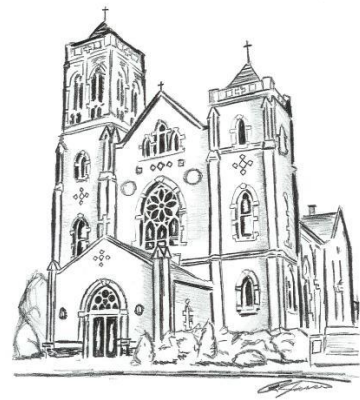




*Sixth Sunday
Of Easter
May 21st, 2017*



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Monday (8 am to 5 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian;

Tuesday & Thursday

(9 am to 4 pm) @ CLC, New Baden;

Wednesday (work from home);

Friday (8 am to 1 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MAY 22ND

8:30 am Prayer Service @ St. Damian

For a Safe Summer

TUESDAY, MAY 23RD

8:30 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All ALS Sufferers

THURSDAY, MAY 25TH

8:30 am Prayer Service @ St. Bernard

For All Graduates

FRIDAY, MAY 26TH

NO Mass or Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, MAY 27TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

Herman & Vivian Jansen

Albert & Catherine Jansen

Hermine Kollmann

SUNDAY, MAY 28TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Veterans

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

George, Alvina & Donald Rickhoff

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus speak of another Advocate given to us by the Father, the Spirit of truth. Our 1st Reading from the Acts of the Apostles records the coming of that same Spirit into the early Christian community in Samaria. Let us reflect on the ways that we too have not been left as orphans and enjoy the presence of the Spirit here in our communities and in our lives, helping us to keep God's commandments and share the Good News.

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

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

Monday, May 22nd

Last Day of School – Enjoy the Summer

NO Mass – Prayer Service w/Communion

8:30 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, May 23rd

St. Bernard Finance Council Meeting

6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory

Wednesday, May 24th

Bible Study

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center

Thursday, May 25th

NO Mass – Prayer Service w/Communion

8:30 am @ St. Damian

Graduation Mass 7:00 pm @ Mater Dei

Central High School Graduation 7:00 pm

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:30 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Friday, May 26th

Communion to Homebound

Hispanic Bible Study 6:00 pm @ St. Damian

Mater Dei High School Graduation 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 27th

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Sunday, May 28th

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word

During Summer @ St. Damian

Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

NO Pre-School Sunday School Classes

During Summer @ St. Bernard

Angelica Cruz & Ernesto Escamilla Wedding

11:00 am Mass in Spanish @ St. Damian

SUMMER WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:

Beginning next week, May 22nd – 26th, the weekday Masses & Prayer Services w/Communion will begin at 8:30 am. **Masses** will be on **Tuesdays** @ St. Bernard & **Wednesdays** @ St. Damian. **Prayers Services w/Communion** will be **Monday** @ St. Damian & **Thursdays** @ St. Bernard.

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)

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:

- ❖ ***Seminarian Education Collection:*** This weekend, May 20th/21st, you have the opportunity to support the **seven seminarians** who have answered "YES" to God's call to serve in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. The annual cost for each of our seminarians is **\$46,700**; seminarian expenses over the next six years will be over \$1.2 million. Please prayerfully consider a generous donation to the ***Seminarian Education Collection*** to ensure the formation of our Belleville Diocese's current and future seminarians. Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you always.
- ❖ ***Catholic Communication Campaign*** will be taken **next weekend, May 27th/28th**. This campaign connects people with Christ here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio and print media. Fifty percent 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.

Both of these collections have envelopes included in your envelope packet.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: May 13th/14th, 2017

Envelopes: \$3,086.00 + Loose: \$188.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$449.00 = \$3,723.00
Budget for week: \$2,831.73
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$131,136.68
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$130,259.58
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$ 877.10
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: \$6,819.40 (39) ☺

Goal: \$5,950.00 (187)

Parish Needy Fund Collection: \$285.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 27th, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Ministers of Communion — Virgil & Marilyn Jansen, Mech Toennies

Reader — Anita Rakers

Ushers — Marvin Rakers, Jerry Innes

Servers — Adam & Kevin Heimann, Reid Koch

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Sunday, May 28th, 2017 @ 8:30 am

Ministers of Communion — Deb Santel, Arlene Korte, *Gary Fuehne*

Reader — Beth Brandmeyer

Ushers — Bernard Heimann, Gary Tonnies

Servers — Ben & Jennifer Heimann, Claire Tonnies

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Collection Counters — Tina Tonnies, Sandy Kramer, Bob Hitpas

Children's Liturgy — No Session during Summer

MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE!

With summer rolling in, it's easy to lose focus of the true meaning of *Memorial Day*.....it commemorates & honors those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedoms. On **Memorial Weekend, May 27th/28th**, you are invited to take a soldier from the basket in the gathering space @ St. Damian Church and place it somewhere to remind you to pray for those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Also pray for the brave men and women who are actively serving and those who have retired. *God Bless America!*

ST. DAMIAN PICNIC - Saturday, July 8th, 2017

- **Meeting on Tuesday, June 6th at 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Parish House. All stand chairpersons please attend this meeting.**
- **Raffle Tickets & Flyers** are available for pick up in the main entrance of church. Tickets can be returned by:
❶ the collection basket, ❷ to the parish office, ❸ mail, or ❹ to one of the committee members. Please pass out the flyers to everyone you know.

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. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: May 14th, 2017

Envelopes: \$2,755.00 + Loose: \$100.09 = \$2,855.09
Budget for week: \$2,964.43
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$135,014.92
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$136,363.78
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 1,348.86)**
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)

Parish Needy Fund Collection: \$150.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 28th, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Ministers of Communion — *Ray Gill*, Lynette Huegen, David & Charlie Gebke

Reader — Jensen Lake

Ushers — Ken & Dana Lake, Dennis & Kurt Rickhoff

Servers — Makenna Lake, Allison & Carson Rickhoff

Counters — Tim Schroeder, Dana Lake, James Williams

Children's Liturgy — Stefanie Rickhoff, Nolan Winkeler

Sunday School Helpers — No Session during Summer



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TEACHER NEEDED:

St. Bernard Faith Formation Program is in need of *one teacher* for the 2017/2018 school year. If you are interested in helping, please contact Deacon Glenn at 618-772-9343.

ST. BERNARD LADIES SODALITY:

April Bi-monthly Quilt Winner: Pat Huegen

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to all *8th Grade, High School & College Graduates*, especially the following 8th graders who were in the *Faith Formation Programs*:

St. Damian Parish: *Martha Aparicio, William Athmer, Hunter Jansen, Evelyn Juarez, Christopher Kalmer, Mason Schrage & Abigail Wegmann.*

St. Bernard Parish: *Kyle Athmer, Matthew Schroeder, Mallory Toennies, Olivia Winkeler.*

Congratulations & Best Wishes on your graduation!! May the grace of God be with you in your new beginnings.

CATHOLIC MINISTRY TO SICK & AGED (MSA)

Annual Diocesan Summer Outing for Residents of Long-term Care will take place on **Wednesday, June 7th** @ the Diocesan Pastoral Grounds in Belleville. It is a day filled with fun and fellowship for the residents and staff who travel from long term care facilities in five counties. **Here is a chance for the parish youth to lend a helping hand to the senior citizens of our Diocese.** All volunteers should report to the gymnasium of the Education Building (Building #6) at the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 8:30 am on the morning of the event. Your day should conclude by 3:00 pm. You are asked to stay the entire day since your help is needed to clean the grounds following the departure of our guests. We will load the tables and chairs into the trucks. If we have many volunteers, we may finish earlier. Please go to <https://form.jotform.us/70186288953165> and let us know how many youth and adults will be helping out **no later than June 1st**. This is very important for the planners so enough food may be ordered.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Aviston Knights of Columbus: Spring Breakfast on **Sunday May 21st** from 7:30 till 11:30 am @ Aviston American Legion. Prices are \$8.00 for Adults; \$4.00 for children; and under 6 free. The menu includes Pork Sausage, Pancakes, Hash Browns, Scrambled eggs, Biscuits and Gravy, Fruit Cocktail and drinks. Carry outs are available. *Proceeds will go to help offset the expenses for: Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Local Youth Sports Programs, & Catholic Education.*

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**.

HISPANIC YOUTH DAY:

Diocesan Hispanic Youth Day, for Hispanic youth ages 10 to 20, will be held on **Saturday, June 17th** from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm @ the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Belleville. Mass will be held at 3:15 pm. The theme is ***“Love Your Selfie ‘Soy Una Creación Maravillosa’ Salmo 139:14”***. For further information or to register call the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 618-235-9601 extension 1322.

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 teacher him how to be a good Catholic man.” *Submitted by Fr. Tobias Letak, ordained to the Priesthood on June 4, 2016 @ St. Cecilia’s Cathedral in Omaha, NE.*