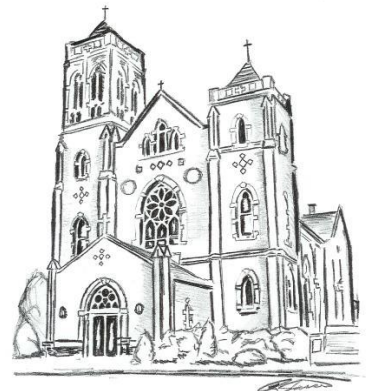




*Thirty-Third Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017*



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**Monday** (8 am-5 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian;  
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(9 am to 4 pm) @ CLC, New Baden  
**Wednesday** (working from parents' home);  
**Friday** (8 am-1 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian.

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard*  
Cyril, Dorothy & Marvin Foppe Family

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian*  
Aloys & Estelle Heimann

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**Joint Parish Thanksgiving Mass**  
*9:00 am @ St. Damian*  
In Thanksgiving

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

*NO Mass or Service Scheduled*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

*4:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian*  
David, Marian & Davey Sudholt  
Alvin Toennies

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

*8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian*  
For All Parishioners  
*10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard*  
Irene Strieker  
Virgil Engelmann  
Pat Huegen  
*11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian*  
Mass in Spanish

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Reading introduces us to a woman of extraordinary skills, who uses her gifts both at home and out in the world, where she reaches out her hands to the poor. When we listen to the Gospel that follows, we can more easily visualize how God expects us to use the talents we have been given, not just to enrich ourselves or our employers, but to make the world a better place. *With Thanksgiving and the upcoming holiday season approaching, this may be a good time to take a breath, step back, and think about what really matters.*

# "Blessed are those who fear the Lord."

## HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

*RCIA* 7:00 pm @ Breese

Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

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

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

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

*Communion Ministers & Lectors Initial & Refresher*

*Training* 6:30 pm @ St. George, New Baden

*North Central Vicariate Cancer Mass*

7:00 pm @ St. Boniface, Germantown

Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**

*Joint Parish Mass* 9:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

*Communion to Homebound*

*Hispanic Rosary* 6:30 pm &

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

Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

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

*Mass* 4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

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

## 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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## 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!**

## COMMUNION MINISTERS & LECTORS:

*Initial & Refresher Training* on **Tuesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>** at 6:30 pm @ St. George Church. The training is for those who wish to be Lectors and Communion Ministers of the Eucharist. This training will satisfy the three year refresher requirement of the Diocese of Bellville. Please call 588-4323 or email [saintgcatholicchurch@gmail.com](mailto:saintgcatholicchurch@gmail.com) the parish office to insure sufficient training material is available.

## LADIES SODALITIES:

**NEW this year!** The Ladies Sodality are having a *JOINT Christmas Party*. The co-parish event will be held **Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Albers American Legion. Cocktails begin at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of both churches, or contact a Sodality officer. **Please sign up on or before Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**. This is a blessed opportunity for all to share fellowship, new ideas, and work together to keep our parishes thriving and active. In sharing our Christmas spirit, we will be collecting items for the Nursing Home such as books, magazines, lotions, perfumes, small personal items, etc. **\*Babysitting will be provided starting at 5:30 pm.** Hope to see you there!

Any questions, please contact an officer:

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# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

*K of C Raffle* to be held on **Wednesday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>** @ Pete's Bar & Grill. The raffle is for the *Food for the Poor House Project in Haiti*.

## ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: November 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,402.00 + Loose: \$122.00  
 + Mass in Spanish: \$218.00 = \$1,742.00  
 Budget for week: \$2,903.85  
 Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$46,975.04  
 Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$58,077.00  
 Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 11,101.96)  
 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.)

**Special Collection: \$309.00**

*Thanks for your faithful and generous support!*

## ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Thanksgiving, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 @ 9:00 am

**Ministers of Communion** — Florence Jansen,  
 Sharon Kalmer, *Ruth Jansen*  
**Reader** — Joseph Cleeton  
**Ushers** — Bud Jansen, Garry Kalmer  
**Servers** — William & Jacob Athmer, Evelyn Fuehne  
**Organist** — TBA

### Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 4:00 pm

**Ministers of Communion** — Chris & Beth  
 Brandmeyer, Elaine Williamson  
**Reader** — Darlene Toennies  
**Ushers** — Ed & Sandy Kramer  
**Servers** — Abby Harpstrite, Ethan & Simon  
 Toennies  
**Organist** — Jan Hitch

### Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 8:30 am

**Ministers of Communion** — Pete Toennies, Kristy  
 Richter, *Diana Jansen*  
**Reader** — Jackie Toennies  
**Ushers** — Gary Tonnies, Marvin Toennies  
**Servers** — Nolan & Lance Goebel, Kaylee Korte  
**Organist** — Jan Hitch  
**Collection Counters** — Kristy Richter, Pete  
 Toennies, Jan Hitch  
**Children's Liturgy** — Denise & Savanna Luitjohan

## ST. DAMIAN 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 *BCMWS 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.

## ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY:

*Meeting* will be held on **Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm in St. Damian Parish House. Hope to see you there.

## ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,558.00 + Thanksgiving: \$10.00  
 + Loose: \$25.00 = \$1,593.00  
 Budget for week: \$3,012.02  
 Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$49,230.75  
 Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$60,240.40  
 Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 11,009.65)  
 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.)

**Special Collection: \$118.00**

*Thanks for your faithful and generous support!*

## ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 10:00 am

**Ministers of Communion** — *Lynette Huegen*,  
 Dan & Lee Love, Brenda Morris  
**Reader** — Jansen Lake  
**Ushers** — Ken & Dana Lake, Tom & Devin Rensing  
**Servers** — Bradley Strubhart, Jacob Kehder, Sophia  
 Kennett  
**Counters** — Pat Litteken, Dana Lake, Brenda Morris  
**Children's Liturgy** — Karen Schroeder, Reagan  
 Rickhoff



Not what we say about our **BLESSINGS**,  
 but how we *use them*, is the true measure of our **THANKSGIVING**.

--W.T. Purkiser

**ST. BERNARD PASTORAL COUNCIL:**

*Nominations* for a three year term are being accepted till **TODAY**. 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.

**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!**

**ST. BERNARD GIVING TREE:**

Once again we are asking for your support to help those less fortunate by participating in the "*Giving Tree*" drive. The tree is located in the back of church filled with Christmas cards listing the item or items to purchase. We ask that each family and adult family member take a card, purchase the requested items, and place the items **with the card and yarn attached, unwrapped, and under the tree no later than Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**. It is important the card with the yarn is attached to your unwrapped item. This year all donated items will go to *Community Link* for distribution in the local area.

**Addition to our Giving Tree List:** A list of new or gently used large items listed below is also a part of the Giving Tree drive. **1)** Deep freezer; **2)** Couch; **3)** Used and unwanted smartphones or tablets; **4)** Twin bed with mattress; **5)** Larger dining room table for 6 or more; **6)** Toddler bed; **7)** Queen size bed; **8)** 2 twin beds and bedding; **9)** Living room furniture; **10)** Computer/laptop; **11)** Baby safe space heaters; **12)** 4 baby gates; **13)** Pots and pans; **14)** Bicycles- boys and girls; **15)** PS4 games; **16)** Crib; **17)** Bassinet; **18)** Playpen; and **19)** Car seat. If you pick one of these items for your donation or have any questions, please contact me Melissa Netemeyer 248-5602. *May God bless you for your generosity and support of this special project. Thank you.*

**VOCATION CORNER:** Each one of us must look at the talents God has given us and ask ourselves how we have created more from them. Our life won't be measured so much by what we've done, but by what we've done in comparison to what we've been given. Therefore, a vocational calling is asking us to surrender our talents to God so that they may be sanctified and produce fruit for the Kingdom.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:**

**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.

**Damiansville Development Club:** Save the following dates:  
**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** – Combined Development Club & Holy Name meeting;  
**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** – Santa will visit following the 8:30 am Mass in the gym;  
**December 17<sup>th</sup> thru December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Development Club Christmas light judging; and  
**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018** – Development Club Annual Banquet.

**CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Please be generous in the collection for *Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)* this **weekend, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>**. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Envelopes are provided in your envelope packets. More information about the CCHD can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).