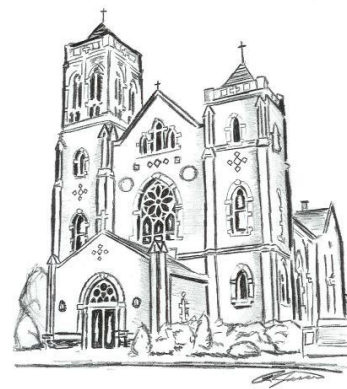
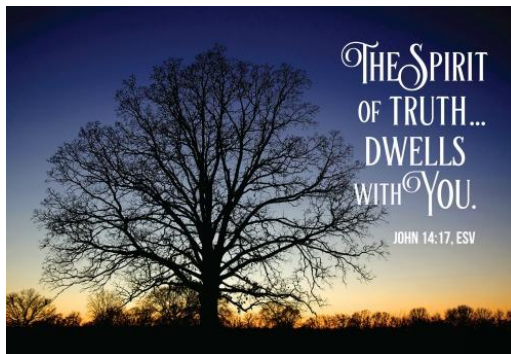


*Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 17, 2020*



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#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

##### **MONDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

*NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled*

##### **TUESDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

*NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled*

##### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

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

##### **THURSDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

*NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled*

##### **FRIDAY, MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

*NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled*

##### **SATURDAY, MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>**

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

##### **SUNDAY, MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

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

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#### **MASSES & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*will be live streamed at*

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

Today's Readings: *Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21*. The Readings anticipate the feast of Pentecost, which we celebrate two weeks from now. Peter and John join Philip in Samaria to make sure that the Samaritans received the Holy Spirit, just as they had in Jerusalem. In the Gospel, Jesus promises His disciples that they will receive the Holy Spirit, who will be another Advocate after His own return to the Father. **Let us be aware of the Holy Spirit's influence in our lives.**

"Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."

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### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

*Live Streamed Mass*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

*Live Streamed Eucharistic Adoration*

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

Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

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

**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:

"When I began to seriously consider entering the seminary during my first year in college at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, I remember being a little afraid of what the seminary would be like. Would the men be normal? Did entering the seminary mean that I would necessarily become a priest? Now after having been in the seminary seven years, I can say what a blessing it has been. Being together with men who desire to serve Christ and His Church is edifying, and the opportunities it has given me for experiencing the national and universal Catholic Church have been irreplaceable. Whether or not seminary ends in a man's ordination to the priesthood - there is always the freedom to discern that God has a different call for him - being in seminary teaches him how to be a good Catholic man."

*(As submitted by Father Tobias Letak,  
ordained to the Priesthood on June 4, 2016  
at St. Cecilia's Cathedral in Omaha, NE.)*

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

Find the latest information at

<http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org/catholic-youth-ministry.html>.

### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!

#### Congratulations to the following 8<sup>th</sup> Graders:



St. Bernard – *Marco Arroyo, Ana Avalos, Lydia Engelmann, Corina Hegger, Jacob Kehder, Jillian Kloeckner, Yerian Perez Colon,*

*Brady Reynolds, Jordyn Schiefer, Bradley Strubhart, Coryn Toennies, & Kalie Wellen.*

St. Damian – *Kevin Athmer, Makenna Budde, Genesis Contreras, Reece Deiters, Arleth Palacio Rojas, Simon Toennies & Aidan Toennies.*

Hispanic Ministry – *Emily Camacho, Ailyn Oñate, Arely Oñate, Melanie Oñate, & Ashley Ramos.*

#### Congratulations to the following Seniors:



St. Bernard – *Travis Becker, Eric Higgins, Kyle Holtmann, Justin Huelsmann, Ethan Ottenschnieder, Allison Rickhoff, Connor*

*Schomaker, & Jacey Weiter.*

St. Damian – *Cierra Arentsen, Cole Arentsen, Matthew Fuehne, Katherine Garren, Caleb Gonsalves, Kevin Heimann, Anna Heimann, Meredith Innes, Benjamin Kassen, Kaylee Korte, Abbigale Large, Savanna Luitjohan, Heather Toennies, Lillian Toennies & Claire Tonnies.*  
Hispanic Ministry – *Francisco Guerrero, Stephanie Leyva, Azucena Oñate, Christian Tejandon, Gerardo Tejandon & Brandon Varela.*

Congratulations and best wishes to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and Senior graduates!! May the grace of God be with you on your new journey in life.

### THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the following Teachers, Assistants Children's Liturgy & Pre-School Directors:

St. Bernard – *Phyllis Albers, Judy Albers, Kathy Engelmann, Matthew Fuehne, Kelly Jansen, Dana Lake, Robbin Netemeyer, Shannon Netemeyer, Joshua Wieter, Melissa Netemeyer, Jeanette Reynolds, Pat Toennies, Stephanie Rickhoff & Stacy Schroeder.*

St. Damian – *Rita Haukap, Meredith Innes, Mary Innes, Lori Jansen, Sharon Kalmer, Arlene Korte, Denise Luitjohan, Savanna Luitjohan, Ruth Pingsterhaus, Jackie Toennies & Gwen Toennies.*

Thank you for your time, talent, and willingness to instruct the students.

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Envelopes: \$905.00

+ Paypal: \$100.00 (\$3.20 Fees) \$96.80 = \$1,001.80

Budget for week: \$3,038.46

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$120,450.08

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$136,730.70

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 16,280.62)**

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!*

### **ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY:**

**Tentative Meeting** is planned for **Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Parish Meeting Room. If you have any questions, please contact one of the officers.

**President** – Monica Koch

**Vice-President** – Sandy Kramer

**Treasurer** – Sheri Arentsen

**Secretary** – Andrea Horstmann



### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:**

**Not Orphaned!** Because the Risen Lord and the Spirit of Truth are always with us, we are not abandoned. Because we are not abandoned, we must exhibit both love and obedience. Saint Peter proclaims in the Second Reading, "Always be ready to give an explanation...for the reason of your hope." Act accordingly.

- How will my every action proclaim Christ's presence in my life and in the life of the world?
- How can I advocate, aid another's need this week?
- Whom will I love, how will I love as Jesus Christ loves me?

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Envelopes: \$915.00

+ Paypal: \$80.00 (\$2.92 Fees) \$77.08 = \$992.08

Budget for week: \$3,134.14

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$131,259.62

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$141,036.30

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 9,776.68)**

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: \$4,110.00 (24) 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 **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!**

## **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

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

And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." Invite Jesus into your marriage on an upcoming **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. The next weekends are **August 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>** and **September 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>** at the Courtyard Marriot in St. Peters, MO. To register go to <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php> or call/text 314-649-7317.



### **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](http://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 27<sup>th</sup>**. As always, thank you for your support!

**Mater Dei Golf Classic** has been rescheduled for **Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**. 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 15<sup>th</sup>**. The registration form is available on our website ([www.materdeiknights.org](http://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!

### **DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:**

- ***Catholic Communication Campaign Collection*** will be taken **next weekend, May 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>**. Envelopes are provided in your envelope packet. This campaign connects people with Christ here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio and print media. Fifty percent (50%) of funds collected remains in our Belleville Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message!! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).
- ***Seminarian Education Collection*** will be taken **next weekend, May 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>**. Envelopes are provided in your envelope packet. The collection supports the education and formation of those men who are discerning a call to ordained priesthood in our Belleville Diocese. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's ***Seminarian Education Collection*** to support our diocese's future priests. Thank you for your generosity.

### **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.**

### **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](mailto:projectrachel@diobelle.org). For additional information go to: [www.diobelle.org/respectlife/project-rachel](http://www.diobelle.org/respectlife/project-rachel): [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org).