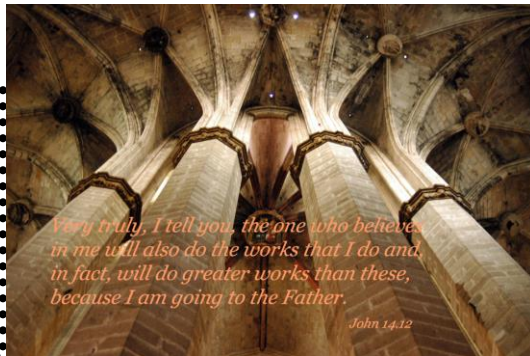
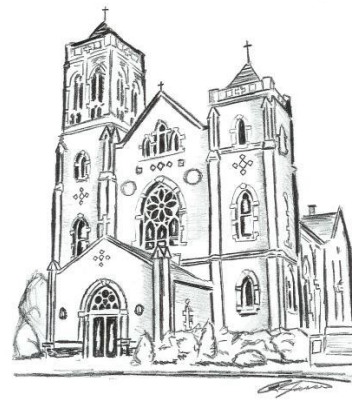


*Fifth Sunday
Of Easter
May 14th, 2017*



*Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes
in me will also do the works that I do and,
in fact, will do greater works than these,
because I am going to the Father.*

John 14:12

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MAY 15TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

Rev. Vito Raymond Lopardo

TUESDAY, MAY 16TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Memorial Donors

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Cancer Victims

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Graduates

FRIDAY, MAY 19TH

NO Mass or Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

Dot Goestenkers

Mary Toennies

Leora Varel

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Lindy, Lynn & Irene Horstmann

Cliff Kolb

Robert, Dorothy & Ken Kalmer

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today Jesus reassures Thomas, Philip, and us, who don't understand where Jesus is going, much less how to follow Him there. All we have to do is focus on knowing and believing in Him, and we will find the way. It will not be easy to do, but that is why we have our community with us, to help us. **Let us give thanks for Jesus our guide and pray for the faith to follow as He asks.**

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

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, May 14th

Happy Mother's Day!!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word &

NO Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mother's Day Celebration

12:00-4:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym

Tuesday, May 16th

North Central Vicariate Cancer Mass

7:00 pm @ St. Mary, Mt. Vernon

Wednesday, May 17th

Faith Formation Living Rosary

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Bible Study

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center

Damiansville Elementary School Graduation

7:00 pm

Thursday, May 18th

Graduation Mass 7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Albers Elementary School Graduation 7:00 pm

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:30 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Friday, May 12th

Communion to Homebound

Hispanic Rosary 6:00 pm @ St. Damian

Saturday, May 20th

Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:15-4:45 pm @ St. Damian

Knights of Columbus Reverse Drawing 6:00 pm

Sunday, May 21st

Graduation Recognition Masses

8:30 am @ St. Damian

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

11:00 am Mass in Spanish @ St. Damian

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

Pre-School Sunday School Graduation

11:00 am @ St. Bernard Parish Center

CLINTON COUNTY CITIZENS FOR LIFE:

Live Long Stem Red Roses will be available **Mother's Day Weekend, May 13th/14th** 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.*

GRADUATE RECOGNITION:

Graduate Recognition Masses will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 21st**. The *graduates of Gr. 8, high school and college* are invited to attend the **8:30 am Mass** @ St. Damian; the **10:00 am Mass** @ St. Bernard; or the **11:00 am Mass in Spanish** @ St. Damian 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Bottled Water and/or \$\$\$ is being collected for the homeless served by *St. Vincent de Paul Society*. Please bring your bottled water to St. Bernard Church, Albers or St. Damian Church, Damiansville through **Sunday, May 28th**. For \$\$\$ donations, put in an envelope marked "*St. Vincent de Paul Society*" and drop in the collection basket. **Thank you for your generosity!**

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me." (Matthew 25:40)

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION COLLECTION:

Next weekend, May 20th/21st, our parishes will participate in the *Seminarian Education Collection*. Our diocese is currently blessed with **seven seminarians** and we are asking for your help in meeting the needs of their formation. The cost for tuition, books, room and board and other expenses is **\$46,700 per year for each seminarian**. Please join these young men on their journey to the priesthood. Your contribution to the *Seminarian Education Collection* is truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in southern Illinois. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU!!



Congratulations to the following newly confirmed young people from St. Bernard: *Kyle Athmer, Mitchell Broeckling, Noah Broeckling, Katrina Heimann, Austyn Jansen, Regan Norrenberns, Ocean Reinhardt, Brooke Rickhoff, Reagan Rickhoff, Tyler Robertson, Eden Rolves, Erin Schiefer, Matthew Schroeder, Elizabeth Schroeder, Mallory Toennies, Kaitlyn Toennies, Olivia Winkeler, Nolan Winkeler & Brooke Zurliene*. May they be open and assured of the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Thank you to *Brenda Morris* for preparing our newly confirmed; *Joni Kloeckner, Mike Huelsmann & the Choir* for providing the music.



Congratulations to our 1st Communicants who received *Jesus, the Bread of Life*, for the first time on Saturday, May 6th from St. Damian: *Zackary Huegen, Natalie Lynch, Edwin Oros & Hunter Toennies*. **Thank you** to *Denise Luitjohan*, for guiding them in their religion classes, and all parents and godparents for being their very first teachers of the faith; *Geri Varel & the youth Choir* for providing the music. Blessings on your on-going family faith formation that happens in day-to-day life.



Congratulations to our 1st Communicants who received *Jesus, the Bread of Life*, for the first time on Sunday, May 7th from St. Bernard: *Alex Athmer, Omar Avalos, Quinten Engelmann, Chloe Engelmann, Modesto Herrera, Owen Holsapple, Kara Markus, Austin McDonald, Justin McDonald, Kayle Reinhardt, Jack Reynolds, Brock Schulte, Connor Scott, & Oliver Varel*.

Thank you to *Angie Winkeler & Sommer Keleman*, for guiding them in their religion classes, and all parents and godparents for being their very first teachers of the faith; *Joni Kloeckner, Mike Huelsmann & the Choir* for providing the music. Blessings on your on-going family faith formation that happens in day-to-day life.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: May 6th/7th, 2017

Envelopes: \$2,418.00 + ACH: \$615.00

+ Loose: \$114.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$295.00 =

\$3,442.00

Budget for week: \$2,831.73

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$127,413.68

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$127,427.85

Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 14.17)

Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$147,250.00

(**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 Pledged: \$6,769.40 (38) ☺

Goal: \$5,950.00 (187)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

QUILT COMMITTEE:

Quilt/Cash Sign-Up Sheet for the picnic is posted at both entrances of the church. Please mark if you intend to donate cash or a quilt for the picnic **ASAP** so we know how many quilts need to be purchased.

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 20th, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Ministers of Communion — Brian Rogers, Ange Wobbe, Elaine Williamson

Reader — Darlene Toennies

Ushers — Ed & Sandy Kramer

Servers — Abby Harpstrite, Aidan Toennies,

Volunteer

Organist — Geri Varel

Sunday, May 21st, 2017 @ 8:30 am

Ministers of Communion — Pete Toennies, Sharon Kalmer, *Rosann Horstmann*

Reader — Jackie Toennies

Ushers — Jared Horstmann, Garry Kalmer

Servers — Cole Arentsen, CeCe Toennies, Reece Deiters

Organist — Geri Varel

Collection Counters — Pete Toennies, Geri Varel, Anita Rakers

Children's Liturgy — Gwen & Simon Toennies



PARISHES NEEDY FUND COLLECTION:

The second collection will be taken **this weekend, May 13th/14th**. This collection assists Albers & Damiansville residents who need assistance paying utility bills, and provides fuel/food for travelers.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: May 7th, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,479.00 + Easter: \$75.00

+ ACH: \$1,525.00 + Loose: \$252.58 = \$3,331.58

Budget for week: \$2,964.43

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$132,159.83

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$133,399.35

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 1,239.52)**

Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$154,150.00

(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 Pledged: \$6,750.00 (40) Goal: \$7,700.00 (241)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 21st, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Ministers of Communion — Deacon Glenn, Rachel Zurliene, Brenda Morris, Michelle Kennedy

Reader — Matthew Schroeder

Ushers — Ken & Jensen Lake, Mark & Hunter Wiegmann

Servers — Olivia Winkeler, Mallory Toennies, Kyle Athmer

Counters — Janel Zurliene, Brenda Morris, Dana Lake

Children's Liturgy — Brenda Richter, Brooke Zurliene

Sunday School Helpers — *End-of-year program after Mass*



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CATHOLIC HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY:

St. Bernard is planning a **Diaper Drive Fund Raiser** for the *Pregnancy Care Center* located in Belleville near St. Elizabeth's hospital. The center serves new and expectant mothers. All services are free of charge: pregnancy tests, referrals for medical care, adoption, clothing supplies, etc. But one of the biggest and most in demand supplies needed are diapers for the babies and toddlers. So, drop off diapers, wipes and pull-ups anytime from **now until May 16th** in the gathering area @ St. Bernard Church. CHFS will match donations and there will be lots and lots of happy babies. *Thank you for your generous support!*

ST. BERNARD LADIES SODALITY:

We are in at Savers! The Ladies Sodality is sponsoring a *Donation Drive* similar to the rummage sale. Donate your items to a trailer at specific locations in Albers **between the dates of May 16th – May 20th**. Items will be delivered to **Savers** in Fairview Heights on **Saturday, May 20th**. The Ladies Sodality will receive a monetary donation based on the items collected and the weight. We will have a flyer with more info at a later date. We are also looking for a few enclosed trailers & drivers to use on May 20th.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Albers American Legion: *Mother's Day Breakfast* on **Sunday, May 14th** from 8:00 to 11:30 am @ the Legion. Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes and Biscuits & gravy with carry outs available. *Proceeds for Legion Youth Programs.*

Village of Damiansville: *Spring Clean-Up* will be held the **weekend of May 19th/20th**. *Roll-Off Dumpster* will be located west of town by maintenance shed. **PLEASE NO TIRES!** *Electronics Drop Off* will be at the Village Hall **Saturday May 20th** from 8:00 am till 12 noon. **NO TV'S PLEASE!** Check the Village Hall Door for more information.

Slugger Slam XI, a *4-Person Scramble Golf Tournament* held for the benefit of *All Saints Academy*, will be held on **Saturday, May 20th** @ Bent Oak Golf Course in Breese. Shotgun starts are available at 8:00 am and 1:00 pm. The cost is \$90 per player, which includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, one mulligan, six drink tickets, food during and after play, and a chance to win a Chevy vehicle with a hole-in-one. Optional special events include a skins competition, par 3 poker run, clubhouse dice, and "get it on the green" bet. Registration forms and donation forms are available on the ASA website (www.asasaints.com) or by contacting Curt Zurliene (618-541-9800).

Sisters of the Most Precious Blood: Join the *Sisters of the Most Precious Blood* on **Friday, June 23rd** at *Busch Stadium for the Cardinals vs Pittsburgh Pirates game*. Game time is 7:15 pm in Sections 127, 128, 129, & 130 with a promotion of an adult Cardinal pullover. Tickets are \$50. Call Sr. Ellen 636-293-8253 or Leah or Marcia at 636-240-6010 **by June 5th**.