

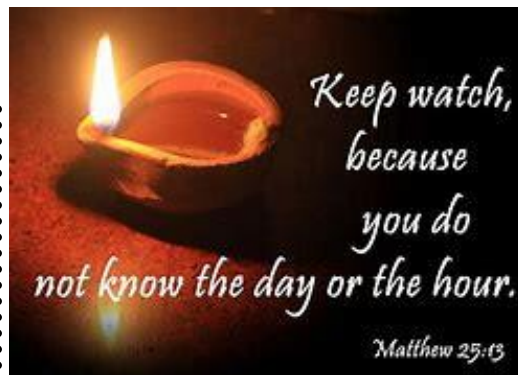


*Thirty-Second Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017*



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*Monday* (8 am-5 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian;

*Tuesday & Thursday*

(9 am to 4 pm) @ CLC, New Baden

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*Friday* (8 am-1 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian.

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian*  
Paula & Franklin Billhartz  
Leona & Martin Toennies

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard*  
August Rademacher & Family

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian*  
For All Cancer Victims

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard*  
For All Memorial Donors

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

*NO Mass or Service Scheduled*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

*4:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian*  
For All Parishioners

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

*8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian*  
Edwin & Mary Hitpas  
Bob Innes  
Cliff Kolb

***10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard***

Herman & Vivian Jansen  
Norbert Jansen

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

Mass in Spanish

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

It's easy to become complacent about life, our faith, and our commitments when we are caught up in the demands of daily life. In today's scriptures, we hear wisdom is presented as a central value. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, we hear an ode to wisdom and in the Gospel the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. The wisdom that we need will enable us to be ready for the coming of the Lord. We are reminded to focus on the bigger picture of eternal life and to question our focus, our energy and how we use our resources. We are called to look away from the superficial and to remember that time is not limited. We do not know the day or the hour when we will be thrust into eternity. **How are we preparing for it?**

### TAMALES FOR SALE:

Pick up your orders or purchase on **Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>** after the 11:00 am Mass. There will be: *Mole with pork or chicken; Chile verde with pork or chicken; or Cheese*. Cost is \$7.00 for ½ dozen or \$14.00 for a dozen.

### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Confirmation Rite of Enrollment*

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

*St. Damian Youth Choir Practice* 9:15 am @ Church

*Tamales Sale* after 11:00 am Mass

**Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

*RCIA* 7:00 pm @ Breese

**Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

*English Classes* 9:30 am @ St. Damian House

*St. Damian Adult Choir Practice* 7:00 pm @ Church

**Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

*English Classes* 9:30 am @ St. Damian House

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

**Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Communion to Homebound*

*Hispanic Rosary* 6:30 pm &

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

**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Reconciliation* 3:15-3:45 pm @ St. Damian

*Mass* 4:00 pm @ St. Damian

**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Quest & TEC Presentation*

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

*St. Damian Youth Choir Practice* 9:15 am @ Church

**VOCATION CORNER:** "Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of true-self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice out there calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice in here calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God." — Thomas Merton



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**"My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord my God."**

### PARISHES NEEDY FUND COLLECTION:

The collection for the needy will be taken **this weekend, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>**. The collection this month will be matched and split three ways between *BCMw Community Services, Catholic Urban Program & Day Star Community Program in Cairo, IL* in thanksgiving for all the blessings the Lord has provided for us. Please be as generous as possible. **THANK YOU!!**

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### DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE NORTH CENTRAL VICARIATE

A *Mass, Anointing & Devotions for People Living with Cancer* will be held on **Tuesday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 pm @ St. Boniface, Germantown. Several priests will be available from 6:15-6:45 pm for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This mass is held every other month at one of the churches in the North Central Vicariate. **All are welcome to attend!**

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### HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

- *Thanksgiving* – **ONLY ONE** Mass will be held on **Thursday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>** at **9:00 am** @ St. Damian. **Special Invitation is extended to ALL police, firefighters, EMT's, and first responders to attend in uniform.** Your invaluable service will be recognized with a special blessing.
- *Christmas Eve* – **4:00 pm** @ St. Damian;  
*Mass in Spanish:* **8:00 pm** @ St. Damian;  
**10:00 pm** @ St. Bernard.
- *Christmas Day* – **8:30 am** @ St. Damian;  
**10:00 am** @ St. Bernard.

Come give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

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### ST. DAMIAN & ST. BERNARD LADIES SODALITY:

**Save the Date!** The Ladies Sodalties are combining their *Christmas Parties* this year and doing a joint event. The parties will be held on **Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** @ Albers American Legion. Watch the bulletin for more information.

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: November 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Envelopes: \$2,164.00 + ACH: &1,165.00  
+ Loose: \$66.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$137.00 =  
\$3,532.00  
Budget for week: \$2,903.85  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$45,233.04  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$55,173.15  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 9,940.11)**  
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 CHOIR NEWS:**

- ♪ **Youth Choir Practice** on **Sundays** at 9:15 am @ St. Damian Church. Contact Jackie Toennies at 335-9562 or Geri Varel at 248-5223.
- ♪ **Adult Choir** will now be singing for the **Christmas Mass** at 8:30 am. Practices are on **Tuesdays** at 7:00 pm and last about one hour. If you have any questions, contact Chris Brandmeyer at 792-2676.

### **COMMUNITY GIVING TREE:**

Once again, there will be an opportunity for families in the community to help those less fortunate during the holiday season. St. Damian Church will be the collection point for *hats, gloves, mittens, scarves & socks* for children, teens, ladies and men. The items will be donated to the *BCMW Organization* in Breese and given out as Christmas presents to local families through BCMW which serves Bond, Clinton, Marion & Washington Counties. Items can be brought to St. Damian Church and hung on the **Giving Tree** from **Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**. Your generous donations will help make the holidays a little warmer for many people! Any questions, please contact Geri Varel at 248-5223.

### **THANK YOU!**

**Thank you to St. Damian Confirmation Class** for your generous donation of \$785.00 collected from your bake sale. Your contribution is essential to our efforts to alleviate human suffering and ease the burdens of overwhelming poverty overseas. I am inspired that you have chosen to reach far beyond the bounds of your own community to care for perfect strangers in such great need. On behalf of all those touched by your compassion, I offer my deepest gratitude and wish you an abundance of blessings and joys. – *Sean Callahan, CRS President & CEO*

## **ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 4:00 pm**

**Ministers of Communion** — Brian Rogers, Beth Brandmeyer, Mech Toennies

**Reader** — Anita Rakers

**Ushers** — Marvin Rakers & Alfred Toennies

**Servers** — Kenna Budde, Reid Koch, Aidan Toennies

**Organist** — Chris Brandmeyer

### **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 8:30 am**

**Ministers of Communion** — Arlene Korte, Erin Korte, **Ken Mank**

**Reader** — Lori Jansen

**Ushers** — Bill Jansen, Bob Hitpas

**Servers** — Meredith & Reid Innes, Sophie Thomas

**Organist** — Chris Brandmeyer

**Collection Counters** – Kathy Gonsalves, Tina Tonnies, Bob Hitpas

**Children's Liturgy** – Jackie Toennies, Abby Wegmann

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Envelopes: \$1,685.00 + ACH: \$1,725.00  
+ Loose: \$191.00 = \$3,601.00  
Budget for week: \$3,012.02  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$47,637.75  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$57,228.38  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 9,590.63)**  
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.)

***Thanks for your faithful and generous support!***

## **ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 10:00 am**

**Ministers of Communion** — **Michelle Kennedy**, Lynn Athmer, Vicki Pittman, Alyssa Winkeler

**Reader** — Meg Schiefer

**Ushers** — Brent & Reagan Rickhoff, Brian & Nolan Winkeler

**Servers** — Erin Schiefer, Brooke Rickhoff, Noah Broeckling

**Counters** – Lynn Athmer, Vicki Pittman, Sean Kennedy

**Children's Liturgy** – Brenda Richter, Tyler Robertson



### **ST. BERNARD PASTORAL COUNCIL:**

*Nominations* for a three year term, will be accepted from **Now to Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please consider serving a term, or nominating a fellow parishioner to serve, on the St. Bernard Parish Pastoral Council. **Lynette Huegen, Luke Niemeyer & Brian Zurliene** will complete their three-year term in December. The purpose of the Council is to advise and assist the Pastor and serve as the body wherein the clergy and laity come together regularly to take council as to the life of the Church. The Council meets six times a year and communicates frequently via email. **Thank you for your consideration!**

### **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!**

*Christmas Cards* are a great way to send a little holiday cheer to your neighbors and friends. This year, we will be offering an opportunity to spread a little joy (and save a little \$) with holiday mailboxes! The boxes will be located in the gathering area at St. Bernard, lettered A-Z (If your last name begins with the letter "C", you would find your cards in the "C" mailbox) - Write out your cards, address the envelope to the family/friend the card is for and pop them in the lettered mailboxes! No stamps or mailing addresses needed! We will also have mail helpers available to help you distribute/gather your cards. **Mailboxes will be available starting Sunday, November 26!**

**DEACON FORMATION:** If you are interested in learning more about becoming a deacon, you are invited to attend two upcoming informational meetings in December and January. Formal classes are scheduled to begin in the fall of 2018; however, other aspects of formation will begin well before that. The diocese will hold two informational meetings: the first is on **Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017** at 10:00 am @ the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, Building 6 and the second is on **Saturday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018** at 10:00 am at the same location. **You will need to attend both sessions.** These meetings will provide a great deal of information regarding the requirements of the program and will explain the types of service fulfilled by deacons. Members of the Deacon Formation Committee will present the programs and will be available to answer questions. To assist in planning and to ensure we have adequate program materials at the meetings, please contact Patti Warner at the Deacon Formation Office to let her know you plan to attend. You can reach Patti by mail at 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville IL 62221; by email at [pwarner@diobelle.org](mailto:pwarner@diobelle.org) or by phone at 618-722-5043. Please continue to pray for all those in our diocese discerning a vocation to lay ministry, diaconate, priesthood or religious life.

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

**St. George Parish, New Baden:** *Chicken Dinner* on **Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>** serving from 11 am to 6 pm @ St. George Community Life Center (Hodapp Hall). Veteran's dining in will eat for ½ price \$5.00, in honor of their service to our country. Carry outs available. Attendance Prize & Raffles. **All Are Welcome!**

**HSBS St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese:** Please join us for a **Public Open House & Tour** of our new *Outpatient Surgery Center* on **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

**St. Mary Parish, Trenton:** *Turkey Bingo* sponsored by *Holy Name Society* on **Thursday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm @ the parish center. Hot sandwiches, beverages, and desserts will be available for purchase from 6:30-7:30 pm with refreshments throughout the evening.

**First United Methodist Church, Trenton:** *Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair* sponsored by *United Methodist Women* on **Saturday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm @ the church located at 3324 Old Hwy. 50. Over 25 vendors and crafters. Silent auction and bake sale.

**Albers Elementary School Booster Club** is holding a *Raffle* for school technology, field trips, classroom supplies, field day, and much more. Tickets are \$20.00 each with a **Grand Prize** of \$5,000; **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** of \$1,000; and **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** of \$500. Each family is asked to sell 5 or more tickets. Extra tickets will be available at Albers Elementary School or by seeing Tiffany Engelmann at FCB. **All tickets are due back by Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.** Drawing will take place at the Christmas Concert.

### **CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

**Next weekend, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>**, the collection for *Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)* will be taken. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Envelopes are provided in your envelope packet. **Please be as generous as possible to the CCHD.** Learn more about the CCHD at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).