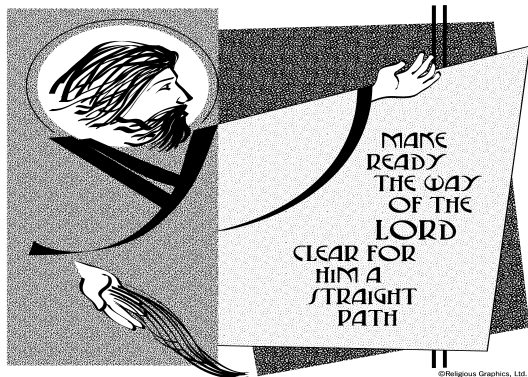


Families of Faith in a Community of Grace
Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024



Directory

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 525 S. Third St. Breese (618)526-4362
 St. Augustine Parish Center (618)526-4341

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Website: www.stanthonybeckemeyer.org
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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
www.bellevillemessenger.org
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:
 Erin Etheridge (618)604-7640 Rhonda Pulver (248) 840-1857
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**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 at least two months 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 or by appointment. Call the **parish office** or (618)-791-0069 for more information or to schedule an anointing.

Welcome

We encourage everyone 18 or older to register at the office as an adult parishioner.

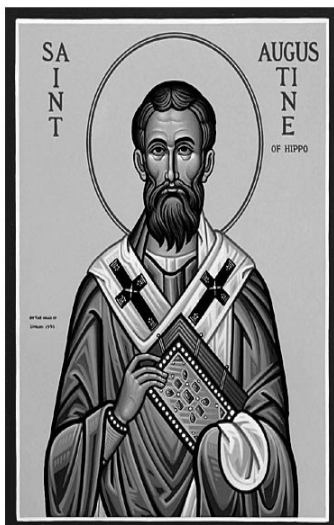
Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Chuck Tuttle (618)526-2566
Pastoral Associate/DRE: Phyllis Berndsen (618)791-0069
Permanent Deacon/DRE: Dcn. Jay Fowler (618)973-3162
Maintenance: Richard Korte (618)402-5964
Office Manager: Carol Hilmes (618)526-4362
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Business Manager: Dennis Krebs St. Augustine
Business Manager: Karri Kampwerth St. Anthony

Office Hours

Breese: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
 Thursday 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Beckemeyer: Tuesday & Thursday 8:00am-12:00pm

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday at 10:00am



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The Catholic Communities of

St. Augustine

12/08 Sun 8:00am Anthony & Gertrude Voss †
 Stan Timmermann †
 Living & Deceased of The Mensing & Thole Families
 12/09 *Mon 8:00am Our Sister Parish in Guatemala
 12/10 Tues No Adoration
 12/11 Wed No Mass
 12/12 Thurs No Service
 12/13 Fri 7:25am Rosary/Perpetual Help Devotions
 8:00am Parish Family of St. Augustine
 12/14 Sat 4:00pm Kathy Book †
 12/15 Sun 8:00am Joe C. Maue †
 Living & Deceased of Paul Meier
 Family

St. Anthony

12/08 Sun 9:30am Lou Cooper †
 Ken Keilbach
 Living & Deceased of the Tom Kruse Family
 12/09 *Mon 7:00pm Our Sister Parish in Guatemala
 12/10 Tues 7:30am Parish Family of St. Anthony
 12/11 Wed No Service
 12/12 Thurs 7:30am Those in Need of Shelter
 12/13 Fri No Service
 12/14 Sat No Service
 12/15 Sun 9:30am Wilford & Mildred Kapp †
 Living & Deceased of the Herman & Mary Beth Deiters
 Family

***Immaculate Conception**

Upcoming Classes & Events: -Parish Partnership Reconciliation Service Thurs., Dec. 12 at 7:00pm at St. Augustine.
 -Pro-Life Night of Prayer Tuesday, December 10 at St. Anthony: 6pm-7pm - St. Dominic, 7pm-8pm - St. Augustine,
 8pm-9pm - St. Anthony, 9pm-10pm - Breese Knights of Columbus

***After Friday, December 13, no adjustments can be made to the Mass Intentions schedule for the remainder of December.**

ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Greeters	Lector	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Mon., Dec. 9 7:00pm	Carolyn Davenport Jan Gonzalez	John Hilmes	Andrew Burkhardt, Rich Davenport, Ben Gonzalez, Tom Mensing	Volunteers
Sun., Dec. 15 9:30am	Kelly Pollmann Diane Winkeler	Karri Kampwerth	Mike & Sharon Peppenhorst, Dennis Pollmann, Gary Winkeler	Shubert Family

Extra-ordinary Ministers: Monday, Dec. 9 at 7:00pm Carol Hilmes, Karri Kampwerth
 Sunday, Dec. 15 at 9:30am Karen Beckemeyer, Geri Pollmann

Altar Servers: Monday, Dec. 9 at 7:00pm Marshall Timmermann, Sabrina Timmermann
 Sunday, Dec. 15 at 9:30am Luke Etheridge, Nolan Rist

Sacristans: Dec. 8-14 Pauline Albers Dec. 15-21 Annette Burkhardt

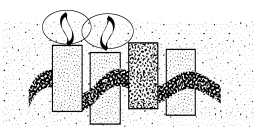
ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Altar Servers	Lectors	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Mon., Dec. 9 8:00am	Men of the Parish	Katie Siefker	Men of the Parish	A.S.A. Students
Sat., Dec. 14 4:00pm	Jake Buller	Cierra Hilmes	Kevin & Dara Hagen, Dennis Krebs, Jeff Schulte	Book Family
Sun., Dec. 15 8:00am	Jackson Davis Myla Davis	Sr. Pam Falter	Jerry Korte, John Rakers, Jamie Voss, Tony Voss	Maue Family

Extra-ordinary Ministers: Mon., Dec. 9 at 8:00am Phyllis Berndsen, Katies Siefker
 Sat., Dec. 14 at 4:00pm Cierra Hilmes, Jeff Schulte
 Sun., Dec. 15 at 8:00am Judy & Jerry Korte

Sacristan: Dec. 8-14 Katie Siefker Dec. 15-21 Lynn Maue

Extraordinary Minister to the Home Bound: Dec. 8 Phyllis Berndsen Dec. 15 Mary Ann Rakers



Partnership Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24: 4:00pm St. Augustine, 4:30pm, St. Dominic, 6:00pm St. Anthony, 10:30pm St. Dominic
 Wednesday, December 25: 8:00am St. Augustine, 9:00am St. Dominic, 10:00am St. Anthony

Dear Friends,

"Make straight his paths," we hear John the Baptist proclaim today. How do we do so? John's primary message throughout the whole region answers that question: We must repent of our sins. Our sins are the obstacles that block the path of the Lord, that make it more difficult for him to enter our hearts. True repentance allows for God's forgiveness to clear those obstacles, to make straight the Lord's path into our heart. Let us resolve today to repent of our failings and seek God's forgiveness.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: Who better than John the Baptist to guide us during this season of preparation for Jesus' coming? Today we see John travel throughout the region proclaiming a baptism of repentance and recalling the prophecy of Isaiah. Baruch's prophecy, which we hear in the first reading, echoes Isaiah as well. All three trumpet God's mercy and forgiveness as they envision the coming of the Lord. Let us heed their call.

STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship is an invitation to learn to value the things that really matter. The glory and boast of Christian stewards lie in mirroring, however poorly, the stewardship of Jesus Christ, who gave and still gives all He has and is, in order to be faithful to God's will and carry through to completion His redemptive stewardship of human beings and their world.

A REMINDER: Please welcome Fr. Pat Peter to this weekend's Masses, as I attend the State Knights of Columbus Mid-Winter meeting in Oak Brook Hills and on Monday, December 9th for the Immaculate Conception 7pm Mass at St. Anthony, as I say the Mother's & Friend's Mass at Mater Dei. Pro-Life Night of Prayer will be held this year at St. Anthony, (see schedule). And finally, the Parish Partnership Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on Thursday, December 12th in St. Augustine at 7pm.

A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: What do I need to repent of in order to cross the main chasm that separates me from God?

God bless,
Fr. Chuck

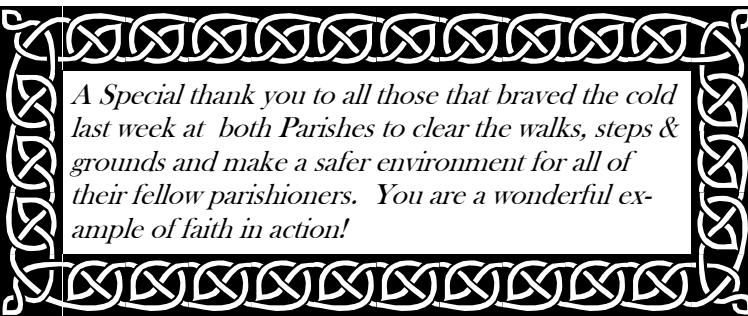
St. Augustine News...

Upcoming Meetings:

Thank you to all those that helped to make the St. Monica's Altar Sodality Christmas Party a success.

Reminder: No Bingo in December

Please be sure to grab an envelope from the Giving Wreath. Your giving options for this holiday season are City of Breese, Coping 4 Life, Sister Thea Bowman Grade School. **Please make your checks payable to one of the three charities, place it in your envelope and deposit it in the wishing well.** Last Day to give your contribution is Sunday, December 22.



A Special thank you to all those that braved the cold last week at both Parishes to clear the walks, steps & grounds and make a safer environment for all of their fellow parishioners. You are a wonderful example of faith in action!

Vocations Spot light: Today we hear the evangelist John's account of the ministry of John the Baptist. John the Baptist had a self-awareness of who he was (a proclaimer) and what he was not (the Savior). He knew his vocation and accepted that call from the Lord to "Prepare the way of the Lord". Even though the priests and Levites couldn't determine who he was, John assured them that his role was to baptize with water in anticipation of the one who would baptize with the Spirit. Are you listening for the call to be what the Lord wants you to be?

St. Augustine ATTENDANCE

Nov. 30 4:00pm.....147 Dec. 1 8:00am.....154

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Nov. 30 Loose: \$98.00 Envelopes: \$1,185.00(28)
Dec. 1 Loose: \$139.00 Envelopes: \$ 650.00(15)

Other Envelopes:

Catholic Urban Programs \$128.00(Thanksgiving Loose) \$5.00(1), Building \$155.00(10), Education \$55.00(2), Sister Parish \$5.00(1)

St. Anthony News...

Upcoming Meetings:

Men are needed to help set-up for the Ladies Sodality Christmas Party. We will be setting up the gym on Wednesday, Dec. 11th at 7pm. Any men that can help out would be appreciated

Ladies Sodality Christmas Party: Friday, Dec 13th, 6:00pm. The men of the parish will be hosting the party once again! Party will begin with dinner, meeting, then entertainment by The Prairie Travelers Band. All parishioners are invited to attend. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. As in past years, bring your coins/cash to the party for the local nursing homes. The men will deliver carryout's to the homebound parishioners, please sign up for them as well. Anyone needing transportation to/from the party call Deacon Jay at [618-973-3162](tel:618-973-3162).

Quilt Raffle ticket are available in the front entryway. The drawing will take place on Dec.13 at the Ladies Sodality Christmas Party.

The choir is learning songs for next year and Christmas. If anyone would like to join the choir, and we would love to have you, please contact any choir member.



Mater Dei Band will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts on Sunday, December 15 after 8:00am Mass at St. Augustine & 9:30am Mass at St. Anthony. Thank you in advance for supporting MD Band.

As the weather grows colder, the Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869 is organizing a drive to help those in need. We kindly ask for donations of new or gently used hats, gloves, and scarves. Please drop off your contributions in the red collection box at your church.

St. Anthony ATTENDANCE

Dec. 9:30am.....89

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Dec. 1 Loose: \$50.00 Envelopes: \$920.00(19)

Other Envelopes: Building \$585.00(10), Christmas Flowers \$70.00(2), Immaculate Conception \$20.00(1), Retirement for Religious \$20.00(1)

Meals & Events:

Breese Knights of Columbus Breese Council is having a 5th Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, December 29th at the KC Hall. Breakfast is being served from 8:00am - 11:00am. Santa & Mrs. Claus will be there from 9:00am-11:00am. Please see the flier on the bulletin board for pricing & more information.

Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights Volunteer: Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights, greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows from now – 12/31 This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours. If interested, please email to prorams@snows.org, call 618-394-6281 or go to our website at: www.snows.org

The Catholic Diocese of Belleville will sponsor the annual Diocesan Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, at 11:30 a.m. in the Monsignor Bernard Voss Parish Center of St. Henry Parish, 5303 West Main Street, Belleville. Meals can also be delivered in Belleville to those who are disabled/homebound (three meals maximum for delivery). If you or someone you know live alone and would like to attend the dinner or need a meal delivered, please call 618-722-5024 no later than December 16, 2024.

The Next Healing Mass in our Diocese will be Tuesday, January 21st. Watch future bulletins for the location as it is yet to be determined.

Youth Ministry News:

- *Holiday treat making on 12/8 at St. Anthony Parish Center.
- *Christmas caroling for the elderly and Youth Ministry Christmas Party on 12/15. Please watch *Groupme* for details.

Knightly News Breese K of C Council # 2869



Breese K of C #2869 Meeting: Thursday, December 12
Rosary at 7:00pm Meeting at 7:30pm

Taco Tuesdays: 4:30pm - 7:00pm

Wing Thursday: 4:30pm - 7:00pm

Chicken Fry Fridays: 4:30pm - 7:00pm

(All meals are eat in or take-out and are served in the basement.)

5th Sunday Breakfast: 12/29/2024, 03/30/2025, 06/29/2025 at 8-11am

K of C Fourth Degree Meeting: Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30pm at St. Barbara, Okawville.

Have you ever thought about joining the Knights of Columbus? See Fr. Chuck for more information on how to join!

Please remember in your prayers:

All those serving in the military and everyone listed:
 Carl & Jackie Aarns Edwin Albers Norb & Ruth Albers
 Dolores Benhoff Veronica Blumenstein Sadie Bryan
 Dave Deutsch Christie Dust Betty Erlinger
 Roger Foppe Carol Fritch Jupe Gonzalez
 JoAnn Gray Carol Gwinn Gerri Haar
 Mary Haar Mike Haar Joe & Pat Hagen
 Jim Haukup Mary Heimann Richard Hellige
 Carlos Hill Rich Holtgrave Gertrude Holthaus
 Greg Jansen Tony Jansen Kevin Korte
 Rose Kuhl Evie Lammers Gabrielle Ludwig
 Theresa Luitjohan Joann Maue Dana Beckmann-Marks
 Mary Ann Maue Carol Meier Doris Mueller
 Fr. Jim Nall Mark Niemeyer Rachel Peters
 Florence Pingsterhaus Kathy Pingsterhaus Ken Porter
 Jerome Ratermann Joanie Rolfingsmeier Pat Rollins
 Fr. Ed Schaefer Julie (Schlueter) Detmer Marcel Thole
 Clete Timmermann Loretta Trame Lucille Trame
 Dottie Wellinghoff Agnes White Special Intentions
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If you have anyone who needs to be added or removed from this list, please contact the Parish Office.

Youth Faith Formation News:

First Reconciliation: Wed. Dec. 11 at 6:30pm

3rd - 8th Advent Reconciliation Service: Wed., Dec. 18 at 6:30pm

Please Join your student at the Reconciliation Service.



Pro-Life Corner: ASSISTED SUICIDE INCENTIVIZES DENYING TREATMENT

Insurance companies have turned down coverage for cancer treatment but offered to pay for suicide drugs instead. Furthermore, the disabled community already faces demoralization and oppression in seeking adequate medical care. Assisted suicide encourages this kind of prejudice. Access Living, Progress Center for Independent Living and the National Council on Disability oppose assisted suicide. People need quality medical care and treatment, not assisted suicide. Tell your state legislators to **Vote NO on SB 3499- assisted suicide.**

Visit www.ilcatholic.org for additional information and resources.

**2024 SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT
Daily Scripture and Reflections in Preparation for Christmas**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 2nd Sunday of Advent We are made pure and blameless by Jesus. <i>Baruch 5:1-9 Phil. 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6</i>	9 Immaculate Conception The power of God can work through us, also. <i>Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38</i>	10 Our Lady of Loreto When nothing else makes sense, God does. <i>Isaiah 40:1-11 Matthew 18:12-14</i>	11 Pope St. Damasus I Take up your yoke and learn from Jesus. <i>Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30</i>	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe In Mary, God has visited his people. <i>Zechariah 2:14-17 Luke 1:39-47</i>	13 St. Lucy Strive always to understand how God is working. <i>Isaiah 48:17-19 Matthew 11:16-19</i>	14 St. John of the Cross Do we recognize God's message today? <i>Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13</i>