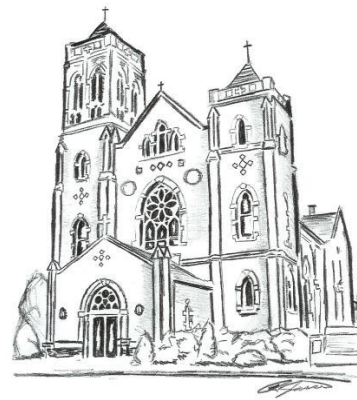
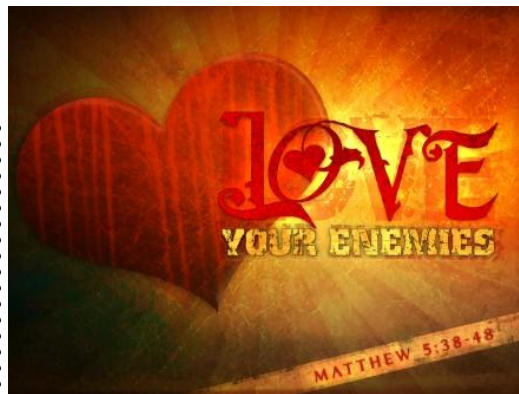


*Seventh Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017*



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*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 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian  
For World Leaders

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard  
Dan & Rose Mueth Family

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian  
Casper Richter

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard  
For All Cancer Victims

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
*NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard  
Living & Deceased Members  
Of Lewis & Agnes Huegen

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian  
For All Parishioners  
10:00 am @ St. Bernard  
Lawrence & Virginia Kalmer  
Doris Kloeckner  
Clarence & Isabelle Holtmann  
11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian  
Mass in Spanish

### LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today's readings make even more difficult demands on us regarding our behavior as Christians. Even though Jesus quotes common sayings about revenge and hatred for one's enemies, inviting His disciples to live contrary to those sayings, the 1<sup>st</sup> reading says exactly the same as Jesus. ***"You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart."*** What a joy to know that our God of love has always invited us to show love for one another, and to overcome our fear and hatred!

### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

#### **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

##### ***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

#### **Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

##### ***Presidents Day – NO School***

Mass 8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

#### **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

##### ***Quilting @ Broeckling's Home***

#### **Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

##### ***Bible Timeline Study***

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Parish House

#### **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

##### ***Wedding Rehearsal 5:30 pm @ St. Damian Church***

##### ***St. Bernard Choir Practice***

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

#### **Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

##### ***Communion to Homebound***

***Hispanic Rosary*** 6:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

#### **Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

##### ***Phillip Fuehne/Ashley Rakers Wedding***

1:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

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

#### **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

##### ***Children's Liturgy of the Word***

8:30 am @ St. Damian

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

##### ***Food for the Poor Bake Sale***

After 8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

After 10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

After 11:00 am Mass in Spanish @ 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 Soup Supper***

3:30-6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center

## "The Lord is kind and merciful."

### BAKE SALE:

St. Damian's 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation class is sponsoring a ***Bake Sale*** on **Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>** 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!**

### 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 4<sup>th</sup>** 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).



**ALBERS/DAMIANSVILLE YOUTH LEAGUE** sign up will be held **Sunday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>** from 4-6 pm @ Pete's in Albers. If you cannot make sign up, please note there is a late fee for registration received after Feb 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or need a flyer emailed to you, please contact Kelly Jansen (618/830-5693) or Erin Korte (618/806-2305).

**HARDEE'S FAMILY NIGHT:** Please join us on **Tuesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>** between the hours of 5-8 pm @ Hardee's on 220 Old Route 50 in Breese. Dine-In, Carry Out & Drive-Thru! 20% of ALL Sales will be given to the *St. Bernard & St. Damian Fund for the Needy!*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #9768:** This year's winners of the annual *Spelling Bee* held Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Bernard Parish Center for students of Albers & Damiansville Elementary Schools are:  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: *Simon Toennies*; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: *Eden Rolves*; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: *Jacob Kehder*; & 4<sup>th</sup> Place: *Shelby Peters*.  
**Congratulations to all our contestants!**

### **ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:**

#### **CHURCH SUPPORT: February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Envelopes: \$2,523.00 + Loose: \$55.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$478.13 = \$3,056.13  
Budget for week: \$2,831.73  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$91,767.68  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$93,447.09  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 1,679.41)**  
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.)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$146.00**

*Thanks for your faithful and generous support!*

### **ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 8:30 am**

**Eucharist Ministers** — Diana Jansen, Arlene Korte,  
*Ken Mank*

**Reader** — Beth Brandmeyer

**Ushers** — Dave Pingsterhaus, Dave Albers

**Servers** — Ethan & Simon Toennies, Hunter Jansen

**Organist** — Chris Brandmeyer

**Collection Counters** — Kathy Gonsalves, Anita  
Rakers, Gwen Toennies

**Children's Liturgy** — Shannon & Matthew Fuehne

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**



**Congratulations to *Knox Jerome Cramsey*, child of Nolan & Marla (Arentsen) Cramsey, and *Scout Olinda Arentsen*, child of Neal & Jayne (Kues)**

Arentsen, who received the saving waters of baptism on Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> @ St. Damian Church. May God watch over and guide them in their journey of life.



### **ST. DAMIAN CHOIR INFORMATION:**

- ♪ *Youth Choir* will begin practices for **Holy Week** on **Sunday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 am. This year the Youth Choir will sing on *Good Friday* (April 14<sup>th</sup>) & *Holy Saturday* (April 15<sup>th</sup>). 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!
- ♪ *Adult Choir* will begin practicing for **Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday** on **Tuesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm in church. New members are always welcome to join us. If you are able to spare an hour each week, please feel free to stop in! If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 792-2676.

### **ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY**

**4 Hand Euchre Tournament** on **Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** @ 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.*

### **ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL:**

**Elections** for the upcoming expired terms of *Virgil Jansen, Dave Kassen & Geri Varel* will take place the weekend of **Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>**. The nominees are: *Shannon Fuehne; Tammy Schrage; Gwen Toennies; Steve Horstmann; Bill Innes; & Garry Kalmer*. All parishioners, 18 years of age and older, are eligible to vote for two men & one woman.



## ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: February 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,645.00 + Loose: \$97.00 = \$1,742.00  
Budget for week: \$2,964.43  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$95,854.25  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$97,826.19  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 1,971.94)**  
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.)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$290.25**

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**St. Bernard Catholic Church-Albers IL**

## ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

**Eucharist Ministers** — Steve Schomaker, Kathy Engelmann, Liz Nussbaumer

**Reader** — Ken Nussbaumer

**Ushers** — Jim & Mary Norrenberns

**Servers** — Tyler Robertson, Kalie Wellen, Rylee Jansen

### Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 10:00 am

**Eucharist Ministers** — *Cole Schomaker*, Roman Kloeckner, Lynette Huegen, Michelle Kennedy

**Reader** — Jackie Peters

**Ushers** — Ed & Sharon Wuebbels, Dennis & Kurt Rickhoff

**Servers** — Kyle Holtmann, Allison & Carson Rickhoff

**Collection Counters** — Janel Zurliene, Sean Kennedy, Keith Richter

**Children's Liturgy** — Janel Zurliene, Mallory Toennies

**Sunday School Helpers** — Regan Norrenberns, Ocean Reinhardt

## 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. 19<sup>th</sup>**. 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. 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## MATER DEI INFORMATION:

- ⇒ **The 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 **OR** have provided significant service to Mater Dei on a continuous basis for at least twenty years prior to their nomination. To submit your nomination, please contact Mr. Dennis Litteken: [dliitteken@materdeiknights.org](mailto:dliitteken@materdeiknights.org). **Nominations accepted until Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>**.
- ⇒ **Mother & Friends Dinner Auction Raffle Ticket Order Forms** are inserted in the bulletin and available in the main entrance of both churches. For questions, please contact: Janel Zurliene (St. Bernard) at 618-248-5571 or Sandra Kramer (St. Damian) at 618-558-8224.
- ⇒ **Registration for the Class of 2021** on **Saturday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 am to 11:00 am (note the earlier start time of 8:00 am). Prior to registration, parents will receive a packet of information and required forms. At registration, parents and students will meet with a teacher to discuss the course recommendations and to select courses. Parents may also obtain applications for scholarships and tuition assistance. Finally, students will complete a form to indicate their interest in marching band and athletics. Please note that the \$50 non-refundable registration fee, due at the time of registration, is applied to the course and activities fee (due in August). Families who are unable to attend this date may contact the office (618-526-7216) to sign-up for the alternate registration evening, **Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 6:00 pm, or to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Deb Foote.
- ⇒ Support the **Mater Dei Bowling Program** and enjoy bowling with family and friends! Held at V&H Recreation in Breese on **Saturday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>**, the 9-pin no-tap tournament offers start-times at 12 pm, 4 pm and 8:00 pm. To register a team (5-person teams, \$20/per person) or receive additional information, contact V&H Recreation (526-7881) or Jeff Johnson (971-6294).