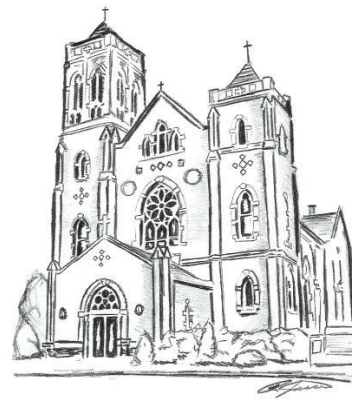




*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*
November 22nd, 2015



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WHEN THE
TRUTH SPEAKS



JOHN 18:33-37

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

Tuesday & Wednesday (9 am to 4 pm)

@ CLC, New Baden;

Thursday & Friday (OFF) Thanksgiving

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTER:

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd

7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Travelers

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th

7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Bernadine Kussatz

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th

NO MASS SCHEDULED

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

Thanksgiving

9:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27th

NO am Mass @ St. Damian

NO Prayer Service w/Communion

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

Amy Kramer

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Cliff Kolb

Adella Wombacher

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Virgil Engelmann

Betty Lake

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

On this final Sunday of the liturgical year, we hear poetic imagery written by people waiting for God's final coming into history and powerful reign. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of His kingdom and of His mission among us. He did not claim a glorious title for Himself, but His action demonstrated and unleashed the reign of God for all time. Though He was as a man of self-giving, far different from what was expected, He was given the title of "**King**". As we hear the words of scripture, let us ponder what it means to belong to the truth so that we may listen more eagerly to the voice of Jesus, our Lord and King.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, November 22nd

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

Monday, November 23rd

Bible Study 7:00 pm @ St. Damian House

Tuesday, November 24th

English as Second Language (ESL) Classes

5:30-8:30 pm @ St. Damian Mtg. Room

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, November 25th

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

7:00 pm @ St. George Community Life Center

Thursday, November 26th

Thanksgiving Mass: 9:00 am @ St. Damian

NO Mass @ St. Bernard

NO English as Second Language (ESL) Classes

Friday, November 27th

NO Communion to Homebound

Sunday, November 29th

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GENERAL CONCERNS:

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTERS:

The Knights of Columbus will again sponsor this poster contest for 2015. Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to participate. Parents, please encourage your children to express the true meaning of Christmas in artwork on 11 x 17 paper using pencil or crayon, **no markers**. 1st & 2nd place winners in each parish group will be given monetary awards. Deadline to return artwork to Faith Formation teachers is Friday, December 11th.

KRISPY KREME DONUTS SALE:

Eight (8) senior Mater Dei boys will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts by the dozen for \$8/dozen at six (6) parishes throughout the county. Tyler Arentsen & Josh Haberer will be selling donuts on **Sunday, Dec. 13th after Mass** @ St. Damian & St. Bernard. Please support them on their upcoming mission trip to Camp Restore, New Orleans in January. To preorder donuts, please contact Sheri Arentsen at 618-248-5844. **Thank you!!**

LITURGY MEETING INFORMATION:

- *1st Reconciliation & Advent Penance Service* on **Sunday, Dec. 6th at 1:00 pm** @ St. Damian.
- *Christmas Eve* – **5:00 pm** @ St. Damian;
Mass in Spanish: **7:00 pm** @ St. Damian;
10:00 pm @ St. Bernard.
- *Christmas Day* – **ONLY ONE** Mass will be held on **Friday, Dec. 25th at 9:00 am** @ St. Bernard. Come give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! PUT YOUR OLD, UNWANTED SHOES TO GOOD USE!

The following service project is being performed by the Confirmation class and their parents. Trisha Rolves, former member of St. Bernard Church, has a 4 year old son who has autism. He likes to leave the house (he is evidently very good at "escaping") and wanders, which is obviously very unsafe for him and frightening for his family. They are in the process of raising money to purchase a service dog to be his constant companion and help keep him safe at home. The dog will cost \$15,000. One of the fundraisers they are doing is a **shoe drive**. Old shoes (wearable or not) are collected. They will receive 40 cents for every pound of shoes. The usable shoes will be shipped to places (domestic and abroad) where people need shoes. The shoes can be children or adults, flip flops or any kind of shoes, wearable or too beat up for any use, but there must be a pair. A box will be available in the back of church for you to deposit your shoes. Please tie the pair together, rubber band them together or put each pair in a separate plastic bag to make sure the pairs stay together. Trisha's family will be home for Christmas and will rent a U-Haul to ship the shoes to their destination. The shoe drive will run **until Sunday, December 12th**. If you wish to have someone pick up your donated shoes, please contact Diana Jansen at 248-5145. Thank you for your help!

Blessings...Jackie Toennies/7th & 8th Gr. Faith Formation/Confirmation Teacher

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 14th/15th, 2015

Envelopes: \$ 1,471.00 + Loose: \$123.25
+ Mass in Spanish: \$183.35 = \$1,777.60
Budget for week: \$2,755.77
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$44,429.24
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$55,115.40
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$10,686.16)**
Fiscal year (7/15-6/16) budget: \$143,300.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$58,000.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, Cemetery & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Needy Fund Collection: \$174.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving, Nov. 26th, 2015 @ 9:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — Sharon Kalmer, Alice Toennies, *Diana Jansen*

Reader — Susan Lynch

Ushers — Garry Kalmer, Mel Toennies

Servers — Chris & Calvin Kalmer, Hunter Jansen

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Saturday, November 28th, 2015 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Brian Rogers, Alison Kalmer, Chris Brandmeyer

Reader — Anita Rakers

Ushers — Ed & Sandy Kramer

Servers — Gabby Kramer, Mason Schrage, Heather Toennies

Organist — Jan Hitch

Sunday, November 29th, 2015 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Kristy Richter, Ken Mank, *Julie Langenhorst*

Reader — Denise Luitjohan

Ushers — Stan Heimann, Bernard Heimann

Servers — Savanna Luitjohan, Ben & Jennifer Heimann

Organist — Jan Hitch

Collection Counters — Kristy Richter, Mel Toennies, Jan Hitch

Children's Liturgy — Diana Jansen, Cierra Arentsen

ST. DAMIAN LADIES ALTAR SODALITY:

❖ ***New Christmas Trees*** for the church. The Christmas trees that are currently being used have seen their better days and time to retire them. The Ladies Sodality are seeking donations to help offset the costs of purchasing approximately 5 to 7 Christmas trees. A donation box is available in the back of church to place your donation. If you would like your donation added to your yearly contribution statement, please include your name on the donation. **Thank you for your support in the endeavor.**

❖ ***Christmas Party/Meeting*** will be held **Sunday, Dec. 6th** @ Albers Legion. Cocktails begin at 5 pm with dinner at 6 pm. Sign-up sheets are in church. Please sign-up before Sunday, November 29th.

Nursing Home items will again be collected. What better way to celebrate the Birth of Christ than with your church family. Hope to see you there.

HOLY NAME/CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Christmas Party will be held on **Friday Dec. 11th** starting @ 6:00 pm in Damiansville gym.

COMMUNITY GIVING TREE:

Once again there is 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, which serves Bond, Clinton, Marion & Washington Counties, and given out as Christmas presents to local families. Donations of these items can be brought to the church and hung on the "***Giving Tree***" which will be located in the gathering space inside church. The Giving Tree will be set up from **Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 26) through Sunday, Dec. 13th**. Your generous donations will definitely make someone's holidays a little warmer! Any questions, please contact Geri Varel at 248-5223.

PARISH DIRECTORY NEWS:

For those who did not have their photo taken by LifeTouch, but submitted a photo instead, please mail your \$10 fee (cash or check) as soon as possible to Geri Varel, 106 N. Church St. – Damiansville, IL 62215. Checks should be made payable to St. Damian Parish. The \$10 fee is payment for your copy of the directory when they come in. **Thanks!**

CONGRATULATIONS:



Congratulations to Natalie Rose Duncan, child of Nathan & Ashley (Athmer) Duncan, who received the saving waters of baptism on Sunday, November 8th @ St. Bernard Church. May God watch over and guide them in their journey of life.



Congratulations to Andrew Joseph Jansen & Haley Michelle Klingelhofer, who were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, November 14th at St. Bernard Church. May their love for God and one another grow throughout the years.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 15th, 2015

Envelopes: \$1,372.00 + ACH Direct: \$865.00

+ Loose: \$25.00 = \$2,262.00

Budget for week: \$2,916.25

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$48,223.01

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$58,325.00

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$10,101.99)**

Fiscal year (7/15-6/16) budget: \$151,645.00

(**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.)

Needy Fund Collection: \$130.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 29th, 2015 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — *Cole Schomaker*, Roman Kloeckner, Lynette Huegen, Robbin Netemeyer

Reader — Jensen Lake

Ushers — Ken & Dana Lake, Tim & Elizabeth Schroeder

Servers — Elena & Eden Rolves, Makenna Lake

Collection Counters – Tim Schroeder, Phyllis Albers, Dana Lake

Children's Liturgy – Meg Schiefer, Carolyn Timmons

ST. BERNARD PARISH COUNCIL:

Nominations for the Parish Council, which is a three year term, will be accepted on **Sunday, Nov. 22nd & 29th**. Simply write the name of the nominee on a slip of paper provided and drop it in the nomination box. All nominees will be contacted for approval before their names are put on the ballot. Stay tuned; election date and more information coming in the near future.

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 gifts, and place the items with the card and yarn attached, unwrapped, **under the tree no later than Dec. 13th**. This year all donated items will go to *Community Link* for distribution in the local area. In addition to our Giving Tree Ornament items: A list of large items listed below is also a part of the "**Giving Tree**" drive. If you pick one of these items for your donation please contact Melissa Netemeyer at 248-5602 regarding drop off. **List of large items that could be used:**

- 1) Vacuum;
- 2) Several sets of pots and pans;
- 3) Baking dishes;
- 4) 2 space heaters;
- 5) Car seat (rear facing/front facing);
- 6) Shelving for over the toilet;
- 7) Microwave;
- 8) Girl's (age10) bicycle.

May God bless you for your generosity and support of this special project. **Thank you!**

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next weekend, Nov. 21st/22nd, the collection for *Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)* will be taken. CCHD provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD's grants improve education, support economic development and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. **Please give to the CCHD collection.**

THANK YOU!!

- ❖ A **BIG thank you** to all who contributed toward *Operation Christmas Child*. We will be shipping over 100 boxes this year! Your generosity helped make a child's Christmas special.
- ❖ **Thank you to *Prairie Farms*** for supplying milk & juice for all classes involved with Operation Christmas Child.
- ❖ **Thank you** to all residents who donated items, all the families helping collect, and all who delivered items for the *Thanksgiving Food Drive* on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Over 4,000 items from Albers and Damiansville residences were donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Germantown.
- ❖ **Thanks** to all who helped celebrate my 70th birthday. Your cards were wonderful! There were over 100 cards and I read each one and laughed my head off. Hope you all had an enjoyable time at my party, as well as your fill of Irish liquor.
-- Old Fr. Jack ☺
- ❖ **Thank you to everyone** who donated to the *second collection for the needy* last week. The combined collection with matched funds from the parishes, we will be sending a donation of \$304.00 each to *St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Germantown* and to *BCMw Community Services in Breese*.