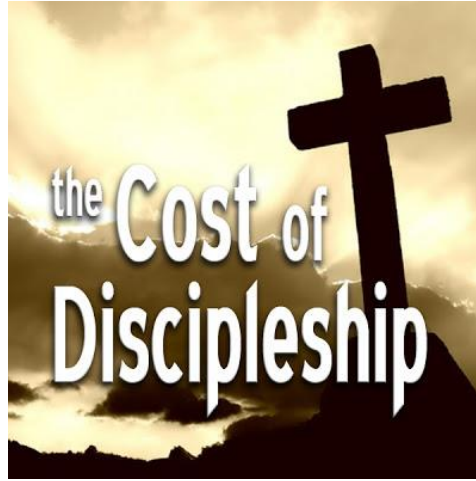
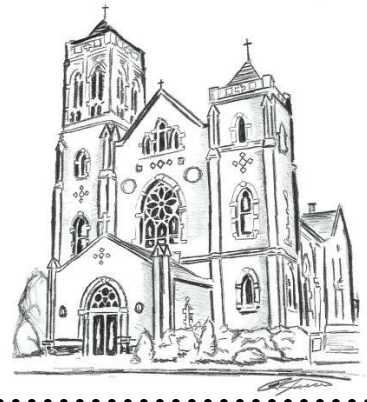




*23rd Sunday
In Ordinary Time
September 4th, 2016*



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH
8:00 am Mass @ St. Damian
For All Parishioners

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Bernadine Frankovich

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH
7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
Lindy, Lynn & Irene Horstmann

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH
7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Martin & Leona Toennies

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH
NO Mass or Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian
Judy Athmer
Marie Eilering

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
Rose Kalmer

10:00 am @ St. Bernard
Linus Meier
Robert Horry
Irene Strieker

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Being a disciple is not for the faint of heart or half-committed. Today's 1st Reading asks who can know God's counsel or discern what the Lord intends. **Who can comprehend this created world?** But God's Holy Spirit gives wisdom, which we will need to help us understand what Jesus is asking us to do. Jesus is clear about requiring detachment – from people and things. The Gospel makes clear what the demands are. It's up to us to search our own hearts honestly and trust that we will not be left to walk the path alone. **Let us pray for the wisdom and the will to act on it.**

"In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge."

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION:

- † **Confirmation Parent Meeting** – ALL 7th-8th grade Faith Formation students & parents are invited to a Confirmation parent meeting on **Sunday, September 11th** immediately following the 10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard Parish Center. We will be reviewing Confirmation requirements and discussing the upcoming year.
- † **Catechetical Sunday** will be celebrated on **Sunday, September 18th**. All *Faith Formation Catechists, Children's Liturgy Leaders/Shepherds, Sunday School Teachers,* and *Volunteers* please plan to attend Mass to be recognized for your service and receive a blessing. **St. Damian** 8:30 am Mass & **St. Bernard** 10:00 am Mass
- † **New Student Parent Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, September 18th** for parents whose children are entering the Faith Formation Program for the first time. **St. Damian** will be held immediately following the 8:30 am Mass; & **St. Bernard** immediately following the 10:00 am Mass. If you are new to the program and unable to attend the meeting, please contact Deacon Glenn at (618) 772-9343 or email stdamians@wisperhome.com.

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.



Congratulations to Emily Margaret Jansen, child of William & Jacqueline (Butler) Jansen, who received the saving waters of baptism on Sunday, August 28th @ St. Damian Church. May God watch over and guide them in their journey of life.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Monday, September 5th

Labor Day – NO School/Offices Closed
Mass 8:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Friday, September 9th

Communion to Homebound

Knights of Columbus Intellectual Difficulties Drive

Saturday, September 10th

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Knights of Columbus Intellectual Difficulties Drive

Sunday, September 11th

Knights of Columbus Intellectual Difficulties Drive

Confirmation Parent Meeting

After 10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard Parish Center

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

- Albers/Damiansville Knights of Columbus Council #9768 will hold their **Annual Tootsie Roll Drive** on **Friday, September 9th through Sunday, September 11th**. They will be collecting at the 4-way intersection in Albers and also before all Masses Saturday & Sunday @ St. Bernard & St. Damian Churches. *All proceeds will be used for people with intellectual difficulties.*
- **Parishes Needy Fund (Second) Collection** will be held **next weekend, September 10th/11th**. This collection will be used to assist *Catholic Charities USA* for those affected by the **Flooding in Louisiana**. Whether your donation is large or small, please keep them in your prayers to sustain them in the difficult days ahead.
- **Retired Diocesan Priests Collection** will be held on the **weekend of September 17th/18th** to provide the resources needed for their care now and in the future. *All monies collected will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescriptions for our retired diocesan priests.* Your gift is a wonderful way to show your gratitude to the priests who have and continue to serve us so faithfully. Envelopes are provided in your envelope packet.

Please be as generous as possible to these special collections. Thank you!

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: August 28th, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 1,683.00 + Loose: \$164.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$214.00 = \$2,061.00
Budget for week: \$2,831.73
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$19,715.06
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$25,485.57
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$5,770.51)**
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.)

End of Month Totals:

Bldg./Maint. Collection: \$434.00 **Total: \$15,648.71**
Sister Parish: \$245.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

SAVE THE DATE!

Damiansville residents are invited to participate in the **2nd Annual Damiansville Village-Wide Garage Sale** on **Saturday Oct 8, 2016**. The 1-day event will be advertised in the local newspapers. All residents are welcome to spread the word, display their own signs, and advertise at your respective places of work. No registration required. Contact Geri Varel at 248-5223 for additional info.

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 10th, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Chris & Beth Brandmeyer, Elaine Williamson

Reader — Darlene Toennies

Ushers — Jerry Innes, Franny Billhartz

Servers — Adam, Anna & Kevin Heimann

Organist — Geri Varel

Sunday, September 11th, 2016 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Sharon Kalmer, Laura Dulle, *Deb Santel*

Reader — Rosann Horstmann

Ushers — Ron & Jared Horstmann

Servers — Anthony, Kevin & William Athmer

Organist — Geri Varel

Collection Counters — Geri Varel, Kathleen Hodges, **Volunteer**

Children's Liturgy — Jackie Toennies, Abby Wegmann

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: August 27th/28th, 2016

Envelopes: \$1,475.00 + Loose: \$42.00 = \$1,517.00
Budget for week: \$2,964.43
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$22,434.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$26,679.87
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$4,245.87)**
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.)

End of Month Totals:

Sister Parish: \$317.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

THANK YOU:

St. Bernard Parish is grateful to: **Roman Kloeckner** and **Pat & Leo Litteken** who donated the new chair lift to the choir loft in honor of "Doris Kloeckner & Glen Litteken". In addition, Linus & Bernadine Meier made a substantial donation to be used on a future project. **Thank you for your generous support.**

ST. BERNARD MEN'S CLUB:

Wurstmarkt will be held on **Sunday, October 16th** 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 248-5496.



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ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 11th, 2016 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — **Michelle Kennedy**, Lynette Huegen, Lynn Athmer, Robbin Netemeyer

Reader — Sean Kennedy

Ushers — John, Linda, & Michael Majchrzak, Kurt Rickhoff

Servers — Abigail Crosby, Jacob & Mallory Toennies

Collection Counters — Lynn Athmer, Sean Kennedy, John Majchrzak

Children's Liturgy — Amy Reynolds, Nolan Winkler



DAMIANSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

- *Quarterly Meeting* on **Thursday, September 8th** at 7:30 pm @ the park.
- Is hosting the **6th Annual Clinton County BBQ Championship** with **5K Beer Dash** on **Saturday, September 24th** @ Damiansville Park. For more information on the **5K Dash**, please contact Denise Haselhorst at 920-2374 or Kelly Hollenkamp 910-4543. For information on the **BBQ Championship** or to enter a team, email Steve Fuehne at sfuehne@4thebank.com. **The entry deadline is September 10th.**

MATER DEI INFORMATION:

- ❖ *Have a Future Mater Dei Knight? Join Junior Knights Today!* Children (ages 0 – 8th grade) are invited to join **Junior Knights** and enjoy events with current and future Mater Dei Knights. Members also receive a shirt and activities pass. Visit www.materdeiknights.org to download the “Welcome Letter” and registration form, which is **due September 9th** in order to guarantee a shirt by the first event (**September 19th**).
- ❖ *Building Trades Home Available:* Currently, the 2016-2017 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:

St. Joseph Church, Freeburg: *Fish Fry* from 4:00-7:00 pm & *Live Music* by “Turnpike Cruiser” from 7:00-10:00 pm scheduled for **Friday, September 9th**. *Parish Picnic* is **Saturday, September 10th** with *Mass* at 4:00 pm; *Chicken Dinner* from 4:00–7:00 pm with carry outs available; *Quilt/Cash Bingo* starts at 6:30 pm; *Music* by “The Better Class of Losers Band” from 7:30-11:30 pm; *Games* and more.

Village Of Albers: *Village-Wide Garage Sales* on **Saturday, September 10th** from 7:00 am – 2:00 pm. Over 25 sales in town! Hope you can join us to locate everything you have been looking for! Any questions call 618-248-5154.

Run For Luke: 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run to be held on **Saturday, September 10th** @ Southside Park in Breese. Registration starts at 4:30 pm with 1-Mile fun run at 6:00 pm & 5K at 6:30 pm. Prizes awarded to top 3 runners, female and male, in each age group. Artie cups awarded to top female/male runners overall. Luke Korte was a 16-old avid cross country runner whose life was cut short when he succumbed to injuries he received in an auto accident. Luke is the son of Rich & Lisa (Richter) Korte of Breese. *Funds generated by this event will be used to establish an ongoing scholarship in Luke’s memory.*

St. Jerome Church, Troy: *Buffet Style Chicken Dinner* to be held **Sunday, September 11th** from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. *Chicken, mashed potatoes, slaw, green beans, dessert, & drinks.* Carry outs available. Adults: \$10, Children: \$5, Under 6: Free. Also a **Quilt & Cash Raffle**.

St. James Parish, Millstadt: *Quilt & Cash Social* on **Sunday, September 11th** at 1:00 pm. Come Early – Doors open at 10:30 am with *Fried Chicken Dinner & Refreshments* available. Donate one canned good item and receive one free card per tally. Bring your own covers. Hope to see you!!

Retrouvaille of St. Louis ...A Lifeline for Married Couples: YOU Can Help Your Marriage – 25% of surveyed couples say they are “Happily Married”. For everyone else there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with each other? Are you constantly fighting? Or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse? For information on the Retrouvaille Program, visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. **The next Program begins the weekend of September 16th-18th, 2016.**

Albers American Legion: *All-You-Can-Eat Chicken Dinner* on **Saturday, September 17th** from 3:30 to 7:00 pm @ the legion. Fried chicken, mash potatoes & gravy, green beans, corn, slaw and dessert with carry outs available. Adults \$8; Children ages 6-12 \$4; under 6 free (dine in only). *25% of the profits will be donated to Albers & Damiansville Schools.*

King’s House Retreat & Renewal Center: *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 27th-29th**@ King’s House in Belleville, just 15 minutes from St. Louis. Contact the Parish Captain, Pat Brandmeyer, at (618) 248-5266 for further information or to register.