

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



Families of Faith in a Community of Grace

First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

Directory

St. Augustine Church e-mail: augustine306@att.net
Website: www.saintaugustinebreese.org
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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. 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
<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:
 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.

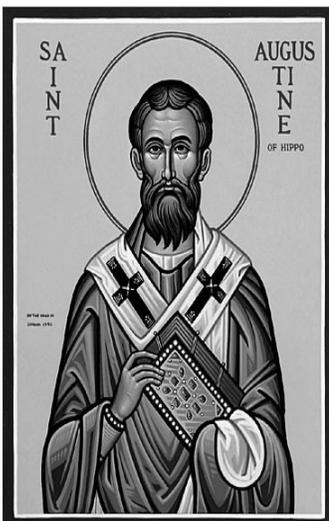
Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Chuck Tuttle (618)526-2566
Pastoral Associate/DRE: Phyllis Berndsen (618)791-0069
Permanent Deacon/DRE: Dcn. Jay Fowler (618)973-3162
Maintenance: Richard Korte (618)402-5964
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 NOON****



First Sunday of Lent February 22, 2026

St. Augustine

02/21 Sat 4:00pm Arnold & Mary Heimann †
Joseph Niemeyer †
Mary Schadegg †
02/22 Sun 8:00am Duane Richter †
Casper Richter †
02/23 Mon 8:00am Ben & Georgette Brueggemann †
02/24 Tues Noon -1pm Adoration
02/25 Wed 8:00am Bernard & Louise Brueggemann †
02/26 Thurs 10:18am All School Mass(*Mater Dei*)
1:45pm Primary Stations of the Cross
02/27 Fri 7:00pm *Lenten Services(St. Anthony)*
02/28 Sat 4:00pm Al Mourlam †
03/01 Sun 8:00am Cameron & Connor Knebel †

St. Anthony

02/21 Sat No Service
02/22 Sun 9:30am Marce Huelsmann †
02/23 Mon No Service
02/24 Tues 10:30am Lucille Trame Funeral
02/25 Wed No Service
02/26 Thurs 10:18am All School Mass(*Mater Dei*)
02/27 Fri 7:00pm Lenten Services
02/28 Sat No Service
03/01 Sun 9:30am Dennis & Betsy Kampwerth 50th

Upcoming Classes & Events:

-Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick following 4:00pm Mass at St. Augustine on Saturday, February 28 & following 9:30am Mass at St. Anthony.

-Mater Dei Jeans Drive Through February 26 Mater Dei's Theology Department is hosting a men's jeans drive for the benefit of St. Vincent de Paul Society - Belleville Council! Deliver your donation of clean, gently-worn men's jeans to the Mater Dei office through Thursday, February 26 (M - F, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.).

-Mater Dei Winter Concert: March 1, 6:00 p.m. Enjoy performances by Mater Dei's concert band, wind and percussion chamber ensembles, and soloists at their Winter Concert on Sunday, March 1, at 6:00 p.m., in the main gym.

-Baptismal Prep Class: The next Baptismal preparation class is Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00pm located at St. Augustine Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Office and Register by Friday, March 6th to sign up for this class.

-Cor: Saturday, April 11 from 8-9:30am at Mater Dei Chapel. **No Meeting in March!**

****Reminder: If school is cancelled, so is Mass****

ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Greeters	Lector	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Sun., March 1 9:30am	Brenda Aesbacher Carol Hilmes	Carolyn Davenport	John Hilmes, Steve Hilmes, Tony & Kathy Pingsterhaus	Kampwerth Family

Extra-ordinary Ministers: Sun., March 1 at 9:30am Dan & Karen Becker

Altar Servers: Sun., March 1 at 9:30am Cecilia Mendoza, Max Pulver, Sabrina Timmermann

Sacristans: Feb. 22-28 Bev Carter March 1-7 Pauline Albers

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Altar Servers	Lectors	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Sat., Feb. 28 4:00pm	Jake Buller Breck Rutz	Lynn Maue	Gerard & Rose Huelskamp, Ruth Jansen, Mark Kruep	Mourlam Family
Sun., March 1 8:00am	Leo Langhauser	Curt Hemann	Jerry Korte, John Rakers, Jamie Voss, Tony Voss	Knebel Family

Extra-ordinary Ministers: Sat., Feb. 28 at 4:00pm Dennis & Mary Jo Krebs

Sun., March 1 at 8:00am Lauren & Ahren Langhauser

Sacristan: Feb. 12 - 28 Lynn Maue March 1-7 Mary Ann Rakers

Extraordinary Minister to the Home Bound: Feb. 22 Emily Timmermann

March 1 Phyllis Berndsen

Dear Friends,

During the forty-day journey through the desert that we make each Lent, again and again we will find ourselves tempted to do the wrong thing, to overindulge, to lie, to take the easy way out. Fortunately, the Holy Spirit accompanies us to guide us along the right path and lead us back after we lose our way. We recall that filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was able to resist temptation on his journey, even when the devil offered him the whole world. May we be strengthened regularly by his Body and Blood while on our holy pilgrimage.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: On the first Sunday of Lent, we are reminded how easy it is to succumb to temptation. We are faced with it every day and it seems magnified during Lent. Today, we hear how Adam and Eve gave in to temptation while Jesus resisted it. Jesus found strength in the word of God, which he used effectively to outduel the devil in the desert. Let us listen now to God's powerful word, aware that Jesus' use of it to resist temptation enables us to share in his righteousness.

STEWARDSHIP: In today's culture, there is a seductive tendency to privatize faith, to push it to the margins of society, confining it to people's hearts or, at best, their homes, while excluding it from the marketplace of ideas where social policy is formed and men and women acquire their view of life and its meaning. Jesus invites us to respond to the challenge of stewardship: to Cherish, proclaim, and foster the gifts of all, while using our personal gifts to serve the community of faith.

A REMINDER: In the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formerly RCIA) on the First Sunday of Lent, the Church celebrates the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of the diocese. This year we have two Catechumens, one from St. Augustine, Randall Dieck, and one from St. Anthony, Lydon Barwick. We will be celebrating the "Rite of Sending" at both parishes this Sunday, sending Randall and Lydon to the Cathedral in Belleville to be enrolled.

A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: How do I resist temptation? Can I remember to look ahead to the long-term consequences before I choose what to do?

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

Gross receipts from the February Luncheon & Bingo were \$4,950.50 of which \$632.00 was from the quilt raffle. Thank you to all who worked and helped to make it a success! **Quilt Winner was - Name not provided**

Last notice... 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.

St. Augustine's Holy Name Consignment Auction is Saturday, March 14 at 9:00am.

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, March 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. March BUNCO workers are Linda Fowler, Dolores Huelsmann, Lisa Johnson & Florence Pingsterhaus.

Spring Cleaning early? It's never too early to start getting your items together for the Spring Rummage Sale. Collection begins Monday, April 13. More details to follow.

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!**

Update Regarding: Pro-Life Event that the faithful of The Diocese of Belleville are planning to attend on March 19 in Springfield

Holy Mass has now been prohibited at the Exposition Hall at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.
More details to follow regarding the new Mass location.

St. Augustine ATTENDANCE

Feb. 14 4:00pm.....150 Feb. 15 8:00am.....121
Ash Wed. 8:00am.....*Not Recorded*

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

General Collection: Loose: \$166.00 Envelopes: \$2,310.00(43)

Other Envelopes: Ash Wednesday Loose \$30.00 Envelopes 350.00(13), Black & Indian Missions \$20.00(1), Bldg. Fund \$355.00(5), Education \$155.00(7), Sister Parish \$62.00(5)

E-Giving Week of February 12-18, 2026:

General Collection: \$430.00(4) *Building Fund:* \$5.00(1)
Education Fund: \$0.00(-)

St. Anthony ATTENDANCE

Feb. 15 9:30am115
Ash Wed. 7:00pm.....99

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

General Collection: Loose: \$91.00 Envelopes: \$1,840.00(41)

Other Envelopes:

Ash Wednesday Loose \$166.00 Envelopes \$320.00(19), Building \$350(5), Education \$120.00(10), Sister Parish \$251.00(14)

E-Giving Week of February 8, 2026:

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

Classes & Events Vicariate & Beyond:

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

The North Central Vicariate Council of Catholic Women (NCVCCW) and the ladies of St. Theresa of Avila Parish, Salem invite all women to the **NCVCCW Spring Meeting & Day of Spiritual Reflection on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, from 8:00 AM-2:30 PM** at St. Theresa's Parish Center.

The day will focus on prayer and spiritual renewal and includes:

An inspiring keynote, "Let Your Faith Shine Through Prayer"
A practical session on meaningful prayer traditions for daily life
A panel sharing how prayer sustains women through every stage of life

Cost is **\$25 (includes lunch)**. Registration forms are available at your parish office or from your CCW/Sodality President. Join your sisters in Christ for a joyful and faith-filled day!

****St. Anthony & St. Augustine Ladies Sodality Members, Your sodalities are covering the fee for you to attend. Please grab one of the purple forms by the entrances & get registered today**** Please give to Lynn Maue(Aug) or Linda Fowler(Ant)

On behalf of Grand Knight Neil Hustedde and the other members of Breese Knights of Columbus Council 2869, please accept our most sincere thanks for your continued support of the Pro-Life collection.

The monies collected this year are being used to support several worthy causes including the following:

- St Ann Pregnancy Cradle of Hope in Carbondale
- Pregnancy Care Clinic in Salem
- St Louis Area Diaper Bank
- Mater Dei Teens for Life

We truly appreciate your support and believe our efforts are making a difference! Thanks again for your support!



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	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	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., March 25

Breese/Beckemeyer Youth Ministry:

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.

Thank you for all of your support!



Knighly News Breese K of C Council # 2869:

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

4th Degree Meeting: Tuesday, **March 17**, 7:30pm at St. Francis Parish Center, Aviston

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

2026 FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Daily Scripture and Reflections in Preparation for Easter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 1st Sunday of Lent Jesus is the obedient Son. <i>Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11</i>	23 St. Polycarp Love is the central focus of God's law. <i>Lev. 19:1-2, 11-18 Matthew 25:31-46</i>	24 Lenten Weekday The Lord's Prayer: our mission statement. <i>Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15</i>	25 Lenten Weekday God's mercy draws us to repentance. <i>Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32</i>	26 Lenten Weekday Let us turn to the Lord for all our needs. <i>Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Matthew 7:7-12</i>	27 St. Gregory Of Nareko Be reconciled with your neighbor and God. <i>Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26</i>	27 Lenten Weekday <i>Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!</i> <i>Deut. 26:16-19 Matthew 5:43-48</i>