

Families of Faith in a Community of Grace
Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026

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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 (618)975-6446 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.

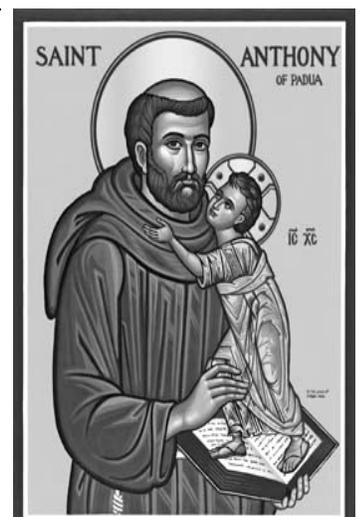
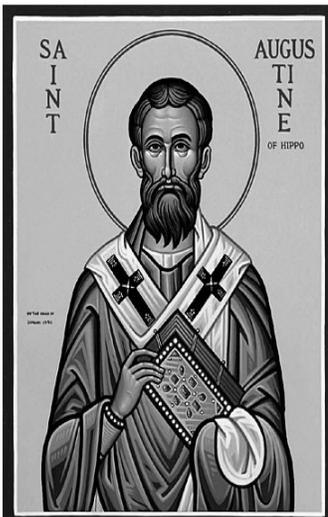
Parish Staff

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****



Third Sunday of Lent March 8, 2026

St. Augustine

03/07 Sat 4:00pm Anthony & Betty Falter †
Mary Heimann †, Stan Timmermann †
03/08 Sun 8:00am
Living & Deceased of the Hempen & Siefker Families
03/09 Mon No Service
03/10 Tues Noon -1pm Adoration
03/11 Wed 8:00am Special Intention
03/12 Thurs 8:00am ASA All School Mass(St. Dominic)
10:18am All School Mass(Mater Dei)
1:45pm No Stations Early Dismissal
03/13 Fri 7:00pm Lenten Services(St. Anthony)
03/14 Sat 4:00pm
Living & Deceased of the Art & Estelle Kueneke Family
03/15 Sun 8:00am Yvonne Ratermann †

St. Anthony

03/07 Sat No Service
03/08 Sun 9:30am Wally & Renee Holtgrave †
Living & Deceased of the Joseph & Anna Kauling Family
03/09 Mon No Service
03/10 Tues 7:30am
Living & Deceased of the Eugene Murphy Family
03/11 Wed No Service
03/12 Thurs 8:00am ASA All School Mass(St. Dominic)
10:18am All School Mass(Mater Dei)
03/13 Fri 7:00pm Lenten Services
03/14 Sat No Service
03/15 Sun 9:30am Loretta Hubbard †
Trevor Hubbard †
Paul & Evie Lammers †

Upcoming Classes & Events:

-Baptismal Prep Class: The next Baptismal preparation class is Thursday, April 9 at 7:30pm located at St. Dominic Annex. Please call the Parish Office and register by Wednesday, April 1.

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

If school is cancelled because of weather, so is Mass

A Note from the Office:

In an effort to be more efficient and of better service for you & our parish; *We are requesting that any printing or project work for an internal organization's need/purpose be submitted two weeks before the anticipated need or event.*

Thank you for your consideration.

Lenten Reconciliation Service Schedule

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| St. Stephen, Flora | Mar 9, 2026 at 6:30 PM |
| St. Rose, St. Rose | Mar 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM |
| St. Damian, Damiansville | Mar 15, 2026 at 1:00 PM |
| St. Dominic, Breese | Mar 15, 2026 at 03:00 PM |
| St. Mary, Mt. Vernon | Mar 16, 2026 at 06:00 PM |
| St. Cecelia, Bartelso | Mar 22, 2026 at 03:00 PM |
| St. Francis, Aviston | Mar 22, 2026 at 06:00 PM |

ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

| Ministry: | Greeters | Lector | Ushers | Gift Bearers |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Sun., March 15 9:30am | Carolyn Davenport Jan Gonzalez | Camdyn Porter Reagan Porter | Andrew Burkhardt, Rich Davenport, Ben Gonzalez, Jon Mendoza | Lammers Family |

Extra-ordinary Ministers: Sun., March 15 at 9:30am Steve & Carol Hilmes
Altar Servers: Sun., March 15 at 9:30am Luke Etheridge, Caden Holtgrave, Marshall Timmermann
Sacristans: March 8-14 Annette Burkhardt March 15-21 Audrey Davis

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULES

| Ministry: | Altar Servers | Lectors | Ushers | Gift Bearers |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---|---------------------|
| Sat., March 14 4:00pm | Daniel Becker | Aggie Becker | Brent & Jackie Boeckman, Charlie & Bonnie Kunkel | Suhl Family |
| Sun., March 15 8:00am | Noah Rauen Wyatt Rauen | Alex Wiegmann | Jerry Korte, John Rakers, Jamie Voss, Tony Voss | Ratermann Family |

Extra-ordinary Ministers: Sat., March 14 at 4:00pm Ruth Jansen, Lynn Maue
Sun., March 15 at 8:00am Alex Wiegmann, Mary Ann Rakers
Sacristan: March 8-14 Mary Ann Rakers March 15-21 Katie Siefker
Extraordinary Minister to the Home Bound: March 8 Mary Ann Rakers March 15 Lois Laux

Dear Friends,

Water plays a pivotal role in today's liturgy. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Moses bring forth water in the desert when the Chosen People feared dying of thirst. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals himself as the source of living water, telling the woman at the well that whoever drinks of this water will never thirst again. Today we also celebrate the first scrutiny rite with those who are preparing for baptism, where they will receive the water of new life. Whether we have been baptized for many years or are preparing for baptism in just a few weeks, we thirst for the life-giving water that only our Lord, "the one called the Christ," can provide.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: "Is the LORD in our midst or not?" This question is posed at the end of the first reading, but it could be asked in all three. First, we hear the Israelites complain to Moses about the lack of water in the desert. Paul proclaims to the Romans that our hearts are filled with the love of God, though we may not realize it. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals to the woman at the well that he is the Messiah, the Christ, the one who she and her people had been waiting for. The Lord is indeed in our midst, as for the Chosen People in the desert, as in the early church in Rome, and as with the woman at the well.

STEWARDSHIP: Through penance voluntarily accepted, we gradually become liberated from obstacles to Christian discipleship. Our secularized culture exalts individual gratification, not just the quest for pleasure but avarice, a craving for the illusion of absolute dominion and control, valuing creatures without reference to their Creator; excessive individualism; and ultimately the fear of death unrelieved by hope for eternal life. These consequences of sin threaten the way of life of Christian stewardship and the identity of Christians as disciples of the Lord. During this season of Lent, let us master the great and simple truth that all the materials and productions of this world, being God's property, are intended for God's service.

A REMINDER: In the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, on the Third Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the First Scrutiny (the scrutinies are intended to complete the conversion of the Elect) with our two Elect (as they are now called) and the "Handing on of the Creed". We, too, can examine our own lives and see the possibilities of change for the good and experience the meaning of our profession of faith.

A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: How can the life-giving water I received in baptism flow through me to quench the thirst of others in need?

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's Holy Name Consignment Auction is Saturday, March 14 at 9:00am. **Help is still needed in the evenings. All help welcome and appreciated. Any questions contact Mark 410-0774**

Auction Bake Sale - Please make/bake a treat for the sale. **Package your items for sale and bring them to cafeteria on March 13 or early March 14.** Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser.

St. Augustine Bingo - Sunday, March 22 Worker List #6 Luncheon begins at 11:30am & Bingo 2pm. Last names L-Z, please bring desserts. Raffle tickets available at church entrances. *Played under Illinois License # B-03577*

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.

Tickets are available at the door! See you there!

St. Augustine ATTENDANCE

Feb. 28 4:00pm.....195 March 1 8:00am.....125

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

General Collection: Loose: \$395.00 Envelopes: \$2,540.00(57)

Other Envelopes: Ash Wednesday \$85.00(5), Black & Indian Missions \$20.00(1), Bldg. Fund \$490.00(18), Education \$200.00(5), Sister Parish \$35.00(3)

E-Giving Week of February 19-25, 2026:

*General Collection: \$55.00(1) Building Fund: \$15.00(1)
Education Fund: \$0.00(-)*

St. Anthony News...

The family of Lucille Trame would like to express their appreciation for your kindness and support during this difficult time.

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.

The Bunco gift closet is running low on items again. Please consider donating an item to this cause. Some suggestions are: paper towels, laundry detergent, TP, Kleenex, knick-knacks, gift cards. Thank you so much. There is a donation box in the back of church.

St. Anthony's Parish Rummage & Bake Sale - Apr 30, May 1, & May 2. You can bring Rummage donations to the Parish Center from 9am to 5pm beginning Apr 13 through Apr 25 (except on Sunday Apr 19) or Until Full. Please NO Tube TV's, Exercise Equipment, Car seats, or Encyclopedias.

Vocations Prayer Box - sign up to pray for vocations for one month! We are asking individuals or families to pray for vocations each day for a month. The Vocations Prayer Box will be presented to that person/family the first Sunday of the month at the 9:30AM mass. **The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in back of church.**

St. Anthony ATTENDANCE

March 1 9:30am154

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

General Collection: Loose: \$233.00 Envelopes: \$1,071.00(24)

Other Envelopes: Black & Indian Missions \$20.00(1) Building \$510.00(8), Cemetery \$245.00(11), Easter Flowers \$125.00(9), Education \$20.00(1), Sister Parish \$20.00(1)

E-Giving Week of February 22, 2026:

General Collection: \$1820.00(14) Building Fund: \$100.00(1)

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

St. Dominic Chicken Dinner Sunday, March 8 from 11:00am-5:00pm at the Parish Center. Meals are \$15.00 each. Options are 3 Chicken Tenders & Sides or 4 Pieces of Chicken & Sides. Sides: Mashed Potatoes, Green beans, Slaw & Dessert.

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)

Vocation Corner:

Exploring the Priesthood?
Join a Discernment Group

O'Fallon Group

fatherjim@stclarechurch.org

Murphysboro Group

pastor@sasmboro.org

Germantown Group

frthomaslugge@gmail.com

Olney Group

levi.jamessiu@gmail.com

Reach out to your local group for more information

Please remember in your prayers:

All those serving in the military and everyone listed:

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| Carl & Jackie Aarns | Norb & Ruth Albers | Michael Berndsen |
| Veronica Blumenstein | Megan Brandmeyer | Sadie Bryan |
| Judith Deien | Julie (Schlueter) Detmer | Dave Deutsch |
| Mia Dieck | 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 6:45pm

Breese/Beckemeyer Youth Ministry:

Life Night Sunday, March 8 at 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!



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, **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 THIRD WEEK OF LENT
Daily Scripture and Reflections for Easter

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| 8 3rd Sunday of Lent We are invited to bring our thirst to God. <i>Exodus 17:3-7 Rom. 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42</i> | 9 St. Frances of Rome God calls everyone to open their hearts to him. <i>2 Kings 5:1-15 Luke 4:24-30</i> | 10 Lenten Weekday The God of mercy commands us to forgive. <i>Daniel 3:25, 34-43 Matthew 18:21-35</i> | 11 Lenten Weekday God's commandments are for all generations. <i>Deut. 4:1,5-9 Matthew 5:17-19</i> | 12 Lenten Weekday <i>If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.</i> <i>Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23</i> | 13 Lenten Weekday We must focus our love and attention on the Lord. <i>Hosea 14:2-10 Mark 12:28-34</i> | 14 Lenten Weekday <i>It is mercy I desire, and not sacrifice.</i> <i>Hosea 6:1-6 Luke 18:9-14</i> |