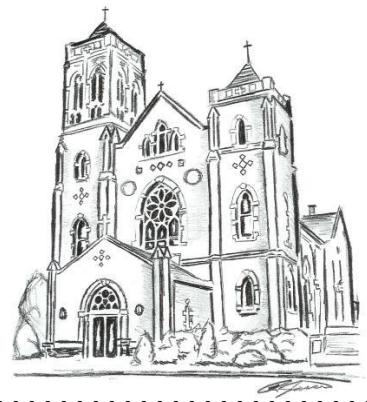




*Ascension
Of the Lord
May 8th, 2016*



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Founded 1861

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Founded 1908

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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, MAY 9TH

Service of Word w/Communion

7:40 am @ St. Damian

For All Living & Deceased Mothers

TUESDAY, MAY 10TH

Service of Word w/Communion

7:40 am @ St. Bernard

Fr. Jack Joyce & All Living & Deceased Priests

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH

NO Mass or Service Scheduled

THURSDAY, MAY 12TH

Service of Word w/Communion

7:40 am @ St. Bernard

For All Those Suffering

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH

Service of Word w/Communion

7:40 am @ St. Damian

St. Damian Faith Formation Community

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

(Fr. Nick Junker)

Dot Goestenors

Alfred "Shorty" Santel & Aloys "Ollie" Santel

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

(Fr. Jim Allen, OMI)

Robert, Dorothy & Ken Kalmer

Lindy, Lynn, & Irene Horstmann

Edwin & Mary Hitpas

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

(Fr. Gene Neff)

Catherine Albers & Family

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

When Jesus ascended, we hear that the apostles left the site with great joy. **How could they be so happy at His departure?** They knew there was work to be done and that He would be with them from then on in everything they did. We reflect in amazement on all that has transpired from the modest beginnings of the church. **Let us be aware of clues on how can we too can be people of joy, continually praising God.**

"God mounts His throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord."



CLINTON COUNTY CITIZENS FOR LIFE:

Live Long Stem Red Roses will be available this **Mother's Day Weekend, May 7th/8th** for a donation of \$2.00. Vases for Memorial roses will be placed on Mary's altar. The rose proceeds have provided baby beds, car seats, clothing, etc. for the Pregnancy Aid Hot Line and other area Pregnancy Care Centers. *Thank you for sharing this loving tribute to mothers and for your support.*



ALL ARE INVITED!!

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. Reception with refreshments will follow @ St. Bernard Parish Center.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION:

RCIA – *Do you know someone interested in becoming Catholic who is not baptized or was baptized in another Christian Church?* Inquiry Sessions for RCIA will be held **Thursday, May 11th** at 7:00 pm @ St. George Community Life Center in New Baden. If you are interested, have any questions or was unable to attend the session, please contact Deacon Glenn Netemeyer (618) 772-9343 or (618) 248-5134; or email stdamians@wisperhome.com.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION:

Graduate Recognition Masses will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 22nd**. The *graduates of Gr. 8, high school and college* are invited to attend the **8:30 am Mass** @ St. Damian or the **10:00 am Mass** @ St. Bernard to be recognized and prayed for by the congregation. If you know of any college student that will be graduating, please call the parish office with their name. Come and feel the support and blessing of your home parishes.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, May 8th

Happy Mother's Day!!

Mother's Day Roses Sold

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

No Children's Liturgy @ St. Bernard Church

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

Hispanic Mother's Day Celebration

After 11:00 am Mass

Monday, May 9th

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, May 10th

Fr. Jack's Memorial

Mass: 7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Reception: After Mass @ Parish Center

Knights of Columbus Mtg.

7:30 pm @ Albers Jaycee Building

Wednesday, May 11th

Balloon Rosary

7:45 am @ St. Damian Parish

Initial RCIA Inquiry Session

7:00 pm @ St. George CLC, New Baden

Thursday, May 12th

North Central Vicariate Catechetical Leaders Mtg.

11:30 am @ Germantown

St. Damian Ladies Sodality Mtg.

10:00 am @ St. Damian Meeting Room

Friday, May 13th

Communion to Homebound

Saturday, May 14th

Priesthood Ordination Deacon Brett Judkins

10:00 am @ Cathedral, Belleville

Parishes Needy Fund Collection after Communion

Pinwheel Service 5:00 pm at Outside Angel Grotto

@ St. George, New Baden

Sunday, May 15th

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Parishes Needy Fund Collection

After Communion at both Masses

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: May 1st, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 1,853.00 + Loose: \$147.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$373.20 = \$2,373.20
Budget for week: \$2,755.77
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$120,797.99
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$121,253.88
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$455.89)**
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 MEETINGS:

- ✓ **Ladies Sodality Meeting** on **Thursday, May 12th** at 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Parish Meeting Room.
- ✓ **Holy Name Meeting** on **Tuesday, May 17th** 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

Saturday, May 14th, 2016 @ 4:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Chris Brandmeyer, Alison Kalmer, Mech Toennies

Reader — Joseph Cleeton

Ushers — Ed & Sandy Kramer

Servers — Gabby Kramer, Lance & Luke Goebel

Organist — Jan Hitch

Sunday, May 15th, 2016 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Sharon Kalmer, Arlene Korte, *Elaine Williamson*

Reader — Rosann Horstmann

Ushers — Garry Kalmer, Jerome Kalmer

Servers — Ethan & Simon Toennies, Mason Schrage

Organist — Jan Hitch

Collection Counters — Jan Hitch, Gwen Toennies, Kathleen Hodges

Children's Liturgy — Gwen Toennies, Adam Heimann

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 30th/May 1st, 2016

Envelopes: \$1,545.00 + ACH Deposit: \$1,265.00
+ Loose: \$302.00 = \$3,112.00
Budget for week: \$2,916.25
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$129,132.04
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$128,315.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$817.04
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!

CHANGE IN PLACE OF MASS:

The **Saturday evening Mass on June 4th** will be held @ **St. Damian** instead of St. Bernard. This change was decided to make so there would not be a parking issue due to the Albers125 parade. The following ministers that are scheduled for the Mass will remain the same:

Eucharist Ministers — Ken & Liz Nussbaumer, Melissa Netemeyer

Reader — Jordan Wieter

Ushers — Jim & Mary Norrenberns

Servers — Kaitlyn & Coryn Toennies, Jacey Wieter

If you are not able to attend, please find someone to take your place. If you cannot find a replacement and need a list of St. Damian Ministers, please call Jeanne at 618-979-5933. *Thank you for your cooperation.*

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St. Bernard Catholic Church-Albers IL

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 15th, 2016 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — *Robbin Netemeyer*, Kevin & Kristen Templin, Lynn Athmer

Reader — Lynne Huelsmann

Ushers — Brenda & Clint Morris, Ron & Geri Norrenberns

Servers — Austyn Jansen, Emily & Ben Morris

Collection Counters — Lynn Athmer, Kevin Templin, Kris Anne Becker

Children's Liturgy — Brenda Richter, **Volunteer**

PARISHES NEEDY FUND COLLECTION:

The second collection will be taken **next weekend May 14th/15th**. This collection assists Albers & Damiansville residents who need assistance paying utility bills, and provides fuel/food for travelers.



CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU!!

Congratulations to *Anthony Steven Brandmeyer & Ashley Lauren Detmer*, who were united in marriage on Saturday, April 30th @ St. Damian Church. Best wishes for a very long and happy marriage.



Congratulations to *Aften Jo Thuenemann*, child of Nicholas & Jacqueline (Depper) Thuenemann, who received the saving waters of baptism on Saturday, April 30th @ St. Bernard Church. May God watch over and guide them in their journey of life.



Congratulations to our 1st Communicants who received *Jesus, the Bread of Life*, for the first time on Sunday, May 1st. We rejoice with the following children: ***Violet Hernandez-Santos, Taylor Holsapple, Clayton Jansen, Wyatt Jung, Jake Kloeckner, Cayden Loepker, Benjamin Malcomb, Cristina Reyes-Cruz, Carson Richter, Kellen Richter, Riley Rolves, Diego Santiago-Saavedra, Tessa Schroeder, Landon Schroeder, Jessenia Tehandon, & Madelyn Wuebbels.***

Thank you to *Angie Winkeler*, for guiding them in their religion classes, and all parents and godparents for being their very first teachers of the faith. Blessings on your on-going family faith formation that happens in day-to-day life.

Catholic Communication Campaign will be taken **this weekend, May 7th/8th**. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, social media, podcasts, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local communication needs. Please be as generous as possible to this collection. Envelopes are available in your envelope packet. ***Thank you!***

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Albers American Legion: Mother's Day Breakfast on **Sunday, May 8th** from 8:00-11:30 am @ the legion. Carry outs available. *Proceeds to benefit the legion youth programs.*

The American Cancer Society & the Clinton County Relay for Life organizers are asking everyone to purchase ***luminary bags*** in honor of those who have battled cancer. Bags are to be set out the evening of **Sunday, May 8th** showing "*Hope Lives Here*" and support efforts in finding a cure for cancer. Bags are available for \$10 each from Albers Elementary School and/or Albers Village Hall. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. **Thank you for your generosity!**

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows:

❖ ***How to "Read" a Church Building*** with *Fr. Tom Ovalle, OMI* on **Thursday, May 12th, 19th & 26th** from 10:00 am to 12 noon. During our three-week sessions we will survey the rich and architectural heritage of the Christian Church – parish, cathedral and monastery – considering the stylistic and theological development of art and architecture throughout the Christian era. Cost is \$30 or \$10 per session. For more information, call 618-367-6700 ext. 6270 or go to www.snows.org/programs.

❖ ***"Forgiveness: A Challenging Path to Wholeness"*** a day of reflection sponsored by the Victorious Missionaries on **Saturday, May 14th** beginning with *Ecumenical Service* at 9:15 am and ends after *Reconciliation Service* at 6:30 pm. Presenter, runner and competitive triathlete, *Rev. Bob Molsberry*, was struck from behind on his bicycle by a hit-and-run driver in an accident that left him a paraplegic. He will share his own journey of forgiveness and coming to terms with the "unforgivable" events in life. Price is \$70 which includes lunch & dinner. For more information, visit www.vmus.org or contact Bette Meyer at 618-394-6281 or bette.meyer@snows.org.

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*.