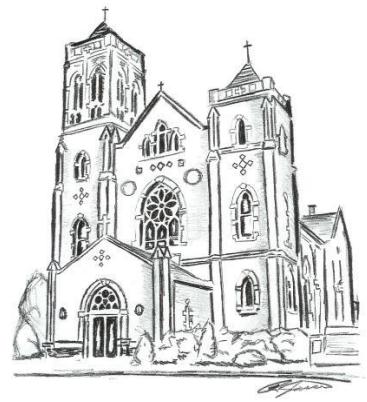




*Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
January 31st, 2016*



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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, FEBRUARY 1ST

7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian

Dan & Rose Mueth

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard

August Rademacher & Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

NO Mass Scheduled

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Cyril, Dorothy, & Marvin Foppe

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Memorial Donors

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

Barney & Margie Pollmann

Judy Athmer

Herman & Hulda Kollmann

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Lawrence & Catherine Strieker

Florence Wolters

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

At the beginning of the book of Jeremiah, we hear how God called him to be a prophet; but even more important, we hear how God promises to fortify and support him in his ministry. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks with confidence, even brashness in His hometown, yet by the grace of God is able to escape their wrath. Speaking the truth and challenging the status quo is always risky. Paul says that among the spiritual gifts of faith, hope and love, love is the greatest. Jesus showed this in His ministry. If we follow Him, we will encounter resistance. But faith, hope and love can sustain us. **Let us have the courage we need to witness to the gospel in our own lives.**

"I will sing of your salvation."

GENERAL CONCERNS:

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

All statements are available for pick up the weekend of Jan. 30th/31st. Please pick up your statements in the main entrance of church and save your parish the postage.

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.



COSGROVE'S CASSEROLES:

Please deliver frozen casseroles on **Sunday, January 31st** 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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

- **Annual Free Throw Competition on Sunday, February 7th** from 12 noon to 2:00 pm @ Albers Elementary Gym.
- **Meeting on Tuesday, February 9th** at 7:30 pm @ Albers Jaycee Building.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, January 31st

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

Cosgrove Casseroles Delivered

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

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

Tuesday, February 2nd

North Central Vicariate Meeting

12 noon @ St. Barbara, Scheller

St. Bernard Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Mtg. Room

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, February 3rd

Catholic Schools Week Mass

9:40 am @ Mater Dei Catholic High School

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

7:00 pm @ St. George Community Life Center

Thursday, February 4th

Wedding Rehearsal 5:30 pm @ St. Bernard Church

St. Bernard Cemetery Committee Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

St. Damian Holy Name Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Damian House

Friday, February 5th

Communion to the Homebound

Saturday, February 6th

Stephanie Diemeke & Jeremy Markus Wedding

1:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Sunday, February 7th

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

Catholic Youth Ministry Soup Supper

11:00 am-2:00 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center

Knights of Columbus Throw Competition

12 noon-2:00 pm @ Albers Elementary Gym

Confirmation Sponsor Retreat

2:00-4:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 23rd/24th, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 1,502.00 + Loose: \$30.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$224.00 = \$1,756.00
Budget for week: \$2,755.77
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$82,317.80
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$82,673.10
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$355.30)**
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

Sunday, February 7th, 2016 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Rosann Horstmann, Laura Dulle, *Florence Jansen*
Reader — Denise Luitjohan
Ushers — Norm Horstmann, Jared Horstmann
Servers — Savanna Luitjohan, Collin Jansen, Ben Kassen
Organist — Geri Varel
Collection Counters — Anita Rakers, Mech Toennies, Dave Kassen
Children's Liturgy — Sandy & Gabby Kramer

ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL:

Currently *seeking nominations* to replace three women on the Parish Council: *Arlene Korte, Diana Jansen, & Tina Tonnies*. Their terms will be expiring effective April 1, 2016. Do you want to find out more about how St. Damian Parish functions? If you or if you know any female parishioners, 18 and above, who would be interested in filling these seats, please submit that name on a nomination sheet and put it in the box in the gathering space of church. Nominations will be accepted the **weekend of January 30th/31st**. All names submitted will be contacted to see if they are willing to be on the March election ballot. Parish Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct & Dec. Join the fun and get more involved with the parish by volunteering to serve a 3-year term on the parish council!

ST. DAMIAN ADULT & YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICES:

- **Adult Choir** practices for Holy Week & Easter will begin on **Tuesday, February 2nd** at 7:00 pm in church. If you have ever considered joining the choir, this is a great opportunity to do so. Practices are held each Tuesday evening from 7:00-8:15 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 792-2676. *I don't sing because I'm happy; I'm happy because I sing. -William James*
- **Youth Choir** practices for Holy Week will begin on **Sunday, February 7th** at 9:30 am. This year the Youth Choir will sing on *Palm Sunday & Holy Thursday* (March 20th & March 24th). All boys & girls in grades 4-12 and young adults are invited to participate in the Youth Choir. We practice one 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 a child needs a ride to/from practice. We look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces on Feb. 7th!

ST. DAMIAN HOLY NAME:

Meeting on Thursday, February 4th at 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Parish House.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 24th, 2016

Envelopes: \$1,828.00 + Loose: \$50.00 = \$1,878.00
Budget for week: \$2,916.25
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$87,186.54
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$87,487.50
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$300.96)**
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.)

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ST. BERNARD LADIES SODALITY:

Faith, Fellowship, & Fun: Annual Appreciation Evening hosted by the Ladies Sodality on **Sunday, January 31st at 5:00 pm** at St. Bernard Parish Center. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. ALL ladies and men are invited to join us for delicious food, fellowship and fun. In lieu of a catered meal, 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 annual meeting.

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 6th, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Steve & Deb Schomaker,
Liz Nussbaumer

Reader — Ken Nussbaumer

Ushers — Ed Broeckling, Brian Zurliene

Servers — Brooke & Rachel Zurliene, Kyle
Athmer

Sunday, February 7th, 2016 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — *Lynette Huegen*, David &
Charlie Gebke, Vicki Pittman

Reader — Samantha Kassen

Ushers — Dan & Rita Poettker, Tim & Elizabeth
Schroeder

Servers — Jessica Eilers, Matthew Schroeder,
Abigail Crosby

Collection Counters – Tim Schroeder, Brenda
Morris, Vicki Pittman

Children's Liturgy – Amy Reynolds, Brenda
Richter

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Witnessing the Dignity of Every Person – As Catholics, we believe and put our hope in a merciful and loving God. We are conscious of our own brokenness and need for redemption.

Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: Our Lord calls us to imitate him more perfectly by witnessing to the inherent dignity of every person, including those whose actions have been despicable. For some people who are committed to upholding the sanctity of human life, the death penalty can present a challenge. Go to www.usccb.org to understand the church's teaching regarding the death penalty. Pray that as Christians we recognize our call to oppose the culture of death by being witness to something greater and more perfect: a gospel of life, hope and mercy.



COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

St. George Knights of Columbus, New Baden: *All You Can Eat Breakfast* on **Sunday, January 31** from 7:30-11:00 am with Behrmann's link pork sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, hash brown potatoes, cooked apples, coffee, orange juice @ CLC (Hodapp Hall). Adults (12+): \$8.00, Children (6-12): \$3.00, Children 5 and under FREE.

St. Ann Preschool, Nashville: *All You Can Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast* on **Sunday, January 31st** from 7:00 am-12 noon @ St. Ann School Gym. Adults: \$8.25, Children (3-12 years): \$4.25, Two & Under: Free.

Villas of St. James, Breese: Come out of hibernation and "*Phil*" yourself up on biscuits & gravy at our *Groundhog Day Breakfast* on **Tuesday, February 2nd** from 8:30-10:30 am @ the Villas. Attendance prizes, food & Fun! Please RSVP by calling 618-526-0100.

St. Mary Church, Trenton:

- ***Glo Bingo*** on **Saturday, February 6th** with doors opening at 5:30 pm and bingo starting at 7:00 pm @ St. Mary Parish Center. Cost is \$25 at the door which includes 6 bingo cards for 10 games, glow hat & dauber. \$5.00 per additional 6 cards. Only 300 seats. For tickets contact Betsy Horstmann 618-224-9335 or Linnie Haselhorst at 618-224-9810. Over \$1,000 in cash prizes.
- ***All You Can Eat Breakfast*** with pancakes, sausage, eggs, hash browns & fruit on **Sunday, February 7th** from 7:30-11:30 am @ St. Mary Parish Center. Adults: \$7.00, Children 6-12: \$3.00, Under 6: Free. Carry outs available.

Breese American Legion Post 252: *Fried Chicken & Baked Turkey Dinner* on **Sunday, February 7th** from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm @ the legion. Adults: \$10.00, Children (6-12): \$5.00, Under 6: Free. Carry outs available.

St. Charles Parish, Du Bois: *Chicken & Dumpling Dinner* on **Sunday, February 7th** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm @ the parish center. Adults: \$9.00, Ages 5-10: \$4.00, Under 5: Free. Cooked dumplings \$6.00 per quart; dry dumplings \$4.00 small & \$8.00 large bag.

Damiansville Elementary School PTO is hosting a *Comedy Night* on **Friday, February 26th**. The event will take place at Hey Guys Comedy Club in Fairview Heights. Tickets for the 90 minute show are \$25 per person. The doors open at 7:00 pm and the show begins promptly at 8:00 pm. For ticket information please call, text or email Monica Koch at (618) 792-6529 or monicazurliene@hotmail.com or you can call Damiansville Elementary School office at 248-5725. Only 200 tickets will be sold!