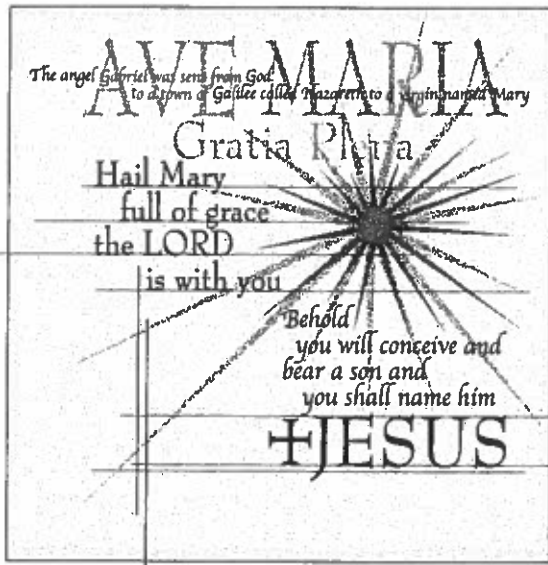


Families of Faith in a Community of Grace

**Fourth Sunday
of Advent
December 20, 2020**



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.

Directory

St. Augustine Church e-mail: augustine306@att.net

Website: www.saintaugustinebreese.org

Find us on Facebook: St. Augustine Catholic Church Breese Illinois

Vision Statement: "Called to Welcome, Serve and Celebrate"

525 S. Third St. Breese 526-4362

St. Augustine Parish Center 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 227-8236

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 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



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

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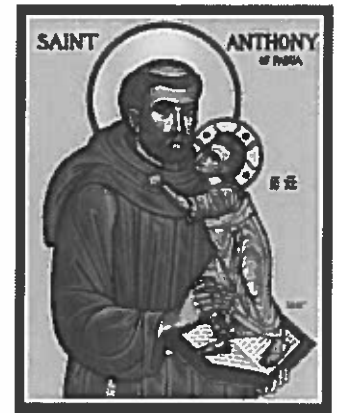
Office Hours

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 No Services |
| Wed No Services | Wed No Services | Wed No Services |
| Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Pastoral Intention 9:00 pm Our Parish Family | Thu No Services | Christmas Eve 6:00 pm Pastoral Intention |
| Christmas Day 10:00 am Our Parish Family | Fri No Services | Christmas Day 8:00 am Our Parish Family |
| Sat 4:00 pm Mary Ann Haar † Living and Deceased of the Mensing and Thole Families | Sat No Services | Sat 5:30 pm Donald Koch † |
| Sun 10:00 am Sara Isaak † | Sun No Services | Sun 8:30 am Walter & LaGarda Holtgrave † |

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 and 9:00 pm; Christmas Day at 10:00 am

ALTAR SERVERS

No altar servers are scheduled at any Masses.

LECTORS

Thu. 4:00 pm Schneider Family
Fri. 9:00 pm Josie Pzygoda
Fri. 10:00 am Katie Siefker
Sat. 4:00 pm Aggie Becker
Sun. 10:00 am Lynn Maue



GIFT BEARERS

No gift bearers are scheduled at any Masses.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

No Extraordinary Ministers are scheduled at any Masses.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Dec. 20 None

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Thu. & Sat. 4:00 pm Sarah Collins, Mark Kruep
(alternates: Brian Boeckman, Tom Bermdsen)
Fri. 9:00 pm To Be Appointed
Fri. & Sun. 10:00 am Brad Boeckman, Dan Jansen,
Roger Loepker (alternate: Charlie Hilmes)

SACRISTAN

Sun., Dec. 20 - Sat., Dec. 26 To Be Appointed

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Dec. 12/13 Attendance Sat. 40 Sun. 50
Envelopes \$2,965.00 (37/294)
Loose \$ 120.00
\$3,085.00

Building \$310, Christmas \$810, Education \$145, Flowers \$240, Immaculate Conception \$15, Needy \$70, Rel. Retirement \$480, Sister Parish \$35, Solemnity \$25
CSMA Goal: \$7,246.00 Pledged: \$8,063.50 111%

GREETERS

Thu. 6:00 pm Linda Fowler, Karri Kampwerth
Fri. 8:00 am Bev Carter
Sat. 5:30 pm Annette Burkhardt, Rachael Burkhardt
Sun. 8:30 am Etheridge Family

ALTAR SERVERS

No altar servers are scheduled at any Masses.

LECTORS

Thu. 6:00 pm Rhonda Pulver
Fri. 8:00 am Larry Kampwerth
Sat. 5:30 pm Carolyn Davenport
Sun. 8:30 am Stephanie Hamilton

GIFT BEARERS

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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USHERS

Thu. 6:00 pm Jay Fowler, Keith Kampwerth
Fri. 8:00 am Jay & Linda Fowler
Sat. 5:30 pm Andrew Burkhardt
Sun. 8:30 am Mike Etheridge, Jay Fowler

SACRISTAN

Sun., Dec. 20 - Sat., Dec. 26 Etta Kampwerth

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Dec. 12/13 Attendance Sat. 27 Sun. 47
Envelopes \$ 998.00 (28/158)
Loose \$ 353.00
\$1,351.00

Christmas \$155, Education \$27, Flowers \$10, Immaculate Conception \$256, Religious Retirement \$440, Upkeep \$25
CSMA Goal: \$4,524.00 Pledged: \$6,005.00 133%
Picnic Campaign Total To Date: \$21,220.00 (91 donors)



Dear Friends,

Our season of fervent anticipation is nearly over. The promise of these four weeks, the coming of our Lord and Savior, will soon be reaching its fulfillment. Have we prepared a place in our hearts for him even as we have made preparations for the holiday? Once more we hear Mary accept the invitation to bear the Son of God. Let her response be a model for us to accept God's invitation to bear Christ to one another.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: As we begin our last week of preparation for the coming of our Lord, we listen to the preparations three others took during earlier eras. King David intended to prepare a house for the ark of God, but God revealed a more important house to prepare. Saint Paul completed his letter to the Romans, a church he'd helped prepare for the mystery of Christ. In the Gospel, Mary agreed to prepare a place in her womb for the Son of God. Let us prepare a place in our hearts now for the word of God.

STEWARDSHIP: In the first reading today, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's YES to a life of service that the promise finds fulfillment.

A REMINDER: 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). Please see the Mass schedule below for the Christmas and New Years Masses in the Partnership.

A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: How do I bear witness to my faith? How can the world see that the Lord is with me?

God bless.

Fr. Chuck

St. Augustine News. . .

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

Bingos & Luncheons are postponed until further notice.

Parish Partnership Mass Schedule for Christmas

Thurs., Dec. 24 4:00 pm at St. Augustine
5:30 pm at St. Dominic
6:00 pm at St. Anthony
7:30 pm at St. Dominic
9:00 pm at St. Augustine
10:30 pm at St. Dominic
Fri., Dec. 25 8:00 am at St. Anthony
9:00 am at St. Dominic
10:00 am at St. Augustine

Parish Partnership Mass Schedule for Solemnity of Mary

Thurs., Dec. 31 4:00 pm at St. Augustine
5:30 pm at St. Dominic
Fri., Jan. 1 8:30 am at St. Anthony
9:00 am at St. Dominic

St. Anthony News. . .

Jesse Tree gifts with the attached ornament need to be turned in by Sun., Dec 20. Thank you!

We will be decorating the gym for Christmas on Mon., Dec. 21 at 6 pm. All are invited to help!

The choir will be singing Christmas carols 15 minutes before Christmas Eve Mass and Christmas Mass!

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

Thanks for the wonderful response to our request for greeting cards. We now have plenty of cards on hand. We appreciate your support of this project.

Finance Council Meeting: Thurs., Jan. 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm
Pastoral Council Meeting: Thurs., Jan. 7, 2021 at 7:30 pm



Be it done unto me according to your word

Baptismal Prep Class: Wed., Jan., 13, 2021 at St. Anthony Parish Center at 7 pm. Contact your parish office to register.

The parish office will be closed on Thurs., Dec. 24 and Fri., Dec. 25. Bulletin deadline will be moved to Mon., Dec. 21 at 10 am.

Have you called or texted to reserve your spot at a Christmas Mass? At St. Dominic all Masses are full at capacity. All St. Augustine and St. Anthony 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. . .

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.


Heartland Community Chorus invites you to view “**Christmas at Home**”, their 2020 holiday concert. The program premiered on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) on Sun., Dec. 6 at 6 pm. It features your favorite Christmas songs by soloists and small ensembles from the Chorus. The program will run on youtube for one month, so you can enjoy it at your leisure, and even watch it multiple times. Heartland Community Chorus is offering this to the public, free of charge, as a thank you to the community. They are grateful for your continuing support of their efforts to share beautiful music with neighbors near and far!

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



Please remember in your prayers:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 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 Schadegg | Ron Schadegg |
| Julie (Schlueter) Detmer | | Mary Beth Shubert |
| Arlecia Stamps | Stan & Helen 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:



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|----------------|-------------------------|
| Eric Albers | Spencer Murphy |
| Siara Asuncion | Joshua Roeckenhaus |
| Marvin Hagen | Nathan Smith |
| Phillip Hilmes | Clarence “Kennedy” Vogt |
| Zach Huelskamp | |

Vocation Corner: Today we hear of Mary’s call to be the Mother of God. What a wonderful act of selflessness - turning her whole life over to the will of God. “May it be done to me according to your will.” This is the call for each one of us – “according to your will” should be our daily mantra. Encourage everyone to follow their unique vocation to follow the Lord. Merry Christmas.

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

Peace on Earth

2020 FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT Daily Scripture and Reflections in Preparation for Christmas

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| 20 4th Sunday of Advent The Lord dwells among us. <i>2 Sam. 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16</i> <i>Romans 16:25-27</i> <i>Luke 1:26-38</i> | 21 St. Peter Canisius Let us celebrate Christmas with the joyful faith of Mary. <i>Zeph. 3:14-18a</i> <i>Luke 1:39-45</i> | 22 Advent Weekday God does great things in all of us. <i>1 Samuel 1:24-28</i> <i>Luke 1:46-56</i> | 23 St. John of Kanty The Lord prepares a way for us to receive the gift of Himself. <i>Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24</i> <i>Luke 1:57-66</i> | 24 Advent Weekday God’s promises are a source of hope and rejoicing. <i>2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16</i> <i>Luke 1:67-79</i> | 25 CHRISTMAS God Himself chose to dwell among us. <i>Isaiah 52:7-10</i> <i>Hebrews 1:1-6</i> <i>John 1:1-18</i> | 26 St. Stephen Those who follow Jesus have nothing to fear. <i>Acts 6:8-10;</i> <i>7:54-59</i> <i>Matthew 10:17-22</i> |