



*Second Sunday
Of Easter
(Divine Mercy)
April 3rd, 2016*



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Monday (8 am to 5 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian;

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

(9 am to 4 pm) @ CLC, New Baden;

Friday (8 am to 1 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, APRIL 4TH

NO 7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian

Service of Word w/Communion

TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH

NO 7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Service of Word w/Communion

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH

Confirmation 7:00 pm @ St. Damian

THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH

NO 7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Service of Word w/Communion

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH

NO 7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian

Service of Word w/Communion

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

(Fr. Dennis Voss)

Vince & Leona Eilering

Archie & Marie Santel

Rita Koerkenmeier & Ruth Wilke

SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

(Fr. Dennis Voss)

Cletus & Donald Fuehne

Robert, Dorothy & Ken Kalmer

Lindy, Lynn & Irene Horstmann

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

(Fr. Dennis Voss)

Florence Wolters

Paul & Dorothy Rensing

Clinton "Punkin", Helen & Dale Meyer

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today's readings are about faith, doubt and God's unending mercy. Let us listen in particular for language that speaks of the community. The apostles were "*all together in Solomon's portico*". **Was Thomas' doubts because he was away from the community at Jesus' first appearance?** Thomas is not condemned for doubting, but becomes a powerful witness preaching the Gospel. His doubt becomes a pathway for us, who sometimes struggle with doubts of our own. **How important is it for our own faith to be a member of a community?** Let us reflect on our membership in a church and how it helps us to be able to say with Thomas, "*My Lord and my God!*"

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting."

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

8th Graders from Albers & Damiansville Elementary are eligible for the following:

❖ **Msgr. Don Knights of Columbus Scholarship:**
\$500 scholarship for one student from Albers Elementary & one student from Damiansville Elementary planning to attend Mater Dei High School. Applications must be returned to the Faith Formation Teacher **by Monday, May 2nd** at 8:30 am.

8th Graders from Albers Elementary ONLY are eligible for the following:

❖ **Rademacher-Foppe Scholarship:**
\$300 scholarship for each Albers Elementary student planning to attend Mater Dei High School. Applications must be returned to Deacon Glenn Netemeyer **by Sunday, May 1st**.

❖ **Ralph & Delores Netemeyer Scholarship:**
\$500 scholarship for an Albers Elementary student planning to attend Mater Dei High School. Applications must be returned to the principal **by Friday, May 6th** at 4:00 pm.

All scholarship forms are available at the school office or on the website @ www.stbernardandstdamian.org.

ALL ARE INVITED!!

Please join us on **Wednesday, April 6th** at 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Twenty-six candidates along with their sponsors will be presented before Bishop Edward K. Braxton to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Come to support and pray for these candidates, sponsors, and your parish in this time of transition.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, April 3rd

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

Catholic Youth Ministry Meeting

11:30 am @ St. Damian House

Tuesday, April 5th

St. Bernard Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Meeting Room

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, April 6th

Confirmation 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

7:00 pm @ St. George Community Life Center

Thursday, April 7th

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Friday, April 8th

Communion to Homebound

Saturday, April 9th

1st Communion Mini-Retreat

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

Sunday, April 10th

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

PARISHES NEEDY FUND COLLECTION:

The second collection will be taken **next weekend April 9th/10th**. This collection assists Albers & Damiansville residents who need assistance paying utility bills, and provides fuel/food for travelers.

INSPIRITIONAL SPOT: When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Try to live your life so that when it ends, the world will cry and you will rejoice.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 27th, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 965.00 + Easter: \$5,760.00
+ Loose: \$216.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$257.00 =
\$7,198.00

Budget for week: \$2,755.77
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$108,439.52
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$107,475.03
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$964.49
Fiscal year (7/15-6/16) budget: \$143,300.00

(**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: \$6,454.40 (32)☺ Goal: \$5,950.00 (59)

End of Month Totals:

Bldg./Maint. Collection: \$397.00 **Total: \$12,874.21**
Sister Parish: \$290.00
Mater Dei Foundation: \$ 25.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$262.00
Holy Land \$375.00
Operation Rice Bowl: \$340.12

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!



ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 26th/27th, 2016

Envelopes: \$945.00 + Easter: \$6,076.00
+ Loose: \$236.00 = \$7,257.00

Budget for week: \$2,916.25
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$114,553.04
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$113,733.75
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$819.29
Fiscal year (7/15-6/16) budget: \$151,645.00

(**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: \$2,390.00 (21) Goal: \$7,700.00 (80)

End of Month Totals:

Sister Parish: \$438.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$155.00
Holy Land \$400.00
Operation Rice Bowl: \$361.13

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

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St. Bernard Catholic Church-Albers IL

ST. DAMIAN CHOIR PRACTICES:

- **Adult Choir** will hold practices for *Confirmation* on **Tuesday, April 5th** at 7:00 pm. All members (young and not as young) are welcome to sing with us. This especially includes any youth choir members that would like to participate in the Confirmation celebration. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 792-2676.
- **Youth Choir** will practice on **Sunday, April 24th & May 1st** after Mass in preparation for *1st Communion* which will be held on **Saturday, May 7th** at 4:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Toennies at 335-9562 or Geri Varel at 248-5223. Thanks for helping to **"Make a Joyful Noise!"**

ST. DAMIAN HOLY NAME:

Thank you to everyone who worked, attended or helped in any way to support the Holy Name Wurstmarkt. Your support is appreciated.
50/50 Winners: Butch Toennies & Bill Innes

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 10th, 2016 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Ruth Jansen, Ken Mank,
Gary Fuehne

Reader — Rosann Horstmann

Ushers — Norm Horstmann & Bud Jansen

Servers — William & Kevin Athmer, Ben Kassen

Organist — Geri Varel

Collection Counters — Gwen Toennies, Dave Kassen,
Geri Varel

Children's Liturgy — Gwen Toennies, Anthony
Athmer

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 9th, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Ken & Liz Nussbaumer,
Deb Schomaker

Reader — Steve Schomaker

Ushers — Jim & Mary Norrenberns

Servers — Brad & Eric Higgins, Danielle Deiters

Sunday, April 10th, 2016 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — **Michelle Kennedy**, Dan &
Lee Love, Cole Schomaker

Reader — Meg Schiefer

Ushers — Dave & Kay Langenhorst, Tom
Rensing, Dave Wuebbels

Servers — Erin Schiefer, Sydney Irzarry, Noah
Broeckling

Collection Counters — Pat Litteken, Tom Rensing,
Sean Kennedy

Children's Liturgy — Oceana Templin, Charlie
Gebke

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY:

Mother's Day Flower Sale of *Blooming Hanging Baskets of Petunias*: \$20.00 each; *4-inch Potted Geraniums*: \$5.00 each; (3 pack) *4-inch Potted Geraniums*: \$12.00/3 pack are available. Place your order by **Wednesday, April 13th**. Orders with payments may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at Albers Village drop-box. Please make checks payable to: "St. Bernard/St. Damian CYM". **Flower pick-up** will be on **Saturday, May 7th** from 10 am-12 noon @ St. Bernard Church. Flowers may be delivered if requested. Please contact Brenda at 698-3804 with any questions. **Thank you for supporting our Youth Ministry!**



CATHOLIC HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY:

St. Bernard Church has made the church more handicapped accessible by installing a **handicapped door opener**. CHFS is sponsoring a raffle to help with this project. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Please contact Suz (248-5491), Brian (248-5571) or Marcie (248-5251) for tickets. Thank you for your support!!

MATER DEI MOTHERS & FRIENDS:

Dinner Auction "Rock the Knights" will be held on **April 16th**. Raffle ticket order forms are inserted in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please call Lori Breiner at 618-972-7911 or Gwen Fuehne at 618-210-0259.

**ALBERS
125**
June 4-5, 2016

ITEMS NEEDED FOR ALBERS125 CELEBRATION: *Homemade Wine, Summer/Deer Sausage, Jams/Jellies, Pickles, Salsa, Crafts, Baked Goods, Etc.* are needed to sell at the Country store which will be set up at the Albers125 Celebration **June 4th and 5th**. Donated items can be dropped off at the Village Hall or at the home of Randy & Jan Reinhardt (511 Cottonwood St). Or, you can call Jan Reinhardt (618-248-5140) for pickup of items. Thanks!!

Culpepper & Merriweather Circus hosted by *Albers125* is coming to town on **Thursday, April 14th** @ Lehrter/JC Park in Albers. Show at 5:00 pm & 7:30 pm. Adults: \$10; Children (2-12): \$7; Seniors (65 & older): \$7; Under 2: Free. Get your tickets at these local business: Albers Village Hall, FCB Banks in Albers & New Baden, Centru Bank in Aviston, and Germantown Trust & Savings Banks in Germantown & Breese.

All Class Reunion: All of Albers & former students of St. Bernard Elementary School, families, teachers & staff are invited to the **Class Reunion** on **Saturday, April 23rd** with a 4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard Church. **Spaghetti Dinner**, sponsored by *Knights of Columbus*, & **Open House** from 5:00-8:00 pm; **Music, Drinks & Fun** from 7:00-11:00 pm @ Albers Elementary School. Representatives from each class are needed to help make the reunion a success. Call Al Loepker (806-9360) or Village Hall (248-5154) to volunteer!

Mater Dei High School News: Mater Dei students will take the stage for the **Spring Musical "Mary Poppins"** directed by Mrs. Donna Goetz on **April 3rd** at 2:00 pm.

Albers Elementary Booster Club: PAWS to Pavement: 5K Run/Walk – 1M Fun Run to be held on **Saturday, April 5th** @ Albers City Park. **1M Fun Run:** check-in 4:00-4:45 pm with start time at 5:00 pm; **5K Walk/Run:** check-in 4:00-5:30 pm with start time at 6:00 pm. Pre-register: \$20.00 / Race day entry: \$25.00. For more information call Karen Schroeder at 618-691-9038. *Proceeds benefit Albers Elementary Booster Club.*

St. Augustine Parish, Breese:

- ❖ **Rummage & Bake Sale** on **Thursday, April 14th – Saturday, April 16th** @ the parish center. **Thursday, April 14th** from 5:00-9:00 pm; **Friday, April 15th** from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm; ½ price from 2:00-8:00 pm; **Saturday, April 16th** 9:00 am to 12 noon (\$3.00 brown bag all day). **Bake Sale** on Thursday & Friday, April 14th & 15th. Lunch & Soda available.
- ❖ **Quilt/Cash Bingo** on **Sunday, April 17th** beginning at 2:00 pm. 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 available, call 526-4311.

Metro East Community Chorale will be performing their **Annual Spring Program** on **Sunday, April 17th** at 3:00 pm @ St. Teresa Catholic Church in Belleville, IL.

St. Anthony, Beckemeyer: Special Anniversary Bunko & Dessert Party on **Monday, April 18th** at 1:00 pm @ the parish center. \$5.00 per person includes cheese, sausage, drink & dessert. Must be 18 or older. Extra attendance prizes, 1st & last place, most bangers & bunkos. *Benefits St. Anthony Cemetery Fund.*