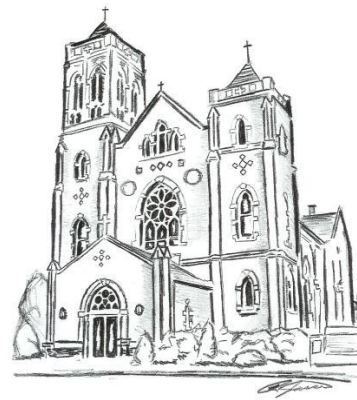




*Fifth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
February 5th, 2017*



St. Damian Parish

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You are the **salt** of the earth,
stay salty.
You are the **light** of the world,
let it shine.
Matthew 5:13-16

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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 6TH

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard
Judy Athmer
Edward, Henrietta & J.B. Broeckling

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
Louis Korte

10:00 am @ St. Bernard
Urban "Shorty" Behrmann

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian
Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today Jesus proclaims us the salt of the earth and the light of the world. **How can we be all that?** Our 1st Reading points the way: feed the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, clothe the naked. No mention of whether they are “*deserving*”. When we do these things, then our light will “*break forth like the dawn*”. As baptized Christians, we can’t hide. God, who is a God of justice and mercy, had expectations of Israel. The Israelites weren’t off the hook regarding how they were to act, and neither are the followers of Jesus. God has expectations of us. People see us, they observe what we do and how we act. **What are they seeing?** We can’t be followers in name only. **Our readings call on us to do no less than light up the whole world!**

"The just man is a light in darkness to the upright."

GENERAL CONCERNS:

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!**

CALLING ALL QUILTERS

All are welcome! Experienced, never quilted before and everyone in between. Dave & Suzie Broeckling is graciously opening the basement of their home to bring us together to quilt beginning on **Tuesday, Feb. 7th** any time after noon and into the evening until 9:00 pm. The plan is continue **every Tuesday in February**. Come quilt for 10 minutes or hours, whatever works for your schedule. Broeckling’s address is 8700 Hunter Road – Germantown. **Hope to see you there!!** Call Suzie 618-447-6141 or Dana Lake 618-973-7862 if you have any questions.

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.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

Tuesday, February 7th

North Central Vicariate Meeting

12 noon – 3:00 pm @ Sandoval

St. Bernard Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Meeting Room

Wednesday, February 8th

Bible Timeline Study

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Parish House

Thursday, February 9th

North Central Vicariate Catechist Leaders Mtg.

10:30 am @ CLC, New Baden

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Friday, February 10th

Communion to Homebound

Hispanic Rosary 6:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Saturday, February 11th

Knights of Columbus Free-throw Competition

11:00 am @ Albers School Gym

Sunday, February 12th

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

Confirmation Sponsor Retreat

Starting w/10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee

3:00 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center

SECOND COLLECTION:

The **2nd collection** which will be taken the **weekend of Feb. 11th/12th** will be used to assist residents within the communities of Albers & Damiansville. This collection helps aid those who need assistance paying utility bills, and provides fuel/food for travelers. Please be as generous as possible. **Thank you.**

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 28th/29th, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,053.00 + Loose: \$101.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$440.00 = \$1,594.00
Budget for week: \$2,831.73
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$85,849.55
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$87,783.63
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 1,934.08)
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.)

End of Month Totals:

Bldg./Maint. Collection: \$532.00 **Total: \$18,313.97**
Sister Parish: \$250.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 12th, 2017 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Ruth Jansen, Kristie Santel,
Julie Langenhorst

Reader — Denise Luitjohan

Ushers — Bud Jansen, Marvin Toennies

Servers — Abby Wegmann, Cole Arentsen, Kaylee
Netemeyer

Organist — Jan Hitch

Collection Counters — Jan Hitch, Kathleen Hodges,
Bob Hitpas

Children's Liturgy — Jenni Albers, Sophie Thomas

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 29th, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,705.00 + Loose: \$20.25 = \$1,725.25
Budget for week: \$2,964.43
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$90,411.25
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$91,897.33
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 1,486.08)
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.)

End of Month Totals:

Sister Parish: \$338.00

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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!

ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY

4 Hand Euchre Tournament on **Friday, March 3rd** @ Damiansville Gym. Doors open at 6:30 pm with playing beginning at 7:30 pm. Cost is \$10.00 per player. Water & soda will be available for purchase with snacks being provided. *Bring your own booze.*

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!**

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!!

PRE-GAME SUPER BOWL PARTY:

Join us as we have a ***"Sunday Service Funday"*** while completing some service projects **THIS Sunday, Feb. 5th** with doors opening at 1:30 pm and finishing by 4:00 pm @ Albers Elementary Gym. ALL Albers & Damiansville students in grades 3-8, high school students and parents are invited to attend. We will rotate games/activities in the gym with service projects such as making Prayer Blankets; Valentine's Care Packages for the homebound and nursing home residents and other projects. Project items, snacks and drinks will be provided. Donations will be accepted to help offset the cost of the fleece and other supplies. **We hope to see you there!**

BLESSING BAG SERVICE PROJECT:

A ***Blessing Bag*** is a bag of essential items that can be handed out to persons who are homeless or in need. Brooke & Reagan Rickhoff, their family, and confirmation sponsors are making ***Blessing Bags*** this Lenten season as their family confirmation service project. Donations will be accepted **now through Feb. 19th**. Any contributions to this ministry are greatly appreciated! Donations may be left in the ***Blessing Bag's Donations Boxes*** at St. Bernard Faith Formation, in St. Bernard Church or contact Stefanie Rickhoff at 618-806-9921 for pick up. Completed bags will be available at St. Bernard Church for ANYONE to take and distribute to those in need beginning the weekend of Feb. 25th/26th. These bags are easily kept in the car so you have them right there if you see someone in need. A list of donation items is available on the insert in the bulletin and also on the bulletin board.

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 11th, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Melissa Netemeyer, Ken & Liz Nussbaumer

Reader — Nettie Broeckling

Ushers — Ed Broeckling, **Volunteer**

Servers — Kalie Wellen, Rylee Jansen, **Volunteer**

Sunday, January 12th, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — ***Charlie Gebke***, Dave Gebke, Meg Schiefer, Vicki Pittman

Reader — Brent Rickhoff

Ushers — Tom Broeckling, Tim Schroeder, Brian Winkeler, Brian Zurliene

Servers — Jordyn Schiefer, Coryn Toennies, Grant Winkeler

Collection Counters – Pat Litteken, Dana Lake, Vicki Pittman

Children's Liturgy – Rachel Zurliene, **TBA**

Sunday School Helpers – **TBA**

"THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT"

The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D., Bishop of Belleville, Illinois, will give a major address **on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 2:00 pm** at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Guild Center, in Belleville on the topic, ***"The Catholic Church and the Black Lives Matter Movement"***. Many Catholics hear the term "black lives matter" and wonder what it means. Does it imply a rejection of people who are not African American? Does it advocate violence and the destruction of property? Is it compatible with the teachings of the Catholic Church? The Bishop's address will answer these and other questions by examining key elements contributing to the racial divide in the United States and the emergence of the Black Lives Matter Movement from the perspective of the Catholic Church. He will explore the reasons why only a small number of African-Americans are Catholics (2.9 million out of nearly 70 million American Catholics), the "all lives matter" vs. "Black lives matter" debate, the negative impact of the erroneous expressions "minorities" and "minority groups," conflicts over issues of morality, and the impact Catholic social doctrine and the Good News of Jesus Christ should have on the racial divide.

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

Albers American Legion: *Breakfast* on Sunday, Feb. 12th from 8:00 to 11:30 am with Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes and Biscuits & Gravy @ the legion. Carry outs available. *Proceeds to benefit the Legion Youth Programs.*