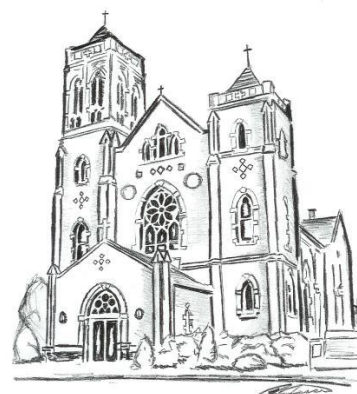
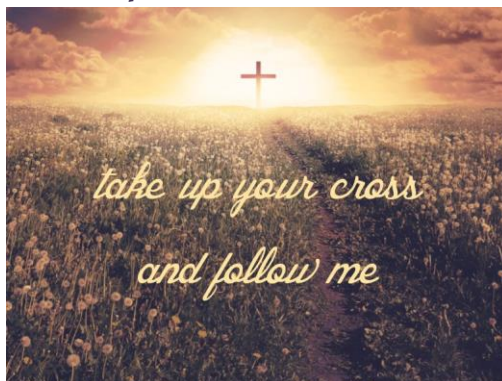




*Twenty-Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
September 16th, 2018*



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St. Bernard Catholic Church-Albers

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

Brian Brandmeyer

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Doris Kloeckner

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

Bob Innes

All ALS Sufferers

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Rev. Federico Higuera

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

NO Mass/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Cliff Kolb

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Bob Engelmann

Clarence & Isabelle Holtmann

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Feast of Sts. Damian/Cosmos

Bilingual Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today's readings are challenging. Isaiah accepts God's call to prophecy, but he suffers terribly at the hands of his persecutors. Saint James insists that Christians are obligated to put their faith into action, clothing and feeding the needy. In the Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples, ***"Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me."*** Let us reflect on how we take up our cross and put our faith into action.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, September 16th

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

Monday, September 17th

Citizen Class 4:00 pm @ St. Damian House

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

RCIA Mtg. 7:00 pm @ St. Dominic Annex, Breese

Thursday, September 20th

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Friday, September 21st

Communion to the Homebound

Hispanic Rosary 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Saturday, September 22nd

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, September 23rd

Sunday Masses:

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Sts. Damian/Cosmos Bilingual Mass

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Celebration following Mass @ St. Damian Gym.

**"I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living."**

VOCATION CORNER:

In St. James letter, he asks ***"What good is it... if someone says he has faith but does not have works?"*** In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us instruction on how to get to heaven – ***"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."*** Those are emphatic words underlining our call in life. **What is your cross to take up? What is your vocation? Should you be asking someone about considering a call to the religious life? Should you be considering that call?**

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 17th** 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 OR Fr. Anthony Onyango (618) 248-5112 or 618-402-8258; or email utugo@yahoo.com.

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 24th** 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.

2019 St. Louis Cardinals Calendar:

The **Cardinals Calendar** makes a great holiday gift item with the 2019 spring training and regular season schedules. Each calendar is \$15.00 and will arrive early December. **Preorder your 2019 St. Louis Cardinals Calendar today.** To preorder your calendar, an order form is inserted in the bulletin; contact any St. Bernard Faith Formation student; Diane Winkeler at 248-5361 or make a check payable to St. Bernard Parish and mail to Diane Winkeler - PO Box 256 - Albers, IL 62215. **The preorder form needs to be received no later than November 9th.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

The **Albers/Daminnsville Knights of Columbus Council 9768** will have their *Annual Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive* (Tootsie Roll Drive) **this weekend, Sept 14th-16th.** 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.**

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: Sept. 8th/9th, 2018

Envelopes: \$2,330.00 + Loose: \$151.00

+ Mass in Spanish: \$289.00 = \$2,770.00

Budget for week: \$3,038.46

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$28,759.31

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$33,423.06

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 4,663.75)**

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.)

Parishes Needy Fund Collection: \$152.00

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 22nd, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

Communion Ministers — Mech Toennies, Monica Koch

Reader — Mary Innes

Ushers — Alfred Toennies, Jerry Innes

Servers — Avery & MaKenna Budde, Reid Koch

Organist — Jan Hitch

Sunday, Sept. 23rd, 2018 @ 8:30 am

Communion Ministers — Ruth Jansen, Julie Langenhorst

Reader — Denise Luitjohan

Ushers — Butch Toennies, Bud Jansen

Servers — Savanna Luitjohan, Nolan & Lance Goebel

Organist — Jan Hitch

Counters — Anita Rakers, Jan Hitch, Dave Kassen

Children's Liturgy — NO SESSION

Sunday, Sept. 23rd @ 11:00 am Bilingual Mass

Communion Ministers — Arlene Korte, Angelica Cruz, Ernesto Escamilla, Gabby Kramer

Readers — Jackie Toennies, Alejandra Angel

Ushers — Pete Toennies, Al Varel

Servers — Kennedy Toennies, Lupe Luevano, Ana Avalos

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer



STS. DAMIAN/COSMOS CELEBRATION:

† This year the people of St. Damian will gather for a **Bilingual Mass** (music and scriptures) on **Sunday, Sept. 23rd** 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.

† **Sign-up Sheets** will be available in the main entrance of church. Please sign up if you plan to attend. **Thank you!**

ST. DAMIAN CHOIR NEWS:

♪ **Adult Choir** will begin regular practices on **Tuesday, October 9th** 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 14th** 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. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Kalmer at 420-3120.

VILLAGE OF DAMIANSVILLE:

Village-Wide Garage Sale on **Saturday, October 13th** from 7:00 am-4:00 pm. All residents are welcome to participate by setting up in their own garages and driveways. Contact Geri Varel 248-5223 if you would like your address included on a handout that will be available at the Village Hall on October 13th. Copies of the handout will also be provided to participating households.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: Sept. 9th, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,420.00 + Loose: \$102.00 = \$1,522.00
Budget for week: \$3,124.52
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$28,568.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$34,369.72
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 5,801.72)**
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: \$6,995.00

Parishes Needy Fund Collection: \$139.00

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 23rd, 2018 @ 10:00 am

Communion Ministers — Kristen Templin, Ray Gill, Vicki Pittman

Reader — Lynette Huegen

Ushers — Ron & Geri Norrenberns, Kurt & Allison Rickhoff

Servers — Carson Rickhoff, Ashlyn Hodges, Jacob Kehder

Counters — Pat Litteken, Vicki Pittman, Keith Richter

Children's Liturgy — Meg Schiefer

HSBS 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: **Sept. 19th** @ Carlyle KC Hall; **October 3rd** @ Trenton First United Methodist Church;

October 17th @ 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. 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 22nd** @ 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.

ST. BERNARD MEN'S CLUB:

- ❖ **Wurstmarkt** will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 30th** from 10:30 am-5:30 pm in the parish center.
- ❖ **Grandparent & godparent blessing** with **Bluegrass Music** at the 10 am Mass on **Sunday, Sept. 30th** 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.
- ❖ **Workers List** has been emailed to parishioners with email addresses. If you did not receive the email, additional copies are in the main entrance of church. If you wish to receive an email, please send me an email at st.bernard@charter.net and I'll email you the information. If your name is not on the list or if you are unable to work your shift, please feel free to switch with someone or contact one of the following officers: Ken Book (248-5265), Tina Haas (973-2969), Deb Kehrer (593-2100), Del Kloeckner (248-5572), or Steve/Deb Schomaker (806-5191). **Thank you for contributing your time!**
- ❖ **Pie Order Forms** were emailed with the "Workers List" for those who wish to donate a pie, but don't have time to bake. Additional forms are inserted in the workers list at the main entrance of church.

ST. BERNARD FAITH FORMATION BASKET RAFFLE:

In conjunction with the **Wurstmarkt** on **Sunday, Sept. 30th**, St. Bernard Faith Formation classes are putting together baskets, and we are asking for donated items to use on the basket or a monetary donation (suggestion of \$5.00 or more) to prepare the basket. Please send a donation to the Faith Formation class teacher for the class basket. **Additional baskets from families and friends are always welcome.** If you have any questions or a basket donate, please call Janel Zurliene at 248-5571 or bring your basket to Albers Elementary School. Mega tickets for the basket raffle will be available **now through the Wurstmarkt**. The MEGA ticket is \$20 and receives a chance on each basket.

ST. BERNARD LADIES SODALITY:

- ⇒ **August Quilt Winner** – Michelle Kennedy
- ⇒ **Bi-Monthly Quilt Raffle Tickets** are available. Officers will be available at the Wurstmarkt to pick up your tickets or contact one of the officers: Janel Zurliene, Angie Winkeler, Dana Lake or Linda Majchrzak.