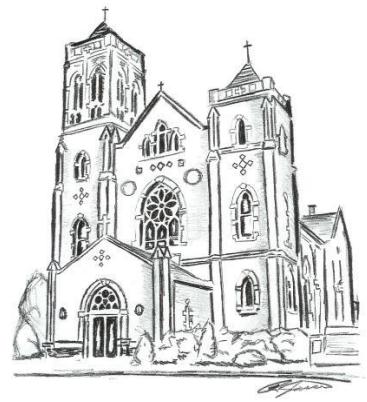




*The Epiphany
of the Lord
January 3rd, 2016*



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

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, JANUARY 4TH

7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian

Dan & Rose Mueth

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5TH

7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard

August Rademacher & Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6TH

NO Mass Scheduled

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7TH

7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Cyril, Dorothy & Marvin Foppe

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8TH

7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

Vince & Marcella Ortmann

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Cletus & Donald Fuehne

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Clarence & Rita Netemeyer

Gerald J. Schubert

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Epiphany is an ancient, global celebration of Christ among us. The readings proclaimed today reveals that God intends for the Good News of salvation to be shared by everyone not just a privileged few. Jesus came to the whole world to people who saw, heard and understood. We are to understand that the journey of the magi is one that we all can undertake. The signs are there, in the heavens and in God's word. **Let us all pack our bags and seek the Lord wherever the journey takes us.**

"Lord, every nation on earth will adore You."

GENERAL CONCERNS:

DONATIONS: *ALL Church Donations* you wish to have posted in the year of 2015 must be received by **Sunday, Jan 3rd**. Donations made after **TODAY** will be posted in the year 2016.

Thank you for your cooperation!

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS REMOVED:

St. Bernard – Thursday, Jan. 7th at 6:00 pm

St. Damian – Saturday, Jan. 9th at 8:00 am

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL DINNER will be held on **Friday, Jan 15th** with Cocktails/Social at 6 pm and Dinner at 7 pm @ Albers Jaycee Hall. Hope to see all Parish Council Members at the dinner!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

All statements will be available for pick up the weekends of **Jan. 23rd/24th & Jan. 30th/31st**.

Please pick up your statements in the main entrance of church.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC)

TEC Weekend: Belleville Diocesan 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. The next TEC weekend is **January 16-18, 2016** at Immaculate Conception in Columbia, IL. For an application, visit www.bellevilletec.org

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, January 3rd

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

Hispanic Committee Meeting

12:30 pm @ St. Damian House

Catholic Youth Ministry Meeting/Recreation

6:00-9:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym

Monday, January 4th

School Resumes

Tuesday, January 5th

English as Second Language (ESL) Classes

5:30-8:30 pm @ St. Damian Mtg. Room

Knights of Columbus Major Degree 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 6th

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

7:00 pm @ St. George Community Life Center

Thursday, January 7th

Remove Christmas Decorations

6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Friday, January 8th

Communion to the Homebound

Saturday, January 9th

Remove Christmas Decorations

8:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Sunday, January 10th

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

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Thank You

- **Sincere thank you** to everyone who helped us with our *Group-Family Confirmation Project* by donating shoes for Logan. Thanks to your generosity, we collected over **850 pairs of shoes**, and Logan is that much closer to getting his service dog. We could not have done this without all of you. **Thanks again, and God bless all of you.**
-- Schrage, Kalmer, and Jansen Families
- **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. Jack Joyce, Deacon Glenn Netemeyer & Jeanne Langenhorst
- **Thank you** to everyone who made a donation towards the *Christmas flowers*. A list of donors is posted on the bulletin boards of both churches.
- **Thank you St. Bernard & St. Damian Parishes** for your generous donation of \$304.00 which was applied to our Christmas Toy Program.
-- Deb Kohnen, Clinton County BCMW

"BOOKS-ON-THE-BUS" PROGRAM

Please donate **Books** for the *St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Mobile Soup Kitchen of East St. Louis*. Children's books of all ages and reading levels (New or Gently Used) are needed! Books will be accepted at *Albers Elementary School* or *St. Bernard Church* through **Thursday, January 7th**. Books are given to children using the Mobile Soup Kitchen Bus. As they leave the bus, the children are invited to take a book to enjoy and discover the joy of reading! Approximately 75% of those served by the Mobile Soup Kitchen are children. This vital ministry seeks to nurture the spirit as well as the body.

Website: [*Mobile Kitchen Bus / The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Illinois Council*](#)

St. Bernard 4th-8th Grade Faith Formation Students and Families will be delivering the books to St. Vincent de Paul Ministry in East St. Louis in January! **Thank you for your generosity!**

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 24th – 27th, 2015

Envelopes: \$ 1,862.00 + Christmas: \$9,440.00

+ Loose: \$429.25 + Mass in Spanish: \$105.00 =

\$11,836.25

Budget for week: \$2,755.77

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$71,692.49

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$71,650.02

Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$42.47

Fiscal year (7/15-6/16) budget: \$143,300.00

(**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.)

End of Month Totals:

Bldg/Maint Fund: \$351.00 **Total: \$11,352.62**

Sister Parish: \$165.00

Retirement for Religious: \$382.00

Diocesan Christmas Needy Collection: \$517.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 9th, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Virgil & Marilyn Jansen,
Alison Kalmer

Reader — Anita Rakers

Ushers — Delmar Santel, Marvin Rakers

Servers — Adam, Anna, & Kevin Heimann

Organist — Jan Hitch

Sunday, January 10th, 2016 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Sharon Kalmer, Gary
Fuehne, *Amanda Fuehne*

Reader — Denise Luitjohan

Ushers — Brad & Kristy Richter

Servers — Savanna Luitjohan, Jimmy Fuehne, Ben
Kassen

Organist — Jan Hitch

Collection Counters — Jan Hitch, Kristy Richter,
Dave Kassen

Children's Liturgy — Shannon & Crystal Fuehne

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 24th – 27th, 2015

Envelopes: \$4,350.00 + Christmas: \$9,030.00

+ Loose: \$400.00 = \$13,780.00

Budget for week: \$2,916.25

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$76,664.54

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$75,822.50

Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$842.04

Fiscal year (7/15-6/16) budget: \$151,645.00

(**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.)

End of Month Totals:

Sister Parish: \$776.00

Retirement for Religious: \$455.00

Diocesan Christmas Needy Collection: 462.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

Automatic Door Opener:

The Knights of Columbus wishes to install an *Automatic Door Opener* at the handicap entrance @ St. Bernard Church. If anyone would like to contribute to this much needed improvement to the church, please contact Luke Niemeyer (973-2601) or Steve Schomaker (973-8860).

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 10th, 2016 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — *Dave Broeckling*, Melissa
Netemeyer, Sharon Wuebbels, Shannon Netemeyer

Reader — Randy Netemeyer

Ushers — Dale Holtmann, Tom Rensing, Brenda &
Clint Morris

Servers — Kyle & Travis Holtmann, Noah
Broeckling

Collection Counters — Tim Schroeder, Brenda
Morris, Phyllis Albers

Children's Liturgy — Stefanie Rickhoff, **Need
Volunteer**

PARISHES NEEDY FUND COLLECTION:
Next weekend, Jan. 9th/10th

ALBERS 125

- **T-shirts:** Show your Albers pride and purchase one today! Regular t-shirts: \$10, dry-fit t-shirts: \$15. Contact Al Loepker at 618-806-9360.
- **Cookbooks Prices:** 1 cookbook is \$20; 2 cookbooks are \$18 each; and 3 or more cookbooks are \$15 each. Available for purchase at Village Hall and most businesses in town or contact Jan Reinhardt @ 248-5140.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

The Mercy of God – How can we show others the mercy of God? We say that God is compassionate, but we ignore the poor. We say that God loves us and has mercy on us, but we hold grudges against our friends.

Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: Our actions need to authentically reflect God's mercy. Learn more about the Corporal Works of Mercy and how we can live them in our daily lives. Pray that we are worthy of the mercy of God.



COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese: *Diabetes Support Group* will have a meeting on **Monday, January 4th** at 6:00 pm in the Heritage Room of the hospital. Certified Zumba instructor Michele Kern demonstrates Zumba w/moves done sitting. Contact Certified Diabetes Educator, Barb Voss, at 526-5743 or barbara.voss@hshs.org to register for the meeting, more information/questions, or to be added to the email or mailing list.

Aviston Sons of American Legion: *11th Annual Black Tie & Talent Show* will be on **Saturday, January 9th** with *Wine Tasting* at 5:00 pm; *Dinner* at 6:00 pm; and *Contest* starting at 7:30 pm @ Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston. 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 \$40.00 each. Ticket includes: happy hour, 4-course meal, talent contest, and late night entertainment. For tickets call Craig Timmermann (830-7737) or Jim Kues (228-7008).

Trivia Night for Kids: *Boy Scout Troop 19* will host a Trivia Night for kids in grades 6-12 on **Saturday, January 9th** in St. Teresa's Parish Center, 1108 Lebanon Ave, Belleville. Play begins at 7:00 pm. \$10 per person; teams of 8 get 4 free liters of soda. 10 Toiletries for 10 Mulligans per table. Reserve your table today! Questions: Troop19TriviaNight@gmail.com.

Look Good Feel Better: Women undergoing cancer treatment at any facility are encouraged to attend a free, fun, educational '*girls-night-out*' event on **Wednesday, January 13th** from 6:00-8:00 pm @ the HealthPlex in Breese. Registration is necessary – the earlier the better! Email kathy.timmermann@hshs.org or call 618-526-5672 for questions or to register. Please sign up by noon on Monday, January 11th.

Annual National March for Life, Washington D.C.: The Clinton County Citizens for Life is once again sponsoring marchers from our area. This year we have 24 confirmed marchers, with the possibility of six more. The cost per marcher is \$175, which does not include meals. Reservations must be received by January 15th. If you would like to support us in sending these committed students and their chaperones to Washington on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade on **January 21st-23rd, 2016**. Please consider making a donation, any amount will be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to: "*Clinton County Citizens for Life*" and mailed to PO Box 32 – Breese, IL 62230. God has blessed us with our fervent youth.

Want to give back but don't know how? Interested in a unique volunteer opportunity? *MindsEye: The Virtual Newsstand* is looking for reading volunteers to bring news and entertainment to people with vision loss throughout the St. Louis bi-state area. Located on the grounds of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville. MindsEye broadcasts readings of newspapers, magazines, and books 24 hours a day via radio, Internet, and more. Volunteer hours are flexible. For information, visit www.MindsEyeRadio.org/Volunteer or contact Tom Williams at twilliams@mindseyeradio.org, 618-394-6443 or 314-241-3400 ext. 6443.

MERS Goodwill WIOA Youth Program: *We have openings that need to be filled.* The free program provides employment and education opportunities for persons from 16 to 24 years of age that are in or out of school. Out of school individuals may have graduated, dropped out, or have been expelled. Also included is a subsidized job program that provides a paid training experience. If interested, please contact Karen Schaller at kschaller@mersgoodwill.org or 618-322-2328 for more information.