

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today's Readings narrate a number of awesome events. Ancient Jerusalem has been restored to prominence, early Christians are healing others and speaking in tongues, and Jesus changes water into wine. All of these things are attributable to God: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Let us not forget that we too have the Spirit within us and have the power to awe others by what we do and say.

"Proclaim His marvelous deeds to all the nations."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, January 20th Mass w/ Children's Liturgy: 8:30 am @ St. Damian Church 10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church Hispanic Rosary 10:30 am @ St. Damian Church Mass in Spanish 11:00 am @ St. Damian Church Chicken Dinner 4:30-7:00 pm @ Albers Legion Monday, January 21st – *Martin Luther King Day* NO School – Office Closed NO Mass & NO Prayer Service English Classes 5:00 & 6:00 pm @ St. Damian Joint Parish Liturgy Committee Mtg. 6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Meeting Room RCIA 7:00 pm @ Breese Tuesday, January 22nd Jeanne will be taking the day off Wednesday, January 23rd Eucharistic Adoration w/Benediction 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church Friday, January 25th Communion to the Homebound Saturday, January 26th Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Damian Church Sunday, January 27th Mass w/ Children's Liturgy: 8:30 am @ St. Damian Church 10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church Hispanic Rosary 10:30 am @ St. Damian Church Mass in Spanish 11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to St. Bernard & St. Damian Parishioners for the welcome extended to Fr. John O'Malley on his recent visit to your parishes. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support. -- Cross Catholic Outreach

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

All Contribution Statements will be available for pick up the weekends of Jan. 19th/20th & 26th/27th in the main entrance of church. *Please save your parish the postage and pick up your statements.*.

MESSENGER RENEWAL WEEKEND:

Please stay "connected" through a subscription to *The Messenger* the **weekend of Feb.** 2nd/3rd. Payments can be made in "*The Messenger*" envelope (provided in your packet) or online at <u>www.bellevillemessenger.org</u> Subscription cost is: Print - \$25.00, Electronic - \$25.00, OR Both - \$30.00. Thank you for your support!

RAEANNE TOENNIES FUNDRAISER:

Many of us struggle and want to do more for them but are unsure of how to approach the matter. **Next weekend, Jan. 26th/27th**, at all Masses there will be a *Krispy Krème Fundraiser for Rae*. A sign-up sheet for pre-orders is available in the back of church beginning this weekend, Jan. 19th/20th. We pray for RaeAnne and her family; for her complete recovery; and for continued healing of her and many others in our community. *All proceeds will go to Rae and her family*. **Please be as generous as possible**.

BLEST ART:

Blest Art will be visiting our parishes **next weekend**, **Jan. 26th/27th** on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. When Blest Art visits our parishes, they will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. *They gladly accept cash*, *checks, and all major credit cards*.

VOCATION CORNER:

Today we hear the great story of the Wedding Feast at Cana. Jesus is celebrating with the happy couple – a salute to the wedded vocation. And, He honors His mother's request to intervene as the wine runs out. We are now issued one of the greatest calls to holiness of the ages – "*Do whatever He tells you.*" As this was the "*beginning of His signs…and so revealed His glory*", are we seeing His signs and doing whatever He tells us? Are we called to something greater?

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 12th/13th, 2019

| Needy Fundy Collection (Cosgrove's Kitchen) | \$318.00 |
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| is needed in order to balance the budget.) | |
| Fund, Cemetery & Picnic Checking Accounts, which | |
| the \$56,550.00 transferred from: Savings, Building | |
| (Reminder : The fiscal year budget <u>does not</u> include | |
| Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: | \$158,000.00 |
| Over (under) year-to-date budget: | (\$ 682.15) |
| Fiscal year-to-date budget: | \$88,115.34 |
| Fiscal year-to-date collected: | \$87,433.19 |
| Budget for week: | \$3,038.46 |
| + Mass in Spanish: \$225.00 = | \$1,604.00 |
| Envelopes: \$1,300.00 + Loose: \$79.00 | |

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!



ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 13th, 2019

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| Envelopes: \$1,225.00 + Loose: \$47.00 = | \$1,272.00 | |
| Budget for week: | \$3,124.52 | |
| Fiscal year-to-date collected: | \$85,373.00 | |
| Fiscal year-to-date budget: | \$90,611.08 | |
| Over (under) year-to-date budget: | (\$ 5,238.08) | |
| Fiscal year (7/17-6/18) budget: | \$162,475.00 | |
| (Reminder : The fiscal year budget <u>does not</u> include | | |
| the \$33,000.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies | | |
| Sodality, Capital Fund, Cemetery & Fund Raiser | | |
| Checking Accounts, which is needed in c | order to | |
| balance the budget.) | | |
| Total Church Steeple Repairs: | \$8,290.00 | |
| Needy Fundy Collection | | |
| (Cosgrove's Kitchen) | \$138.00 | |
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ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<u>Saturday, January 26th, 2019 @ 4:00 pm</u> **Communion Ministers** — Virgil & Marilyn Jansen Reader — Mary Innes Ushers — Del Santel, Jerry Innes Servers — Kennedy & Aidan Toennies **Organist** — Chris Brandmeyer Sunday, January 27th, 2019 @ 8:30 am **Communion Ministers** — Deb Santel, Ken Mank **Reader** — Denise Luitjohan Ushers — Volunteer, Stan Heimann Servers — Savanna Luitjohan, Ethan & Simon Toennies **Organist** — Chris Brandmeyer Counters – Gwen Toennies, Pete Toennies, Kathy Gonsalves Children's Liturgy – Jackie Toennies, Chase Jansen Just a reminder: Children's Liturgy is for students Pre-K age through 3rd grade.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Monthly Raffle – January \$400 – Craig Etter \$ 50 each – Geralyn Albers & Robby Rolves

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 27th, 2019 @ 10:00 am
Communion Ministers — Kati Schwierjohn, Sharon Wuebbels, Cole Schomaker
Reader — Brent Rickhoff
Ushers — John & Linda Majchrzak, Brian & Brooke Zurliene
Servers — Carson & Kellen Richter, Brady Reynolds
Counters – Janel Zurliene, John Majchrzak, Keith Richter
Children's Liturgy – Brenda Richter

ST. BERNARD & ST. DAMIAN YOUTH MINISTRY

- **Basketball** any High School Youth interested in playing basketball, please contact Shelly Schuetz. The season is 5 weeks every Sunday. Location changes each week but is in Clinton County.
- Bowling will be Sunday, Jan. 27th @ V & H Bowling from 1:00-4:00 pm. For High School Youth Only. Bring money for games, shoes and snacks. Contact Matthew Fuehne, Jacey Wieter, or Allison Rickhoff for details.

ALL ALBERS RESIDENTS:

Police Advisory: Thefts from automobiles are occurring in the area. Everyone is reminded to lock and secure automobiles, as well as garages and storage structures. Call 911 if you see or hear anything suspicious, especially during the overnight hours. Thank you for your cooperation. -- *Brian Vielweber, Police Chief*

DAMIANSVILLE ELEMENTARY PTO

- El Arado Day: On Wednesday February 6th the PTO will receive 15% of all sales throughout the day at El Arado Mexican restaurant in Breese. Please support our PTO and enjoy a delicious lunch or dinner out!
- PTO Trivia Night: Save the date for Friday, March 29th in the Damiansville Elementary gym. Doors will open at 6:00 pm with trivia beginning at 7:00 pm. Trivia Riot will once again lead the night's events. Teams of 10 people will be accepted at \$100 per team. Information regarding donations for the silent auction and team registration will be coming next month. Please mark your calendars!

BISHOP BRAXTON'S INTERVIEW ON FR. AUGUSTUS TOLTON:

Covenant Catholic Radio Network will have an interview on **Tuesday, January 22nd** at 10:30 am with *Bishop Edward K. Braxton* on the life and proposed canonization of *Fr. Augustus Tolton*. Radio stations: 88.1 FM - WIHM-FM (<u>Harrisburg, IL</u>); 92.1 FM - W220EN (<u>Carlyle, IL</u>); 100.9 FM - W265CW (<u>Centralia, IL</u>); 102.9 FM - W275CB (<u>Mt. Vernon, IL</u>); 88.3 FM – WHJR (<u>Murphysboro, IL</u>); 97.1 FM - W246BL (<u>Salem, IL</u>); and 90.3 FM – WMSH (<u>Sparta, IL</u>). This is a newsworthy interview, since Fr. Tolton served as a priest in southern Illinois and Chicago. He would be the first African American priest to be canonized. This interview will also publicize the performance of the one-man drama: *Father Augustus Tolton: From Slave to Priest*. This professional production will be presented in the Cathedral of St. Peter on **Friday, Feb. 1**st at 7:00 pm. Audiences encounter the life and message of Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first African American Catholic priest. Fr. Tolton faced prejudice in his life; however, he felt that the Catholic Church was the antidote to discrimination. "*It was the priests of the Church who taught me to pray and to forgive my persecutors*," he said. "*We should welcome all people into the Church, not send them away*." Fr. Tolton's canonization cause is at the Vatican. Performance is free.

<u>COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS</u>:

In search of Host Families: Looking for families to *Host International Students* who will attend Mater Dei for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a rewarding experience for both the families and students. For more information contact Tracy Mensing by phone, text or email. 618-830-4816 or tracymensing@gmail.com.

<u>St. Rose Youth League</u>: *Sausage & Pancake Breakfast* on **Sunday, Jan. 20**th 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. Augustine Church, Breese: *Quilt/Cash Bingo* on Sunday, Jan. 20th at 2:00 pm in the parish center. 16 quilt games, 8 cash games, & 50/50 game, cash for doubles with a quilt raffle. No one under 18 years can play. *Fried Chicken Luncheon* from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Adults: \$8.00; Children: \$4.00; Under 6: Free. For carry outs call 526-4341.

<u>Albers American Legion</u>: *Chicken Dinner* on Sunday, Jan. 20th from 4:30-7:00 pm. All Bingo Players eat for \$5.00. Fried chicken, mash potatoes & gravy, green beans, corn, slaw, applesauce, cold macaroni salad and dessert. Carry outs available.

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<u>St. Anthony, Beckemeyer</u>: *Bunko & Dessert Party* on **Monday, Jan. 21**st 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.*

<u>Breese Knights of Columbus</u>: *Blood Drive* on Wednesday, Jan. 23rd from 1:00-6:00 pm @ Knights of Columbus Hall located at 480 North Walnut in Breese. Please give the gift that saves lives.

First United Methodist Church, Trenton: *Trivia Night* on **Saturday, Jan. 26**th @ Trenton FUMC located at 3324 Old Highway 50. Doors will open at 6:00 pm with trivia beginning at 7:00 pm. \$100 per table of 10 people maximum. Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place along with best decorated table. Childcare provided by donation. Call Jenn at 618-204-1471 to reserve your table or/and a spot for childcare.

<u>St. Dominic Ladies Sodality, Breese:</u> is hosting their annual *Euchre/Pinochle/Bunko Social* on Sunday, Jan. 27th at 1:00 pm in the parish center. \$5 admission includes games, lunch and prizes. Bring some friends for an afternoon of fun.

Highland Knights of Columbus will be hosting a *Chicken Dinner* on **Sunday, Jan. 27**th from 11:00 am to 5:30 pm @ the KC Hall located at 12454 Route 143 in Highland. Adults: \$10 adults; Children (8 years & under): Free. For free delivery to shut-ins in the Highland area, please call 654-9049. Proceeds from the dinner will be used to finance charitable activities of K of C council # 1580. There will also be an auxiliary quilt raffle.

<u>Chakota Therapeutic Riding Center</u>: Chakota & Trivia Riot join forces again this year to bring you another fun night of *Pop Culture Trivia*! Please join us on **Friday, Feb. 1**st @ Breese KC Hall. Doors open at 6:00 pm and Trivia starts at 7:00 pm. Bring your own snacks; cash bar. Donation is \$100 per table (max of 8 players). Cash prize to the winning team! Text or call Barb @ 618-604-9559 to reserve your table. (Walk-ins are welcome until tables are full). *Proceeds benefit Chakota TRC*.