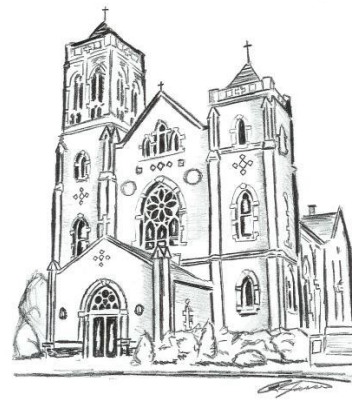
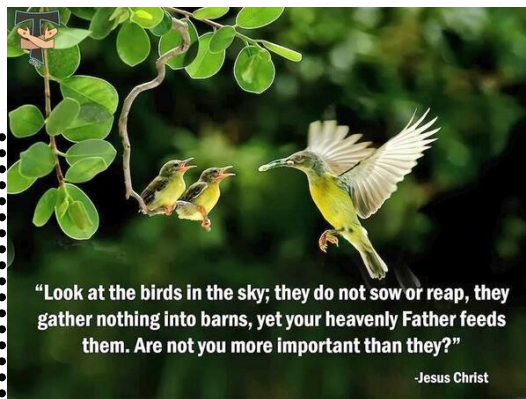


***Eighth Sunday
In Ordinary Time***
February 26th, 2017



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"Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?"

-Jesus Christ

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Monday (8 am to 5 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian;
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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
Helen Arentsen

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
August Rademacher & Family

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
For All the Sick
7:45 am Distribution of Ashes @ St. Bernard
7:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners

7:00 pm Mass in Spanish @ St. Damian

THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Dennis Gerling & Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian
Louis Korte

Henry, Lucille, Glennon & Allen Albers

SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
For All Parishioners
10:00 am @ St. Bernard
Vince & Leona Eilering
Lawrence & Catherine Stricker
11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian
Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today's readings are for those of us who worry too much. It may seem that our culture and our time in history have a role in creating our chattering minds and endless anxiety. The reassuring message of our 1st Reading is that God will not forget us. We can trust in our loving God who cares for us more than for any other creature. The Gospel reminds us that worry is a constant in life. There are lots of techniques to help us, but Jesus tells us to rest in God alone and set aside our concerns for the future. **Let us look for places in our own lives where we can learn to trust God more.**

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, February 26th

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

Tuesday, February 28th

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

Ash Wednesday, March 1st

Mass 7:45 am @ St. Damian

Distribution of Ashes 7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Ash Wednesday Mass 9:40 am @ Mater Dei

Mass 7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Mass in Spanish 7:00 pm @ St. Damian

Thursday, March 2nd

Communion to Homebound

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

Friday, March 3rd

Hispanic Rosary 5:30 pm @ St. Damian Church

Euchre Tournament 7:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym

Saturday, March 4th

Reconciliation 4:15-4:45 pm @ St. Damian

St. Damian Parish Council Elections

Sunday, March 5th

St. Damian Parish Council Elections

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

"Rest in God alone, my soul."

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES:

Lent for Families - "Together in His Footsteps"

Daily meditations, prayers & activities are available at the entrances of both churches.

Ash Wednesday, March 1st

Mass w/Ashes 7:40 am @ St. Damian

Distribution of Ashes 7:40 am @ St. Bernard

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

Mass in Spanish w/Ashes

7:00 pm @ St. Damian

Way of the Cross

Thursdays, March 2nd, 16th, & 30th

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Thursdays, March 9th, 23rd, & April 6th

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday beginning March 8th

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 Wednesday beginning March 8th

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Meeting Room

Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, March 19th

11:00 am Mass in Spanish @ St. Damian

Weekend of March 25th/26th

During all Masses @ both parishes

Faith Formation Reconciliation Services

Monday, March 27th 7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, March 28th 7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Sunday, April 2nd

1:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

The Four Signs

Jonathan Fanning will lead the event "***The Four Signs***", based on Matthew Kelly's best-selling book, on ***Saturday, March 4th*** from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm @ St. Joseph Catholic Church in Marion. 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).



BAKE SALE: St. Damian's 7th & 8th grade Faith Formation class is sponsoring a ***Bake Sale*** on **Sunday, Feb. 26th** 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!**

ALBERS/DAMIANSVILLE YOUTH LEAGUE sign up will be held **Sunday, Feb 26th** 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 26th. 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. 28th** 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!*

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 19th, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,350.00 + ACH: \$140.00

+ Loose: \$80.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$251.00 =

\$1,821.00

Budget for week: \$2,831.73

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$93,588.68

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$96,278.82

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 2,690.14)**

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.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 4th, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Mech Toennies, Virgil & Marilyn Jansen

Reader — Mary Innes

Ushers — Ed & Sandy Kramer

Servers — Gabby Kramer, Avery & Kenna Budde

Organist — Jan Hitch

Sunday, March 5th, 2017 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Florence Jansen, Sharon Kalmer, **Gary Fuehne**

Reader — Rosanne Horstmann

Ushers — Brad & Kristy Richter

Servers — Evelyn Fuehne, Chris Kalmer, Collin Jansen

Organist — Jan Hitch

Collection Counters — Jan Hitch, Kristy Richter, Mech Toennies

Children's Liturgy — Jenni Albers, Julia Korte

ST. DAMIAN CHOIR INFORMATION:

♪ **Youth Choir** practices for ***Holy Week*** are held **Sunday mornings** from 9:30-10:30 am. This year the Youth Choir will sing on *Good Friday* (April 14th) & *Holy Saturday* (April 15th). All boys & girls in grades 4-12 and young adults are invited to participate in the Youth Choir. 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. 28th** 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, Mar. 3rd** @ 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.*

⇒ **Flyers** are available at the entrances of church. Please help spread the word.

⇒ **Volunteers** are needed for setting up and for helping at the tournament. Please help!!

ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL:

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

DIRECT PAYMENT BY ACH is the transfer of funds from an individual's account for the purpose of making a contribution to St. Bernard or St. Damian Parish. If you are interested in having your contributions done electronically, please fill out the form (located on the website under St. Bernard & St. Damian) with all the required information, sign, date and return to the parish office along with a voided check. Any questions, please contact Jeanne at 618-979-5933.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 18th/19th, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,874.00 + ACH: \$2,205.00

+ Loose: \$109.00 = \$4,188.00

Budget for week: \$2,964.43

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$100,042.25

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$100,790.62

Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 748.37)

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.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!



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St. Bernard Catholic Church-Albers II



ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, March 1st, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Dan & Lee Love, Sharon Wuebbels

Reader — Ray Gill

Ushers — Ed Broeckling, Brian Zurliene

Servers — Ryan Gill, Rachel & Brooke Zurliene

Sunday, March 5th, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — *Meg Schiefer*, Ray Gill, Brenda Morris, Vicki Pittman

Reader — Jensen Lake

Ushers — Dave & Kay Langenhorst, Ken & Dana Lake

Servers — Makenna Lake, Elizabeth & Matthew Schroeder

Collection Counters — Tim Schroeder, Vicki Pittman, Dana Lake

Children's Liturgy — Amy Reynolds, Brooke Zurliene

Sunday School Helpers — Brooke Rickhoff, Erin Schiefer

BLESSING BAGS:

Completed *Blessing Bags* will be available at St. Bernard Church for ANYONE to take and distribute to those in need beginning **this weekend, Feb. 25th/26th**. These bags are easily kept in the car so you have them right there if you see someone in need.

MATER DEI INFORMATION:

Mr. Jim Darr welcomes *Nominations for the Christian Discipleship Award* (presented to one senior) and the *Christian Service Awards* (presented to one freshman, one sophomore, and one junior). Since their creation by the Mission Effectiveness Committee of the Mater Dei School Board in 1997, these awards recognize students for their unselfish service to school, church, and community. To obtain nomination forms, please visit our website (www.materdeiknights.org, "Faith" menu then "Service Awards" menu) or contact Mr. Jim Darr (jdarr@materdeiknights.org). **Nominations are due by March 31st.**

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Cub Scout Pack 255, which is made up of Albers and Aviston boys, is having their annual Cub Scout *All You Can Eat Sausage Breakfast* on **Sunday, March 12th** from 8:00 until 11:30 am @ Aviston American Legion. Adults: \$8; Children (4-11): \$4; 3 and under: FREE

Central Community High School

Music Department proudly presents its **2nd Annual Dinner Concert** on **Wednesday, March 15th**. Meals served starting at 6:00 pm and Music starting at 7:00 pm. Music will feature performances by the CCHS Symphonic Band, Chamber Choir and More! The meal will consist of soup, sandwich and dessert. There will be two portions available: a full portion for \$10 and a smaller portion for \$7. Seating is limited, so please pre-order your tickets by contacting Jill Varel at 526-4578.

CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL (CSMA):

Next weekend, March 4/5, every parish in the Diocese of Belleville will be participating in the CSMA. This annual collection support 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 at Mass next weekend. No gift is too great or too small. If you do not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please use one of the in-pew envelopes that are available at all the entrances of both churches.

Please be as generous as you are able.