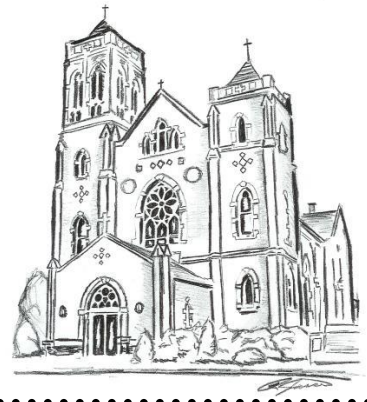


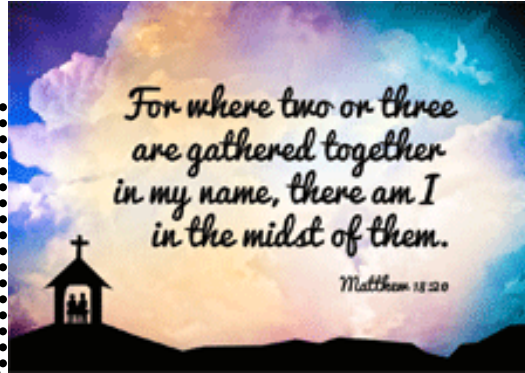


*Twenty-third Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017*



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*Monday* (8 am-5 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian;  
*Tuesday, Wednesday, & 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 11<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Damian*  
For the Sick of St. Damian Parish

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

*7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Bernard*  
For the Sick of St. Bernard Parish

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

*7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Damian*  
St. Damian Faith Formation Program

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

*7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Bernard*  
St. Bernard Faith Formation Program

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

*NO Mass or Service Scheduled*

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

*5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian*  
Clarence & Rita Netemeyer  
Vince & Marcella Ortmann  
Alvin Toennies

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

*8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian*  
For All Parishioners

*10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

Doris Kloeckner  
Linus Meier  
Ray & Alice Book

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Conflicts are often hard to resolve and can be even more challenging in the church. The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Gospel today give us a model to follow when differences arise among us. The way to follow this model is to love one another, as Paul exhorts us to do in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Yet listen for Jesus' advice for how to deal with someone who is uncompromising: ***"treat them as you would a Gentile or a tax collector"***. **How did Jesus treat them? What does that mean for you?** If we love and respect one another, the steps to healing are made possible.

## HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Fr. Anthony Leaves for Convocation*

*NO Mass @ St. Damian Church*

*Prayer Service w/Communion*

7:45 am @ St. Damian Church

*Savers Fundrive Collection*

6:00-7:30 pm @ St. Bernard Parking Lot Garage

**Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

*NO Mass @ St. Bernard Church*

*Prayer Service w/Communion*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard Church

*Savers Fundrive Collection*

6:00-7:30 pm @ St. Bernard Parking Lot Garage

*Knights of Columbus Meeting*

7:30 pm @ Albers Jaycee Hall

**Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

*NO Mass @ St. Damian Church*

*Prayer Service w/Communion*

7:45 am @ St. Damian Church

*Savers Fundrive Collection*

6:00-7:30 pm @ St. Bernard Parking Lot Garage

*Bible Study*

7:00 pm @ Deacon Glenn's Residence

**Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

*NO Mass @ St. Bernard Church*

*Prayer Service w/Communion*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard Church

*Fr. Anthony Returns from Convocation*

*Savers Fundrive Collection*

6:00-7:30 pm @ St. Bernard Parking Lot Garage

*St. Bernard Choir Practice* 7:00 pm @ Church

**Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Communion to Homebound*

*Savers Fundrive Collection*

6:00-7:30 pm @ St. Bernard Parking Lot Garage

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

**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

*English Classes*

9:00 am @ St. Damian Parish House

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

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Catechetical Sunday Recognition*

During 8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian Church

During 10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard Church

*Confirmation Parent Meeting*

After 8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian Church

**"If today you hear His voice,  
harden not your hearts."**

## FR. ANTHONY ON CONVOCAION:

Fr. Anthony will be on *Convocation* from **Monday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>**. On those dates, there will be NO Mass. Instead a Prayer Service w/Communion will be held.

## FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION:

- † *Catechetical Sunday* will be celebrated on **Sunday, September 17<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.
- † *Confirmation Parent Meeting* – ALL 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation students & parents are asked to attend the Confirmation parent meeting on **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the 8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian Church. We will be reviewing Confirmation requirements and discussing the upcoming year.
- † *New Student Parent Meeting* will be held on **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** 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](mailto:stdamians@wisperhome.com).

## 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](mailto:stdamians@wisperhome.com) OR Fr. Anthony Onyango (618) 248-5112 or 424-536-6906; 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. *Lk* 1:39), like her, to proclaim Him to the whole world.”

– Pope Francis, November 26, 2016

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

#### **CHURCH SUPPORT: September 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

Envelopes: \$1,870.00 + ACH: \$1,125.00

+ Loose: \$206.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$155.00 =  
\$3,356.00

Budget for week: \$2,903.85

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$24,065.47

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$29,038.50

Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 4,973.03)

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!*

### **ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 5:00 pm**

**Ministers of Communion** — Virgil & Marilyn

Jansen, Mech Toennies

**Reader** — Anita Rakers

**Ushers** — Marvin Rakers, Delmar Santel

**Servers** — Reid Koch, Avery & Kenna Budde

**Organist** — Chris Brandmeyer

#### **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 8:30 am**

**Ministers of Communion** — Florence Jansen,

Kristy Richter, *Ruth Jansen*

**Reader** — Susan Lynch

**Ushers** — Bud Jansen, Gary Tonnies

**Servers** — Claire Tonnies, Lauren Lynch, Kaylee Korte

**Organist** — Chris Brandmeyer

**Collection Counters** – Kristy Richter, Tina

Tonnies, Sandy Kramer

**Children’s Liturgy** – ???

### **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.

### **CHOIR NEWS:**

♪ Come join us at our **First Youth Choir Practice** on **Sunday, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>** 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!

♪ **Adult Choir** will begin practicing for Thanksgiving on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm in church. Practices will be held each Tuesday and will usually last about one hour. It is not mandatory to attend every practice. If you have ever thought about joining the choir, now is a great time to do so! We are looking forward to seeing some familiar faces as well as some new ones. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chris Brandmeyer at 792-2676.

### **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.**

### **BI-MONTHLY QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS:**

- **Winner:** Beth Brandmeyer
- Please pick up **Next Year Quilt Raffle Tickets** in the main entrance of church. Your name is on the envelope. The prize for tickets are \$5 each for a chance to win 4 quilts.

**Thank you so much for your continued support!**

### **DAMIANSVILLE DEVELOPMENT CLUB:**

**Annual Clinton County BBQ Championship & Brew** on **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** @ Damiansville Park. For more information go to their website or Facebook page.

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

Envelopes: \$956.00 + ACH: \$1,725.00

+ Loose: \$60.00 = 2,741.00

Budget for week: 3,012.02

Fiscal year-to-date collected: 25,108.75

Fiscal year-to-date budget: 30,120.20

Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 5,011.45)

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.)

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### **ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 10:00 am**

**Ministers of Communion — Lynette Huegen,**

Roman Kloeckner, Vicki Pittman, Teresa Schomaker

**Reader — Lynne Huelsmann**

**Ushers — Scott & Kyle Athmer, Ken & Dana Lake**

**Servers — Brooke & Rachel Zurliene, Eden Rolves**

**Counters — Janel Zurliene, Vicki Pittman, Dana Lake**

**Children's Liturgy — Stefanie Rickhoff**

### **HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY JACK!**

*Jack Schaefer* is celebrating his **100<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.



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### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

- ⇒ The *Second Collection* taken **this weekend, September 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>**, 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.
- ⇒ Our Belleville Diocese currently has 55 diocesan priests of retirement age – 35 who are currently retired and 20 who remain in active ministry; in five years that number will increase to 64! With this large number of retirement-age priests and escalating health care costs, the *Retired Diocesan Priests Collection* to be held **next weekend, September 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>** will help provide the resources needed for their care now and in the future. *All monies will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescription medications for our retired diocesan priests.* **Note:** Our diocesan priests **do not** receive any funding from the *Retirement Fund for Religious* collection which is held in December. Next weekend show your appreciation to the priests who have walked with you on your life's journey with a generous gift to this special collection.

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

**Breese American Legion:** *Fried Chicken & Baked Turkey Dinner* on **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** 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.

### **KING'S HOUSE RETREAT:**

*Come share the Good News with happy hearts* on a Quiet retreat @ King's House. Just 15 minutes from St. Louis. King's House has beautiful surroundings, a prayerful environment, delicious food, comfortable rooms, and top-notch presenters. Join others from your parish on a women's retreat on **September 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** @ King's House in Belleville. This year's theme is *Your Goodness is My Home*. Please contact the Parish Captain, Pat Brandmeyer, at 681-541-7772 for more information or to register. Visit the website: [KingsRetreatCenter.org](http://KingsRetreatCenter.org).