



Families of Faith in a Community of Grace

Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2023

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

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Vision Statement: "Continuing to Create a Future Together"

P.O. Box 305, 451 W. Third St. Beckemeyer (618)227-8236

All Saints Academy 295 N. Clinton Breese

Website: www.asasaints.com (618)526-4323

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School Website: www.materdeiknights.org (618)526-7216

Diocesan websites: www.diobelle.org

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www.catholiccharitiesusa.org

<http://catholiccharitiessil.org/ccsil>

Project Rachel (618)722-5068

<https://www.diobelle.org/respectlife/project-rachel>

Respect Life Ministry (618)722-5040

Sexual Abuse Hotline 1-800-640-3044

Religious Education:

OCIA/RCIA For more info please call one of the church office(s).

Youth Faith Formation Classes: Call CRE - Dan Robben at (618) 604-3792 or the parish office for more information.

Youth Ministry Moderators:

Diane Klostermann (618)910-9266 Cheryl Loepker (618)526-7594

Angie Pollmann (618)604-3116 Rhonda Pulver (248) 840-1857

Parish Partnership Weekend 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.**

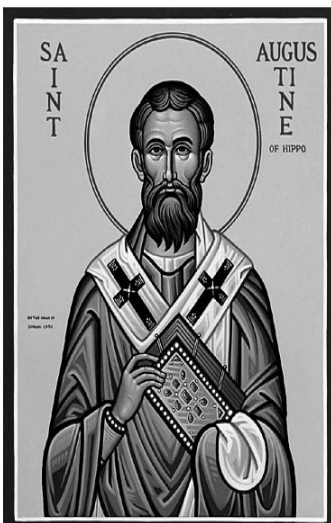
Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:30 pm at St. Augustine Church or by appointment. Seasonal penance services offered during Advent & Lent with dates to be announced.

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

Anointing of the Sick : Offered annually. 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 (618)526-2566

Pastoral Associate/DRE: Phyllis Berndsen (618)791-0069

Permanent Deacon: Deacon Jay Fowler (618)973-3162

Maintenance: Richard Korte (618)402-5964

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Business Manager: Dennis Krebs St. Augustine

Business Manager: Karri Kampwerth St. Anthony

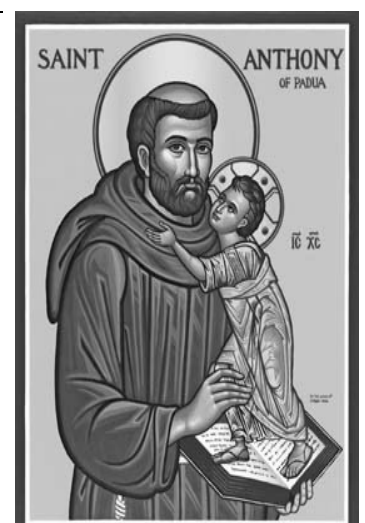
Office Hours

Breese: Monday & Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Wednesday - Closed

Beckemeyer: Tuesday & Thursday 8:00am-12:00pm

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday at Noon



Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023
The Catholic Communities of

St. Augustine

12/17 Sun 8:00am Bill Timmermann †
Joe C. Maue †
George Stein †
12/18 Mon No Services
12/19 Tues No Services
12/20 Wed 8:00am *ASA All School Mass (St. Dominic)*
12/21 Thu No Services
12/22 Fri No Service
12/23 Sat 4:00pm Sara Isaak †
Ralph Maue †
12/24 Sun 8:00am *(4th Sunday of Advent)*
Parish Faith Communities of St. Augustine, St.
Anthony & St. Dominic
12/24 Sun 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
12/25 Mon 8:00am Christmas

St. Dominic: Christmas Eve—5:30pm & 10:30pm
Christmas - 9:00am

St. Anthony

12/17 Sun 9:30am Dan Beckemeyer †
Dave Beckemeyer †
Dolly Holthaus †
Ed Holthaus †
Lucille Holthaus †
Bob Kauling †
12/18 Mon No Services
12/19 Tues 7:30am Tom Kruse †
12/20 Wed 8:00am *ASA All School Mass (St. Dominic)*
12/21 Thu 7:30am No Services
12/22 Fri No Services
12/23 Sat No Services
12/24 Sun 9:30am *(4th Sunday of Advent)*
Parish Faith Communities of St. Anthony,
St. Augustine & St. Dominic
12/24 Sun 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
12/25 Mon 10:00am Christmas Mass

ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Altar Servers	Greeters	Lectors	Ushers* <i>*Ushers are Gift Bearers</i>	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sun., Dec. 24 9:30am	Gwenyth Etheridge Sabrina Timmermann	Diane Winkeler Kelly Pollmann	Karri Kampwerth	Mike & Sharon Peppenhorst Dennis Pollmann Gary Winkeler	Gary & Diane Winkeler
Sun., Dec. 24 6:00pm	Luke Etheridge Caden Holtgrave	Carolyn Davenport Jan Gonzalez	Olivia Etheridge	Andrew Burkhardt Rich Davenport, Ben Gonzalez Larry Kampwerth	Geri Pollmann Karen Beckemeyer
Mon., Dec. 25 10:00am	Sabrina Timmermann Marshall Timmermann	Bev Carter Carol Hilmes	John Hilmes	John & Steve Hilmes Tony & Kathy Pingsterhaus	Steve & Carol Hilmes

Sacristan : Dec. 17- 23 Pauline Albers

Dec. 24 - 30 Annette Burkhardt

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Altar Servers	Lectors	December Ushers	Gift Bearers	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat., Dec. 23 4:00pm	Daniel Becker Brayden Wobbe Brennan Wobbe	Craig Revermann	Kevin & Dara Hagen Dennis Krebs Jeff Schulte	Isaak Family	Karen Huelskamp Ralph Kuhl
Sun., Dec. 24 8:00am	Zack Loepker	Lynn Maue	Jerry Korte, John Rakers Jamie Voss, Tony Voss	Wiegmann Family	Justin Foppe Alex Wiegmann
Sun., Dec. 24 4:00pm		Aggie Becker Daniel Becker	Kevin & Dara Hagen Dennis Krebs, Jeff Schulte	To be Announced	Eric & Alison Johnson
Mon., Dec. 25 8:00am		Lynn Maue	Jerry Korte, John Rakers Jamie Voss, Tony Voss	To be Announced	Jerry & Judy Korte

Sacristan : Dec. 17 - 23

Katie Siefker

Dec. 24 - 30

Lynn Maue

Extraordinary Minister to the Home Bound: Dec. 17 - Julie Hummert

Dec. 24 - Emily Timmermann

Dear Friends,

Every so often the fourth week of Advent consists only of the fourth Sunday of Advent. This is one of those years. For three weeks we have been encouraged to use this season to prepare for the Jesus' coming. Now it's time for procrastinators to begin! But seriously, the fact that this Sunday falls on Christmas Eve is a wonderful opportunity for us all. On this day, may the word of God we hear and the Eucharist we share inspire us to prepare a home in our hearts for the Lord.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: In the first reading, David worries about finding a proper home for the ark of God. After all, it was housed in a tent as if they were still journeying through the desert. In the Gospel, the angel Gabriel comes to a young virgin in Nazareth to announce that God has chosen her to bear the son of God, to provide a home for the Lord. Let us now make a home in our hearts for the Lord, so that we, like Saint Paul, may make known to the nations the wonders and glories of Jesus Christ.

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: Don't blink, Christmas is right around the corner. No more time to prepare – it is here! Are you ready?

A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: How do I discern what God's will is? Am I willing to trust in God and follow God's will?

God bless,

Fr. Chuck

St. Augustine News...

Upcoming Meetings:

Finance Council Meeting Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30pm

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 6 at 7:30pm

Bldg & Grnds Committee: Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30pm

Holy Name Meeting: Tuesday, February 13 at 7:30pm

Pastoral Council's 2nd Annual Trivia Night is Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 6:30pm. For more info, see the flyer that's on the bulletin board in the gathering space. Any questions or want to register, Contact Donny Petterson at 618-210-7099. Sign up soon! Spaces are limited.

Please be sure to grab an envelope from the Giving Wreath. Your giving options for this holiday season are B.C.M.W., City of Breese, C.T.R.C. (Chakota). More information about the charities is available in the gathering space. Please make your checks payable to one of the three charities, place it in your envelope and deposit it in the wishing well.

Holy Name Consignment Auction is Saturday, March 9th.

Auction setup begins on Monday, February 26th.

Start gathering your items now!

Upcoming Classes & Events:

Baptismal Prep Class for January will be held at St. Anthony on Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00 pm. Call the church office and register by Friday, January 5.

St. Augustine ATTENDANCE

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OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Loose: Dec. 9: \$197.00

Dec. 10: \$136.00

Envelopes: Dec. 9: \$1,570.00(42) Dec. 10: \$439.00(9)

Total: \$2,342.00

Other Envelopes:

Bldg. Fund \$435.00(10) Christmas \$145.00(3), Christmas Collection Needy \$10.00(1), Christmas Flowers \$148.00(11), Immaculate Conception \$263.00*(9), Ret. Relig. \$130.00(5), Sister Parish \$55.00(2), Solemnity of Mary \$10.00(1)

**Holy Day envelopes included in the amount.*

November E-Giving:

Building Fund \$195.00(7) General \$590.00(8)

St. Anthony News...

Upcoming Meetings:

Finance Council Meeting Thursday, January 4 at 6:30pm

Pastoral Council Meeting: Thursday, January 4 at 7:30pm

Jesse Tree Gifts are due in today! Thank you to all who participated!

Christmas Bunko and Dessert Party is Monday, December 18 at 1:00 pm in the St. Anthony's Parish Center. Cost is \$5 per person. Be sure to join in the fun! This event is open to everyone from all area parishes.

Christmas Church Decorating will be Wednesday, Dec 20th at 6:00pm. All are welcome! Following decorating we will have a get together in the parish center. Feel free to bring your favorite beverages and appetizers or Christmas cookies!

Quilt Meeting - a short meeting will be held to discuss what to do with the remaining quilts. This meeting will be held following Church Christmas Decorating on Wed, Dec 20th.

A 30 minutes prior to the Christmas Eve Mass, the choir will be singing Christmas carols.

Thank you to Fuzzy Kampwerth for constructing a new raffle drum for the next Calendar Raffle. Fuzzy's craftsmanship and generosity is greatly appreciated!

Congratulations to Audrey Davis, who was presented with Catholic Fraternal Life's award for Fraternalist of the Year for 2023 on Dec 6th. Audrey is a member of Beckemeyer Council #85. Audrey thank you for your service to your chapter, your church and your community.

The quilt raffle was drawn at the Ladies Sodality Christmas Party. Winner was Kim Burtis, Beckemeyer. The quilt raffle made \$802.00. Thank you ladies for all of your hard work!

St. Anthony ATTENDANCE

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OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Loose: \$144.00 Envelopes: \$783.00(24) Total: \$927.00

Other Envelopes:

Building Fund \$20.00(1), Christmas Flowers \$155.00(14), Immaculate Conception \$454.00*(21), Retirement for Religious \$130.00(9) **Holy Day envelopes included in the amount.*

December Automatic Contributions:

Building \$100.00(1) General \$1,870.00(14)

Meals & Events:

One Day Advent Retreat at St. Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 1500 N. Main, Mt. Vernon presented by Michael and Michelle Mette on December 17th starting at 6:30 pm.

Evening of Music, Comfort and Joy hosted by St. Mary, Carlyle on Saturday, December 23, 2023 from 6-7pm. This event provides everyone the opportunity to be welcomed by the parish, reflect on this Holiday Season, view its interior decorations and listen to a variety of vocal, sing-a-long, and instrumental music along with Holiday readings. "All Are Welcome" to come and go at any time. If you have any questions or would like to participate in this event, contact Music Director, Duane Grapperhaus at (618) 304-6412.

December Events at St. Mary Parish, Carlyle
December 17, 2023 at 7:00pm - Cantata

Breese Knights of Columbus 5th Sunday Breakfast Sunday, December 31 8:00am - 11:00am at the Breese KC Hall at 480 N. Walnut, Breese. Dine-in Adults \$10.00 & Dine-in Childre(12 & under) \$5.00. Children 12 & under in Christmas shirts are FREE! **All carry-outs are \$10.00 each.** Santa & Mrs. Clause will be there from 9:00am - 11:00am.

Catholic Men for Christ will be 2/17/24 at St. Louis High School Early bird registration is \$30. Grow deeper in your Faith. Contact Diane 618-910-9266 for details.

Catholic Women for Christ will be 3/9/24 at St. Louis High School Early bird registration is \$30. Grow deeper in your faith. Contact Diane 618-910-9266 for details.

Youth Ministry News:

Next Mass hop for the Confirmation class and youth ministry will be 1/7/24 9:30 am at St. Felicitas Beaver Prairie
Next youth ministry meeting will be 1/7/24 at St. Dominic cafeteria at noon. Anyone wanting to help with Luke 18 should attend.

-High School youth wanting updates for youth ministry events, download the groupme app and please contact Cheryl, Rhonda, Angie or Diane to be added to the groupme.

Pro-Life Corner: "O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."

USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"

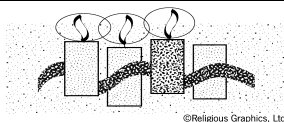
Please remember in your prayers:

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

Carl Aarns	Edwin Albers	Norb Albers
Ruth Albers	Dolores Benhoff	Veronica Blumenstein
Megan Brandmeyer	Sadie Bryan	Christie Dust
Betty Erlinger	Roger Foppe	Joe Fragile
JoAnn Gray	Carol Gwinn	Gerri Haar
Mary Haar	Mike Haar	Allen Hagen
Jim Haukup	Mary Heimann	Richard Hellige
Carlos Hill	John Hilmes	Rich Holtgrave
Edna Holthaus	Gertrude Holthaus	Greg Jansen
Tony Jansen	Etta Kampwerth	Travis Knolhoff
Rose Kuhl	Evie Lammers	Gabrielle Ludwig
Joann Maue	Dana Beckmann-Marks	Mary Ann Maue
Carol Meier	Doris Mueller	Mark Niemeyer
Rachel Peters	Kathy Pingsterhaus	Andy Rakers
Jerome Ratermann	Pearl Richter	Pat Rollins
Fr. Ed Schaefer	Julie (Schlueter) Detmer	Rachel Siefker
Clete Timmermann	Loretta Trame	Lucille Trame
Mark Wasser	Dottie Wellinghoff	Bernard Wempe
Agnes White	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

The Prayer List and Active Military Prayer List will be getting reformatted at the beginning of 2024. More details will be available in the December 24th bulletin.



A special thank you to everyone that is serving in our various ministries during our Holy Day liturgies this season.

Youth Faith Formation (Y.F.F.) News:
-First Day of YFF in 2024 is Wednesday, January 10

2023 THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT **Daily Scripture and Reflections in Preparation for Christmas**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 3rd Sunday of Advent GOD IS MY JOY Share your joy that God is coming nearer. <i>Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11</i> <i>1 Thes. 5:16-24</i> <i>John 1:6-8, 19-28</i>	18 Advent Weekday JOSEPH ACCEPTS JESUS Like Joseph, let us decide to focus our life on Jesus. <i>Jeremiah 23:5-8</i> <i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>	19 Advent Weekday TRUST GOD'S MESSENGERS Like Zechariah, trust in God and be not afraid. <i>Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a</i> <i>Luke 1:5-25</i>	20 Advent Weekday NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD! Like Mary, invite God to be with you. <i>Isaiah 7:10-14</i> <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>	21 St. Peter Canisius SHARE YOUR JOY Like, Elizabeth, and Mary, share your joy with others today. <i>Zeph. 3:14-18a</i> <i>Luke 1:39-45</i>	22 Advent Weekday GOD HAS COME TO HELP! Mary praises God who always helps those in need. <i>1 Samuel 1:24-28</i> <i>Luke 1:46-56</i>	23 St. John of Kanty THE MESSENGER IS BORN! John's birth prepares for that of Jesus. <i>Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24</i> <i>Luke 1:57-66</i>