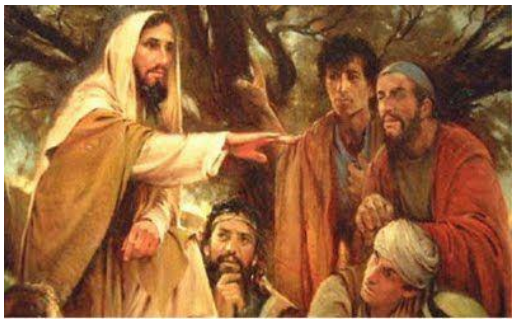
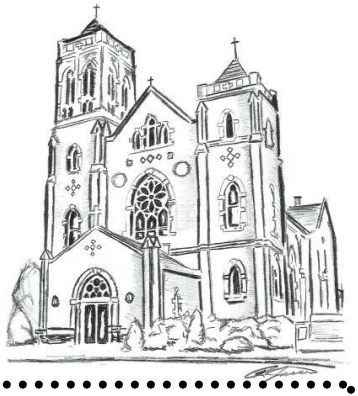
Twenty-second Sunday
In Ordinary Time
August 30, 2020





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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST
NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST
NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND
NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled
Eucharistic Adoration
7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Damian

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD
7:45 AM MASS @ St. Bernard
For a Safe School Year

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH
NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH
Mass in Church & Live Streamed
4:00 pm @ St. Damian
✞ Marvin Rakers
✞ Louis Wobbe

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
Mass in Church & Live Streamed
9:30 am @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners

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!

MASSES are 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today's Readings: *Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27*. When Jeremiah heard the word of the LORD, it burned so fiercely in his heart that he had to proclaim it, even though it brought him derision and reproach. We have the opportunity to hear the word of the Lord every time we celebrate the Eucharist. **Does it burn a fire within our hearts? Does it leave us with no choice but to proclaim it? Does it transform our lives? OR have we forgotten it by the time Mass is over?** Let us open our hearts to the Word of God.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, August 30th
Mass in Church & Live Streamed
9:30 am @ St. Damian Church
Hispanic Mass & Live Streamed
11:00 am @ St. Damian Church
Monday, September 1st
St. Bernard Faith Formation Begins 7:30 am
Wednesday, September 2nd
Eucharistic Adoration
7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Damian Church
Thursday, September 3rd
St. Bernard Faith Formation Mass
7:45 am @ St. Bernard Church
Saturday, September 4th
Mass in Church & Live Streamed
4:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church
Sunday, September 5th
Mass in Church & Live Streamed
9:30 am @ St. Damian Church
Hispanic Mass & Live Streamed
11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

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PRO-LIFE HOUR OF PRAYER:

Clinton County Citizens for Life will hold an hour of prayer on **Thursday, Sept. 10th** from 7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Damian Church. **NO Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 9th.**

"My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord my God."

FAITH FORMATION:

- ***St. Bernard Faith Formation*** will hopefully begin **Monday, August 31st** at 7:30 am at Albers Elementary School. Students will be following the school rules for COVID. Temps will be taken and hands will be sanitized on entering the school. Students will go directly to their rooms and maintain social distancing during the class period. Masks will be worn during the class period as per school and Diocesan rules.
- ***St. Damian Faith Formation*** will be held on **Wednesday evenings** beginning **September 9th** from 6:30-7:30 pm. Due to COVID, Damiansville School District will be starting at 7:30 am.
- ***Teacher & Helpers are needed for both parishes:*** **St. Damian** is in need of one teacher for 5th & 6th grade. **St. Bernard** needs parent helpers and greeters.
- ***Registration forms*** are available on the website under 'Faith Education', click 'Faith Formation' then under your parish name.
- If you are willing to teach a class, be a helper or greeter, or have questions, please contact Deacon Glenn by phone at 772-9343 or email deaconglenn36@gmail.com.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult is a ritual journey for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith community. If you are interested, sessions are scheduled to begin on **Sept. 14th**. Please contact Deacon Glenn at deaconglenn36@gmail.com with questions or for further information.

POSITION(S) AVAILABLE:

The parishes of St. Bernard, Albers & St. Damian, Damiansville are looking for a ***Bookkeeper/Secretary.*** The applicant will work for both St. Bernard & St. Damian Parishes. It is anticipated that these positions will require approximately 15 hours per week at each parish. The primary duties as bookkeeper include: be responsible for entering the contributions, maintaining the church financial records, preparing monthly financial reports to the Finance Council and an annual report to the diocese. As Secretary, he or she will be responsible for answering the phone, checking email, designing the bulletin, entering all Sacraments into the registry book, reporting all burials to the state, scheduling Mass intentions and a ministers list and various other tasks.

The candidate must have computer skills, experience in bookkeeping, know how to work in Microsoft Word and Excel, and be able to work independently as well as with others.

To apply, please send resumé, cover letter with preferred salary range and references to: Fr. Anthony Onyango at St. Bernard Parish, 202 N. Broadway – PO Box 10, Albers, IL 62215-0010.

Application Deadline is September 8, 2020.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: August 23rd, 2020

Loose: $46.00 + Envelopes: $5,970.00
+ Mass in Spanish: $591.00 = $6,607.00
Budget for week: $2,968.56
Fiscal year-to-date collected: $22,557.09
Fiscal year-to-date budget: $23,748.48
Over (under) year-to-date budget: ($ 1,191.39)
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.)

Total Picnic Donations (114): $34,925.00

Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA):
Total: $5,904.00 (37) *Goal: $7,455.00 (190)*

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: August 22nd, 2020

Loose: $169.00 + Envelopes: $335.00
+ Paypal: $20.00 ($.88 Fees) $19.12 = $523.12
Budget for week: $3,007.50
Fiscal year-to-date collected: $20,543.71
Fiscal year-to-date budget: $24,060.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: ($ 3,516.29)
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: $5,460.00 (35) *Goal: $7,967.00 (241)*

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN WORK DAY:

Parish Work Day is scheduled for **Saturday, Sept. 12th** starting with work in the cemetery and (if we have enough workers) redoing the ramp steps of the church. ***All help will be appreciated.***

ST. DAMIAN PARISH PICNIC:

Thank you to all who have donated to the picnic thus far, especially the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of $350. Your support is greatly appreciated. Donations are still being accepted and can be placed in the provided envelope and dropped in the collection basket, mailed to the parish, dropped in the secure lock box on the front porch of the rectory or online banking. This will be the last week you can donate electronically using Venmo@StDamianPicnic. The account will be closed on Friday, Sept. 4th. All donations will be put into the picnic checking account. *– Picnic Committee, the Parish & Finance Councils*

ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY:

Thank you to ***Cathy Fox*** for volunteering to be Vice-President for the *Ladies Sodality*. We are still seeking one woman for the position of ***Secretary***. Please consider taking the position.

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU!!

Congratulations to our St. Bernard 1st Communicants who received *Jesus, the Bread of Life*, for the first time on Saturday, August 22nd:

Giselle Avalos, Wyatt Barger, Kynley Barth, Jacob Cannaday, Maria de Los Angeles Cruz, Tucker Goestenkors, Jaxon Hubert, Colin Pingsterhaus, Kelsie Rolves, Brody Schulte, Westin Schwierjohn, Kinley Toennies, Gavin Wellen, and Aubrey Winterbottom.

Thank you to ***Robbin Netemeyer*** for guiding them in their religion classes, and all parents and godparents for being their very first teachers of the faith. **Thank you** also to ***Joni Kloeckner,*** the organist, and ***Shelly Schuetz,*** the cantor, for providing the music.

Albers American Legion: ***Carryout Only Breakfast*** on **Sunday, August 30th** from 8:00am to 12 noon @ Albers Legion. Menu includes: Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes and Biscuits & Gravy.

Aviston/Albers Cub Scouts Pack 255 are selling ***Popcorn*** beginning **Tuesday, Sept. 1st.** Popcorn sales help the Scouts earn money for summer camp and other fun activities that help them grow into well rounded young men. The Scouts will be going door-to-door soon! If they miss you, please call or text Matt Kohnen at 618-558-8501 to get a Scout to your home at a time that works for you. Online ordering is also available at www.prpopcornstore.com. ***Thank you for supporting Cub Scout Pack 255!!***

Village Of Damiansville: Organizers are trying to determine if the ***Annual Damiansville Village-Wide Garage Sale*** will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 10th** or if the event will be cancelled. If any residents are interested in participating in the annual village-wide garage sale at your own homes & driveways on Oct. 10th, please contact Geri Varel at 248-5223 **before Sept. 5th**. If there is a lack of participants, the village-wide event will be cancelled for 2020. Please contact Geri if you would like to participate and see the event to go on as usual.

VOCATION CORNER:

"I was born in a small town in Michoacan, Mexico. My mother, a woman of great faith, instilled in me and my five siblings trust in God and kindness toward others. When I turned 15, my family moved to California. It was difficult to leave home, but I soon got used to the new school, friends, and culture. One afternoon, I accompanied a friend to church, more out of duty than desire, and Jesus reminded me that I had been waiting for me. I realized how much I had been moving away from him, how much I needed him, and I went to confession. I later encountered the Servants of Mary, Ministers of the Sick, who were visiting the parish. I began to discern, and after high school, I entered my postulancy. I am now a professed junior sister.

Sister Maritza Madrigal; Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick; New York City; Columbia Magazine, June 2020

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 Minster 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.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS):

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