



*Fifth Sunday
Of Lent
March 13th, 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 14TH

NO 7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian
Faith Formation Reconciliation Service

TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH

NO 7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Faith Formation Reconciliation Service

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 am – 12 noon @ St. Damian

1:00 – 3:00 pm @ St. Bernard

THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH

NO 7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Service of Word w/Communion

FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH

NO 7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian
Service of Word w/Communion

SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH

(Fr. Dennis Voss)

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

Gary Kohrmann

SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH

(Fr. Jim Allen)

9:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Living & Deceased Members of

Joe & Augusta Timmermann

Cliff Kolb

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

(Fr. Jim Allen)

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

God “*opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters*”, says Isaiah in the 1st Reading. In a seemingly impossible situation, Jesus opens a way, not only for himself, but for the woman accused of adultery. Those who judge her are confronted with their own need for forgiveness, and she who has been shown mercy is challenged to live out the new thing God is doing on her behalf. Where mercy abounds, all kinds of new things can happen. What second chances do you sense that God is presenting to you? How will you respond?

**"The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy."**

LENTEN 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.

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

CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASSES

NO AM Masses on weekdays 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

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

Monday, March 14th

Faith Formation Reconciliation Service

7:40 am @ St. Damian

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

Tuesday, March 15th

Faith Formation Reconciliation Service

7:40 am @ St. Bernard

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, March 16th

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 17th

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

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

Friday, March 18th

Communion to Homebound

Saturday, March 19th

Confirmation Retreat @ Ruma

Sunday, March 20th – Daylight Savings

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9:00 am @ St. Damian Church

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

After Mass @ St. Damian Church

St. Damian Holy Name Wurstmart

10:30 am-5:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

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. **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, Knights of Columbus Council 9768

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 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.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 5th/6th, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 3,509.00 + Loose: \$104.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$265.00 = \$3,878.00
Budget for week: \$2,755.77
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$96,674.40
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$99,207.72
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$2,533.32)**
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.)

Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA):

Total: \$3,244.40 (16) Goal: \$5,950.00 (59)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 20th, 2016 @ 9:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — Laura Dulle, Pete Toennies, **Rosann Horstmann**

Readers — Jackie Toennies, Bob Innes

Ushers — Brad & Kristy Richter

Servers — Meredith Innes, Lily Toennies, Kaylee Korte

Organist — Geri Varel

Collection Counters – Pete Toennies, Bob Innes, Kristy Richter

Children's Liturgy – Sandy Kramer, Avery Budde

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 LADIES SODALITY:

- ✓ We had a successfully **Euchre Tourney** on Friday. The profit is \$2,163.51. **Thanks** to everyone who volunteered to help with this fundraising event.
- ✓ **Cleaning the Church** will be held on **Wednesday, March 16th** at 6:00 pm. If available to help with the cleaning, please feel free to come and help. You will need to bring a bucket and rags.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL:

- **Congratulations** to **Anita Arentsen & JoAnn Koerkenmeier** on being elected to serve a 3-year term on the Parish Pastoral Council.
- **Thanks** to **Tina Tonnies** for serving another 3-year term.
- **Thank you** to **Diana Jansen & Arlene Korte** for their service the past years on the council.

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** has two more practices remaining for Holy Week. We will practice on **Sunday, March 13th** at 9:30 am & **March 20th** at 10 am. The Youth Choir will sing at the Masses for the *Joint-Parish Palm Sunday, March 20th* at 9 am & *Holy Thursday, March 24th* at 7 pm @ St. Damian. We will take a short break for about a month and then practice two more times after Masses on **Sunday, April 24th** & **May 1st** in preparation for 1st Communion which will be held on Saturday, May 7th at 4 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Toennies at 335-9562 or Geri Varel at 248-5223. Thanks for helping to **"Make a Joyful Noise!"**

PARISHES NEEDY FUND COLLECTION will be held this weekend, March 12/13

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 6th, 2016

Envelopes: \$1,505.00 + ACH Direct (2nd): \$665.00
+ Loose: \$32.00 = \$2,202.00
Budget for week: \$2,916.25
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$102,735.04
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$104,985.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$2,249.96)**
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.)

Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA):

Total: \$1,350.00 (10) Goal: \$7,700.00 (80)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 19th, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — *Liz Nussbaumer*, Roman

Kloekner, Vicki Pittman, Lynn Athmer

Readers — Sean Kennedy, Ken Nussbaumer

Ushers — Nick & Kathy Friederich, Dan & Rita Poettker

Servers — Jordan & Jacey Wieter, Danielle Deiters

Collection Counters — Lynn Athmer, Sean Kennedy, Vicki Pittmann

Children's Liturgy — NO SESSION

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!

CATHOLIC HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY:

St. Bernard Church has made the church more handicapped accessible by installing a ***handicapped door opener***. CHFS is sponsoring a raffle to help with this project. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Please contact Suz (248-5491), Brian (248-5571) or Marcie (248-5251) for tickets. Thank you for your support!!

PRAYER BLANKETS & PRAYER CHAIN:

These special prayer ministries are available for our parishioners and friends to find God's love during life's difficult times.

† ***Prayer Blankets*** are available for anyone needing healing and comfort during difficult times or illness. The blankets are made by parishioners and have been blessed. They are a reminder of God's presence and a gift from our Christian community. Please contact Deacon Glenn or Brenda (618-698-3804) if you know of someone who may need a blanket.

† ***Prayer Chain*** consists of a group of our devoted parishioners who add your prayers to their daily devotions, asking for God's grace on your behalf. Please contact Jeanne (248-5112 or 248-5134 / st.bernard@charter.net) to add your prayers to the chain.

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ~ Jeremiah 29:12

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Mater Dei High School News:

- ***Parent / Teacher Conferences*** will be held on **Wednesday, March 16th** from 5:30 until 7:30 pm.
- ***Fathers & Friends Breakfast*** will be held on **Sunday, March 20th** from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon. Breakfast will be served at Mater Dei High School, carry outs are available. Adults: \$8, children age 6-13: \$5, under age 5: Free.

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 Sons of American Legion will be holding an ***Euchre Tournament*** on **Friday, March 18th** with door opening at 6:00 pm & game time at 7:00 pm @ the Legion. Admission: \$20.00 with free draft beer and \$2.00 can beer while playing cards. Must be 18 to play. Free fish after tournament. 120 players-\$1,000 payout.

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.