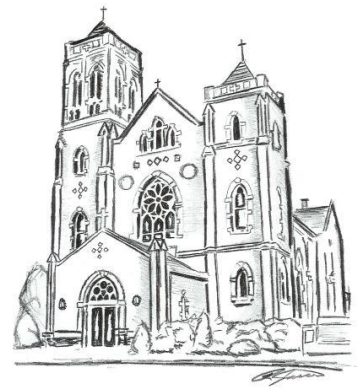




*Second Sunday  
Of Lent  
March 8, 2020*



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

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

*NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled*

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

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

† Cyril, Dorothy & Marvin Foppe

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

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian*

† Ron, Audrey & Bart Kolar

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

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

For All Memorial Donors

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian*

For All Cancer Victims

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>**

*4:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian*

For All Parishioners

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>**

*8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian*

† Bob Innes

† Frank, Minnie, Kim & Patty Heiman

For Favorable Weather for Farmers

*10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

† Pat Huegen

† Delmond & Eleanor Huegen

† Linus & Bernadine Meier

*11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Mass in Spanish

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Last week's Readings centered on temptation, this week they coalesce around the theme of blessing. The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, though only four verses, uses the word "*bless*" or "*blessing*" five times. Next, Paul reminds Timothy of the blessings God bestowed on us through Christ Jesus. Finally, we witness the Transfiguration, a visual manifestation of God's blessing on Jesus. Listen to God's promised blessings.

## *Spring Forward - March 8*

### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

#### Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

*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

#### Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

*RCIA* 7:00 pm @ Breese

#### Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

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

*Knights of Columbus Mtg.*

7:30 pm @ Albers Jaycee Hall

#### Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

*Eucharistic Adoration* 7:00 pm @ St. Damian

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

#### Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

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

*Hour of Prayer for Life*

7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Dominic, Breese

#### Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

*Communion to the Homebound*

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

#### Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

*Mass* 4:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

*Albers Sons of the Legion Euchre Tournament*

7:00 pm @ Albers American Legion

#### Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

*Albers Legion Breakfast* 8:00-11:00 am @ Legion

*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 Reconciliation Service*

1:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

*Lenten Video Study*

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

"Lord, let Your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in You."

### 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 till **Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** @ both parishes and Albers Village Hall. See list on the containers located at both churches.
- **Way of the Cross**  
**Thursdays, March 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church  
**Thursdays, March 19<sup>th</sup> & April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
7:00 pm @ St. Bernard 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 8<sup>th</sup>** and ending on **April 5<sup>th</sup>** 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 15<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church.
- **Anointing of the Sick** will be held the **weekend of March 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>** 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: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

Envelopes: \$825.00 + Loose: \$4.00

+ Mass in Spanish: \$362.00 = \$1,191.00

Budget for week: \$3,038.46

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$99,352.48

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$106,346.10

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 6,993.62)**

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.)

***Thank you for your faithful and generous support!***

### **ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL:**

**Do you want to find out more about St. Damian Parish and help guide the parish into the future?** The terms of *Garry Kalmer, Gwen Toennies & Al Varel* will be expiring. We are currently seeking nominations to replace one man & one woman with one man coming from the Hispanic community. All parishioners, 18 years of age and older, are eligible to be members of the parish council. If you or someone you know is interested in filling these seats, please fill out a nomination sheet and put it in the box in the gathering space of church.

**Nominations** will be accepted **the following weekends, March 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>**. All persons nominated will be contacted to see if they are willing to be on the ballot.

**Elections** will take place the **weekend of March 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>**. Parish Council meetings are held on the third Tuesday of Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct & Dec. Everyone is welcome to be involved with the parish by volunteering to serve a 3-year term on the parish council!

### **ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY:**

***Spring Church Cleaning* on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** starting at 6:00 pm. Please bring a bucket and your favorite rags!!

### **ST. DAMIAN CHOIR NEWS:**

- **Youth Choir** will practice for the Easter Season on **Sundays** at 9:30 am for about 1 hour. 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 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. **Only five roasters left!!**

## **ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 4:00 pm**

**Communion Ministers** — Alice Toennies, Monica Koch

**Reader** — Kathleen Hodges

**Ushers** — Delmar Santel, Ed Kramer

**Servers** — Reid & Lyla Koch

**Organist** — Chris Brandmeyer

### **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 8:30 am**

**Communion Ministers** — Florence Jansen, Erin Korte

**Reader** — Mary Innes

**Ushers** — Jerry Innes, Butch Toennies

**Servers** — Reid Innes, Trent Korte, Kevin Athmer

**Organist** — Chris Brandmeyer

**Counters** — Mech Toennies, Anita Rakers, Kristy Richter

**Children's Liturgy** — Jenni Albers, Avery Budde

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

**SECOND COLLECTION:** The second collection taken **next weekend, March 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>** will be matched and split two ways: ***St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)*** East St. Louis & ***Daystar*** in Cairo. Please be as generous as possible. **THANK YOU!!**

## **ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>/March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

Envelopes: \$1,967.00 + Loose: \$179.00 = \$2,146.00

Budget for week: \$3,134.14

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$104,963.00

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$109,694.90

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 4,731.90)**

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.)

***Thank you for your faithful and generous support!***

### **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 **\$240.00** has been donated.



## **ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 10:00 am**

**Communion Ministers** — Kristen Templin,

Sharon Wuebbels, Robbin Netemeyer

**Reader** — Ray Gill

**Ushers** — Kurt & Allison Rickhoff, Ken & Dana Lake

**Servers** — Wyatt Jung, Jake & Jillian Kloeckner

**Counters** — Tim Schroeder, Keith Richter, Kris Anne Becker

**Children's Liturgy** — Brenda Richter

## **DAMIANSVILLE DEVELOPMENT CLUB:**

**Ham Raffle** will be held on **Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am @ Fuehne's Tavern. Many of you received your tickets in January. If you did not receive your tickets, they will be located in the back of church **this weekend, March 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>**. There will also be extra unmarked envelopes with tickets in case you have misplaced yours. Any tickets that are not picked up will be mailed. Ticket drop-off locations: **1)** During the quarterly meeting on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> @ the park shelter starting at 7:00 pm; **2)** Fuehne's Tavern; **3)** At St. Damian Holy Name Wurstmarkt on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>; or **4)** Brian/Jenni Albers' house at 207 W. Main in Damiansville.

## **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 14<sup>th</sup>** @ 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 15<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00-11:00 am @ the legion.
- ⇒ **St. Damian Holy Name** will host their **Annual Wurstmarkt** on **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** from 10:30 am-5:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym. Dine in or carry out available. Meat Sales and raffle.

## **VOCATION CORNER:**

"Father Pat York is the Dean of Students and Vice-Rector at Conception Seminary College. Father Pat recalls he considered the priesthood during his eighth grade year. He credits his parents as having the biggest influence on his priestly vocation. They encouraged their children to be open to God's call as a priest or religious in the Church. The seed of his vocation took root in his family and grew from there. He would ask his parishioners, "Pray for the priests of our diocese. Support your parish priests. Pray fervently to the Lord for more religious vocations." Fr. Pat also encourages parents to set an example for their children in practicing their faith, "***do not treat it as a burden or obligation, but as a gift that is enriching.***" (*The Tower Topics*, by Fr. Paul Sheller, O.S.B.)

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/HAPPENINGS:**

**St. George Church, New Baden:** **Chicken Dinner** on **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm @ St. George Community Life Center, 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:**

**This weekend, March 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>** every parish 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. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please use the envelopes located at the entrances of church. Please be as generous as you are able to this year's CSMA – **its success depends on you!** Thank you for your consideration and generosity.