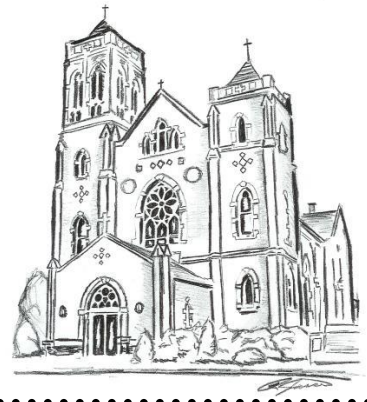




*First Sunday  
Of Lent  
March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017*



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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.

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>**

*8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian*  
For All The Sick

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard*  
Cyril, Dorothy, & Marvin Foppe

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian*  
For All Memorial Donors

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard*  
For All Cancer Victims

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>**

*NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**

*5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian*  
Mark & Randy Toennies  
Marian Sudholt  
Edward & Marie Eilering

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>**

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

*10:00 am @ St. Bernard*

Clinton "Punkin", Helen, & Dale Meyer

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

As we begin this Lenten season, we find that all three readings are harmonized. They reveal a truth we know all too well. Even the best of us has experienced the powerful attraction of what we **should not do**. Our tradition tells us even more profoundly that the story is larger than temptation or failure. We hear, instead, what is possible: *grace, justification, obedience, righteousness and life* are the real end of the story. Let us be grateful for the love of our God, who rescues us from our situation.

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

### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

*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

*Youth Choir Practice*

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

*Pre-School Sunday School Classes*

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

**Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Casimir Pulaski Day – NO School*

*Mass* 8:30 am @ St. Damian

**Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Eucharistic Adoration*

9:00-11:00 am @ St. Damian

1:00-2:00 @ St. Bernard

*Bible Study* 7:00 pm @ St. Damian

*St. Bernard Choir Practice* 7:30 pm @ St. Bernard

**Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Communion to Homebound*

*Hispanic Stations of the Cross*

5:30 pm @ St. Damian Church

**Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Daylight Savings – Spring Forward*

*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

*Confirmation Class Tour of the Cathedral*

*Meet* 3:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church Parking Lot

*Private Tour* 3:45; *Mass* 5:00 pm @ Cathedral

*Dinner* 6:00 pm

### LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES:

*Lent for Families - "Together in His Footsteps"*

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

*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, April 16<sup>th</sup>**. Your donations will benefit *Catholic Relief Services*. If you don'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.

*Way of the Cross*

**Thursdays, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & April 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

**Thursdays, March 16<sup>th</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

*Eucharistic Adoration*

**Every Wednesday beginning March 8<sup>th</sup>**

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 8<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Meeting Room

*Anointing of the Sick*

**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 am Mass in Spanish @ St. Damian

**Weekend of March 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>**

During all Masses @ both parishes

*Faith Formation Reconciliation Services*

**Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** 7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** 7:45 am @ St. Bernard

*Lenten Reconciliation Service*

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

1:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

### 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ⇒ **Breakfast & Basket Raffle** sponsored by *St. Bernard Ladies Sodality* will be held on **Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** 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 789-1699 if you can help! Please join us for a **Grandparents & Godparents Mass** which will be celebrated at 10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church.
- ⇒ **Wurstmarkt** sponsored by *St. Damian Holy Name* is scheduled for **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** from 10:30 am till 5:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym. **Workers Lists & Flyers** are available for pick up at the entrances of church. **Donations** are being accepted to help off-set the cost. Please contact Dennis Fuehne or Elmer Loepker.

### ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

#### CHURCH SUPPORT: February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,940.00 + Loose: \$74.00

+ Mass in Spanish: \$301.00 = \$2,315.00

Budget for week: \$2,831.73

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$95,903.68

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$99,110.55

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 3,206.87)**

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.)

#### **End of Month Totals:**

Bldg./Maint. Collection: \$638.00 **Total: \$18,974.52**

Mater Dei Foundation: \$793.00

Sister Parish: \$205.00

**Thanks for your faithful and generous support!**

### ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

**Eucharist Ministers** — Chris & Beth Brandmeyer,  
Ange Wobbe

**Reader** — Lauren Cleeton

**Ushers** — Alfred Toennies, Delmar Santel

**Servers** — Adam & Kevin Heimann, Mason Schrage

**Organist** — Geri Varel

#### Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 8:30 am

**Eucharist Ministers** — Alice Toennies, Rosann  
Horstmann, *Pete Toennies*

**Reader** — Susan Lynch

**Ushers** — Melvin Toennies, Jared Horstmann

**Servers** — Ben Kassen, Lance Goebel, Kaylee Korte

**Organist** — Geri Varel

**Collection Counters – Volunteer**, Melvin Toennies,  
Dave Kassen

**Children's Liturgy** – Jackie Toennies, Hunter Jansen

### PUMP ORGAN BIDS

Sealed bids are being accepted for an inoperable pump organ located in the parish house. If anyone is interested in submitting a bid (donation to the church) and hauling it away, please send replies to St. Damian Church (**Pump Organ Bid**), no later than **Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**. The item can be seen at the parish house any time before March 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact 248-5134 or Geri at 248-5223 to view.

### 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 14<sup>th</sup>) & *Holy Saturday* (April 15<sup>th</sup>). 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 practice for **Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday** on **Tuesday evenings** 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.

### LADIES SODALITY QUILT COMMITTEE:

- ✓ **Wurstmarkt & Bi-Monthly Quilt Raffle Tickets** are available in the back of church. Please drop tickets in the collection basket or get them to Donna Fuehne (604-3275) or Tammy Haselhorst (401-1910). **Thanks!**
- ✓ **Quilt/Cash Sign-Up Sheet** for the picnic is posted at both entrances of the church. Please mark if you intend to donate cash or a quilt for the picnic. **Thank you!**

### SECOND COLLECTION:

The **2<sup>nd</sup> collection** which will be taken **next weekend, March 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>** will be used to assist the "*Food for the Poor*" organization. Please be as generous as possible. **Thank you.**



## ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: February 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Envelopes: \$1,514.00 + Loose: \$101.00 = \$1,615.00  
Budget for week: \$2,964.43  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$101,657.25  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$103,755.05  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 2,097.80)**  
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.)

### **End of Month Totals:**

Sister Parish: \$300.00

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## ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 10:00 am**

**Eucharist Ministers** — *Teresa Schomaker*, Steve, Deb, & Cole Schomaker

**Reader** — Lynne Huelsmann

**Ushers** — Ron & Geri Norrenberns, Tom & Mitchell Broeckling

**Servers** — Connor Schomaker, Jacob Kehder, Sophia Kennett

**Collection Counters** – Pat Litteken, Kris Anne Becker, Keith Richter

**Children's Liturgy** – Brenda Richter, Nolan Winkeler

**Sunday School Helpers** – Kaitlyn Toennies, Eden Rolves

## SPRING FORWARD

**Next weekend, March 11/12**

### **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](http://www.materdeiknights.org), "Faith" menu then "Service Awards" menu) or contact Mr. Jim Darr ([jdarr@materdeiknights.org](mailto:jdarr@materdeiknights.org)). **Nominations are due by March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

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

**Albers American Legion:** *Breakfast* on **Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 to 11:30 am @ the legion. Carry outs are available. *Proceeds to benefit the legion youth programs.*

**Albers School** will having *McTeacher Night* On **Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** between 4:00-8:00 pm @ New Baden McDonald's. Please come out and support the school. You can even have supper with your favorite teacher!

**Albers & Damiansville Friends of the Cougars Athletics Group** will be sponsoring *Lent Fish Frys* every Friday during Lent with serving beginning at 4:30 pm @ Albers Legion. Each dinner comes with choice of cod, catfish, shrimp or chicken strips plus two sides and a FREE dessert. Dine in has an all you can eat option and the American Legion will have the bar room open. *Please come out and support our local schools and Legion.*

**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 12<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 until 11:30 am @ Aviston American Legion. Adults: \$8; Children (4-11): \$4; 3 and under: FREE

### **DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:**

- ✓ **This weekend, March 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>** our parishes, along with all other parishes in the diocese will conduct the *Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA)*. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. 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 us one of the in-pew envelopes that are available at all the entrances of both churches. 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.
- ✓ **Next weekend, March 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>**, our parishes will take up the *Black & Indian Missions Collection*. Your support to this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Envelopes are provided in your envelope packet.  
*Please be as generous as you are able to these collections.*