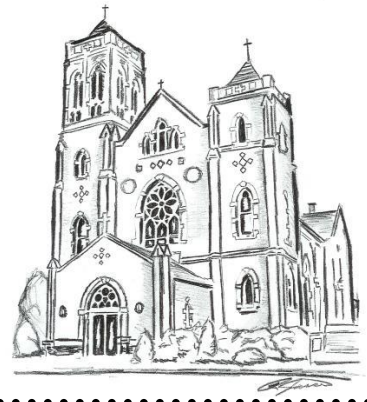


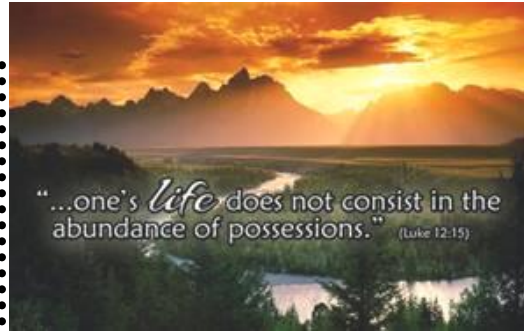


*18th Sunday
In Ordinary Time
July 31st, 2016*



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

MONDAY, AUGUST 1ST

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND

8:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard
For All Cancer Victims

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3RD

8:00 am Mass @ St. Damian
For All Parishioners

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4TH

8:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Delores Netemeyer

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5TH

NO Mass or Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard
Vince & Leona Eileroing

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
Frank Santel

10:00 am @ St. Bernard
Florence Wolters

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian
Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today's readings counsel us not to focus on things of the world. The **1st Reading** calls all such things "*vanities*". In the **2nd Reading**, Saint Paul tells us to think of what is above, for Christ is all in all. The **Gospel** message about possessions isn't new, but it has special meaning for us in our consumer society. Jesus urges us to be rich in "*what matters to God*". Let us try to hear what God is telling us about what really matters. We are challenged to discern whether we have taken off our old selves and put on our new selves in Christ.

"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts."

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Anyone wishing to receive the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* can do so on **Saturdays** between 4:15-4:45 pm. The sacrament will be held at the parish which is having the Mass that month.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Beginning **Monday, August 1st**, the weekday Mass schedule will be as follows:

Monday & Wednesday 8:00 am @ St. Damian;
Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 am @ St. Bernard; &
Friday there will be NO Mass or Prayer Service.
Once the school year begins, the Mass time will be at 7:40 am instead of 8:00 am.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:

Fr. Anthony will bring Communion to the homebound **every 1st Thursday of the month** beginning **Thursday, August 4th**. Deacon Glenn and the Communion Minsters will bring it on **Fridays of the month**, except the 1st Friday.

MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL:

"*Strengthening Sister Parish Relationships in the Year of Mercy*" sponsored by *Missions International* for participating parishes of the Springfield and Belleville Dioceses. Bishop Cabrera of Jalapa from the Jalapa Diocese in Guatemala will be the guest speaker. The conference will be held on **Tuesday, August 9th** from 11:30 am – 3:30 pm @ St. Mary in Trenton. Our hope is that parishes will be able to share both their successes and challenges resulting in opportunities to strengthen their existing relationships. They will be giving away one round trip airline ticket per diocese to be used for a sister parish visit.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

This one-day event "*Surf Shack - Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love*" is scheduled for **Sunday, August 14th** @ St. Damian Gym. St. Bernard students who will be working on Confirmation projects, this is a great way to start your Confirmation year!

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, July 31st

St. Bernard Cantor Practice

After 10:00 am Mass in church

Tuesday, August 2nd

St. Bernard Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm in church

Thursday, August 4th

Communion to Homebound by Fr. Anthony

Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Saturday, August 6th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. ANTHONY!!

Wedding – Jordan Schumacher/Katie Hatfield

3:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Sunday, August 7th

St. Bernard Choir Practice

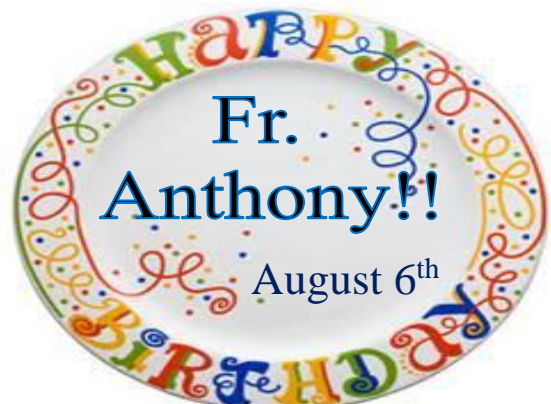
After 10:00 am Mass in church

Catholic Youth Ministry Meeting

6:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym

TEC WEEKEND:

Belleville Diocesan *Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)* is a three day experience in Christian Living. It is designed for high school juniors through adults who are searching for goals, for acceptance, for meaning, for community, for values, for God. The next TEC weekend is **September 3rd-5th, 2016** @ St. Mary in Mt. Vernon. For an application, visit www.bellevilletec.org.



ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: July 23rd/24th, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 1,777.00 + Loose: \$73.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$200.56 = \$2,050.56
Budget for week: \$2,831.73
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$9,241.06
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$11,326.92
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$2,085.86)**
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.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: July 24th, 2016

Envelopes: \$2,753.00 + Loose: \$67.00 = \$2,820.00
Budget for week: \$2,964.43
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$11,043.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$11,857.72
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$814.72)**
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.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 6th, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Steve & Deb Schomaker, Liz Nussbaumer
Reader — Ken Nussbaumer
Ushers — Nick & Kathy Friederich
Servers — Corie Nobis, Rylee Jansen, Kyle Athmer

Sunday, August 7th, 2016 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — *Lynette Huegen*, Dan & Lee Love, Lynn Athmer
Reader — Kevin Templin
Ushers — Dale Holtmann, Tom Rensing, Ron & Geri Norrenberns
Servers — Ryan Gill Ben & Emily Morris
Collection Counters — Lynn Athmer, Kevin Templin, Tom Rensing

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 7th, 2016 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Deb Santel, Erin Korte, Sharon Kalmer
Reader — Beth Brandmeyer
Ushers — Garry Kalmer, Dave Pingsterhaus
Servers — Julia Korte, Lily Toennies, Ben Kassen
Organist — Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counters — Dave Kassen, Kathleen Hodges, Mech Toennies



"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 21st. **Currently 129 tickets have been sold and 171 still needs to be sold in order to reach our goal of 300.** You should have received an envelope with two tickets; please try to sell both and return the money **by August 1**. If you are unable to sell the tickets, be sure to return them in the envelope provided so they can be sold. 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. *Thank you to those who have already purchased tickets!*

DIRECT PAYMENT BY ACH:

Direct Payment by ACH is the transfer of funds from an individual's account for the purpose of making a contribution to St. Bernard Parish. If you are interested in having your contributions done electronically, please fill out the form (located on the website under St. Bernard) with all the required information, sign, date and return to the parish office. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne at 618-979-5933.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE PARISH:

Opportunities exist to assist the parish as **Lectors, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Servers, and Choir Members (Adult & Youth)**. If you haven't been active and wish to be more active, don't be afraid to step forward. New faces are always welcome to participate in these and more ministries in the parish. You are invited to think about how you can be involved in parish life and take a step in that direction by contacting the parish offices at St. Bernard (248-5112) or St. Damian (248-5134).

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.
- ❖ **Christianity in the 4th Century** with Mark Etling, Ph.D. on **Saturday, August 13th** from 10:00 am to 12 noon. Join us as we learn about the momentous changes that occurred in the Church. Some of the most influential thinkers in the history of Christianity came out of this pivotal time in the Church's life. Cost is \$10. For more information, call 618-397-6700 ext. 6270 or visit www.snows.org/programs.
- ❖ **When Mental Illness Hits Home Conference - "Mental Illness & Addiction"** on **Friday, August 26th** from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. 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 5.25 CEUs, LCPC and LCSW. For more information, call 618-397-6700 ext. 6270 or visit www.snow.org/programs.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Belleville TEC & Quest are hosting a **Fellowship Celebration** on **Sunday, July 31st** from 4:00-9:00 pm @ Holy Trinity in Fairview Heights. The evening will consist of *Mass* at 5:00 pm featuring *Oddwalk Ministries* leading the worship. Food will be available for purchase after Mass from a food truck and pizza sold by the slice from 7:00-9:00 pm with a concert by *Oddwalk Ministries*. Weather permitting, the concert will be held outside, so please bring lawn chairs. All are welcome. The concert is FREE. Donation boxes will be available if anyone wishes to give a free-will offering.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Aviston: **Annual Parish Picnic** on **Saturday, August 6th** from 3:30 pm till 12 midnight. Come and enjoy a dinner of *Fried Chicken, Homemade Dressing and all the Trimmings* starting at 3:30 pm in air conditioned comfort. *Mass* at 4:00 pm. *Quilt Bingo* starts at 6:30 pm. Every game is played for a beautiful quilt. New this year is a *Climbing Wall*. Other attractions are raffles, basket booths, margaritas and more. Grounds are handicapped accessible. Additional information offered online at www.stfrancisav.org or call 618-228-7219.

Alzheimer's Benefit: The *Corpus Christi Crusaders* is sponsoring an **Alzheimer's Benefit Concert & Outreach Event** on **Saturday, August 6th** from 7:00-9:00 pm in Corpus Christi Parish Hall – 206 Rasp Street – Shiloh. Tickets are \$20 for a concert by *Todd Pollard* and *The Glen Campbell Musical Revue*, a talk by Carolyn Mers, author of *The Alzheimer's Roller Coaster*, and information tables from resources in the area. Light snacks and drinks will be available too. Tickets will be sold after all Masses through the month of July. Contact Chuck or Cheryl Heimerman at 257-8825 for tickets, reservations or information.

Aviston Countryside Manor: Join us for our **School Supply Giveaway** on **Wednesday, August 10th** from 5:00-6:30 pm. Let us help you with your school supply list! 100% Free.

St. George Parish, New Baden: **Annual Parish Picnic** is scheduled for **Saturday, August 13th, 2016** from 3:00 pm to midnight on the parish grounds. *Polka Mass* at 4:00 pm; *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 3:00 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. 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.

Mindseye: The Virtual Newsstand: If you are interested in the arts or a unique volunteer opportunity, **MindsEye: The Virtual Newsstand** is looking to train **volunteers to be audio descriptors** for visually disabled theater-goers. This project seeks to make the arts more accessible to the visually impaired in our area. American Council for the Blind will provide a **free, three-day Audio Description Training workshop** for volunteers. For more information, contact MindsEye Community Outreach Coordinator, Amelia Christ, at 618-394-6449 or by email at achrist@mindseyeradio.org.