

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2017**

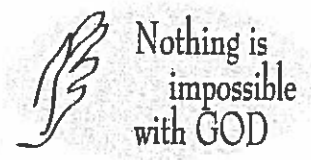
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF

ST. AUGUSTINE

ST. ANTHONY

St. Augustine Christmas Eve 6:00 pm Pastoral Intention Christmas Day 10:00 am Our Parish Family Tues No Services Wed 7:25 am Pro Life Rosary 8:00 am Bernice Huelsmann † Thu No Services Fri No Services Sat 4:00 pm Deacon Bob Lippert † Tom Haar † Sun 10:00 am Sara Isaak † Dennis & Lorraine Huelskamp †	Carlyle Healthcare Center Christmas Eve No Services Christmas Day 1:00 pm Mass Tues 9:00 am Comm. Service Wed 9:00 am Comm. Service Thu 9:00 am Comm. Service Fri 9:00 am Comm. Service Sat 6:45 pm Mass Sun No Services	St. Anthony Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Pastoral Intention Christmas Day 8:00 am Our Parish Family Tues No Services Wed 7:30 am Morning Prayer with Comm. Thu No Services Fri No Services Sat 5:30 pm Andy Holthaus † Sun 8:30 am Our Parish Family
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ALTAR SERVERS Christmas Eve Cayden Schneider, Roman Becker © Christmas Day Ian Berndsen, Tanner Kuhl © Sat. 4:00 pm Isabelle Tripp, Allison Elias, Emma Ratermann © Sun. 10:00 am Isaiah Becker, Baylee & Braden Revermann ©	LECTORS Christmas Eve Delanie & Jennifer Schneider Christmas Day David Deutsch Sat. 4:00 pm Connor Vogel Sun. 10:00 am Ron Foppe	GIFT BEARERS Christmas Eve Volunteers Christmas Day Volunteers Sat. 4:00 pm Volunteers Sun. 10:00 am Isaak Family Members	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS Christmas Eve R. & M. Kuhl, Monica & Melanie Mensing Christmas Day J. Boeckman, J. Richter, R. & M. Foppe Sat. 4:00 pm J. Schulte, C. Diekemper, D. & M. Krebs Sun. 10:00 am R. Huelskamp, K. Maue, C. Loepker, D. Sellers	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TO THE SICK Dec. 24 Roger Foppe Dec. 31 Susan Macke	USHERS FOR DECEMBER Christmas Eve Volunteers Christmas Day Volunteers Sat. 4:00 pm Aggie Becker, Brian Boeckman, Brenda Kruep, Mark Kruep Sun. 10:00 am Curt Hemann, Allen Huelsmann, Dan Huelsmann, Kevin Jansen	SACRISTAN Sun., Dec. 31 - Sat., Jan. 6 Dorise Schulte
OUR GIFTS TO GOD						
Dec. 16/17	Attendance	Sat. 245	Sun. 168			
Envelopes	\$2,986.00	(71/294)				
Loose	\$ 311.00					
Total	\$3,297.00					
Building \$215, Christmas \$200, Education \$142, Flowers \$70, Religious Retirement \$80, Sister Parish \$250						



GREETERS/BELL RINGERS Christmas Eve Annette Burkhardt/Volunteer Christmas Day Volunteer/Volunteer Sat. 5:30 pm Allison Burkhardt/Larry Kampwerth Sun. 8:30 am Agnes White/Steve Hilmes	ALTAR SERVERS Christmas Eve Justin Kruse, Drew Pollmann Christmas Day Tanner Pate, Andrew Jansen, L. Grapperhaus Sat. 5:30 pm Volunteers Sun. 8:30 am Nolan Rist, Jacob & Rachel Loepker	LECTORS Christmas Eve Larry Kampwerth Christmas Day John Hilmes Sat. 5:30 pm Carolyn Davenport Sun. 8:30 am Chris Diesen	GIFT BEARERS Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Volunteers Sat. 5:30 pm Holthaus Family Members Sun. 8:30 am Volunteers	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS Christmas Eve Phyllis Mensing, Larry Kampwerth, Jay Fowler, Charles & Florence Pingsterhaus Christmas Day Rosemary Kampwerth, Geri Pollmann, Carolyn Davenport, Keith & Karri Kampwerth Sat. 5:30 pm Andrew Burkhardt, L. Mensing, K. Beckemeyer Sun. 8:30 am Ray Kampwerth, Grant Pollmann, Mary Beth Shubert, Steve & John Hilmes	USHERS Christmas Eve Volunteers Christmas Day Mary Beckemeyer, Rich Davenport, Elmer Holthaus, Volunteer Sat. 5:30 pm Larry Kampwerth, Tom Klutho, Rita Petermeyer, Volunteer Sun. 8:30 am Ken, Lisa, Haley & Trever Johnson	SACRISTAN Sun., Dec. 31 - Sat., Jan. 6 Annette Burkhardt
OUR GIFTS TO GOD						
Dec. 16/17	Attendance	Sat. 94	Sun. 137			
Envelopes	\$1,252.00	(48/180)				
Loose	\$ 220.00					
Total	\$1,472.00					
Christmas \$40, Education \$60, Flowers \$15, Center Roof \$54, Rel. Retirement \$75, Sister Parish \$89, Upkeep \$110						



Dear Friends,
This is the shortest the Fourth Week of Advent can possibly be. Within twenty-four hours the Church will be celebrating Christmas and the birth of our Lord. It is tempting to overlook the Fourth Week of Advent this year. It seems insignificant in that it consists only of Christmas Eve, and in fact is easily overshadowed by Christmas. So too did Mary seem like an insignificant woman and Bethlehem like an insignificant town. But we know God places value in what seems to us insignificant.
THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: Today we hear the familiar story of the angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she will conceive and bear the Son of God. What an unbelievable message this must have been! She was seemingly just an ordinary young woman, not even married, not even having relations with a man. As a Jew, she would have been praying for the coming of the Messiah; now she is told she would be giving birth to him. But like David in the Old Testament, she accepts the role God has for her. "May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).
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: Please see the schedule for the Christmas and New Year's Masses for our Partnership. May our hearts be filled with joy as we receive the Gift of the Father's Love in the Person of Jesus.
A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: How can I take the gift of Jesus that I have been given and share this gift with others?
God bless.
Fr. Chuck

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate our churches so beautifully for Christmas!

St. Augustine News...

The Giving Wreath: St. Augustine's is collecting cash donations for The Alternative Learning Academy in Centralia. This school serves at-risk students by providing not only a well-rounded education, but they also ensure students' needs are being met. Your donations will be used to purchase clothing, shoes, school supplies and hygiene products. **Donations will be collected until Jan. 1, 2018. Please place your cash donation in an envelope from the Giving Wreath and place it in the wishing well. Thanks!**

Open Gym: Time 1-3 pm; Dates Dec. 28 & 29
Questions: Call Phyllis Berndsen at 526-4330

A big thank you to the **Catholic Holy Family Society Council #82** for their generous donation towards the repairs made to the fences and backstops on the school grounds!

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
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. Visit www.bellevilletec.org to learn more.

St. Anthony News...

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

On **Christmas Day** the **Choir** will be singing Christmas Carols 15 minutes before Mass.

Congratulations to Ron Huelsmann who was the lucky winner of the Bunko Quilt Raffle!

Please remember to pick up your **box of contribution envelopes for 2018** which are on a table in the back of church. Thanks for helping us to save postage!

Finance Council Meeting: Thurs., Jan. 4 at 6:30 pm
Pastoral Council Meeting: Thurs., Jan. 4 at 7:30 pm

The parish office will be closed on Mon., Dec. 25.

Calendars will be blessed at the Jan. 1 Masses.

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

Vocations Corner: The vocation of Jesus Christ was to be born and incarnate to our world, humbling Himself from eternity into the temporal of our world. In the same way, our vocation calls us to humble ourselves and enter into the unknown to be stretched beyond what we can normally do in our human capacity. We celebrate this Christmas as a model for our own call to service and gift, knowing that the way won't be easy. Mary and Joseph sacrificed much in their "yes" to vocation to allow Jesus to redeem the world. We are called to that same "yes" for Jesus!

Youth Ministry

On **Fri., Dec. 29** at 11 am there will be a meeting at St. Dominic cafeteria for all high school youth helping with the **Luke 18**.

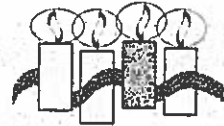
Any high school youth planning to help with **Luke 18** in February should contact Mary, Diane or Cheryl.

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

The next regular **Youth Ministry meeting** will be **Sun., Jan. 7** at noon at St. Dominic cafeteria.

School News...

Mater Dei High School
Dec. 27-30 Christmas Tournament



Of Common Interest..

The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville will be hosting the **Way of Lights** through Dec. 31, 2017 from 5-9 pm.

Mater Dei Parent Information Night will be held on **Wed., Jan. 3** from 7-9 pm for parents of current 8th grade students. If unable to attend, please contact Director of Enrollment Mrs. Maria Zurliene to request an informational folder (526-7216 or mzurliene@materdeiknights.org).

HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Breese invites the community to come **view dozens of unique nativity sets** from noon to 2 pm on **Sun., Jan. 7** in the hospital's Heritage Room.

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will have a **blood drive** on **Thurs., Jan. 11** between noon and 4:30 pm in the Hospital Heritage Room at 9515 Holy Cross Lane in Breese.

2018 All Saints Academy Discount Cards are on sale for only \$10, including 78 discounts including 14 new discounts. Order your card at the school office, by submitting an order form in the mail or by contacting an ASA family or faculty member. More information is available on the ASA website, www.asasaints.com.

Please remember in your prayers:

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| 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:



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| 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. 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).

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

2017 FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT / OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
Daily Scripture and Reflections for Christmastide

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 4th Sunday of Advent DO NOT BE AFRAID! Like Mary, let us welcome Christ into our lives. 2 Sam. 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38	25 CHRISTMAS A CHILD IS BORN FOR US Jesus becomes like us so we may become like him. Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18	26 St. Stephen God remains with us—will we remain with him? Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 Matthew 10:17-22	27 St. John, Apostle Jesus is real, and he has come to give us the fullness of life and joy. 1 John 1:1-4 John 20:1a, 2-8	28 Holy Innocents "God is light and in him there is no darkness." 1 John 1:5-2:2 Matthew 2:13-18	29 St. Thomas Becket Now is the time to resolve to follow Jesus' example more closely. 1 John 2:3-11 Luke 2:22-35	30 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas In Christ we experience forgiveness and the strength to overcome evil. 1 John 2:12-17 Luke 2:36-40

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth to a virgin named Mary



Hail Mary, full of grace!

The Lord is with you.



Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him JESUS

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.

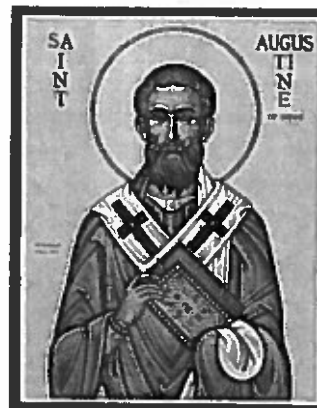
Reconciliation: Seasonal penance services offered throughout the year, on Saturday at 3:30 pm at St. Augustine Church or by appointment at any time.

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
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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