

Families of Faith in a Community of Grace

First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023

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St. Augustine Catholic Church Breese Illinois

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

Mater Dei High School 900 N. Mater Dei Dr. Breese

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.**

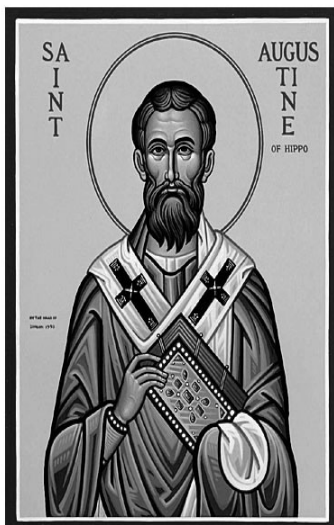
Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:30 pm at St. Augustine Church or by appointment. Seasonal penance services offered during Advent & Lent with dates to be announced.

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

Office Manager: Carol Hilmes (618)526-4362

(618)227-8236

Business Manager: Dennis Krebs St. Augustine

Business Manager: Karri Kampwerth St. Anthony

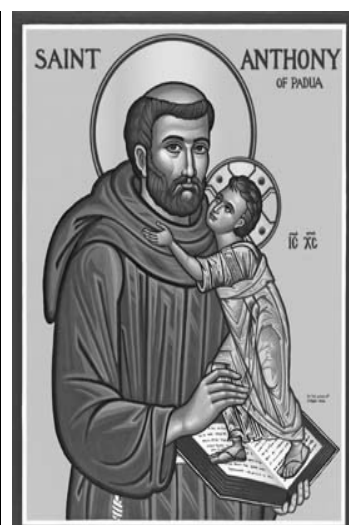
Office Hours

Breese: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am -

4:30pm, Thursday 2:00 - 5:00pm

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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday at Noon



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The Catholic Communities of

St. Augustine

12/03 Sun	8:00am	Parish Faith Community of St. Augustine
12/04 Mon		No Services
12/05 Tues		No Services
12/06 Wed	7:25am	Rosary/Perpetual Help Devotions
	8:00am	Respect for Life at All Stages
12/07 Thu		No Services
12/08 Fri	8:00am	Immaculate Conception
12/09 Sat	4:00pm	Grace Frey † Kathy Book †
12/10 Sun	8:00am	Stan Timmermann †

St. Anthony

12/03 Sun	9:30am	Walter & LaGarda Holtgrave † Tom & Evelyn Johnson †, Paul Kampwerth † Living & Deceased of the St. Ann Altar Sodality
12/04 Mon		No Services
12/05 Tues	7:30am	Mike & Rosemary Mazeka †
12/06 Wed		No Services
12/07 Thu	7:30am	Respect for Life at All Stages
12/08 Fri	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception
12/09 Sat		No Services
12/10 Sun	9:30am	L &D of Deiters & Shubert Families, L &D of Vic Albers Family(Living & Deceased)

ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Altar Servers	Greeters	Lectors	Ushers	Gift Bearers	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Friday, December 8 5:30pm	Caden Pate Tanner Pate	Brenda Aeschbacher Carol Hilmes	Larry Kampwerth	John Hilmes, Steve Hilmes Tony & Kathy Pingsterhaus	Ushers	Carol Hilmes Linda Fowler
Sunday, December 10 9:30am	Marshall Timmermann Sabrina Timmermann	Diane Winkeler Kelly Pollmann	Stephanie Hamilton	Mike & Sharon Peppenhorst Dennis Pollmann Gary Winkeler	Deiters Family	John Hilmes Drew Pollmann
Sacristan : Dec. 3 - 9 Audrey Davis			Dec. 10 - 16 Bev Carter			

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Altar Servers	Lectors	December Ushers	Gift Bearers	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Friday, December 8 8:00am		Lynn Maue	Parish Members	A.S.A.	Phyllis Berndsen Lynn Maue
Saturday, December 9 4:00pm	Brayden Wobbe Brennan Wobbe	Cierra Hilmes	Kevin & Dara Hagen Dennis Krebs Jeff Schulte	Frey Family	Cierra Hilmes Jeff Schulte
Sunday, December 10 8:00am		Sr. Pam Falter	Jerry Korte John Rakers Jamie Voss Tony Voss	Timmermann Family	Jerry & Judy Korte
Sacristan : Dec. 3 - 9 Lynn Maue			Dec. 10 - 16 Phyllis Berndsen		
Extraordinary Minister to the Home Bound: Dec. 3 - Julie Hummert			Dec. 10 - Nancy Renschen		

This weekend we are asking parishioners to provide their feedback via a short 2 question survey regarding a preferred Saturday Mass time. This is in preparation for mid next year when we will have only one priest to celebrate Mass for St. Anthony, St. Augustine, and St. Dominic parishes. We will only have one Mass on Saturday and that Mass will be held at St. Dominic's Church. Please contact your Parish office if you want to provide feedback but missed the survey.

Dear Friends,

Bombarded with Christmas decorations and music for weeks now, we are undoubtedly already anticipating the celebration of our Savior's birth. But today we are reminded that Christ's coming was not a single, one-time-only event. In the Gospel Jesus warns us that he will come again when we least expect. He is referring to the end of the world, but in truth he can also come to us in our hearts at any time: during a traumatic event, in a chance encounter with a stranger, or even through someone who's prematurely spreading the Christmas spirit. May we remain vigilant for our Lord's coming in whatever way or whatever time it may happen.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: "Watch!" The final word of today's Gospel binds together our readings on this first Sunday of Advent. Isaiah watched for the LORD, anticipating that one day God would come down from the heavens and rescue the Chosen People. Paul exhorted the Corinthians to be watchful for the day when the Lord would return. Jesus himself compared the Second Coming to the head of the house returning at a time you least expect. May God's word remind us to wait watchfully for the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP: The good steward is always expected to have the affairs of the master in order at all times. There is no time for complacency. Stewardship of time entails a readiness to serve others and a vigilance in that service.

A REMINDER: Please welcome Fr. Pat Peter to the Masses this weekend at both parishes, as I attend the Illinois State Council Knight of Columbus Mid-Year meeting in Schaumburg. Now begins the awesome and wonder-filled Season of Advent in which we are reminded of the "promise of old" that the Father would send a Savior to redeem poor humankind from their sins.

A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: What will I do this week to prepare for Christ's coming, knowing that it may happen at any time?

God bless,

Fr. Chuck

St. Augustine News...

Upcoming Meetings:

Ladies Sodality Christmas Party: Monday, Dec. 4 at 6pm

Joint (Finance & Pastoral) Council Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 6:30pm at St. Augustine Parish Center.

Bldng & Grnds Committee: Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 6:30pm

Holy Name Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7:30pm

Wow !!! Thanks to all of you for your help after Mass Sunday exchanging hymnals..... many hands & good company, record time !!!!

Helping hands are needed on Sunday, Dec 17, after 8 am mass to decorate the church for Christmas. Please consider joining us to put your talents to use. We appreciate any help you can provide.

What you do for the least of these, you do for me!

Thank you to everyone who donated money and baby care and clothing items during our baby showers in January & October of this year. The Pregnancy Care Clinic in Centralia personally expressed a deep gratitude for your generosity.. Please take a moment to look for there seasonal newsletter on the bulletin board. As we have blessed the Pregnancy Care Center, may God continue to richly bless us.

St. Anthony News...

Upcoming Meetings:

Joint (Finance & Pastoral) Council Meeting: Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30pm at St. Augustine Parish Center in Breese.

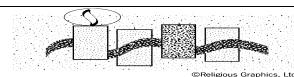
Ladies Sodality Christmas Party: Friday, Dec 8th, immediately following 5:30pm mass. The men of the parish will be hosting the party! Anyone needing transportation to/from the party call Deacon Jay at 618-973-3162.

Set Up for Christmas Party: Asking all men to help set up for the Sodality Christmas Party. Set up will be Thursday, Dec 7th, at 6:00pm in the parish center.

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 Raffle: Please get your tickets from the basket in the entry space. Place your tickets and payment in an envelope and drop them in the collection basket.

Advent Reflection books are now available at the back of church. Supplies are limited, so be sure to get yours today!



Reconciliation Services:

December 10 3:00pm St. Mary, Carlyle

December 10 5:00pm St. Boniface, Germantown

December 12 7:00pm St. Rose, St. Rose

December 14 7:00pm St. Anthony, Beckemeyer

December 17 3:00pm St. Francis, Aviston

Service Schedule is on the Bulletin Board.

St. Augustine ATTENDANCE

Nov. 25 4pm178 Nov. 26 8am.....117

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Loose: Nov. 25: \$108.60

Nov. 26: \$248.00

Envelopes: Nov. 25: \$850.00(27) Nov. 26: \$1,035.00(24)

Total: \$2,241.60

Other Envelopes:

Bldg. Fund \$215.00(4), Cath. Camp. Human. Dev.\$5.00(1), Catholic Urban Programs \$127.00(Thanksgiving Loose), Education \$30.00(3), Sister Parish \$15.00(3)

St. Anthony ATTENDANCE

Nov. 26125

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Loose: \$78.00 Envelopes: \$987.00(29) **Total: \$1,065.00**

Other Envelopes:

Building Fund \$45.00(2), Catholic Campaign for Human Development \$10.00(1), Cemetery \$100.00(1), Sister Parish \$5.00(1)

November Automatic Contributions:

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

Meals & Events:

Our last women's discernment event of the season, **Discernment 101** is taking place on **Saturday, December 9**. This event is for women ages 16-33 who are discerning their vocation (religious life, marriage, or the single vocation) and looking for guidance and community to help them in their discernment. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese is hosting a drive-thru live Nativity scene in the main parking lot near the hospital's front entrance, as well as other festivities such as carolers, children's activities, and hot chocolate and cookies in the hospital's front lobby on Sunday, December 10 from 4 - 6 p.m.

Youth Ministry News:

-Next Mass & Meeting is Sunday, December 3 at St. Augustine. Mass is at 8:00am & Meeting is in the Parish Center following Mass.
-Christmas shopping for the needy - youth ministry is planning to go Christmas shopping on 12/3/23, any youth wanting to attend should contact Cheryl or Diane
-Any adult wanting to assist with Youth Ministry, please contact Diane, Cheryl, Angie or Rhonda. Share your faith with the youth as they share theirs with you.

Upcoming Classes & Events:

-34th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life Tuesday, December 12 from 6:00pm-10:00pm at St. Dominic Church, Breese.
-Baptismal Prep Class for December will be held at St. Dominic on Monday, December 11 at 7:30 pm. Call the church office

Youth Faith Formation (Y.F.F.) News:

-Youth Faith Formation Advent Reconciliation Service - Wednesday, December 13 at 6:45 at St. Dominic. Please join your child for Reconciliation!

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	Mary Lemons
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



All Saints Academy Building Update

During these final days of the year, we give special attention to giving thanks. As the construction phase of the new addition begins, All Saints Academy would like to extend our gratitude to all those who have generously supported the building project. To date, the south footings and flooring have been poured, and the walls of the classroom which will also serve as a storm shelter are nearing completion. Together we are strong, and together we have raised \$2,035,419. We are still reaching for our goal of \$3,000,000 to complete the new addition and the renovation of the gym entrance and two classrooms. Thank you for all you have done and will do in the future to help provide for more learning space at All Saints Academy.

Church	Immaculate Conception Fri. Dec. 8	Christmas Vigil Sun. Dec. 24	Christmas Mon. Dec. 25
St. Anthony	5:30pm	6:00pm	10:00am
St. Augustine	8:00am	4:00pm	8:00am
St. Dominic	8:00am, 12:10pm, 7:00pm	5:30pm 10:30pm	9:00am

2023 FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Daily Scripture and Reflections in Preparation for Christmas

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 1st Sunday of Advent COME DOWN, O GOD! Invite God to be with you this Advent. Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 I Cor. 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37	4 St. John Demascene COME AND CURE US, JESUS! Ask Jesus to heal you in mind and body. Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 8:5-11	5 Advent Weekday SEND YOUR SPIRIT UPON US Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you today. Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24	6 St. Nicholas CALL ON GOD AND BE SAVED! If we grow in trust, God will give us new life. Isaiah 25:6-10a Matthew 15:29-37	7 St. Ambrose TRUST IN GOD ALWAYS Ask God to guard and keep you from harm. Isaiah 26:1-6 Matt. 7:21, 24-27	8 Immaculate Conception SAY "YES" AS MARY DID Let God be born now and live in you. Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38	9 St. Juan Diego GOD WILL ANSWER YOU When you cry out to God, you know God will be there for you. Is. 30:19-21, 23-26 Matt. 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8