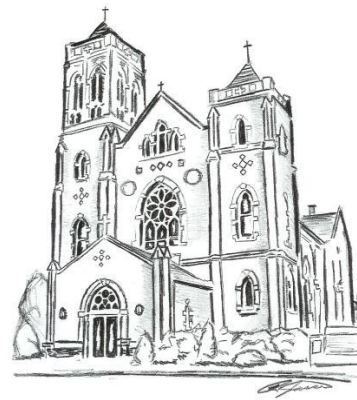




*Third Sunday
Of Lent
March 19th, 2017*



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Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MARCH 20TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

For a Successful Wurstmarkt

TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Rev. William Rensing

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND

7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Damian

For World Peace

THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD

7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Bernard

Safety of the Fruit Trees

FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Cliff Kolb

Viola Brandmeyer

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

George, Alvina, & Donald Rickhoff

Catherine Albers & family

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

As we enter into the 3rd Sunday of Lent, today's Readings focus on water and on God's self-revelation to seemingly unworthy people. Water is a primary symbol in the Sacrament of Baptism and we hear it in each reading today. In the 1st Reading, Moses and the people in the desert longing for water. Saint Paul in the 2nd Reading describing the love of God that "*has been poured out into our hearts*". In the Gospel, Jesus and the woman at the well. Let us contemplate what the waters of our own Baptism means to us.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, March 19th

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Grandparents/godparents Mass

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

Tuesday, March 21st

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

St. Bernard Parish & Finance Councils Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Wednesday, March 22nd

NO Mass - Prayer Service w/Communion held

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

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

1:00-2:00 @ St. Bernard

(Sign up in the back of church)

Bible Study 7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center

(Note place change)

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

Thursday, March 23rd

NO Mass - Prayer Service w/Communion held

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

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

Friday, March 24th

Communion to Homebound

Hispanic Stations of the Cross

5:30 pm @ St. Damian Church

Saturday, March 25th

Confirmation Retreat @ Ruma

Reconciliation 4:15-4:45 pm @ St. Damian

Anointing of the Sick after 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, March 26th

Children's Liturgy of the Word

& Anointing of the Sick

8:30 am @ St. Damian

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

Holy Name Wurstmart

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

"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts."

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES:

Holy Week & Easter Liturgical Minister List

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

Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, March 19th

11:00 am Mass in Spanish @ St. Damian

Weekend of March 25th/26th

During all Masses @ both parishes

Visitation of Classes by Fr. Anthony Onyango

Wednesday, Mar. 22nd 7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, Mar. 23rd 7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Way of the Cross

Thursdays, March 23rd & April 6th

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursdays, March 30th

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Faith Formation Reconciliation Services

Monday, March 27th 7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, March 28th 7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Sunday, April 2nd

1:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Operation Rice Bowl

Fill the containers with your spare change during the Lenten season and deposit in the large metal bowls in the gathering spaces **no later than Easter Sunday, April 16th**.

Your donations will benefit *Catholic Relief Services*.

VOCATION CORNER:

This 3rd Sunday of Lent is also the feast of St. Joseph. "**When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.**" (Matthew 1:24) It was grace that moved Joseph to embrace his vocation as the guardian of Israel's Messiah. It's the same grace that empowers us to accept God's call and wisdom for our lives. Joseph's yes in faith changed the world. God also has a plan for your life. You don't know where your yes might lead and how God might use it. Ask Joseph to help. Then, like Joseph, go out in faith to be a "**doer of the word**". (James 1:22) (*The Word Among Us*)

THANK YOU to everyone for supporting the *Hardee's Night* on Tuesday, Feb. 28th! Through your generosity we donated at total of \$218.67 to St. Bernard/St. Damian Needy Fund. **Thank you!!**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ⇒ **Breakfast & Basket Raffle** sponsored by *St. Bernard Ladies Sodality* will be held **this Sunday, March 19th** from 8:00 to 11:30 am @ St. Bernard Parish Center. **Potatoes** are needed for the breakfast. **Volunteers** are also needed to assist with serving, cooking and donating items. Please call Janel Zurliene 248-5571 or Angie Winkeler 789-1699 if you can help! **Baskets** are needed for the breakfast. Please contact Janel Zurliene or Dana Lake. Please join us for a **Grandparents & Godparents Mass** celebrated at 10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church.
- ⇒ **Wurstmarkt** sponsored by *St. Damian Holy Name* is scheduled for **Sunday, March 26th** from 10:30 am till 5:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym. **Workers Lists & Flyers** are available for pick up at the entrances of church. **Donations** are being accepted to help off-set the cost. Please contact Dennis Fuehne or Elmer Loepker.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 11th/12th, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,814.00 + Loose: \$138.00

+ Mass in Spanish: \$145.00 = \$2,097.00

Budget for week: \$2,831.73

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$101,710.68

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$104,774.01

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 3,063.33)**

Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$147,250.00

(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 Pledged: \$6,080.00 (29) ☺ *Goal:* \$5,950.00 (187)

2nd Collection (Food for the Poor): \$271.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 25th, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Chris & Beth Brandmeyer, Ange Wobbe

Reader — Mary Innes

Ushers — Jerry Innes, Alfred Toennies

Servers — Aidan Toennies, Adam & Kevin Heimann

Organist — Jan Hitch

Sunday, March 26th, 2017 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Julie Langenhorst, Diana Jansen, *Deb Santel*

Reader — Jackie Toennies

Ushers — Pete Toennies, Stan Heimann

Servers — Hunter Jansen, Julia Korte, Reece Deiters

Organist — Jan Hitch

Collection Counters — Pete Toennies, Sandy Kramer, Gwen Toennies

Children's Liturgy — Gwen Toennies, Jennifer Heimann

ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY & QUILT COMMITTEE:

- ⇒ **Quilt/Cash Sign-Up Sheet** for the picnic is posted at both entrances of the church. Please mark if you intend to donate cash or a quilt for the picnic. **Thank you!**
- ⇒ **Update on the Quilt Situation in our Parish.** Don't know how many of you are aware of the desperate need for quilts for our picnic bingo. We are currently buying quilts because our surplus is very, very low. To date we only have six on hand. In the past, there were more than twice as many. If at all possible, please consider giving a quilt or the cash equivalent of the cost of a quilt which runs from \$225.00-\$275.00, or close to that as possible. **Please remember the quilts should measure 90" X 108".** A parishioner is willing to donate her quilt tops she has made, if we choose to put them together and quilt them in our parish. Please contact one of the officers with your thoughts on this. This parishioner does beautiful work and it would be a privilege to win one of her quilts. She just cannot do it anymore. Our parish will not survive without our picnic and the majority of the income comes in because of our quilt bingo. Please consider this request as we are reaching out to all of you as a church community. Damiansville has always been proud to display our quilts at our annual picnic. Thanking all of you.
- The Committee and Officers



CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Phillip Donald Fuehne & Ashley Renee Rakers, who were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, Feb. 25th at St. Damian Church. May their love for God and one another grow throughout the years.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 12th, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,544.00 + Loose: \$20.00 = \$1,564.00
Budget for week: \$2,964.43
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$105,916.25
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$109,683.91
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 3,767.66)
Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$154,150.00

(**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 Pledged: \$3,865.00 (22) Goal: \$7,700.00 (241)

2nd Collection (Food for the Poor): \$170.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 26th, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — *Sharon Wuebbels*, Dan & Lee Love, Michelle Kennedy

Reader — Sean Kennedy

Ushers — Brian & Nolan Winkeler, Dennis & Kurt Rickhoff

Servers — Alyssa Winkeler, Brooke Rickhoff, Noah Broeckling

Collection Counters – Janel Zurliene, Phyllis Albers, Sean Kennedy

Children's Liturgy – Meg Schiefer, Matthew Schroeder, Reagan Rickhoff

Sunday School Helpers – Reagan Rickhoff, Elizabeth Schroeder



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HELP WANTED:

St. Bernard Parish is seeking a responsible individual to **clean the rectory** weekly (3-4 hours per week). Hourly rate will be discussed. Duties include but are not limited to: vacuuming, dusting, mopping, scouring bathrooms/sinks, cleaning stove/oven, & some laundry. Interested individuals can contact Jeanne (618-979-5933).

PRAYER BLANKETS:

Prayer Blanket Blessing: Newly donated **Prayer Blankets** will be blessed during the 10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard **this Sunday, March 19th**.

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, a gift from our Christian community and a prayerful way to touch those in need. Please contact Deacon Glenn or Brenda Morris (618-698-3804) if you or someone you know may need a **Prayer Blanket**.

Thank you to those who lovingly donated their time and talent in making the Prayer Blankets!!

NORTH CENTRAL VICARIATE:

- † **Mass of Healing & Hope** for the sick, aging, dying and all who love them will be held **Tuesday, March 21st** at 7:00 pm @ St. George Church, New Baden with Sacrament of Anointing and Fellowship. All are welcome!!
- † **Women's Council Spring Meeting** will be held **Wednesday, March 22nd** @ St. Barbara Parish, Okawville. Registration at 11:30 am with prayer service followed by lunch. The guest speaker is Gerry Boyer, a retreat master at Kings House. She will be speaking on a more active role of women in the church. Short meeting to follow. All ladies of the parishes are encouraged to attend. Pat Toennies and Liz Nussbaumer plan to attend. If interested in carpooling call Pat at 248-5366. \$30.00 dues per parish are due.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Albers Sons of Legion: Euchre Tourney on **Friday, March 24th** @ Albers Legion. Doors open at 6:00 pm, play starts at 7:00 pm with free fish afterwards.

Quest Retreat: Calling all freshmen and sophomores! Quest is an experience that brings teens together with other teens to find out more about God, themselves, and their relationships with family and friends. **Quest Retreat** will be held during the **weekend of March 25th/26th** @ St. Dominic Parish in Breese. More information about the weekend and an application can be found at www.bellevilletec.org.

Chakota Therapeutic Riding Center invites you to their **7th Annual 'Mane Event' Dinner, Dance, & Auction** on Saturday, April 1st at Aviston American Legion. Doors open at 4:00 pm, dinner is served from 5:00-7:00 pm and dancing/music from 8:00-midnight. Both a Silent and Oral auction will be held. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. If you wish to donate an item for the auction or purchase tickets to attend the event, please contact Jan Reinhardt at 618-604-6994 or reinhardt24@charter.net.