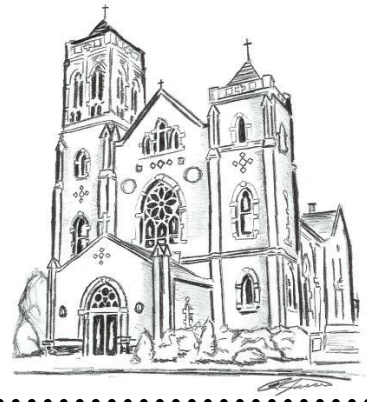




*Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
January 29th, 2017*



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Monday (8 am to 5 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian;

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

Dan & Rose Mueth Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31ST

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Cancer Victims

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

For World Peace

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Memorial Donors

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

Gary Kohrmann

Dennis Gerling Family

Barney & Margie Pollmann

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

Marie Dulle

Clarence & Isabelle Holtmann

Lawrence & Catherine Strieker

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In a culture obsessed with strength and success, today's readings are startling. The qualities and behaviors identified in the Beatitudes look nothing like economic, political or social strength. Instead, they appear to demonstrate weakness. St. Paul tells us that God chose the foolish, the weak, the lowly and despised to shame the wise and the strong. Those who say we follow Jesus have some soul-searching to do. **How do the Beatitudes fit with our professional and life-style commitments? How willing are we to engage in the really hard practices? And what would it mean if we don't want to?**

GENERAL CONCERNS:

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). Please deliver frozen casseroles on **Sunday, Jan. 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!**

JOINT PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE:

Meeting schedule for **Tuesday, Jan. 31st** at 7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center.

MESSENGER RENEWAL WEEKEND:

The Messenger, your local diocesan newspaper is celebrating 110 years of actively growing your Catholic Family's Connection here in the Diocese of Belleville. Please stay "connected" through a subscription to *The Messenger*, which will be held the **weekend of Feb. 4th/5th**. In your parish envelope (provided in your packet), please make your check payable to "*The Messenger*" or go online to www.bellevillemessenger.org and follow the directions. Cost is: Print - \$25.00, Electronic - \$25.00, OR Both - \$30.00. **Thank you for your support!**

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. If you are interested in having your contributions done electronically, please fill out the form (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.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!"

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, January 29th

Contribution Pickup

Cosgrove's Casserole Delivery

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

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

Appreciation Dinner & Casserole Building

6:00 pm @ Albers American Legion

Monday, January 30th

Knights of Columbus NC Vicariate Mtg.

7:30 pm @ Breese

Tuesday, January 31st

Joint Parish Liturgy Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center

Wednesday, February 1st

Bible Timeline Study

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Parish House

Catholic Schools Week Mass

9:40 am @ Mater Dei High School

Thursday, February 2nd

Communion to Homebound

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Friday, February 3rd

Hispanic Rosary 6:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Saturday, February 4th

Confirmation Spectacular @ the Shrine

Sunday, February 5th

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

Spanish Mass

11:00 am w/Closing of Christmas Season



Catholic Schools Week

Join Us as We Celebrate Communities
of Faith, Knowledge & Service!

THE MISSIONARY IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of all the Americas, is patron of pro-life including refugees and immigrants and so is for all of us. The image will come to St. Damian on **Sunday, Jan. 29th** at 3:00 pm with some bilingual prayers, time for silent adoration and veneration of the miraculous image. The prayer will close at 4:30 pm with a consecration to her care. Come join us for a time of prayer for peace, our new leadership for life and for all those particular needs we hold in our hearts. Other parishes in the area will be invited to join us.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 21st/22nd, 2017

Envelopes: \$2,111.00 + Loose: \$62.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$143.00 = \$2,316.00
Budget for week: \$2,831.73
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$84,255.55
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$84,951.90
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 696.35)
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.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 5th, 2017 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Pete Toennies, Rosann Horstmann, *Kevin Toennies*
Reader — Jackie Toennies
Ushers — Jerry Arentsen, Dan Athmer
Servers — Anthony, Kevin, & William Athmer
Organist — Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counters – Mech Toennies, Dave Kassen, Pete Toennies
Children's Liturgy – Denise & Savanna Luitjohan

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 22nd, 2017

Envelopes: \$2,149.00 + ACH: \$2,205.00
+ 2017 Christmas: \$50.00 + Loose: \$43.00 = \$4,447.00
Budget for week: \$2,964.43
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$88,686.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$88,932.90
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 246.90)
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.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL:

Do you want to find out more about St. Damian Parish and help guide the parish into the future?

The terms of *Virgil Jansen, Dave Kassen & Geri Varel* will expire effective April 1, 2017. Currently seeking nominations to replace these two men & one woman on the council. All parishioners, 18 years of age and older, are eligible to be members of the parish council. If you or someone you know is interested in filling these seats, please fill out a nomination sheet and put it in the box in the gathering space of church. **Nominations** will be accepted from **Jan. 28th through Feb. 12th**. All persons nominated will be contacted to see if they are willing to be on the March ballot. **Elections** will take place the **weekend of Mar. 4th/5th**. Parish Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct & Dec. Everyone is welcome to be involved with the parish by volunteering to serve a 3-year term on the parish council!

St. Damian Holy Name:

Meeting on **Thursday, Feb. 16th** at 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Parish Meeting Room.

ST. DAMIAN YOUTH CHOIR:

The Youth Choir will begin practices for **Holy Week** on **Sunday, Feb 19th** at 9:30 am. This year the Youth Choir will sing on *Good Friday* (April 14th) & *Holy Saturday* (April 15th). All boys & girls in grades 4-12 and young adults are invited to participate in the Youth Choir. 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 19th!

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 at both entrances of the church. Please mark if you intend to donate cash or a quilt for the picnic. **Thank you!**

ST. BERNARD LADIES SODALITY:

Faith, Fellowship, & Fun: Annual Appreciation Evening hosted by the Ladies Sodality on **Sunday, Jan. 29th** @ Albers American Legion. Door open at 5:00 pm. ALL ladies and men are invited to join us for delicious food, fellowship and fun. We will be promoting the parish's efforts to support *Cosgrove's Kitchen*. The Ladies Sodality will donate and provide all of the necessary ingredients and supplies to make casseroles which will be delivered to Cosgrove's Kitchen in East St. Louis. **All we need is YOU!!** Please come and spend a short time generously helping to assemble the casseroles. Stay and join us for a game of euchre, bingo and other activities to enjoy the fellowship of others from our parish. A light meal and drinks will be provided, followed by our brief meeting.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT:

Kaitlyn Toennies, Brooke Zurliene, Noah Broeckling, and Katrina Heimann will be collecting any type boxes of ***Cereal & Monetary Donations*** for *St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry* in Germantown as a Confirmation Service Project. Donation boxes will be located at the back of St. Bernard Church, Albers Elementary School, and Albers Village Hall **till Sunday, February 5th**. Thank you for your support!!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 4th, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Kathy Engelmann, Melissa Netemeyer, Liz Nussbaumer
Reader — Ken Nussbaumer
Ushers — Jim & Mary Norrenberns
Servers — Olivia & Grant Winkeler, Kalie Wellen
Cantor – Stefanie Rickhoff

Sunday, January 5th, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — *Dan Love*, Lee Love, Brenda Morris, Cole Schomaker
Reader — Lynette Huegen
Ushers — Tom & Mitchell Broeckling, Dennis Rickhoff, Dale Holtmann
Servers — Brooke & Reagan Rickhoff, Jillian Kloeckner
Cantors – Children's Choir
Collection Counters – Tim Schroeder, Brenda Morris, Phyllis Albers
Children's Liturgy – Meg & Erin Schiefer, Tyler Robertson
Sunday School Helpers – Tyler Robertson & Matt Schroeder



**Poinsettias are available in the
back of St. Bernard Church.
PLEASE TAKE ONE!!**



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COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

New Baden Knights of Columbus: *All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast* on **Sunday, Jan. 29th** from 7:30 - 11:00 am @ St. George Community Life Center (Hodapp Hall) with Behrmann's link pork sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, hash brown potatoes, cooked apples, coffee, & orange juice. Adults: \$8.00, Children (6-12): \$3.00, Under 5: Free. *Proceeds to benefit improvements for the Community Life Center Meeting Room.*

St. Dominic Parish, Breese: *Pinochle/Euchre/Bunco Social* on **Sunday, Jan. 29th** at 1:00 pm in the parish center. \$5 admission includes games lunch and prizes. Bring some friends for an afternoon of fun.

St. Mary Church, Trenton is sponsoring a *Glo Bingo* (also known as Cosmic Bingo) on **Saturday, Feb. 4th**. The night will be filled with music, fun and cash prizes of over \$1000. Tickets are available in advance for \$20/person or \$25/person at the door -- includes 6 bingo cards, glow hat & glow dauber. Doors will open at 5:30 pm; Bingo starts at 7:00 pm. Additional cards can be purchased. Advance tickets (**by Feb. 1**) can be obtained from Betsy Horstmann at 224-9335 (parish office) or 920-8921 or Lynn timer Haselhorst at 224-9810. Call early to reserve your table of 8 or more. Bring your own snacks or some snacks and sandwiches will be available for purchase and cash bar. All proceeds will go to St. Mary Church general fund. Must be 18 years or older to attend. No alcohol is permitted to be brought into the hall.

First United Methodist Church, Trenton: *Trivia Night/Silent Auction* on **Saturday, Feb. 4th** @ the church located at 3324 Old Highway 50, Trenton. Doors will open at 6:00 pm. \$100 per table/10 person maximum. Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd places with best decorated table. Bring your own food, with drinks available for purchase. Call Jenn at 618-204-1471 to reserve your table and a spot for childcare. *Proceeds to benefit the Clinton County Snack Pack Program.*