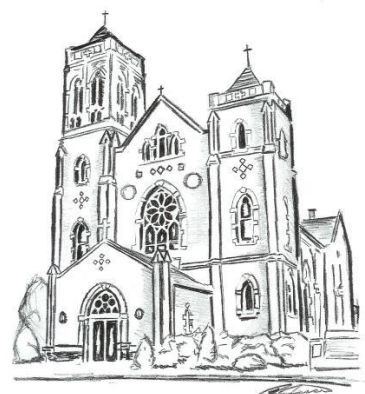




*Fourth Sunday
In Lent
March 11th, 2018*



Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain
of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains just a single grain;
but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
- John 12:24

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

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:

(9:00 am – 4:00 pm) @ CLC, New Baden;

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

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MARCH 12TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

Dan & Rose Mueth Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

August Rademacher Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Cancer Victims

THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH

7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Bernard

For All the Sick

FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

Dot Goestenkers

David, Marian & Dave Sudholt

SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Cliff Kolb

Cletus, Rita & Donnie Fuehne

Duck Netemeyer

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the 1st Reading, Jeremiah preaches the new covenant, when the law of the Lord is internalized and written upon the hearts of all who believe. With a new heart, we will have knowledge and obedience of God's will. John describes this knowledge and obedience in Jesus, who realizes that, like the grain of wheat, He must die to this world in order to produce much fruit. It is fitting then, to ask God in the responsorial psalm, **"Create a clean heart in me...and a willing spirit sustain in me."**

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, March 11th

Daylight Savings Time Begins – Spring Forward

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

Children's Liturgy & Anointing of the Sick:

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice 9:30 am @ Church

Grandparents, godparents & Prayer Blanket Blessings

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Hispanic Mass & Anointing of the Sick

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Hispanic Reconciliation Service

After 11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian Church

Lenten Reconciliation Service

1:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Monday, March 12th

Lenten Bible Study 7:00 pm @ Albers Elementary

RCIA 7:00 pm @ Breese

Damiansville Development Club Mtg.

7:00 pm @ Damiansville Village Hall

Tuesday, March 13th

Free Screening for Children birth to five years

9:00 am @ Damiansville Elementary

English Classes 9:30 am @ St. Damian

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

Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:30 pm @ Jaycee Hall

Wednesday, March 14th

Eucharistic Adoration

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

1:00-2:00 pm @ St. Bernard

St. Damian Church Cleaning 6:00 pm

Thursday, March 15th

English Classes 9:30 am @ St. Damian

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

Communion Minister & Lector Training

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

St. Bernard Choir Practice 7:30 pm @ Church

Friday, March 16th

Communion to Homebound

Hispanic Bible Study 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 18th

Children's Liturgy

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice 9:30 am @ Church

"Create a clean heart in me, O God."

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES:

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Sunday, March 11th

1:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Way of the Cross

Thursday, March 15th

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, March 22nd

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Faith Formation Reconciliation Services

Monday, March 19th

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, March 20th

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Mass Time Change

Monday, March 19th

8:30 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, March 20th

8:30 am @ St. Bernard

Holy Week & Easter Liturgical Minister List

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Active and Initial Communion Minister & Lector Training** is being offered on **Thursday, March 15th** at 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church. The Diocese mandates active Ministers to attend refresher training every three years. If you or if you know someone who wants to become a Communion Minister or a Lector, invite them to attend! The session will be presented by Deacon(s) Glenn and John. The training is open to all new and active members. You will take away a renewed appreciation for this important lay ministry.
- **Wurstmarkt** sponsored by *St. Damian Holy Name* will be held on **Sunday, March 25th** from 10:30 am till 5:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym. Workers list and flyers are available in the entrances of church. Please help spread the word.

BREAKFAST - This Sunday, March 11th from 8:00-11:30 am @ St. Bernard Parish Center

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 3rd/4th, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,943.00 + ACH: \$1,165.00
+ Loose: \$116.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$338.00 =
\$3,562.00

Budget for week: \$2,903.85

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$99,658.29

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$104,538.60

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 4,880.31)**

Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$151,000.00

(Reminder: The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$55,850.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, Cemetery & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to 300balance the budget.)

Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA):

Total Pledged: \$2,067.00 (13) *Goal: \$5,950.00 (187)*

Thanks 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 *Gary Arentsen, Kathy Gonsalves & Clay Lynch* will expire effective April 1, 2018.

Currently seeking nominations to replace one men & one woman on the council since Clay Lynch has volunteered to serve an additional 3-year term. 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 weekends of March 10th/11th**. All persons nominated will be contacted to see if they are willing to be on the March ballot. **Elections** will take place the **weekend of March 24th/25th**. 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 CHURCH CLEANING:

Church Cleaning is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 14th** at 6:00 pm. We are in need of 15 to 20 individuals to assist with the church cleaning. We will be calling individuals as we schedule people by last names. Many hands make light work! *Thanks!!*

PARISHES NEEDY FUND COLLECTION:

The second collection taken **this weekend March 10th/11th** will be used for those less fortunate within our communities. This collection assists residents within Albers & Damiansville who need help paying rent, utility bills, and provides fuel/food for travelers. **Please be as generous as possible.**

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 17th, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

Ministers of Communion — Virgil & Marilyn Jansen, Mech Toennies

Reader — Anita Rakers

Ushers — Marvin Rakers, Gary Tonnie

Servers — Aidan Toennies, Abby Harpstrite, Claire Tonnie

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Sunday, March 18th, 2018 @ 8:30 am

Ministers of Communion — Rosann Horstmann, Ruth Jansen, *Sharon Kalmer*

Reader — Denise Luitjohan

Ushers — Bud Jansen, Butch Toennies

Servers — Anthony & Kevin Athmer, Savanna Luitjohan

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Collection Counters — Tina Tonnie, Bob Hitpas, Kathy Gonsalves

Children's Liturgy — Shannon Fuehne, Reid Koch



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ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 4th, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,020.00 + ACH: \$1,725.00
+ Loose: \$171.00 = \$2,916.00

Budget for week: \$3,012.02

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$103,650.28

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$108,432.72

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 4,782.44)**

Fiscal year (7/17-6/18) budget: \$156,625.00

(Reminder: The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$33,000.00 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 18th, 2018 @ 10:00 am

Ministers of Communion — *Michelle Kennedy*,

Lynette Huegen, Meg Schiefer, Alyssa Winkler

Reader — Sean Kennedy

Ushers — Dave Wuebbels, Dave Langenhorst, Scott & Kyle Athmer

Servers — Rylee Jansen, Avery Wuebbels, Jillian Kloeckner

Counters — Pat Litteken, Sean Kennedy, Keith Richter

Children's Liturgy — Stephanie Rickhoff

VOCATION CORNER:

I was born into a Catholic family, but it was not until the eighth grade, after I had received Confirmation, that the faith came alive for me... when (the) idea of priesthood first crossed my mind. During sophomore (year) at Franciscan University...I began a four-year wrestling match with God about my vocation. The moment of clarity came in prayer during a silent retreat. How could I resist it any longer?

Steven DiMassimo, seminarian, Diocese Raleigh; Columbia Feb. 2018

DAMIANSVILLE DEVELOPMENT CLUB:

- **Meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, March 12th** at 7:00 pm @ the Village Hall.
- Please pick up your **Ham Raffle Tickets** in the main entrance of St. Damian Church. Return all tickets at the Wurstmart on **Sunday, March 25th**.

DAMIANSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

A **free screening for children from birth to five years of age** on **Tuesday, March 13th**. Appointments for screenings begin at 9:00 am. The screenings take approximately 30 minutes & parents are provided with immediate feedback about their child's performance. Please call the school office at 248-5188 to register your child.

DAMIANSVILLE PTO:

Please join us and help support the *Damiansville PTO* on **Friday, March 23rd** for a **Trivia Night**. The PTO welcomes Brian Agovino of Trivia Riot. Brian will be the MC for the night and he will provide all of the questions for the event. All questions will be accompanied with a video or an audio clue. The doors will open at 6:00 pm and trivia will start at 7:00 pm. Teams will consist of 8-10 people and the cost is \$100 per team. There will be a cash prize for the 1st & 2nd place teams. Please feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks! To reserve a table contact Nicole Vetter 560-9504 or Meridith Hunter 978-2906. *All proceeds will go to help purchase new technology for the school.* We hope you can join us for this fun event!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION:

This weekend, March 10th/11th we are taking up the **CRSC** to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Envelopes are in your envelope packet. **Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection.**

PRAYER BLANKETS:

Prayer Blankets are made by parishioners and will be blessed during Mass on the following dates:

Saturday, March 10th at 4:00 pm @ St. Damian;
Sunday, March 11th at 10:00 am @ St. Bernard;
Wednesday, March 21st 7:45 am @ St. Damian;
Thursday, March 22nd 7:45am @ St. Bernard.

Prayer Blankets are available for anyone needing healing and comfort during difficult times or illness. They are a reminder of God's presence, a gift from our Christian community and a prayerful way to touch those in need. Please contact Deacon Glenn, Brenda (618-698-3804) or Kristen (314-651-8310) if you or someone you know may need a Prayer Blanket.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Friends of the Cougars: Fish Fry held **every Friday during Lent** from 4:30-7:00 pm @ Albers American Legion. All you can eat option available. Free dessert as well. *Proceeds benefit the athletic programs at Albers and Damiansville schools.*

St. George Church, New Baden: Chicken Dinner on **Sunday, March 11th** from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm @ St. George Community Life Center (Hodapp Hall), 318 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!

Mater Dei Bands invites you to the **Concert** on **Sunday, March 11th** at 7:00 pm in the Main Gym at Mater Dei. Come hear the beautiful sounds of the Noon Chorus, Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Wind Ensemble.

Central Community High School: 4th Annual Dinner Concert on **Wednesday, March 14th** with meals served beginning at 6:00 pm, and music beginning at 7:00 pm. Featuring performances by the CCHS Symphonic Band, Treble Choir, Jazz Band, a sneak peak of the upcoming Spring Musical, Annie, and more! Tickets are \$10 and \$7, and can be pre-ordered by calling Jill Varel at 526-4578.

Albers and Damiansville alumni who participate in band and chorus include: *Violet Kenow, Elena Rolves, Matthew Schroeder, Lily Wright, Elizabeth Ei, Bree & Shane Caraker, Orion Farrington, and George Laird.*

Albers American Legion: Breakfast on **Sunday, March 18th** from 8:00 to 11:30 am @ the Legion with Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes and Biscuits & Gravy. Carry outs available. *Proceeds to benefit the legion youth programs.*

Aviston American Legion: All-You-Can-Eat Pork Sausage & Roast Beef Dinner on **Sunday, March 18th** from 10:30 am-6:00 pm. Carry outs available.