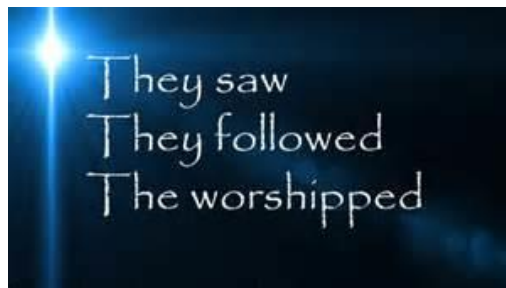
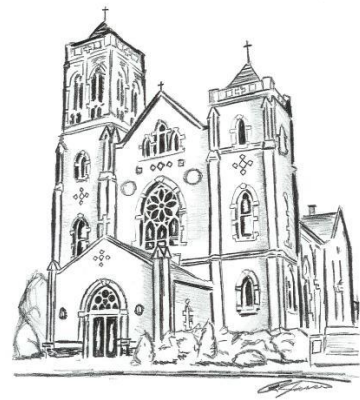




Epiphany of the Lord January 8th, 2017



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH

NO am Mass @ St. Damian

7:45 am Prayer Service w/Communion

For All the Baptized

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH

NO am Mass @ St. Bernard

7:45 am Prayer Service w/Communion

For All Memorial Donors

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH

NO am Mass @ St. Damian

7:45 am Prayer Service w/Communion

For Leaders of Our Nation

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For Our Communities of Faith

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH

(Fr. Thomas Singer – Food for the Poor)

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH

(Fr. Thomas Singer – Food for the Poor)

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Roger Haukap

Aloys & Estelle Heimann

Cletus & Donald Fuehne

(Fr. Thomas Singer – Food for the Poor)

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

Florence & Clarence Kassen

Brenda Haas

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The refrain for our responsorial psalm sets the tone for today's readings, "**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**" Saint Paul takes up the message the Gentiles are co-heirs and copartners in the promise. Isaiah proclaims the "**nations shall walk by your light.**" **Did the Magi come all that way just to see a little baby?** No, they came to see the salvation of the whole world. Let us allow these readings to broaden our horizons so that we see God everywhere, and learn to show God to everyone in our lives.

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

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

Monday, January 9th

Christmas Decorations Removed

6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, January 10th

Knights of Columbus Meeting

7:30 pm @ Albers Jaycee Hall

Wednesday, January 11th

Bible Timeline Study

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Parish House

Friday, January 13th

Communion to Homebound

Hispanic Rosary 6:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Saturday, January 14th

Christmas Decorations Removed

8:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Food for the Poos Presentation w/Fr. Thomas Singer

Sunday, January 15th

Children's Liturgy of the Word &

Food for the Poos Presentation w/Fr. Thomas Singer

8:30 am @ St. Damian

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

GENERAL CONCERNS:

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS REMOVED:

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

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

FOOD FOR THE POOR PRESENTATION:

Next weekend, Jan. 14th/15th, please welcome

Rev. Thomas J. Singer as he speaks about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. Singer will share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS:

St. Damian – Wednesday, Jan. 18th at 6:30 pm

St. Bernard – Thursday, Jan. 19th at 6:30 pm

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

All statements will be available for pick up the weekends of **Jan. 21st/22nd & Jan. 28th/29th**.

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

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!

UNDERSTANDING THE ENTIRE BIBLE!

Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that *you can understand the Bible*, and the Bible Timeline makes it easy.

If you want a better understanding of our faith, and a deeper relationship with God, then join us for ***The Bible Timeline Study*** beginning on **Wednesday, Jan. 11th at 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Parish House**. The Bible Timeline is a Catholic Bible study that can help anyone to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word. The study takes you on a journey through the entire Bible and brings you deep into each period of salvation history, so that you can discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. It has helped hundreds of thousands of people and it will help you too.

The study will include a series of 24 videos presented by *Jeff Cavins*. A lively group discussion will follow each video. **We hope to see you on Wednesday, Jan. 11th**. No registration required.

WELCOME FR. RICHARD TILLMAN!!

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). We will be preparing casseroles and making donations to help this much needed ministry. Pans with lids and recipes will be available to pick up the **weekends of January 14th/15th - January 28th**. Prepare one or more of the recipes and freeze. Please deliver frozen casseroles on **Sunday, January 29th** from 8:00-11:00 am @ St. Damian Parish Gym & from 9:00 am-12 noon @ St. Bernard Parish Center. If your family is 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 (698-3804 / villageofalbers@yahoo.com) with questions. **All help is greatly appreciated! Thank you!**

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: Dec. 31st/Jan. 1st

Envelopes: \$1,412.00 + Christmas: \$770.00
+ Loose: \$35.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$55.00 =
\$2,272.00
Budget for week: \$2,831.73
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$75,139.55
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$76,456.71
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$1,317.16)**
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.)

End of Month Totals:

Bldg./Maint. Collection: \$287.00 **Total: \$17,759.75**
Sister Parish: \$110.00
World Mission Sunday: \$12.00
Retirement Fund for Religious: \$552.00
Special Christmas Needy Collection: \$588.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

LADIES SODALITY QUILT COMMITTEE:

- ✓ ***Wurstmarkt & Bi-Monthly Quilt Raffle Tickets:***
Please pick up your raffle tickets in the back of church. Please drop them in the collection basket or get them to Donna Fuehne (604-3275) or Tammy Haselhorst (401-1910). **Thanks!**
- ✓ ***Quilt/Cash Sign-Up Sheet*** for the picnic is posted in both entrances of the church. Please mark if you intend to donate cash or a quilt for the picnic. **Thank you!**

DAMIANSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Annual Banquet will be held on **Saturday, Jan. 21st** @ St. Damian gym. Cocktail hour starts at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm.

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 14th, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Virgil & Marilyn Jansen,
Ange Wobbe
Reader — Kathleen Hodges
Ushers — Ed & Sandy Kramer
Servers — Gabby Kramer, Avery & Kenna Budde
Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Sunday, January 15th, 2017 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Arlene Korte, Erin Korte,
Diana Jansen
Reader — Beth Brandmeyer
Ushers — Bob Hitpas, Gary Fuehne
Servers — Mason Schrage, Julia Korte, Hunter
Jansen
Organist — Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counters — Tina Tonnies, Bob Hitpas,
Anita Rakers
Children's Liturgy — Shannon Fuehne, Evelyn
Fuehne

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: Dec. 31st/Jan. 1st

Envelopes: \$838.00 + Christmas: \$2,030.00
+ Loose: \$31.00 =
\$2,899.00
Budget for week: \$2,964.43
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$79,451.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$80,039.61
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$588.61)**
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.)

End of Month Totals:

Sister Parish: \$284.00
Retirement Fund for Religious: \$375.00
Special Christmas Needy Collection: \$650.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!



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ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 15th, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — Vicki Pittman, Sharon Wuebbels, Meg Schiefer, Robbin Netemeyer

Reader — Ray Gill

Ushers — John, Linda & Michael Majchrzak, Dave Wuebbels

Servers — Brady Reynolds, Erin & Jordyn Schiefer

Collection Counters – Pat Litteken, Vicki Pittman, John Majchrzak

Children's Liturgy – Amy Reynolds, Nolan Winkeler

Sunday School Helpers – Nolan Winkeler, Brooke Zurliene

CONGRATULATIONS:



Congratulations to Locklyn Noelle Horstmann, child of Dane & Chyrisse (Rennegarbe) Horstmann, who received the saving waters of baptism on Thursday, Dec. 29th @ St. Damian Church. May God watch over and guide them in their journey of life.



Congratulations to Gary Allen Kharibian & Kelsie Lee Netemeyer, who were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, Dec. 31st and **Ryan Michael McAllister & Cambrin Lee Loepker**, who were united in Holy Matrimony on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd at St. Bernard Church. May their love for God and one another grow throughout the years.

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.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

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.

Albers American Legion: *All You Can Eat Chicken Dinner* on **Sunday, January 15th** from 4:30-6:30 pm. Fried chicken, mash potatoes & gravy, green beans, corn, slaw and dessert. Carry outs available.

Knight at the Races: Gather your family and friends for **Knight at the Races** on **Saturday, Jan. 21st** in support of the Mater Dei music program. Gates open at 6:00 pm and races begin at 7:00 pm @ Mater Dei Lampe Commons. The Jazz Band will perform from 6:00 pm –7:00 pm. Tickets (\$35 per person) include appetizers, open bar, “funny money” for wagering and chances to win prizes. The evening will also include additional raffles. For information or tickets, email mdknightsmusic@gmail.com.

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.

NATIONAL IMMIGRATION WEEK:

With Epiphany the Catholic Bishops invite us to celebrate **National Immigration Week**. Pope Francis encourages us to a Culture of Encounter reaching out to the stranger, to those new to our community, to those who speak or think differently. Jesus was welcomed by the Magi and throughout his life reached out to those in need, in need of hope, of forgiveness. **As we have received from Him we can welcome others.**