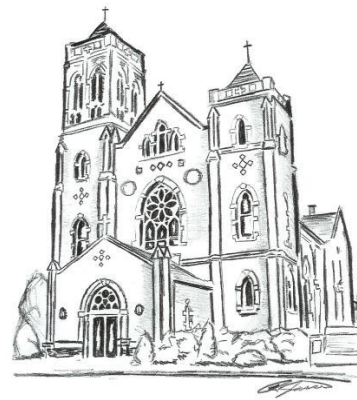




*Fourth Sunday
Of Easter
April 17th, 2016*



St. Damian Parish

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JOHN 10:27

"My sheep
hear My
voice, and
I know them,
and they
follow Me.



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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 18TH

NO 7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian
Service of Word w/Communion

TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH

NO 7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Service of Word w/Communion

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH

NO Mass Scheduled

THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST

NO 7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Service of Word w/Communion

FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND

NO 7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian
Service of Word w/Communion

SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard
(Fr. Dennis Voss)

Rita & Clarence Netemeyer

Lawrence & Catherine Strieker

In Honor of All Students, Teachers & Staff

SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
(Fr. Dennis Voss)
Edward Eilering
Cliff Kolb

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard
(Fr. Dennis Voss)

Elmer, Ella, & Dale Rensing

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian
Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Our Gospel today is brief and to the point. Jesus' sheep hear His voice and He knows them. The apostles endured much to preach the Gospel. We don't have to face the suffering they did, or undergo the hardships of persecuted Christians in some areas of the world today. But our challenge is to know how to live the Gospel in a secular age. We rely on the same Shepherd who guided them and now guides us. **Let us open our ears to the voice of the Good Shepherd.**

"We are His people, the sheep of His flock."

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.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, April 17th

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

Wednesday, April 20th

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:45 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Friday, April 22nd

Communion to Homebound

Saturday, April 23rd

Albers125 All Class Reunion Mass

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

5:00-8:00 pm @ Albers Elementary School

Sunday, April 24th

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 Home Missions Appeal will be taken **next weekend, April 23rd/24th**. One way that this appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States – including our own Belleville Diocese – is by supporting seminarian formation. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on our dioceses because educating each seminarian costs \$35,000-\$40,000 per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please **strengthen the Church at home** by making a generous gift to this appeal. Envelopes are available in your envelope packet. **Thank you!**

INSPIRATIONAL SPOT:

Hope looks for the good in people instead of harping on the worst.

Hope opens doors where despair closes them.

Hope discovers what can be done instead of grumbling about what cannot be done.

Hope draws its power from a deep trust in God and the basic goodness of human nature.

Hope regards problems, large or small, as opportunities.

Hope is a good loser because it has the divine assurance of final victory.”

--Fr. James Keller, Founder of Christophers

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 10th, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 2,377.00 + Loose: \$58.00

+ Mass in Spanish: \$206.15 = \$2,641.15

Budget for week: \$2,755.77

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$113,568.79

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$112,986.57

Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$582.22

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: \$7,025.40 (37)☺ Goal: \$5,950.00 (59)

Thank you & congratulations to St. Damian Parish for exceeding their parish goal on the CSMA. God's richest blessing to each of you and your families.

— Bishop Edward K. Braxton

Parishes Needy Fund Collection: \$246.89

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN YOUTH CHOIR:

Youth Choir will practice on **Sunday, April 17th & 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.

All youth in grades 4-12 and young adults of the parish are welcome to come to these two remaining practices to help "**Make a Joyful Noise for the First Communicants**"!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 23rd, 2016 @ 4:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Steve & Cole Schomaker, Lynn Athmer

Reader — Bryan Kennedy

Ushers — Brian & Brooke Zurliene, Dale & Kyle Holtmann

Servers — Justin Huelsmann, Brooke & Reagan Rickhoff

Sunday, April 24th, 2016 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — **Lynette Huegen**, Roman Kloeckner, Meg Schiefer, Vicki Pittman

Reader — Samantha Kassen

Ushers — Tom & Mitchell Broeckling, Dan & Rita Poettker

Servers — Jessica Eilers, Matthew & Elizabeth Schroeder

Collection Counters — Tim Schroeder, Kris Anne Becker, Vicki Pittman

Children's Liturgy — Janel & Rachel Zurliene

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 24th, 2016 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Kristie Santel, Pete Toennies, Julie Langenhorst

Reader — Jackie Toennies

Ushers — Gary Tonnies, Bob Hitpas

Servers — Kaylee Korte, Claire & Drew Tonnies

Organist — Jan Hitch

Collection Counters — Jan Hitch, Pete Toennies, Bob Hitpas

Children's Liturgy — Denise & Savanna Luitjohan

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ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 9th/10th, 2016

Envelopes: \$1,899.00 + Loose: \$101.00 = \$2,000.00

Budget for week: \$2,916.25

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$119,944.04

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$119,566.25

Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$377.79

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: \$3,635.00 (25) Goal: \$7,700.00 (80)

Parishes Needy Fund Collection: \$103.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

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!!

ST. BERNARD BREAKFAST RESULTS:

Breakfast \$2,779.50

Meat/Soda Sales 20.00

50/50 Drawing 64.00

Quilt Tickets Sales 116.00

Total Income \$2,979.50

Expenses - 1,731.27

Net Profit \$1,248.23

Faith Formation Basket Raffle \$1,494.00

Thank you to all who supported the breakfast!!

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY:

Mother's Day 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!*



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!!

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!



ALBERS-DAMIANSVILLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #9768:

Sponsoring a **Spaghetti Dinner** in connection with the *Albers 125 All Class Reunion* on **Saturday, April 23rd** serving from 5:00-8:00 pm @ Albers Elementary School. Workers list is posted on the bulletin board of both churches, and posted on the website at www.stbernardandstdamian.org.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

St. Augustine Parish, Breese: **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.

Albers American Legion: **All You Can Eat Chicken Dinner** on **Sunday, April 17th** with fried chicken, mash potatoes & gravy, green beans, corn, slaw and dessert from 4:30 to 6:30 pm @ the legion. Carry outs available.

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. Michael Church, Radom: **Quilt & Cash Bingo** on **Sunday, April 17th** starting at 1:00 pm. Doors open at 11:00 am. Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, cole slaw, green beans and refreshments will be served. Raffle tickets available. *Proceeds benefit St. Michael's Altar & Rosary Sodality.*

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.*

Damiansville Elementary PTO: **Spaghetti Dinner** on **Wednesday, April 20th** from 4:00-7:00 pm in conjunction with the *Jr. High Science Night*.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows: **God's First Language & Merciful Gift** presented by Fr. John Mark Ettensohn, OMI on **Saturday, April 23rd** from 9:00-11:30 am. The Silence of God is like no other. To our surprise, it may actually signal a time when grace is happening. Join us as Fr. John Mark shares a way of looking at silence that we may not have considered before. Cost: \$20. For more information, call 618-397-6700 ext. 6270. Register online at www.snows.org/programs.

Chakota Therapeutic Riding Center: **The Mane Event**, a Semi-Formal Dance, Dinner & Auction on **Saturday, April 30th** @ Aviston American Legion. Doors open at 4 pm; Dinner 5-7 pm; and Music & Dance from 8 pm-12 am. Tickets are \$25 pre-sale by contacting Barb at 618-604-9559 or at the door for \$30. *All proceeds to benefit Chakota Therapeutic Riding Center.*