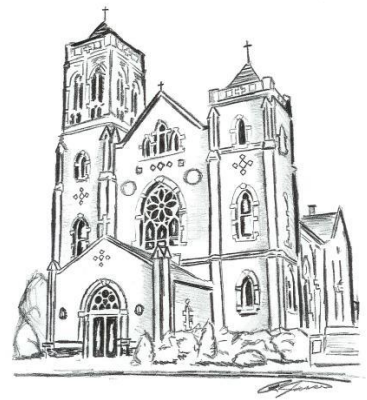




Mary, Mother of God
January 1st, 2017



St. Damian Parish

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Monday (8 am to 5 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian;

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

(9 am to 4 pm) @ CLC, New Baden;

Friday (8 am to 1 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND

NO am Mass @ St. Damian

NO Prayer Service w/Communion

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD

NO am Mass @ St. Bernard

7:45 am Prayer Service w/Communion
For All Students & Teachers

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4TH

NO am Mass @ St. Damian

7:45 am Prayer Service w/Communion
For All the Sick

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5^H

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Cancer Victims

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH

(Fr. Richard Tillman – Unbound)

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

Herb Middendorff

Mark & Randy Toennies

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH

(Fr. Richard Tillman – Unbound)

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

(Fr. Richard Tillman – Unbound)

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

Marie Dulle

Irene Stricker

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The sacred scriptures we hear proclaimed today continue our celebration of the Christmas Season. We still have shepherds, Mary, Joseph and Jesus at the manger in Bethlehem. The 1st Reading recounts a very beautiful blessing from our ancient tradition, and Saint Paul proclaims that we are adopted children of God through Jesus Christ. **Let us ponder these readings, reflecting on them in our heart.**

"May God bless us in His mercy."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, January 1st, 2017

New Year's Day Mass Schedule

8:30 am @ St. Damian

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

Mass in Spanish 11:00 am @ St. Damian

Children's Liturgy of the Word 8:30 am @ St. Damian

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word &

NO Pre-School Sunday School Classes @ St. Bernard

Monday, January 2nd

NO Mass or Prayer Service @ St. Damian Church

Tuesday, January 3rd

NO am Mass @ St. Bernard Church

Prayer Service w/Communion 7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Wednesday, January 4th

NO am Mass @ St. Damian Church

Prayer Service w/Communion 7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, January 5th

Mass 7:45 am @ St. Bernard Church

Knights of Columbus Major Degree

6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center

Friday, January 6th

Communion to Homebound

Hispanic Rosary 6:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Saturday, January 7th

Unbound Presentation w/Fr. Richard Tillman

Sunday, January 8th

Children's Liturgy of the Word &

Unbound Presentation w/Fr. Richard Tillman

8:30 am @ St. Damian

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

GENERAL CONCERNS:

UNBOUND PRESENTATION: Next

weekend, Jan. 7th/8th, please welcome *Rev.*

Richard Tillman who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 20 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.

DONATIONS: *ALL Church Donations* you wish to have posted in the year of 2016 must be received by **Sunday, Jan 8th**. Donations made after **Jan. 8th** will be posted in the year 2017. *Thank you for your cooperation!*

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS REMOVED:

St. Bernard – Monday, Jan. 9th at 6:00 pm

St. Damian – Saturday, Jan. 14th at 8:00 am

JOINT PARISH COUNCILS DINNER will be held on **Sunday, Jan 22nd** with Social at 6:30 pm and Dinner at 7:00 pm @ Albers American Legion. Please reply to the email that was sent stating if you plan to attend!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

- ✓ *Major Degree Meeting* on **Thursday, Jan 5th** starting at 6:30 pm @ St Bernard Parish Center.
- ✓ *December Raffle Winners:*
 - \$400 - Hunter Weigmann
 - \$50 - Art Housman
 - \$50 - Sharon Kalmer

THANK YOU...

- to **ALL** who sent gifts, cards, and greetings during this special time of year when we celebrate the birth of our Savior. God's blessings on you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!!
-- Fr. Anthony Onyango, Deacon Glenn Netemeyer & Jeanne Langenhorst
- to **St. Damian & St. Bernard Parishioners:** Please accept my appreciation for the warm welcome you have given me as I moved into Damiansville and taken up the responsibilities of Hispanic Minister. I will be doing outreach to the Hispanics but I want also to help them to build bridges with the people of Clinton County. If I can be of help to you, please don't hesitate to ask. Gratefully.
-- Sr. Ellen

Wishing you and your families a Blessed New Year!!

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:

St. Bernard & St. Damian Parishes are looking for volunteers who would be interested in being trained to conduct **Prayer Services w/Communion** in the absence of both the priest & the deacon. The diocese provides a brief training and has a booklet that outlines/explains how to conduct a Prayer Service w/Communion. Please contact Deacon Glenn at 248-5134 if you are interested in reviewing the booklet to see if this is a parish ministry you would be interested in learning more about.

DIRECT PAYMENT BY ACH:

Direct Payment by ACH is the transfer of funds from an individual's account for the purpose of making a contribution to St. Bernard and recently to St. Damian Parish. Forms have been email to St. Damian Parishioners. If you are interested in having your contributions done electronically, please fill out the form (also located on the website under St. Bernard & St. Damian) with all the required information, sign, date and return to the parish office along with a voided check. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne at 618-979-5933.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 24th/25th, 2016

Envelopes: \$695.00 + Christmas: \$11,560.00
+ Loose: \$483.00 = \$12,738.00
Budget for week: \$2,831.73
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$72,867.55
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$73,624.98
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$757.43)**
Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$147,250.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$58,000.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, Cemetery & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

HELP WANTED:

St. Damian Parish is seeking a responsible individual to **clean the parish house** once or twice a month (4-8 hours per month). Hourly rate to be determined. List of duties is being developed. Interested individuals can contact Geri Varel at 248-5223.

LADIES SODALITY QUILT COMMITTEE:

- ✓ **Wurstmarkt & Bi-Monthly Quilt Raffle Tickets** are available for pick up in the main entrance of church. The tickets are combined in one envelope for each family. Please pick up an envelope.
 - ✓ **Quilt/Cash Sign-Up Sheet** for the picnic will be posted in both entrances of the church after the first of the year. Please mark if you intend to donate cash or a quilt for the picnic.
- Thank you.**

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 7th, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Brian Rogers, Mech Toennies, Elaine Williamson
Reader — Mary Innes
Ushers — Jerry Innes, Alfred Toennies
Servers — Aidan Toennies, Abby Harpstrite, Heather Toennies
Organist — Geri Varel

Sunday, January 8th, 2017 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Julie Langenhorst, Laura Dulle, **Ruth Jansen**
Reader — Rosann Horstmann
Ushers — Norm Horstmann, Pete Toennies
Servers — Kaylee Korte, Collin Jansen, Caleb Gonsalves
Organist — Geri Veral
Collection Counters — Pete Toennies, Kathy Gonsalves, Sandy Kramer
Children's Liturgy — Denise & Savanna Luitjohan

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 24th/25th, 2016

Envelopes: \$85.00 + Christmas: \$8,835.00
+ Loose: \$253.00 = \$9,173.00
Budget for week: \$2,964.43
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$76,552.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$77,075.18
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$523.18)**
Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$154,150.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$32,000.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies Sodality, Capital Fund, Cemetery & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!



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ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 8th, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — *Roman Kloeckner*, Lee & Dan Love, Cole Schomaker

Reader — Lynne Huelsmann

Ushers — Tim & Elizabeth Schroeder, Ken & Dana Lake

Servers — Matthew Schroeder, Lydia Engelmann, Mitchell Broeckling

Collection Counters – Tim Schroeder, Dana Lake, Phyllis Albers

Children's Liturgy – Janel & Brooke Zurliene

Sunday School Helpers – Erin Schiefer, Kaitlyn Toennies

MATER DEI SENIOR SERVICE PROJECT:

As a part of MD Senior Service Project, **Emma Breiner** (St. Damian) and **Rachel Zurliene** (St. Bernard) will travel to Louisiana on **January 3-18, 2017** to assist in disaster relief efforts from the recent flood. The young ladies and chaperones (Brian Zurliene and Lori Breiner) will be guided by the United Saints Recovery Project. **Collection Boxes** are available at the entrance of both churches to help offset the costs associated with the trip. Your generosity and prayers in supporting this effort would be greatly appreciated as they volunteer for a worthy cause. The girls will travel hours from their families to support those impacted by this disaster.

MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION:

- † **Parent Information Night:** Parents of current 8th grade students are invited to attend our Parent Information Night on **Thursday, January 5th** from 7:00-9:00 pm, during which they will receive valuable information regarding the unique opportunities offered at Mater Dei. In addition to a general presentation by the administration, department chairs will present specific information related to their academic discipline. Parents who are unable to attend may contact Director of Enrollment Mrs. Maria Zurliene (618-526-7216 or mzurliene@materdeiknights.org) to request an informational folder.
- † **Still Need to Purchase a 2017 Mater Dei Calendar?** The 2017 Mater Dei Calendar Drive is still underway! For only \$25, buyers have 391 chances to win cash – \$30 daily, \$100 and \$500 monthly, and \$1,000 and \$2,000 on December 31st. Now entering its 32nd year, the Calendar Drive serves as the cornerstone of Mater Dei's fundraising. To purchase a calendar, please contact a Mater Dei family or Fr. Chuck Tuttle, Director of Advancement (526-7216).



COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Veterans Tribute New Year's Day Poker Run: The American Legions of Albers, Beckemeyer, Breese, Germantown, and New Baden are hosting a **New Year's Day Poker Run** with the proceeds benefiting the **Veterans Tribute** located at Kaskaskia College. Participants can sign up at any of the above Legion locations starting at **11:00 am on New Year's Day 2017**, you must register at all five Legions, and arrive at Germantown Legion **no later than 5:00 pm**. This is **OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES** and best hands will receive cash and other prizes. All qualifying participants will be eligible for great attendance prizes that will be drawn at the end of the Poker Run (Germantown Legion). This event not only supports the Veterans Tribute at Kaskaskia College it is also a great way to support local Legion's in the county. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact one of the participating Legions for more information.

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC): Next TEC weekend is scheduled for **January 14-16, 2017** at St. Mary's in Mt. Carmel, IL. TEC is a three day experience in Christian Living. It is designed for high school Juniors through adults who are searching for goals, for acceptance, for meaning, for community, for values, for God. Cost for the weekend is \$60. For an application, visit www.bellevilletec.org.

March for Life 2017: The **44th Annual National March for Life** is **January 26-28, 2017**. Join us and thousands of others from across the nation for this huge pro-life gathering in the nation's capital. Have questions or need more info? Want to sponsor someone to go on the trip? Contact Doug Lugge by phone **618-476- 9505** or email jdlugge@gmail.com. Registration forms and info are also on the Diocese of Belleville Respect Life's website at www.RespectLife.catholicweb.com.