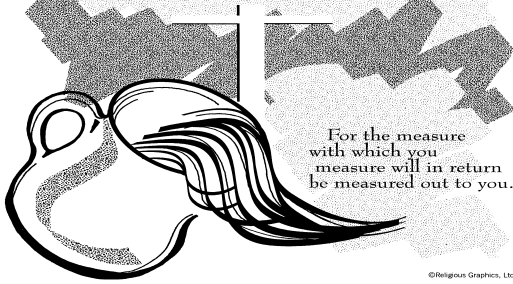


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heaven is merciful



Families of Faith in a Community of Grace Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

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Vision Statement: "Continuing to Create a Future Together"

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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 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.**

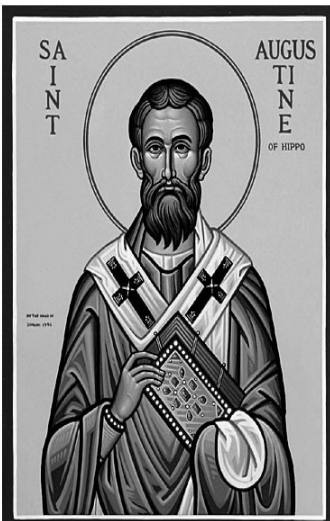
Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:30 pm at St. Augustine Church or by appointment. Seasonal penance services offered during Advent & Lent with dates to be announced.

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

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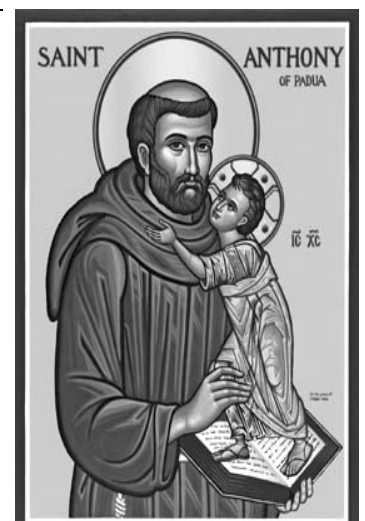
Office Hours

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



**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2025
The Catholic Communities of**

St. Augustine

02/22 Sat 4:00pm Scott Detmer †, Vic Jansen †,
Al Mourlam †, Raymond & Florence Usselman †
02/23 Sun 8:00am Ben Wiegmann †
02/24 Mon No Services
02/25 Tues **Noon -1pm Adoration**
02/26 Wed 7:25am Rosary/Perpetual Help Devotions
8:00am Those Discerning a Vocation
02/27 Thurs No Service
02/28 Fri 8:00am Our Sister Parish
03/01 Sat 4:00pm Art & Estelle Kueneker †
Casper Richter †
03/02 Sun 8:00am Lavern Kuhl †, Yvonne Ratermann †

St. Anthony

02/22 Sat No Service
02/23 Sun 9:30am Marce Huelsmann †
Wilford & Mildred Kapp †
Tom Wheelan †
02/24 Mon No Service
02/25 Tues 7:30am Our Sister Parish
02/26 Wed No Service
02/27 Thurs 7:30am Our Seminarians
02/28 Fri No Service
03/01 Sat No Service
03/02 Sun 9:30am Raymond & Florence Usselman †

****If school is cancelled, there will not be Mass or services.****

Upcoming Classes & Events:

- St. Augustine's **Auction setup begins on Monday, February 24th at 5:30pm.** Items will be accepted beginning Feb. 24, Mon.-Fri. 5:30-8:00pm until full. Please call Mark Huelskamp at 618-410-0774 for more information or to arrange for item pickup.
- **Padre Pio Mass:** Saturday, Saturday, Mar. 1. Rosary at 8:30am & Mass at 9:00am at St. Dominic.
- **First Friday Benediction:** Friday, Mar. 7 at 7:00pm at St. Dominic.
- **St. Augustine's Holy Name Consignment Auction is Saturday, March 8** at 9:00am. Gym opens at 7:00am for viewing.
- **Cor Meeting** Saturday, March 8 at 8:00am at Mater Dei's Chapel. Cor is a group for men to study & share their Faith. Please see the insert in this week's bulletin for more information.
- **Baptismal Prep Class:** Monday, March 10 at 7:30pm at St. Dominic Annex. Call your parish office to register.
- **Vicariate Healing Mass** - Tuesday, March 18 at St. George, New Baden. Reconciliation-6pm Mass-7pm
- **Pro-Life Mass** Wednesday, March 19 at 7:00pm at St. Augustine

ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Greeters	Lector	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Sun., Mar. 2 9:30am	Carolyn Davenport Jan Gonzalez	Karri Kampwerth	Andrew Burkhardt, Rich Davenport, Ben Gonzalez, Keith Kampwerth	Volunteers

Extra-ordinary Ministers: Sun., Mar. 2 at 9:30am Keith & Karri Kampwerth
Altar Servers: Sun., Mar. 2 at 9:30am Gwen Etheridge, Max Pulver
Sacristans: Feb. 23 - Mar. 2 Bev Carter Mar. 2 - 8 Pauline Albers

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Altar Servers	Lectors	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Sat., Mar. 1 4:00pm	Breck Rutz Zander Rutz	Rose Huelskamp	Brent & Jackie Boeckman, Charlie & Bonnie Kunkel	Suhl Family
Sun., Mar. 2 8:00am	Gabby Maxwell	Katie Siefker	Jerry Korte, John Rakers, Jamie Voss, Tony Voss	Ratermann Family

Extra-ordinary Ministers: Sat., Mar. 1 at 4:00pm Karen Huelskamp, Phyllis Berndsen
Sun., Mar. 2 at 8:00am Katie Siefker, Alex Wiegmann
Sacristan: Feb. 23 - Mar. 2 Phyllis Berndsen Mar. 2 - 8 Katie Siefker

Extraordinary Minister to the Home Bound: Feb. 23 Emily Timmermann Mar. 2 Phyllis Berndsen

Dear Friends,

In our world today, you don't have to look far to see a lack of respect for human life. War, mass shootings, abortion, and capital punishment make a mockery of what should be a basic principle for us all: every life is precious. Let us keep in mind what Saint Paul teaches the Corinthians in the portion of his letter that we hear today: we shall bear the image of Christ in heaven. Every human life is precious if only because every life holds the promise of resurrection and the heavenly image of Christ. We come together today to thank God for all human life and the promise of eternal life.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: Love your enemies, Jesus teaches his disciples. Bless them when they curse you, give more to them when they take from you, turn the other cheek when they strike you. Luke doesn't tell us how the disciples react, but this is a radical teaching. However, we get to see mercy practiced in the first reading, when David chooses to spare his enemy, Saul, when given the chance to slay him. Listening to today's readings, let us consider why we should choose mercy over getting even.

STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship means being a collaborator with God in the work of redemption. A steward acknowledges God's ever-present love. The Spirit of wisdom and courage helps people seek pardon and be mindful in the face of all their forgetting, that the most important work of their lives is to be Jesus' disciples.

A REMINDER: February is the shortest of months but hopefully every day of it was spent growing in grace, knowledge, and service with the Lord.

A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: Which is the most difficult challenge for me: turning the other cheek when I have been hurt or wronged, refraining from judging others, or giving without repayment? How will I change my thinking and my behavior?

God bless,
Fr. Chuck

St. Augustine News...

Upcoming Meetings:

Building & Grounds: Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30pm
Holy Name: Tuesday, Tuesday, March 11 at 7:30pm
Finance Council: Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30pm
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, April 1 at 7:30pm

Gross receipts from the February Luncheon & Bingo were \$4,973.50 of which \$699.00 was from the quilt raffle. Thank you to all who worked and helped to make it a success! **Quilt Winner** was **Brenda Kruep, Breese**

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Envelopes for Prayer/Memorial Candles & Mass Intentions can be found at all entrances.

Quilt Collection:

Saturday, March 22, 3:00pm - 6:00pm in the Cafeteria
Sunday, March 23, 7:15am - 9:00am in the Cafeteria
Quilt Groups & Individual Contributions will be accepted on both days. If you have any questions, please see Donna Deien, Mary Jane Richter or Shirley Schlarman.
More details regarding the Quilt Collection are in the letters that were mailed on February 10 and should be arriving soon.

St. Augustine ATTENDANCE

Feb. 15 4:00pm.....173 Feb. 16 8:00am.....100

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Feb. 15 Loose: \$175.00 Envelopes: \$1,930.00(44)
Feb. 16 Loose: \$329.00 Envelopes: \$ 673.00(16)

Other Envelopes:

Building \$25.00(2), Education \$160.00(6), First Offering \$6.00 (3), Sr. Parish \$70.00(6)

St. Anthony News...

Upcoming Meetings:

Finance Council: Thursday, March 6 at 6:30pm
Pastoral Council: Thursday, March 6 at 7:30pm
Ladies Sodality: Monday, March 24 at 7:00pm

Ladies Sodality will be holding a Bunco and Dessert Party on Monday, March 17 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. Cost is \$5 per person. Be sure to join in the fun! This event is open to everyone from all area parishes.

It's never too early, so start gathering your rummage sale items now! Rummage Sale collection will begin on Monday, April 14.

Vocations Corner: "People often discover their vocation to religious life at Mass or in adoration, but I "heard the call" while literally receiving a phone call! Before this life-changing moment during my last semester of college, I had spent about a year growing in my spiritual life through spiritual direction and getting to know members of Pro Ecclesia Santa. I was attracted to their joy, their charism to live and promote holiness, and their closeness to the Sacred Heart. But I was wrestling with the question of whether God was really calling *me* to religious life. Speaking on the phone with a potential roommate for the following year, I knew deep down that I was fooling myself. I didn't need to make housing plans; God wanted me to say "yes" to my vocation and move in with the sisters. Whatever your state of life, say 'yes' to God's will and let yourself be surprised by his loving plans for you."

Sister Leann Luecke; Pro Ecclesia Santa; Columbia Magazine - July/Aug. 2023

St. Anthony ATTENDANCE

Feb. 16 9:30am.....105

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Feb. 16 Loose: 168.00 Envelopes: \$960.00(29)

Other Envelopes:

Education \$35.00(3), Sr. Parish \$105.00(8)

Meals & Events:

Breese American Legion Post 252 Chicken Dinner Drive-Thru or Carry Out only. February 23 from 11am – 5pm. All Diners are \$15 and include 1/2 Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes & Gravy, dressing, green beans coleslaw & dessert.

Young Adult (Age 21-33) Catholic Speed Dating - Thursday, February 27. Check-in 6:30pm, Event is 7:00 - 9:30pm at Holy Trinity in Fairview Heights. There's a flyer on the bulletin board or email mskorch@diobelle.org for more information.

St. Damian Mexican Fish Fry will be held on Friday, February 28th, from 4:30-7:30 at St. Damian Gym. Plates available Cod Plate with Fries & Slaw, Fish Tacos w/ Rice & Beans. Ala carte. Chips & nacho Cheese, Fresh Hot Tamales and Fries. Big Bottom Margaritas and canned beer & soda available. Mariachi Band 5-7 pm. Dine in and carryout available. One night and cash only.

Breese Lions Club Annual Chicken Dinner Sunday, March 2nd 11:00am – 6:00pm at Breese American Legion. Carry out only. Advanced Tickets are available from any Lions Club Member.

St. Dominic Spring Chicken Dinner on Sunday, March 9th, from 11am until 5pm. This is a carry out chicken dinner with limited indoor seating. The dinners include 4 pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, dressing, green beans, slaw & a dessert. Come pick up a few carry outs to go for delicious food and a night of no cooking.

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 Faith Formation News:

Ash Wednesday Mass: March 5 at 7pm at St. Dominic
Please check with your child's teacher for attendance details.

Please remember in your prayers:

All those serving in the military and everyone listed:
 Carl & Jackie Aarns Edwin Albers Norb & Ruth Albers
 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 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
 Mark Niemeyer Rachel Peters Florence Pingsterhaus
 Kathy Pingsterhaus Ken Porter
 Jerome Ratermann Joanie Rolfingsmeier Pat Rollins
 Julie (Schlueter) Detmer Fr. Carl Schrage
 Marcel Thole Clete Timmermann Loretta Trame
 Lucille Trame Dottie Wellinghoff Agnes White
 Special Intentions Special Intention Deb Mel

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

Youth Ministry News:

***Next "Life Night" Meeting - Sunday, February 23 at 6pm at St. Anthony Gym. Please check Groupme for more information!**

**Thank you to everyone who donated to Souper Bowl of Caring. Total Collected to benefit House of Manna was:
 St. Anthony: \$419.89 + St. Augustine: \$458.10 +
 St. Dominic: \$347.00 = \$1,224.99**



Knights News Breese K of C Council # 2869

Breese K of C #2869 Meeting: Thursday, March 13 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, 08/31/2025 at 8-11am

K of C Fourth Degree Meeting: Tuesday, March 18 at 7:30pm at KC Hall in Breese.

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

Discernment Opportunities:

There are many discernment opportunities that are coming up for Priesthood & Religious Life. Please see the fliers at the back of church for more information on all of the events.



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**2025 SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
 Daily Scripture and Reflections during Ordinary Time**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 7TH Sunday in Ordinary Time See others as god sees them. 1 Samuel 25:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Cor. 15:45-49 Luke 6:27-38	24 Weekday Trust in God's power rather than your own. Sirach 1:1-10 Mark 9:14-29	25 Weekday Commit your life to the Lord in all things. Sirach 2:1-11 Mark 9:30-37	26 Weekday Blessed are those who seek Wisdom. Sirach 4:11-19 Mark 9:38-40	27 St. Gregory Of Narek Keep your heart focused on heaven. Sirach 5:1-8 Mark 9:41-50	28 Weekday Marriage is a covenant of love forever. Sirach 6:5-17 Mark 10:1-12	1 Weekday The Lord's kindness is everlasting. Sirach 17:1-15 Mark 10:13-16