

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

It's time to choose sides. The selections from Jeremiah, Psalms and Luke each describe the favorable consequences for one group of people and the unfavorable consequences for the opposite group. In the 1st Reading, Jeremiah distinguishes between those who place their trust in God and those who place their trust in others. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus reassures those who are suffering while warning those who are prospering. It is sobering. Let Saint Paul's proclamation of Christ's resurrection be of comfort to all of us.

"Blessed are they who hope in the Lord."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, February 17th Breakfast 8:00-11:30 am @ Albers American Legion Mass w/ Children's Liturgy 8:30 am @ St. Damian Church 10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church Hispanic Rosarv 10:30 am @ St. Damian Church Mass in Spanish 11:00 am @ St. Damian Church Monday, February 18th President's Day – NO School **Prayer Service w/Communion** 8:00 am @ St. Damian Church English Classes 5:00 & 6:00 pm @ St. Damian RCIA 7:00 pm @ Breese Tuesday, February 19th St. Damian Finance & Parish Council Meetings CANCELLED Wednesday, February 20th Eucharistic Adoration w/Benediction 7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church Thursday, February 21st St. Bernard Choir Practice 7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Friday, February 22nd Communion to the Homebound Saturday, February 23rd Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church Sunday, February 24th Mass w/ Children's Liturgy 8:30 am @ St. Damian Church 10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church St. Damian Youth Choir Practice 9:15 am @ St. Damian Church Hispanic Rosary 10:30 am @ St. Damian Church Mass in Spanish 11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

OFFICE HOURS:

Jeanne will not have set office hours until further notice. As long as Brooke is in the hospital, I plan to be working from Michelle's place at times. Times will vary from week to week depending on the circumstances. I will be available by calling/texting my cell phone (979-5933), or email st.bernard@charter.net. Prayers and your patience are greatly appreciated. Thank you. -- Jeanne Langenhorst

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ENHANCE YOUR MASS EXPERIENCE?

If so, join us for a video series, *Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed*, which features powerful cinematography, inspiring presenters and practical information that you can take with you to every Mass. We will meet at my home at 305 Susan Drive in Albers, **beginning March 10th and continuing every Sunday through April 7th** at 6:00 pm. For more information or to register (just need a head count), call or text me at 314-651-8310 or email me at <u>kmtemplin@gmail.com</u>. *Do something different this year for Lent!*

GUIDELINES FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

- Contact the parish at least 6 months prior to your wedding.
- ➤ Contact Fr. Anthony for the first initial meeting.
- Obtain a recent copy of your baptismal certificate from the church of the bride/groom's baptism.

These steps must be done prior to proceeding with your wedding plans.

VOCATION CORNER:

"Life is about saying "yes" to the things that help you to grow in holiness and no to the things that don't. Life is about searching for the best version of yourself. Today's culture doesn't have a vision for the human person. The goal of today's culture is consumption as we no longer are the consumers---we are being consumed. It is time for us to start thinking about where our lives are leading and to where God is calling us. The ways of the world lead to confusion. God's way leads to clarity, order and to a meaningful living with joy. Life is a choice we all have to make. So, fulfill God's vision for you and answer his call with a "yes"."

The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic. Pg. 79-81.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 9th/10th, 2019

Envelopes: \$1,254.00 + Loose: \$46.00	ł.	
+ Mass in Spanish: <i>Mass Cancelled</i> =	\$1,300.00	
Budget for week:	\$3,038.46	
Fiscal year-to-date collected:	\$96,507.89	
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$100,269.18	
Over (under) year-to-date budget:	(\$ 3,761.29)	
Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget:	\$158,000.00	
(Reminder : The fiscal year budget <u>does not</u> include		
the \$56,550.00 transferred from: Savings, Building		
Fund, Cemetery & Picnic Checking Accounts, which		
is needed in order to balance the budget.)	
Parishes Needy Fund Collection:	\$89.60	

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN QUILTING COMMITTEE:

Please pick up your *Bi-Monthly Quilt Raffle Tickets* in the main entrance of church. Thank you!

ST. DAMIAN CHOIR NEWS!

- Youth Choir will begin practices for Holy Week on Sunday, Feb. 24th at 9:30 am. They will sing on Good Friday (April 19th) and Easter Sunday (April 21st). All boys & girls in grades 4-12 and young adults are invited to participate. We practice about an hour 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. 24!
- Adult Choir will begin practicing for Holy Week on Tuesday, Feb. 26th at 7:00 pm. We will be singing for Palm Sunday (April 14) and Holy Saturday (April 20). Practices usually last one hour (or less) each week, and you are not obligated to attend every practice. If you can spare a few nights during Lent, you are most welcome to join us! For any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 792-2676.

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 24th, 2019 @ 8:30 am

Communion Ministers — Florence Jansen, Arlene Korte

- Reader Chris Kalmer
- Ushers Steve Kalmer, Dave Albers

Servers — Reece Deiters, Simon & Ethan Toennies

- Organist Geri Varel
- Counters Gwen Toennies, Toni Tonnies, Kathy Gonsalves

Children's Liturgy – Jenni Albers, Trent Korte Just a reminder: Children's Liturgy is for students Pre-K age through 3rd grade.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 10th, 2019

Envelopes: \$1,102.00 + Loose: \$99.00 =	\$1,201.00	
Budget for week:	\$3,124.52	
Fiscal year-to-date collected:	\$96,195.00	
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$103,109.16	
Over (under) year-to-date budget:	(\$ 6,914.16)	
Fiscal year (7/17-6/18) budget:	\$162,475.00	
(Reminder : The fiscal year budget <u>does not</u> include		
the \$33,000.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies		
Sodality, Capital Fund, Cemetery & Fund Raiser		
Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to		
balance the budget.)		
Total Church Steeple Repairs:	\$8,320.00	

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Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD MIXED CHOIR:

Practices are held **every Thursday evening** at 7:00 pm. New Members Are Welcome.

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<u>Saturday, February 23rd, 2019 @ 4:00 pm</u>

Communion Ministers —Liz Nussbaumer, Nettie Broeckling, Melissa Netemeyer

Reader — Ken Nussbaumer

Ushers — Ed Broeckling, Volunteer

Servers — Clatyon & Rylee Jansen, Kalie Wellen

Sunday, February 24th, 2019 @ 10:00 am

Communion Ministers — Kati Schwierjohn, Lynette Huegen, Cole Schomaker

- **Reader** Brent Rickhoff
- Ushers Kurt & Allison Rickhoff, Dale Holtmann, Brian Zurliene
- Servers Carson Rickhoff, Sophia Kennett, Makenna Lake
- Counters Janel Zurliene, Dana Lake, James Williams
- Children's Liturgy Stefanie Rickhoff

Congratulations to Joseph Aloysius Deimeke & Madison Desirae Trammel, who were united in Holy Matrimony on

Saturday, Feb. 9th @ St. Bernard Church. May their love for God and one another grow throughout the years.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- St. Damian Ladies Sodality is sponsoring a *Mexican Fish Fry* on Friday, March 1st from 4:30-7:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym. Big bottom Margaritas! Plates of 6 piece cod w/fries & slaw and 3 fish tacos w/rice & beans for \$9.00 includes dessert & drink. A La Carte of chips & pico; chips & cheese for \$5.00 and fresh hot tamales. Dine in or carry out available. Canned Beer & Soda. 50/50 Raffle to benefit "Rally for Rae".
- St. Bernard & St. Damian Youth Ministry will be hosting a Soup Supper on Sunday, March 3rd from 3:30-6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center. <u>DINE-IN ONLY/NO CARRY OUTS</u>. Cost is: \$5.00 adults; \$2.50 for children. A sign-up sheet is in the back of both parishes for anyone who would like to compete for the Golden Ladle! Who will be this year's winner?
- ⇒ St. Damian Holy Name will host their Annual Wurstmarkt on Sunday, March 31st from 10:30 am-5:30 pm
 @ St. Damian Gym. Dine in or carry out available. Meat Sales and raffle.

Mater Dei Information

- Mater Dei Hall of Honor Nominations Sought: The Mater Dei Hall of Honor serves to recognize members of the Mater Dei community whose lifetime achievements or service to Mater Dei exemplify the Mission of Mater Dei. Nominees must have graduated from Mater Dei, St. Mary's, or St. Dominic's at least twenty years prior to their nomination <u>OR</u> have provided significant service to Mater Dei on a continuous basis for at least twenty years prior to their nomination. To obtain a nomination form, please contact Mr. Dennis Litteken (dlitteken@materdeiknights.org). Nominations will be accepted until Feb. 20th. Thank you for helping us recognize members of our Mater Dei community who exemplify our Mission!
- Mater Dei Christian Service Award Nominations Sought: The Mater Dei Christian Service Awards recognize students for their unselfish service to school, church, and community. The Christian Discipleship Award is presented to one senior and the Christian Service Awards are presented to one freshman, one sophomore, and one junior. To obtain a nomination form, please visit our website (www.materdeiknights.org, "Faith" menu then "Service" menu) or contact Ms. Colleen McDermott (cmcdermott@materdeiknights.org). Nominations will be accepted until March 30th. Thank you for helping us recognize students who dedicate themselves to serving others!

DAMIANSVILLE ELEMENTARY PTO

PTO Trivia Night: Save the date for Friday, March 29th in the Damiansville Elementary gym. Doors will open at 6:00 pm with trivia beginning at 7:00 pm. Trivia Riot will once again lead the night's events. Teams of 10 people will be accepted at \$100 per team. Information regarding donations for the silent auction and team registration will be coming next month. Please mark your calendars!

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

<u>Albers American Legion</u>: *Breakfast* on Sunday, Feb. 17th from 8:00 to 11:30 am with sausage, ham, pancakes, eggs, fried potatoes and biscuits & gravy @ the Legion. Carry outs available. *Proceeds for Legion Youth Programs*.

<u>#We Love Clinton County</u>: There's something about being from Clinton County. We love it here. Many in our community are suffering first or secondhand from *Alcoholism and/or Drug Addiction*. What are we going to do? Let's talk about it on **Sunday, Feb. 17**th from 10:00-11:00 am @ Ignite Church in Breese. Lunch provided following event. There's hope and the people of Clinton County are worth it!

<u>St. Augustine Parish, Breese</u>: *Quilt/Cash Bingo* on Sunday, Feb. 17th starting at 2:00 pm @ parish center. 16 quilt games, 8 cash games, & 50/50 game (cash for doubles). No one under 18 years can play. *Fried Chicken Luncheon* served from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Adults: \$8.00; Children: \$4.00, Under 6: Free. Carry outs 526-4341. Questions regarding bad weather, please call Curt at 618-830-5792.

<u>St. Anthony Parish, Beckemeyer</u>: *Bunko & Dessert Party* on Monday, Feb. 19th at 1:00 pm @ the parish center. \$5.00 per person includes drink and dessert. Must be 18 or older. *Benefits St. Anthony Cemetery Fund.*

Aviston American Legion Auxiliary will host its Annual Rummage Sale on Thursday, Feb. 21st thru Saturday, Feb. 23rd @ 601 S. Clinton, Aviston. Thursday, Feb. 21st from 9:00 am–8:00 pm (with bake sale); Friday, Feb. 22nd from 9:00 am–8:00 pm, ½ Price (with bake sale); Saturday, Feb. 23rd from 9:00 am–12 noon, \$3 or \$5 bag. Raffle, Attendance Prizes, Bake Sale, Great Selection – Something for Everyone!