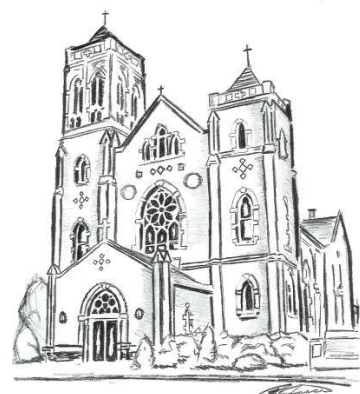


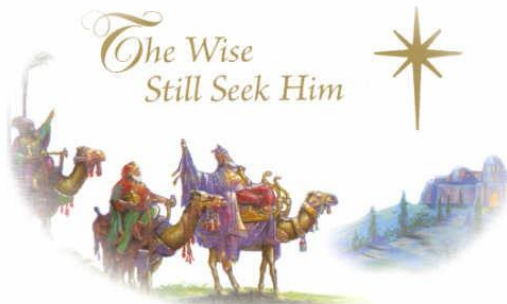


*The Epiphany
Of the Lord*
January 7th, 2018



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

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(9:00 am – 4:00 pm) @ CLC, New Baden;

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

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH

7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Damian
For All the Sick & Suffering

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH

7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Bernard
For All Struggling due to the cold weather

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH

7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Damian
For St. Damian Parishioners

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH

7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Bernard
For St. Bernard Parishioners

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12TH

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian
Clarence & Rita Netemeyer
Matthew & Marcia Netemeyer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
Bob Innes

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Pat Huegen
Linus Meier
Kyle Norrenberns

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian
Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today's readings reflect the joy of today's event – *The Epiphany of the Lord*. Isaiah sings of the promise of post-exilic Jerusalem, receiving people and treasures from all nations. The author of Ephesians proclaims that in Christ Jesus we are all members of the same body, that Jew and Gentile alike have received the promise of salvation. The faraway magi in Matthew follow the star to Bethlehem and pay homage to the new born king.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, January 7th

Children's Liturgy:

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Monday, January 8th

RCIA 7:00 pm @ Breese

Tuesday, January 9th

English Classes 9:30 am @ St. Damian

St. Damian Ladies Sodality Mtg.

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Mtg. Room

Thursday, January 11th

English Classes 9:30 am @ St. Damian

Friday, January 12th

Communion to Homebound

Removal of Christmas Decorations

6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Hispanic Rosary 6:30 pm

Hispanic Bible Study 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 13th

Removal of Christmas Decorations

8:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Pick-up Cosgrove's Kitchen Casserole Pans/Recipes

Sunday, January 14th

Children's Liturgy:

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Pick-up Cosgrove's Kitchen Casserole Pans/Recipes



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

COSGROVE'S CASSEROLES:

Families of St. Bernard & St. Damian Parishes are asked to help feed the poor and hungry at *Cosgrove's Kitchen*, a soup kitchen in East St. Louis (www.svdpsouthil.org/cosgrove-kitchen.html) by preparing casseroles or making donations.

- *Pans with lids & recipes* will be available to pick up the **weekends of Jan. 13th/14th & 20th/21st** at both parishes.
- *Prepare* one or more of the recipes and freeze.
- *Deliver frozen casseroles* on **Sunday, Jan. 28th** from 8:00-11:00 am @ St. Damian Parish Gym or from 9:00 am-12 noon @ St. Bernard Parish Center. Frozen casseroles can also be delivered to Germantown IGA **no later than Tuesday, Jan. 20th**.
- *Combined casserole making* for men & ladies of both parishes on **Sunday, Jan. 28th** beginning at 3:00 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center. Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, casserole making and entertainment. A light meal will be served.
- *Unable to create casseroles*, please consider helping by donating \$\$ for ingredients and supplies. Donations may be placed in the collection baskets. Please label envelopes "*Cosgrove's Casseroles*". Checks may be made payable to either *St. Bernard Church* OR *St. Damian Church*. Please contact Brenda (villageofalbers@yahoo.com or 698-3804) with questions.
- *Any and all help is greatly appreciated!*
Thank you!

PARISHES NEEDY FUND COLLECTION:

The second collection taken **next weekend, Jan. 13th/14th**, will be used for supplies or donated to Cosgrove's Kitchen. Please be as generous as possible to assist in this ministry.

SPECIAL REQUEST:

A **baby bed** (w/out mattress) is needed for a local family. Please call Brenda at (618) 698-3804 if you're able to help! **Thank you!**

DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

- ❖ *ALL Church Donations* you wish to have posted in the year of 2017 must be received by **TODAY**. Donations made after **Jan. 7th** will be posted in the year 2018. **Thank you for your cooperation!**
- ❖ *All Contribution Statements* will be available for pick up the **weekends of Jan. 20th/21st & 27th/28th**. Please save your parish the postage and pick up your statements in the main entrance of church.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS REMOVED:

St. Bernard – Friday, Jan. 12th at 6:00 pm; *St. Damian* – Saturday, Jan. 13th at 8:00 am

VOCATION CORNER: What a wonderful Gospel account of the Magi traveling to meet the Lord. They followed the star – their “call” – to come and offer their gifts to/for the Lord. We are also encouraged by St. Paul’s commission to preach to the Gentiles. These two wonderful accounts of following God’s call are examples for us to ask – **how are we doing in discerning our call to Holiness – in living our vocation?**

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: Dec. 31st, 2017

Envelopes: \$2,558.00 + Christmas: \$1,430.00
 + Loose: \$59.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$245.00 =
 \$4,292.00
 Budget for week: \$2,903.85
 Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$76,130.04
 Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$78,403.95
 Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 2,273.91)**
 Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$151,000.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$55,850.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, Cemetery & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

End of Month Totals:

Bldg./Maint. Collection: \$433.00 **Total: \$23,794.38**
 Sister Parish: \$150.00
 Retirement for Religious: \$320.00
 Diocesan Christmas Needy Collection: \$422.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY:

Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 9th, 2018** at 7:00 pm in St. Damian Parish House.
 Hope to see you there.

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 13th, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

Ministers of Communion — Chris & Beth

Brandmeyer, Monica Koch

Reader — Anita Rakers

Ushers — Marvin Rakers, Delmar Santel

Servers — Reid Koch, Clair Tonnies, Abby Harpstrite

Organist — Geri Varel

Sunday, January 14th, 2018 @ 8:30 am

Ministers of Communion — Lori Jansen, Ruth Jansen, *Pete Toennies*

Reader — Jackie Toennies

Ushers — Butch Toennies, Ron Horstmann

Servers — William & Jacob Athmer, Kaylee Korte

Organist — Geri Varel

Collection Counters – Pete Toennies, Geri Varel, Kathy Gonsalves

Children’s Liturgy – Denise & Savanna Luitjohan

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: Dec. 30th/31st, 2017

Envelopes: \$2,374.00 + 2018 Envelopes: \$60.00
 + Christmas: \$2,785.00 + Loose: \$122.00 = \$5,341.00
 Budget for week: \$3,012.02
 Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$78,915.76
 Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$81,324.54
 Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 2,408.78)**
 Fiscal year (7/17-6/18) budget: \$156,625.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$33,000.00 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: \$475.00
 Campaign for Human Development: \$60.00
 Retirement for Religious: \$410.00
 Diocesan Christmas Needy Collection: \$560.00

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ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 14th, 2018 @ 10:00 am

Ministers of Communion — *Alyssa Winkeler*,

Dan & Lee Love, Teresa Schomaker

Reader — Ray Gill

Ushers — Kurt & Allison Rickhoff, Brian & Nolan Winkeler

Servers — Carson Rickhoff, Abigail & Andrew Crosby

Counters – Janel Zurliene, Keith Richter, Phyllis Albers

Children’s Liturgy – Brenda Richter, Tyler Robertson

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 or St. Damian Parishes. If you are interested in having your contributions done electronically, please fill out the form (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 or need a form, please call Jeanne at 618-979-5933.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT:

"A Hungry Heart" is a three-day *Co-Ed Discernment Retreat* from **Monday, Jan. 22nd till Thursday, Jan. 25th** @ White House Jesuit Retreat in St. Louis, MO. Making use of Saint Ignatius' rules of discernment, Fr. Jeff Putthoff, SJ will explore with you how the senses and imagination reveal God's presence in our daily lives, thus guiding us to greater unity with God's will. Making choices, big and small, are all occasions for connecting with God. Check-in is **Monday, Jan. 21st** at 11:30 am with check-out **Thursday, Jan. 25th** at 12:00 noon. A \$50 deposit is required at registration. A freewill offering can be made at the conclusion of the retreat if you wish.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese

- ✓ Invites the community to come view *Dozens of Unique Nativity Sets* on **Sunday, Jan. 7th** from noon to 2:00 pm in the hospital Heritage Room. Information on the Franciscan heritage of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, founders of the Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS), will also be on display at this Franciscan Sunday event hosted by the hospital's Mission in Action Committee. Heritage Room doors will open at noon for this free, open-house style event. For more information, please contact Sue Darr, HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital's Co-Mission Director, at (618) 526-5451.
- ✓ ***Give blood, and together we can save lives.*** Join us on **Thursday, Jan. 11th** between noon and 4:30 pm in the hospital Heritage Room. All presenting donors will receive a "*Give a Pint, Get a Pint*" root beer mug. Walk-ins are welcome. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-866-448-3253 or go to www.bloodcenterimpact.org and enter sponsor code 10229. Please eat before donating and bring a photo ID.

Aviston Sons of American Legion: *2018 Black Tie & Talent Show* will be held on **Saturday, Jan. 13th** at 5:00 pm @ 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. Tickets for the event are selling at \$40.00 each. Ticket includes: happy hour, 4-course meal, talent contest, and late night entertainment. For tickets or entry info call: Jim Kues 228-7008 or Craig Timmermann 830-7737.

Damiansville Development Club: *Banquet* will be held **Saturday, Jan. 20th** @ St. Damian gym. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Details will be forthcoming. Please RSVP to Steve (407-6081) or Al (973-8527).

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows: An adults we can search the Scriptures, the richness of our Catholic tradition, and our understanding of the world for clues as to what we call the last things: ***Death, Heaven, Hell, Judgment & Purgatory.*** Fr. John Mark Ettensohn, OMI will present in the words of St. Paul how might "*the God who began a good work in you continue to bring it to Completion?*" on **Saturday, Jan. 20th** from 10:00 am to 12 noon. Cost is \$20.00 and registration is required. For more information call 618-397-6700 ext. 6270 or go to the website: www.snows.org/programs.

All Saints Academy (ASA): *2018 ASA Discount Cards on Sale:* For only \$10, the card includes **78 discounts, including 14 new discounts**, for restaurants and businesses in Breese and the surrounding communities. Community members may order a discount card by contacting an ASA family or faculty member; visiting the ASA office; or submitting an order form and receiving the discount card via the mail. A list of the discount offers, as well as the order form, are available on the ASA website at www.asasaints.com.

Thank  You

- **Thank you St. Bernard & St. Damian Parishes** for the *Senior Bags*, they were a blessing and surprise to all. The gifts that you give all year long might be a smile, a kind word, a hug, a handshake, a wise and helpful thought which are God's wonderful and thoughtful gestures. Also you are giving to those in need, whether poor, elderly, handicapped, and children are ways that you reach out and are unimaginable. You all are working with and for God.
— Daystar & the Kitchen Table
- **Thank you St. Bernard & St. Damian Parishes** for your generous donation of **\$300.00** which was applied to our Christmas Toy Program. Your donation has contributed to the happy faces of 200 children at the Annual Toy-Give-Away.
-- Deb Kohnen, Clinton County BCMW