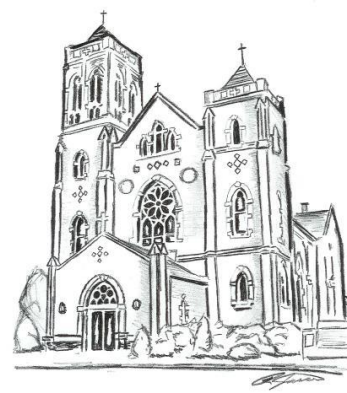


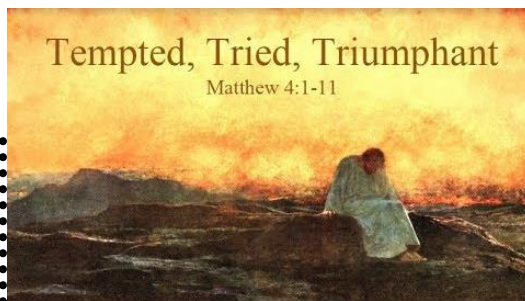


*First Sunday
Of Lent
March 1, 2020*



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St. Bernard Catholic Church-Albers

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MARCH 2ND

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Elected Officials

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Memorial Donors

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

† August Rademacher

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All The Sick

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

† Mary Heimann

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

† Henry, Lucille, Glennon & Allen Albers

† David, Marian & Dave Sudholt

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The serpent tempts Eve & Adam in the garden in Eden. The devil tempts Jesus in the desert. Though Adam & Eve are talked into disobeying God, Jesus resists the devil's repeated attempts. Saint Paul relates the two and explains that the effects of Jesus' obedience to God's will – from the desert to the cross – far exceed the harmful effect of Adam's disobedience.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

RCIA Rite of Sending 2:00 pm @ the Cathedral

Monday, March 2nd – Casmir Pulaski Day

NO School

RCIA 7:00 pm @ Breese

Tuesday, March 3rd

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

Wednesday, March 4th

North Central Vicariate Mtg.

12:00-3:00 pm @ St. Lawrence, Sandoval

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm @ St. Damian

St. Bernard Choir Practice 7:00 pm @ Church

Thursday, March 5th

Communion to the Homebound

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

Friday, March 6th

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

Saturday, March 7th

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Sunday, March 8th

Sunday 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 @ Church

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

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

Lenten Video Study

6:00-8:00 pm @ St. Damian House

VOCATION CORNER:

As we begin our **Lenten Season**, we witness in the Gospel reading Satan tempting our Lord. Jesus final response to Satan's challenges is "*The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve*". Those powerful words remind each of us of our individual call to "**serve**". Encourage each other to live our vocation, especially those considering a choice of religious life.

"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."

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 **Now till Sunday, March 28th** @ both parishes and Albers Village Hall. See list on the bulletin boards of both churches.
- **Way of the Cross**
Thursdays, March 5th, 19th, & April 2nd
7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church
Thursdays, March 12th, & 26th
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 23rd, 2020

Envelopes: \$1,764.00 + Loose: \$20.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$211.00 = \$1,995.00
Budget for week: \$3,038.46
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$98,161.48
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$103,307.64
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 5,146.16)
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.)

End of Month Totals:

Bldg./Maint. Collection: \$187.00 **Total: \$33,045.57**
Sister Parish: \$700.00
Mater Dei Foundation: \$1,200.00

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

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 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 8th, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Communion Ministers — Ray Gill, Lynette Huegen, Vicki Pittman

Reader — Meg Schiefer

Ushers — Brian & Brooke Zurliene, Dave Langenhorst, Dave Wuebbels

Servers — Avery Wuebbels, Riley Rolves, Oliver Varel

Counters — Janel Zurliene, Vicki Pittman, Sean Kennedy

Children's Liturgy — Amy Reynolds

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 7th, 2020 @ 4:00 pm

Communion Ministers — Beth Brandmeyer, Diana Jansen

Reader — Anita Rakers

Ushers — Ed & Sandy Kramer

Servers — Aidan & Kennedy Toennies

Organist — Jan Hitch

Sunday, March 8th, 2020 @ 8:30 am

Communion Ministers — Sharon Kalmer, Pete Toennies

Reader — Joseph Cleeton

Ushers — Dave Albers, Kevin Toennies

Servers — Reece & Grace Deiters, Brant Horstmann

Organist — Jan Hitch

Counters — Pete Toennies, Kathleen Hodges, Kathy Gonsalves

Children's Liturgy — Denise Luitjohan & Aliya Henss

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

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 22nd/23rd, 2020

Envelopes: \$1,945.00 + Loose: \$155.00 = \$2,100.00
Budget for week: \$3,134.14
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$102,817.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$106,560.76
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 3,743.76)
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.)

End of Month Totals:

Sister Parish: \$179.00

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to **Rex Schomaker** for repairing the rectory steps for material only. Your service and commitment to St. Bernard is greatly appreciated.

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"**.

Thank you to those who have donated to the **"Heating System"**. A total of **\$120.00** has been donated.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ⇒ **Friends of the Cougars Fish Fry** will be held **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.*
- ⇒ **Albers Sons of American Legion** is sponsoring a **Euchre Tournament** on **Saturday, March 14th** @ Albers Legion. Admission is \$20.00 with doors opening at 6:00 pm and games starting at 7:00 pm. Free draft beer and \$2.00 can beer until done playing cards. Free chicken & fries after tournament. Must be 18 to play.
- ⇒ **Albers American Legion** is holding a **Breakfast** on **Sunday, March 15th** from 8:00-11:00 am @ the legion.
- ⇒ **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.



CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Lawsyn Nichole Horstmann, child of Dane & Chyrisse (Rennegarbe)

Horstmann, who received the saving waters of baptism on Friday, Feb. 21st @ St. Damian. ALSO to **Jax Breuer Deiters**, child of Nicholas & Ashley (Litteken) Deiters, who received the saving waters of baptism on Saturday, Feb. 22nd @ St. Bernard. Both were baptized by Deacon Glenn Netemeyer. **May God guide and protect them in their journey of life.**



HOLY ARTS:

Holy Arts will be visiting our parishes **this 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.***



CONGRATULATIONS to **Chuck Goestenkers**, winner of this year's *Golden Ladle* for his Gemuse soup! A 2nd place tie went to the **Youth Ministry Officers** for their Potato soup and **Steve Schomaker/K of C's** for their Chili. A **BIG thanks** to all those who made soup and to all who attended!

Albers American Legion & the Legion Auxiliary are awarding two **\$750 scholarships** to **HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** accepted to a college, trade school or technical school with enrollment verification no later than August 15th and maintaining at least a C average. Overall qualities of the student, such as academic work, leadership, extracurricular activities, relationship with peers and teachers, etc. will be taken into consideration. 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 or Post 1026 Vet Club. Selection of the winner will be the decision of the Scholarship Committee. Applications may be picked up at the Legion (Tuesday-Thursday 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.**

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/HAPPENINGS:

St. George Church, New Baden: **Chicken Dinner** on **Sunday, March 8th** from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm @ St. George Community Life Center (Hodapp Hall), 317 East Maple Street. Adults: \$11.00; Children 5-12: \$5.00; Under 5: Free. (Bring a donation for the food pantry and receive a \$.50 discount.) Carry Outs Available - All Are Welcome!

CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Next weekend, March 7th/8th every parish in the diocese will be participating in the **Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA)**. We encourage you to support this diocesan-wide appeal which supports 16 ministries and programs that serve thousands of people every day throughout our Belleville Diocese. Your one-time gift or pledge can be made next weekend or anytime in the weeks ahead utilizing the response card you will receive in the mail or one of the in-pew envelopes found at the entrances of both churches. Donations can also be made online at www.diobelle.org. Every gift – large or small – is truly needed and appreciated. Please reflect prayerfully on how you and your family have been blessed and choose to support this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal – **its success depends on you!** Thank you for your consideration and generosity.