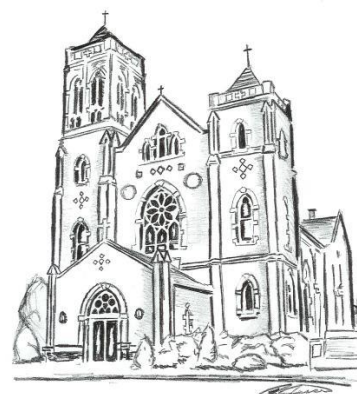




*First Sunday
In Lent
February 18th, 2018*



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Monday: (OFF) February 19th;
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:
(9:00 am – 4:00 pm) @ CLC, New Baden;
Friday: (8 am-1 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Jim Norrenberns, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
Casper Richter

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Doris Kloeckner

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard
Francie Huegen
Bernadine & Arnold Huegen
Living & Deceased Members
Of Lewis & Agnes Huegen

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
For All Parishioners

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Linus Meier
Rozanna Kennedy
Kevin Kehrer

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

God's covenant with humanity is the major theme running through the Old Testament readings this Lent. Today we hear God establish this covenant with Noah. God promises that never again will humanity be wiped out like it was in the flood. The writer of 1 Peter links the water washing clean the earth with our sins being washed away in baptism. In the Gospel, Jesus emerges from the desert to preach the good news with a measure of urgency: ***"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel."***

**"Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant."**

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, February 18th

Children's Liturgy:

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, February 19th

NO SCHOOL – NO MASS

Lenten Bible Study 7:00 pm @ Albers Elementary

RCIA 7:00 pm @ Breese

Tuesday, February 20th

English Classes 9:30 am @ St. Damian

Wednesday, February 21st

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00-11:00 am @ St. Damian

1:00-2:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Thursday, February 22nd

English Classes 9:30 am @ St. Damian

Way of the Cross 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

St. Bernard Choir Practice 7:00 pm @ Church

Friday, February 23rd

Communion to Homebound

Hispanic Rosary 6:30 pm

Hispanic Bible Study 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 25th

Children's Liturgy:

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church



LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES:

Lenten Booklets- Booklets with daily meditations, prayers & activities are available at the entrances of both churches.

Operation Rice Bowl

Containers are available in the entrances of both churches. Fill them with your spare change during the Lenten season and return to church **no later than Easter Sunday, April 1st**. Your donations will benefit *Catholic Relief Services*. If you didn't receive a Rice Bowl, feel free to use your own container and deposit your spare change in the large metal bowls in the gathering spaces at each church.

Way of the Cross

Thursdays, Feb. 22nd, March 8th & 22nd

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Thursdays, March 1st & 15th

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday beginning Feb. 21st

9:00 - 11:00am @ St. Damian Church

1:00-2:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

(Sign up in the back of church)

Bible Study

Every Monday beginning Feb. 19th

7:00 pm @ Albers Elementary School

(Enter through the main entrance of the school - 1st classroom on the right hand side.)

Anointing of the Sick

Weekend of March 10th/11th

During all Masses @ both parishes

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.

Jeanne will be on vacation from Thursday, March 1st to Sunday, March 4th.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 11th, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,344.00 + Loose: \$15.00
+ Mass in Spanish: NO Mass = \$1,359.00
Budget for week: \$2,903.85
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$91,564.29
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$95,827.05
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 4,262.76)
Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$151,000.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$55,850.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, Cemetery & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

2nd Collection – Mexican Fish Fry: \$69.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN HOLY NAME:

Meeting scheduled for **Monday, Feb. 26th** at 7:00 pm
@ St. Damian Meeting Room.

ST. DAMIAN CHOIR INFORMATION:

- ♪ **Youth Choir** will sing on *Palm Sunday* and *Easter Sunday*. All boys & girls in grades 4-12 and young adults are invited to participate. 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!**
- ♪ **Adult Choir** will be singing at the *Holy Thursday* and *Good Friday* liturgies. Anyone high school age and older is welcome to join us on **Tuesday evenings** at 7:00 pm. Practices usually take about one hour. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 792-2676.



Congratulations to Joshua Eric Tonnies & Kayla Lucille Albers, who were united in Holy Matrimony on Friday, February 9th @ St. Damian Church. May their love for God and one another grow throughout the years.

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 25th, 2018 @ 8:30 am

Ministers of Communion — Ken Mank, Julie Langenhorst, **Arlene Korte**

Reader — Rosann Horstmann

Ushers — Norm Horstmann, Bernard Heimann

Servers — Avery & Kenna Budde, Jennifer Heimann

Organist — Geri Varel

Collection Counters — Bob Hitpas, Mech Toennies, Sandy Kramer

Children's Liturgy — Denise & Savanna Luitjohan

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 10th/11th, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,849.52 + Christmas: \$50.00
+ Thanksgiving: \$25.00 + Easter: \$25.00
+ Loose: \$120.00 = \$2,069.52
Budget for week: \$3,012.02
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$94,900.28
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$99,396.66
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 4,496.38)
Fiscal year (7/17-6/18) budget: \$156,625.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** 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.)

2nd Collection – Mexican Fish Fry: \$240.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 24th, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

Ministers of Communion — Melissa Netemeyer, Steve & Deb Schomaker

Reader — Brenda Morris

Ushers — Nick & Kathy Friederich

Servers — Hayley Lucas, Kyle Athmer, Kalie Wellen

Sunday, February 25th, 2018 @ 10:00 am

Ministers of Communion — Sharon Wuebbels, Roman Kloeckner, Vicki Pittman, Kristen Templin

Reader — Kevin Templin

Ushers — Brian & Brooke Zurliene, Ron & Geri Norrenberns

Servers — Reagan Rickhoff, Eden Rolves, Mitchell Broeckling

Counters — Janel Zurliene, Kevin Templin, Vicki Pittman

Children's Liturgy — Brenda Richter, Tyler Robertson



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ⇒ *St. Bernard Ladies Sodality* will hold a **Parish Breakfast** on **Sunday, March 11th** from 8:00-11:30 am @ St. Bernard Parish. More info to come including work lists, basket raffle info and more! We will need volunteers!
- ⇒ **Wurstmarkt** sponsored by *St. Damian Holy Name* scheduled for **Sunday, March 25th** from 10:30 am till 5:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym.

MATER DEI INFORMATION

Mater Dei Incoming Freshmen Registration

Mater Dei welcomes current *8th grade students and their families* to join the Mater Dei family on **Saturday, February 24th** from 8:00 to 11:00 am. Parents and students will meet with a teacher to discuss course recommendations and to select courses. Parents may also obtain applications for scholarships and tuition assistance. Families who are unable to attend, did not receive a registration packet, or have questions may contact Director of Enrollment, Mrs. Maria Zurliene (526-7216 or mzurliene@materdeiknights.org).

Mater Dei Hall of Honor Nominations

The *Mater Dei Hall of Honor* recognizes members of the Mater Dei community whose lifetime achievements or service to Mater Dei exemplify the Mater Dei Mission. Nominees must have graduated from Mater Dei, St. Mary, or St. Dominic at least twenty years prior to their nomination **OR** 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 are due by **Tuesday, February 20th**.

Mater Dei Christian Service Award Nominations

The *Christian Discipleship Award*, presented to **one senior**; and the *Christian Service Awards*, presented to **one freshman, one sophomore, & one junior**; serve to recognize students for unselfish service to school, church, and community. To obtain a nomination form please contact Ms. Colleen McDermott (cmcdermott@materdeiknights.org) **OR** visit the Mater Dei website www.materdeiknights.org "Faith" menu, select "Service Award Nominations Form". **Nominations are due by Saturday, March 31st**.

Black & Indian Missions:

This weekend, Feb. 17th/18th, our parish will take up the annual *National Black & Indian Mission Collection*. 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. Our Belleville Diocese received \$150,000 in grant funding last year from this collection, benefitting seven diocesan ministries, programs and schools. Please generously support this collection. Envelopes are provided in your envelope packet. **Thank you for your generosity.**

DAMIANSVILLE DEVELOPMENT CLUB:

- Please pick up your *Ham Raffle Tickets* in the main entrance of St. Damian Church. Return all tickets at the Wurstmarkt on **Sunday, March 25th**.
- *Meeting* is scheduled for **Monday, March 12th** at 7:00 pm @ the Village Hall.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Bartelso Knights of Columbus: *All You Can Eat Chicken & Roast Beef Dinner* on **Sunday, Feb. 18th** from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm @ St. Cecilia Parish Center. Homemade pies & dressing. For more information call 618-765-2183.

St. Augustine Parish, Breese: *Quilt/Cash Bingo* on **Sunday, Feb. 18th** starting at 2:00 pm @ parish center. 16 quilt games, 8 cash games, & 50/50 game. 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.

St. Barbara Church, Okawville: *Sunday Supper* this **Sunday, Feb. 18th** and every **third Sunday of the month** from 4:00-7:00 pm @ the parish hall.

St. Anthony Parish, Beckemeyer: *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*.

HSBS St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese: Learn about heart health and yoga with us! *Restorative Yoga for Beginners* on **Thursday, Feb. 22nd** from 4:45-5:45 pm @ Four Yoga – 189 N. Main, Breese. *Chair/Beginners Yoga* on **Wednesday, Feb. 28th** from 2:00-3:15 pm @ the HealthPlex. Bring a friend, and join us for heart health education and a complimentary yoga class. If you have a yoga/exercise mat, please bring it with you. To learn more or to register, please contact Ashley at 618-651-2588 or ashley.gramann@hshs.org.

CONGRATULATIONS:

- ⇒ **Congratulations** to the winners of the **2018 Spelling Bee** hosted by the *St. Bernard & St. Damian Knights of Columbus* on Sunday, February 11!
1st Place - Shelby Peters; **2nd Place** - Jacob Kehder; **3rd Place** - Eden Rolves. **Thank you to all our participants!**
- ⇒ **Congratulations** to *Jackie Toennies*, winner of the **2018 Golden Ladle!** **A big thanks** to those who made soup and to all who came out to support *St. Damian/St. Bernard Youth Ministry!*