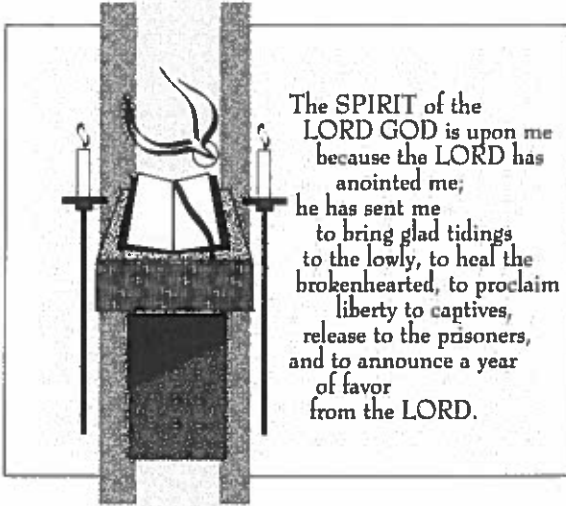


*Families of Faith in a Community of Grace*

**Third Sunday  
of Advent  
December 13, 2020**



The SPIRIT of the LORD GOD is upon me because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, release to the prisoners, and to announce a year of favor from the LORD.

**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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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 722-5068  
<https://www.diobelle.org/respectlife/project-rachel>  
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 – Dan Robben

**Youth Ministry Moderators:** Kelly Kienlen 558-7094  
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.

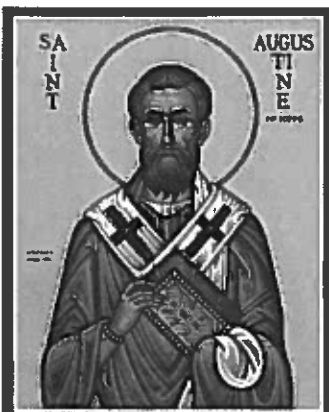
**Reconciliation:** Seasonal penance services offered throughout the year, on Saturday at 3:30 pm at St. Augustine Church or by appointment at any time.

**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.**

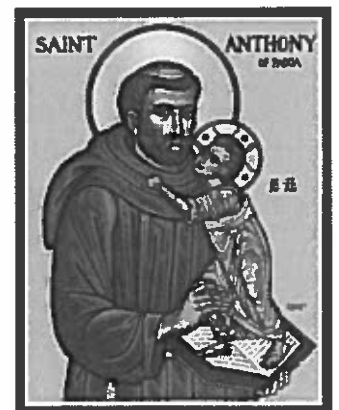


**Parish Staff**

**Pastor:** Fr. Chuck Tuttle 526-2566  
**Pastoral Associate/DRE:** Phyllis Berndsen 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. 7:30 - 10:45 am & 3-5:15 pm  
Fri. 7:15-10:45 am  
**Bulletin deadline:** Wednesday 10 am



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**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	7:30 am Poor Souls
Wed	7:25 am Pro Life Rosary 8:00 am Our Sister Parish	Wed	No Services	Wed	No Services
Thu	No Services 7:00 pm Partnership Reconciliation Service at St. Dominic	Thu	No Services	Thu	7:30 am For Vocations 7:00 pm Partnership Reconciliation Service at St. Dominic
Fri	8:00 am Joan Foppe †	Fri	No Services	Fri	No Services
Sat	4:00 pm Theresa Grawe † Bernard Diekemper †	Sat	No Services	Sat	5:30 pm Dave Beckemeyer †
Sun	10:00 am Edward & Cecilia Jansen † Joe & Ruth Bergmann † Mark & Laverne Lowe † Joe C. Maue †	Sun	No Services	Sun	8:30 am Cathy Wolfe † Bob Kauling †

Please continue to call or text for registration for Mass on Saturday and Sunday. St. Anthony, Linda at 973-2777; St. Augustine, Phyllis at 791-0069. Remember masks and social distancing still required. Thanks for your continued support. **Please note: When school is cancelled due to bad weather, weekday Mass is cancelled.** Schedule your Christmas Mass time: St. Anthony - Christmas Eve at 6:00 pm; Christmas Day at 8:00 am; St. Augustine - Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm; Christmas Day at 10:00 am

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat. 4:00 pm None  
Sun. 10:00 am None

**LECTORS**

Sat. 4:00 pm To Be Appointed  
Sun. 10:00 am To Be Appointed

**GIFT BEARERS**

Sat. 4:00 pm None  
Sun. 10:00 am None

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

Sat. 4:00 pm None  
Sun. 10:00 am None

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TO THE SICK**

Dec. 13 None

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

Sat. 4:00 pm Sarah Collins, Mark Kruep  
(alternates: Brian Boeckman, Tom Berndsen)  
Sun. 10:00 am Brad Boeckman, Dan Jansen,  
Roger Loepker (alternate: Charlie Hilmes)

**SACRISTAN**

Sun., Dec. 13 - Sat., Dec. 19 To Be Appointed

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Dec. 5/6 Attendance Sat. 42 Sun. 35  
Immaculate Conception 53  
Envelopes \$3,265.00 (54/294)  
Loose \$ 90.00  
\$3,355.00

Building \$830, Christmas \$260, Education \$5, Flowers \$75,  
Immaculate Conception \$55, Needy \$10, Rel. Retirement \$35,  
Sister Parish \$25, Solemnity \$40



**GREETERS**

Sat. 5:30 pm Annette Burkhardt, Rachael Burkhardt  
Sun. 8:30 am Bev Carter, Brenda Aeschbacher

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat. 5:30 pm None  
Sun. 8:30 am None

**LECTORS**

Sat. 5:30 pm Larry Kampwerth  
Sun. 8:30 am Olivia Etheridge

**GIFT BEARERS**

Sat. 5:30 pm None  
Sun. 8:30 am None

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

Sat. 5:30 pm None  
Sun. 8:30 am None

**USHERS**

Sat. 5:30 pm Andrew Burkhardt  
Sun. 8:30 am Jay & Linda Fowler

**SACRISTAN**

Sun., Dec. 13 - Sat., Dec. 19 Annette Burkhardt

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Dec. 5/6 Attendance Sat. 17 Sun. 50  
Immaculate Conception 38  
Envelopes \$ 978.00 (28/158)  
Direct Deposit \$1,935.00 (14)  
Loose \$ 31.00  
\$2,944.00

Flowers \$127, Sister Parish \$10, Upkeep \$550



Dear Friends,

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday because today's opening antiphon begins with the word *gaudete*, which means rejoice. We rejoice today, for the coming of the Lord is so near that we cannot help but think about it. Perhaps we are starting to feel overwhelmed by all of what we need to do between now and Christmas. Let this be an opportunity to refocus our attention on the true reason we celebrate this time of year. Rejoice, the Lord is near!

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON:** We are visited by three messengers today. The first is Isaiah, with a message of hope and joy, "a year of favor ... a day of vindication." Next comes Paul, with a message for the Thessalonians that we can take to heart as well, advising us how to live while we wait for Christ's return. Finally, we hear from Jesus' messenger, John the Baptist, who came to testify to the Messiah. Let us heed their messages as we prepare for Christ's coming.

**STEWARDSHIP:** The opposite of stewardship is not greed, but self-pity and ingratitude. Stewardship is about gratitude and rendering constant thanks. We can't give what we don't have. Stewardship means being aware of how much we've received. After that realization, giving comes naturally.

**A REMINDER:** Our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be on Thursday at 7pm in St. Dominic Church. If you have not yet registered for the Christmas Masses, please do so by calling the respective representatives as listed under the Mass intentions, so we can plan on adequate Services availability (the Christmas Mass will also be available as a virtual Mass on our two websites).

**A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK:** When and where do I recognize the presence of the Lord in the world?

God bless.

*Fr. Chuck*

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests ministered for years for little or no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps to provide medications, nursing care and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please use the envelope in your monthly packet or contribution boxed set to show your support on Sun., Dec. 13.

## St. Augustine News. . .

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Jacquelyn "Jackie" Knue and Glen "Moon" Jansen. May God grant them peace.

**Bingos & Luncheons are postponed until further notice.**

**The Catholic Holy Family Society meeting scheduled for Sun., Dec. 13 has been cancelled.**

**We will be decorating the gym for Christmas after the 10 am Mass on Sun., Dec. 20. All help is appreciated!**

Please pick up an envelope located near the **Giving Wreath**. Decide on and write a check to the charity of your choice (multiple charities will require separate checks). Return the envelope to the wishing well in the foyer. **Donations will be collected until Jan. 3, 2021.** This year charities have not been able to collect for their recipients as they have in previous years. Please support those in our community who are in need. **"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into the giving."** – Mother Theresa

Thank you to the family and friends of Ralph Maue, Joan Foppe, Lucille "Lou" Rickhoff & Irwin "Lou" Luebbers for the generous memorials to St. Augustine Church received in their honor.

## St. Anthony News. . .

Please help our parish save on postage for the 2021 boxed set of contribution envelopes! Since mailing cost is over \$5.00 per box, your help is greatly appreciated!

We are accepting donations of **greeting cards** for any occasion. Please drop off in the box as you enter the gym for Mass. Thanks.

Your generous support of the House of Manna during the month of November is greatly appreciated! God bless!

The December Charity will be the **Jesse Tree**. We will be collecting Christmas gifts for the Community Link SILA residents. Please choose an ornament from the Jesse tree located at the entrance to the gym. For those attending Mass virtually who wish to donate, the gym doors are usually open 45 minutes before Mass starts or contact Linda Fowler at 973-2777 to make arrangements. **Please wrap your gift, attach the ornament and place under the Jesse Tree. Gifts need to be turned in by Sun., Dec 20. Thank you!**

**REJOICE**  
for the **LORD** is near!

**Have you called or texted to reserve your spot at a Christmas Mass? All Masses are filling up quickly to their capacity of 100 people. Please call or text: St. Anthony, Linda at 973-2777; St. Augustine, Phyllis at 791-0069.**

### Youth Ministry

Updates for Youth Ministry events posted on Groupme.

Any high school youth who wants to get updates on Youth Ministry events, please contact Cheryl, Rhonda, Kelly or Diane to be added to the groupme.

Any high school youth (age 16 and older) who want to help with re-opening the churches, contact Diane, Cheryl or Rhonda. Permission slips will be required.

### Of Common Interest. . .

**Breakfast at Albers American Legion - Carry Out Only on Sun., Dec. 13 from 8-11:30 am**

**Partnership Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on Thurs., Dec. 17 at 7 pm at St. Dominic Church.**

Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School will hold its 18th Annual Benefit Dinner Gala and Mega Raffle on March 13, 2021. Early Bird Drawings for \$100 will be held each month through February. Tickets are \$100.00 each, but if you buy one ticket you get one free; if you buy two tickets you get three free; if you buy 3 tickets you get five free! Top prize is \$10,000 if 230 tickets are sold by the drawing date. Call 397-3016 for more information.

### Please remember in your prayers:

Carl Aarns	Norb Albers	Dolores Benhoff
Veronica Blumenstein		Sadie Bryan
Leo Buss	Tim Cass	Mel Deien
Joyce Deiters	Marcie Deiters	Betty Erlinger
Emily Fragale	Carol Gwinn	Mike Haar
Jeff Heimann	Carla Hilmes	John Hilmes
Julie Hilmes	Rich Holtgrave	Gertrude Holthaus
Andy Huelsmann	Greg Jansen	Dolores Jansen
Sr. Virginia Kampwerth		Kevin Krebs
Rose Kuhl	Dennis Kuper	Evie Lammers
Bernice Langhauser	Gabrielle Ludwig	Joann Maue
Paul & Carol Meier	Rachel Peters	Kathy Pingsterhaus
Rose Pulver	Andy Rakers	Jerome Ratermann
Pat Rollins	Mary Schadeegg	Ron Schadeegg
Julie (Schlueter) Detmer		Mary Beth Shubert
Arlecia Stamps	Stan Timmermann	Bernard Wempe
Kathy Wempe	Agnes White	Randy White
Stan Wolfe	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 Roeckenhaus
Marvin Hagen	Nathan Smith
Phillip Hilmes	Clarence "Kennedy" Vogt
Zach Huelskamp	

## Hope is Born! A "Live" Nativity



Join us in celebrating the reason for Christmas!

Sunday, Dec. 20  
4:30 - 7:30 pm  
Outdoors at St. Bernard Parish, Albers

Social distancing + masks required  
Live streaming will be available via Facebook

**Baptismal Prep Class: Mon., Dec. 14 at 7:30 pm at St. Dominic Rectory. Call your parish office to register.**

**Vocation Corner:** Our vocation starts as an indwelling, with the quiet whisper of God's pull on our heart. It's often personal and difficult to describe to others and often takes much prayer and discernment to see clearly. Are we to become another John the Baptist - that "voice of one crying out in the desert"? St. Francis de Sales reflected on this individual nature of our call, "We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish."

Our weekly Sunday Mass can still be found on our two parish websites: <http://stanthonybeckemeyer.org>  
<http://saintaugustinebreese.org>



○ Come, ○ Come, Emmanuel

### 2020 THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Daily Scripture and Reflections in Preparation for Christmas

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>13 3rd Sunday of Advent</b> Wait in joyful hope for the coming of the Lord. <i>Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11</i> <i>1 Thes. 5:16-24</i> <i>John 1:6-8, 19-28</i>	<b>14 St. John of the Cross</b> Let us focus more on God.  <i>Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a</i> <i>Matthew 21:23-27</i>	<b>15 Advent Weekday</b> We are called to hear God's word and carry it out.  <i>Zeph. 3:1-2, 9-13</i> <i>Matthew 21:28-32</i>	<b>16 Advent Weekday</b> Let us bow down in worship of Christ, our Lord.  <i>Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25</i> <i>Luke 7:18b-23</i>	<b>17 Advent Weekday</b> The birth of Christ fulfills God's promise to Israel.  <i>Gen. 49:2, 8-10</i> <i>Matthew 1:1-17</i>	<b>18 Advent Weekday</b> <i>Emmanuel. God is with us.</i>  <i>Jeremiah 23:5-8</i> <i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>	<b>19 Advent Weekday</b> Trusting in God's plan gives us great blessings.  <i>Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a</i> <i>Luke 1:5-25</i>