

Families of Faith in a Community of Grace

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

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Sexual Abuse Hotline 1-800-640-3044

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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
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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.**

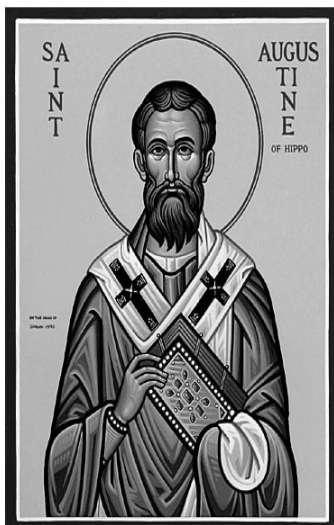
Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:30 pm at St. Augustine Church or by appointment. Seasonal penance services offered during Advent & Lent with dates to be announced.

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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Office Hours

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday at 10:00am



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The Catholic Communities of

St. Augustine

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 †
 12/23 Mon No Services
 12/24 Tues **** No Adoration ****
 4:00pm Vigil for Christmas
 12/25 Wed 8:00am Christmas
 12/26 Thurs No Service
 12/27 Fri No Service
 12/28 Sat 4:00pm St. Augustine Parish Family
 12/29 Sun 8:00am Rachel Siefker †

St. Anthony

12/21 Sat No Service
 12/22 Sun 9:30am Dan Beckemeyer †,
 Dave Beckemeyer †,
 Bob Kauling †
 12/23 Mon No Service
 12/24 Tues 6:00pm Vigil for Christmas
 12/25 Wed 10:00am Christmas
 12/26 Thurs No Service
 12/27 Fri No Service
 12/28 Sat No Service
 12/29 Sun 9:30am St. Anthony's Parish Family

AVE, MARIA | Hail, Mary
 gratia plena | full of grace
 Dominus tecum | the Lord is with thee

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Many years ago, I made a retreat during Advent. The Jesuit priest leading the retreat offered a reflection on the Blessed Virgin Mary. The priest noted that the Blessed Mother has been given many titles by the Church: Gate of Heaven, Queen of Angels, Mother of the Church and many more.

Yet the priest felt another title should be given to the Virgin Mary: Perfect Welcome. The priest noted that throughout her life, Mary is Perfect Welcome: welcoming God, welcoming her Son Jesus, welcoming the shepherds and Magi, welcoming Jesus' disciples and welcoming us.

The priest then asked the people on retreat to reflect on our own lives: Did we experience Mary's welcome? Expanding the question, he asked if we had felt welcomed into our families, schools and teams.

Finally, he asked us to consider the welcome we offered other people in our lives. Did we feel that we offered other people a welcome similar to Mary's welcome?

At Christmas, I thank Mary for her Perfect Welcome and then ask that she help us as a Church and society to offer a more perfect welcome to the people in our world. Here I am thinking of children waiting to be born, the sick, the home bound, the poor and the vulnerable. Can we offer a better welcome to them in our lives?

When we reflect on the Lord's birth, we come to a renewed sense of wonder at the gift of human life. Moved by the love and humility of the Christ child, we realize that when we welcome the people around us, it is Christ we welcome.

Sadly in our culture there are movements in our state legislature to legalize so-called "physician assisted suicide." As a culture, are we sending a signal to people whose illness is believed terminal that they are not welcome in our society? Consider also the situation of migrants in our world; an incredible number of people across the globe are leaving their homes to have a chance for a better life in a different place. What can we do as Catholic people to respond to the plight of migrants?

This Christmas, please join me in reflecting on the Virgin Mary as Perfect Welcome. May she inspire us to welcome others with greater love in our hearts. May the Virgin Mary assist us by her prayers and place us close to Jesus her Son.

A Blessed Christmas!
 Bishop Michael McGovern

Dear Friends,

Christmas is so close now that we can nearly taste it! Children can hardly contain their excitement while adults panic about all they still need to do. But for now, let us consider Mary and Joseph, just days before she would give birth, struggling to make their way up an unfamiliar and dangerous road, hoping to make it to a warm, comfortable place to stay in the city of David. As we well know, nice warm places were no longer available, but it all worked out, even if not exactly as they had hoped. May we keep that in mind during these final days of preparing our hearts and our homes for Jesus' birth.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: Drawing closer to Christmas, we sing, "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." Micah turned to Bethlehem and saw the face of the Messiah. Elizabeth saw and heard her pregnant cousin and recognized the face of the Lord. Even John the Baptist in his mother's womb turned to Mary's voice and leaped for joy. May we see the face of God in God's word, in the spirit of the season, and in the people we know and love.

STEWARDSHIP: Mary, by her example, most perfectly teaches the meaning of discipleship and stewardship in their fullest sense. All of their essential elements are found in her life: she was called and gifted by God; she responded generously, creatively and prudently; she understood her divinely assigned role as "handmaid" in terms of service and fidelity.

A REMINDER: Christmas is Wednesday, please see the Partnership Mass schedule (elsewhere in the bulletin), May are hearts be warm and welcoming for Christ to dwell there in.

A QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: What do I need to do in order to discern Jesus' presence in someone I've just met? in a friend? in someone I disagree with?

God bless,
Fr. Chuck

St. Augustine News...

Upcoming Meetings:

St. Augustine Bingo - Sunday, January 19th. Worker List #4 Luncheon begins at 11:30am & Bingo 2pm. Last names L-Z please bring desserts. Raffle tickets available at church entrances. New worker Lists are in the mail.

Giving Wreath Update:

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

A very special thank you to Fr. Chuck and all those who helped or donated to Dorothy Johnson's celebration of Life.

The Dorothy Johnson Family



Merry Christmas!

Fr. Chuck & Staff

St. Anthony News...

Upcoming Meetings:

Sunday, December 22 at 12:30 Please join us to decorate the church for Christmas. Everyone is welcome! There be a social immediately following, so please bring your drinks & favorite snack, appetizer or dessert.

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

Choir will be singing Christmas Carols starting a half hour before Mass on Christmas Eve.

Today, Sunday December 22 is the absolute last day to drop off your gifts for the Jesse Tree. Gifts are getting delivered to the organization after Mass!

If you're 18 or older, have you registered as an adult? Please call the church office for more information or grab a registration form off of the bulletin board in the back of church. You can drop it off at the church office or place it in the collection basket.

Has any of your contact information or address changed recently?

Please be sure to update your information with the church office. You can either get an information update form at the back of church or email the church at augustine306@att.net or stanthny@papadocs.com

Vocations Spot light: Today's Gospel details the 2nd Joyful Mystery of the Rosary - the Visitation. Mary has accepted HER call to be the Mother of God. And even though pregnant, she travels to visit Elizabeth who is the mother of John the Baptist. Elizabeth tells her "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Have you asked yourself if you are fulfilling what the Lord has spoken to you? Are you being called to something special? Is that a call to the priesthood or religious life?

Pro-Life Corner

Lord Jesus Christ, you chose to share our human nature and redeem all people. We ask for help for our brothers and sisters who are ill. Support them with your power and shelter them from sadness. Keep them firm in faith and serene in hope. Also help those who assist the sick and care for them in their time of illness. Inspire our society to resist the temptation of assisted suicide for the elderly, the sick, the vulnerable and all your people. May life's beauty and sanctity be respected among all our brothers and sisters. All this we ask in your holy name. Amen.

<https://www.ilcatholic.org/stop-assisted-suicide/>

St. Augustine ATTENDANCE

Dec. 14 4:00pm.....139 Dec. 15 8:00am.....156

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Dec. 14 Loose: \$283.00 Envelopes: \$2,060.00(35)

Dec. 15 Loose: \$112.00 Envelopes: \$ 330.00(12)

Other Envelopes: Building \$350.00(8), Christmas \$230.00(3), Christmas Flowers \$105.00(5), Immaculate Conception \$30.00(2), Education \$1,330.00(4), Ret. for Relig. \$80.00(3), Sol. Of Mary \$20.00(1), Sr. Parish \$248.00(3)

St. Anthony ATTENDANCE

Dec. 15 9:30am.....122

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Dec. 15 Loose: \$103.00 Envelopes: \$1,234.00(29)

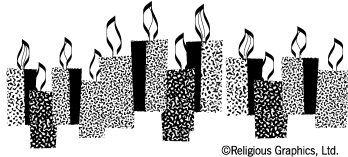
Other Envelopes: Building \$365.00(4), Cath. Camp. Hum. Dev. \$5.00(1), Education \$60.00(5), Immaculate Conception \$30.00(4), Ret. for Relig. \$50.00(4), Sr. Parish \$137.00(10)

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.

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.

The **Aviston Sons of American Legion** 2024 Black Tie and Talent Show will be on Sat. Jan. 11th 2025 @ 5:00 pm at the Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston IL. This formal event is a talent and glamour contest where we give away over \$8000 in scholarships to (8) college bound contestants. We are selling tickets for the event at \$50.00 each.



Youth Ministry News:

*Next "Life Night" Meeting - Sunday, January 12

Youth Faith Formation News:

Next Class: Wednesday, January 8



Knightly News Breese K of C Council# 2869

Breese K of C #2869 Meeting:

Thursday, January 9 Meeting at 7:30pm

No Taco Tuesday, Wing Thursday or Chicken Fry Fridays for the week of 12/22

No Taco Tuesday or Wing Thursday for the week of 12/29

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, January 21 at 7:30pm at St. Mary's Parish Center in Trenton

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 Rolfsmeier	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:

Fr. Thomas Lugge is hosting a young adults' event at the Bartelso Bowling Lanes on January 9th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. It's open to ages 21-39, more or less. He is open to discussing different religious topics and/or fielding questions, including, but not limited to: Scripture, Church, Sacraments, Faith, The Mass, etc. The first night will probably be a discussion of Mary and the Saints, and open it up for questions after that. Those attending will help decide the next topic.

Diocesan Events:

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.

For the Jubilee of Hope Vatican Website [https://](https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html)

www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html

USCCB Website: <https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>

Full text of the Papal Bull: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla_giubileo2025.html

2024 FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT / OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Daily Scripture and Reflections for Christmastide

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 4th Sunday of Advent God's ways are different from ours. <i>Micah 5:1-4a Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45</i>	23 St. John of Kanty Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. <i>Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 Luke 1:57-66</i>	24 Advent Weekday God promises peace, mercy and salvation. <i>2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Luke 1:67-79</i>	25 CHRISTMAS Jesus is God's final revelation to us. <i>Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18</i>	26 St. Stephen Proto-Martyr <i>Whoever endures to the end will be saved.</i> <i>Acts 6:8-10 7:54-59 Matthew 10:17-22</i>	27 St. John Apostle We are also Jesus' beloved. <i>1 John 1:1-4 John 20:1a, 2-8</i>	28 Holy Innocents It is always the innocent who suffer the most. <i>1 John 1:5-2:2 Matthew 2:13-18</i>

Ministry Schedule for St. Anthony & St. Augustine for the Week of Christmas

ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Greeters	Lector	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Tues., Dec. 24 6:00pm	Bev Carter Karri Kampwerth	Erin Etheridge	Brian & Sara Kampwerth, Tony & Kathy Pingsterhaus	Ushers
Wed., Dec. 25 10:00am	Myra Brown Diane Winkeler	Carolyn Davenport	John Hilmes, Steve Hilmes, Gary Winkeler, Doc Kapp	Ushers
Sun., Dec. 29 9:30am	Carolyn Davenport Jan Gonzalez	Reagan Porter	Andrew Burkhardt, Rich Davenport, Ben Gonzalez, Tom Mensing	Ushers

Extra-ordinary Ministers: **Tues., Dec. 24 at 6:00pm** Olivia Etheridge, Lisa Johnson, Linda Mensing, Drew Pollmann
Wed., Dec. 25 at 10:00am Karen Beckemeyer, Dan & Karen Becker, Geri Pollmann
Sun., Dec. 29 at 9:30am Steve & Carol Hilmes

Altar Servers: **Tues., Dec. 24 at 6:00pm** Gwyneth Etheridge, Max Pulver
Wed., Dec. 25 at 10:00am Marshal Timmermann, Sabrina Timmermann
Sun., Dec. 29 at 9:30am Caden Holtgrave, Savanna Hopkins

Sacristans: **Dec. 22-28** Audrey Davis **Dec. 29-Jan.4** Bev Carter

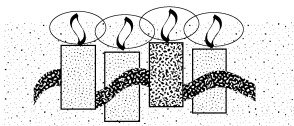
ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry:	Altar Servers	Lectors	Ushers	Gift Bearers
Tues., Dec. 24 4:00pm	Benette Deien Evan Deien Braden Wobbe	Aggie Becker Daniel Becker	Kevin & Dara Hagen, Dennis Krebs, Jeff Schulte	Deien Family
Wed., Dec. 25 8:00am	Jake Buller	Lynn Maue	Jerry Korte, John Rakers, Jamie Voss, Tony Voss	Rauen Family
Sat., Dec. 28 4:00pm	Zander Rutz	Rose Huelskamp	Kevin & Dara Hagen, Dennis Krebs, Jeff Schulte	Rutz Family
Sun., Dec. 29 8:00am	Jackson Langhauser Leo Langhauser	Jay Schneider	Jerry Korte, John Rakers, Jamie Voss, Tony Voss	Siefker Family

Extra-ordinary Ministers: **Tues., Dec. 24 at 4:00pm** Amy Boeckman, Julie Boeckman, Eric & Alison Johnson
Wed., Dec. 25 at 8:00am LynnMaue, Rachell Maue, Mary Ann Rakers, To be Announced
Sat., Dec. 28 at 4:00pm Karen Huelskamp, Ralph Kuhl
Sun., Dec. 29 at 8:00am Ahren & Lauren Langhauser,

Sacristan: **Dec. 22-28** Phyllis Berndsen **Dec. 29-Jan.4** Katie Siefker

Extraordinary Minister to the Home Bound: **Dec. 22** Nancy Renschen **Dec. 29** Emily Timmermann



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