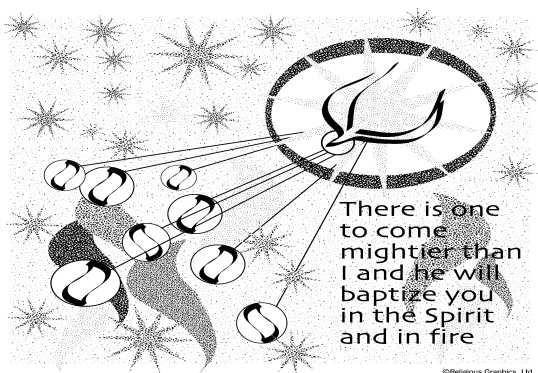


Families of Faith in a Community of Grace
Third Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024



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All Saints Academy 295 N. Clinton Breese
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School Website: www.materdeiknights.org (618)526-7216

Diocesan websites: www.diobelle.org
www.bellevillemessenger.org
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<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:
 Erin Etheridge (618)604-7640 Rhonda Pulver (248) 840-1857
 Paris Hempen (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.

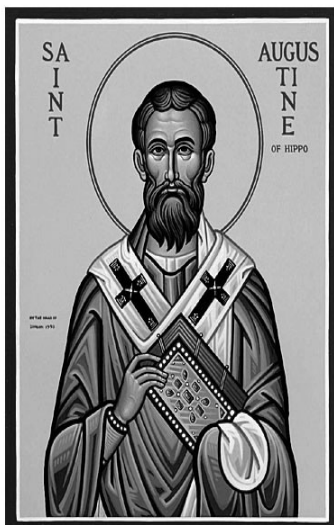
Parish Staff

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Business Manager: Karri Kampwerth St. Anthony

Office Hours

Breese: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
 Thursday 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Beckemeyer: Tuesday & Thursday 8:00am-12:00pm

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday at 10:00am



Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024
The Catholic Communities of

St. Augustine

12/14 Sat 4:00pm Kathy Book †
 12/15 Sun 8:00am Joe C. Maue †
 Living & Deceased of Paul Meier
 Family
 12/16 Mon No Services
 12/17 Tues Noon -1pm Adoration
 12/18 Wed 7:25am Rosary/Perpetual Help Devotions
 8:00am Pearl Richter †
 12/19 Thurs No Service
 12/20 Fri 8:00am A.S.A. All Schools Mass(St. Dominic)
 12/21 Sat 4:00pm Vic Jansen †, Anita Carag †,
 Living & Deceased of the Jack & Jane Vahlkamp Family
 12/22 Sun 8:00am Dan Huelsmann †, Sara Isaak †,
 Al Mourlam †

St. Anthony

12/14 Sat No Service
 12/15 Sun 9:30am Wilford & Mildred Kapp †
 Living & Deceased of the Herman & Mary Beth Deiters
 Family
 12/16 Mon 7:00pm Our Sister Parish in Guatemala
 12/17 Tues 7:30am Those in Need of Shelter
 12/18 Wed No Service
 12/19 Thurs 7:30am Families in Need
 12/20 Fri 8:00am A.S.A. All Schools Mass(St. Dominic)
 12/21 Sat No Service
 12/22 Sun 9:30am Dan Beckemeyer †,
 Dave Beckemeyer †,
 Bob Kauling †

Partnership Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24: 4:00pm St. Augustine, 4:30pm, St. Dominic, 6:00pm St. Anthony,
 10:30pm St. Dominic

Wednesday, December 25: 8:00am St. Augustine, 9:00am St. Dominic, 10:00am St. Anthony

ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Greeters	Lector	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Sun., Dec. 22 9:30am	Etheridge Family	Olivia Etheridge	Luke Etheridge, Mike Etheridge, Kenny & Lisa Johnson	Kauling Family

Extra-ordinary Ministers: Sunday, Dec. 22 at 9:30am Grace Etheridge, John Hilmes

Altar Servers: Sunday, Dec. 22 at 9:30am Alexis Hilmes, Winston Hilmes

Sacristans: Dec. 15-21 Annette Burkhardt Dec. 22-28 Audrey Davis

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Altar Servers	Lectors	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Sat., Dec. 21 4:00pm	Benette Deien Evan Deien	Aggie Becker	Kevin & Dara Hagen, Dennis Krebs, Jeff Schulte	Jansen Family
Sun., Dec. 22 8:00am	Collin Loepker Zack Loepker	Alex Wiegmann	Jerry Korte, John Rakers, Jamie Voss, Tony Voss	Isaak Family

Extra-ordinary Ministers: Sat., Dec. 21 at 4:00pm Eric & Alison Johnson

Sun., Dec. 22 at 8:00am Sr. Pam Falter, Alex Wiegmann

Sacristan: Dec. 15-21 Lynn Maue Dec. 15-21 Phyllis Berndsen

Extraordinary Minister to the Home Bound: Dec. 15 Mary Ann Rakers Dec. 22 Nancy Renschen

Upcoming Classes & Events:

-First Friday Benediction: Friday, January 3 at 7:00pm at St. Dominic.

-Padre Pio Mass: Saturday, Saturday, January 4. Rosary at 8:30am & Mass at 9:00am at St. Dominic.

***No adjustments can be made to the Mass Intentions schedule for the remainder of December. ***

Dear Friends,

We will hear it at least a few times over the next two weeks: "It's better to give than to receive." We recognize this when we see the expressions of joy in a child's face or tears of appreciation from a parent or spouse when they open a gift we've given them. Jesus himself said the same words to his disciples, though in a context more like the one we hear today with John the Baptist preaching to the crowds to share what they have with those who have less. As we prepare for the Lord's coming, let us share from the bounty the Lord has blessed us with and give to those in need. In our hearts, may we continually relearn the blessings of giving.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: We hear Paul say, "The Lord is near," in the second reading today and we can count so many ways this is so. We're just ten days away from Christmas, for one. In a little while we will receive the Lord in the Eucharist. The Lord is here when two or more gather in his name. The Lord is near to us always, by virtue of our baptism. Right now, the Lord is here in the form of God's word. Warmed by the Lord's presence, let us listen for his voice in the words of scripture.

STEWARDSHIP: John the Baptizer urged his listeners to be good stewards: "Let the man with two coats give to him who has none. The man with food should do the same. As followers of Jesus, we are called to a comprehensive view of stewardship -- a vision of a sharing, generous, accountable way of life rooted in discipleship. Stewardship means that we help advance the Church's mission with money, time, and personal resources of all kinds.

A REMINDER: "Gaudete" from the Latin which means "rejoice" – is the theme of the Third Sunday of Advent. We truly rejoice for the "time is near." Only less than a week and a half till Christmas!

A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: What will help remind me to try to see the Lord in those in need?

God bless,
Fr. Chuck

St. Augustine News...

Upcoming Meetings:

Reminder: No Bingo in December

Giving Wreath Update:

****Last Day to give your contribution is Sunday, December 22.****

It's not too late, you can still grab an envelope from the Giving Wreath. Your giving options for this holiday season are City of Breese, Coping 4 Life, Sister Thea Bowman Grade School. **Please make your checks payable to one of the three charities, place it in your envelope and deposit it in the wishing well.**

Vocations Spot light:

"I had many kinds of exotic pets as a kid and was always fascinated by the mysteries of nature. I was equally drawn to the ungraspable mystery of God. Though I grew up Catholic, I didn't know much about my faith or have deep prayer life. In college, I studied biological anthropology and encountered ideas that I thought were inconsistent with belief in God. Faith became doubt; I tried praying and going to Mass but the mystery of God I was once drawn to seemed an illusion. By God's providence, I found myself at Holy Thursday Mass a few months later. The moment I saw the priest washing the people's feet, I became overwhelmed with God's love for me. He spoke to my unbelieving heart, placing in it a call that enveloped my being with a new purpose: to join that priest in leading others to an encounter with God. I was ordained in 2019 and now use my pets to bring others.... to a greater appreciation of God's creation." **Fr. Carlos Orozco;** Diocese of Seattle; Columbia Magazine May 2024

St. Augustine ATTENDANCE

Dec. 7 4:00pm.....172 Dec. 8 8:00am.....134

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Dec. 7 Loose: \$278.00 Envelopes: \$1,630.00(37)

Dec. 8 Loose: \$132.00 Envelopes: \$ 575.00(20)

Other Envelopes: Building \$440.00(8), Cath. Camp. For Hum. Dev. \$100.00(1), Christmas \$560.00(3), Christmas Flowers \$372.00(16), Immaculate. Conception \$208.00(14), Education \$5.00(1), Needy \$55.00(2), Ret. for Relig. \$340.00(13), Sol. Of Mary \$5.00(1), Sr. Parish \$60.00(3)

St. Anthony News...

Upcoming Meetings:

Thank you to all of the men that helped set-up for & serve at the Ladies Sodality Christmas Party

Thank you to all of those that sold tickets for the quilt raffle.



The choir is learning songs for next year and Christmas. If anyone would like to join the choir, and we would love to have you, please contact any choir member.

As the weather grows colder, the Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869 is organizing a drive to help those in need. We kindly ask for donations of new or gently used hats, gloves, and scarves. Please drop off your contributions in the red collection box at any of our partnership parishes.

Pro-Life Corner

ASSISTED SUICIDE SENDS A MESSAGE TO PEOPLE THAT THEY ARE BURDENSOME

In Oregon, where assisted suicide has been legal for years, data shows people request suicide drugs not for pain but because they cannot do the same activities that they could before, such as control bodily functions. They feel they've lost dignity or that they are a burden. Assisted suicide can also promote the view that elderly relatives are not persons to be loved but burdens to be managed. Suicide drugs are not the answer. Everyone deserves loving, supportive care, affirmation of their dignity, and to know that they are never a burden. **Tell your state legislators to Vote NO on SB 3499 - assisted suicide.** Visit www.ilcatholic.org for additional information and resources

St. Anthony ATTENDANCE

Dec. 8 9:30am.....128

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Dec. 8 Loose: \$91.00 Envelopes: \$1,209.00(29)

Other Envelopes: Building \$105.00(4), Cath. Camp. Hum. Dev. \$10.00(2), Cemetery \$500.00(3), Christmas Flowers \$313.00(16), Education \$5.00(1), Immaculate Conception \$390.00(19), Ret. for Relig. \$176.00(11), Sr. Parish \$100.00(1)

Meals & Events:

Breese Knights of Columbus Breese Council is having a 5th Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, December 29th at the KC Hall. Breakfast is being served from 8:00am - 11:00am. Santa & Mrs. Claus will be there from 9:00am-11:00am. Please see the flier on the bulletin board for pricing & more information.

Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights Volunteer: Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights, greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows from now – 12/31 This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours. If interested, please email to prorams@snows.org, call 618-394-6281 or go to our website at: www.snows.org

The Next Healing Mass in our Diocese will be Tuesday, January 21st. Watch future bulletins for the location as it is yet to be determined.

Youth Ministry News:

*Christmas Caroling at Cedarhurst. Meet at Cedarhurst at 2:00pm & Bowling at V&H immediately after. Please message on Groupme for more information.

*Next Life Night Meeting - Sunday, January 12

Youth Faith Formation News:

3rd - 8th Advent Reconciliation Service: Wed., Dec. 18 at 6:30pm
Please Join your student at the Reconciliation Service.

*Reminder:

Wednesday, December 18 is the last day of class until January 8

Knightly News Breese K of C Council # 2869



Breese K of C #2869 Meeting:

Thursday, January 9 Meeting at 7:30pm

Taco Tuesdays: 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: 12/29/2024, 03/30/2025, 06/29/2025 at 8-11am

K of C Fourth Degree Meeting: Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30pm at St. Barbara, Okawville.

Have you ever thought about joining the Knights of Columbus?
See Fr. Chuck for more information on how to join!

Please remember in your prayers:

All those serving in the military and everyone listed:

Carl & Jackie Aarns	Edwin Albers	Norb & Ruth Albers
Dolores Benhoff	Veronica Blumenstein	Sadie Bryan
Dave Deutsch	Christie Dust	Betty Erlinger
Roger Foppe	Carol Fritch	Jupe Gonzalez
JoAnn Gray	Carol Gwinn	Gerri Haar
Mary Haar	Mike Haar	Joe & Pat Hagen
Jim Haukup	Mary Heimann	Richard Hellige
Carlos Hill	Rich Holtgrave	Gertrude Holthaus
Greg Jansen	Tony Jansen	Kevin Korte
Rose Kuhl	Evie Lammers	Gabrielle Ludwig
Theresa Luitjohan	Joann Maue	Dana Beckmann-Marks
Mary Ann Maue	Carol Meier	Doris Mueller
Fr. Jim Nall	Mark Niemeyer	Rachel Peters
Florence Pingsterhaus	Kathy Pingsterhaus	Ken Porter
Jerome Ratermann	Joanie Rolfingsmeier	Pat Rollins
Fr. Ed Schaefer	Julie (Schlueter) Detmer	Marcel Thole
Clete Timmermann	Loretta Trame	Lucille Trame
Dottie Wellinghoff	Agnes White	Special Intentions
Mel	Special Intention	

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

Vicariate Events: Remaining local Advent Reconciliation

Services are: Sunday, December 15 - 2:00pm St. Boniface, Germantown, & 6:00pm St. Francis, Aviston & Thursday, December 19 6:00pm at St. Mary, Carlyle. A complete list is available on the bulletin board.

Diocesan Events:

The Catholic Diocese of Belleville will sponsor the annual Diocesan Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, at 11:30 a.m. in the Monsignor Bernard Voss Parish Center of St. Henry Parish, 5303 West Main Street, Belleville. Meals can also be delivered in Belleville to those who are disabled/homebound (three meals maximum for delivery). If you or someone you know live alone and would like to attend the dinner or need a meal delivered, please call 618-722-5024 no later than December 16, 2024.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Pope Francis will open the Jubilee Year 2025 by opening the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve. Join Bishop Michael McGovern in opening the celebration of the Jubilee Year in our diocese at the 10:30am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter (200 W. Harrison, Belleville) on Sunday December 29. Our theme for the Jubilee Year is Pilgrims of Hope. For more information visit www.diobelle.org.

2024 THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT
Daily Scripture and Reflections in Preparation for Christmas

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 3rd Sunday of Advent The Lord rejoices over us. <i>Zeph. 3:14-18a Philippians. 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18</i>	16 Advent Weekday Jesus is God, and therefore has authority over all. <i>Num. 24:2-7, 15-17a Matthew 21:23-27</i>	17 Advent Weekday Let us rejoice in God's plan of salvation. <i>Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Matthew 1:1-17</i>	18 Advent Weekday <i>They shall name him Emmanuel.</i> <i>Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matthew 1:18-25</i>	19 Advent Weekday Trust God to hear our prayers and bless us. <i>Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a Luke 1:5-25</i>	20 Advent Weekday May we be willing to always accept God's will for us. <i>Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 7: 26-38</i>	21 St. Peter Canisius Blessed the one who trusts in the word of the Lord. <i>Zeph. 3:14-18a Luke 1:39-45</i>