



*Families of Faith in a Community of Grace*

**The Nativity of the Lord**

**December 25, 2022**

**Directory**

**St. Augustine Church** e-mail: [augustine306@att.net](mailto:augustine306@att.net)

**Website:** [www.saintaugustinebreese.org](http://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](mailto:stanthny@papadocs.com)

**Website:** [www.stanthonybeckemeyer.org](http://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](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

**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** - Monday at 7:00 pm, please call 618-526-4362 or 618-227-8236

**Youth Faith Formation Classes:** CRE – Dan Robben

Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:45 pm at St. Dominic

**Youth Ministry Moderators:**

Diane Klostermann 910-9266 Cheryl Loepker 526-7594

Angie Pollmann 604-3116 Rhonda Pulver (248) 840-1857

**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 one month 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 :** Annually offered at Mass or as needed. Call the **parish office** 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 526-2566

Pastoral Associate/DRE: Phyllis Berndsen 791-0069

Pastoral Associate/DRE: Phyllis Mensing 977-1569

Maintenance: Richard Korte 402-5964

Office Manager: Carol Hilmes 526-4362

227-8236

Business Manager: Dennis Krebs St. Augustine

Business Manager: Karri Kampwerth St. Anthony

**Office Hours**

**Breese:** Wednesday 8:30am - 4:30pm

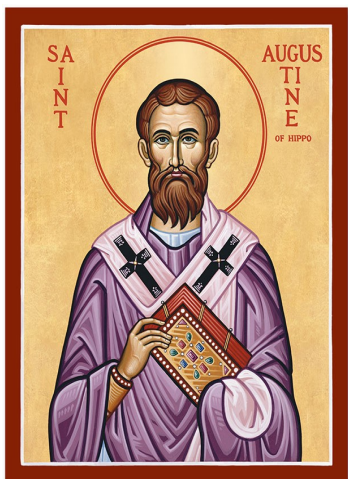
Thursday 2:00 - 5:00pm

**Office is Closed:** Monday, Dec. 26 & Friday, December 29

**Beckemeyer:** Tuesday 8:00am - 1:00pm

Thursday 8:00am - 1:00pm

**Bulletin deadline: Tuesday at 10 a.m.**



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## The Catholic Communities of

### St. Augustine

Mon No Services  
 Tues No Services  
 Wed 8:00 am No Services  
 Thu No Services  
 Fri 8:00 am No Services  
 Sat 4:00 pm World Peace  
 Sun 8:00 am World Peace

### St. Anthony

Mon No Services  
 Tues 7:30 am No Services  
 Wed 8:00 am No Service  
 Thu 7:30 am No Services  
 Fri No Services  
 Sat No Services  
 Sun 10:00 am World Peace

### ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry	Saturday 31-Dec 4:00pm	Sunday 1-Jan 8:00am
Altar Servers		
Lectors	Jay Schneider	Phyllis Berndsen
Gift Bearers	Ushers.	Ushers
Extraordinary Ministers	Dennis & Mary Jo Krebs Jeff Schulte	Lynn Maue Jerry & Judy Korte
December / January Ushers	Kevin & Dara Hagen Dennis Krebs Jeff Schulte	Brad Boeckman Roger Loepker Bob Maue Volunteer

#### Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick

Dec. 25 Emily Timmermann Jan. 1 Julie Hummert

#### Sacristan

Dec. 25-31 Katie Siefker Jan. 1-7 Lynn Maue

#### ATTENDANCE

December 17.....206  
 December 18.....158

#### OUR GIFTS TO GOD

17/18 Loose \$ 227.00 Envelopes \$ 3,280.00(56)  
 Total \$ 3,507.00

#### Other Envelopes:

Building Fund \$440.00(5), Christmas \$530.00(5), Christmas Flowers \$175.00(3), Collection for the Needy \$ 125.00 (3), Education \$1,165.00(4), Immaculate Conception \$10.00(1), Retirement for Religious \$ 130.00(4), Sister Parish \$105.00(11), Solemnity of Mary \$5.00(1)

Roof Campaign: \$ 20,125.00(60)

CSMA 22 Goal: \$ 9,437.00 Pledged: \$ 5,418.50(57%) (38)

### ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry	Sunday 1-Jan 9:30am
Altar Servers	Caden Holtgrave Luke Etheridge
Lectors	Jay Fowler
Gift Bearers	Ushers
Greeters	Carolyn Davenport Jan Gonzalez
Extraordinary Ministers	Keith & Karri Kampwerth Steve Hilmes
Ushers	Rich Davenport Ben Gonzalez Andrew Burkhardt Larry Kampwerth

#### Sacristan

Dec. 25-31 Audrey Davis Jan. 1-7 Bev Carter

#### ATTENDANCE

December 18 .....135

#### OUR GIFTS TO GOD

18 Loose \$ 58.00 Envelopes \$ 1,192.20(39)  
 Total \$ 1,250.00

#### Other Envelopes:

All Saints \$ 100.00(1), Building \$ 20.00(1), Education \$55.00(5), Retired Religious \$10.00(1), Sister \$ 105.00(10)

#### E-Giving:

General \$ 1,170.00(14) Building \$ 100.00(1)

Picnic Campaign: \$ 17,475.00 (65)

CSMA 22 Goal: \$5,135.00 Pledged: \$ 5,142.00(100%) (33)

### Holy Day Mass Schedule

#### Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

(New Year's Eve)

4:00pm - St. Augustine

5:30pm - St. Dominic

#### Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

(New Year's Day)

8:00am - St. Augustine

9:30 am - St. Anthony

11:00am - St. Dominic

Dear Friends,

With great longing, we have been preparing our hearts and our homes for this day on which we celebrate the birth of our Messiah and Savior. We recall that glorious night when the Blessed Mother bore Jesus into an expectant world, realizing that Jesus is also born in our hearts and in our world here and now, made present through one another and in the Eucharist we celebrate. May this "good news of great joy that will be for all the people" continue to be incarnated in our lives and our world.

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Isaiah prophesied that the LORD would proclaim that a savior would come and a people would be redeemed. On the night Jesus was born, the shepherds are the first to hear this proclamation. At once they go to Bethlehem. They find Mary, Joseph, and the infant, and they repeat the angels' message. When they leave, they glorify and praise God. May we accompany the shepherds this morning, find Jesus born in our midst, and give praise and thanks to God.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Jesus is the supreme teacher of Christian stewardship, as He is of every other aspect of Christian life. In Jesus' teaching and life, self-emptying is fundamental. Jesus sets aside self; He is filled with the Father's will and He is fulfilled in just this way: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent Me and to finish His work" (In 4:34) Jesus' mission is to restore to good order the created household of God which sin has disrupted. He not only perfectly accomplishes this task, but also, in calling disciples, empowers them to collaborate with Him in the work of redemption for themselves and on behalf of others.

**A REMINDER:** I wish to extend to each and every one of you and your families and loved one a Blessed Christmas as we celebrate the Gift of the Father's Love: the Birth of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior.

**A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK:** How can I reflect God's good news of great joy in the way that I treat others?

God bless,  
*Fr. Chuck*

## St. Augustine News...

Thank you to all who helped to bring Christmas in to our hearts through decorating our beautiful Church and putting up the Nativity.

**Giving Wreath** is in the gathering space. Please see the sign on the well in the gathering space or by the north & south doors for an explanation of each charity. **All checks must be written out to your giving choice not the church. January 1st is the final weekend to turn in your donation.**

### **ST. AUGUSTINE GIVING FACTS:**

**Envelopes:** Did you know, that you can also place them in the collection basket any local Catholic church including Aviston, Albers, Bartelso, Beckemeyer, Breese, Germantown & St. Rose and they will be sent/delivered to the office. **Please note, that there may be a delay on the deposit any checks donated by using your envelope at other parishes.**

**Online Giving:** Please use <https://www.osvhub.com/saintaugustinebreese/giving/funds> to visit our online giving site. You can make an online check donation with the click of a button.

**Automatic Check Draft:** This process is done by visiting your online banking website through the bill pay section. Instead of choosing to do an automatic transfer, you would simply request that a check be drafted and mailed.

## St. Anthony News...

Thank you to all who helped to bring Christmas in to our hearts through decorating our beautiful Church and putting up the Nativity.

**Jesse Tree:** Thank you all for choosing to share Christmas with someone in need this year. Your generosity is amazing! All of the gifts were delivered to Community Link for distribution to their participants.

**St. Anthony Ladies Bunko and Dessert Party** is Monday, January 16 at 1 pm in the St. Anthony's Parish Center. Cost is \$5 per person. Be sure to join them in the fun! This event is open to ladies from all area parishes.

### **ST. ANTHONY GIVING FACTS:**

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**Automatic Check Draft:** This process is done by visiting your online banking website through the bill pay section. Instead of choosing to do an automatic transfer, you would simply request that a check be drafted and mailed.



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, I think of the words St. John wrote in one of his epistles: "we have come to know and believe in the love God has for us." My sincere prayer for the people of our diocese is that as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, each of us comes to know and believe more deeply in the love God has for us. May this Christmas be filled with a spirit of kindness and compassion and may you, your families and loved ones be filled with the peace of Christ in the New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Bishop Michael McGovern

## Upcoming Events or Items of Interest:

Join us for a regional adult faith formation program!

### *Faith and Poverty: A Global Response*

Created by Catholic Relief Services and JustFaith Ministries  
**Alternating Thursdays, 7-9 p.m. January 5 through May 4**  
**Mater Dei High School Library, 900 Mater Dei Dr., Breese**

Facilitators: Helen Essenpreis, Fran Etter, and Myrt Rollins  
 This program includes engagement with Scripture, Catholic social teaching, and sacred dialogue. Participants will gain insights into the complexity of the current situation of global poverty and violence. By encouraging new spiritual practices and informed action, this program aims to cultivate a groundswell of action and advocacy in solidarity with those whose lives are affected by poverty across the globe. Registration cost is on a sliding scale of the participant's choice ranging from \$35-\$75 with scholarships available for those on limited incomes. To register go to [justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-global-response-st-louis-winter-2023-small-group-catholic/](http://justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-global-response-st-louis-winter-2023-small-group-catholic/) or contact one of the facilitators at [franetter@gmail.com](mailto:franetter@gmail.com), [myrtrollins@gmail.com](mailto:myrtrollins@gmail.com) or [essenpreis@charter.net](mailto:essenpreis@charter.net).

### St. Anthony Grade School All Classes Reunion

Save the Date: Saturday May 6, 2023 at St. Anthony Parish Center. Details and schedule to follow. Everyone that ever attended St. Anthony (1906 - 1994) Grade School is invited.

Please follow us on Facebook at St. Anthony Catholic School Beckemeyer Reunion.

## Please remember in your prayers:

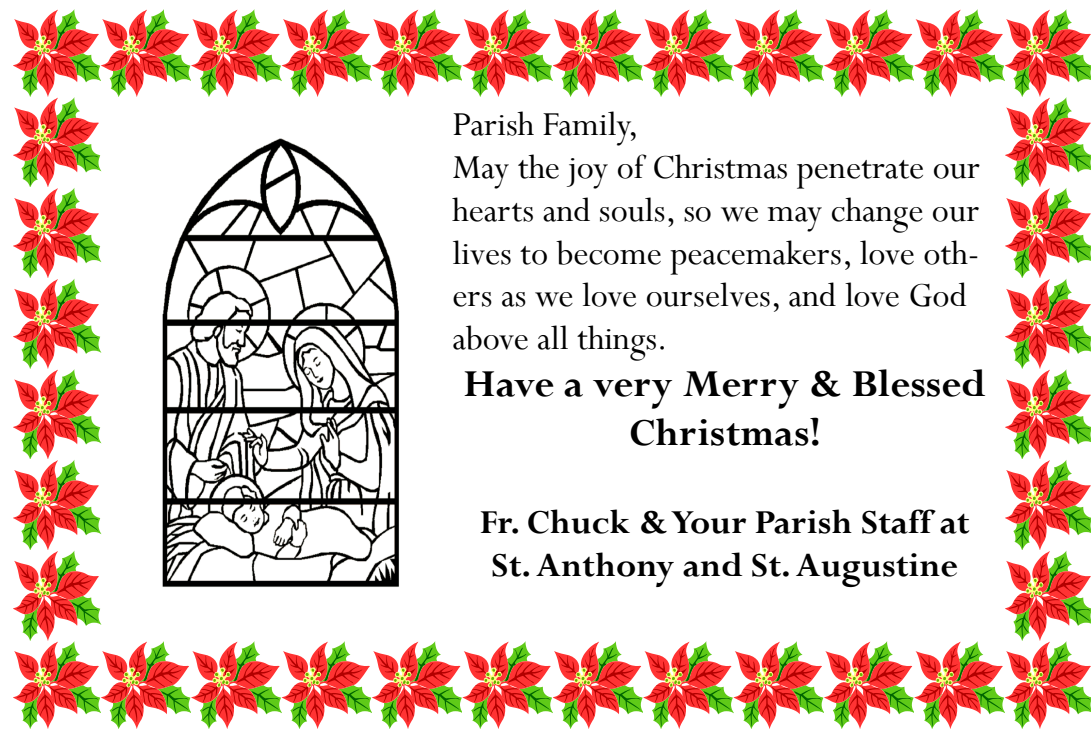
If you have anyone who needs to be added or removed from this list, please contact the Parish Office.

Carl Aarns	Norb Albers	Dolores Benhoff
Veronica Blumenstein	Kathy Book	Megan Brandmeyer
Sadie Bryan	Tim Cass	Christie Dust
Betty Erlinger	Carol Gwinn	Gerri Haar
Mary Haar	Mike Haar	Mary Heimann
Lorraine Hemann	Rich Holtgrave	Edna Holthaus
Gertrude Holthaus	Dolores Huelsmann	Dolores Jansen
Greg Jansen	Rose Kuhl	Evie Lammers
Gabrielle Ludwig	Carol Meier	Joann Maue
Dana Beckmann-Marks		Carol Niemeyer
Mark Niemeyer	Rachel Peters	Kathy Pingsterhaus
Andy Rakers	Jerome Ratermann	Pearl Richter
Pat Rollins	Fr. Ed Schaefer	Julie (Schlueter) Detmer
Jim Stroot	Arlecia Stamps	Rachel Siefker
Clete Timmermann	Lucille Trame	Mark Wasser
Dottie Wellinghoff	Bernard Wempe	Agnes White
Stan Wolfe	special intentions	



We salute and pray for all veterans, and especially the following and all others who are currently serving our country:

Siara Asuncion Nathan Smith  
 Phillip Hilmes Clarence "Kennedy" Vogt



Parish Family,  
 May the joy of Christmas penetrate our hearts and souls, so we may change our lives to become peacemakers, love others as we love ourselves, and love God above all things.

**Have a very Merry & Blessed Christmas!**

**Fr. Chuck & Your Parish Staff at St. Anthony and St. Augustine**

### Vocations Corner:

Today we celebrate the Birth of our Lord. Our God coming to earth takes on our human nature. He entered a human family – a couple who each had said “YES” to becoming the parents of Jesus. Each of them was called to a unique way to love and serve their family, but the power of their love within also *went out* to the world. Can we, as family, support one of our family members who might be discerning a call to the religious life? Joseph and Mary made that ultimate sacrifice.



### 2022 OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Daily Scripture and Reflections during Christmastide

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25 CHRISTMAS</b> A CHILD IS BORN FOR US Jesus lights the way to salvation. <i>Isaiah 52:7-10</i> <i>Hebrews 1:1-6</i> <i>John 1:1-18</i>	<b>26 St. Stephen</b> <i>Keep your gaze fixed on Christ.</i>  <i>Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59</i> <i>Matthew 10:17-22</i>	<b>27 St. John, Apostle</b> Like John, we are the Lord's beloved.  <i>1 John 1:1-14</i> <i>John 20:1a, 2-8</i>	<b>28 Holy Innocents</b> <i>God is light and in him there is no darkness.</i>  <i>1 John 1:5-2:2</i> <i>Matthew 2:13-18</i>	<b>29 St. Thomas Becket</b> The Commandment to love is the ultimate test.  <i>1 John 2:3-11</i> <i>Luke 2:22-35</i>	<b>30 Feast of the Holy Family</b> The Holy Family is God's gift of love to us.  <i>Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14</i> <i>Col. 3:12-17</i> <i>Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23</i>	<b>31 St. Sylvester</b> We are to ponder who Jesus Christ is for us.  <i>1 John 2:18-21</i> <i>John 1:1-18</i>