

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF**

ST. AUGUSTINE

ST. ANTHONY

St. Augustine	Carlyle Healthcare Center	St. Anthony
Mon No Services	Mon 9:00 am Comm. Service	Mon No Services
Tues No Services	Tues 8:30 am Mass	Tues 7:30 am Our Sister Parish
Wed 7:25 am Pro Life Rosary	Wed 9:00 am Comm. Service	Wed 7:30 am Morning Prayer with Comm.
8:00 am Robert Richter †	Thu 8:30 am Mass (confessions after)	Thu 7:30 am Deceased Former Pastors
Thu No Services	Fri 9:00 am Comm. Service	Fri 7:30 am Morning Prayer with Comm.
Fri No Services	Sat 6:45 pm Mass	Sat 5:30 pm Earl F. Davis †
Sat 4:00 pm Mary Ann Haar †	Sun No Services	Leona R. Davis †
John & Ann Glueck †	Christmas Eve No Services	Sun 8:30 am Ray Pingsterhaus †
Ralph C. Jansen †	Christmas Day 1:00 pm Mass	Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Pastoral Intention
Sun 10:00 am Our Sister Parish		Christmas Day 8:00 am Our Parish Family
Christmas Eve 6:00 pm Pastoral Intention		
Christmas Day 10:00 am Our Parish Family		

ALTAR SERVERS
Sat. 4:00 pm Camryn Langhauser, Owen Burns & Roman Becker ©
Sun. 10:00 am Isabelle Tripp, Emily Johnston, Adelyn Kuhl ©
Christmas Eve Cayden Schneider, Roman Becker ©
Christmas Day Ian Berndsen, Tanner Kuhl ©

LECTORS
Sat. 4:00 pm Heidi Haar
Sun. 10:00 am John Huelskamp
Christmas Eve Delanie & Jennifer Schneider
Christmas Day David Deutsch

GIFT BEARERS
Sat. 4:00 pm Volunteers
Sun. 10:00 am Volunteers
Christmas Eve Volunteers
Christmas Day Volunteers



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Sat. 4:00 pm M. & K. Rakers, J. Richter, L. Langhauser
Sun. 10:00 am Lynn, Heather, Kathryn & Rachell Maue
Christmas Eve R. & M. Kuhl, Monica & Melanie Mensing
Christmas Day J. Boeckman, J. Richter, R. & M. Foppe

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TO THE SICK
Dec. 17 & 24 Roger Foppe

USHERS FOR DECEMBER
Sat. 4:00 pm Aggie Becker, Brian Boeckman, Brenda Kruep, Mark Kruep
Sun. 10:00 am Curt Hemann, Allen Huelsmann, Dan Huelsmann, Kevin Jansen
Christmas Eve Volunteers
Christmas Day Volunteers

SACRISTAN
Sun., Dec. 24 - Sat., Dec. 30 Lynn Maue

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Dec. 9/10 Attendance	Sat. 195	Sun. 163
Envelopes	\$2,629.00	(71/294)
Loose	\$ 503.25	
Total	\$3,132.25	

Building \$400, Christmas \$55, Education \$210, Flowers \$263, Immaculate Conception \$178, Religious Retirement \$230, Sister Parish \$10

GREETERS/BELL RINGERS
Sat. 5:30 pm Rita Petermeyer/Rich Davenport
Sun. 8:30 am Volunteer/Greg Kruse
Christmas Eve Annette Burkhardt/Volunteer
Christmas Day Volunteer/Volunteer

ALTAR SERVERS
Sat. 5:30 pm Volunteers
Sun. 8:30 am Grace, Elise & Olivia Etheridge
Christmas Eve Justin Kruse, Drew Pollmann
Christmas Day Tanner Pate, Andrew Jansen, L. Grapperhaus

LECTORS
Sat. 5:30 pm Phyllis Mensing
Sun. 8:30 am Agnes White
Christmas Eve Larry Kampwerth
Christmas Day John Hilmes



GIFT BEARERS
Sat. 5:30 pm Volunteers
Sun. 8:30 am Pingsterhaus Family Members
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Volunteers

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Sat. 5:30 pm Andrew Burkhardt, Linda Mensing, Karen Beckemeyer
Sun. 8:30 am Gary & Diane Winkeler, Lisa Johnson, Dan & Karen Becker
Christmas Eve Phyllis Mensing, Larry Kampwerth, Jay Fowler, Charles & Florence Pingsterhaus
Christmas Day Rosemary Kampwerth, Geri Pollmann, Carolyn Davenport, Keith & Karri Kampwerth

USHERS
Sat. 5:30 pm Larry Kampwerth, Tom Klutho, Rita Petermeyer, Volunteer
Sun. 8:30 am Jay & Linda Fowler, K. Keilbach, M. Wheelan
Christmas Eve Volunteers
Christmas Day Mary Beckemeyer, Rich Davenport, Elmer Holthaus, Volunteer

SACRISTAN
Sun., Dec. 24 - Sat., Dec. 30 Pauline Albers

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Dec. 9/10 Attendance	Sat. 87	Sun. 114
Envelopes	\$1,679.00	(49/180)
Direct Deposit	\$1,665.00	(13)
Loose	\$ 327.00	
Total	\$3,671.00	

Education \$45, Flowers \$45, Immaculate Conception \$422, Needy \$25, Rel. Retirement \$213, Sister Parish \$15, Upkeep \$205

Dear Friends,
Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, *gaudete* meaning "rejoice" in Latin. We rejoice this Sunday, knowing that we are over halfway through this period of preparation and that Jesus' coming is so close that we can feel it in our very being. We will sing, "My soul rejoices in my God" in the responsorial psalm. Let us take a moment today to put all the Christmas planning and worries aside and reflect on the wonderful gift God gave us in Jesus.
THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: Some very important people in scripture give testimony today. First, Isaiah testifies that God called him to share good news to those in need. Then Saint Paul testifies to the expectations he has of the Thessalonians as he wraps up his letter to them. Finally, John the Evangelist writes that John the Baptist was sent to testify to the greatest news of all, the coming of Jesus, so that all may believe.
STEWARDSHIP: The opposite of stewardship is not greed, but self-pity and ingratitude. Stewardship is about gratitude and rendering constant thanks. We can't give what we don't have. Stewardship means being aware of how much we've received. After that realization, giving comes naturally.
A REMINDER: This weekend at both parishes on Sunday, we will be recognizing our Second graders who made their first Reconciliation on November 29th: six at St. Anthony and three at St. Augustine.
A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: How can I help bring a "year of favor" to the world, to the community, to those I know?
God bless.
Fr. Chuck

Religious gives thanks. A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

St. Augustine News...

We will be decorating church for Christmas on Sun., Dec. 17 after Mass. Please join us! We appreciate your help.

Building Committee Meeting: Tues., Dec. 19 at 6:30 pm
Holy Name Meeting: Tues., Dec. 19 at 7:30 pm

Quilting will resume in the cafeteria in January.



*o come,
emmanuel.*

Advent Reconciliation Services:
Dec. 17 St. Francis, Aviston at 3 pm
Dec. 17 St. Mary, Trenton at 4:30 pm

Parish Partnership Mass Schedule for Christmas
Sun., Dec. 24 4:00 pm at St. Anthony
5:30 pm at St. Dominic
6:00 pm at St. Augustine
10:30 pm at St. Dominic
Mon., 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
Mon., Jan. 1 8:30 am at St. Anthony
9:00 am at St. Dominic
10:00 am at St. Augustine

Attention juniors and seniors in high school: **TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekends:** Jan. 13-15 at Immaculate Conception in Columbia or Feb. 17-19 at Mater Dei High School in Breese. To learn more and/or to apply visit: www.bellevilletec.org.

St. Anthony News...

Return wrapped packages with your tag attached by Sun., Dec. 17 for CILA homes' members with Clinton County Community Link. Thank you!

Please return the quilt raffle tickets by Dec. 17 for the Bunko Quilt Raffle to benefit the Cemetery Fund.

St. Anthony's Special Christmas Bunko & Dessert Party will be held on Mon., Dec. 18 at 1 pm at St. Anthony parish center. Cost is \$5 per person which includes drinks and dessert. Proceeds benefit the cemetery fund.

All are welcome to help decorate St. Anthony's Church for Christmas on Tues., Dec. 19 at 6 pm!

The Choir will be singing Christmas Carols starting one half hour before the Christmas Eve Mass. Come join us!

Pregnancy Care Center sent their thanks for the baby shower and clothes donations collected for their clients. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Baptismal Prep Class: Wed., Jan. 10 at St. Anthony Church at 7 pm. Contact your parish office to register.

Vocation Corner: Our vocation starts as an indwelling, with the quiet whisper of God's pull on our heart. It's often personal and difficult to describe to others and often takes much prayer and discernment to see clearly. St. Francis de Sales reflected on this individual nature of our call, "We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish."

Youth Ministry

Any high school youth planning to help with **Luke 18** in February should contact Mary, Diane or Cheryl.

Any high school youth interested in **playing basketball** for youth ministry should contact Diane.

School News...

All Saints Academy

Dec. 18 Spirit Day
Dec. 22 Christmas break begins

District 12

Dec. 21 Early Dismissal at 1:30 pm
Dec. 22 Winter break begins

Central High School

Dec. 21 Early Dismissal at 1:15 pm
Dec. 22 Winter break begins

Mater Dei High School

Dec. 18 Fathers & Friends Meeting 7:30 pm
Dec. 22 Christmas break begins
Dec. 27-30 Christmas Tournament



Of Common Interest..

Heartland Community Chorus will perform their **Christmas Concert** on **Sat., Dec. 16** at 7:30 pm at Trenton United Methodist Church in Trenton and on **Sun., Dec. 17** at 3 pm at St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland. Contact Ken Schonhoff at 792-0564 or kschonhoff@sbcglobal.net for information.

HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Breese is conducting a **Christmas Wreath Silent Auction** to raise funds for the 6 Clinton County food pantries. Decorated wreaths will be displayed in the hallways by the cafeteria for silent auction bidding with final bids accepted on **Mon., Dec. 18** until 3 pm.

The seniors from **Mater Dei** traveling to Port Arthur, TX in January will have a fundraiser at **Mazzio's in Highland** on **Mon., Dec. 18** from 5-9 pm. Another fundraiser will be held at **DQ in Carlyle** on **Thurs., Dec. 21** from 5-8 pm. Please visit these businesses and let them know you are supporting the MD senior service students. Thanks for your generosity!

Boy Scout Electronic Recycling Center will be closed on Sat., Dec. 23 and Dec. 30. It will reopen on Sat., Jan. 6.

Please remember in your prayers:

Norb Albers	Dolores Benhoff	Darlene Billhartz
Veronica Blumenstein	Roger E. Boeckman	Jim Book
Dorothy Brown	Sadie Bryan	Dorothy Buscher
Tim Cass	Mel Deien	Rita Duncan
Betty Erlinger	Alberta Garcia	Carol Gwinn
Julie Hilmes	Mar Hilmes	Steve Hilmes
Gertrude Holthaus	Lucille Holthaus	Judy Horan
Trevor Hubbard	Brice Huelskamp	Lorene Huelskamp
Bob Jansen	Greg Jansen	Steve Johnson
Sr. Virginia Kampwerth		Dennis Kuper
Evie Lammers	Bernice Langhauser	Laura Laux
Jodi Longworth	Lou Luebbers	Trudy Luebbers
Zach Luebbers	Phyllis Macke	Mark Niemann
Rachel Peters	Rose Pulver	Greg Ratermann
Jerome Ratermann	Kathy Ripperda	Abby Robke
Julie (Schlueter) Detmer		Helen Tebbe
Glen Thoele	Charlotte Timmermann	
Renel Timmermann	Lucille Trame	Andy Usselmann
Vince Wesselmann	special intention	

We salute and pray for these family members from **St. Anthony & St. Augustine** who are serving our country:

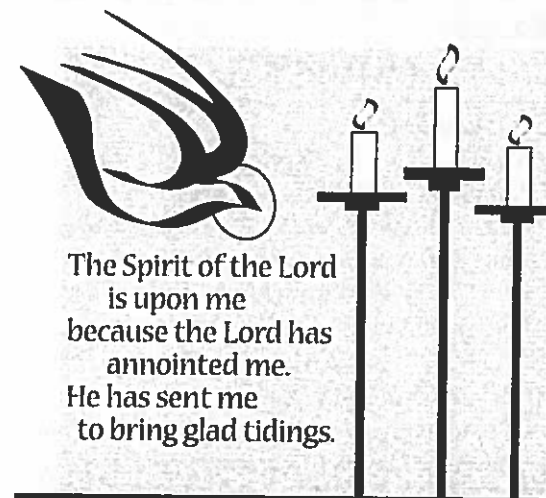


Eric Albers	Joshua Roeckenhaus
Zach Huelskamp	Dane Straeter
Brendan Murphy	Christopher Tripp
Spencer Murphy	Clarence "Kennedy" Vogt

The **Aviston Sons of American Legion 2018 Black Tie and Talent Show** will be on **Sat., Jan. 13, 2018** at 5 pm at the Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston. This formal event is a talent and glamour contest where we give away over \$8,000 in scholarships to 8 college-bound contestants. We are selling tickets for the event at \$40 each. Ticket includes: happy hour, 4 course meal, talent contest and late night entertainment. **Interested contestants can tryout at a downselect competition at Aviston Legion at 6 pm on Fri., Dec. 22.** A 3 minute speech on a topic of contestants' choice and a talent demonstration is required. Any Clinton County resident who will attend college or trade school in 2018 can enter the contest. For tickets or entry info call: Jim Kues (228-7008) or Craig Timmermann (830-7737).

2017 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>



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings.

REJOICE, FOR THE LORD IS NEAR!

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.

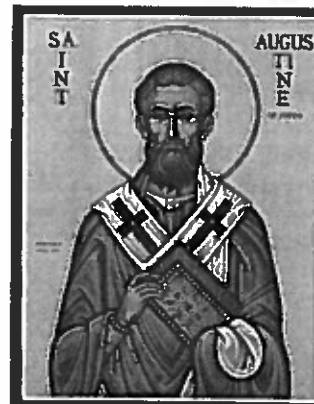
Reconciliation: Seasonal penance services offered throughout the year, on Saturday at 3:30 pm at St. Augustine Church or by appointment at any time.

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.



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 227-8236

Office Hours
Breese: Mon., Wed. & Thurs. 8-10:45 am & 3-5:15 pm
Beckemeyer: Tues. 8 am-10:45 am & 3-5:15 pm; Fri. 7:45-10:45 am
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday 10 am



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Directory

St. Augustine Church e-mail: augustine306@att.net
Website: www.saintaugustinebreese.org
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 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>
<http://dps.diobelle.org>

Pregnancy Hotline 526-4545 Project Rachel 1-888-456-HOPE
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 - Darlene Menietti

Youth Ministry Moderators: Diane Klostermann 526-4395
Cheryl Loepker 526-7594 Mary Miesner 791-0520