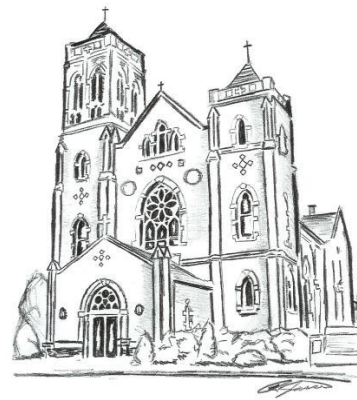


*Fourth Sunday
Of Lent
March 26th, 2017*



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Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MARCH 27TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

In Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Rev. Charles Kribs

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Cancer Victims

THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Dolores "Dolly" Netemeyer

FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Louis Korte

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

Florence Wolters

Urban "Shorty" Behrman

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

As we continue our journey through this season of Lent, we are met with the question of who is worthy in God's eyes. When we step out into the light from a dark place, it takes our eyes a while to adjust and really see what is around us. Perhaps that is the lesson of today's scriptures; that it takes time for our spiritual eyes to adjust to the light of God's action in our lives. Let us pray for patience and persistence in gaining sight and insight into the gift of God's world around us.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

Monday, March 27th

Faith Formation Reconciliation Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Mass 8:30 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, March 28th

Faith Formation Reconciliation Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Mass 8:30 am @ St. Bernard

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

Wednesday, March 29th

Eucharistic Adoration

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

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

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

(Note place change)

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

Thursday, March 30th

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

Friday, March 31st

Communion to Homebound

Hispanic Rosary 5:30 pm @ St. Damian Church

Saturday, April 1st

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

Sunday, April 2nd

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

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Meeting

Immediately following 10:00 am Mass

@ St. Bernard Library in Church

Joint Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

1:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

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

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES:

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.

Anointing of the Sick

This Weekend, March 25th/26th

During all Masses @ both parishes

Faith Formation Reconciliation Services

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

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

Way of the Cross

Thursday, March 30th

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Thursday, April 6th

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

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*.

Vacation Bible School

Meeting for all those interested in helping with VBS will be held on **Sunday, April 2nd** immediately following the 10 am Mass @ St. Bernard library in church. The meeting is to discuss planning for VBS 2017 (dates, length, & materials).

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- † **Wurstmarkt** sponsored by *St. Damian Holy Name* is scheduled for **this 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.
- † **Albers/Damiansville Knights of Columbus Pork Steak Dinner** with baked potato, baked beans, and garlic bread on **Saturday, April 8th** from 11:00 am to 6:30 pm. Our goal is to raise \$3,600 to help *Food for the Poor Organization* build a home for a family in need. If you live in or near Albers or Damiansville, we **will deliver** a delicious pork steak dinner to your door step! Give us a call at (618) 973-2601 or (618) 973-8744 and let us know how many meals we can grill up for you and yours. Or you can stop by St. Bernard Parish Center to pick up a dinner. If you're not hungry but would like to make a free will donation, give us a call and we will pick it up, stop by with your donation, or put it in an envelope marked "*Food for the Poor Organization*". **We need your help and support!!**

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS):

This weekend, March 25th/26th, we are taking up the **CRS Collection** to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief & support to struggling communities, to work toward peace & reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Envelopes are in your packet. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholicrelief.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 18th/19th, 2017

Envelopes: \$4,450.00 + ACH: \$215.00

+ Loose: \$95.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$239.00 =

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Budget for week: \$2,831.73

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$106,709.68

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$107,605.77

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 896.06)**

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: \$6,619.40 (36) ☺ *Goal: \$5,950.00 (187)*

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

March Drawing Winners:

\$400 - Dave Spihlmann

\$50 - Dan & Rita Poetker

\$50 - Eric Nordike



ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 2nd, 2017 @ 8:30 am

Ministers of Communion — Gary Fuehne, Erin

Korte, **Arlene Korte**

Reader — Denise Luitjohan

Ushers — Kevin Toennies, Bob Hitpas

Servers — Savanna Luitjohan, Trent Korte, Sophie Thomas

Organist — Geri Varel

Collection Counters — Mech Toennies, Bob Hitpas, Anita Rakers

Children's Liturgy — Sandy & Gabby Kramer

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 **ASAP** so we know how many quilts need to be purchased.
- ⇒ **Collecting Quilts** will take place early this year. Please watch the bulletin for more information.
- ⇒ **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

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 19th, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,375.00 + ACH: \$2,205.00
+ Loose: \$150.00 = \$3,730.00
Budget for week: \$2,964.43
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$109,646.25
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$112,648.34
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 3,002.09)**
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: \$4,665.00 (28) Goal: \$7,700.00 (241)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!



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ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 1st, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Ministers of Communion — Kathy Engelmenn,
Melissa Netemeyer, Liz Nussbaumer
Reader — Ken Nussbaumer
Ushers — Nick & Kathy Friederich
Servers — Olivia & Grant Winkeler, Kalie Wellen

Sunday, April 2nd, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Ministers of Communion — **Roman Kloeckner**,
Kevin & Kristen Templin, Cole Schomaker
Reader — Lynette Huegen
Ushers — John, Linda, & Michael Majchrzak,
Brenda Morris
Servers — Brady Reynolds, Jillian Kloeckner, Lydia Engelmenn
Collection Counters – Tim Schroeder, Brenda Morris, John Majchrzak
Children's Liturgy – Rachel Zurliene, Tyler Robertson, Erin Schiefer
Sunday School Helpers – Olivia Winkeler, Mallory Toennies

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 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!!

ST. BERNARD LADIES SODALITY:

We are in at Savers! The Ladies Sodality is sponsoring a **Donation Drive** similar to the rummage sale. Donate your items to a trailer at specific locations in Albers **between the dates of May 16th – May 20th**. Items will be delivered to **Savers** in Fairview Heights on **Saturday, May 20th**. The Ladies Sodality will receive a monetary donation based on the items collected and the weight. We will have a flyer with more info at a later date. We are also looking for a few enclosed trailers & drivers to use on May 20th.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Newman Auxiliary is sponsoring a **Bingo** on **Sunday, March 26th** @ St. John the Baptist Parish Center in Red Bud. Doors open at 11:00 am with lunch available. Bingo starts at 1:00 pm. Paper bingo cards, bring your daubers. *All proceeds support the Newman Catholic Student Center at SIU-Carbondale.*

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.

St. Augustine Parish, Breese: Rummage Sale Donation Drop-Off from **March 26th to April 4th**; **Rummage Sale** dates: **Thursday, April 6th** from 5:00-9:00 pm; **Friday, April 7th** from 9:00 am-12:30 pm (1/2 price from 2:00-8:00 pm); **Saturday, April 8th** from 9:00 am-12:00 pm (\$3 brown bag all day); **Bake Sale** on **Thursday & Friday, April 6th & 7th**. Lunch & Soda available.