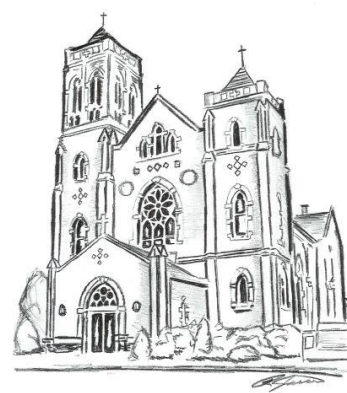




*Fifth Sunday
Of Lent
March 29, 2020*



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Wednesday & Thursday @ home.

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St. Bernard Catholic Church-Albers

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MARCH 30TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

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:

Ezekiel shares a radical vision of Israel's future: God will burst open graves, reanimate the dead, and restore them to their land. Jesus puts such a plan into action, opening the tomb of Lazarus, bringing him back to life, and restoring him to his family. Paul assures us that with the Spirit within us, our mortal bodies will have life as well. **Let us reflect on how God's redeeming grace raises us up from our sin and despair.**

"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, March 29th

Live Streamed Mass 9:30 am

www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers

Wednesday, April 1st

Live Streamed Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 pm

www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers

Thursday, April 2nd

Live Streamed Way of the Cross 7:00 pm

www.stbernardandstdamian.org

Click Home then Services for PDF file to follow along.

Friday, April 3rd

Communion to the Homebound

Saturday, April 4th

Live Streamed Mass 4:00 pm

www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers

Sunday, April 5th

Live Streamed Mass 9:30 am

www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers

ATTENTION: FAMILIES NEEDING FOOD ASSISTANCE

The *St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry* in Germantown will be open **Mondays from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm** for families needing food assistance.

The location is in the basement of the Germantown Village Hall at 306 Prairie Street. Please contact Shirley Eversgerd 618-523-4260 or John Feldman 618-363-6588 if you need help.

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 on 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. Include 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:

"I grew up in Haiti as the first child in a family of cradle Catholics. I heard stories about how my dad discerned the priesthood before he married my mom, and I witnessed the humanity of the religious sisters who taught me in school. This faith-filled environment sowed the seeds of my religious vocations, and as a young girl I believed I was called to be a sister. Years later, after my family settled in the United States, I became a lost sheep on a college campus. In 2008, I began to go to daily Mass, participated in Eucharistic adoration, and found a spiritual director. My discernment journey took me to many communities until, in 2010, I knew that the Lord was asking me to say "yes" to him through the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church."

Sister Christiana Marie Rene; Sisters of Mary, Spokane Wash. Columbia November 2018

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 21st/22nd, 2020

Envelopes: \$579.00 + ACH (16th): \$635.00 =

\$1,214.00

Budget for week: \$3,038.46

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$106,081.48

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$115,461.48

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 9,380.00)**

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: \$4,720.00 (25) *Goal: \$7,455.00 (190)*

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 22nd, 2020

Envelopes: \$475.00 + ACH (16th): \$2,240.00 =

\$2,715.00

Budget for week: \$3,134.14

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$112,092.00

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$119,097.32

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 7,005.32)**

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: \$2,505.00 (16) *Goal: \$7,967.00 (241)*

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

SUPPORT:

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! You can support your parish in one of these ways:

- 1) Mail in your contributions to: St. Bernard – 202 N. Broadway-PO Box 10 – Albers, IL 62215-0010 or St. Damian – One West Main Street – Damiansville, IL 62215-1313.
- 2) Fill out an ACH form located on the website (www.stbernardandstdamian.org) under St. Bernard & St. Damian and scan in or send back to your parish. Use the form for your parish.
- 3) Donate from the website (www.stbernardandstdamian.org) by clicking the "Donate Now" button. Instructions on how it works are above the buttons.
- 4) If you bank online, have a check sent directly to your parish.
- 5) **Beginning next weekend**, contributions can be dropped in the lock box located by the front door of each rectory. The lock boxes are secure and waterproof.

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support!

CENSUS REQUESTS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT RECENTLY.

Please file your information as soon as possible. If you do not answer online a paper request will be sent out at a later date. If you do not make an attempt to answer any request, Census workers will be knocking on your door until the information is obtained. Census workers will not be in the area until late May or later due to the virus outbreak and will be wearing an identification badge. The Census is taken to help get grants and funding for your Village, Schools, Roads, Organizations and many other outlets. If you need help with your Census requests because you do not have a computer or smart phone call the Village Hall, leave your name and a good phone number.

THANK YOU to *everyone* who donated to our 2020 *Lenten Collection*! *St. Vincent de Paul* in East St. Louis and also *Daystar Program* in Cairo each received a check of \$645.00 plus other donations.

Thanks to your generosity many will be helped during this most difficult time.

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 on Thursday at 7:00 pm** (If you wish to follow along go to the website www.stbernardandstdamian.org and click home then services for PDF file); **Mass** will live stream at **4:00 pm on Saturday & 9:30 am on Sunday**; 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) Communion to the homebound will continue. Please contact Deacon Glenn Netemeyer if you are wishing Communion brought to you.
- 4) Check on your friends and neighbors, especially the elderly and those living alone.
- 5) Please continually pray at home for us and all people in this time of trouble.
- 6) Bulletins will continue to be printed weekly and will be available in the jars located on the front porch of each rectory and also on the website.
- 7) 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. Please contact the school at 248-5146 before 9:15 am each day to let them know if your child would like a school lunch and they 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. Please contact the school at 248-5188 before 9:30 am each day to let them 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.

Damiansville Development Club: Park Clean-up – As you are all aware, we aren't sure when it will be allowed for a larger group to go to the park to clean up. However, we will need to start grass cutting at some point and before we can start that, the gumballs and sticks need to be cleaned up. If you need to get out of the house and would like to bring a rake and go to the park to work on this, feel free! Gum balls would just need to be raked in piles and sticks put into piles as well. Some people have been going out there one-by-one and spending some time cleaning up (assuming if it is ok to take a walk, it is ok to spend some time doing this!). Thanks to those who have been working on this already. Also, the **Ham Raffle Winners Drawing** has been rescheduled to **Sunday, May 17th** at 11:00 am @ Fuehne's Tavern.