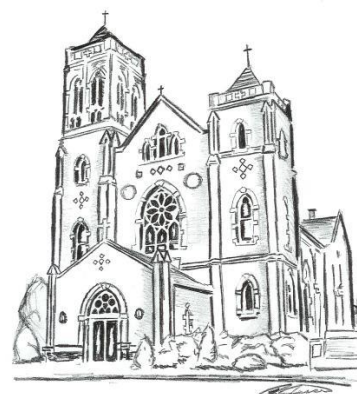




*Second Sunday
In Ordinary Time
January 14th, 2018*



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Monday: (OFF) January 15th;
Tuesday, & Thursday:
(9:00 am – 4:00 pm) @ CLC, New Baden;
Wednesday: (8 am-5 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian;
Friday: (8 am-1 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH

8:00 am Prayer Service @ St. Damian
Good Health for All

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
August Rademacher Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
Marvin Hollenkamp

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
For All Memorial Donors

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian
Hulda & Herman Kollmann
Vince & Marcella Ortmann
John Ratermann

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
Louis Korte
Aloys & Estelle Heimann
William & Clara Korte
10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners
11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian
Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Two of the readings today involve a call from the Lord. Samuel awakens to a summons from God, though it takes a few attempts and some advice from Eli in order to respond appropriately. The first disciples follow Jesus after John the Baptist points Him out, "***Behold the Lamb of God.***" It is safe to assume that we, too, will be called over and over again. When, where, how and why remain unknown. But we can also assume that God is behind it. The rest is up to us. **How will we respond?**

"Here am I, Lord; I come to do Your will."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

Monday, January 15th

NO School – Martin Luther King Day

Prayer Service w/Communion

8:00 am @ St. Damian Church

RCIA 7:00 pm @ Breese

Tuesday, January 16th

English Classes 9:30 am @ St. Damian

North Central Vicariate Cancer Mass

7:00 pm @ St. Theresa, Salem

Thursday, January 18th

English Classes 9:30 am @ St. Damian

Friday, January 19th

Communion to Homebound

Hispanic Rosary 6:30 pm

Hispanic Bible Study 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 20th

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Pick-up Cosgrove's Kitchen Casserole Pans/Recipes

Damiansville Development Club Annual Banquet

5:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym

Sunday, January 21st

Children's Liturgy:

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Pick-up Cosgrove's Kitchen Casserole Pans/Recipes

Joint Parish Liturgy Mtg.

6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Mtg. Rm.

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 **this 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.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

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.

MESSENGER RENEWAL WEEKEND:

Please stay "connected" through a subscription to ***The Messenger*** the **weekend of Feb. 3rd/4th**. Payments can be made in "***The Messenger***" envelope (provided in your packet) or online at www.bellevillemessenger.org. Subscription cost is: Print - \$25.00, Electronic - \$25.00, OR Both - \$30.00. **Thank you for your support!**

VOCATION CORNER: Wow! What powerful Scripture readings today on God's ways of calling us. The great story of Samuel being called to ministry tells of his humble response - "*Speak, for your servant is listening.*" Then the Gospel shows John the Baptist pointing Simon and Andrew toward Jesus. Jesus calls Simon to join him and gives him his new name of Peter. Both of these powerful calls offer us examples of how we can hopefully respond to our own personal call.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 6th/7th, 2017

2018 Envelopes: \$968.00 + 2017 Envelopes: \$1,048.00
 + ACH: \$1,165.00 + Christmas: \$25.00 + Loose: \$82.00
 + Mass in Spanish: \$287.00 = \$3,575.00
 Budget for week: \$2,903.85
 Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$79,705.04
 Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$81,307.80
 Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 1,602.76)**
 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.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

CHOIR INFORMATION:

- ♪ **Youth Choir** will begin practices for *Holy Week* on **Sunday, Feb. 4th** at 9:30 am. The Youth Choir will sing on *Palm Sunday* and *Easter Sunday*. All boys & girls in grades 4-12 and young adults are invited to participate. We practice about an hour a week on **Sunday mornings** from 9:30-10:30 am. Contact Jackie Toennies at 335-9562 or Geri Varel at 248-5223 if you have any questions or if a child needs a ride to/from practice. **We look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces on Feb 4!**
- ♪ **Adult Choir** will begin practicing for *Holy Week* on **Tuesday, Feb. 6th** at 7:00 pm. We will be singing at the *Holy Thursday* and *Good Friday* liturgies. Anyone high school age and older is welcome to join us on **Tuesday evenings**. Practices usually take about one hour. If you have and questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 792-2676.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you **St. Damian Parish** for your generous donation of *Hats, Gloves, Scarves & Socks*. Your donation contributed to the happy faces of 200 children (75 families) at the Annual Toy-Give-Away.
 -- Deb Kohnen, Clinton County BCMW

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 20th, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

Ministers of Communion — Virgil & Marilyn

Jansen, Elaine Williamson

Reader — Kathleen Hodges

Ushers — Delmar Santel, Alfred Toennies

Servers — Aidan Toennies, Abby Harpstrite, Reid Koch

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Sunday, January 21st, 2018 @ 8:30 am

Ministers of Communion — Arlene Korte, Erin Korte, *Rosann Horstmann*

Reader — Susan Lynch

Ushers — Stan Heimann, Bob Hitpas

Servers — Trent & Julia Korte, Lauren Lynch

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Collection Counters — Gwen Toennies, Bob Hitpas, Mech Toennies

Children's Liturgy — Gwen Toennies, Simon Toennies & Reid Innes

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 7th, 2017

2018 Envelopes: \$910.00 + 2017 Envelopes: \$360.00
 + ACH: \$1,725.00 + Christmas: \$225.00
 + Loose: \$66.00 = \$3,286.00
 Budget for week: \$3,012.02
 Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$82,201.76
 Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$84,336.56
 Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 2,134.80)**
 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.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Ministers of Communion — *Robbin Netemeyer*,

Meg Schiefer, Lynn Athmer, Brenda Morris

Reader — Jackie Peters

Ushers — Ron & Geri Norrenberns, Dave Wuebbels, Dave Langenhorst

Servers — Ashlyn Hodges, Avery Wuebbels, Elliott Rakers

Counters — Lynn Athmer, James Williams, Brenda Morris

Children's Liturgy — Karen Schroeder, Reagan Rickhoff

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY:

Our parishioners have generously given more than **200 Prayer Blankets** to those needing a reminder of God's healing and comfort during difficult times or illness. Every Prayer Blanket is blessed and includes a booklet of prayers. **More Prayer Blankets** are needed as we continue this important ministry!

- Any size (As small as approximately 24"x24" to full size) or style (fleece, knotted, quilted, etc.) Prayer Blankets are being accepted.
- Fleece material is always being accepted, no assembly required.
- Neutral/Uni-sex designs are most needed, but all Prayer Blankets are welcome!

Please contact Brenda at 618-698-3804 with questions/donations or if you know of anyone in need of a Prayer Blanket. **Thank you for helping share God's love through our Prayer Blanket Ministry!**

"I have heard your prayers. I have seen your tears. I will heal you." ~ 2 Kings 20:5

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

St. Rose Youth League: *Breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 14th from 8:00 am to 12 noon @ St. Rose Gym. Carry outs available. Adults; \$8.00, Children 6-12: \$4.00, Under 6: Free. Proceeds benefit St. Rose Youth League.*

St. Anthony, Beckemeyer: *Bunko & Dessert Party on Monday, Jan. 15th at 1:00 pm @ the parish center. Attendance prizes, 1st & last place, most bangers & bunkos. \$5.00 per person includes drink and dessert. Must be 18 or older. Benefits St. Anthony Cemetery Fund.*

Clinton County Citizens for Life is sponsoring a *Pro-Life Prayer Vigil* on **Friday, Jan. 19th** from 12 noon to 1:00 pm @ Clinton County Courthouse. Come and pray with us in solidarity with the rallies at Washington D.C. and around the country. We gather to pray and publicly witness for the end to abortion and a respect for all human life from conception until natural death. **Thank you.**

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.

The Clin-Clair Fire Department: *Dinner, Dance, & Comedy Show*, featuring *Comedian Jeremy Nunes*, on **Saturday, Jan. 27th** at Albers Legion. Doors open at 5:30 pm; Dinner (chicken, roast beef & sides) at 6:00 pm; Show from 7:30-9:00 pm; and Live Wire Entertainment from 9:00-12:00 pm. **Advance ticket purchases ONLY.** Tickets are \$40 for singles and \$70 for couples. For tickets call Brian at 444-8252, Ben at 401-8089, or Greg at 980-5660. (Only 500 tickets sold).

Missions International is happy to announce that it will be coordinating a trip for sister parishes to ***Guatemala. The trip will be June 15th-20th.*** We encourage two or three people to represent your parish, and it would be very helpful if one of the individuals traveling is fluent in Spanish. If no one traveling is fluent in Spanish, we will find a local translator. 30 seats have been reserved on American Airlines. We will have a meeting for all those interested in learning more about the trip on **Saturday, Feb. 3rd at 10:00 am.** The location of the meeting will be determined after we know the towns all are traveling from. We will try to find a central location for the initial meeting. Please email sisterparish13@gmail.com by Jan. 20th if you plan to attend the meeting.

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. 22nd** 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.