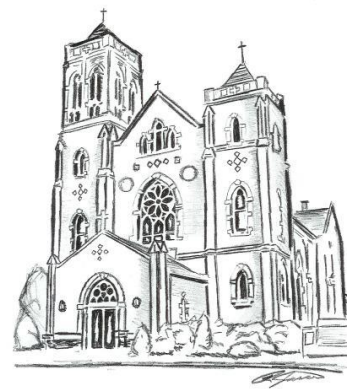
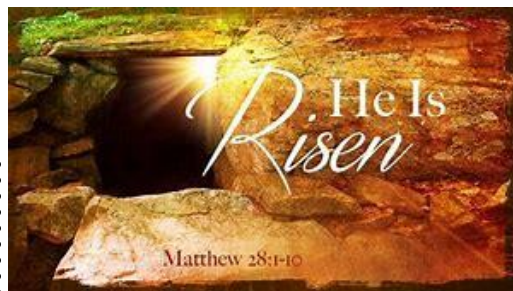


*Easter Sunday
Of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 12, 2020*



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St. Bernard Catholic Church-Albers

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, APRIL 13TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH

*Live Streamed Eucharistic Adoration
7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Bernard*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

*Live Streamed Mass
7:00 pm @ St. Bernard*

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH

*Live Streamed Mass
9:30 am @ St. Damian*

MASSSES & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

will be live streamed at

www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers
*until further notice due to
the coronavirus (COVID-19).*

*All Mass intentions will be
rescheduled once Masses resume.
Thank you for your cooperation and
understanding.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Every Easter Sunday we hear from three saints who bear witness to Christ's resurrection: Peter, Paul, and John. Peter testifies to Jesus' life and mission (*Acts 10:34a, 37-43*). Paul testifies to the effect that Jesus' rising has on us (*1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*). John gives an account of what happened on that first Easter morning (*Matthew 28:1-10*). **Let us reflect on how we can witness to Jesus' rising from the dead.**

**"This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad."**

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, April 12th

Live Streamed Easter Sunday Mass

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Tuesday, April 14th

Live Streamed Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Friday, April 17th

Communion to the Homebound

(Please contact Deacon Glenn Netemeyer if you are wishing Communion brought to you.)

Saturday, April 18th

Live Streamed Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, April 19th

Live Streamed Mass 9:30 am @ St. Damian

MASSES & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be live streamed at: www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers.

You can also find Masses on the television at EWTN or on St. Bernard & St. Damian website at www.stbernardandstdamian.org.

VOCATION CORNER:

Hallelujah!! He is Risen! All our souls have been redeemed. What a wonderful legacy! We need to share this Redemption story with others – our Calling as Catholics. This is what we commemorate through each celebration of the Eucharist which allows us to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. We need to witness to this fact through our daily lives – talking with our classmates, taking care of our spouses and children, engaging with our friends and family, with our co-workers – in all we do! This is our vocation – a Call to Holiness.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

by Deacon Kevin Templin

This Lent, we have experienced an unexpected fast—the fast of being unable to receive the Eucharist. The Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian life, has been unavailable to us during this time of separation, this time of social distancing. Even though we are unable to attend Mass, and the obligation to do so has been dispensed, we are still bound to keep holy the Lord's day, Sunday.

We are invited to consider the practice of making a “spiritual communion.” The saints have recommended this very practice. St. Theresa of Avila said, “When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.” St. Jean-Marie Vianney once said, “When we cannot go to the church, let us turn towards the tabernacle, no wall can shut us out from the good God...let us make a spiritual communion.”

Please join us in making a spiritual communion, not only during our Mass live streams, but any time in prayer, uniting ourselves to the Eucharist, our spiritual food.

Happy Easter. He has Risen! Alleluia!

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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.

Wishing you a Blessed and Joyful Easter!!

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>.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 5th, 2020

Loose: \$20.00 + Envelopes: \$1,200.00 + Easter: \$350.00
+ ACH (2nd): \$1,025.00 = \$2,595.00

Budget for week: \$3,038.46

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$109,101.48

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$121,538.40

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 12,436.92)**

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: \$5,845.00 (28) Goal: \$7,455.00 (190)

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

QUILT COMMITTEE INFORMATION:

Given the current situation with COVID-19 and the Wurstmart being cancelled, the first quilt for the Ladies Sodality quilt raffle will be drawn as follows: July 11th at the picnic, Sept. 11th, Nov. 11th and a Christmas quilt on Dec 11th.

A lot of tickets were still in the back of church - you can receive your tickets by notifying Donna Fuehne 618-604-3275. If you don't respond we can drop them off and put them in-between your front doors.

Tickets can be returned by: 1) calling Donna Fuehne 618-604-3275 or Kay Maue 618-973-2498 for in town to let them know you will be putting the tickets in their front doors; 2) return the tickets when you drop off your quilt donation for the picnic (will send out a date for quilt drop-off once it is safe); or 3) return the tickets at the picnic. Please don't hesitate to call one of the quilt committee officers if you have a question,

Donna Fuehne - 618-604-3275

Tammy Haselhorst - 618-401-1910

Shannon Fuehne - 618-520-2386

Gina Rakers - 618-304-6703

EASTER FLOWERS:

Easter lilies were ordered and the order could not be cancelled. If you wish to purchase a lily or two to help defray some of the cost, please call or text Arlene Korte 618-954-9275.

ST. DAMIAN HOLY NAME:

If you wish to make a donation to the Holy Name since the Wurstmart was cancelled, contact Dennis Fuehne 618-550-9138 or Keith Korte.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 5th, 2020

Loose: \$20.00 + Envelopes: \$1,510.00 +

ACH (2nd): \$2,315.00 + Easter: \$50.00 +

Paypal: \$40.00-\$1.46 Fees = \$38.54 = \$3,933.54

Budget for week: \$3,134.14

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$116,763.54

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$125,365.60

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 8,602.06)**

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: \$1,710.00

Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA):

Total: \$2,855.00 (20) 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) Contributions can also be dropped in the lock boxes 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!

ATTENTION: FAMILIES NEEDING FOOD ASSISTANCE & MEALS:

- 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.
- **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!**
- **Albers Elementary School** will be preparing *lunches* for students. Please contact the school at (618) 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 (618) 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 up between 11:00 am and Noon.

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.**

Scholarships to Mater Dei Catholic High School are available through St. Bernard and St. Damian Parishes. Those administered through the Church have been sent out but there are still those administered directly from Mater Dei such as: ***Toennies Memorial*** and ***Innes Memorial*** from St. Damian and ***Jansen Memorial*** from St. Bernard. Please contact Mater Dei High School directly at (618) 526-7216 to apply for these scholarships.

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 has been extended to May 1st.**

Please continue to be safe and stay healthy!!
Continually pray for all people during this challenging time.

A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER:

Loving God, Your desire is for our wholeness and well-being.
We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time.
We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.
We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future.
We pray: may love, not fear, go viral.
Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good.
Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together
in spirit and in solidarity.
Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence,
You, the God who does not abandon.

Pandemics are scary. Much of what terrifies us is the lack of control that disease and its attendant consequences (quarantine, disruption, and uncertainty) bring. The medieval world knew it had little control over much of anything — nature, weather, war, overlords — but the contemporary world is accustomed to a feeling of self-determination. A society used to thinking it controls everything from climate to gender is poorly equipped to weather the storm of unpredictability that epidemics bring.

It has been more than four weeks now since we have been affected in one way or another by the COVID-19. We live in uncertain times for sure. Julián Carrón, president of the ecclesial movement Communion and Liberation, addressed this problem in the Italian newspaper *Corriere della Sera*: “A fear, always in the back of our minds, explodes when reality exposes our essential powerlessness, for many people, taking over and, at times, prompting impulsive reactions: pushing us to close ourselves up, shy away from any contact with other people to avoid contagion, stockpiling provisions...”

St. Thomas Aquinas, wrote that “in the case where one is bound to look after the salvation of his neighbor, he is also bound to expose his bodily life to dangers for the sake of that salvation” (*On Charity, art 11*).

As Pope Francis has written, “The government has the duty to guarantee care and material sustenance for the people but we have the duty to do the same for their souls. May it never be said: ‘I’m never going back to a church where no one came to find me when I needed help.’ ”

My dear friends as we continue in this Holy Week to pray and reflect on the way to the Cross with Jesus our Christ, let us pray for each other, let us pray for all those who in one way or another are affected by this pandemic. May God come to our aid in this time of strife.

Mary, Mother of the sick, Pray for us.

-- Fr. Anthony O. Onyango

COURAGE TO LIVE IN THIS AGE OF COVID-19 by Deacon Glenn Netemeyer:

There are many quotes about courage in many different times in history. Courage, like love, has many different meanings at many different times. Sometimes having great courage looks to others as being a fool. There are others that think courage is a simple lack of fear. I do not believe that. If you truly lack fear then you would show no courage because courage is recognizing fear, overcoming that fear and acting on it.

The writer, David Eddings, had a young character in his books that was very fearful of going into Battle. He was fearful of personal injury. Knowing this an older character talked to him about it. After being calmed down the younger character asked the older character how come he had no fear and the older character said something that had a profound effect. He said that when we get more mature our fears change. We worry less about personal safety and more about the safety of others and concepts. We are more fearful of failure or the wellbeing of others, than we are of death. The most mature of us would willingly give our lives for others or concepts and then personal fear melts away.

Personal fear of COVID-19 tends to melt away when you worry more about others than you do about yourself. Constantly considering the wellbeing of your family, patients, neighbors and community makes it much easier to have courage.

“Some believe it is only great power that can hold evil in check, but that is not what I have found. It is the small everyday deeds of ordinary folk that keep the darkness at bay. Small acts of kindness and love. Why look to others? Perhaps because I am afraid, and they give me courage.” (Peter Jackson)



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