

Updates for Youth Ministry events will be posted on Groupme.

Of Common Interest. . .

St. Mary Church Trenton has cancelled their May Rummage Sale.

Next weekend we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Envelopes are available in your boxes at St. Anthony or your monthly envelope packet at St. Augustine. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

In the hopes that a Mass can be celebrated on Sun., June 7 at 1:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter honoring the Sacrament of Matrimony for couples celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50 and 60 and up years of marriage, please submit your names and anniversary date to your parish office by Sun., April 19.

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/>

Listening to Catholic radio will help smooth out any rough edges in your day and keep you on the right path. Pray the Rosary daily and the Divine Mercy Chaplet and listen to the Word of God and pray along with the Holy Mass. Tune in to AM 1080 WRYT or 92.7 FM, download the free Covenant Network App or listen on OurCatholicRadio.org.

Vocation Corner: Today's Gospel is the familiar story of Thomas' declaration of unbelief in the Resurrection until "I put my finger in the nail marks." These kinds of thoughts often attack the minds of those discerning a religious vocation. They are seeking that "definite" sign that the path they are pursuing is the right one. The Lord doesn't always afford that. Let us pray, often and loudly, for these discerners that they "hear the call" of the Lord and continue to respond to it.

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
Cecelia Goebel	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 Schlarman	
Julie (Schlueter) Detmer		Arlecia Stamps
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 Roeckenhau
Marvin Hagen	Nathan Smith
Zach Huelskamp	Clarence "Kennedy" Vogt

The Parish Community of Mary, Mother of the Church in St. Louis, MO, is seeking a **Director of Liturgy and Music**. This is a full-time position which includes both evening and weekend hours. The ideal candidate will possess and demonstrate excellent skills as both an organist and a pianist; have experience leading and working with cantors, choirs and other musicians of various ages; be familiar with a diverse musical repertoire that is taken from both traditional and contemporary liturgical music; demonstrate a proficiency in using technology and multimedia communication. Interested candidates should submit their resumes to Rev. Chuck Barthel at cbarthel@marymother.org through May 15, 2020. Starting date is July 1, 2020.

My LORD and my GOD!

2020 SECOND WEEK OF EASTER Daily Scripture and Reflections during Eastertide

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY God's Divine Mercy is for all. <i>Acts 2:42-47</i> <i>1 Peter 1:3-9</i> <i>John 20:19-31</i>	20 Easter Weekday The Holy Spirit is our teacher and guide. <i>Acts 4:23-31</i> <i>John 3:1-8</i>	21 St. Anselm Live in the abundant life of the Spirit. <i>Acts 4:32-37</i> <i>John 3:7b-15</i>	22 Easter Weekday As a believer we are called to be courageous. <i>Acts 5:17-26</i> <i>John 3:16-21</i>	23 St. George Heaven is open to all who have faith in Jesus. <i>Acts 5:27-33</i> <i>John 3:31-36</i>	24 St. Fidelis Of Sigmaringan Jesus takes care of our every need. <i>Acts 5:34-42</i> <i>John 6:1-15</i>	25 St. Mark, Evangelist We are called to proclaim the Good News. <i>1 Peter 5:5b-14</i> <i>Mark 16:15-20</i>

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



American Samoa, an archipelago of seven islands in the South Pacific and the only United States territory south of the equator, is located over 500 miles closer to New Zealand than it is to Hawaii. Over 97% of the territory's population lives on the largest Island, Tutuila, leaving the small number of residents in the outlying Manu'a islands to be served by one catechist and one priest, who visits monthly to celebrate Mass and to bring sacraments to the faithful. Despite these limited resources, the residents of Manu'a are growing in faith, with more becoming interested in being baptized and welcomed into the Church.

Your generosity has helped sustain this invaluable ministry to the faithful in the isolated environment of the Diocese of Samoa–Pago Pago. By supporting the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA), you continue a tradition of support for mission dioceses in the United States dating back to 1924.

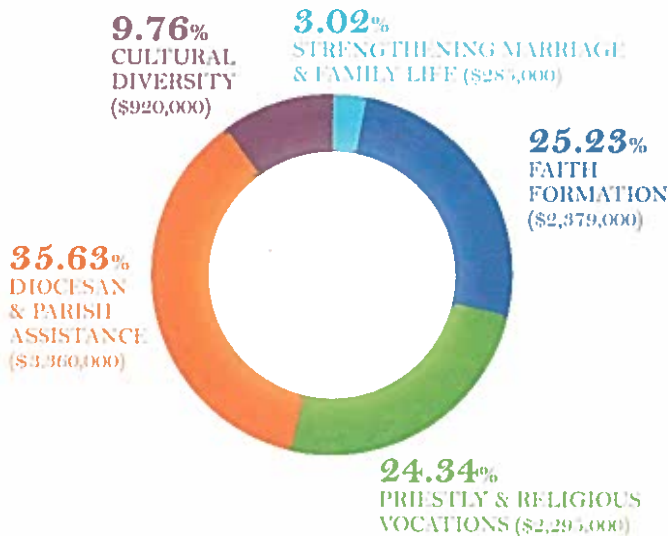
Support CHMA and strengthen the Church at home.

For more information about the Catholic home missions, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

What Is a Home Mission Diocese?

Home mission dioceses are those dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and the other sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Right now, over 40 % of dioceses are considered home missions.

WHAT DOES YOUR GIFT FUND? 2018 FINANCIALS



• Grants and Donations:	\$9,656,709
• Program Costs:	\$569,822
• Promotions and Fundraising Expenses:	\$280,078
• Administrative Expenses:	\$85,008

Total Expenses: \$10,591,617



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