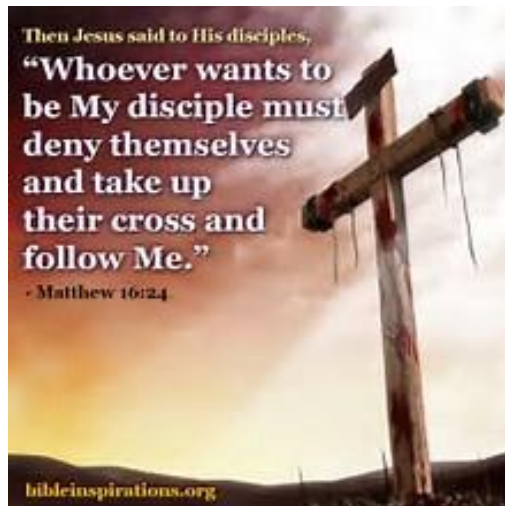
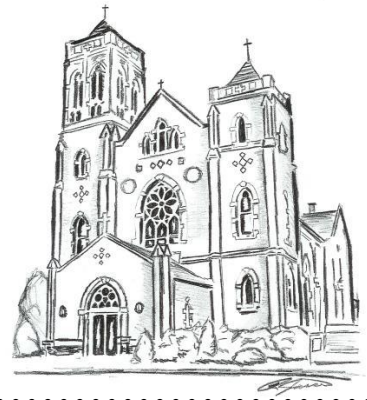




*Twenty-second Sunday
In Ordinary Time
September 3rd, 2017*



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*Monday & Tuesday (OFF) September 4th & 5th;
Wednesday (8 am-5 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian;
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, SEPTEMBER 4TH

8:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Laborers

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Dennis Gerling Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

Bob Innes

For all ALS Sufferers

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Memorial Donors

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

NO Mass or Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

Judy Athmer

Edward & Marie Eilering

Marian Sudholt

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Lindy, Lynn & Irene Horstmann

Louis Korte

Bob Innes

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 are for those who may have assumed that responding to God's call would be easy. In the 1st Reading, Jeremiah shows us what it means to truly belong to God. He cannot suppress the message that God has planted within him. **Is this a warning of what is to come if we follow Christ, or merely a tip-off that commitment always contains the unknown?** However we view it, we can take comfort in knowing that we are in very good company and that God is with us. Listen for the message God has planted within you.

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

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Monday, September 4th

HAVE A SAFE LABOR DAY!!

NO SCHOOL – OFFICE CLOSED

Mass 8:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Tuesday, September 5th

JEANNE OFF

Wednesday, September 6th

Bible Study

7:00 pm @ Deacon Glenn's Residence

Thursday, September 7th

Communion to Homebound by Fr. Anthony

St. Bernard Choir Practice 7:00 pm @ Church

Child Protection Training

7:00 pm @ CLC, New Baden

Friday, September 8th

Hispanic Bible Study 7:00 pm @ St. Damian

Saturday, September 9th

English Classes

9:00 am @ St. Damian Parish House

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

Faith in the Marketplace – Kevin Templin

SECOND COLLECTION:

The second collection taken the **weekend of September 9th/10th**, will go to support the relief efforts of ***Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana***. The funds collected in this one-time special appeal will be used to support the efforts of ***Catholic Charities USA***, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church. They respond to immediate emergency needs for necessities such as water, food, shelter, and medical care as well as to the long term needs to rebuild and recover after widespread destruction, and of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction aid to the Church.

INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING:

St George Parish is offering an ***Initial Child Protection Training*** on **Thursday, September 7th** 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, 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 9th** @ 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA):

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 OR Fr. Anthony Onyango (618) 248-5112 or 424-536-6906; or email utugo@yahoo.com.

VOCATION CORNER:

Today we are called to deny ourselves and follow after Jesus. We're told that the measure of obtaining the entire world is nothing compared to our immortal soul. That's exactly where vocation comes in because a vocation is always drawing us to the service of others and isn't looking for our own reward. It's through our vocation that we deny ourselves and at the same time find our deepest fulfillment and identity in Christ.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: August 27th, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,543.00 + Loose: \$71.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$285.00 = \$1,899.00
Budget for week: \$2,903.85
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$20,709.47
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$26,134.65
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 5,425.18)**
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.)

End of Month Totals:

Bldg./Maint. Collection: \$227.00 **Total: \$20,941.99**
Sister Parish: \$150.00

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**".
1st Prize is \$700; **2nd Prize** is \$200; and **3rd 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 1st.** For questions or to purchase tickets, please call Linda "Whitey" Wobbe at 618-514-9723 or Roger Toennies at 618-792-5364.

YOUTH CHOIR NEWS:

Mark your calendars! Come join us at our **First Youth Choir Practice** on **Sunday, Oct 8th** at 9:30 am @ St. Damian Church. We will be learning some new service music and practicing music for Advent & the Christmas season. All Youth in Grades 4-12, college age, and young adults are welcome to participate. If parents have any questions about Youth Choir or if a child needs a ride to/from Sunday morning practices, please contact Jackie Toennies at 335-9562 or Geri Varel at 248-5223. We look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces on Oct 8! New voices are always welcome!

SAVE THE DATE!

All residents are invited to participate in the **3rd Annual Damiansville Village-Wide Garage Sale** on **Saturday, October 14th**. 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.

LABOR DAY

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 9th, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Ministers of Communion — Chris & Beth
Brandmeyer, Elaine Williamson

Reader — Kathleen Hodges

Ushers — Ed & Sandy Kramer

Servers — Abby Harpstrite, Adam & Kevin
Heimann

Organist — Geri Varel

Sunday, September 10th, 2017 @ 8:30 am

Ministers of Communion — Arlene Korte, Erin
Korte, *Sharon Kalmer*

Reader — Rosann Horstmann

Ushers — Norm Horstmann, Garry Kalmer

Servers — Trent & Julia Korte, Ben Kassen

Organist — Geri Varel

Collection Counters — Mech Toennies, Anita
Rakers, Dave Kassen

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: August 26th/27th, 2017

Envelopes: \$2,006.75 + Loose: \$79.00 = \$2,085.75
Budget for week: \$3,012.02
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$22,367.75
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$27,108.18
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 4,740.43)**
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.)

End of Month Totals:

Sister Parish: \$307.00
Retired Diocesan Priest: \$25.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!



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ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 10th, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Ministers of Communion — *Meg Schiefer*, Cole
Schomaker, Ray Gill, Michelle Kennedy

Reader — Jackie Peters

Ushers — Dave & Kay Langenhorst, Tim & Matthew
Schroeder

Servers — Elizabeth Schoroeder, Ryan Gill, Sophia
Kennett

Counters — Tim Schroeder, Keith Richter, Phyllis
Albers

Children's Liturgy — Meg & Erin Schiefer

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY JACK!

Jack Schaefer is celebrating his **100th birthday** in September 2017! If you wish to send cards and good wishes, please send to: Jack Schaefer, c/o Villas of St. James - Apt. #2, 14335 Jamestown Road – Breese, IL 62230-3681.

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 7th**. 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. 11th through Thursday, Sept. 14th from 6:00-7:30 pm** @ St. Bernard Parking Lot Garage.

ST. BERNARD MEN'S CLUB:

Wurstmarkt will be held on **Sunday, October 15th** 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.

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.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

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

Albers American Legion: *All You Can Eat Chicken Dinner* on **Saturday, September 9th** 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.

St. Joseph Church, Freeburg: *Fish Fry* from 4:00-7:00 pm scheduled for **Friday, September 8th**. *Parish Picnic* is **Saturday, September 9th** with Mass at 4:00 pm; *Chicken Dinner* from 4:00–7:00 pm with carry outs available; *Quilt/Cash Bingo* starts at 6:00 pm; *Music* by “Hill Williams Band” from 7:30-11:30 pm; *Games* and more.

Breese American Legion: *Fried Chicken & Baked Turkey Dinner* on **Sunday, September 10th** from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm @ the legion. *Fried Chicken, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, & homemade desserts.* Adults: \$10, Children 6-10: \$5, Under 6: Free.

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.

KING'S HOUSE RETREAT:

Are you over-due for a relaxing weekend of peace, quiet, great food, and spiritual nourishment? Take some time away and join your friends for a women's retreat on **September 26th-28th** @ King's House in Belleville. Please contact the Parish Captain, Pat Brandmeyer, at 681-541-7772 for more information or to register.