

If you choose you can keep
the commandments, they will
save you.

If you trust in God,
you too shall live.

He has set before you
fire and water
to whichever you choose,
stretch forth your hand.
Before man are
life and death,
good and evil,
whichever he chooses
shall be given to him.

from the
Book of Sirach



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Families of Faith in a Community of Grace

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026

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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
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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.**

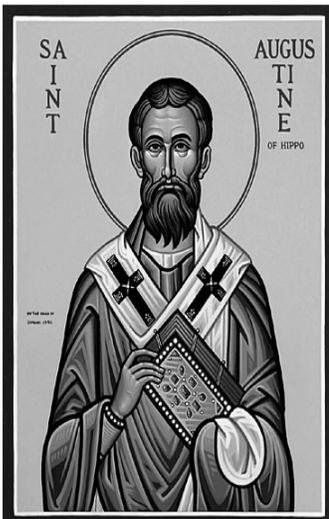
Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:30 pm at St. Augustine Church or by appointment. Seasonal penance services offered during Advent & Lent with dates to be announced.

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.



Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Chuck Tuttle (618)526-2566
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Business Manager: Karri Kampwerth St. Anthony

Office Hours

Breese: Monday - Office Closed (Presidents' Day)

Wednesday & Friday 7:30am-4:30pm

Beckemeyer: Tuesday & Thursday 7:30am-12:00pm

****BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY AT NOON****



Dear Friends,

On this final Sunday before Lent, our readings remind us of the commandments. God's infinite wisdom has given us laws that enable us to live a good, righteous life. Since we enter Lent later this week, today is a good opportunity to ask ourselves how we are keeping the commandments, especially the supreme commandment to love God and neighbor. Let us reflect on this as we prepare to receive the Lord in the Eucharist.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: Keeping the commandments will save us, Sirach says in the first reading, for God's wisdom is infinite and all-powerful. In the Gospel, Jesus expands on four commandments in particular, laying out their implications and explaining the spirit of each. For those who take the commandments to heart, the kingdom of heaven awaits. Let us examine our consciences, conscious that we have the power to choose between good and evil, between life and death.

STEWARDSHIP: Christian Stewards live in the confidence that comes from faith: for they know that the human goods they cherish and cultivate will be perfected -- and they themselves will be fulfilled -- in that Kingdom, already present, which Christ will bring to perfection and one day hand over to the Father.

A REMINDER: Our Lenten journey begins on Wednesday of this week with the marking of ashes that give witness to our desire to conform our lives to the Gospel and to amend anything in our lives which are contrary to the Lord's call to repentance.

A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: In what aspect of my life do I need to accept God's wisdom and the Spirit's guidance and change my behavior?

God bless,
Fr. Chuck

St. Augustine News...

Building & Grounds: Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30pm

Holy Name: Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30pm

Finance Council: Tuesday, April 7 at **6:15pm**

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

St. Augustine Bingo - Sunday, February 15 Worker List #5 Luncheon begins at 11:30am & Bingo 2pm. Last names A-K, please bring desserts. Raffle tickets available at church entrances. *Played under Illinois License # B-03577*

Ladies, as you are aware, Lent is a few days away. Anyone interested in joining our Scripture sharing, please Contact : Katie S (618)541-9460 or Phyllis b (618) 791-0069, More information given at time of conversation.

Thank you to all who voted on Time Capsule Identification Poll " Before all else, love God and love your neighbor", Quote of St. Augustine of Hippo. This will be inscribed on capsule, along with any other small item you would like to submit in capsule.

St. Augustine Reverse Drawing - March 7th, Saturday

Join us at the Breese KC Hall. Doors open at 6 pm; fried chicken served 6-7:30 pm; drawing begins at 7 pm. A \$50 ticket includes fried chicken & drinks for two and a chance at the \$4,000 top prize, plus \$500 prizes for 2nd-4th place and \$50 for every 20th ticket drawn. You need not be present to win. **Parishioners are encouraged to buy or sell at least two tickets. Tickets were mailed to all parishioners, with extras available at all entrances of church, the parish office, or from Dorise Schulte (618-304-4174).** Return tickets via the collection basket, office drop slot, mail, or directly to Dorise. **It pays to be last in our Reverse Drawing!**

St. Augustine ATTENDANCE

Feb. 7 4:00pm.....150 Feb. 8 8:00am.....121

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

General Collection: Loose: \$1,291.00 Envelopes: \$2,365.00(56)

Other Envelopes:

Ash Wednesday \$30.00(2), Black & Indian Missions \$15.00(2) Bldg. Fund \$100.00(3), Education \$155.00(2), Sister Parish \$228.00(16)

E-Giving Week of February 5-11, 2026:

General Collection: \$445.00(3) **Building Fund:** \$190.00(5) **Education Fund:** \$0.00(-)

St. Anthony News...

Finance Council: Thursday, March 5 at 6:30pm

Pastoral Council: Thursday, March 5 at 7:30pm

Ladies Sodality will be holding a Bunco and Dessert Party on Monday, February 16 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. February BUNCO workers are Pauline Albers, Jan Gonzalez, Mary Kelso, Diane Winkeler

Stuck inside with the cold weather? It's never too early to start getting your items together for the Spring Rummage Sale.

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,
and what has not entered the human heart,
what God has prepared for those who love him.

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St. Anthony ATTENDANCE

Feb. 8 9:30am162

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

General Collection: Loose: \$ 250.00 Envelopes: \$2,332.00(27)

Other Envelopes:

Cemetery \$100.00(1), Education \$20.00(1), Sister Parish \$20.00(2)

E-Giving Week of February 1, 2026:

General Collection: \$30.00(1) **Building Fund:** \$0.00(-)

Classes & Events Vicariate & Beyond:

Ash Wednesday Fish Fry - Beckemeyer Legion 4:30 - 7:00
Cod-Blue Gill, Whole Catfish-Shrimp; Fries, Mac & Cheese or Slaw. Sponsored by the Sons of the Legion

Friday Fish Fry's during Lent - Beckemeyer Legion 4:30 - 7:00
Cod-Blue Gill, Whole Catfish-Shrimp; Reg. Potato Salad; German Potato Salad, Fries, Mac & Cheese or Slaw. Sponsored by the American Legion Post 1227

Mater Dei Mothers and Friends Dinner Auction: A Knight at the Derby Join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and fundraising at the Mater Dei Mothers and Friends Dinner Auction on March 21st, 2026 at Mater Dei High School! Doors open at 5:00 PM. The theme for the evening is A Knight at the Derby Auction Tickets and Raffle Tickets, please visit:

MDDERBY.givesmart.com

Join the Diocese of Belleville on March 19, 2026, in Springfield, IL, as we pray for the vulnerable and stand up for the dignity of all human life. The day will begin with Holy Mass at 10:00 am at the Exposition Hall, Illinois State Fairgrounds, followed by a Rally and March at 1:00 pm at the Illinois State Capitol Complex.

Participants may drive on their own or travel by bus. Bus transportation includes travel to Mass at the State Fairgrounds and then to the Capitol for the Rally and March.

Holy Trinity Parish, Fairview Heights: Bus departs at 8:00 am (boarding begins at 7:45 am) Buses will depart Springfield at 3:30 pm for the return trip to Fairview Heights and Waterloo. Bus cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for students.

T-shirts are available for \$10 each in Youth Large and Adult sizes (Small through 3X). Payment for bus transportation or T-shirts can be made by contacting Molly King at mking@diobelle.org.

Please note that a free ticket is required to attend Mass. Contact Molly King to reserve your ticket, which will be provided upon arrival. Parking information will be shared soon. As the Exposition Hall is not heated, please dress warmly and bring hats, gloves, hand warmers, and warm coats.

Please remember in your prayers:

All those serving in the military and everyone listed:

Carl & Jackie Aarns	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	Dr. Arnel Garcia	Jupe Gonzalez
JoAnn Gray	Gerri Haar	Mary Haar
Pat Hagen	Richard Hellige	Rich Holtgrave
Gertrude Holthaus	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	Jackie Schneirs	Marian Suhl
Dwight & Mary Beth Shubert		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:

Ash Wednesday Mass - Wed., February 18 at 7:00pm.
Reconciliation Service - Wed., March 25

Breese/Beckemeyer Youth Ministry:

Game Night Social - Sunday February 15 6pm in the Cafeteria

Life Night Sunday, February 22 6:00pm in the Upper Room

We are looking for parishioners to provide or sponsor meals for our Youth Ministry Life Nights. Please sign-up at the back of church or by calling the office.

Please join us on Groupme to follow our latest volunteer opportunities, faith enrichment opportunities & Life Night Schedule.



Knightly News Breese K of C Council # 2869:

Breese K of C #2869 Meeting: Thursday, **March 12**, Meeting at 7:30pm

4th Degree Meeting: Tuesday, **February 17**, 7:30pm at St. Mary Parish Center, Trenton

Taco Tuesday: 4:30pm - 7:00pm, **Wing Thursday:** 4:30pm - 7:00pm, **Fish Fry Fridays:** 4:30pm - 7:00pm

(All meals are eat in or take-out and are served in the basement.)

Sunday Breakfast: 03/22/2026 & 5/31/2026 from 8-11am

LENTEN REFLECTIONS for 2026 (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time to Saturday after Ash Wednesday)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 6TH Sunday in Ordinary Time Seek God's wisdom and follow his commandments. <i>Sirach 15:15-20 1 Cor. 2:6-10 Matt. 5:17-37</i>	16 Weekday God gives to all who ask of him in faith. <i>James 1:1-11 Mark 8:11-13</i>	17 FAT TUESDAY Temptations come from desires that are not from God. <i>James 1:12-18 Mark 8:14-21</i>	18 ASH WEDNESDAY Jesus calls us to a conversion of heart. <i>Joel 2:12-18 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2 Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18</i>	19 Thursday after Ash Wed. Eternal life with God is worth the cost of discipleship. <i>Deut. 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25</i>	20 Friday after Ash Wed. <i>A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.</i> <i>Isaiah 58:1-9a Matthew 9:14-15</i>	21 Saturday after Ash Wed. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth. <i>Isaiah 8:9b-14 Luke 5:27-32</i>