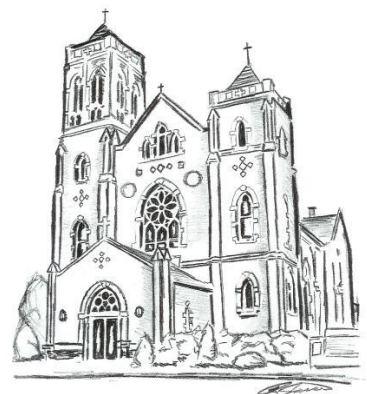




*Seventh Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019*



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

*NO Mass @ St. Damian*  
7:45am Prayer Service @ St. Damian  
For World Peace

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard  
For All the Sick

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>**

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian  
Fr. Louis Koehr

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard  
Dan & Rose Mueth Family

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**

*NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>**

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard  
Brian Brandmeyer  
Clara & Joe Wuebbels

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>**

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

**10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard**

Vince & Leona Eilering  
Sr. Margianna Heimann  
Lawrence & Catherine Strieker

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

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs His disciples to love their enemies, to be merciful, to do good even to those who do not do so in return. Today's 1<sup>st</sup> Reading dramatizes these lessons. Given the opportunity to kill Saul, David spares his life even though Saul had tried to kill him when he had the chance. *"The Lord is kind and merciful"*, we sing in the psalm. **We are called to do so as well.**

## **HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:**

**Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass w/ 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

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

**Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

*No Mass*

*Prayer Service* 7:45 am @ St. Damian Church

*RCIA* 7:00 pm @ Breese

**Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Damian Adult Choir Practice*

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

**Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Eucharistic Adoration w/Benediction*

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

**Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

*North Central Vicariate Mtg.*

12 noon-3:00 pm @ St. Teresa, Marydale

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

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Communion to the Homebound*

*Mexican Fish Fry* 4:30-7:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym

**Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Mass* 4:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Mass w/ Children's Liturgy*

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

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*St. Damian Youth Choir Practice*

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

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

*Cosgrove's Casseroles Assembly/Preparation*

11:00 am @ St. Bernard Parish Center

*Catholic Youth Ministry Soup Supper*

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

# "The Lord is kind and merciful."

## **OFFICE HOURS:**

**Jeanne will not have set office hours until further notice.** I will be available by calling/texting my cell phone (979-5933), or email [st.bernard@charter.net](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> and continuing every Sunday through April 7<sup>th</sup>** 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 [kmtemplin@gmail.com](mailto:kmtemplin@gmail.com). **Do something different this year for Lent!**

-- Kristen Templin

## **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.**

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**February Raffle Winners:**

\$400: Phonso Toennies

\$50 each: Helen Billhartz & Jon Billhartz

## **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 person I was called to be."

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

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Envelopes: \$1,580.00 + ACH: \$775.00 + Loose: \$5.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$284.00 = \$2,644.00  
Budget for week: \$3,038.46  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$99,151.89  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$103,307.64  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 4,155.75)**  
Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$158,000.00

**(Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$56,550.00 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**

#### **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 @ 4:00 pm**

**Communion Ministers** — Chris & Beth  
Brandmeyer

**Reader** — Kathleen Hodges

**Ushers** — Ed & Sandy Kramer

**Servers** — Kennedy & Aidan Toennies

**Organist** — Jan Hitch

#### **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 @ 8:30 am**

**Communion Ministers** — Julie Langenhorst, Deb  
Santel

**Reader** — Joseph Cleeton

**Ushers** — Butch Toennies, Ron Horstmann

**Servers** — Gavin & Kaylee Netemeyer, Simon  
Toennies

**Organist** — Jan Hitch

**Counters** — Mech Toennies, Dave Kassen, Anita  
Rakers

**Children's Liturgy** — Gwen & Ethan Toennies

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

### **DAMIANSVILLE ELEMENTARY PTO**

- ❖ ***PTO Trivia Night:*** Save the date for **Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** 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!
- ❖ ***Texas Road House Night:*** On **Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** the Damiansville Elementary PTO will receive a percentage of sales throughout the day at Texas Road House in Fairview Heights. You will need to provide a coupon to the server in order for the school to receive the credit. Coupons will be available from students or in the school office as the date becomes closer. Please support the PTO and enjoy a delicious lunch or dinner out!

## **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. 24<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 am. They will sing on *Good Friday* (April 19<sup>th</sup>) and *Easter Sunday* (April 21<sup>st</sup>). 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. 26<sup>th</sup>** 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. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: February 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Envelopes: \$2,109.00 + ACH: \$2,115.00  
+ Loose: \$79.00 = \$4,303.00  
Budget for week: \$3,124.52  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$100,498.00  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$106,233.68  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 5,735.68)**  
Fiscal year (7/17-6/18) budget: \$162,475.00

**(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.)

**Total Church Steeple Repairs: \$8,320.00**

***Thank you for your faithful and generous support!***

### **ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

#### **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 @ 10:00 am**

**Communion Ministers** — Ray Gill, Lynn Athmer,  
Robbin Netemeyer

**Reader** — Meg Schiefer

**Ushers** — Ed & Sharon Wuebbels, Dave Wuebbels,  
Dave Langenhorst

**Servers** — Bradley & Mallory Strubhart, Brady  
Reynolds

**Counters** — Lynn Athmer, Sean Kennedy, Phyllis  
Albers

**Children's Liturgy** — Amy Reynolds



### **ST. BERNARD & ST. DAMIAN UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- ⇒ **St. Damian Ladies Sodality** is sponsoring a *Mexican Fish Fry* on **Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** 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". We are in need of desserts for that evening. Please drop off desserts at the gym on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ⇒ **Cosgrove's Casseroles** – Many of you may have heard, new regulations now prevent individuals from preparing the casseroles in our personal homes. We will be gathering on **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 11:00 am @ St. Bernard Parish Center to assemble and prepare the casseroles. Please bring your can openers. If you are unable to attend, you can still contribute to the cause by donating \$10 or more for the purchase of ingredients/supplies. Donations can be placed in the collection basket at either parish in an envelope labeled "Cosgrove Casseroles". Please see flyer on the back of the March calendar for additional details and who to contact if you have further questions.
- ⇒ **St. Bernard & St. Damian Youth Ministry** will be hosting a *Soup Supper* on **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 3:30-6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center. **DINE-IN ONLY/NO CARRY OUTS.** 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?**
- ⇒ **North Central Vicariate Women's Conference Meeting** to be hosted by St. Bernard on **Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** at 12:30 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center. We ask that representatives from each parish attend the meeting since we will be planning and preparing for the Diocesan Convention next October at St. Anthony, Beckemeyer.
- ⇒ **St. Damian Holy Name** will host their *Annual Wurstmart* on **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** from 10:30 am-5:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym. Dine in or carry out available. Meat Sales and raffle.

### **CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:**

**Next weekend, March 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>** every parish in the diocese will be participating in the *Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA)*. The CSMA collection supports the ministries and agencies in our diocese whose scope of service could not be duplicated by an individual parish. Our parishes participation goals for the appeal are: **St. Bernard:** 241 households and our financial target is \$7,700.00.

**St. Damian:** 187 households and our financial target is \$5,950.00.

You will have an opportunity to make your pledge next weekend. No gift is too great or too small. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forget to bring it, please use one of the envelopes that are available in the entrances of both churches. **Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you!**

### **Mater Dei Information**

**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](http://www.materdeiknights.org), "Faith" menu then "Service" menu) or contact Ms. Colleen McDermott ([cmcdermott@materdeiknights.org](mailto:cmcdermott@materdeiknights.org)). **Nominations will be accepted until March 30<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for helping us recognize students who dedicate themselves to serving others!

### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:**

**Breese American Legion:** *Fried Chicken Dinner* on **Sunday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm @ Breese Legion. Adults: \$10.00; Children 6-12: \$5.00; Under 6: FREE. Carry outs available

**Got Heart Health?** Program by: Dr. Paban Saha, MD, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiologist, will be presented on **Tuesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm in the Breese Activity Center, 480 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Everyone welcome! *Sponsored by The Clinton County Assoc. for Home & Community Education.*

**HSBS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland** will have a *State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)* counsellor onsite **every second Friday** of each month. Individuals on Medicare can meet with a SHIP counsellor for free to ask questions and learn more about their insurance coverage. Those interested will need to make an appointment by calling (618) 344-7788. Individuals will need to bring their driver's license, social security card, with any 1099 proof of income documents from Social Security, or other pensions along with them to their appointment.