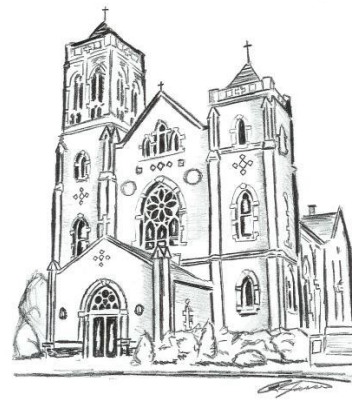


*Twenty-fourth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017*



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Fr. James Jeffrey

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

For All Cancer Victims

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Louis Korte

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

Glen Litteken

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

*NO Mass or Service Scheduled*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

*5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian*

Randy & Mark Toennies

Frank, Minnie, Kim & Patty Heimann

Bob Innes

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

*8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian*

For All Parishioners

*10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

Bob Engelmann

Clarence & Isabelle Holtmann

*11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Mass in Spanish

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today's readings address an all-too-familiar piece of advice that is easier to talk about than to do: **FORGIVE**. We know from experience how hard it is to forgive and how powerful it is to be forgiven. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Sirach tells us that wrath and anger are hateful things. Jesus says we must forgive seventy-seven times. Forgiveness is not usually our first response to real or perceived hurts or injustices, and it may require our commitment to live as totally new people in Christ. Boundless forgiveness may be the greatest gift we can ever give one another – and ourselves.

**"The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion."**

### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**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

**Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

***Bible Study***

7:00 pm @ Deacon Glenn's Residence

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

***Communion to Homebound***

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

**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

***English Classes***

9:00 am @ St. Damian Parish House

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

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

***St. Elizabeth Hospital Rose Bush Presentation***

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard Church

### 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:

“The Lord has his plan for each of us, he calls each one of us by name. Our task is to be listeners, capable of perceiving his call, to be courageous and faithful, so that we may follow him, and in the end, be found as trustworthy servants who have used well the gifts entrusted to us.” – Pope Benedict, September 11, 2006

### 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).

### THANK YOU:

**Thank you** to the following *Catechists, MD Student Teachers, Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders & Pre-School Coordinator* for teaching the students about Jesus, Our Lord & Savior and living as Missionary Disciples:

**St. Damian:** Mary Innes, Sharon Kalmer, Kathleen Hodges, Arlene Korte, Denise Luitjohan, Ruth Pingsterhaus, Jackie Toennies, Abby Arentsen, Emma Rogers, Gwen Toennies, Jenni Albers, Sandy Kramer, & Shannon Fuehne.

**St. Bernard:** Kathy Engelmann, Chris Huegen, Bryan Kennedy, Dana Lake, Robbin Netemeyer, Jackie Peters, Angie Winkeler, Janel Zurliene, Grace Fuehne, Devin Rensing, Kinsey Stockmann, Mikela Weiss, Alyssa Winkeler, Stefanie Rickhoff, Amy Reynolds, Brenda Richter, Meg Schiefer, Karen Schroeder, & Stacy Schroeder.

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: September 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Envelopes: \$1,798.00 + Loose: \$49.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$326.00 = \$2,173.00  
Budget for week: \$2,903.85  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$26,238.47  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$31,942.35  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 5,703.88)**  
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.)

**Hurricane Harvey: \$508.00**

*Thanks for your faithful and generous support!*



## **ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 @ 5:00 pm**

**Ministers of Communion** — Brian Rogers, Chris & Beth Brandmeyer  
**Reader** — Joseph Cleeton  
**Ushers** — Jerry Innes, Alfred Toennies  
**Servers** — Meredith & Reid Innes, Mason Schrage  
**Organist** — Jan Hitch

### **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 8:30 am**

**Ministers of Communion** — Gary & Jimmy Fuehne, *Deb Santel*  
**Reader** — Jackie Toennies  
**Ushers** — Pete Toennies, Marvin Toennies  
**Servers** — Evelyn Fuehne, William & Jacob Athmer  
**Organist** — Jan Hitch  
**Collection Counters** — Jan Hitch, Pete Toennies, Kathleen Hodges  
**Children's Liturgy** — Shannon Fuehne, Julia Korte

## **UPRIGHT FREEZER:**

St. Damian has **Upright Freezer** that works except the seal around the door is cracked/broken, which causes the freezer to freeze up. The freezer will be available **next Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** for \$25.00. If anyone is interested, please call the parish office (248-5134) and leave a message if no one answers. Thank you!

## **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:**

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!**



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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Envelopes: \$1,465.00 + Loose: \$33.00 = \$1,498.00

Budget for week: \$3,012.02

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$26,606.75

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$33,132.22

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 6,525.47)**

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.)

**Hurricane Harvey:** \$772.00

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## **ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 10:00 am**

**Ministers of Communion** — *Cole Schomaker*,  
Michelle Kennedy, Sharon Wuebbels, Robbin  
Netemeyer

**Reader** — Sean Kennedy

**Ushers** — Dale Holtmann, Brian Winkeler, Dave  
Wuebbels, Ed Wuebbels

**Servers** — Alyssa & Nolan Winkeler, Avery  
Wuebbels

**Counters** — Pat Litteken, Sean Kennedy, James  
Williams

**Children's Liturgy** — Janel & Brooke Zurliene



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## **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.
- ✓ **Workers List** has been emailed to parishioners with email addresses and mailed to those without email. Additional copies are available at the entrance of church. 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 (248-5348), Deb Kehrer (248-5649), Del Kloeckner (248-5572), or Steve/Deb Schomaker (248-5197). **Thank you for contributing your time!**

## **RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS COLLECTION:**

On both ordinary and extraordinary days, our priests have been there for us... at baptisms, weddings, First Communion and Confirmation, at times of sickness and sorrow...dedicating their lives to bring us closer to Christ. Now it is our turn to be there for them during their retirement years through a gift to the **Retired Diocesan Priests Collection**, taken **this weekend, September 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>**. All funds will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescription medications. *Note: Our diocesan priests do not receive any funding from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection which is held in December.* Please show your appreciation with a generous gift today. **Thank you so much!**

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:**

**Albers American Legion: Breakfast** on **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 to 11:30 am @ the Legion. Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes and Biscuits & Gravy. Carry outs available. *Proceeds to benefit the Legion Youth Programs.*

**St. Augustine Church, Breese: Quilt/Cash Bingo** on **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** with 16 quilt games (cash for doubles), 8 cash games and 50/50 game beginning at 2:00 pm. No one under 18 years can play. **Fried Chicken Luncheon** from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Adults: \$8.00; Children: \$4.00; Under 6 years: Free. For carry outs call 526-4341.

**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.

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

Get away from it all for a weekend and experience the beautiful surroundings, prayerful environment, delicious food, comfortable room, and insightful presenters @ King's House in Belleville. Make a retreat with other women from your parish on **September 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact the Parish Captain, Pat Brandmeyer, at 681-541-7772 for more information or to register.