

### **St. Damian Parish**

Founded 1861

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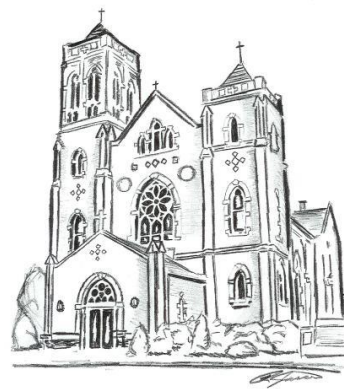
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WEBSITE:

[www.stbernardandstdamian.org](http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
Of Easter  
(Divine Mercy)  
April 19, 2020



### **St. Bernard Parish**

Founded 1908

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#### **BISHOP OF BELLEVILLE:**

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*Bishop-Elect Rev. Michael McGovern*

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#### **SECRETARY:**

*Jeanne Langenhorst*

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Monday & Friday @ St. Bernard or St. Damian;

Tuesday, @ New Baden;

Wednesday & Thursday @ home.

#### **CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTER:**

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#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

##### **MONDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>**

*NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled*

##### **TUESDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>**

*Live Streamed Eucharistic Adoration*

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

##### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>**

*NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled*

##### **THURSDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>**

*NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled*

##### **FRIDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>**

*NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled*

##### **SATURDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>**

*Live Streamed Mass*

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

##### **SUNDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>**

*Live Streamed Mass*

9:30 am @ St. Damian

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**MASSSES & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*will be live streamed at*

[www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers](https://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:

A week out from Easter Sunday we have the opportunity to listen to three responses to the Resurrection event. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (*Acts 2:42-47*), we hear of the communal practices of the early church. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (*1 Peter 1:3-9*), Peter praises God for the “*living hope*” Jesus brought to all who believe. In the Gospel (*John 20:19-31*), John tells the well-known scripture of Thomas, who needed to see the Resurrected Jesus before he would believe, and Jesus’ subsequent blessing of those who believe without seeing. **Let us believe without seeing!**

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

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### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Live Streamed Easter Sunday Mass*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

**Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Live Streamed Eucharistic Adoration*

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

**Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Communion to the Homebound*

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

**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Live Streamed Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard*

**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

**MASSES & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be live streamed at: [www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers](http://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](http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org).

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### VOCATION CORNER:

Today's Gospel is the familiar story of Thomas' declaration of unbelief in the Resurrection until “*I put my finger in the nail marks*”. These kinds of thoughts often attack the minds of those discerning a religious vocation. They are seeking that “*definite*” sign that the path they are pursuing is the right one. The Lord doesn't always afford that. Let us pray, often and loudly, for these discerners that they “*hear the call*” of the Lord and continue to respond to it.

### St. Faustina and the Image of Divine Mercy:

St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy. On April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2000, at 10:00 AM on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast requested by Jesus in His communications with St. Faustina), His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in Saint Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina. [John Paul himself would be canonized on this same Feast Day – April 27, 2014 – by Pope Francis.] Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son. During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks: **1.** to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy; **2.** to tell the world about God's generous Mercy; and **3.** to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy. At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: “*The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. ... Believing in this love means believing in mercy.*” “The Lord of Divine Mercy,” a drawing of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white. The picture contains the message, “*Jesus, I trust in You!*” (*Jezu ufam Tobie*). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the **Blood of Jesus**, which is the life of souls; and white for the **water of Baptism** which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness and love of God. -- Fr. Tony Kadavil

### “WE HAVE HOPE” SIGNS:

**WE HAVE HOPE! Even in trying times, we still have Hope & Faith!** St. Damian and St. Bernard parishes are selling special signs (18" X 24") that can be displayed in your yard (includes stand). Signs will be ready soon. Cost is \$15 per sign. Checks can be made payable to St. Bernard or St. Damian. Pre-orders will be delivered to your home. If you would like to place an order for 1 or more signs, please download the form located at the parish website or by calling Brenda Morris at 618-698-3804 or Geri Varel at 618-444-5073. Orders with payment can also be dropped off at the Albers Village Hall and at the St. Damian Rectory drop box. **There were only 100 signs ordered and there are less than 20 left. Please place your order ASAP.**

## **ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Envelopes: \$1,795.00 + Easter: \$2,725.00 = \$4,520.00  
Budget for week: \$3,038.46  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$113,621.48  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$124,576.86  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 10,955.38)**  
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 11<sup>th</sup> at the picnic, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> and a Christmas quilt on **Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Tickets will be delivered next week by putting them in-between your front doors. If you did not receive your tickets please notify Donna Fuehne at 618-604-3275.

**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

### **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.

### **CENSUS:**

**Please file your information as soon as possible!** The Census is taken to help get grants and funding for your Village, Schools, Roads, Organizations and many other outlets. Go to the website <https://my2020census.gov/> and start the questionnaire. 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.

## **ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Loose: \$20.00 + Envelopes: \$1,789.00 +  
+ Easter: \$2,320.00 + Paypal: \$120.00 (\$4.38 Fees)  
\$115.62 = \$4,244.62  
Budget for week: \$3,134.14  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$121,008.16  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$128,499.74  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 7,491.58)**

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: \$1,910.00**

### **Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA):**

Total: \$2,955.00 (21)      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](http://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](http://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!**

### **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!**

**Thank you** to all who have braved the dangers of making the Holy Week services special, those who decorated the churches, those who have continued to support the churches, and those who have assisted in any way to keep things running smoothly during this time of confusion and struggle. May God's divine mercy be upon all of us.



## **CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS):**

Find the latest information at <http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org/catholic-youth-ministry.html>.

### **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* with volunteers delivering the meals on Monday - Friday for Seniors over 60 years of age and/or residents with disabilities. 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade students wishing to attend Mater Dei High School. If you are interested and did not receive a scholarship form, please contact Deacon Glenn.

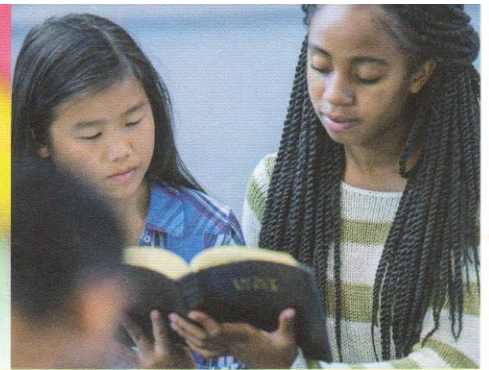
- ⇒ **Ralph & Delores Netemeyer Scholarship** is a \$500 scholarship to a St. Bernard 8<sup>th</sup> grader. The student must type an essay describing their goals for the future and how their Catholic faith will help them on their journey to reach these goals. In the essay, they are also to explain how Albers School has prepared them to accomplish these goals. **Due by May 2<sup>nd</sup>.**
- ⇒ **Rademacher-Foppe Scholarship** will apply \$300 tuition assistance to any St. Bernard 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.**
- ⇒ **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 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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

# STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



**A**merican Samoa, an archipelago of seven islands in the South Pacific and the only United States territory south of the equator, is located over 500 miles closer to New Zealand than it is to Hawaii. Over 97% of the territory's population lives on the largest Island, Tutuila, leaving the small number of residents in the outlying Manu'a islands to be served by one catechist and one priest, who visits monthly to celebrate Mass and to bring sacraments to the faithful. Despite these limited resources, the residents of Manu'a are growing in faith, with more becoming interested in being baptized and welcomed into the Church.

Your generosity has helped sustain this invaluable ministry to the faithful in the isolated environment of the Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago. By supporting the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA), you continue a tradition of support for mission dioceses in the United States dating back to 1924.

Support CHMA and strengthen the Church at home.

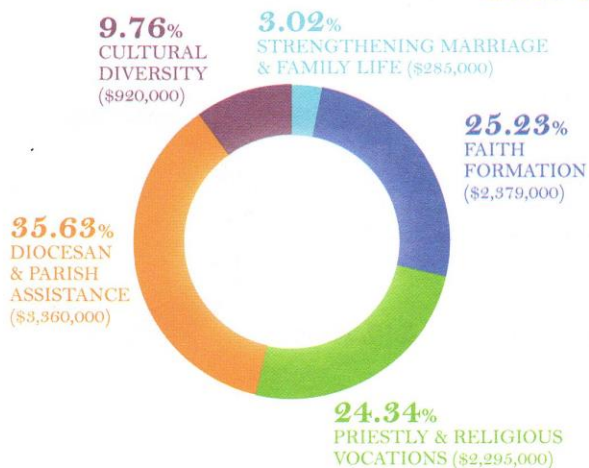
For more information about the Catholic home missions, visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## What Is a Home Mission Diocese?

Home mission dioceses are those dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and the other sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Right now, over 40 % of dioceses are considered home missions.

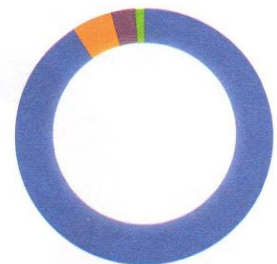
## WHAT DOES YOUR GIFT FUND?

### 2018 FINANCIALS



• Grants and Donations:	\$9,656,709
• Program Costs:	\$569,822
• Promotions and Fundraising Expenses:	\$280,078
• Administrative Expenses:	\$85,008

**Total Expenses: \$10,591,617**



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