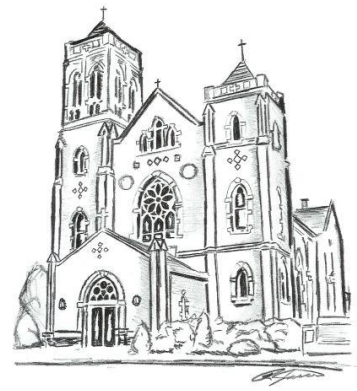




*Fourth Sunday
Of Lent
March 22, 2020*



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MARCH 23RD

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

In order to help slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in our communities, Bishop Braxton has asked parishes to CANCEL ALL MASSES until further notice. All Mass intentions will be rescheduled once Masses resume. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the 1st Reading God chooses the overlooked son of Jesse, for God see beyond appearances. In the Gospel, the Pharisees cannot see past the appearance of sin whereas the man who was formerly blind sees that Jesus is Lord. Let us think about our blind spots and the times when we fail to see beyond appearances.

"The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, March 22nd

NO Sunday Masses w/Anointing of the Sick

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

NO Children's Liturgy

NO St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

NO Mass in Spanish

NO Hispanic Bible Study

NO Lenten Video Study

Monday, March 23rd

NO RCIA

Tuesday, March 24th

NO St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday, March 25th

NO Eucharistic Adoration

NO St. Bernard Choir Practice

Thursday, March 26th

NO Way of the Cross

Friday, March 27th

Communion to the Homebound

NO Cougar Fish Fry

Saturday, March 28th

NO 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, March 29th

NO Sunday Masses

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

NO Children's Liturgy

NO St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

NO Mass in Spanish

NO Hispanic Bible Study

NO Lenten Video Study

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Listed below are several scholarships to assist 8th grade students wishing to attend Mater Dei High School. If you are interested and did not receive a scholarship form, please contact Deacon Glenn.

⇒ ***Ralph & Delores Netemeyer Scholarship*** is a \$500 scholarship to a St. Bernard 8th grader. The student must type an essay describing their goals for the future and how their Catholic faith will help them in their journey to reach these goals. In the essay, they are also to explain how Albers School has prepared them to accomplish these goals. **Due by May 2nd.**

⇒ ***Rademacher-Foppe Scholarship*** will apply \$300 tuition assistance to any St. Bernard 8th grade student wishing to attend MD for the freshmen year only. The student must submit a 100-word essay on why they wish to attend MD, include a listing of parish, school, and community activities in which they participate and have their principal or current teacher complete a recommendation. **Due by May 2nd.**

⇒ ***Knights of Columbus Scholarship*** is a \$500 scholarship in tuition assistance to one student from Albers & one from Damiansville. The student must submit a typewritten essay based on the subject, "My Catholic Faith". In the essay, they must describe how their faith has influenced different areas of their life up till now and how it will help with the challenges in the future. Information about participation in parish activities, community volunteerism and how attending a catholic high school will help achieve your goals in the future. **Due by May 2nd.**

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 15th 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 1st.**

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>.

VOCATION CORNER:

Today's first reading from the Book of Samuel recounts one of the great "calls" in our Church history – the anointing of King David. He was the youngest son of Jesse, tending the sheep during Samuel's visit. But he is the one the Lord wanted anointed. Jesse sent for his son to fulfill God's plan. God has a call for each of us to follow, even the youngest. **Encourage everyone to be attentive to their vocation – their call - for it is from the Lord.**

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 14th/15th, 2020

Envelopes: \$1,477.00 + Loose: \$87.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$471.00 = \$2,035.00
Budget for week: \$3,038.46
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$104,867.48
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$112,423.02
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 7,555.54)
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.)
Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA):
Total: \$4,095.00 (14) Goal: \$7,455.00 (190)
2nd Collection (SVdP & Daystar): \$300.00

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN HOLY NAME:

- ✓ **Wurstmarkt** on Sunday, March 29th has been **CANCELLED!**
- ✓ **Donations** are being accepted to help off-set the cancellation of the event. Please contact Dennis Fuehne or Keith Korte if you wish to make a donation.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 15th, 2020

Envelopes: \$1,260.00 + Loose: \$66.00 = \$1,326.00
Budget for week: \$3,134.14
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$109,377.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$115,963.18
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 6,586.18)
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.)
Total Heating System: \$1,610.00
Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA):
Total: \$1,860.00 (10) Goal: \$7,967.00 (241)
2nd Collection (SVdP & Daystar): \$205.00

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

Once Masses resume, a ministry schedule will be prepared. Until that time NO MINISTERS will be needed. Please watch your email for any type of changes. **Thank you!!**

SUPPORT:

- ✠ **This weekend, March 21st/22nd** would have been the **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** collection to help **Jesus in Disguise**. The collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide struggling communities with relief, support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Envelopes are provided in your envelope packet. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.
- ✠ Although we are unable to attend Mass on weekends, the parishes will continue to be there to support you. **We will also need your support** to pay the bills. Please mail in your contributions, fill out an ACH form, or if you bank online, have a check sent to your parish. **Thank you and God bless!**

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 American Programs at Albers & Damiansville Elementary Schools.*
- ⇒ **Damiansville Elementary School** will host the **Annual Spring Night** on Friday, March 27th @ St. Damian Gym. Doors open at 6:00 pm with a raffle starting at 7:00 pm. There will be snacks and drinks. Cost of \$100 per table (10 chairs). To reserve your table, call Dennis at 618-250-0854.
- ⇒ **St. Damian Holy Name** will host their **Annual Wurstmarkt** on **Sunday, March 29th** from 10:30 am-5:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym. Dine in or carry out available. Meat Sales and raffle.

COVID-19 CHALLENGES:

In the face of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, times can be very challenging and sometimes even scary with the unknown. Please know that we are praying for you and believing that God is in control of everything. **St. Bernard & St. Damian Parishes**, keeping in compliance with regulations from Bishop Braxton, are trying to find ways to stay connected.

- 1) Please check out Facebook at www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers for live streaming *stations*; *Mass* will live stream at **9:30 am on Sunday morning**; and *Eucharistic Adoration* is live streamed on **Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 pm. All parish activities are limited to 10 or less people.**
 - 2) You can also find Masses on the television at EWTN or on St. Bernard & St. Damian website at www.stbernardandstdamian.org. **The rosary and a blog for comments are also on the website.**
 - 3) St. Bernard Church will be open daily from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm for private prayer.
 - 4) Communion to the homebound will continue. Please contact Deacon Glenn Netemeyer if you are wishing Communion brought to you.
 - 5) Check on your friends and neighbors, especially the elderly and those living alone.
 - 6) Please continually pray at home for us and all people in this time of trouble.
 - 7) Bulletins will continue to be printed weekly and be available in the jar located on the front steps of St. Damian House, on the tables in St. Bernard Church and also on the website.
 - 8) The offices will be on limited hours on Monday - Friday (9:00 am-12 noon). Jeanne will be working from home at times or in an office as needed. Please do not hesitate to give Jeanne a call.
- If you need assistance, wish to meet with someone, or just wish to talk, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Albers Elementary School will be preparing *lunches* for students if they would like to purchase them during this break. We can make meals and have students pick them up, or we may be able to deliver them in certain situations. Student accounts will still be charged the same amount as normal, but we understand that students may not have access to proper lunches and we want to help. Please contact the school at 248-5146 before 9:00 am each day to let us know if your child would like a school lunch and we can prepare it for them and make sure they receive it between 11:00 am and Noon.

Damiansville Elementary School will be preparing *lunches* for students if they would like to purchase them during this break. We can make meals and have students pick them up. Student accounts will still be charged the same amount as normal, but we understand that students may not have access to proper lunches and we want to help. Please contact the school at 248-5188 before 9:30 am each day to let us know if your child would like a school lunch. The lunches can be picked between 11:00 am and Noon.

Western Clinton County Senior Center (WCCSS) will be providing *Meals on Wheels* for Seniors over 60 years of age and/or residents with disabilities for meal delivery Monday - Friday. Orders must be called in by 9:30 am for delivery that day. Call WCCSS at (618) 224-9913.

***Drivers are needed to deliver 'Meals on Wheels'. Call WCCSS TODAY to volunteer!**

Pete's Bar & Grill will have *curbside food service* only from 11:00 am-2:00 pm, then AGAIN from 4:00-7:00 pm. Please call in your order (618) 248-5460. We will then ask for your name or the name of the person who will be picking up the order. When you arrive for pick up, someone will deliver to you outside.

Shorty's Tavern will be offering *curbside pick-up & delivery* in the town of Albers. Call us at (618) 248-5507 to order. Our lunch hours will be 11:00 am-2:00 pm and dinner hours will be 4:30-9:30 pm. We will still offer all of our menu favorites including Theresa's daily homemade specials, and our amazing pizza's. We also have soda, snacks and even 6 packs of your favorite beer.

Fuehne's Tavern will be offering *curbside pick-up & walk-in* from 11:00 am-8:00 pm. Call us at (618) 248-5841 to order. We will still offer everything on the menu. We also have soda, snacks and even 6 packs of your favorite beer.

Please be safe and stay healthy!!