

#### **LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

Today's 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Gospel each feature a wealthy and successful individual. The rich man in Jesus' parable thinks he is all set for life, but he is about to get a most unpleasant surprise. At least the character in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading realizes he can't take it with him, but this doesn't leave him any happier. Saint Paul's words of advice to the Colossians point to an alternative: *"Seek what is above"*. Let us think of how we should do this.

#### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

#### Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

Masses w/Fr. Dennis Voss: 8:30 am @ St. Damian Church 10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church Mass in Spanish 11:00 am @ St. Damian Church **Baptism of Aris Ellen Wilke** 11:00 am @ St. Bernard Church **Baptism of Kennedy Leigh Leonard** 12:00 noon @ St. Bernard Church VBS 1:00-3:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> NO AM Mass – Prayer Service w/Communion 8:00 am @ St. Damian Church North Central Vicariate Catechist Mtg. 10:30 am @ Carlyle Communion Ministers/Lectors Training Mtg. 7:00 pm @ St. George Church Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> – Happy Birthday Fr. Anthony! NO AM Mass – Prayer Service w/Communion 8:00 am @ St. Bernard Church North Central Vicariate Mtg. 12:00-3:00 pm @ Posen St. Bernard Finance Council 6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Meeting Room St. Bernard Parish Council 7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Meeting Room Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> NO AM Mass – Prayer Service w/Communion 8:00 am @ St. Damian Church St. Damian Catechist Mtg. 6:00 pm @ St. Damian Meeting Room Eucharistic Adoration w/ Benediction 7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> NO AM Mass – Prayer Service w/Communion 8:00 am @ St. Bernard Church RCIA Collaborative Mtg. 1:00 pm @ Breese Friday, August 9th Communion to the Homebound Wedding Rehearsal 5:30 pm @ St. Damian Church Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> Travis Albers & Kayly Brandt Wedding w/Fr. Jim Buerster 2:00 pm @ St. Damian Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> Masses: 8:30 am @ St. Damian Church 10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church Mass in Spanish 11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

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

## VOCATION CORNER:

"As a second grader, I began to consider a call to the priesthood by "marrying" my friends on the playground and hearing "confessions" in the bushes. But in high school, my faith began to wane. While in college, I became so tired of being a lukewarm Catholic that I needed something to change....The Lord led me to a classmate who was on fire with her faith and I asked about spiritual practices. She recommended...four things: daily Mass, frequent confession, adoration and serving the poor. I came up with a timeframe for God to change my heart: three months. He did it in one." -- *Fr. Scott Grafton Diocese of Burlington* <u>Columbia Magazine May 2018</u>

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS):

**St. Bernard/St. Damian Vacation Bible School** presents "Jesus Christ ALL-STAR" on **Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00-3:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym. VBS is open to Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. **Registration is easy!** Pick up a form in the back of church or go to the website www.stbernardandstdamian.org under Faith Education and print the form. Send your registration form to Andra Goestenkors - PO Box 446 - Albers, IL 62215; via the collection basket or via email to <u>andra14@hotmail.com</u>. For additional information, please call or text Andra Goestenkors at 618-334-1240.

## Happy Birthday Fr. Anthony!! Tuesday, August 6th Have a nice time away from the parishes!! August 5th-9th

**PARISHES NEEDY FUND COLLECTION:** The second collection taken **next weekend August 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>** assists Albers & Damiansville residents who need assistance paying utility bills, and provides fuel/food for travelers. Please be as generous as possible to assist those less fortunate. Thank you!!

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINSTERS OF THE EUCHARIST & LECTOR TRAINING:**

*Refresher/Active & Initial Extraordinary Lay Ministers Training* is being offered on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm @ St George Church in New Baden. Active Lay Ministers, you are encouraged to attend refresher training (required every three years). Also, if you or if you know of someone who wants to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or a Lector, invite them to attend? The session will be presented by Deacon(s) Glenn Netemeyer and John Fridley. This training is open to all and you will take away a renewed appreciation for this important ministry. This training will satisfy the mandated Diocesan three-year re-certification of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Refresher Training). Please register at saintgfaithformation@gmail.com or call 618-588-4805. Thank you!

## ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

#### CHURCH SUPPORT: July 27th/28th, 2019

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Envelopes: \$3,618.00 + Loose: \$164.00		
+ Mass in Spanish: \$431.00 =	\$4,213.00	
Budget for week:	\$3,038.46	
Fiscal year-to-date collected:	\$12,422.30	
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$12,153.84	
Over (under) year-to-date budget:	(\$ 268.46)	
Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget:	\$158,000.00	
(Reminder: The fiscal year budget <u>does not</u> include the		
\$59,675.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund,		
Cemetery & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is		
needed in order to balance the budget.)		
End of Month Totals:		
Bldg./Maint. Collection: \$152.00		
+ Memorials: \$1,480.00 = \$1,632.00 Total: \$28,594.69		
Sister Parish	\$105.00	

Sister Parish:\$105.00Diocesan Peter's Pence:\$10.00

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

## **ST. DAMIAN CEMETERY**:

**Thank you** to *Steve Horstmann, Keith Korte & Al Varel* for volunteering to serve on *St. Damian Cemetery Committee.* Your time and talent is appreciated.

## ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Weekday of August 5th & 7th, 2019 @ 8:00 am

**Reader** — Sister Ellen Orf **Servers** — Genesis Contreras & Edwin Oros

#### Sunday, August 11th, 2019 @ 8:30 am

- Communion Ministers Sharon Kalmer, Kristy Richter
- Reader Susan Lynch
- Ushers Jerry Innes, Garry Kalmer
- Servers Reid Innes, Lauren & Natalie Lynch
- Organist Chris Brandmeyer
- Counters Kristy Richter, Anita Rakers, Kathleen Hodges

Congratulations to *Patrick Allen Thole & Casey Lynn Etter* who were united in marriage on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> by Deacon Kevin Templin. Best wishes on your new journey!!

## ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

#### CHURCH SUPPORT: July 28th, 2019

Envelopes: \$948.00 + Loose: \$50.00 =	\$998.00	
Budget for week:	\$3,134.14	
Fiscal year-to-date collected:	\$9,497.00	
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$12,536.56	
Over (under) year-to-date budget:	(\$ 3,039.56)	
Fiscal year (7/19-6/20) budget:	\$162,975.00	
(Reminder: The fiscal year budget does not include the		
\$41,250.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies		
Sodality, & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is		
needed in order to balance the budget.)		
End of Month Totals:		
Sister Parish:	\$234.00	
Diocesan Peter's Pence:	\$30.00	

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

#### **"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 18<sup>th</sup>. Please buy or sell the tickets and return by August 1<sup>st</sup>. The parish has a goal of selling 300 tickets and needs your assistance. Currently 210 tickets have been sold with 90 still needed to reach our goal. 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. **Reminder Calls:** If you do not wish to receive a call reminding you to turn in your tickets, please return them as soon as possible. If you wish to purchase ticket(s), please mail your payment with name, address, and phone number to: St. Bernard Parish – 202 N. Broadway-PO Box 10 – Albers, IL 62215. PLEASE RETURN YOUR TICKETS ASAP!

#### **ST. BERNARD FAITH FORMATION:**

**Teachers** for *grades 1, 2, 4 & 5* for the 2019/2020 school year are needed for the Faith Formation Program. If you are interested in helping, please contact Deacon Glenn at 618-772-9343 or email deaconglenn36@gmail.com.

## ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Weekday of August 6th & 8th, 2019 @ 8:00 am **Reader** — Pat Toennies Servers — Ben Morris, Jacob Kehder Saturday, August 10th, 2019 @ 4:00 pm **Communion Ministers** — Ken & Liz Nussbaumer, **Deb Schomaker** Reader — Steve Schomaker Ushers — Ed Broeckling, Volunteer Servers — Coryn & Kaitlyn Toennies, Elliott Rakers Sunday, August 11th, 2019 @ 10:00 am **Communion Ministers** — Roman Kloeckner, Sharon Wuebbels, Cole Schomaker **Reader** — Meg Schiefer Ushers — Ken & Dana Lake, Brian & Brooke Zurliene Servers ---Erin & Jordyn Schiefer, Makenna Lake Counters – Janel Zurliene, Keith Richter, Phyllis Albers

## MATER DEI UNIFORMS:

*Clothing Closet* will be open **Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00-8:00 pm and **Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 am-3:00 pm @ St. Anthony Parish Center in Beckemeyer. The Parish center is located 1 block east of Bartelso Road at Maddux & W. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Uniforms are limited to donations on hand.

Uniform donations are being accepted during these hours also. If you need your donation picked up or need to make other arrangements for drop-off, please contact us at <u>hilmes97@prodigy.net</u> or call / text 817-501-5095.

Uniforms are offered to Mater Dei families at no cost.

Thank you in advance for supporting this very important ministry.



## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS**:

**St. George Parish, New Baden:** Annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 12 midnight on the parish grounds. Polka Music at 4:00 pm Mass; Chicken & Roast Pork Dinner from 3:00–7:00 pm; Lightning Round beginning at 5:45 pm and Quilt/Gift Cards Bingo at 6:30 pm; FREE Children's Bounce Houses from 7:00-11:00 pm and all other picnic fun filled festival activities. 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.

**Zion United Church of Christ, New Baden:** *Quarter Auction* to be held on **Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** @ New Baden American Legion. Doors open at 6:00 pm with auction beginning at 7:00 pm. Over 15 vendors and 100 items!! Bid by the item paddle \$5 each or all in paddles \$25 each. For more information or to reserve a table call 588-4135. *Proceeds to benefit Zion UCC Building Fund*.

<u>St. Augustine Church, Hecker</u>: *Annual Kirchenfest* on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> with *Mass* at 4:00 pm. *Fried Chicken & Pork Sausage Dinner* beginning at 3:00 pm in the AC Hecker Community Center. *Quilt Bingo* starting at 6:30 pm. *Music* provided by "Pick N an Grin N" from 7:00-11:00 pm. If you have questions about the weather affecting any of the activities, call John 618-971-7591 or Denny 618-920-9082.

## National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows: When Mental Illness Hits Home Conference on Friday,

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm will focus on the topic "*Resiliency: Bouncing Forward*". The morning keynote presentation will feature trauma specialist, Dr. Gary Behrmann, PhD, LCSW. The morning and afternoon sessions will be conducted by mental health professionals who will lead discussions on enabling vs. supporting, substance use recovery and suicide prevention. The afternoon general session will feature a performance by Photo voice: "Taking the Steps to Shine", blending photography with personal narratives. Conference cost: \$40 (lunch included); IL CEU cost: \$35. Registration is required. We are offering **4.75 CEU hours** for counselors, social workers and **nurses (APRN, RN, LPN)**. For more information, call 618-394-6281 or go to <u>www.snows.org/help</u>.

Mater Dei Class of 1969: 5<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Jane Zurliene at 618-304-4250.

## **DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE**:

Is seeking a full-time *Administrative Assistant for the Office of Worship* which is part of the Diocesan Pastoral Services. To apply send cover letter with resume and preferred salary range to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 S. 3rd St., Belleville, IL. 62220. FAX to 618-722-5020; email to humanresources@diobelle.org. Application deadline: August 19, 2019.