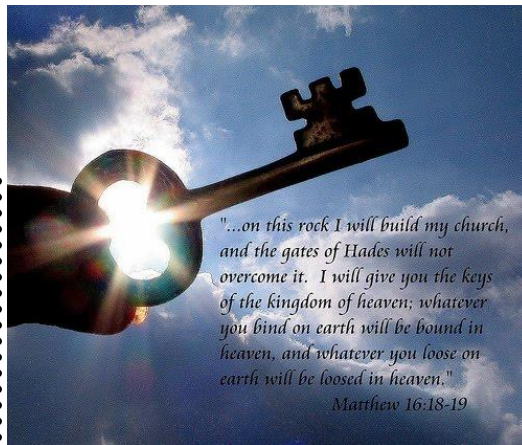




*Twenty-first Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017*



"...on this rock I will build my church,  
and the gates of Hades will not  
overcome it. I will give you the keys  
of the kingdom of heaven; whatever  
you bind on earth will be bound in  
heaven, and whatever you loose on  
earth will be loosed in heaven."  
Matthew 16:18-19

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*Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday*

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Rev. James Jeffrey

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

Cyril, Dorothy, & Marvin Foppe Family

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Louis Korte

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

Dot Timmermann

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

*NO Mass or Service Scheduled*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

*5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian*

50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of

Franny & Helen Billhartz

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

*8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Frank Santel

Vince Arentsen

Bill & Rosie Athmer

*10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

For All Parishioners

*11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Mass in Spanish

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Believing has always carried with it responsibility, and for some, authority. Today's Gospel recounts Jesus bestowing great responsibility and authority upon Peter because of his faith. **This authority is based not on power but on a powerful relationship to Christ.** At its root, this is love, which translates into serving others. All who follow Christ share in the responsibility to love and to serve others. **What is God inviting you to do?**

# "Lord, Your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of Your hands."

### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass 7:45 am @ St. Damian Church*

**Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass 7:45 am @ St. Bernard Church*

**Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass 7:45 am @ St. Damian Church*

*Bible Study*

*7:00 pm @ Deacon Glenn's Residence*

**Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Mass 7:45 am @ St. Bernard Church*

**Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Communion to Homebound*

*Hispanic Bible Study 7:00 pm @ St. Damian*

**Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*English Classes*

*9:00 am @ St. Damian Parish House*

*Reconciliation 4:15-4:45 pm @ St. Damian*

### INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING:

St George Parish is offering an *Initial Child Protection Training* on **Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm @ St. George Community Life Center (CLC). Anyone involved with the Parish School of Religion Program, Children Liturgy of the Word or plan to chaperone students on Church sponsored field trips are required to attend. This one time training is required by the Diocese of Belleville and is offered free of charge. Please contact the parish office, email to [st.bernard@charter.net](mailto:st.bernard@charter.net), or contact Deacon Glenn if you plan to attend to insure sufficient handouts are printed. We look forward to seeing you there.

### FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE:

Recipients of the **2017 Faith in the Marketplace** recognition are: **Kevin Colbert** – St. James, Millstadt; **Don Collier & Belinda Hudson** – St. Mary the Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon; **Brian O'Neill, MD** – St. John the Baptist, Smithton; and **Kevin Templin** – St. Bernard, Albers.

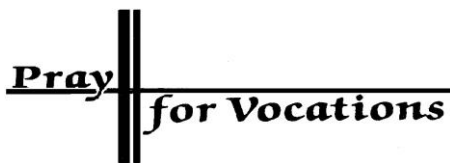
The nominees will be recognized at a special reception and dinner on **Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** @ Bellecourt Manor – 225 East "A" Street – Belleville. Please consider attending this event to honor these people. Cost of dinner: \$30.00 per person. Reservations are required, call 618-722-5045. To place a congratulatory ad in The Messenger, please contact Eric Seiffert at 618-722-5047.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

**RCIA** – *Do you know someone interested in becoming Catholic who is not baptized or was baptized in another Christian Church?* Inquiry Sessions for RCIA will begin the **middle of September**. To register or if you have any questions please contact Deacon Glenn Netemeyer (618) 772-9343 or (618) 248-5134; or email [stdamians@wisperhome.com](mailto:stdamians@wisperhome.com) OR Fr. Anthony Onyango (618) 248-5112 or 424-536-6906; or email [utugo@yahoo.com](mailto:utugo@yahoo.com).

### SCHOOL'S OPEN!

**Reminder!** Residents are reminded to obey cross-walk laws and pay attention to the marked cross-walk area on streets near the school/church. Please yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and bicyclists at the marked crosswalk and keep an eye out for children near the roadways before and after school.



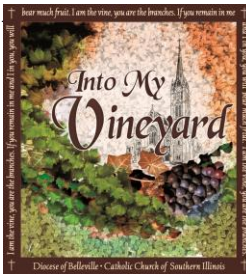
### VOCATION CORNER:

Jesus asks His apostles today about what His vocation is, and they point to Him as Lord. His vocation isn't an occupation. It isn't what keeps Him busy or what He does day-to-day but it's about who He *is*. In the same way we are called, not simply to have careers or to occupy our days, but to be saints in our vocation for others.

### MATER DEI BUILDING TRADES HOME AVAILABLE:

Currently, the 2017-2018 Mater Dei Building Trades home will be built as a spec home. Community members interested in purchasing the house should contact Mr. Dennis Litteken (526-7216) as soon as possible.

## 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>.

## **ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Envelopes: \$1,809.00 + ACH: \$525.00

+ Loose: \$101.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$155.00 =

\$2,590.00

Budget for week: \$2,903.85

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$18,810.47

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$23,230.80

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 4,420.33)**

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!***

### **RAFFLE TICKETS:**

Raffle tickets are available for **"Bob & Nancy Innes Children's Education Fund \$1,000 Cash Raffle"**.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** is \$700; **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** is \$200; and **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** is \$100. Tickets cost: \$10 per ticket; 3 for \$20; 9 for \$50; or 20 for \$100. **Drawing will be held on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**. For questions or to purchase tickets, please call Linda "Whitey" Wobbe at 618-514-9723 or Roger Toennies at 618-792-5364.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

All residents are invited to participate in the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Damiansville Village-Wide Garage Sale** on **Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**. All residents are welcome to start cleaning out closets, garages, and basements and set up sale items in your own garages and driveways. No registration fee required. Contact Geri Varel at 248-5223 if you want your address listed on a hand-out that will be distributed the day of the event. **Everyone is welcome to participate.**

## **ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 @ 5:00 pm**

**Ministers of Communion** — TBA

**Reader** — TBA

**Ushers** — Jerry Innes, Alfred Toennies

**Servers** — Meredith & Reid Innes, Aidan Toennies

**Organist** — Jan Hitch

### **Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 @ 8:30 am**

**Ministers of Communion** — Ken Mank, Alice Toennies, **Kristie Santel**

**Reader** — Denise Luitjohan

**Ushers** — Melvin Toennies, Dan Athmer

**Servers** — Anthony & Kevin Athmer, Cole Arentsen

**Organist** — Jan Hitch

**Collection Counters** — Jan Hitch, Melvin Toennies, Kristy Richter

## **ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: August 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Envelopes: \$1,338.00 + ACH: \$2,205.00 +

Assumption of Mary: \$38.00 + Loose: \$182.00 =

\$3,763.00

Budget for week: \$3,012.02

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$20,282.00

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$24,096.16

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 3,814.16)**

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!***



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**St. Bernard Catholic Church-Albers IL**

## **ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 @ 10:00 am**

**Ministers of Communion** — **Lynn Athmer**, Roman Kloeckner, Sharon Wuebbels, Robbin Netemeyer

**Reader** — Meg Schiefer

**Ushers** — Dave & Ed Wuebbels, Kevin & Kristen Templin

**Servers** — Bradley & Mallory Strubhart, Jacob Kehder

**Counters** — Lynn Athmer, Kevin Templin, Kris Anne Becker



### **“FEAST OF ST. BERNARD” RAFFLE:**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following winners of the “*Feast of St. Bernard*” raffle drawing.

\$5,000 Grand Prize: **Albers 125**; \$1,000 Prize each: **Allen & Sharon Heimann, Jackie Peters, & Gary Strieker.**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who sold and purchased tickets.

### **JOIN ST. BERNARD MIXED CHOIR!**

St. Bernard Mixed Choir will be starting up its **Normal Practice Schedule** for the fall and Christmas Seasons on **Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**. Maybe you always wanted to join but just didn’t think you could. Maybe you need a night away from the Kids, or maybe you just like to sing. All you need to sing in the choir are:

- ♪ Be of High School age or older;
- ♪ A love of praising and worshiping the Lord through singing; and
- ♪ The ability to make most of the night practices and/or Sunday morning Masses when the choir sings.

**That is all!!!** Reading music is a plus but is not necessary. We hope you can join us.

*Joni Kloeckner Music Ministry Coordinator/Organist & Mike Huelsmann Choir Director*

### **ST. BERNARD LADIES SODALITY:**

Will be hosting another **Savers Fund Drive** the week after the town yard sales. We’ll be collecting clothing, shoes, household items, bedding, linens, toys, books, etc. on **Monday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 pm** @ St. Bernard Parking Lot Garage.

### **ST. BERNARD MEN’S CLUB:**

**Wurstmarkt** will be held on **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** from 10:30 am-5:30 pm in the parish center with **Bluegrass Music** at the 10 am Mass.

**Steer Raffle Tickets** have been delivered and can be returned by: ❶ dropping in the collection basket; ❷ mailing to the rectory; or ❸ bringing the day of the Wurstmarkt. If you did not receive tickets or need additional tickets, please contact Rick Albers at 248-6116.

### **KING’S HOUSE RETREAT:**

Get away from it all for a weekend and experience the beautiful surroundings, prayerful environment, delicious food, comfortable room, and insightful presenters @ King’s House in Belleville. Make a retreat with other women from your parish on **September 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact the Parish Captain, Pat Brandmeyer, at 681-541-7772 for more information or to register.

### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:**

**Saint Liborius Parish, Saint Libory: Quilt Bingo** on **Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** starting at 6:30 pm at Saint Libory Schlambachfest @ Wennemann Park.

**Albers American Legion: All You Can Eat Chicken Dinner** on **Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** from 4.00-6:30 pm @ the Legion. Fried chicken, mash potatoes & gravy, green beans, corn, slaw and dessert. Carry outs available. *25% of the profits will be donated to Albers and Damiansville Schools.*

**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](http://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](mailto:gis@clintonco.illinois.gov).

### **TEC (Teens Encounter Christ):**

**Calling all juniors and seniors in high school:** TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekends: **Sept. 2-4, 2017** @ St. Mary Catholic Church in Mt. Vernon, IL, **Jan. 13-15, 2018** @ Immaculate Conception in Columbia, IL, or **Feb. 17-19, 2018** @ Mater Dei High School in Breese, IL. Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a three-day Catholic retreat for the young adults of Southern Illinois. It’s a place for older teens and young adults to reflect-through talks, skits, art, music, sacraments, fellowship and fun-on where they are in life and where they’re going, where God fits in, where their faith is leading them, and how they can live their faith with love, joy and courage. TEC is also open to adult observers (18+). To learn more and/or to apply visit: [www.bellevilletec.org](http://www.bellevilletec.org)