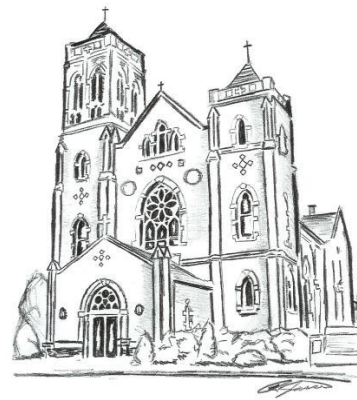




*Fourth Sunday
Of Lent
March 6th, 2016*



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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 7TH

NO am Mass @ St. Damian

NO Service of Word w/Communion

TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH

7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Cyril, Dorothy & Marvin Foppe

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 am – 12 noon @ St. Damian

1:00 – 3:00 pm @ St. Bernard

THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH

NO am Mass @ St. Bernard

Service of Word w/Communion

FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH

NO am Mass @ St. Damian

Service of Word w/Communion

SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

Leona Peek

SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Bill & Vera Athmer, Sr.

Bill Athmer, Jr.

Theresa Wesselman

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Otto & Florence Zurliene

Urban "Shorty" Behrman

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Saint Paul tells us that “*God...has reconciled us to Himself through Christ...and entrusted to us the message of reconciliation*”. We see that dramatically in the 1st Reading as Israel finally enters the Promised Land. Jesus illustrates it even more dramatically in the parable of the Prodigal Son, who encounters unconditional reconciliation with his father. Even when we make life choices that cause great pain, God is always there, ready to forgive us. **How deep is God’s mercy?** Let us ponder how we too can become messengers of reconciliation.

LENTEN SCHEDULE / OPPORTUNITIES:

Holy Week & Easter Liturgical Minister List

Your assistance is needed! Please sign up as a *Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Server, or Usher/Greeter* for Holy Week & Easter at the main entrance of each church.

"Rice Bowls"

Fill the “*Rice Bowl*” containers with your spare change and return to church **no later than Easter Sunday, March 27th**. OR if you don't have a Rice Bowl, feel free to deposit your spare change in the large metal bowls in the gathering spaces at each church.

Stations of the Cross

Thursdays, March 10th

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursdays, March 17th

7:00 pm @ St. Damian 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

NO AM Masses will be held after Tuesday, March 8th until further notice.

Service of Word w/Communion will be held:

Monday & Friday at 7:40 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday & Thursday at 7:40 am @ St. Bernard

Palm Sunday Masses – March 19th/20th

Saturday: 5:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Sunday: 9:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass in Spanish – March 20th

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Holy Thursday Mass – March 24th

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Good Friday Services – March 25th

2:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

6:30 pm @ St. Damian Church

Hispanic Good Friday Service

8:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil – March 26th

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Easter Sunday – March 27th

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

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

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

Monday, March 7th

NO School – Casimir Pulaski Day

NO Mass & NO Service of Word w/Communion

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

Tuesday, March 8th

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Knights of Columbus Meeting

7:30 pm @ Albers Jaycee Hall

Wednesday, March 9th

Eucharistic Adoration:

9:00 am-12 noon @ St. Damian

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

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

7:00 pm @ St. George Community Life Center

Thursday, March 10th

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

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

Friday, March 11th

Communion to Homebound

Sunday, March 13th – Daylight Savings

Breakfast & Basket Raffle

8:00-11:30 am @ St. Bernard Parish Center

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

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*Next Sunday
March 13*

PARISH DIRECTORY NEWS:

The combined St. Bernard & St. Damian Parish directories have arrived!

- **St. Bernard Parishioners:** If you had a picture taken (or submitted) for the directory, please pick up your copy in the back of church. Be sure to sign your name on the provided list. If you did not get a photo with LifeTouch, but submitted one of your own, be sure to connect with Kristen Templin (kmtemplin@gmail.com) or Kim Wieter (kwierter@yahoo.com) for a copy. The cost is \$10.
- **St. Damian Parishioners:** The new Parish Directories will be distributed after masses on **March 5-6 & March 12-13**. Please pick up your copy after mass. For those who had a photo taken by LifeTouch, your copy is free. For those who submitted photos and have not yet paid, the cost for your copy is \$10. Contact Geri Varel at 248-5223 if you have any questions. **Thanks to all who participated!**

We did our best to ensure that all information is accurate; however, in the event that you find an error, please let Jeanne Langenhorst (st.bernard@charter.net) know so we can update the parish database. Thanks.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ✓ **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 28th, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 1,660.00 + Loose: \$53.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$144.35 = \$1,857.35
Budget for week: \$2,755.77
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$92,796.40
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$96,451.95
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$3,655.55)**
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.)

End of Month Totals:

Bldg./Maint. Collection: \$495.00 **Total: \$12,463.04**
Sister Parish: \$210.00
Mater Dei Foundation Envelopes: 500.00
Diocesan Black & Indian Missions: \$235.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 12th, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Chris Brandmeyer, Mech Toennies, Ange Wobbe
Reader — Anita Rakers
Ushers — Marvin Rakers, Franny Billhartz
Servers — Adam, Anna, & Kevin Heimann
Organist — Geri Varel

Sunday, March 13th, 2016 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Deb Santel, Florence Jansen, *Erin Korte*
Reader — Denise Luitjohan
Ushers — Marvin Toennies, Gary Fuehne
Servers — Evelyn & Matthew Fuehne, Ethan Toennies
Organist — Geri Varel
Collection Counters – Dave Kassen, Gwen Toennies, Kathleen Hodges
Children's Liturgy – Shannon Fuehne, Meredith Innes

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** are 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. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 27th/28th, 2016

Envelopes: \$1,865.00 + Loose: \$86.00 = \$1,951.00
Budget for week: \$2,916.25
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$100,533.04
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$102,068.75
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$1,535.71)**
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.)

End of Month Totals:

Sister Parish: \$565.00
Diocesan Black & Indian Missions: \$174.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

St. Bernard 5th grade students will be leading (with assistance from 6th & 7th graders) a dramatized *Stations of the Cross* on **Wednesday, March 23rd** at 7:40 am @ St. Bernard Church. All are welcome to come and join us!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 13th, 2016 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — *Brenda Morris, Dave Broeckling, Lynette Huegen, Robbin Netemeyer*

Reader — *Jensen Lake*

Ushers — *Ken & Dana Lake, Dave & Kay Langenhorst*

Servers — *Mitchell Broeckling, Nolan Winkeler, Tyler Roberson*

Collection Counters – *Pat Litteken, Brenda Morris, Dana lake*

Children's Liturgy – *Amy Reynolds, Brenda Richter*

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
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DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:

*** Catholic Services & Ministry Appeal (CSMA):**

This weekend, March 5/6, our parish, along with all other parishes in the diocese is taking part in the CSMA. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. Please consider making a gift or pledge; no amount is too large or too small. If you did 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 both church entrances. On behalf of all those served by the appeal, thank you for your prayers and generosity. Parish goals are:

St. Bernard: 80 households - \$7,700.00

St. Damian: 59 households - \$5,950.00

*** Catholic Relief Services (CRS):**

This 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.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

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.