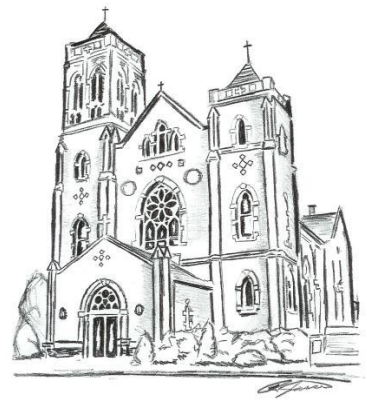




The Baptism Of the Lord

January 10th, 2016



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Founded 1861

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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 11TH

7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Memorial Donors

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH

NO Mass @ St. Bernard

7:40 am Prayer Service w/Communion

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH

NO Mass Scheduled

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH

7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15TH

7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian

Frank & Minnie Heimann

Kim Heimann &

Special Intention – Patty Heimann

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

Herman & Vivian Jansen

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Bill & Vera Athmer Sr.

Bill Athmer Jr. & Theresa Wesselman

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Bernadine Kussatz

Living & Deceased Members of

Ray & Alice Book Family

& Robert & Delores Zurliene Family

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today we stand on the threshold between two seasons of the Church year: Christmas and Ordinary Time. We are reminded that Jesus' ministry began like ours; by His baptism. When He came out of the water, He was identified as God's own Son and filled with the Holy Spirit. That baptism unleashed great power in His life that enabled Him to fulfill His messianic calling at great cost. Jesus' relationship to God was unique, but by our own baptism, we too are claimed as God's own and filled with the Spirit to accomplish whatever is asked of us.

"O bless the Lord, my soul."

GENERAL CONCERNS:

MEETINGS:

- ✓ **Thursday, Jan. 14th – St. Bernard Finance Council** 6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory
- ✓ **Monday, Jan. 18th – St. Damian Finance Council** 7:00 pm @ St. Damian House
- ✓ **Sunday, Jan. 24th – Joint Parish Liturgy** 6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Meeting Room

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!

BLEST ART will be selling religious olive wood art from the Holy Land on **Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 16th & 17th after all Masses**. Proceeds support the Christian families living in the Holy Land.

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.

MESSENGER RENEWAL WEEKEND:

The Messenger, your local diocesan newspaper brings news of events important to you from your parish, your diocese and the universal church. Please stay "connected" through a subscription to The Messenger, which will be held the **weekend of Feb. 6th-7th**. Payments can be made through your parish envelope (provided in your packet) or online. Go to www.bellevillemessenger.org and follow the directions. Cost is: Print - \$25.00, Electronic - \$25.00, OR Both - \$30.00.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, January 10th

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

Tuesday, January 12th

English as Second Language (ESL) Classes

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting

7:00 pm @ Albers Jaycee Hall

Wednesday, January 13th

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

7:00 pm @ St. George Community Life Center

Thursday, January 14th

St. Bernard Finance Council Meeting

6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory

Friday, January 15th

Communion to the Homebound

Wedding Rehearsal 5:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Joint Parish Councils Dinner

7:00 pm @ Albers Jaycee Hall

Saturday, January 16th

Wedding – David Gebke & Charlie Kitson

1:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Blest Art Religious Art Sale after Mass

Damiansville Chamber of Commerce Party

6:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym

Sunday, January 17th

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Blest Art Religious Art Sale after both Masses

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School



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

Thank You

- **Thank you St. Bernard & St. Damian Parishes** for your donation of \$304.00 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, also, for the \$104.00 from you Inter-Faith Prayer Service. Our food pantry and other works of charity begin with you and are sustained by your help.
-- St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Boniface Conference
- **A Big THANK YOU** to all who purchased items, and to the students who helped with the **Giving Tree Project**. Every year there are more items added to the tree and once again your kindness made it a rewarding project to help those less fortunate. *Community Link* greatly appreciated your overwhelming support. Your generosity helped many families have a little more joy this Christmas season. God bless all of you.
-- Melissa Netemeyer

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 2nd/3rd, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 3,093.00 + Christmas: \$810.00
+ Loose: \$187.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$212.00 =
\$4,302.00
Budget for week: \$2,755.77
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$75,994.49
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$74,405.79
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$1,588.70
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.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 16th, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Virgil & Marilyn Jansen,
Ange Wobbe
Reader — Joseph Cleeton
Ushers — Ed & Sandy Kramer
Servers — Gabby Kramer, Mason Schrage, Heather
Toennies
Organist — Geri Varel

Sunday, January 17th, 2016 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Alice Toennies, Ken Mank,
Arlene Korte
Reader — Bob Innes
Ushers — Mel Toennies, Dan Athmer
Servers — Meredith Innes, Julia Korte, Caleb
Gonsalves
Organist — Geri Varel
Collection Counters — Mel Toennies, Bob Innes,
Kathy Gonsalves
Children's Liturgy — Denise & Savanna Luitjohan

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 3rd, 2016

Envelopes: \$2,220.00 + Christmas: \$650.00
+ ACH: \$615.00 + Loose: \$99.00 = \$3,584.00
Budget for week: \$2,916.25
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$80,248.54
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$78,738.75
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$1,509.79
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.)

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 17th, 2016 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — *Vicki Pittman*, Kevin &
Kristen Templin, Teresa Schomaker
Reader — Meg Schiefer
Ushers — Ron & Geri Norrenberns, Dave & Kay
Langenhorst
Servers — Connor Schomaker, Devin & Zachary
Malcomb
Collection Counters — Pat Litteken, Vicki Pittman,
Kevin Templin
Children's Liturgy — Oceana Templin, Charlie Kitson

PARISHES NEEDY FUND COLLECTION:
This 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

9 Days for Life: Prayer, Penance, and Pilgrimage – 9 Days for Life is a focused period (*January 16-24, 2016*) of prayer, penance, and pilgrimage marking the anniversary of Roe v. Wade (*the Supreme Court case which legalized abortion during all 9 months of pregnancy*).

Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: Since that tragic decision, more than 57 million children's lives have been lost to abortion, and many suffer that loss – often in silence. Go to www.usccb.org to find ways you can participate in the 9 Days for Life. By our prayers, by our actions, by the way we treat people, we help to shape the world in which we live. Our prayers matter. Our sacrifices make a difference.



COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

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.

Highland Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is holding their **Annual Indoor Garage Sale/Flea Market** on **Thursday, January 14th** from 1-7 pm & **Friday, January 15th** from 8 am–12 noon @ Highland Knights of Columbus Hall. Over 100 tables of crafts, antiques, jewelry, clothing, furniture and more will be offered for sale. Kitchen will be open both days serving hamburgers, chili, hot dogs, pork burgers and desserts. Admission is FREE. Call 618-791-1156 or 618-978-1542 for more information.

St. Augustine Parish, Breese: Quilt/Cash Bingo on **Sunday, January 17th** beginning at 2:00 pm. No one under 18 years of age can play. **Fried Chicken Luncheon** served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Adults: \$8.00; Children: \$4.00; Under 6: Free

St. Anthony Parish, Beckemeyer: Bunko & Dessert Party on **Monday, January 18th** at 1:00 pm. \$5.00 per person includes drink and dessert. Must be 18 or older. *Benefits St. Anthony Cemetery Fund.*

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.

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.

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.