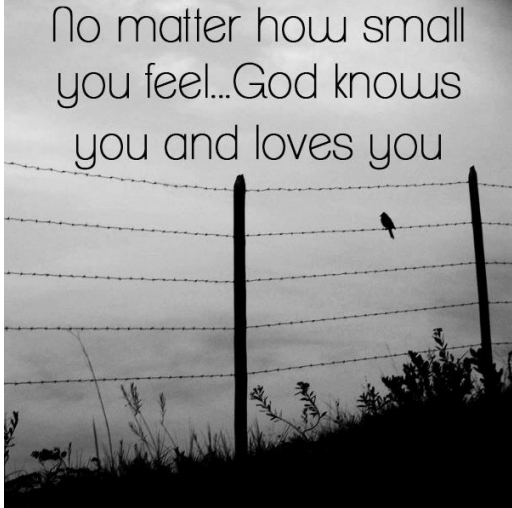
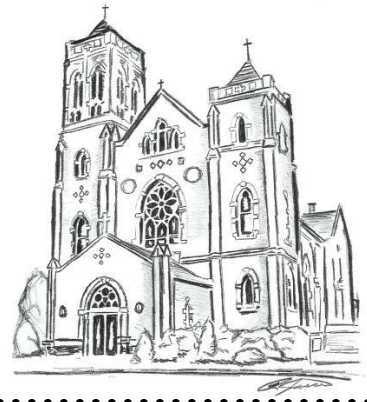




*Twelfth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
June 25, 2017*



No matter how small
you feel...God knows
you and loves you



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MASS SCHEDULE:

- MONDAY, JUNE 26TH**
8:00 am Prayer Service @ St. Damian
For an End to All Abuse
- TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH**
8:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard
For All Memorial Donors
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH**
8:00 am Mass @ St. Damian
For a Successful Picnic
- THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH**
8:00 am Prayer Service @ St. Bernard
For Safety for All Travelers
- FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH**
NO Mass or Service Scheduled
- SATURDAY, JULY 1ST**
5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian
Joann Gawlick
Ralph Netemeyer
- SUNDAY, JULY 2ND**
8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
Bill & Rosie Athmer
10:00 am @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners
11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian
Mass in Spanish

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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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LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Suffering is real, even for those who are called by God. The prophets, the disciples, and the early Christians often paid a price for responding to the call. We may understand this more readily in times of persecution, or choosing to live a Gospel life. Despite the paralyzing feeling of fear, what a comfort to hear Jesus tell us *to not be afraid to proclaim our faith from the housetops, for even the hairs on our head are counted by God, who loves and sustains us.*

"Lord, in Your great love, answer me."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, June 25th

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Meeting
11:00 am @ St. Bernard Church Library

Monday, June 26th

NO Mass – Prayer Service w/Communion
8:00 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, June 27th

Youth Ministry Trip @ Holiday World

Wednesday, June 28th

Bible Study
7:00 pm @ Deacon Glenn's Residence

Thursday, June 29th

NO Mass – Prayer Service w/Communion
8:00 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, June 30th

Communion to Homebound
Fr. Anthony Leaves on Vacation

Saturday, July 1st

Welcome Fr. John Ntiseyia!!
Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:15-4:45 pm @ St. Damian

Second Collection Taken

Sunday, July 2nd

Welcome Fr. John Ntiseyia!!
Second Collection Taken

FROM THE DIOCESE...

INTO MY VINEYARD is for lay Catholic men and women who will help Pastors lead their Parishes and Partnerships. The once-a-month formation will begin in **September 2017 and continue for two years**. Parish Pastoral Councils should now be asking: *"Whom will we send?"* Interested adult Catholics should talk with their Pastors. More information -- a brochure, FAQs, the schedule, and an application form for **INTO MY VINEYARD** -- is at the diocesan website: <http://www.diobelle.org/offices/into-my-vineyard>.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS):

VBS – God's Galaxy is scheduled to be held on **Sunday, August 6th** from 1:00-4:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym. *Meeting* is scheduled for **Sunday, June 25th** immediately following the 10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard Church Library.

TEACHERS NEEDED:

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

VACATION & WELCOME:

- + *Fr. Anthony Onyango* will be leaving for vacation on **Friday, June 30th** and will return on **Tuesday, July 4th**.
- + Please welcome *Fr. John Ntiseyia, Vicar General of Ngong Diocese, Kenya*, who will be celebrating the Masses **next weekend, July 1st/2nd, Tuesday, July 4th, & Wednesday, July 5th**.

VOCATION CORNER:

"I was blessed to attend strong catholic parishes and entered the Academy of Fine Arts to study painting, which was a dream come true. Still nothing in my life satisfied me completely. I wanted to grow closer to God and I felt the call to give my all to Christ. However, I was terrified with the idea of leaving my family and my dreams, painting, dancing and children. Then a moment came in prayer when deep in my heart I simply said to God, "OK, I will do it". Suddenly, a peace entered my life like I never experience before. I never knew such peace existed. I completed my school studies and soon went to the convent with my suitcase."
Sister Gaudia Skass, Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Krakow Poland, Columbia, May 2016, pg. 42.

SECOND COLLECTION:

A *Second Collection* will be held **next weekend July 1st/2nd** to assist the Missionary Cooperative. The entire collection will be forwarded to the *Belleville Diocesan Propagation of the Faith Office*. Please be as generous as you are able. **Thank you!**

Peter's Pence Collection

Peter's Pence Collection will be taken **next weekend, July 1st/2nd**, to support the charitable works of our Holy Father Pope Francis. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Envelopes are provided in your envelope packet. Please be as generous as possible. *Thank you!*

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: June 18th, 2017

Envelopes: \$2,366.00 + ACH: \$495.00 + Loose: \$66.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$118.00 = \$3,045.00
Budget for week: \$2,831.73
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$142,628.93
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$144,418.23
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 1,789.30)**
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: \$6,919.40 (43) ☺ *Goal: \$5,950.00 (187)*

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 1st, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Ministers of Communion — Chris & Beth
Brandmeyer, Elaine Williamson

Reader — Lauren Cleeton

Ushers — Marvin Rakers, Delmar Santel

Servers — Abby Harpstrite, Adam & Kevin Heimann

Organist — Geri Varel

Sunday, July 2nd, 2017 @ 8:30 am

Ministers of Communion — Rosann Horstmann,
Arlene Korte, *Deb Santel*

Reader — Denise Luitjohan

Ushers — Ron Horstmann, Butch Toennies

Servers — Abby Wegmann, Anthony & Kevin
Athmer

Organist — Geri Varel

Collection Counters — Geri Varel, Sandy Kramer,
Tina Tonnie

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

- **Masses:** 4:00 & 5:30 pm picnic night, there will be **NO 8:30 am Mass on Sunday morning**. Volunteers are needed to assist with the picnic Masses as *Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Servers, Greeters/Ushers, or Organist*. **PLEASE SIGN UP.**
- **Items Available At The Entrances Of Church:**
 - **Men's & Ladies Workers Lists** – Please be sure to check where you are scheduled to work. If you are unable to work, please contact one of the officers.
 - **Flyers** – Please spread the word by passing out the flyers to everyone you know.
- **Other Ways You Can Help:**
 - **Country Store** needs donations of baked goods (no cream goods), fresh produce, homemade wine, jams/jellies, crafts, nuts, etc. to sell at the country store. Please put a suggested price on your items and mark if baked items have nuts in it.
 - **Baskets** are needed for the Faith Formation Stand. Please donate a theme basket or items for a basket and volunteers can put the baskets together. Place items or basket in the container in the church entrance.
 - **Cakes:** Each family is asked to bring a cake (or 2), preferably on a paper plate or cardboard. It is requested by the ladies that you put very little or no icing on the angel food cake. It makes it hard to cut & it was also a request from some diabetic customers.
 - **High Chairs, Booster Seats, Plastic Ice Cream Containers & Fans:** These items can always be used in the Kitchen/Dining Room if you wish to donate or lend any.
- **Return Raffle Tickets:** Tickets can be returned by: ❶ the collection basket, ❷ to the parish office, ❸ mail, or ❹ to one of the committee members.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ❖ **Wednesday, July 5th** – **Cut Up Bread For Dressing** at 6 pm. Bring knives and non-wooden cutting boards.
- ❖ **Thursday, July 6th** – **Make Noodles** at 8 am in the gym. **Stand Set Up.**
- ❖ **Friday, July 7th** – **Set Tables, Finish Setting Up Dining & Prep Areas** at 1 pm in gym.
- ❖ **Saturday, July 8th** – **Food Preparation of Dressing & Sour Meat or Help make Breakfast** at 6 am in gym.

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: June 17th/18th, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,292.00 + ACH: \$2,205.00
+ Loose: \$228.02 = \$3,725.02
Budget for week: \$2,964.43
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$148,319.94
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$151,185.93
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 2,865.99)
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: \$6,825.00 (42) Goal: \$7,700.00 (241)

St. Vincent DePaul Water Program: \$154.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!



ALBERS BLAST-OFF!!

Parade & Fireworks will be held on **Monday, July 3rd** with the **Parade** at 6:30 pm (Lining up at American Legion Post #1026); and

Fireworks @ 9:00 pm. Contact Brenda at Village Hall (618-248-5154 / villageofalbers@yahoo.com) or Steve (618-973-8860) to sign up for the parade!

****Fireworks donations are being accepted at Albers Village Hall to help fund our spectacular show! Thank you!****

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 2nd, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Ministers of Communion — *Meg Schiefer*, Ray Gill, Vicki Pittman, Teresa Schomaker
Reader — Lynette Huegen
Ushers — John, Linda & Michael Majchrzak, Dave Wuebbels
Servers — Connor Schomaker, Alaina Huegen, Eden Rolves
Counters — Pat Litteken, Vicki Pittman, John Majchrzak



MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL:

"Strengthening Sister Parish Relationships

Conference" sponsored by *Missions International* for participating parishes of the Springfield and Belleville Dioceses. The conference will be held on **Thursday, August 3rd** from 11:00 am–3:00 pm @ Knights of Columbus Hall in Highland. Our hope is that parishes will be able to share both their successes and challenges resulting in opportunities to strengthen their existing relationships. We are asking for a representative from each parish wanting to learn more about the program to attend. Please contact Jeanne (618-979-5933) to be registered if you are interested in attending. They will be giving away \$500 air travel voucher per diocese to be used for a sister parish visit.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Music in the Park: Bring your family and friends, lawn chairs and refreshments for a great night of music every **Thursday in June & July** from 7:00-9:00 pm @ Lehrter/JC Park Stage in Albers, IL.

Damiansville Chamber Of Commerce will conduct their **Quarterly Meeting** on **Monday, June 26th** beginning at 7:00 pm at the park shelter.

Aviston Countryside Manor is hosting a **Back to School Supply Drive** from **now through Monday, July 10th** to assist local families. Our giveaway event is set for **Friday, July 14th**. School supplies or cash donations are being accepted @ Aviston Countryside Manor.

St. Rose 150th: Come join us on **Sunday July, 9th** for **Farm Follies** at St. Rose Park. **Check-in at Noon.**

Junior Follies (4-9 yrs.) 1:00 pm, no pre-registration, teams will be assigned, \$10 per child includes pedal pull; **Senior Follies** (10+ yrs-adults) 3:00 pm, teams need to pre-register, \$10 per person. Gather a team of 4-6 people and call Brooke at 618-972-0482 to register. **Pedal Pull** 1:00-3:00 pm, \$5 per child if not in junior follies. Petting Zoo and Pony Rides. Food/Beverages available. For more information go to www.strostedev.com. *Proceeds to benefit St. Rose 150th Celebration.*

THE CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL (CSMA):

Join Us As Partners In Hope – The homebound, sick and seniors living in four counties in the southernmost part of the state are assured they will have food to eat thanks to **Daystar Community Program's Mobile Food Pantry**, which delivers groceries on a regular basis to those not able to visit Daystar's on-site food pantry. Your partnership with Daystar through a contribution to The CSMA helps make this life-saving ministry possible. If you haven't already done so, make your gift to the Appeal today!