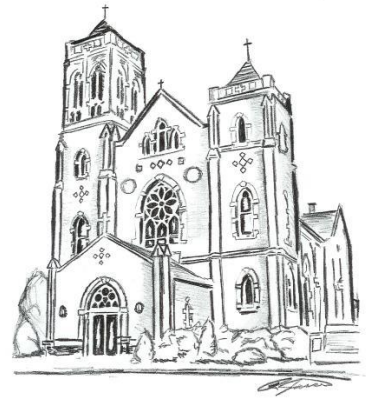


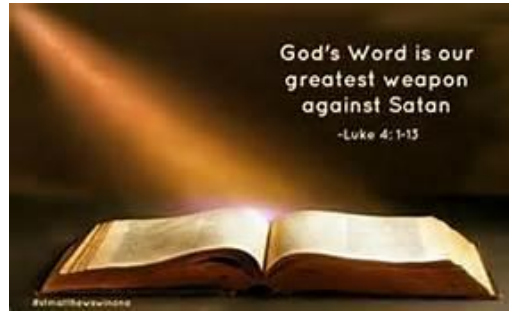


*First Sunday
In Lent
February 14th, 2016*



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Monday (OFF) on February 15th;

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

(9 am to 4 pm) @ CLC, New Baden;

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

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

NO am Mass @ St. Damian

NO Prayer Service w/Communion

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 am – 12 noon @ St. Damian

1:00 – 3:00 pm @ St. Bernard

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

7:40 am NO Mass @ St. Bernard

Prayer Service w/Communion

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

8:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Delores "Dolly" Netemeyer

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

Albert "Shorty" Deimeke

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Cliff Kolb

Adella Wombacher

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Clarence & Isabelle Holtmann

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In today's 1st reading we hear Moses admonishing the Israelites to recall all that God has done for them when they bring their offering to the Lord. Saint Paul adds that "*no one who believes in Him will be put to shame*". Making a commitment is neither easy nor simple. We have second thoughts and doubts, temptations to go back on the choices we've made. Jesus struggled to know and accept His calling during His 40 days in the desert after His baptism. At the end of His desert experience, Jesus is ready to encounter the devil and His temptations. **Let us allow these scriptures to prepare us for our Lenten encounter with God.**

"Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble."

LENTEN SCHEDULE / OPPORTUNITIES:

"Our Lenten Journey of Love"

Daily meditations, prayers & activities are available at the entrances of both churches.

Bible Study

Every Monday beginning Feb. 15th

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Meeting Room

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday beginning Feb. 17th

9:00 am -12 noon @ St. Damian Church

1:00-3:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

(Sign up in the back of church)

Stations of the Cross

Thursdays, Feb. 18th, March 3rd & 17th

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Thursdays, Feb. 25th, March 10th

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Anointing of the Sick

Weekend of Feb. 27th/28th

During all Masses @ both parishes

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Sunday, March 6th

1:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling all Catholic Freshman through Seniors:

Are you looking for a weekend away from home?

A chance to meet youth from all around the diocese and have a fun and faith filled experience?

Attend the **Annual Diocesan Youth Conference**

March 4th-6th held at the Gateway Convention

Center in Collinsville. Check your email for more information or contact Shelly at 618-401-6007 or

maschuetz@hotmail.com.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, February 14th

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 Boys Basketball Game

11:45 am @ Bartelso

Monday, February 15th

Presidents' Day – NO SCHOOL

NO Mass & NO Prayer Service w/Communion

Bible Study 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Mtg. Room

Tuesday, February 16th

NO St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday, February 17th

Eucharistic Adoration:

9:00 am-12 noon @ St. Damian

1:00-3:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

7:00 pm @ St. George Community Life Center

Thursday, February 18th

NO Mass – Prayer Service w/Communion

7:40 am @ St. Bernard

Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm @ St. Damian

St. Bernard Choir Practice 7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, February 21st

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 Boys Basketball Game

11:45 am @ Germantown

ST. BERNARD & ST. DAMIAN - Feeding the Hungry, One Casserole At A Time!

Families of St. Bernard of Albers and St. Damian of Damiansville donated 160 casseroles this year to *Cosgrove's Casseroles*, sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society (www.svdpsouthil.org/cosgrove-kitchen). Cosgrove's Casseroles helps feed the homeless and underprivileged in East St. Louis by offering hot meals at Cosgrove's Kitchen. Each casserole serves twelve people; over 1,900 people will be fed by this donation. To date, the parishes have donated over 560 casseroles since starting this annual project in 2012. **Thank you** to everyone who helped make this year's project a success! **SPECIAL THANKS** to Deacon Glenn and everyone at Germantown IGA for storing and freezing the casseroles before transporting to East St. Louis!

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 7th, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 2,000.00 + Loose: \$70.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$116.00 = \$2,186.00
Budget for week: \$2,755.77
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$86,417.80
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$88,184.64
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$1,766.84)**
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 21st, 2016 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Gary & Amanda Fuehne,
Ken Mank
Reader — Jackie Toennies
Ushers — Pete Toennies, Bernard Heimann
Servers — Jimmy Fuehne, Ben & Jennifer Heimann
Organist — Geri Varel
Collection Counters – Kristy Richter, Pete Toennies, Gwen Toennies
Children's Liturgy – Gwen Toennies, Jennifer Heimann



ST. DAMIAN CHOIR PRACTICES:

- **Adult Choir** there will be NO adult choir practice on **Tuesday, February 16th**. Practices will resume on **Tuesday, February 23rd** from 7:00-8:15 pm in church. If you have ever considered joining the choir, this is a great opportunity to do so. 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 **This 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 LADIES SODALITY

4 Hand Euchre Tournament on **Friday, March 4th** @ Damiansville Gym. Doors open at 6:30 pm/playing starts at 7:30 pm. \$10.00 per player. Water & soda available for purchase. Snacks will be provided. *Bring your own booze.* Flyers are available at the entrances of church. Please pick up and distribute as many as possible.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY:

The **2nd collection** which will be taken **this weekend, February 13th/14th**. The collection will be used to assist those in need within our communities. Please be as generous as possible. ***Thank you.***

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 6th/7th, 2016

Envelopes: \$2,483.50 + ACH (2nd): \$665.00
+ Loose: \$157.00 = \$3,305.50
Budget for week: \$2,916.25
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$92,600.04
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$93,320.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$719.96)**
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.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 20th, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Ken & Liz Nussbaumer,
Deb Schomaker
Reader — Steve Schomaker
Ushers — Nick & Kathy Friederich
Servers — Olivia & Grant Winkeler, Corie Nobis

Sunday, February 21st, 2016 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — **Lynn Ahtmer**, Kevin & Kristen Templin, Ray Gill
Reader — Brent Rickhoff
Ushers — Dennis, Reagan & Kurt Rickhoff, Tom Rensing
Servers — Allison, Carson & Brooke Rickhoff
Collection Counters – Lynn Ahtmer, Kevin Templin, Tom Rensing
Children's Liturgy – Oceana Templin, Charlie Gebke



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jeremy Thomas Markus & Stephanie Rae Deimeke,

who received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, Feb. 6th @ St. Bernard Church. May their love for God and one another grow throughout the years.



Congratulations to Lyla Clare

Schroeder, child of Nicholas & Karen (Netemeyer) Schroeder, who received the saving waters of baptism on

BAPTISM

Sunday, Feb. 7th @ St. Bernard. May God watch over and guide them in their journey of life.

BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS

This weekend, February 13th/14th, our parish will take up the annual collection for the **Black & Indian Missions**. This collection exists to help diocesan communities build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American and Alaska Native people of God. The Belleville Diocese receives substantial funding annually from this collection for diocesan ministries and services. Please generously support the Black & Indian Missions collection. Envelopes are provided in your envelope packet. **Thank you.**



THANK YOU!!

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for the overwhelming support, sympathy, and love shown to our family in the recent passing of my mother, **Delores "Dolly"**. So many have shared their own wonderful memories, photos, provided food, ran errands, sent gifts, flowers, plants, cards, called and been present with us during this very difficult time, that "**Thanks**" doesn't seem enough. Mom tried to live by the two great commandments, "**Love the Lord God with all your heart, mind and soul**"; and "**Love your neighbor as yourself**." Your loving thoughts and compassion reflect these as well and have meant the world to us.

- Deacon Glenn, Robbin, Randy, Shannon & the Netemeyer family.

WHAT IS "40 CANS FOR LENT"®

It is a program designed to help fight hunger. An opportunity to take a small sacrifice, turn it into a big difference in the lives of others. The idea of a simple, straightforward one-can-per-day donation is inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert. All that is required is the desire to help others. **The goal of this program is for each parishioner to contribute one can of food per day during the forty days of Lent.** Drop off your cans at any time throughout the Season to the K of C Collection Boxes in the back of both Churches.

Sponsored by Frs. Peters and Keifer Knights of Columbus Council 9768

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Albers American Legion: *Valentine's Day Breakfast* on **Sunday, February 14th** from 8:00-11:30 am @ the legion. Carry outs available.

MD Band & Chorus: *Chicken Dinner* on **Sunday, February 14th** from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm @ the Breese K of C Hall to support the Mater Dei Catholic High School Band and Chorus. The menu includes fried chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, green beans, and homemade desserts. Adults: \$9.00, Children 6-12: \$5.00 and Children under 5: free. Carry outs are available.

MD Class of 2020 Registration: Mater Dei will be having an open registration period for incoming freshmen (Class of 2020) on **Saturday, February 20th** from 8:30-11:00 am. If you are unable to attend please contact Mrs. Maria Zurliene at 618-526-7216.

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!

FR. DONALD LENZINI 90TH BIRTHDAY

Former pastor of St. Damian Parish, Fr. Don Lenzini will observe his 90th birthday on **Thursday, February 18th**. If you wish to send him a birthday wish, please mail it to: Fr. Donald Lenzini – Parkway Manor Nursing Home – 3116 Williamson County Parkway Manor – Marion, IL 62959.