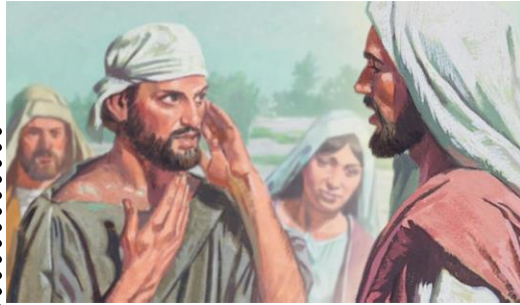
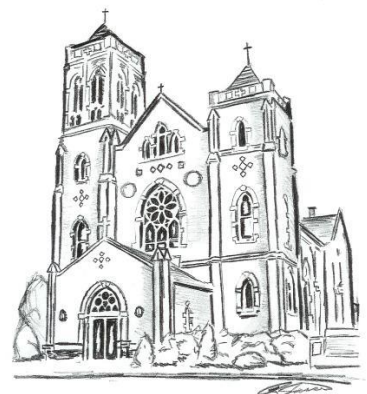




*Twenty-Third Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018*



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St. Bernard Catholic Church-Albers

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Damian  
Ron & Florence Arentsen

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Bernard  
For All Confirmation Students

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Damian  
St. Damian 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sacramental Students

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Bernard  
St. Bernard 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sacramental Students

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**

NO Mass/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian  
Clarence & Rita Netemeyer  
Ted Vosholler

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian  
Rosie Kalmer  
Lindy, Irene & Lynn Horstmann  
Alvin Toennies  
10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard  
For All Parishioners  
11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian  
Mass in Spanish

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Isaiah wrote of the transformative power of God. God will open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf. God will allow the lame to dance and the mute to sing. God will remake the world as well, bringing life-giving water to the barren desert. In the Gospel, Jesus displays this transformative power and tender mercy in His healing of a deaf man. The witnesses to this act cannot help but proclaim Christ's power and compassion.

## HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

### **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

#### *Sunday Masses:*

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

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

### **Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

#### *Fr. Anthony Leaves for Convocation*

#### *NO Mass – Prayer Service w/Communion*

7:45 am @ St. Damian Church

*Citizen Class* 4:00 pm @ St. Damian House

*English Class* 5:00 & 6:00 pm @ St. Damian House

#### *Sts. Damian/Cosmos Planning Mtg.*

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Mtg. Room

### **Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

#### *NO Mass – Prayer Service w/Communion*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard Church

#### *Knights of Columbus Mtg.*

7:30 pm @ Albers Jaycee Hall.

### **Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

#### *NO Mass – Prayer Service w/Communion*

7:45 am @ St. Damian Church

### **Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

#### *NO Mass – Prayer Service w/Communion*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard Church

#### *Fr. Anthony Returns from Convocation*

#### *St. Bernard Choir Practice*

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

### **Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

#### *Communion to the Homebound*

*Hispanic Rosary* 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

### **Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass* 4:00 pm @ St. Damian

### **Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

#### *Catechetical Sunday Masses w/Blessing:*

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

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

## "Praise the Lord, my soul!"

### FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION:

*Catechetical Sunday* will be celebrated on **Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### 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 on **Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm @ St. Dominic Annex, Breese. 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 618-402-8258; or email [utugo@yahoo.com](mailto:utugo@yahoo.com).

### VOCATION CORNER:

"There can be no promotion of vocations or Christian mission apart from constant contemplative prayer. The Christian life needs to be nourished by attentive listening to God's word and, above all, by the cultivation of a personal relationship with the Lord in Eucharistic adoration, the privileged "place" for our encounter with God... Mary Most Holy, the Mother of our Savior, had the courage to embrace this ideal, placing her youth and her enthusiasm in God's hands. Through her intercession, may we be granted that same openness of heart, that same readiness to respond, "Here I am", to the Lord's call, and that same joy in setting out (cf. *Luke* 1:39), like her, to proclaim Him to the whole world."

– Pope Francis, November 26, 2016

## IS IT TIME FOR A REBOOT?

Let internationally-renowned speaker and author *Chris Stefanick*, along with top-performing live music artists, help you REDISCOVER God and REDISCOVER the life you were made for on **October 24<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00-9:30 pm @ Mascoutah High School. REBOOT! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all (ages 12 and up), of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! It's time to start living the Life you were made for. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased from Deacon Kevin and Kristen Templin or online at [reallifecatholic.com](http://reallifecatholic.com).

## ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Envelopes: \$2,040.00 + ACH: \$1,165.00+ Loose: \$82.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$442.00 = \$3,729.00  
Budget for week: \$3,038.46  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$25,989.31  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$30,384.60  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 4,395.29)  
Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$158,000.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$56,550.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, Cemetery & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

*Thank you for your faithful and generous support!*

### ST. DAMIAN QUILT COMMITTEE:

September Quilt Winner: Kathy Garcia, Highland

### STS. DAMIAN/COSMOS CELEBRATION:

- † **Planning Meeting** on **Monday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Mtg. Room.
- † This year the people of St. Damian will gather for a **Bilingual Mass** (music and scriptures) on **Sunday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 11:00 am (there **will be** a 8:30 am Mass that day). Celebrate with food and games will follow in St. Damian Gym. The meal will be potluck so everyone is invited to come and bring something to share. By last names **A-D:** dessert; **E-M:** salad or vegetable; **N-R:** drinks; **S-Z:** paper products.
- † **Youth & Adult Choir** are invited to participate in the Feast Day celebration. Please join us if you are able.

### ST. DAMIAN CHOIR NEWS:

- ♪ **Adult Choir** will begin regular practices on **Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm in church. Any new members are greatly welcome to attend. Practices typically last about one hour. Please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 792-2676 if you have any questions.
- ♪ **First Youth Choir Practice** on **Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 am @ St. Damian Church. We will be practicing music for *Advent & Christmas season*. All Youth in Grades 4-12, college age, and young adults are welcome to participate. If parents have any questions about 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. New voices and faces are always welcome!

## SAVE YOUR CAPS & LIDS:

**St. Damian Faith Formation students & Damiansville Elementary** will be **Collecting Caps and Lids** for a bench for the school playground. An 8' bench with a back needs 250 lbs. of caps and lids (approx. 7-55 gallon garbage bags) along with \$300. We will be doing a fundraiser for this at some point. You can send your caps and lids to school, or drop them off in the container in the back of St. Damian Church. Additional drop off sites may be added later. Our progress will be posted in the monthly newsletter! Acceptable caps and lids information sheets are available in church. You can also check out the website [www.greentreeplastics.com](http://www.greentreeplastics.com). If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Kalmer at 420-3120.

## ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

**Communion Ministers** — Mech Toennies, Beth Brandmeyer, Elaine Williamson  
**Reader** — Anita Rakers  
**Ushers** — Marvin Rakers, Delmar Santel  
**Servers** — Ethan & Kaylee Korte, Abby Harpstrite  
**Organist** — Chris Brandmeyer

### Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 8:30 am

**Communion Ministers** — Sharon Kalmer, Diana Jansen, **Arlene Korte**  
**Reader** — Mason Schrage  
**Ushers** — Jerome Kalmer, Jared Horstmann  
**Servers** — Kaylee & Gavin Netemeyer, Evelyn Fuehne  
**Organist** — Chris Brandmeyer  
**Counters** — Kathleen Hodges, Pete Toennies, Bob Hitpas  
**Children's Liturgy** — Gwen Toennies, Julia Korte

## ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,055.00 + ACH: \$1,735.00  
+ Loose: \$47.00 = \$2,837.00  
Budget for week: \$3,124.52  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$27,046.00  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$31,245.20  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 4,199.20)  
Fiscal year (7/17-6/18) budget: \$162,475.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$33,000.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies Sodality, Capital Fund, Cemetery & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

**Total Church Steeple Repairs: \$6,975.00**

*Thank you for your faithful and generous support!*



### ST. BERNARD MEN'S CLUB:

- ❖ *Wurstmarkt* will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>** from 10:30 am-5:30 pm in the parish center.
- ❖ *Grandparent & godparent blessing* with *Bluegrass Music* at the 10 am Mass in St. Bernard Church.
- ❖ *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 Rich Albers at 248-6116.

### SPECIAL THANK YOU:

Thank you to **Joe & Trevor Kehr** for their donation of the new robber roofs in the gutters and valley's on the church steeple. Their generosity saved the parish \$5,000.00 or more. Also, **thanks** to **John Nast & Marco** for their donation of labor for installing.

### ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 10:00 am**

**Communion Ministers** — Meg Schiefer, Lynn Athmer, Cole Schomaker

**Reader** — Ray Gill

**Ushers** — Ed & Sharon Wuebbels, Dave Wuebbels, Dave Langenhorst

**Servers** — Erin & Jordyn Schiefer, Jacob Kehder

**Counters** — Lynn Athmer, James Williams, Phyllis Albers

**Children's Liturgy** — Karen Schroeder

### THANK YOU:

**THANK YOU** to everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flower arrangements, and etc. Your generosity, support, and thoughtfulness is truly appreciated. — *Ted Vosholler Family*

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

The *Albers/Daminnville Knights of Columbus Council 9768* will have their *Annual Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive* (Tootsie Roll Drive) **next weekend, Sept 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>**. They will be collecting at the four way stop in Albers and also before mass at both parishes. Please be as generous possible as this is a very note worthy cause. **Thanks Council 9768.**

### PARISHES NEEDY FUND COLLECTION:

The second collection taken **this weekend, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>** will be used for those less fortunate within our communities. This collection assists residents within Albers & Damiansville who need help paying rent, utility bills, and provides fuel/food for travelers. **Please be as generous as possible.**

### COMMUNITY CONCERNS/HAPPENINGS:

**Breese American Legion: Fried Chicken Dinner** on **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm @ the legion. *Fried Chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, slaw & homemade desserts.* Adults: \$10, Children 6-12: \$5, Under 6: Free. Carry outs available.

**Corpus Christi Church Ladies Club, Shiloh: Rummage Sale** @ Corpus Christi Church Parish Center. Pre-Sale on **Friday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00-8:00 pm with \$3.00 admission. General public on **Saturday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you have any questions and/or interested in donating, contact the parish office 632-7614.

**St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor® Walk:** Join us for the *Annual Walk* on **Saturday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>** @ National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Register and Walk anytime between 8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon concluding with prayer service and free hot dog lunch. *100% of funds raised go directly to serve the poor!* Walkers and Walk Sponsors Needed Now! For additional information call 618-394-0126.

**HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese:** Pre-registration for the *2018 Spring Health Fair* is now open! It's a great time to keep your health in check with lab tests and health screenings. Health Fairs are on the following Wednesdays from 6 – 10am: **September 19<sup>th</sup>** @ Carlyle KC Hall; **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** @ Trenton First United Methodist Church; **October 17<sup>th</sup>** @ Germantown Legion. Forms are available at the hospital's front desk, the HealthPlex, local doctors' offices, local libraries and on the hospital's web site: [stjoebreese.com/healthfairs](http://stjoebreese.com/healthfairs). For more information contact Judy at 618-526-5351.

**Aging Grace-Fully: Learning To Understand:** **Dr. Gary Behrman and the Diocesan Ministry to Sick & Aged** will give a presentation on "*Aging Grace-fully*" from 10:00 am till 12 noon on **Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** @ St. George Communion Life Center. Aging is a process that involves many stages and we overlook and do not notice how these stages change us emotionally, socially, and spiritually. Too often all of the focus is on the physical changes occurring. This is especially true between middle age and the end of life. Admission is FREE, but please RSVP at 618-235-9991, 618-588-4323, or [gneff@diobelle.org](mailto:gneff@diobelle.org).