

# Families of Faith in a Community of Grace Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2024

## Directory

**St. Augustine Church** e-mail: [augustine306@att.net](mailto:augustine306@att.net)

**Website:** [www.saintaugustinebreese.org](http://www.saintaugustinebreese.org)

**Find us on Facebook:**

St. Augustine Catholic Church Breese Illinois

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

525 S. Third St. Breese (618)526-4362

St. Augustine Parish Center (618)526-4341

**St. Anthony Church** e-mail: [stanthny@papadocs.com](mailto:stanthny@papadocs.com)

**Website:** [www.stanthonybeckemeyer.org](http://www.stanthonybeckemeyer.org)

**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](http://www.asasaints.com) (618)526-4323

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

**School Website:** [www.materdeiknights.org](http://www.materdeiknights.org) (618)526-7216

**Diocesan websites:** [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org)

[www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org)

[www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://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

Paris Hempen (618)910-4551

## 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

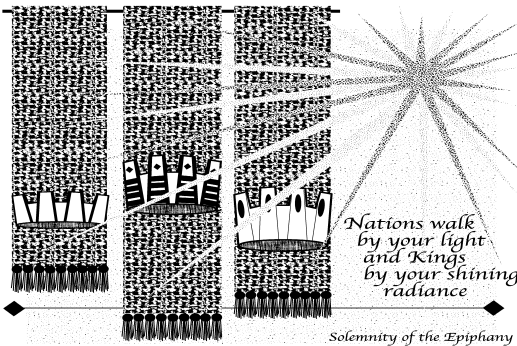
## Office Hours

**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\***



## 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.**

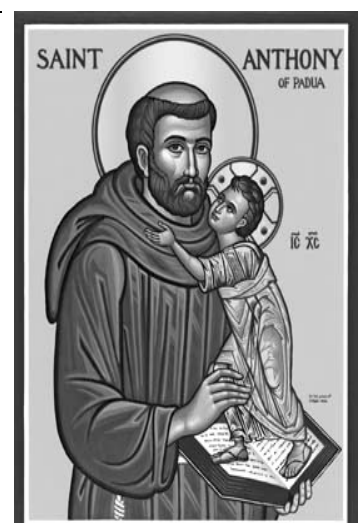
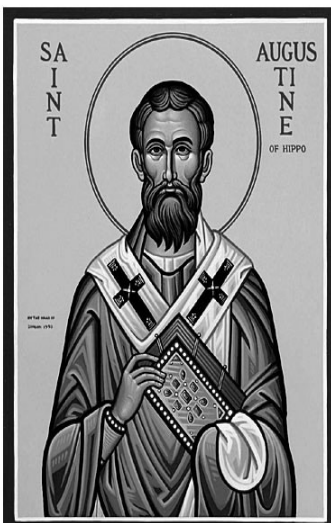
**Reconciliation:** Saturday at 3:30 pm at St. Augustine Church or by appointment. Seasonal penance services offered during Advent & Lent with dates to be announced.

**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.



**Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 5, 2024**  
**The Catholic Communities of**

**St. Augustine**

01/04	Sat	4:00pm	St. Augustine Parish Family
01/05	Sun	8:00am	Paul "Wheaties" & Carol Hollenkamp †
01/06	Mon		No Services
01/07	Tues	<b>Noon -1pm</b>	<b>Adoration</b>
01/08	Wed	7:25am	Rosary/Perpetual Help Devotions
		8:00am	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
01/09	Thurs		No Service
01/10	Fri	8:00am	Our Sister Parish in Guatemala
01/11	Sat	4:00pm	Kathy Book †
01/12	Sun	8:00am	St. Augustine's Parish Family

**St. Anthony**

01/04	Sat		No Service
01/05	Sun	9:30am	Living & Deceased of the Joseph & Anna Kauling Family
01/06	Mon		No Service
01/07	Tues	7:30am	Our Sister Parish in Guatemala
01/08	Wed		No Service
01/09	Thurs	7:30am	Living & Deceased of the Eugene Murphy Family
01/10	Fri		No Service
01/11	Sat		No Service
01/12	Sun	9:30am	Vince & Henrietta Holthaus † Wilford & Mildred Kapp †

**Upcoming Classes & Events:** -First Friday Benediction: Friday, Feb. 7 at 7:00pm at St. Dominic.  
 -Padre Pio Mass: Saturday, Saturday, Feb. 1. Rosary at 8:30am & Mass at 9:00am at St. Dominic.  
 -Baptismal Prep Class: Wednesday, January 8 at 6:00pm at St. Anthony

**If you're 18 or older, have you registered as an adult?** Please call the church office for more information or grab a registration form off of the bulletin board in the back of church. You can drop it off at the church office or place it in the collection basket.

**Has any of your contact information or address changed recently?** Please be sure to update your information with the church office. You can either get an information update form at the back of church or email the church at [augustine306@att.net](mailto:augustine306@att.net) or [stanthny@papadocs.com](mailto:stanthny@papadocs.com)

*The shepherds went in haste  
to Bethlehem and found  
Mary & Joseph,  
and the infant  
lying in a manger.*



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**ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

Ministry:	Greeters	Lector	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Sun., Jan. 12 9:30am	Brenda Aeschbacher Carol Hilmes	Karri Kampwerth	John Hilmes, Steve Hilmes, Tony & Kathy Pingsterhaus	Ushers
<b>Extra-ordinary Ministers:</b>	Sun., Jan. 12at 9:30am Karen Beckemeyer, Geri Pollmann			
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Sun., Jan. 12 at 9:30am Luke Etheridge, Nolan Rist			
<b>Sacristans:</b>	Jan. 5-11 Pauline Albers		Jan. 12-18 Annette Burkhardt	

**ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

Ministry:	Altar Servers	Lectors	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Sat., Jan. 11 4:00pm	Daniel Becker	Aggie Becker	Tom Berndsen, Dan Jansen, Bob & Ruthie Rosen	Book Family
Sun., Jan. 12 8:00am	Jake Buller	Sr. Pam Falter	Eric Baumgartner, Brad Boeckman, Roger Loepker, Bob Maue	Wiegmann Family
<b>Extra-ordinary Ministers:</b>	Sat., Jan. 11 at 4:00pm Cierra Hilmes, Jeff Schulte Sun., Jan. 12 at 8:00am Sr. Pam Falter, Alex Wiegman			
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Jan. 5-11 Lynn Maue		Jan. 12-18 Phyllis Berndsen	
<b>Extraordinary Minister to the Home Bound:</b>	Jan. 5 Phyllis Berndsen		Jan. 12 Mary Ann Rakers	

Dear Friends,

Following both the bright star in the western sky and centuries of wisdom from their tradition, the magi traveled from distant lands to search for the newborn king. What had been revealed to only a few nearby shepherds had now been made manifest to people from foreign nations. Today, two thousand years later, and here, many thousands of miles from Bethlehem, we celebrate that the Lord's birth has been made known all around the world for all time. O come, let us adore him!

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Journeys play a prominent role in the readings for Epiphany. Isaiah describes the day when caravans from near and far will be drawn to a radiant Jerusalem. The psalmist tells of kings from even the most distant nations who will come to pay the Messiah homage. Paul insists that the Gentiles are invited into the same body with the same promise of salva-tion. Finally, we hear the familiar words of Matthew, telling the story of the magi's long journey to see the newborn king. Let us listen to God's word, aware that we too make our own personal journey to the Lord.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Opening their coffers was part of the prayer of the Magi. Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ has its beginning in baptism, the sacrament of faith. Faith joins individuals and the community of Jesus' followers in intimacy with their Lord and leads them to live as His disciples. Stewardship is what we do after we say we believe. How often do we open our coffers to those around us who are in need?

**A REMINDER:** Epiphany, also known as "Little Christmas" and celebrated in the Eastern Rite of the Church with as much solemnity as we do for Christmas, it is a celebration of the revelation of the Word of God made Flesh to the entire world. May we bring Him our greatest gift of self with a heart humble and contrite.

**A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK:** Who can I ask for help in my search for the Lord? How can I overcome doubt or disappointment when I experience them?

God bless,  
*Fr. Chuck*

***St. Augustine News...***

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Finance Council: Tuesday, February 4 at 6:30pm

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, February 4 at 7:30pm

**St. Augustine Bingo - Sunday, January 19th.** Worker List #4

Luncheon begins at 11:30am & Bingo 2pm. Last names L-Z please bring desserts. Raffle tickets available at church entrances.

**Help take down Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 12 after 8:00am Mass. All are welcome. Let's have another awesome turnout, like we did for decorating.**

**Pro-Life Baby Shower during the month of January.** A play pen is available in the gathering space and you may also donate with cash or check made out to "Pregnancy Care Clinic" and deposit in the Wishing Well located by the play pen. Contact Janice Suhl at 618-806-4177 for larger items.

**Vocations Spotlight:** What a wonderful Gospel account of the Magi traveling to meet the Lord. They followed the star - their "call" - to come and offer their gifts to the Lord. But the question arises as to how the Magi noticed a star at night and no one else really did. Perhaps we need to embrace the "night", the stillness, to "see and hear" our call. How are we doing in discerning our call to Holiness - in living our vocation as man, woman or child; married or single; priesthood or religious - of being called to something beyond ourselves?

***St. Anthony News...***

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Finance Council: Tuesday, January 7 at 6:30pm

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, January 7 at 7:30pm

**Bunco Worker Schedules are available on the table at the back of Church.**

**Help take down Christmas decorations on Monday, January 13 at 9:00am. All are welcome. Many hands make light work!**

**Have you gotten to see the new sign for St. Anthony's Cemetery? A new sign was installed for the cemetery earlier this month. Please take a moment to drive past and view it. A dedication for the sign will be held at a later date.**

**The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal  
Serve the Lord with gladness  
-Psalm 100**

"May God's blessings pour upon you and grant you and your loved ones a healthy, prosperous and joyful new year. I send heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and our Belleville Diocese in the past year. You are remembered always in my prayers."

-Bishop Michael McGovern

**St. Augustine  
ATTENDANCE**

Dec. 28 4:00pm.....153    Dec. 29 8:00am.....128

Dec. 31 4:00pm.....90    Jan. 1 8:00am.....32

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Dec. 28    Loose: \$342.00    Envelopes: \$785.00(30)  
Dec. 29    Loose: \$111.00    Envelopes: \$1,046.00(16)  
Dec. 31    Loose: \$167.00    Envelopes: \$165.00(12)  
Jan. 1    Loose: \$ 5.00    Envelopes: \$183.00(8)

**Other Envelopes:** Building \$250.00(1), Christmas \$725.00(14), Christmas Flowers \$150.00(1), Collection for the Needy \$40.00(2), Immaculate Conception \$10.00(1), Education \$20.00(1), Ret. for Relig. \$20.00(1)

**St. Anthony  
ATTENDANCE**

Dec. 29 9:30am.....115    Jan. 1 9:30am.....103

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Dec. 29    Loose: \$146.00    Envelopes: \$1,372.00(41)  
Jan. 1    Loose: \$784.00    Envelopes: \$473.00(26)

**Other Envelopes:**

Building \$45.00(2), \*\*Cemetery \$1,000.00(1), Christmas \$3,980.00(13) Collection for the Needy \$20.00(1), Education \$20.00(1), Sr. Parish \$55.00(4)

\*\*Contribution to Cemetery Endowment

**Meals & Events:**

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.

**2025 Catholic Women’s Prayer Breakfast Saturday, March 22, 2025 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland, Illinois.** Space is limited. Cost is \$30. For more information or to get a registration form, please see the bulletin board at the back of church.

**Youth Ministry News:** \*Next “Life Night” Meeting - Sunday, January 12 at St. Augustine’s Parish Center, Please check Groupme for more information!

**Youth Faith Formation News:**

Next Class: Wednesday, January 8

**Diocesan / Vicariate Events:**

Fr. Thomas Luge is hosting a young adults' event at the Bartelso Bowling Lanes on January 9th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. It's open to ages 21-39, more or less. He is open to discussing different religious topics and/or fielding questions, including, but not limited to: Scripture, Church, Sacraments, Faith, The Mass, etc. The first night will probably be a discussion of Mary and the Saints, and open it up for questions after that. Those attending will help decide the next topic.

January 24<sup>th</sup> is the Nation-wide Prayer Vigil for Life, which held every year on the eve of the National March for Life. Our diocese will have a few opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration to commemorate the vigil at St. Teresa in Belleville and St. Boniface in Germantown. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

**Knightly News Breese K of C Council # 2869**



**Breese K of C #2869 Meeting:**

Thursday, January 9 Meeting at 7:30pm

**Taco Tuesday:** 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:** 03/30/2025, 06/29/2025 at 8-11am

**K of C Fourth Degree Meeting:** Tuesday, January 21 at 7:30pm at St. Mary’s Parish Center in Trenton

**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:**

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 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  |
| Mel                   | Special Intention        |                     |

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

**Pro-Life Corner:**

Living out Christmas in the New Year  
 How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous “yes” to God show us how to live year-round with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance. One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady’s example is to pray 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life taking place January 16-24. Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, a short reflection, and more. Download the novena or sign up to get the daily prayers by email or text message at 9daysfor-life.com!

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**2025 SECOND WEEK OF CHRISTMAS**  
**Daily Scripture and Reflections during Christmastide**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5 Feast of the Epiphany</b> God has revealed himself to us. <i>Isaiah 60:1-6</i> <i>Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6</i> <b>Matthew 2:1-12</b>	<b>6 St. Andre Bessette</b> We are called to proclaim our belief in Jesus. <i>1 John 3:22-4:6</i> <i>Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25</i>	<b>7 St. Raymond of Penyafort</b> God reveals his love through Jesus. <i>1 John 4:7-10</i> <i>Mark 6:34-44</i>	<b>8 Christmas Weekday</b> In Jesus we find courage and have no fear. <i>1 John 4:11-18</i> <i>Mark 6:45-52</i>	<b>9 Christmas Weekday</b> Love of God is shown in love of neighbor. <i>1 John 4:19-5:4</i> <i>Luke 4:14-22a</i>	<b>10 Christmas Weekday</b> Faith in Jesus purifies us for eternal life. <i>1 John 5:5-13</i> <i>Luke 5:12-16</i>	<b>11 Christmas Weekday</b> Jesus reveals the truth of who God is. <i>1 John 5:14-21</i> <i>John 3:22-30</i>