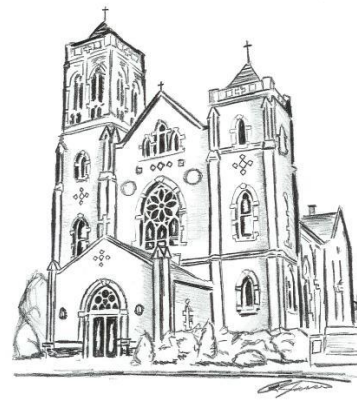




*Fifth Sunday
Of Easter
April 24th, 2016*



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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 25TH

Service of Word w/Communion
7:40 am @ St. Damian
Helen Billhartz, Michael Wiess,
& All ALS Sufferers

TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH

Service of Word w/Communion
7:40 am @ St. Bernard
In Thanksgiving – Albers125 All Class Reunion

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH

NO Mass or Service Scheduled

THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH

Service of Word w/Communion
7:40 am @ St. Bernard
For 2nd Grade 1st Communicants

FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH

Service of Word w/Communion
7:40 am @ St. Damian
Favorable Weather for Farmers

SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard
(Fr. Jim Allen, OMI)
Hermina Kollmann
Gary Kohrmann

Mary "Snookie" Book-Loepker

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
(Fr. Jim Allen, OMI)
Frank Santel

10:00 am 1st Communion Mass @ St. Bernard
(Fr. Jim Allen, OMI)

For All Parishioners

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today's scriptures paint a picture of God who loves us so much that the divine dwelling is now among us, with the human race. The 1st Reading tells of the growth of the early church, which was not without struggle, suffering and martyrdom. At the heart of the story is the call of mutual, life-giving love. The 2nd Reading promises a new heaven, a new earth, a new order in which God will wipe all tears away. **Let us reflect on how God's dwelling is within each of us and how we manifest that to the world around us.**

"I will praise your name forever, my King and my God."

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 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

Wednesday, April 27th

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:45 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, April 28th

Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Friday, April 29th

Communion to Homebound

Saturday, April 30th

Wedding – Ashley Detmer & Anthony Brandmeyer

1:30 pm @ St. Damian Church

Sunday, May 1st

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

No Children's Liturgy @ St. Bernard Church

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

NO Pre-School Sunday School Classes

St. Bernard 1st Communion Mass

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

ALL ARE INVITED!!

➤ Please join us to celebrate the **Sacrament of 1st Communion** on **Sunday, May 1st** at 10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church and **Saturday, May 7th** at 4:00 pm (note time change) @ St. Damian Church. Twenty 2nd grade students, sixteen from St. Bernard & four from St. Damian will receive the Body & Blood of Christ for the first time.

➤ Please join us to commemorate the life of Fr. Jack Joyce at a **Memorial Mass** on **Tuesday, May 10th** at 7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Alden Henry Voss**, child of Ryan & Jill (Kloeckner), who received the saving waters of baptism on Saturday, April 9th; and **Max Harry Gauch**, child of Dean & Chelsey (Renschen) Gauch, who received the saving waters of baptism on Sunday, April 17th @ St. Bernard Church. May God watch over and guide them in their journey of life.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 17th, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 2,381.00 + Easter: \$50.00

+ Loose: \$67.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$250.00 =

\$2,748.00

Budget for week: \$2,755.77

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$116,316.79

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$115,742.34

Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$574.45

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: \$7,075.40 (38) ☺ Goal: \$5,950.00 (59)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN YOUTH CHOIR:

Youth Choir will practice on **Sunday, 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"*!

MEETINGS:

- ✓ *Picnic Meeting* on **Tuesday, May 3rd** at 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Parish House. A representative from each stand is asked to be in attendance.
- ✓ *St. Damian Ladies Sodality Meeting* on **Thursday, May 12th** at 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Parish Meeting Room.

LAST CALL!

If you would like to have a spare parish directory or know someone who might like to have a directory, please contact Geri Varel at 248-5223.

Cost is \$10 per book.

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Eucharist Ministers — Kevin Toennies, Florence Jansen, *Deb Santel*

Reader — Bob Innes

Ushers — Bill Jansen, Dan Athmer

Servers — Meredith Innes, Matthew Fuehne, Collin Jansen

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Collection Counters — Bob Innes, Anita Rakers, Mech Toennies

Children's Liturgy — Shannon & Evelyn Fuehne

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ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 16th/17th, 2016

Envelopes: \$1,682.00 + ACH Deposit: \$1,765.00

+ Loose: \$69.00 = \$3,516.00

Budget for week: \$2,916.25

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$123,460.04

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$122,482.50

Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$977.54

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)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

CATHOLIC HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY:

Thank you to all who supported our raffle to help defrag the cost of the *Handicapped Door Opener*. The total collected profit of \$550 was matched by the Catholic Holy Family Society matching funds program. Nordike Funeral Home also contributed \$100 making a total of \$1,200 being contributed. The winner of the wreath loaded with Lottery Tickets was Cathy Salmons. **Thank you for your support!!**

ST. BERNARD LADIES SODALITY:

April Bi-Monthly Winner: Amy Frey, Highland

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 30th, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Kathy Engelmann, Nettie Broeckling, Liz Nussbaumer

Reader — Ken Nussbaumer

Ushers — Nick & Kathy Friederich

Servers — Grant & Olivia Winkeler, Kaitlyn Toennies

Sunday, May 1st, 2016 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — *Brenda Morris*, Sharon Wuebbels, Melissa Netemeyer, Ray Gill

Reader — TBA

Ushers — Kevin & Kristen Templin, Dave Wuebbels, Brian Winkeler

Servers — Jillian Kloeckner, Elizabeth Schroeder, Rylee Jansen

Collection Counters — Janel Zurliene, Kevin Templin, Brenda Morris

Children's Liturgy — NO SESSION

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!**



Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be taken **this weekend, April 23rd/24th**. Many dioceses right here in the United States, including Belleville Diocese, do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. This collection supports our diocese and other home mission dioceses by funding essential ministries, including vocations and lay ministry training. Please **strengthen the Church at home** by making a generous gift to this appeal. Envelopes are available in your envelope packet. **Thank you!**



COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

American Red Cross: Albers-Damiansville Blood Drive on **Wednesday, April 27th** from 3:00-7:00 pm @ Damiansville School Gym. Food and refreshments will be provided.

“Cure for Cancer Prayer Day”: St. Peregrine Devotions will be held on **Thursday, May 5th** beginning with **Mass & Devotion** at 8:00 am followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm @ Our Lady Queen of Peace Church at 5923 North Belt West in Belleville. An **Intention List** will be located at the entrances of both churches for those who wish to participate but are unable to attend. These intentions will be placed on the altar during this prayer day and all future devotions and will be remembered in our prayers. Please place your intentions on the list no later than Friday, April 29th.

Chakota Therapeutic Riding Center: The Mane Event, a 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.*

If you Fail to Plan, you Plan to Fail! You can't afford to miss this outstanding, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn from the area's top advisors, Robert T. Bruegge, Matt Albers, Aaron Gebke & Xander Huelsmann. It's never too soon (or too late) to start planning for retirement, your estate, and even long-term care. Make the most of your 'entire' life by educating yourself and be prepared. This event will be held on **Tuesday, May 3rd** with complimentary appetizers & cocktails from 6:00-6:30 pm and presentation from 6:30-8:00 pm @ The Villas at St. James, Breese. If you plan to attend, RSVP by calling 618-526-0100 by Monday, May 2nd.

Breese Community Link's Buddy Walk Team is having a **Hardee's Booster Night** on **Wednesday, May 4th** from 5:00-8:00 pm @ Hardee's in Breese. 20% of sales go to *Community Link's Buddy Walk*.

St. George High School Youth Group & Knights of Columbus, New Baden will be hosting the **Pinwheel Garden for Life** on **Saturday, May 14th** at 5:00 pm (immediately following the 4:00 pm Mass) @ the Outdoor Angel Grotto. Come and see our beautiful garden of pinwheels representing each of the over 3000 lives lost every day in the United States by abortion. A local speaker who will highlight the services provided to women by pregnancy help centers versus abortion clinics. Also local pregnancy help centers will be on-hand to tell you about their services. We are also inviting women in our community who are dealing with past abortions to come and find out about healing opportunities available to them. **St. George Knights of Columbus** will be collecting baby items donations for local pregnancy centers. **St. George High School Youth Group** will be kicking off the 2015 Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit *Mosaic Pregnancy & Health Centers*.