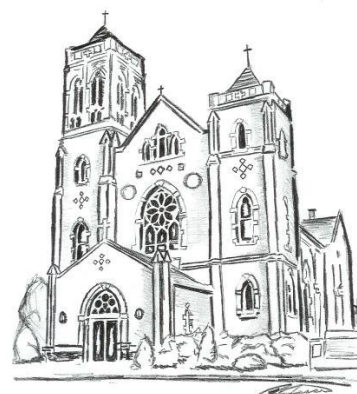




*Fifth Sunday
In Lent
March 18th, 2018*



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.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTER:

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MARCH 19TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
For Family Unity

TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Bernard
For All Memorial Donors

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
For a Successful Wurstmarkt

THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
For Peace in the World

FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian
Rita Koerkenmeier
Ruth Wilke

SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH

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

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Lawrence & Virginia Kalmer
Irene Strieker

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 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

Monday, March 19th

Faith Formation Reconciliation Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass 8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Lenten Bible Study 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Parish

RCIA 7:00 pm @ Breese

Tuesday, March 20th

Faith Formation Reconciliation Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard Church

Mass 8:30 am @ St. Bernard Church

English Classes 9:30 am @ St. Damian

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

North Central Vicariate Cancer Mass

7:00 pm @ St. Anthony, Lively Grove

Wednesday, March 21st

Prayer Blankets Blessed

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

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

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

Thursday, March 22nd

Prayer Blankets Blessed

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

English Classes 9:30 am @ St. Damian

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

St. Bernard Choir Practice 7:30 pm @ Church

Friday, March 23rd

Communion to Homebound

Hispanic Bible Study 7:00 pm

Damiansville PTO Trivia Night

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym

Saturday, March 24th

1st Communion Mini-Retreat

9:00 am-12 noon @ St. Bernard Parish Center

Sunday, March 25th – Palm Sunday

Children's Liturgy

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

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

St. Damian Holy Name Wurstmarkt

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

Development Club Ham Raffle Drawing

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

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES:

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

Operation Rice Bowl

Please return the containers with your spare change to church **no later than Easter Sunday, April 1st.**

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday, March 29th

Bilingual Mass 7:00 pm @ St. Damian

Good Friday, March 30th

Services: 2:00 pm @ St. Bernard

7:00 pm @ St. Damian

Hispanic Stations of the Cross 4:30 pm

Holy Saturday, March 31st

Easter Vigil 7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Easter Sunday, April 1st

Masses 8:30 am @ St. Damian

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

Mass in Spanish 11:00 am @ St. Damian

Liturgical Ministers are 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.

THANK YOU!!

St. Bernard & St. Damian Parishes:

On behalf of Christian Families we represent, I would like to extend our deepest and sincere thanks and appreciation for you, your staff and Church Community for your generous support during our Olive Wood sale. We felt very welcomed and consider our mission a blessed success. Thank you for everything you did for our cause.

*Holy Arts (Bethlehem Olive Wood Carvings)
Raad & Sandy Qumsieh*

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 10th/11th, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,684.00 + Loose: \$82.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$240.00 = \$2,006.00
Budget for week: \$2,903.85
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$101,664.29
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$107,442.45
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 5,778.16)**
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: \$3,908.00 (30) Goal: \$5,950.00 (187)
Parish Needy Fund Collection: \$321.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL:

Elections for the upcoming expired terms of **Gary Arentsen, Kathy Gonsalves** will take place the weekend of **Mar. 24th/25th**. The nominees are: **Lori Breiner, Sharon Kalmer & Denise Luitjohan, Phillip Fuehne, Bill Jansen, Jr & Dale Koch**. All parishioners, 18 years of age and older, are eligible to vote for one man & one woman.

ST. DAMIAN HOLY NAME:

Wurstmarkt on **Sunday, March 25th** from 10:30 am till 5:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym. **Workers list & flyers** are available in the entrances of church. Please help spread the word. **Donations** are being accepted to help off-set the cost. Please contact Jerry Arentsen (402-9925).

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 24th, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

Ministers of Communion — Chris & Beth Brandmeyer, Monica Koch
Reader — Kathleen Hodges, Anita Rakers
Ushers — Ed & Sandy Kramer
Servers — Avery & Kenna Budde, Reid Koch
Organist — Geri Varel

Sunday, March 25th, 2018 @ 8:30 am

Ministers of Communion — Alice Toennies, Arlene Korte, **Ken Mank**
Reader — Mason Schrage, Jackie Toennies
Ushers — Steve Kalmer, Pete Toennies
Servers — William & Jacob Athmer, Chris Kalmer
Organist — Geri Varel
Collection Counters — Mel Toennies, Pete Toennies, Mech Toennies
Children's Liturgy — Jenni Albers, Kenna Budde

PRAYER BLANKETS:

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



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ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 11th, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,266.00 + Loose: \$180.00 = \$1,446.00
Budget for week: \$3,012.02
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$105,096.28
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$111,444.74
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 6,348.46)**
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.)
Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA):
Total: \$1,430.00 (12) Goal: \$7,700.00 (80)
Needy Fund Collection: \$88.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 25th, 2018 @ 10:00 am

Ministers of Communion — **Robbin Netemeyer**, Kevin & Kristen Templin, Vicki Pittman
Readers — Brent Rickhoff, Lynne Huelsmann
Ushers — Dennis & Reagan Rickhoff, Brian & Alyssa Winkeler
Servers — Brooke Rickhoff, Nolan Winkeler, Brady Reynolds
Counters — Janel Zurliene, Kevin Templin, Vicki Pittman
Children's Liturgy — NO SESSION



VOCATION CORNER:

After discerning my vocation to enter the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, at age 18, I wrestled with the unknowns about my future. I found myself gazing up at the sky, walking an unknown path. I trusted that God was calling me to love and serve him as his bride. Since professing....there are still plenty of unknowns in my life. But I learned to trust that as long as I am faithful to His call, God will always be there to guide me. *Sister Marie Jeannette Lewis, O.P. Columbia Magazine Nov. 2017*

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!

DAMIANSVILLE DEVELOPMENT CLUB:

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**.

Mater Dei Christian Service Award Nominations

The *Christian Discipleship Award*, presented to **one senior**; and the *Christian Service Awards*, presented to **one freshman, one sophomore, & one junior**; serve to recognize students for unselfish service to school, church, and community. To obtain a nomination form please contact Ms. Colleen McDermott (cmcdermott@materdeiknights.org) OR visit the Mater Dei website www.materdeiknights.org "Faith" menu, select "Service Award Nominations Form". **Nominations are due by Saturday, March 31st.**

PILGRIMAGE:

Come on a pilgrimage to **Villa Theresa & St. Joseph Chapel**, home to the *Sisters of the Most Precious Blood* in O'Fallon, MO on **Saturday, April 7th**. We'll be leaving St. Damian at 9:30 am; taking a tour from 10:30 am-12 noon; we'll lunch in St. Charles, MO (TBD). If interested, sign up sheets are available in the main entrance of each church or contact Sr. Ellen (636-293-8253).

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.*

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.*
- ✓ **Easter Egg Hunt** on **Saturday, March 31st** at 1:00 pm. Children will be divided into age groups: 0-2; 3-4; 5-6; 7-8; 9-10 and prizes awarded in each age group. Please bring donations of personal care items or non-perishable canned goods for the needy of Clinton County. Held rain or shine!

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.

St. Teresa Church, Marydale: Chicken Dinner on **Sunday, March 18th** from 11:00 am-5:00 pm. Located six miles north of Carlyle on Route 127. Special 11:00 am Mass. Adults: \$11.00; Child: \$5.00. Carry outs available.

St. Augustine Church, Breese: Quilt/Cash Bingo on **Sunday, March 18th** starting at 2:00 pm with 16 quilt games, 8 cash games & 50/50 game. Cash for doubles. No one under 18 years can play. ***Fried Chicken Luncheon*** from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Adults: \$8.00; Children: \$4.00; Under 6: Free. Carry outs call 526-4341.

St. Anthony Church, Beckemeyer: Bunko & Dessert Party on **Monday, March 19th** at 1:00 pm with attendance prizes in the parish center. \$5.00 per person includes drink & dessert. Must be 18 or older. *Benefits St. Anthony Cemetery Fund.*

HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese:

- ⇒ **Feast of St. Joseph** on **Monday, March 19th** with **Mass** at 11:00 am in the Heritage Room with the Most Reverend Bishop Schlarman. ***Simple Soup/Salad Lunch*** from 11:00 am-1:00 pm in the cafeteria. A \$5.00 donation per person is encouraged to go toward local food pantries. For more information contact Sue Darr at 526-5451.
- ⇒ **Spring Health Fair** on **Wednesday, March 21st** from 6:00-10:00 am @ Carlyle KC Hall. For more information contact Judy at 526-5351 or sjb.healthfair@hshs.org.