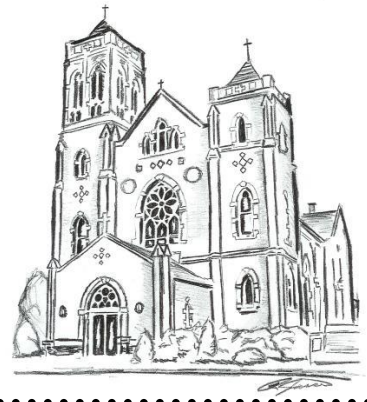




*Seventeenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
July 30th, 2017*



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The kingdom
of heaven
is like treasure
hidden in a field.



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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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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, JULY 31ST

8:00 am Prayer Service @ St. Damian
For All Catechists & the Religion Programs

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1ST

8:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard
For All Memorial Donors

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2ND

8:00 am Mass @ St. Damian
For All ALS Sufferers
Bob Innes

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD

8:00 am Prayer Service @ St. Bernard
For Vacation Bible School

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4TH

NO Mass or Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard
Francie Huegen
Bernadine & Arnold Huegen

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
Frank Santel
Ralph Koopmann
Alfred & Aloys Santel
10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners
11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian
Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today's Readings give us an opportunity to reflect on what really matters to us in life: *what we seek, where we look for it, and whether we will nurture it when it appears*. In the 1st Reading, God offers Solomon anything he wants, and Solomon chooses the treasure of a wise, discerning heart. In the Gospel, Jesus tells more parables about the kingdom of God, particularly about seeking and finding treasure. Let us listen for the gifts that God is offering us and pray for the grace to choose wisely.

"Lord, I love Your commands."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, July 30th

Preparacion Escolar

1:00-3:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym

Monday, July 31st

Vacation Bible School Meeting

6:30 pm @ Deacon Glenn's Residence

Tuesday, August 1st

St. Bernard Finance Council Meeting

6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Meeting Room

St. Bernard Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Meeting Room

Wednesday, August 2nd

Bible Study

7:00 pm @ Deacon Glenn's Residence

Thursday, August 3rd

Communion to Homebound by Fr. Anthony

Friday, August 4th

Hispanic Bible Study 7:00 pm @ St. Damian

Saturday, August 5th

Reconciliation 4:15-4:45 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, August 6th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. ANTHONY!!

Vacation Bible School

1:00-4:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym

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.

- **Pre-registration** will be held immediately following each Mass **this weekend, July 29th/30th**. Pre-registration helps us plan the amount of materials needed!
- **Final Meeting** will be on **Monday, July 31st** at 6:30 pm at Netemeyer's Residence (3609 Court Road). Please contact Robbin if you have any questions at 618-772-9346.
- ***Confirmation students*** - VBS is an excellent project for your Confirmation requirements. Please contact Deacon Glenn if you are interested in helping! **(You will need to attend the meeting on July 31st.)**

ATTENTION ALL QUILTERS:

St. Damian received a generous donation of quilting supplies: *unfinished quilt blocks, unfinished quilt tops, thread and a quilt frame*. If you are interested in viewing the supplies, please stop by St. Damian Parish House on Monday after 2:00 pm, Friday morning, or contact Sr. Ellen at 248-5134 to see if she is available.



HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY

Fr. Anthony!!

(August 6th)



VOCATION CORNER:

Every day Jesus asks us, *"Who is the center of your life?"* **Are you living under my rule or under yours?** If we live under our own rule it can move us to ignore our weaknesses as we take all the credit for our goodness. Of course, it is humbling to say, *"Jesus I want you to be the center of my life."* Yet the more we begin each day by praying these words, the more we will find ourselves filled with an incredible peace. We will also find every thought and every action under Jesus' rule so that we can give Him glory. Let us treat Him like the royal Guest that He is and allow Him to guide us in tending His flock towards eternal life. *The Word among us, July 2016, pg.80*

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: July 22nd/23rd, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,360.00 + Loose: \$140.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$242.00 = \$1,742.00
Budget for week: \$2,903.85
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$9,630.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$11,615.40
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 1,985.40)**
Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$151,000.00
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$55,500.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, Cemetery & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: July 23rd, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,171.00 + Loose: \$58.00 = \$1,229.00
Budget for week: \$3,012.02
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$10,009.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$12,048.08
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 2,039.08)**
Fiscal year (7/17-6/18) budget: \$156,625.00
(**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.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 5th, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Ministers of Communion — Nettie Broeckling, Ken & Liz Nussbaumer
Reader — Steve Schomaker
Ushers — Ed Broeckling, **Volunteer**
Servers — Kalie Wellen, Kaitlyn & Coryn Toennies

Sunday, August 6th, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Ministers of Communion — **Vicki Pittman**, Kevin & Kristen Templin, Lynn Athmer
Reader — Lynette Huegen
Ushers — Dave & Kay Langenhorst, Scott & Kyle Athmer
Servers — Ben Morris, Justin Huelsmann, Lydia Engelman
Counters — Lynn Athmer, Kevin Templin, Vicki Pittman

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 6th, 2017 @ 8:30 am

Ministers of Communion — Sharon Kalmer, Pete Toennies, **Kristy Richter**
Reader — Jackie Toennies
Ushers — Bill Jansen, Jerry Arentsen
Servers — Kaylee Netemeyer, Cole & CeCe Toennies
Organist — Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counters — Pete Toennies, Kristy Richter, Tina Tonnies

"FEAST OF ST. BERNARD" RAFFLE:

TICKETS ARE HERE!! 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 on August 20th.** You should have received tickets in the mail; please buy or try to sell the tickets and return **by August 1**. If you are unable to buy or sell the tickets, please return so they can be sold. The parish has a goal of selling 300 tickets and needs your assistance. We can make this a successful fundraiser if everyone helps out. For questions or additional tickets, please call a member of the parish council, finance council or Jeanne. 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. **Currently 105 tickets have been returned, which means we are still in need of 195 tickets to be returned to meet our goal. PLEASE RETURN YOUR TICKETS ASAP!**

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Congratulations to *Prestyn Rann Brandmeyer*, child of Mikaela Brandmeyer; and ***Rowan Michael Goestenkers***, child of Ryan & Ashley

(Trame) Goestenkers, who received the saving waters of baptism on Sunday, July 23rd @ St. Damian Church by Deacon Glenn Netemeyer.

Congratulations to *Carter James Doyal*, child of Horace & Lisa (Wuebbels) Doyal, who received the saving waters of baptism on Sunday, July 23rd @ St. Bernard Church by Fr. Anthony Onyango.

May God watch over and guide them in their journey of life.



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NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS:

- ❖ **73rd Annual Healing & Hope Novena** from **Saturday, July 30th to Sunday August 7th** at 7:30 pm. Each evening of the Novena includes Mass, special music, scripture reflections and prayers for finding healing and hope within life's difficulties. A candlelight rosary procession closes each evening. The Novena is FREE. For more information, call 618-397-6700 ext. 6276 or visit www.snows.org/novena.
- ❖ **What's a New Normal** presented by Karen Tripp on **Saturday, August 5th** from 3:00-4:00 pm in the Guild Center. Struggles bring change whether it is a change we desire or not. It's common to hear people refer to finding a **"new normal"**. But what about the yearning for how things used to be? Or the worry of more struggle, more change? Find guidance from the scriptures on how to build stability and contentment through the storm. Cost is \$10. For more information, call 618-397-6270 or email programs@snows.org.
- ❖ **When Mental Illness Hits Home Conference - "Mental Illness & Addiction"** on **Friday, August 25th** from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Shrine Visitors Center. This unique conference for friends and family members who journey with people with mental illness and for professionals in the mental health field. Cost of \$40 includes lunch; \$20 for IL CEUs, LCPC, LCSW, APN, RN and LPN. For more information, call 618-397-6270 or email jwilliamsons@snows.org.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS! Clinton County is sponsoring a **Photo Contest** that will run from **NOW to September 30, 2017!** The photos will be used on tourism websites, county websites, and promotional material to showcase our area. These photos will also be made available to promote Albers and all the towns in Clinton County. The photography contest webpage is at www.clintoncountyphotocontest.com. Please contact Jay Donnelly, Clinton County GIS Coordinator, if you have any additional questions. Phone: 618-594-0171 / email: gis@clintonco.illinois.gov.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME): *"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart . . ."* Help encourage our own understanding hearts by participating in a WWME weekend. **The next weekend is on August 4th – 6th.** To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Aviston: **Annual Parish Picnic** on **Saturday, August 5th** from 3:30 pm till 12 midnight. Come and enjoy a dinner of *Fried Chicken* served from 3:30-7:30 pm in the air conditioned hall. *Mass* at 4:00 pm. *Quilt Bingo* starts at 6:30 pm. Every game is played for a beautiful quilt. Other attractions are raffles, basket booths, margaritas and more. Additional information offered online at www.stfrancisav.org or call 618-228-7219.

St. Anthony Parish of Lively Grove: **Annual Picnic** on **Saturday, August 5th** on the parish grounds. *Polka Mass* at 4:00 pm & *Traditional Mass* at 6:00 pm; *Chicken Dinner* from 4:00–8:00 pm (rain or shine); *Quilt/Cash Bingo* starting at 6:30 pm; *Music* by Polka Connections; *Concessions*; *Novelties*; & *Prizes*.

St. George Parish, New Baden: **Annual Parish Picnic** is scheduled for **Saturday, August 12th** from 3:00 pm to midnight on the parish grounds. **NEW** this year is the **FREE Children's Bounce Houses** from 7:00-11:00 pm. The returning events are: *Polka Music* at 4:00 pm *Mass*; *Chicken & Roast Pork Dinner* from 3:00–7:00 pm; *Bingo* beginning with *Lightning Round* at 5:45 pm and games at 6:30 pm; *Bags Tournament* at 4:00 pm (registration 3:30 pm); and all other picnic fun filled festival activities. For information or early registration on the *Bags Tournament*, please call/text Kyle Fuehne (Home Scape) at 618-304-6532 or Matt at 618-977-8597. You don't need to be a member of the parish to attend the picnic as all are invited to join in the fun and celebrate summer at St. George Church Annual Parish Picnic.



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>.