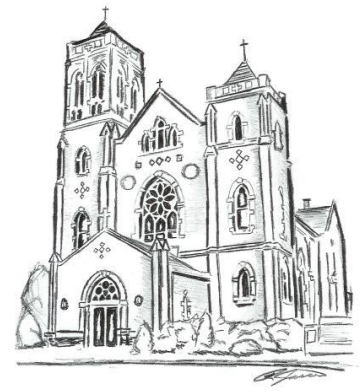
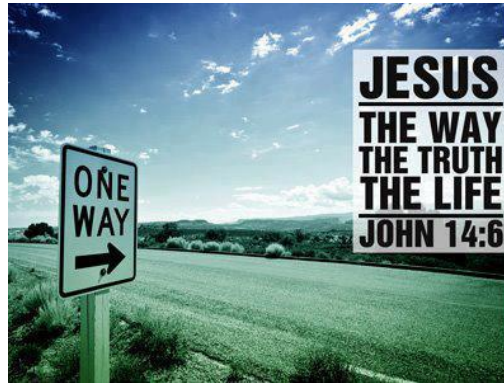




*Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020*



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St. Bernard Catholic Church-Albers

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MAY 11TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

TUESDAY, MAY 12TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH

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

THURSDAY, MAY 14TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

FRIDAY, MAY 15TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH

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

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

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

MASSES & 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:

Readings: *Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12*. ***"I am the way and the truth and the life"***, Jesus says to His disciples in the passage from John. He is the foundation on which we build our lives, the cornerstone of our spiritual home. As we continue to celebrate his Easter season, **let us listen to God's word and discern the way, the truth, and the life that Jesus reveals to us.**

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, May 10th – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

Live Streamed Mass

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Wednesday, May 13th

Live Streamed Eucharistic Adoration

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

Saturday, May 16th

Live Streamed Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, May 17th

Live Streamed Mass 9:30 am @ St. Bernard

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:

Mothers' Day – what a wonderful commemoration of one of the greatest vocations there is. We are inspired by the example of Mary, the Mother of God, to live by the words from the Cana feast ***"Do whatever He tells you"***. We pray for all our Mothers today and for the families they form, nurture and love. We also ponder our own "FIAT" – our surrendering to God's plan for us.

**"Lord, let Your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in You."**

MATER DEI INFORMATION:

Mega Raffle Tickets: Want a chance to win cash while supporting Mater Dei? Purchase a ***Mega Raffle ticket*** (\$100) online via the link provided on our home page (www.materdeiknights.org), or by contacting the office (526-7216), a Fathers & Friends member, or a School Board member. A \$10,000 grand prize winner, as well as winners of two - \$2,500 prizes, three - \$1,000 prizes, and twenty \$100 prizes, will be drawn at the *Golf Classic*, which has been rescheduled for **June 27th**. As always, thank you for your support!

Mater Dei Golf Classic has been rescheduled for **Saturday, June 27th**. This event is an opportunity for the Mater Dei community – alumni, parents, friends, administration, faculty, and staff – to enjoy a day of golf and fellowship in support of Mater Dei Catholic High School. The six-person team scramble tournament offers two shotgun starts (7:30 am and 1:00 pm) and three divisions (men, women, couples). The fee (\$100 per golfer) includes green fees (18 holes), cart rental, mulligans, refreshments and food during play, and a dinner and awards presentation in the evening. To join us, please submit the [2020 Golf Classic Registration Form](#), with payment **by June 15th**. The registration form is available on our website (www.materdeiknights.org) or by contacting the office (526-7216). Please note that reservations are accepted on a first-come first-served basis. We hope to see you on the golf course!

Happy Mother's Day to all *mothers, grandmothers, expectant mothers, aunts, sisters, cousins & women who are mother figures*. Wishing you a Happy Mother's Day whether you are here or in heaven!!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Chosen, Royal, and Holy. Jesus tells the disciples during the Last Supper that they know the way – to God, to new life, to heaven. This astonishing resurrected life, given us in Baptism, makes us chosen, royal, and holy people. We know, because of Jesus, the way to be all three.

- What mercy work will I do this week that fosters God's loving kindness?
- How will this mercy activity make me more the royal and worthy person I am?
- How will I be holy?

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS):

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

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: May 3rd, 2020

Envelopes: \$1,395.00 + Easter: \$100.00

+ ACH (2nd): \$1,025.00 = \$2,520.00

Budget for week: \$3,038.46

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$119,448.28

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$133,692.24

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 14,243.96)**

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: \$5,295.00 (29) Goal: \$7,455.00 (190)

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

QUILT COMMITTEE INFORMATION:

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**.

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

CENSUS 2020:

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 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: May 3rd, 2020

Envelopes: \$1,025.00 + Easter: \$185.00

+ ACH (2nd): \$2,340.00

+ Paypal: \$50.00 (\$2.05 Fees) \$47.95 = \$3,597.95

Budget for week: \$3,134.14

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$130,267.54

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$137,902.16

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 7,634.62)**

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: \$4,075.00 (23) 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 **Envelope Drop 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!

VILLAGE OF DAMIANVILLE:

Spring Clean-Up will be held the **weekend of May 16th-17th**. **Roll-Off Dumpster** will be available west of town by the maintenance shed. **Electronic Recycling** will be on **Saturday morning May 16th** at the Village Hall.

NO TV's ACCEPTED.

OPERATION RICE BOWL:

Please return your 'Operation Rice Bowl'! Please count the money in your containers and write a check or place cash in an envelope and drop it in the **envelope drop box** on the front porch of each rectory. Please be sure to mark your envelope "**Operation Rice Bowl.**" On behalf of people struggling locally and globally, thank you for your efforts to donate to the *Catholic Relief Service (CRS) Rice Bowl!* We know it is a strain on your budget also, especially during this global pandemic. Your contributions will help people struggling globally & locally. Your gift will help reach 127 million people with lifesaving health, nutrition, and education support. In this time of distress **your gift is more important than ever!**

BELLEVILLE COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

The *Belleville Council Office of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul* **NEEDS YOUR HELP** in providing essentials to the poor they serve. At the present time there is a desperate need for **gently-used blue jeans** (men's, women's and children's in all sizes).

Also, **SVDP's Night-Time Drop-In Center** has been operating at full capacity every night, housing homeless men, women and children...many more people during the current COVID-19 pandemic. If you are able to help during this uncertain time – or anytime in the future -- sack lunch items (**individually packaged**) are always needed: **cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup and bottled water; luncheon meat/cheese for sandwiches is also appreciated.**

Items can be dropped off at: St. Vincent de Paul Office - 13 Vieux Carre Drive, East St. Louis (across from the Save-A-Lot store on Hwy. 157) on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9:00 am-2:30 pm.** OR SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen - 3718 State Street, East St. Louis on **Monday-Friday 9:00 am-1:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am-12 Noon.** OR Items can be dropped off at **St. Damian Parish House Garage.** There is a box on the left hand side inside the single door.

If you have questions or need additional information, please call the Council office at 618-394-0126.

YOUR DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE AND WILL BE A BLESSING FOR SOMEONE IN NEED! THANK YOU SO MUCH.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Great Marriages Don't Just Happen, Couples Make Them!

Happy Mother's Day! Husbands, give the mother of your children a weekend away with you. Grow more in love than ever on the next *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend*. The next weekends are **August 7th-9th** and **September 25th-27th** at the Courtyard Marriot in St. Peters, MO. To register go to <https://stl-wwwme.org/schedule.php> or call/text 314-649-7317.



PROJECT RACHEL:

There is free and confidential counseling to heal from an abortion. Contact the staff from Project Rachel of the Diocese of Belleville by confidential helpline (618-722-5068) or projectrachel@diobelle.org. For additional information go to: www.diobelle.org/respectlife/project-rachel: www.hopeafterabortion.org.

A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY:

Lord, we remember the mothers who have gone before us. **For their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy, we thank You.**

Lord we remember the mothers of Scripture who are a part of our story as we are a part of Your story. **For their courage, faith, love and fierceness, we thank You.**

Lord, we remember those who have not given birth to us, but are mothers to us. **For their gift of themselves that they have given, we thank You.**

For the women who struggle with fertility, for those women whom society labels as less in their childlessness, for those women who have lost children. **For their tears, for their strength, for their wisdom, for their lives, we thank You.**

In you name we pray. Amen

by Claire Schoepp