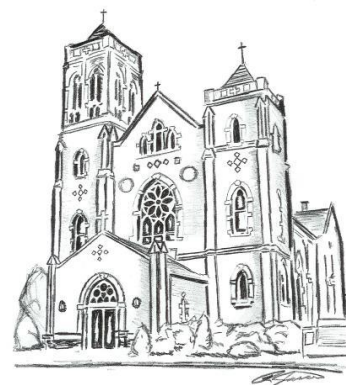




*Seventeenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
July 26, 2020*



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, JULY 27TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

TUESDAY, JULY 28TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH

Eucharistic Adoration

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

THURSDAY, JULY 30TH

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

FRIDAY, JULY 31ST

NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST

Gelacio Rojas/Maria Santiago Wedding

1:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 am @ St. Damian

✠ Lavergne & Julie Breiner

✠ Frank Santel

✠ Harry Nelson

Hispanic Mass in Church & Live Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian

*Mass intentions are being rescheduled.
Please be patient as there will only be one
Mass at each parish at this time.*

Thank you!

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today's Readings: *1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52*. Today we encounter a number of people whom fortune smiles upon. Solomon, heir to David's throne, is visited by God, who promises him whatever he wishes. In the Gospel, a random person discovers buried treasure and a merchant searching for fine pearls finds a pearl of great price. **How do these people respond? How would we respond?** *Let us listen to God's word and contemplate our true fortune, our true treasure.*

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, July 26th

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass & Live Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian

Wednesday, July 29th

*St. Bernard Parish & Finance Councils Mtg.
Regarding "Feast of St. Bernard" Raffle*

6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Saturday, August 1st

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, August 2nd

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass & Live Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian

MASSES will be live streamed at:

www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers.

You can also find Masses on the television at EWTN or through St. Bernard & St. Damian website at www.stbernardandstdamian.org.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will no longer be live streamed. Church is now open for personal adoration and Benediction.

PRO-LIFE HOUR OF PRAYER:

Clinton County Citizens for Life has organized an hour of prayer for **Thursday, August 13th** from 7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church. **NO Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Tuesday, August 11th.**

"Lord, I love Your commands."

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION:

Faith Formation for the year 2020-2021 will be held.

Teachers are needed: **St. Damian** is in need of one teacher for Kindergarten & **St. Bernard** needs three teachers for grades 4, 5, and 6. If you are willing to teach a class or have questions, please contact Deacon Glenn by phone at 772-9343 or email

deaconglen36@gmail.com.

Registration forms are available on the website under 'Faith Education', click 'Faith Formation' then under your parish name. Please contact the parish office if you need any assistance or a form.

- **Students already in the Faith Formation program:** parents/guardians & students are asked to read the policy handbook (on the website) and sign the **Commitment Form**. **Parents/guardians and students must sign the form, also be sure to give the grade the student is entering.** Signing the commitment form will ensure that your child/children is/are enrolled in Faith Formation for 2020-2021 (one form per family).
- **New families, or students** please fill out the **New Student Registration Form**, (one form per student).
- **Send** payment along with the registration form. If you have more than one child in the program, you may send one check.
- **Return** the commitment/registration form and payment to the parish office as soon as possible.



1st COMMUNION DATES:

St. Damian: Sunday, August 16th
@ 8:30 am (*Please note time change.*)
St. Bernard: Saturday, August 22nd
@ 4:00 pm.

VOCATION CORNER:

"Growing up, I had steadfast examples of always putting family and faith first. My father suggested that perhaps one day I would become a priest. At 15, I met the Oblates of the Virgin Mary at their parish near my home in Long Beach, Calif. I was attracted to their passion for preaching God's mercy and making the sacraments available around the clock. I maintained spiritual direction through the remainder of high school and a university program in computer science. Finally, only 10 days after my younger sister joined a Dominican congregation, I entered the seminary in Boston. I had embarked on an adventure that would take me to three continents on the path to ministry as an Oblate priest, just like those who had captivated me at 15 - and I love it!"

-- Fr. Paul M. Nguyen, O.M.V. 'Oblates of the Virgin Mary, Alton IL; *Columbia* Feb. 2019, pg 34

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: July 19th, 2020

Loose: \$0.00 + Envelopes: \$1,720.00

+ ACH (16th): \$635.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$407.00 =
\$2,762.00

Budget for week: \$2,968.56

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$7,892.09

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$8,905.68

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 1,013.59)**

Fiscal year (7/20-6/21) budget: \$154,365.00

(Reminder: The fiscal year budget does not include the \$55,000.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA):

Total: \$5,780.00 (36) Goal: \$7,455.00 (190)

Total Picnic Donations (70): \$23,230.00

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN PARISH PICNIC:

St. Damian Parishioners: Since the *Parish Picnic* has been **officially cancelled**, we are asking all parishioners for a monetary donation to offset the picnic. Your donations can be placed in the provided envelope and dropped in the collection basket, mailed to the parish, or dropped in the secure lock box on the front porch of the rectory. You can also donate electronically using Venmo@StDamianPicnic or online banking. All donations will be put into the picnic checking account. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

– Picnic Committee, the Parish & Finance Councils

ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY:

The *Ladies Sodality* are seeking two women to replace **Monica Koch & Andrea Horstmann**. Sandy Kramer will serve as **President**; Sheri Arentsen will remain as **Treasurer**. The positions of **Vice-President & Secretary** will need to be filled. Please consider taking one of the positions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please contact Sandy at Western Clinton County Senior Center (WCCSS) at (618) 224-9913 if you are available to deliver '**Meals on Wheels**' to area seniors two Tuesdays a month. We have Albers/Damiansville residents relying on this service and your help is needed! **Thank You!**

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: July 19th, 2020

Loose: \$24.00 + Envelopes: \$815.00

+ACH (16th): \$2,365.00

+ Paypal: \$50.00 (\$1.75 Fees) \$48.25 = \$3,252.25

Budget for week: \$3,007.50

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$9,218.74

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$9,022.50

Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$ 196.24

Fiscal year (7/20-6/21) budget: \$156,390.00

(Reminder: The fiscal year budget does not include the \$47,000.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies Sodality, & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Total Heating System: \$2,510.00

Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA):

Total: \$5,410.00 (34) Goal: \$7,967.00 (241)

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

"FEAST OF ST. BERNARD" RAFFLE:

PLEASE RETURN YOUR TICKETS! The price is \$100.00 each with a chance to win: **Grand Prize** of \$5,000 or **Three Prizes** of \$1,000 each. **Prizes will be awarded at the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, August 15th.** Please buy or try to sell the tickets making checks payable to: **St. Bernard Parish**, return the stub and money (via mail, Mass collection basket, or dropped in the secure lock box on the front porch of the rectory) to the parish by **August 7, 2020**. The parish has a goal of selling 300 tickets and needs your assistance. **Currently 134 tickets have been sold with 166 still needed to reach our goal.** Parish and finance council members will be reaching out to those who have not returned their tickets yet. If you did not receive a ticket and wish to purchase one, please mail your payment with name, address, and phone number to: St. Bernard Parish – 202 N. Broadway, PO Box 10, Albers, IL 62215. **We can make this a successful fundraiser if everyone helps out.**

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the *Estate of Marilyn Toennies*, siblings of Darlene (Danny) Billhartz, Dennis (Pat) Toennies and Ron (Sue) Toennies, who made a generous donation of \$8,167.88 to purchase new air conditioner for St. Bernard Church. **Thank you for your thoughtfulness!!**

FOUND SIGNS! Several yard signs were turned into Albers Village Hall.

Please stop by Village Hall or contact Brenda at 618-248-5154 or villageofalbers@yahoo.com if you are missing a sign.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS):

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

WELCOME THE NINTH BISHOP OF BELLEVILLE:

Bishop Michael McGovern invites the people of North Central Vicariate (Clinton, Jefferson, Marion and Washington Counties) to join him at Mass on **Sunday, August 2nd at 9:30 am @ St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Aviston.** Due to current restrictions, attendance at the Mass is limited to 100 people. You can register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BA5AF2BA3FC1-mass>.

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

The Kingdom of Heaven. Living in the kingdom of heaven can be hard to fathom at times. It is a treasure, it is surprising, it is full of good and bad alike. The Letter to the Romans reminds us that for those who love God, all things work for good. It may not happen tomorrow, or next week, but it will happen. All will be well.

- While living in God's kingdom now, what treasure(s) do I seek?
- How will I share what I find?
- What in my storeroom can I share with others?

SUPPORT:

We are beginning to attend Mass on weekends, but with a limited number of people. ***We continue to need your support!*** You can support your parish in one of these ways:

- 1) ***If you attend Mass***, drop your contribution in the collection basket.
- 2) ***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.
- 3) 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.)
- 4) Donate from the website (www.stbernardandstdamian.org) by clicking the “***Donate Now***” button. Instructions on how it works are above the buttons.
- 5) If you ***Bank Online***, have a check sent directly to your parish.
- 6) 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!

GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING CHURCH:

Churches are now opened for public Masses. Of course, things will be different since there is a limit of 50 people at this time.

Before you arrive: Check your temperature and if you have one, please do not come to church. Stay at home if you feel ill. Make sure you have a face covering to bring and wear. Remember to sign-up to ensure we do not go over the limit. Sign up on the website at www.stbernardandstdamian.org under the Mass you wish to attend. If you do not use a computer, please call/text Deacon Glenn Netemeyer at 618-772-9343 by Friday.

When you arrive: Enter only in marked doorways. Wait patiently to be checked in by a greeter/usher. Keep you face covering or mask on at all times except for receiving Communion. Sanitize your hands as directed by greeter/usher. Observe social distancing at all times (6 feet apart). Greeters/Ushers will direct you to pews where to sit.

During the Mass: Do not change seats. No physical sign of peace will be exchanged during Mass. Follow instructions for Communion:

1. Leave your seat only when directed by greeter/usher.
2. Maintain social distancing in the Communion line.
3. Approach the Communion Minister only after you are called forward. Do not remove your face covering. Extend a single hand to receive the host.
4. After moving 6 feet to the right or left, remove your mask and consume the host. Then replace your face covering or mask.

After the Mass: Please take anything you have brought with you. You will be dismissed by pew or seating area, following the instructions of the greeter/usher. Use only the designated exit doors. Do not congregate outside the church doors. Continue to wear your face covering or mask until you leave the area.

Parking Communion: If you are uncomfortable in entering the church, the Mass can be watched from your phone in the parking lot. Communion will be available at the main entrance outside of church. Please remember to social distance.