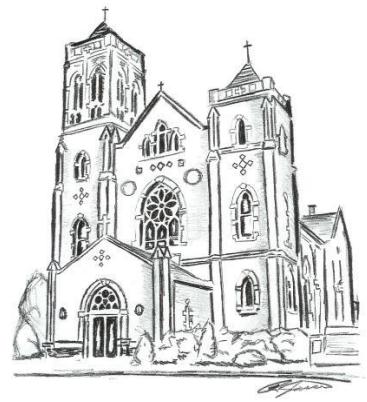




*Third Sunday
Of Lent*
February 28th, 2016



St. Damian Parish

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Disappointments

Are just God's way of Saving

"I have Got
Something better"

Be Patient...

Have Faith...

Trust God...

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

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

(9 am to 4 pm) @ CLC, New Baden;

Friday (8 am to 1 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTER:

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Memorial Donors

TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST

7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard

August Rademacher & Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 am – 12 noon @ St. Damian

1:00 – 3:00 pm @ St. Bernard

THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD

7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Cyril, Dorothy & Marvin Foppe

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH

7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian

Dan & Rose Mueth

SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Henry & Lucille Albers

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Vince & Leona Eilering

Lawrence & Catherine Strieker

Louis & Marie Rolves and

Mike & Mae Falbe

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In today's 1st Reading, Moses encounters God in the burning bush. Jesus tells of a patient and loving God who will give us yet one more chance to repent and be fruitful. God's gifts of repentance and mercy are freely given, but we must freely accept and use them. Let us be mindful of where we encounter God in our own lives. **How is God patient with us, and how do we respond to God's cultivation and tender care?**

LENTEN SCHEDULE / OPPORTUNITIES:

"Rice Bowl"

They are available in the gathering spaces of St. Bernard and St. Damian churches. Fill them with your spare change during the Lenten season and return them to church **before Easter on March 27th**. Your donations will benefit Food for the Poor. If you don't get 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.

"Our Lenten Journey of Love"

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday

9:00 am -12 noon @ St. Damian Church

1:00-3:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

(Sign up in the back of church)

Stations of the Cross

Thursdays, March 3rd & 17th

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Thursdays, March 10th

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Sunday, March 6th

1:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Faith Formation Reconciliation Service

Monday, March 14th

7:40 am @ St. Damian Church

Tuesday, March 15th

7:40 am @ St. Bernard Church

CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday & Tuesday, March 14th & 15th

8:30 am instead of 7:40 am

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling all Catholic Freshman through Seniors:

Are you looking for a weekend away from home? A chance to meet youth from all around the diocese and have a fun and faith filled experience?

Attend the **Annual Diocesan Youth Conference March 4th-6th** held at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville. Check your email for more information or contact Shelly at 618-401-6007 or maschuetz@hotmail.com.

"The Lord is kind and merciful."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, February 28th

Anointing of the Sick

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

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 Boys Basketball Game

11:45 am @ Aviston

Monday, February 29th

Bible Study 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Mtg. Room

Tuesday, March 1st

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, March 2nd

Eucharistic Adoration:

9:00 am-12 noon @ St. Damian

1:00-3:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Joint Parish 1st Communion Parent Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

7:00 pm @ St. George Community Life Center

Thursday, March 3rd

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

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

Friday, March 4th

Communion to Homebound

St. Damian Ladies Sodality Euchre Tourney

Doors open at 6:30 pm @ Damiansville Gym

Sunday, March 6th

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

Joint Parish Reconciliation Service

1:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Catholic Youth Ministry Meeting & Recreation

6:30-8:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ✓ **4 Hand Euchre Tournament** sponsored by *St. Damian Ladies Sodality* on **Friday, March 4th** @ Damiansville Gym. Doors open at 6:30 pm/playing starts at 7:30 pm. \$10.00 per player. Water & soda available for purchase. Snacks will be provided. *Bring your own booze.* Flyers are available at the entrances of church. Please pick up and distribute as many as possible.
- ✓ **Breakfast & Basket Raffle** sponsored by *St. Bernard Ladies Sodality* will be held on **Sunday, March 13th** from 8:00 to 11:30 am @ St. Bernard Parish Center with Pork Sausage & Ham, Biscuits & Gravy, Eggs, Fried Potatoes, Juice, Milk, & Coffee. Potatoes are needed for the breakfast. A signup sheet will be in the main entrance of church. Volunteers are also needed to assist with serving, cooking and donating items. We also need volunteers to peel and cook potatoes for the breakfast. Please call Janel Zurliene 248-5571 or Angie Winkeler 248-1216 if you can help!
- ✓ **Wurstmarkt** sponsored by *St. Damian Holy Name* is scheduled for **Palm Sunday, March 20th** from 10:30 am – 5:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym. Workers Lists & Flyers are available for pick up at the entrances of church. Anyone wishing to make a donation, please contact Dennis Fuehne (248-5033 or 550-9138).

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 21st, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 2,143.00 + Loose: \$37.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$198.25 = \$2,378.25
Budget for week: \$2,755.77
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$90,939.05
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$93,696.18
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$2,757.13)**
Fiscal year (7/15-6/16) budget: \$143,300.00
(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 CHOIR PRACTICES:

- **Adult Choir** practices on **Tuesday evenings** from 7:00-8:15 pm in church. If you have ever considered joining the choir, this is a great opportunity to do so. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 792-2676.
- **Youth Choir** practices for Holy Week are in full swing on **Sunday mornings** from 9:30-10:30 am. The Youth Choir will sing at the Masses on *Palm Sunday, March 20th* at 9:00 am & *Holy Thursday, March 24th* at 7:00 pm. All boys & girls in grades 4-12 and young adults are invited to participate in the Youth Choir and “*Make a Joyful Noise!*” Contact Jackie Toennies at 335-9562 or Geri Varel at 248-5223 if a child needs a ride to/from practice. Hope to see all your smiling faces at practice on Sunday at 9:30 am!

ST. DAMIAN QUILT COMMITTEE:

- **Bi-Monthly Winner:** Ange Wobbe
- **2016 Bi-Monthly & Wurstmarkt Quilt Raffle Tickets:** available in the back of church.
- **Euchre Tournament Raffle Tickets:** the yellow tickets are available for pick up in the back of church.

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 5th, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Ange Wobbe, Brian

Rogers, Alison Kalmer

Reader — Lauren Cleeton

Ushers — Ed & Sandy Kramer

Servers — Gabby Kramer, Emma Rogers, Heather Toennies

Organist — Jan Hitch

Sunday, March 6th, 2016 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Kristy Richter, Kristie

Santel, *Kevin Toennies*

Reader — Rosann Horstmann

Ushers — Cole Horstmann, Ron Horstmann

Servers — Kaylee Netemeyer, Abby & Cole Arentsen

Organist — Jan Hitch

Collection Counters – Jan Hitch, Anita Rakers, Mech Toennies

Children's Liturgy – Denise & Savanna Luitjohan



ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL:

Elections will take place after the Masses the **weekend of March 5th/6th** @ St. Damian. Parishioners 18 years of age and older are eligible to vote. The second terms of *Arlene Korte & Diana Jansen* have expired. *Tina Tonnies* has agreed to serve a second 3-year term. Nine nominees have graciously agreed to be on the ballot: *Anita Arentsen, Sherri Arentsen, Barb Brandmeyer, Cathy Fox, Kathy Hitpas, Ruthi Jansen, Sharon Kalmer, JoAnn Koerkenmeier & Gwen Toennies.* Parishioners are asked to attend Mass the weekend of March 5th/6th and cast your vote for two women!

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 20th/21st, 2016

Envelopes: \$2,131.00 + ACH (16th): \$1,365.00
+ Loose: \$79.00 = \$3,575.00
Budget for week: \$2,916.25
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$98,582.04
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$99,152.50
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$570.46)**
Fiscal year (7/15-6/16) budget: \$151,645.00
(**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!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 6th, 2016 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — *Cole Schomaker*, David & Charlie Gebke, Meg Schiefer

Reader — Ray Gill

Ushers — John, Linda & Michael Majchrzak, Dave Wuebbels

Servers — Austyn Jansen, Erin Schiefer,
Volunteer

Collection Counters – Janel Zurliene, John Majchrzak, Phyllis Albers

Children's Liturgy – Janel & Rachel Zurliene



WHAT IS "40 CANS FOR LENT"®

It is a program designed to help fight hunger. An opportunity to take a small sacrifice, turn it into a big difference in the lives of others. The idea of a simple, straightforward one-can-per-day donation is inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert. All that is required is the desire to help others. **The goal of this program is for each parishioner to contribute one can of food per day during the forty days of Lent.** Drop off your cans at any time throughout the Season to the K of C Collection Boxes in the back of both Churches.
-- Sponsored by Frs. Peters and Keifer Knights of Columbus Council 9768

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Friends of the Cougars: *Fish Fry* held every Friday during Lent serving from 4:30-7:00 pm @ Albers American Legion. Dine in or carry out. *Proceeds are used to support the Cougars Athletic program at Albers & Damiansville Elementary Schools.*

Breese Knights of Columbus is sponsoring an *All You Can Eat Chicken Dinner* to benefit *All Saints Academy* on **Sunday, February 28th** from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm @ Breese K of C Hall. Dine in, carryout, and delivery available (in Breese only).

Preschool Screening: A free screening for children from birth to five years of age is being offered on **Friday, March 18th** @ Damiansville School. Appointments for screening begin at 9:00. The clinic includes checks of infant-toddler language development, motor coordination, and social skills. Preschool-aged children are also screened for pre-academic skills, vision, and hearing. The screenings take approximately 30 minutes, and parents are provided with immediate feedback about their child's performance. Please call the school office at 248-5188 to register your child/children.

Albers American Legion & the Legion Auxiliary are each awarding a **\$500 scholarship** to **HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** going on to a college, trade school or technical school. Applications may be picked up at the Legion (Monday - Friday from 9:00 am -12:00 noon or call 248-5505), or by contacting Scholarship Chairman Bud Jansen at 248-5359. **Submit completed applications to the Legion or Scholarship Chairman by April 1st.** Applicant must be a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter whose father, mother, grandfather, grandmother or legal guardian (living or deceased) is or was a member of Stukenberg-Eilermann Post 1026 Legion or Stukenberg-Eilermann Post 1026 Auxiliary.

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:

- * **Catholic Services & Ministry Appeal (CSMA):** Next weekend, **March 5/6**, every parish in the diocese will be participating in the CSMA. This annual collection supports the ministries and agencies in our diocese whose scope of service could not be duplicated by an individual parish. You have an opportunity to make your pledge through the pledge card you received in the mail, or pledge at Mass using the in-pew envelopes that are available at the church entrance. No gift is too great or too small. Please be as generous as possible.
- * **Catholic Relief Services (CRS):** Next weekend, **March 5/6**, our parish will take up the CRS collection and *help Jesus in disguise*. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Envelopes are provided in your envelope packet. Please be as generous as you are able.