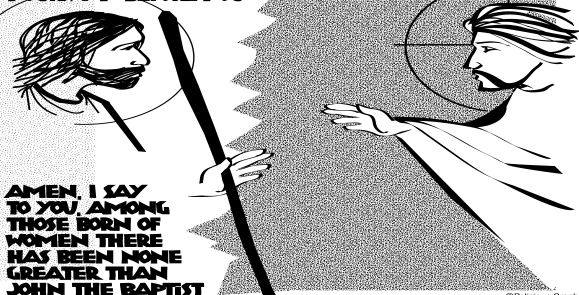


BEHOLD, I AM SENDING
MY MESSENGER AHEAD
OF YOU; HE WILL PREPARE
YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU



AMEN, I SAY
TO YOU, AMONG
THOSE BORN OF
WOMEN THERE
HAS BEEN NONE
GREATER THAN
JOHN THE BAPTIST

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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.

Families of Faith in a Community of Grace Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025

Directory

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P.O. Box 305, 451 W. Third St. Beckemeyer (618)227-8236

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
<http://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:

Amy Camillo Rhonda Pulver (248) 840-1857
Erin Etheridge (618) 604-7640 Paris Stulir (618) 910-4551

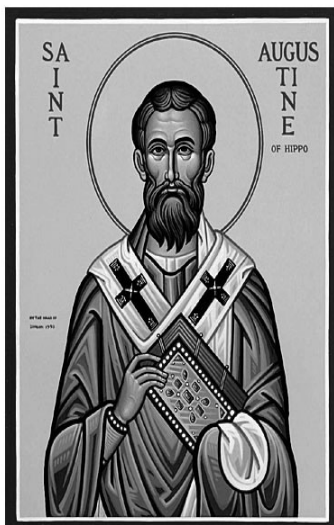
Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Chuck Tuttle (618)526-2566
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Office Manager: Carol Hilmes (618)526-4362
(618)227-8236
Business Manager: Dennis Krebs St. Augustine
Business Manager: Karri Kampwerth St. Anthony

Office Hours

Breese: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30am-4:30pm
Beckemeyer: Tuesday & Thursday 7:30am-12:00pm

***BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesday at 10am**



Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025

St. Augustine

12/13 Sat 4:00pm Judy Brown †
 12/14 Sun 8:00am Joe C. Maue †
 Living & Deceased of the Vince Mensing Family
 12/15 Mon 8:00am All Those Without Shelter
 12/16 Tues Noon -1pm Adoration
 12/17 Wed 8:00am
 St. Augustine Parish Faith Community
 12/18 Thurs No Service
 12/19 Fri 8:00am ASA All School Mass(St. Dominic)
 12/20 Sat 4:00pm Grace Frey †, Sara Isaak †,
 Living & Deceased of the Joe Hagen Family,
 Stan Timmermann,
 12/21 Sun 8:00am
 Living & Deceased of the Heimann & Niemeyer Families

St. Anthony

12/13 Sat No Service
 12/14 Sun 9:30am Edwin Gebke †
 Tom & Evelyn Johnson †
 12/15 Mon No Service
 12/16 Tues 7:30am Marie Smothers †
 12/17 Wed No Service
 12/18 Thurs No Service
 12/19 Fri 8:00am ASA All School Mass(St. Dominic)
 12/20 Sat No Service
 12/21 Sun 9:30am Lloyd Pulver †
 Justin & Gera Thacker †

Advent Reconciliation Services

Dec. 14 6:00pm	St. Francis, Aviston	
Dec. 15 6:00pm	St. Mary, Mt. Vernon	
Dec. 16 7:00pm	St. George, New Baden	4:00pm
Dec. 17 6:30pm	St. Ann, Nashville	4:00pm
Dec. 18 6:00pm	Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville	6:00pm 10:00pm

Christmas Masses for Breese & Beckemeyer

Dec. 24

St. Augustine	8:00am
St. Dominic	9:00am
St. Anthony	10:00am
St. Dominic	

Dec. 25

St. Augustine
St. Dominic
St. Anthony

ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Greeters	Lector	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Sun., Dec. 21 9:30am	Carolyn Davenport Jan Gonzalez	Grace Etheridge	Andrew Burkhardt, Rich Davenport Ben Gonzalez, Tom Mensing	Holtgrave Family
Extra-ordinary Ministers: Sun., Dec. 21at 9:30am Steve & Carol Hilmes, Karri Kampwerth, Beth Koehler Altar Servers: Sun., Dec. 21 at 9:30am Bobby Hilmes, Johnny Hilmes, Winston Hilmes Sacristans: December 14 - 20 Annette Burkhardt December 21 - 27 Audrey Davis				

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Altar Servers	Lectors	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Sat., Dec. 20 4:00pm	Brayden Wobbe		Kevin & Dara Hagen Steve Hagen, Jeff Schulte	Isaak
Sun., Dec. 21 8:00am	Leo Langhauser Noah Rauen Wyatt Rauen	Jay Schneider	Jerry Korte, John Rakers Jamie Voss, Tony Voss	Camillo Family
Extra-ordinary Ministers: Sat., Dec. 20 at 4:00pm Dennis & Mary Jo Krebs, Ruth Jansen, Jeff Schulte Sun., Dec. 21 at 8:00am Jerry & Judy Korte, Ahren & Lauren Langhauser Sacristan: December 14 - 20 Mary Ann Rakers December 21-27 Katie Siefker Extraordinary Minister to the Home Bound: Dec. 14 Emily Timmermann Dec. 21 Phyllis Berndsen				

Dear Friends,

On Gaudete Sunday we rejoice, for we know that the Lord is near. With eyes of faith, we can sense his presence even as we prepare for the celebration of his coming to us as a newborn infant. With eyes of faith, we can see his coming as well as the prophet Isaiah or the New Testament prophet John the Baptist, who each prepared his people for God's transformative presence. With eyes of faith, let us glory in Jesus' presence right here, right now: in God's word, in the Eucharist, and in those around us.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: The powerful imagery in Isaiah's poetry overwhelms us with joy on this Gaudete Sunday. Deserts bloom with abundant flowers! Parched land exults in joyful song! The blind will see, the deaf will hear, and those who cannot walk will leap like a stag! In this season of watchful preparation for the Lord's coming into our lives, may we recognize his transformative presence in our world as we long for the coming of the kingdom, when all this and more will be fulfilled.

STEWARDSHIP: Jesus identified Himself to John the Baptizer by His stewardship: " ... the blind recover their sight, the cripples walk, lepers are cured, the deaf hear, dead men are raised to life, and the poor have the good news preached to them." As Christian stewards, we are called to receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

A REMINDER: On this Advent weekend of "JOY" in anticipation of the Birth of Jesus at Christmas, may our hearts always overflow with a joyful spirit. Our Youth Faith Formation students will be attending their Advent Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, December 17th in St. Dominic Church at 6:45pm.

A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: If I am honest with myself, what part of Jesus' message offends me?

God bless,
Fr. Chuck

St. Augustine News...

Building & Grounds:
Holy Name:
St. Ann Sodality:


No BINGO in December
Next Bingo January 18!

Food Collection - We are collecting non-perishable food for House of Manna in Breese.
Please place your donation - containers at all entrances.
Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Please remember to check the Giving Wreath out in the gathering space. There are multiple giving options to choose from. If writing a check, please make it out to the option of your choice, place it in the wishing well.

KofC Collection of Hats, Gloves & Scarves is over, however, we are still collecting food for House of Manna.
Thank you for your generosity!

Pro-Life Corner:

 Prayer Vigil at the Courthouse in Carlyle will be on Friday, January 23, 2026. More details to follow.

St. Augustine
ATTENDANCE
Dec. 6 4:00pm.....155 Dec. 7 8:00am.....122
OUR GIFTS TO GOD
General Collection: Loose: \$311.00 Envelopes: \$2,530.00(60)
Other Envelopes:
Bldg. Fund \$285.00(14), Christmas \$425.00(2), Christmas Flowers \$120.00(5), Coll. For Needy \$60.00(2), Education \$170.00(2), Immaculate Conception \$184.00(10) Loose \$31.00, Ret. Relig. \$20.00(2)
E-Giving Week of December 1 - 10:
General Collection: \$170.00(3) **Building Fund:** \$175.00(3)


St. Anthony News...

Food Collection - Thank you to everyone who donated to the food drive for Matthew 25.

Men of the Parish - Thank you to the men of the parish who served at the Ladies Sodality Christmas Party.

Ladies Sodality will be holding a Bunco and Dessert Party on Monday, Monday, December 15 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. November BUNCO workers are Pauline Albers, Jan Gonzalez, Mary Kelso, Diane Winkeler.

Please remember to check the Jesse Tree out at the back of church. This year there are multiple giving options to choose from. If writing a check to donate, please make it out to St. Anthony Church. The cash and checks will be deposited & one check will be written for each option according to parishioner choices. Your gift can be placed in the collection basket.

 **Christmas Carols will be played on Christmas Eve beginning a half an hour prior to Mass. Please join us in singing for the Christmas season!**

St. Anthony
ATTENDANCE
Dec. 7 9:30am... .. 121
OUR GIFTS TO GOD
General Collection: Loose: \$142.00 Envelopes: \$1,344.00(29)
Other Envelopes:
Bldg. Fund \$175.00(6), Christmas Flowers \$128.00(11), Immaculate Conception \$210.00(15) Loose \$10.00
E-Giving Week of December 7, 2025:
General Collection: \$30.00(1) **Building Fund:** \$0.00(0)

Upcoming Classes & Events:

-HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS

(AGES 21-35) on Friday, December 19th. We'll begin by attending the St. Boniface Parish Adoration scheduled in Germantown at 6:30 PM for a *Holy Hour*. Afterwards, around 7:30 PM, the young adults group will meet at Slots and Scoops in Germantown with Father Thomas Lugge for a *Happy Hour*. We'll end the evening with the Christmas light display in Carlyle. Come for some, or come for all—we hope to see you there!

-Baptismal Prep Class: Please contact your church office to register for the January 8, 2026 class at St. Dominic Annex.

-Cor: Saturday, January 17 from 8-9:30am at Mater Dei Chapel.

-Save the Date: St. Augustine Trivia Night -
Saturday, February 7, 2026 More information to follow

Announcing the Missions International Sister Parish Trip to Guatemala: June 25-29, 2026

Please join us to experience first-hand the joys of a closer relationship with your sister parish. The trip begins on Thursday, June 25, 2026 with an early morning flight, arriving in Guatemala City at 1:00 pm. You will be picked up at the airport by your sister parish, continue traveling to your sister parish, and arrive in your sister parish by late afternoon/early evening that same day. You will spend Thursday night through Monday, June 29 in your sister parish. By Monday early evening you will return back to Guatemala City. Monday evening and Tuesday evening will be spent in Guatemala City with a group trip to Antigua on Tuesday. The return flight to the United States will be on Wednesday, July 1. There are only 30 seats reserved on the flight. If you are interested in this trip, please RSVP to sisterparish13@gmail.com. Only 2-3 people are allowed per parish and spots are available on a first to reply basis. If you have any questions regarding the trip contact Deacon Jay Fowler.

Please remember in your prayers:

All those serving in the military and everyone listed:

Carl & Jackie Aarns	Edwin Albers	Norb & Ruth Albers
Michael Berndsen	Veronica Blumenstein	Megan Brandmeyer
Sadie Bryan	Judith Deien	Julie (Schlueter) Detmer
Dave Deutsch	Christie Dust	Betty Erlinger
Roger Foppe	Carol Fritch	Arnel Garcia Family
Jupe Gonzalez	JoAnn Gray	Gerri Haar
Mary Haar	Pat Hagen	Richard Hellige
Rich Holtgrave	Gertrude Holthaus	Hostmeyer Family
Greg Jansen	Tony Jansen	Kevin Korte
Rose Kuhl	Jeff Jahnke	Gabrielle Ludwig
Theresa Luitjohan	Mary Ann Maue	
Dana Beckmann-Marks	Carol Meier	Joe Mobley
Doris Mueller	Mark Niemeyer	Rachel Peters
Florence Pingsterhaus		Kathy Pingsterhaus
Carolyn Porter	Jerome Ratermann	Joanie Rolfingsmeier
Pat Rollins	Fr. Carl Schrage	Jim Book
Dwight & Mary Beth Shubert	Marian Suhl	Marcel Thole
Clete Timmermann	Loretta Trame	Lucille Trame
Dottie Wellinghoff	Gerri Wellinghoff	Agnes White
Mary Ann Wobbe	Special Intentions	Mel

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

Breese/Beckemeyer Youth Faith Formation:

Reconciliation Service - Wed., December 17 at 6:45pm at St. Dominic. **Only 3rd-8th Grade. Parents are welcome to attend.**

1st & 2nd go to class.

First day back from Christmas Break is January 7.

Breese/Beckemeyer Youth Ministry:

The 2026 Meeting & event schedule is in process now.

Please watch Groupme for more updates!

Volunteer Opportunity: Thank you to all Youth Ministry members who helped fill and deliver baskets to the senior citizens in Beckemeyer & Wade Township.



Knightly News Breese K of C Council # 2869:

Breese K of C #2869 Meeting: Thursday, **January 8**, 7:30pm

4th Degree Meeting: Tuesday, **December 16**, 7:30pm at St. George Parish Center, New Baden

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: 03/29/2026 & 5/31/2026 from 8-11am

2025 THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Daily Scripture and Reflections in Preparation for Christmas

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 3rd Sunday of Advent <i>Lord, come and save us.</i> <i>Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10</i> <i>James 5:7-10</i> <i>Matthew 11:2-11</i>	15 Advent Weekday <i>Teach me your ways, O Lord.</i> <i>Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a</i> <i>Matthew 21:23-27</i>	16 Advent Weekday <i>God has compassion for sinners.</i> <i>Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13</i> <i>Matthew 21:28-32</i>	17 Advent Weekday <i>Christ's salvation is a gift offered to all.</i> <i>Genesis 49:2, 8-10</i> <i>Matthew 1:1-17</i>	18 Advent Weekday <i>Jesus' name is a promise of salvation.</i> <i>Jeremiah 23:5-8</i> <i>Matthew 1:18</i>	19 Advent Weekday <i>For you are my hope, O Lord.</i> <i>Judges 13:2-7, 24-25</i> <i>Luke 1:5-25</i>	20 Advent Weekday <i>Jesus Christ is Emmanuel, God with us.</i> <i>Isaiah 7:10-14</i> <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>