

Families of Faith in a Community of Grace

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

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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
Website: 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 (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 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

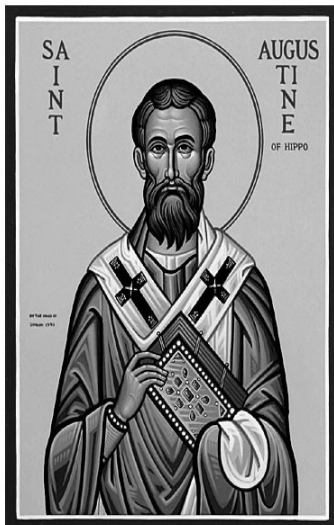
We encourage everyone 18 or older to register at the office as an adult parishioner.

Parish Staff

Pastor:	Fr. Chuck Tuttle	(618)526-2566
Pastoral Associate/DRE:	Phyllis Berndsen	(618)791-0069
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Business Manager:	Karri Kampwerth	St. Anthony

Office Hours

Breese: Monday 7:30am-4:30pm,
Wednesday & Friday 7:30am-12:00pm
 Beckemeyer: Tuesday 7:30am-12:00pm,
Thursday Closed-Christmas, Friday 1:30-4:30pm
****BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAY AT NOON****



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2025

St. Augustine

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
12/22 Mon No Service
12/23 Tues No Service
12/24 Wed 4:00pm *Christmas Eve*
12/25 Thurs 8:00am *Christmas Day*
12/26 Fri No Service
12/27 Sat 4:00pm Raymon & Florence Usselman †
12/28 Sun 8:00 Duane Richter †

St. Anthony

12/20 Sat No Service
12/21 Sun 9:30am Lloyd Pulver †
Justin & Gera Thacker †
12/22 Mon No Service
12/23 Tues No Service
12/24 Wed 6:00pm *Christmas Eve*
12/25 Thurs 10:00am *Christmas Day*
12/26 Fri No Service
12/27 Sat No Service
12/28 Sun 9:30am Ed & Edna Holthaus †

ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Greeters	Lector	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Wed., Dec. 24 6:00pm	Mendoza Family	Olivia Etheridge	Luke Etheridge, Mike Etheridge Kenny & Lisa Johnson	Mendoza Family
Thurs., Dec. 25 10:00am	Carolyn Davenport Jan Gonzalez	Camdyn Porter Reagan Porter	Andrew Burkhardt, Rich Davenport Ben Gonzalez, Tom Mensing	Porter Family
Sun., Dec. 28 9:30am	Myra Brown Karri Kampwerth	John Hilmes	Brian & Sara Kampwerth Keith Kampwerth, Doc Kapp	Holthaus Family
<u>Extra-ordinary Ministers:</u> Wed., Dec. 24 at 6:00pm Karen Beckemeyer, Karri Kampwerth, Linda Mensing, Geri Pollmann Thurs., Dec. 25 at 10:00am Lisa Johnson, Beth Koehler, Gary & Diane Winkeler Sun., Dec. 28 at 9:30am Grace Etheridge, Olivia Etheridge, Steve & Carol Hilmes <u>Altar Servers:</u> Wed., Dec. 24 at 6:00pm Gwen Etheridge, Cecilia Mendoza, Max Pulver Thurs., Dec. 25 at 10:00am Savannah Hopkins, Marshall Timmermann, Sabrina Timmermann Sun., Dec. 28 at 9:30am Bobby Hilmes, Johnny Hilmes, Winston Hilmes <u>Sacristans:</u> December 14 - 20 Annette Burkhardt December 21 - 27 Audrey Davis				

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Altar Servers	Lectors	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Wed., Dec. 24 4:00pm	Bennett Deien Evan Deien	Aggie Becker	Kevin & Dara Hagen Steve Hagen, Jeff Schulte	Petterson Family
Thurs., Dec. 25 8:00am	Jake Buller	Wyatt Rauhen	Jerry Korte, John Rakers Jamie Voss, Tony Voss	Voss Family
Sat., Dec. 27 4:00pm	Bennett Deien Evan Deien	Rose Huelskamp	Kevin & Dara Hagen Steve Hagen, Jeff Schulte	Usselman Family
Sun., Dec. 28 8:00am	Leo Langhauser Abbie Maxwell Gabby Maxwell	Justin Foppe	Jerry Korte, John Rakers Jamie Voss, Tony Voss	Richter Family
<u>Extra-ordinary Ministers:</u> Wed., Dec. 24 at 4:00pm Eric & Alison Johnson, Karen Huelskamp, T.B.A. Thurs., Dec. 25 at 8:00am Sr. Pam Falter, Lynn Maue, Rachell Maue, Katie Siefker Sat., Dec. 27 at 4:00pm St. Pam Falter, Karen Huelskamp, Katie Siefker, Phyllis Berndsen Sun., Dec. 28 at 8:00am Ian Berndsen, Justin Foppe, Lynn Maue, Mary Ann Rakers <u>Sacristan:</u> December 21-27 Katie Siefker December 28-Jan 3 Lynn Maue <u>Extraordinary Minister to the Home Bound:</u> Dec. 21 Emily Timmermann Dec. 28 Mary Ann Rakers				

Dear Friends,

As we approach the festive day on which we may receive gifts and guests into our homes, we take a moment to recall that during this season of Advent we are called to prepare to receive Jesus into our hearts. Yes, we receive him in a most special way at Christmas, the day we celebrate the world receiving him in the flesh, but we also have the opportunity to receive him each and every day. Let us humbly ask God to prepare our hearts to receive him in the Eucharist here today.

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE LESSON: Twice today we hear the words Isaiah proclaimed hundreds of years before Christ’s birth: “the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.” This Hebrew name means “God is with us,” and when Joseph, a devout and righteous man, is visited by an angel in his dream, he recalls Isaiah’s prophecy. We know that God is also with us as we gather here to listen to God’s word, and so at this time we allow ourselves to be immersed in God’s presence as we actively listen to today’s readings.

STEWARDSHIP: We look to Mary, who brought forth Christ, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin, so that through the Church Christ may be born and grow in the hearts of the faithful. The Virgin Mary in her own life lived an example of that stewardship and maternal love by which all should be fittingly animated who cooperate in the apostolic mission of the Church on behalf of the rebirth of humankind.

A REMINDER: Our Advent Journey comes to an end on Wednesday evening as we celebrate Christmas Eve and the following day, Christmas. May our preparation during these past three and a half weeks allow us to welcome our Divine and loving Savior with hearts that are warm and open to His Grace. Please see schedule for Mass times.

A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: What small act of mercy can I carry out this fourth week of Advent?

God bless,
Fr. Chuck

St. Augustine News...

St. Augustine Bingo - Sunday, January 18 Worker List #4 Luncheon begins at 11:30am & Bingo 2pm.
Last names L-Z, please bring desserts. Raffle tickets available at church entrances.


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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.

You have two weeks left to take advantage of this giving opportunity. Final day to turn in envelopes is Wednesday, December 31.

Pro-Life Corner:



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

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OUR GIFTS TO GOD

General Collection: Loose: \$560.00 Envelopes: \$4,165.00(66)


Other Envelopes:
Bldg. Fund \$600.00(9), Christmas \$420.00(7), Christmas Flowers \$308.00(13), Coll. For Needy \$80.00(3), Education \$60.00(5), Immaculate Conception \$25.00(2), Ret. Relig. \$415.00(18), Sister Parish \$115.00(7), Solemnity of Mary \$25.00(2)

E-Giving Week of December 11 - 17:
General Collection: \$645.00(3) **Building Fund:** \$205.00(2)
Education Fund: \$0.00(-)

St. Anthony News...

Come help us decorate the church for Christmas on Monday, December 22 at 6:00pm. Please bring your favorite appetizer and/or dessert to enjoy at the social afterward. Many hands make light work!

Thank you to all of those that have given so generously to the Jesse Tree options. It’s not too late to give. Envelopes will not be available after today, but you can still turn them in, in the collection basket thru Sunday, December 28th. 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.

Ladies Sodality will be holding a Bunco and Dessert Party on Monday, Monday, January 20 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. January BUNCO work-

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OUR GIFTS TO GOD

General Collection: Loose: \$61.00 Envelopes: \$1,097.00(27)

Other Envelopes:
Bldg. Fund \$370.00(5), Christmas Flowers \$160.00(6), Ret. Relig. \$125.00(7)

E-Giving Week of December 14, 2025:
General Collection: \$30.00(1) **Building Fund:** \$0.00(0)

Upcoming Classes & Events:

-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.

Breese/Beckemeyer Youth Ministry:

The 2026 Meeting & event schedule is in process now.
Please watch Groupme for more updates!

Vocations Spotlight: Today we hear of Joseph's call to be the Head of the Holy Family. What a wonderful act of selflessness - turning his whole life over to the will of God, even under some really stressful circumstances. This is the call for each one of us - to be "righteous". This should be our daily goal. Encourage everyone to follow their unique vocation to follow the Lord.

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	Jimmy Schulte
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:

First day back from Christmas Break is January 7.

Parish Family,

May the joy of Christmas enter our hearts and souls, so we may change our lives to become peacemakers, love others as we love ourselves, and love God above all things.

Have a very Merry & Blessed Christmas!

Fr. Chuck &
the Parish Staff of St. Anthony and St. Augustine



Knightly News Breese K of C Council # 2869:

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

4th Degree Meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 7:30pm at St. Barbara Parish Center, Okawville

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 FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT / OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Daily Scripture and Reflections for Christmastide

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 4th Sunday of Advent Through Jesus we are called to apostleship. <i>Isaiah 7:10-14</i> <i>Romans 1:1-7</i> <i>Matthew 1:18-24</i>	22 Advent Weekday Thank God for his gifts in word and action. <i>1 Samuel 1:24-28</i> <i>Luke 1:46-56</i>	23 Advent Weekday Let us examine our hearts and turn to God. <i>Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24</i> <i>Luke 1:57-66</i>	24 Advent Weekday <i>For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.</i> <i>2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16</i> <i>Luke 1:67-79</i>	25 CHRISTMAS God is with us—Jesus, born in human flesh. <i>Isaiah 52:7-10</i> <i>Hebrews 1:1-6</i> <i>John 1:1-18</i>	26 St. Stephen Proto-Martyr <i>Let your face shine upon your servant.</i> <i>Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59</i> <i>Matthew 10:17-22</i>	27 St. John Apostle St. John is a model for all who follow Jesus. <i>1 John 1:1-4</i> <i>John 20:1a, 2-8</i>