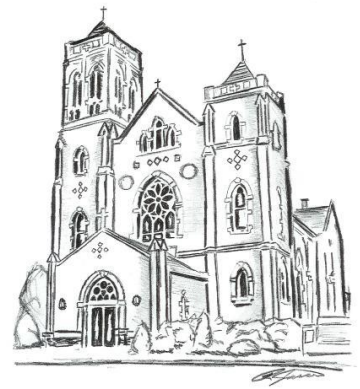




Seventh Sunday
In Ordinary Time
February 23, 2020



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For a Fruitful Lenten Season

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

7:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

† Doris Kloeckner

† Jack & Bernice Corbett

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Cancer Victims

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

† Brian Brandmeyer

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

Living & Deceased Members of

Lewis & Agnes Huegen

† Delmond & Eleanor Huegen

† Sr. Marcianna Heimann

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

† Vince & Leona Eilering

† Lawrence & Catherine Strieker

† Don Strieker

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first line of the 1st Reading we hear God tell Moses, ***“Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy”***. Then in the last line of the Gospel Jesus tells His disciples, ***“Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect”***. **How’s that for a challenge?** Not only are we told to be holy, we are told to be perfect! The truth is that we can be neither without God’s help. While listening to the Readings, **note how Father, Son, and Holy Spirit can perfect in us their earthly dwelling.**

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, February 23rd

Sunday Masses & Children’s Liturgy:

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice 9:30 am @ Church

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

Catholic Youth Ministry Soup Supper

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

Monday, February 24th

RCIA 7:00 pm @ Breese

Tuesday, February 25th

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm @ Church

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Wednesday, February 26th - Ash Wednesday

Mass w/Ashes 7:45 am @ St. Damian

Prayer Service w/Ashes 7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Mass w/Ashes 7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Service w/Ashes 7:30 pm @ St. Damian

Thursday, February 27th

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

Friday, February 28th

Communion to the Homebound

Fish Fry 4:30-7:00 pm @ Albers Legion

Saturday, February 29th

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Sunday, March 1st

Sunday Mass w/Children’s Liturgy

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice 9:30 am @ Church

Sunday Mass w/Children’s Liturgy & RCIA Rite of

Sending 10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

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

Hispanic Bible Study 12:30 pm @ St. Damian House

HOLY ART:

Holy Art will be visiting our parishes **next weekend, Feb. 29th/March 1st** at all the Masses at both parishes on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Their mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. Please check out the display in the main entrance of church. ***They gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.***

"The Lord is kind and merciful."

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES:

- ***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**. 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.
- ***Lenten Collection:*** Donations are being accepted to help our homeless neighbors served by St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) East St. Louis and Daystar in Cairo. Donations are being accepted from **Tuesday, February 25th** at Hardee’s Mardi Gras Family Night to **Sunday, March 28th** @ both parishes and Albers Village Hall. See bulletin insert for a list of donations being accepted.
- ***Way of the Cross***
Thursdays, Feb. 27th, March 12th, & 26th
7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church
Thursdays, March 5th, 19th, & April 2nd
7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church
- ***Lenten Video Study:*** We often hear about Jesus’ passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion*, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. *No Greater Love* is a five-part video study program that runs **every Sunday** beginning **March 8th** and ending on **April 5th** from 6:00-8:00 pm at St. Damian House. To sign up, please call/text Kristen Templin at 314-651-8310. See you there!
- ***Joint Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service*** on **Sunday, March 15th** at 1:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church.
- ***Anointing of the Sick*** will be held the **weekend of March 21st/22nd** during all Masses @ both parishes.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS):

Find out about upcoming events, permission slips, sports paperwork, etc. and get the latest information at

<http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org/catholic-youth-ministry.html>.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 16th, 2020

Envelopes: \$1,359.00 + ACH (16th): \$635.00

+ Loose: \$25.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$740.00 =

\$2,759.00

Budget for week: \$3,038.46

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$96,166.48

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$100,269.18

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 4,102.70)**

Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$158,000.00

(Reminder: The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$59,675.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, Cemetery & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 1st, 2020 @ 8:30 am

Communion Ministers — Rosann Horstmann, Ken Mank

Reader — Denise Luitjohan

Ushers — Gary Tonnies, Marvin Toennies

Servers — Savanna Luitjohan, Aliya Henss, William Athmer

Organist — Geri Varel

Counters — Tina Tonnies, Dave Kassen, Sandy Kramer

Children's Liturgy — Jackie Toennies & Cece Toennies

Just a reminder: Children's Liturgy is for students Pre-K age through 3rd grade.

ST. DAMIAN CHOIR NEWS:

- **Youth Choir** will practice for the Easter Season on **Sundays** at 9:30 am for about 1 hour. The Youth Choir will sing on *Palm Sunday* (April 5th) & *Holy Thursday* (April 9th). All boys & girls in grades 4-12 and young adults are invited to participate and share their singing talents. Contact Jackie (335-9562) or Geri Varel (444-5073) if you have any questions or if a child needs a ride.
- **Adult Choir** will practice for the Easter Season on **Tuesdays** at 7:00 pm in the church. If you are interested in joining, please come to a practice or two. We need your support in order to continue this service to our parish. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer (792-2676).

ST. DAMIAN PICNIC COMMITTEE:

Commercial Grade Roasters are being sold! If you are interested in purchasing any, please contact Adam Fuehne (618-520-3637) or Cole Horstmann (618-210-6721) about the price.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 15th/16th, 2020

Envelopes: \$1,703.00 + ACH (16th): \$2,240.00

+ Loose: \$128.00 = \$4,071.00

Budget for week: \$3,134.14

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$100,717.00

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$103,426.62

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 2,709.62)**

Fiscal year (7/19-6/20) budget: \$162,975.00

(Reminder: The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$41,250.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies Sodality, & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD CHURCH HEATING SYSTEM:

The church heating system, which was installed in 1977 was replaced due to gas leaks. Toennies Service Co. replaced the system for an estimated amount of \$14,000. If anyone wishes to help offset the cost (which will be applied to your annual contribution statement), please put your donation in a separate envelope marked "**Heating System**".

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 26th, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Communion Ministers — 3 Volunteers

Reader — Volunteer

Servers — Wyatt Jung, 2 Volunteers

Saturday, February 29th, 2020 @ 4:00 pm

Communion Ministers — Ken Nussbaumer,

Nettie Broeckling, Melissa Netemeyer

Reader — Liz Nussbaumer

Ushers — Ed Broeckling, Brian Zurliene

Servers — Corina Hegger, Tyler Robertson, Kalie Wellen

Sunday, March 1st, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Communion Ministers — Lynn Athmer, Kati Schwierjohn, Cole Schomaker

Reader — Brent Rickhoff

Ushers — Ron & Geri Norrenberns, John & Linda Majchrzak

Servers — Chloe, Lydia & Quinten Engelmann

Counters — Lynn Athmer, John Majchrzak, Phyllis Albers

Children's Liturgy — Stefanie Rickhoff

Knights of Columbus – February Monthly Drawing Winners:
\$400 - Dan Kloeckner; \$50 each - Cindy Hubert & Cliff Behrmann

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ⇒ **St. Bernard & St. Damian Youth Ministry** will be hosting a *Soup Supper* on **Sunday, February 23rd** from 3:30-6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center. DINE-IN ONLY/NO CARRY OUTS. Cost is: \$5.00 to taste all of the soups. 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?*

Work List and What to Bring:

Juniors & Seniors – Set-up Saturday (Feb. 22nd) at 1:30 & Sunday from 3:15-4:45 pm;

Freshmen & Sophomores – Sunday (Feb. 23rd) 4:45-7:30 pm (clean-up).

If possible, please drop off your item Saturday between 1:30-2:30 pm; otherwise bring it Sunday any time after 10 am Mass: **Freshmen** – crackers, **Sophomores** – bread/rolls;

Juniors & Seniors – cookies/brownies.

- ⇒ **Hardee's Mardi Gras Family Night** on **Tuesday, February 25th** from 5:00-8:00 pm @ Breese Hardee's. 20% of All sales from dine-in, carry-out, and drive-thru benefit St. Bernard & St. Damian Needy Fund. Enter for a chance to win a \$25 Hardee's gift certificate by donating one or more of the following: *fruit cups, individual packs of chips, cookies or crackers, travel size tissues, toothbrushes/toothpaste, underwear/socks, tuna/chicken snack packs, and soup in a cup*. Donations accepted in the dining room at Breese Hardee's.
- ⇒ **Friends of the Cougars Fish Fry** will be held on **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th and every Friday during Lent** from 4:30-7:00 pm @ Albers American Legion. All you can eat option available. *Proceeds benefit the Cougars Athletic Programs at Albers & Damiansville Elementary Schools.*
- ⇒ **St. Damian Holy Name** will host their **Annual Wurstmart** on **Sunday, March 29th** from 10:30 am-5:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym. Dine in or carry out available. Meat Sales and raffle.

VOCATION CORNER:

“After I completed university and settled into a job as a computer programmer, I started asking my friends, “*Do you ever feel like you should be doing something more?*” To my surprise, most of them said no, or maybe – but I wasn't satisfied. I moved on to teaching in a rather impoverished high school, where I realized that what my students needed more than a stable home, quality education, or even steady diet, was hope. When I looked at where I found lasting hope in my own life, I saw that it was in the Church, which made Jesus known to me. Around this time, I met the Basilian Fathers at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. I kept discerning the next step, and they helped me to be the who I was called to be.”

-- Fr. Chris Valka, CSB; Congregation of St. Basil, Houston Tx. *Columbia Dec. 2018*

ALBERS/DAMIANSVILLE 2020 YOUTH LEAGUE:

Registration for Pre-K/Kindergarten & Grades 1st-8th on **Sunday, February 23rd** from 4:00-6:00 pm @ Shorty's Tavern. **Pre-K/Kindergarten Co-ed T-Ball** cost is \$40/player before Feb. 27th; \$60/player until March 7th; NO registrations can be taken after March 7th. Season dates are June 4th-July 16th, which are played at 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm on Thursdays and possibly Fridays @ Albers Jaycee Lehrter Park. T-Ball practices will begin in mid-May. Eligible players must currently be in Kindergarten or entering Kindergarten in August 2020. Contact Kati Schwierjohn 618-954-8169 with any questions or if you are unable to make the Feb. 23rd registration date. **Grades 1st-8th Baseball/Softball** cost is \$30/player before Feb. 27th; \$50/player until March 7th; NO registrations can be taken after March 7th. Games will start the week before Mother's Day. Contact Lynn Boeckmann 618-514-1426 if you have any questions or if you are unable to make the Feb. 23rd registration date.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/HAPPENINGS:

Newman Auxiliary: Quilt & Cash Bingo on **Sunday, February 23rd** @ Saint John the Baptist Parish Center in Red Bud, IL. Doors open at 11:00 am with lunch available. Bingo starts at 1:00 pm (paper bingo cards, bring your daubers). *All proceeds support the Newman Catholic Student Center at SIU-Carbondale.* For more information call 618-529-3311.

Breese American Legion: Fried Chicken on **Sunday, February 23rd** from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm @ the legion. Adults: \$10.00; Children 6-12: \$5.00; Under 6: Free. Carry outs available with delivery in Breese call 526-4265.

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston **WILL NOT** have a Mass on **Saturday, February 29th.**