



*Sixth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
February 12th, 2017*



St. Damian Parish

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Simply let your 'Yes' be a 'Yes' and
your 'No', 'No' anything beyond this
comes from the evil one.

Matthew 5:37

St. Bernard Parish

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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 13TH

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
For All ALS Sufferers

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
August Rademacher & Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
Cliff Kolb

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

Irene Strieker
Florence Wolters
Mike & Mae Falbe; Louis & Marie Rolves

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The readings today address the laws that God has given us to live by. The 1st Reading and the Psalm present them as fulfilling and life-giving. Then along comes Jesus in the Gospel, and while He upholds the law, He calls us to a higher standard. No longer is it enough to observe the letter of the law. As we hear these words proclaimed, it might be good to reflect on one area in our life where we can do more, and to pray for the grace to do so.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

Tuesday, February 14th

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!

St. Damian Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Meeting Room

Knights of Columbus Meeting

7:30 pm @ Albers Jaycee Hall

Wednesday, February 15th

Bible Timeline Study

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Parish House

Thursday, February 16th

St. Damian Holy Name Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Meeting Room

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Friday, February 17th

Communion to Homebound

Hispanic Rosary 6:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Saturday, February 18th

Reconciliation 4:15-4:45 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, February 19th

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

Youth Choir Practice

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

"Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!"

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 **every Tuesday in February** any time after noon and into the evening until 9:00 pm. 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.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITY:

Attend the "**THE FOUR SIGNS**" Event based on Matthew Kelly's best-selling book, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, (a gift from the parish this Christmas). The Four Signs event delves into the four life-giving spiritual habits of engaged Catholics. What if each day, every Catholic prayed for ten minutes and read five pages of a great Catholic book? What if every Catholic gave one percent more of their income to their Church this year and did one thing each week to intentionally share God's message with others? The Catholic Church would be staggeringly different from the Church today. But how do we get Catholics to take on these life-changing habits?

Jonathan Fanning will lead the event on **Saturday, March 4th** from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm @ St. Joseph Catholic Church in Marion, IL. Doors open an hour before the event; it is suggested to arrive a half hour to an hour before the event to check in, collect your materials, and be seated.

If you are interested in attending, please get tickets (\$20 per person) via the link below:

<https://cart.dynamiccatholic.com/The-Four-Signs-Marion-IL-p/fss030417.htm>

Kim Wieter, Kristen Templin and a few others will be going; if you want to carpool, feel free to connect with Kim (618-560-9037) or Kristen (314-651-8310).

BAKE SALE:

St. Damian's 7th & 8th grade Faith Formation class is sponsoring a **Bake Sale** on **Sunday, Feb. 26th** after the 8:30 Mass at St. Damian; the 10:00 Mass @ St. Bernard; and the 11:00 Hispanic Mass @ St. Damian. All proceeds will go to *Food for the Poor*. It is the last Sunday before Lent so please come out have one last "sweet binge" before Lent and support the less fortunate! **Thank you!**



THANK YOU ST. BERNARD & ST. DAMIAN PARISHIONERS...

...for your recent contributions to our Krispy Kreme donut sale, individual donations and prayers. Through your generosity we were able to assist numerous flood victims of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in rebuilding their homes. This was a most rewarding experience for our group in serving others in need and want to thank you again for making this trip possible for us and for the victims of the flood.

-- *Mater Dei senior service group. Emma Breiner, Rachel Zurliene, Brian Zurliene and Lori Breiner*

...for your support, understanding, interest and especially for your kind hospitality during our visit with you. We received total sales of \$1,762.69 from your generosity. May God bless you all. -- *Blest Art*

...for your faithfulness to bring peace, joy and the love of Christ to someone in need. Your gift of \$341.00 is a tremendous blessing. Thank you for your generosity and God blessing on you and your families.

-- *Food for the Poor, Inc.*

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 5th, 2017

Envelopes: \$2,620.00 + Loose: \$94.00

+ Mass in Spanish: \$148.00 = \$2,862.00

Budget for week: \$2,831.73

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$88,711.55

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$90,615.36

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 1,903.81)**

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 19th, 2017 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Deb Santel, Laura Dulle,

Erin Korte

Reader — Bob Innes

Ushers — Bernard Heimann, Gary Tonnies

Servers — Claire Tonnies, Ben & Jennifer Heimann

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Collection Counters — Tina Tonnies, Bob Innes,

Sandy Kramer

Children's Liturgy — Sandy Kramer, Meredith Innes

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 **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** are available 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 PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 4th/5th, 2017

Envelopes: \$2,084.00 + ACH: \$1,525.00
+ Loose: \$92.00 = \$3,701.00
Budget for week: \$2,964.43
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$94,112.25
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$94,861.76
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 749.51)
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!

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 **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 bulletin board.

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 18th, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Melissa Netemeyer, Nettie Broeckling, Deb Schomaker
Reader — Steve Schomaker
Ushers — Nick & Kathy Friederich
Servers — Coryn & Kaitlyn Toennies, Kyle Athmer

Sunday, January 19th, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — **Lynn Ahtmer**, Kevin & Kristen Templin, Robbin Netemeyer
Reader — Samantha Kassen
Ushers — John, Linda, & Michael Majchrzak, Dave Wuebbels
Servers — Justin Huelsmann, Bradley Strubhart, Abigail Crosby
Collection Counters – Lynn Athmer, Kevin Templin, John Majchrzak
Children's Liturgy – Karen Schroeder, Ocean Reinhardt, Noah Broeckling
Sunday School Helpers – Katrina Heimann, Austyn Jansen



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SECOND COLLECTION:

The **2nd collection** which will be taken **this 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, rent and provides fuel/food for travelers. Please be as generous as possible. **Thank you.**

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

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*

St. Joseph Men's Club, Freeburg is sponsoring a ***Chicken & Beer Dance*** on **Saturday, Feb. 18th from 7:00-11:00 pm** @ St. Joseph Parish Center. Music by Cactus Moon. Chicken served at 8:00 pm. \$20 per person/\$35 per couple in advance. \$40 per couple at the door. Call Don Hinrichs at 539-3925 or Don Rakers at 636-8067 for reservations. *Proceeds to pay off Parish Center loan.*

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows: An Address by His Excellency, The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D. Bishop of Belleville on *The Catholic Church and the Black Lives Matter Movement: The Racial Divide in the United States Revisited* on **Saturday, Feb. 25th from 2:00-4:00 pm** @ Guild Center. Bishop Braxton acknowledges that the Catholic Church cannot embrace many of the positions held by the *Blacks Lives Matter Movement*. Nevertheless, he believes that Catholics, black and white, would benefit from knowing more about this significant social movement and seek to understand its implications for the Church and society. Free will offering - Registration required. For more information, call 618-397-6700 ext. 6270 or visit snows.org/programs.