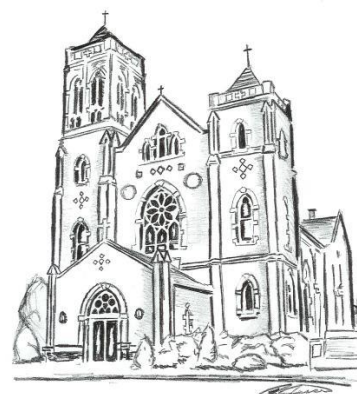


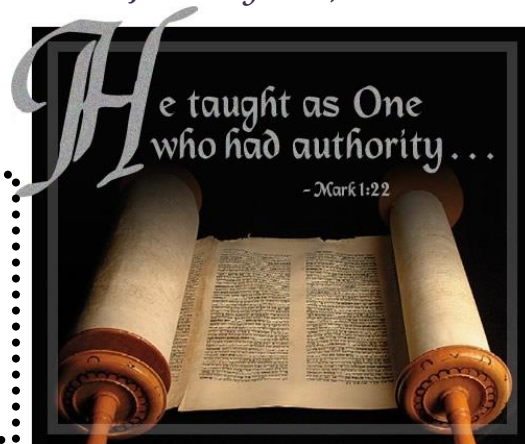


*Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
January 28th, 2018*



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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 29TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
Dan & Rose Mueth Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Cyril, Dorothy & Marvin Foppe

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31ST

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
For All Cancer Victims

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard
Judy Athmer
Gary Kohrmann
Living & Deceased Members of
Robert & Dolores Zurliene Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
Louis Korte
Robert, Dorothy & Ken Kalmer
10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners
11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian
Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the 1st Reading, we hear God promise Moses that God will raise up a prophet like him “*and will put My words into his mouth*”. Mark then presents Jesus as being that prophet. He astonishes the people of Capernaum by teaching at the synagogue with authority. He then encounters a man with an unclean spirit and immediately drives the unclean spirit out by His command. We are also called to respond to the needs around us with compassion. We rely on Him for the support we need to address what we see, including difficult issues.

"If today you Hear His voice, harden not your heart."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, January 28th

Children's Liturgy:

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Collecting Cosgrove's Kitchen Casseroles

8:00-11:00 am @ St. Damian Parish Gym

9:00-12 noon @ St. Bernard Parish Center

Joint Parish Casserole & Prayer Blanket Making

2:00 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center

Monday, January 29th

RCIA 7:00 pm @ Breese

Tuesday, January 30th

English Classes 9:30 am @ St. Damian

Wednesday, January 31st

Mass w/Blessing of Throats 7:45 am @ St. Damian

Catholic Schools Week Mass 9:40 am @ Mater Dei

Thursday, February 1st

Mass w/Blessing of Throats 7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Communion to Homebound

English Classes 9:30 am @ St. Damian

St. Bernard Choir Practice 7:00 pm @ Church

Friday, February 2nd

Hispanic Rosary 6:30 pm

Hispanic Bible Study 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 3rd

Mass w Blessing of Throats 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, February 4th

Mass w/Blessing of Throats & Children's Liturgy:

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

All Contribution Statements will be available for pick up **this weekend, Jan. 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: “It was only through an informational brochure that I first heard God’s call. At first, my parents were not supportive, but let me go to the convent for a year with the promise that I would return if I were ever unhappy. That never happened. I knew I wanted to be a Sister and I took my final vows in 1997. My parents were very supportive because they knew my vocation had truly come from God.”
-- Sister Jossy Jacob, *Sisters of Mary Immaculate*, Leechburg, PA., *Columbia*, Dec. 2015, pg.34.
World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated on **Feb. 2nd (observed in parishes Feb. 3/4)**. Please offer a prayer for all of them who have touched our lives.



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.

- **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.
- **ALL ARE WELCOME! Family (men, women & children) activity & fellowship** for both parishes on **Sunday, Jan. 28th** beginning at 2:00 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center. We will make Cosgrove's Casseroles (all ingredients provided) and Prayer Blankets (supplies provided).
- **Unable to attend** but would like to donate fleece for blankets or ingredients for casseroles, please contact Janel Zurliene, Dana Lake, Linda Majchrzak or Angie Winkeler. Donations may also 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!

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

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 20th/21st, 2018

Envelopes: \$2,204.00 + ACH: \$775.00

+ Loose: \$132.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$133.00 =
\$3,244.00

Budget for week: \$2,903.85

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$86,099.29

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$87,115.50

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 1,016.21)**

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 any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 792-2676.

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 4th, 2018 @ 8:30 am

Ministers of Communion — Pete Toennies, Kristy Richter, **Diana Jansen**

Reader — Jackie Toennies

Ushers — Cole Horstmann, Dave Pingsterhaus

Servers — Nolan & Lance Goebel, Kaylee Netemeyer

Organist — Geri Varel

Collection Counters — Kristy Richter, Pete Toennies, Anita Rakers

Children's Liturgy — Shannon Fuehne, Reid Koch



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ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 21st, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,090.00 + ACH: \$2,205.00

+ Loose: \$42.00 = \$3,337.00

Budget for week: \$3,012.02

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$87,156.76

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$90,360.60

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 3,203.84)**

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ⇒ **St. Damian & St. Bernard Ladies Sodality** are sponsoring a **Mexican Fish Fry** on **Friday, Feb. 9th** from 4:30-7:30 pm @ Albers American Legion. Big bottom Margaritas! Plates of cod & fish tacos. A La Carte of chips & pico; loaded nachos; chips & cheese and fresh hot tamales. Full bar. Dine in or carry out available. **Ladies Sodality Members** are asked to bring desserts for the **Mexican Fish Fry**. Desserts can be dropped off at the Legion anytime after 3:00 pm that afternoon or at either school office in the morning.
- ⇒ **St. Bernard & St. Damian Youth Ministry** will be hosting a **Soup Supper** on **Sunday, Feb. 11th** from 3:30-6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center. DINE-IN ONLY. A sign-up sheet is in the back of both parishes for anyone who would like to compete for the Golden Ladle! **Who will be this year's winner?**

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 3rd, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

Ministers of Communion — Melissa Netemeyer,
Steve & Deb Schomaker

Reader — Janel Zurliene

Ushers — Ed Broeckling, Brian Zurliene

Servers — Grant Winkeler, Brooke & Rachel Zurliene

Sunday, February 4th, 2018 @ 10:00 am

Ministers of Communion — *Lynette Huegen*, Roman
Kloeckner, Sharon Wuebbels, Vicki Pittman

Reader — Brent Rickhoff

Ushers — Scott & Kyle Athmer, Dennis & Reagan
Rickhoff

Servers — Brooke Rickhoff, Jacey Wieter, Mallory
Toennies

Counters — Tim Schroeder, Vicki Pittman, Keith
Richter

Children's Liturgy — Stefanie Rickhoff



Congratulations to *Levi Nicholas Niemeyer*, child of Luke & Rebecca (Rickenberg) Niemeyer, who received the saving waters of baptism on Sunday, January 14th. May God guide them in their journey of life.

Crisis Event Management Presentation:

Deputy Jeff Vernatti will provide a ***Crisis Event Management Presentation*** on dealing with unexpected stressful and crisis situations that might unexpectedly occur when a congregation is present in their Church. It will include interactive roles and demonstrations. An additional element of the presentation includes a discussion on violence in the work place. It is open to anyone interested in learning more on how to keep our Churches safe. The presentation will be held on **Thursday, Feb. 1st** at 7:00 pm @ St. Augustine Church in Breese. For more information or if you have questions, please call Deputy Jeff Vernatti at 618-791-0069. No registration is required.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

The Clin-Clair Fire Department is *Accepting bids for a 3-year (seasonal years: 2018, 2019, & 2020)*

Contract for Lawn Maintenance for approximately 1 acre of lawn at the Clin-Clair Fire Department facility in Albers. Bids must be received **no later than February 26th at 7:00 pm**. If interested, please call the fire station at: 618-248-5442 to obtain a copy of the contract specifications prior to bid submission.

Highland Knights of Columbus: Chicken Dinner on **Sunday, Jan. 28th** from 10:30 am – 5:30 pm @ the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 12454 Route 143, Highland. Adults: \$10, Children 8 and Under: Free. Free delivery to shut-ins in the Highland area. Call 618-654-9049 for more details. *Proceeds to be used to finance Highland Knights of Columbus charitable activities.* Auxiliary Quilt Raffle will be held.

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.

St. Mary Church, Trenton: Glo Bingo on **Saturday, Feb. 3rd** @ the parish center. Doors open at 5:30 pm with Bingo starting at 7:00 pm. \$20 per person in advance or \$25 at the door. Includes 6 bingo cards for 10 games, glow hat, & glow dabber (\$5 per additional 6 bingo cards). For tickets contact Betsy Horstmann (920-8921) or Linnie Haselhorst (224-9810). Must be 18 or older to attend. Bring your own sacks – cash bar. Over \$1,000 in cash prizes!!

Catholic Urban Program: Trivia Night on **Saturday, Feb. 3rd** with doors opening at 5:00 pm and Trivia starting at 6:00 pm @ Diocese of Belleville Pastoral Center. \$10 person (table of 8) with limited tables. Bring your own food and drinks. To register online, visit www.catholicurbanprograms.org/cup. For questions, please call 618-398-5616. *Proceeds to benefit Neighborhood Law Office (NLO).*

Beckemeyer Sons of the American Legion: Euchre Tournament on **Saturday, Feb. 3rd** at 7:00 pm at the Beckemeyer American Legion. Sign in starts at 6:00 pm. \$10.00 entry fee.