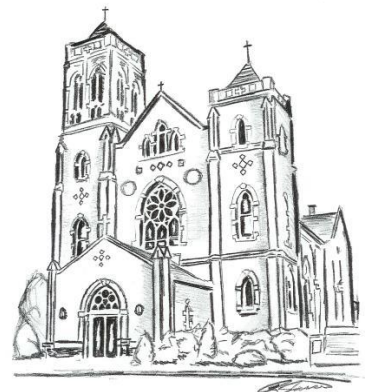




*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*
November 25th, 2018



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St. Bernard Catholic Church-Albers

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
Fr. Lawrence Nickels, OFM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
Dorothy Richter

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Dennis Gerling Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard
Irene Strieker
Living & Deceased Members of
Archie & Marie Santel Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
Edward & Marie Eilering
Marian Sudholt
Louis Korte

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian
Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the church includes yearly warning that this life on earth is transient, a trial run for all eternity. We are reminded that Jesus is not the king of nation states, but a servant who comes to redeem and inspire all humanity. He is a shepherd, a ruler of human hearts, and a king of truth and justice. In the Gospel, Jesus tells Pilate that everyone who belongs to the truth listens to His voice. **Is this the year we finally pay attention, surrender our dependence on temporal success and respond with the witness of our faithful lives?**

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, November 25th

Masses w/ Children's Liturgy:

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice 9:30 am @ Church

Hispanic Rosary 10:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass in Spanish 11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, November 26th

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

Advent Bible Study

6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center

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

Tuesday, November 27th

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

Wednesday, November 28th

Eucharistic Adoration w/Benediction

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Thursday, November 29th

St. Bernard Choir Practice 7:00 pm @ Church

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Mtg.

7:30 pm @ Albers Jaycee Hall

Friday, November 30th

Communion to the Homebound

Saturday, December 1st

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Sunday, December 2nd

Masses w/ Children's Liturgy:

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice 9:30 am @ Church

Mass in Spanish 11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Advent & 1st Reconciliation Service

1:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

- *Christmas Eve* – 4:00 pm @ St. Damian;
Mass in Spanish: 7:00 pm @ St. Damian;
10:00 pm @ St. Bernard.
- *Christmas Day* – ONLY ONE Mass will be held at
9:00 am @ St. Damian.

"The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty."

JUST A REMINDER:

When there is **NO School**, there will be **NO Mass**.

ADOPT A FAMILY:

If you or your family would like to help *provide Christmas for a needy family* in the area, please contact Sr. Ellen (618-248-5134).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

The 2nd grade students will be celebrating the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* for the first time at the *Joint Parish Advent Reconciliation Service* on **Sunday, Dec. 2nd at 1:00 pm @ St. Damian**. All parishioners, godparents, grandparents and more are welcome to participate!!

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

The Knights of Columbus will again sponsor the *Poster Contest for 2018*. 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, Dec. 7th.**

LADIES SODALITIES:

St. Bernard & St. Damian Ladies Sodalties *Christmas Party* will be held on **Friday, Dec. 14th** @ St. Bernard Parish Center. Social hour starts at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. Sign-up sheets are available at the entrances of both churches. **We will also be collecting items for Aviston Countryside Manor**. Items include: Kleenex, lotions, deodorants, diabetic or gripper socks, spritzes, diabetic snacks, sodas, candy and cookies. A **50/50 drawing** will be held with proceeds going towards Cosgrove's casseroles.

VOCATION CORNER:

The tasks we are called to by Jesus the King are the corporal works of mercy. What makes these essential to the Christian life is that everyone is capable of doing them, regardless of our own ability. God then isn't asking that we do great, momentous works to become saints, but that we serve even in small capacities with the love of Christ poured into our hearts. The vocation we possess must also be poured out of us in the same way Christ is poured into us. In that way, people won't see us in the corporal works of mercy, but they will see Jesus!

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: Nov. 17th/18th, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,972.00 + Thanksgiving: \$65.00
+ ACH: \$775.00 + Loose: \$72.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$335 = \$3,219.00
Budget for week: \$3,038.46
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$54,159.44
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$63,807.66
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 9,648.22)
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.)

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Monthly Raffle Winners: \$400 – Eric Nordike;
\$50 Each – Brian Huegen & Albin Toennies

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 2nd, 2018 @ 8:30 am

Communion Ministers — Erin Korte, Arlene Korte

Reader — Lori Jansen

Ushers — Jerry Arentsen, Jared Horstmann

Servers — Trent & Julia Korte, Reece Deiters

Organist — Geri Varel

Counters – Sandy Kramer, Anita Rakers, Dave Kassen

Children's Liturgy – Gwen & Ethan Toennies

Just a reminder: Children's Liturgy is for students Pre-K age through 3rd grade.

ST. DAMIAN CHOIR NEWS:

♪ **Youth Choir Practice** on **Sundays** at 9:30 am @ St. Damian Church. Any questions, please contact Jackie Toennies at 335-9562 or Geri Varel at 248-5223.

♪ **Adult Choir Practice** on **Tuesdays** at 7:00 pm in church. Any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 792-2676.

COMBINED HOLY NAME & DAMIANVILLE DEVELOPMENT CLUB:

Christmas Party will be held on **Friday, Dec. 7th** @ St. Damian Gym. **Social** starting at 5:30 pm, with **Dinner** provided at 6:00 pm followed by meeting. If you plan to attend, please contact Al Varel (248-5223 or 973-8527) by **Monday, Dec. 3rd**.

COMMUNITY GIVING TREE:

There will be an opportunity for families to help those less fortunate during the holiday season. St. Damian Church will be the collection point for **hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks & house slippers for children, teens, women & men**. The items will be donated to the **BCMW Organization in Breese** and given out as Christmas presents to local families. Items can be brought to St. Damian Church and hung on the Giving Tree in the gathering space from **Nov 23rd - Dec 16th** or you can bring your donations to Geri Varel's house. Any questions, please contact Geri Varel at 248-5223. Thanks in advance for your generous donations, it will help make the holidays a little warmer for so many people!

CHRISTMAS MAGIC WITH SANTA:

This event sponsored by **Damiansville Development Club** will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 16th** from 9:30-11:30 am @ St. Damian Gym. Donuts, hot chocolate, crafts, face painting, and family photos with Santa. \$15 per family. Digital prints available by **LD Photography**.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to everyone that showed support at the **Bake Sale** this past weekend! It was so wonderful to see everyone show their support for Alden. Again thank you!
-- Shannon Fields

ST. DAMIAN JUNIOR HIGH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

We will host a **Bake Sale** on **Sunday, Dec. 16th** after the 8:30 Mass and the Hispanic Mass. Proceeds will be donated to **Leaps of Love**, which is an organization that supports kids with brain cancer and their families and is based in Highland, IL. Please stop by our table and get some goodies while you help out a very worth-while cause. Also, on that Sunday, the kids in the Faith Formation classes are invited to "come up to the choir and sing" at the 8:30 Mass. Please bring your children to church and encourage them to praise God with their voices as we await the coming of the infant Savior. **Thank you!**

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: Nov. 18th, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,961.00 + Thanksgiving: \$40.00
+ ACH: \$2,215.00 + Loose: \$118.00 = \$4,334.00
Budget for week: \$3,124.52
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$54,189.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$65,614.92
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 11,425.92)
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: \$7,960.00

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

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 gift, and place the item **with the card and yarn attached, unwrapped, under the tree no later than Dec. 9th**.

This year all donated items will go to *Community Link* for distribution in the local area. May God bless you for your generosity and support of this special project. If you have any questions please contact Melissa Netemeyer at 248-5602. Thank you.

ST. BERNARD CHOIR:

Christmas Cantata on **Sunday, Dec 16th** at 7:00 pm @ St Mary Church, Carlyle. Come join this Multi-Demonical Choir, including members of St Bernard Choir for a vocal symphony in a *Celebration of Christ's Birth*.

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 1st, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

Communion Ministers — Ken & Liz Nussbaumer, Deb Schomaker

Reader — Steve Schomaker

Ushers — Nick & Kathy Friederich

Servers — Grant Winkeler, Rylee & Clayton Jansen

Sunday, December 2nd, 2018 @ 10:00 am

Communion Ministers — Sharon Wuebbels, Roman Kloeckner, Lynette Huegen

Reader — Lynne Huelsmann

Ushers — Tom & Mitchell Broeckling, Brian & Brooke Zurliene

Servers — Alaina Huegen, Noah Broeckling, Ashlyn Hodges

Counters — Janel Zurliene, Keith Richter, Kris Anne Becker

Children's Liturgy — Brenda Richter



COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Aviston Knights of Columbus is holding their *Fall Breakfast* on **Sunday Nov 25th** from 7:30-11:30 am @ Aviston American Legion. *Proceeds donated to support our PSR programs for youth.*

Mater Dei Band/Music Program:

- ◆ Mater Dei Band will host a *Pampered Chef FUNdraiser* from **Now thru Nov. 30th**. Join us for a fun way to raise funds for the Mater Dei Music Program; virtual party on Facebook, too.
www.pamperedchef.com/party/mdbandfundraiser2018
- ◆ Mater Dei Music Program will hold its *Christmas Concert* on **Sunday, Dec. 9th** at 7:00 pm in Mater Dei Gym.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows: Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the *Way of Lights* greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display @ the Shrine from **Now through Dec. 31st**. This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours. If interested, please email programs@snows.org or call 618-397-6700 ext. 6281 or www.snows.org/wol.

A Winter's Aire: Concert, Wine Tasting/Sale, & Silent Auction Event featuring the *Washington University – Concert Choir* on **Saturday, Dec. 1st** at 6:00 pm with doors opening at 5:30 pm @ Corpus Christi Church, 205 Rasp St. in Shiloh. Tickets are \$20 including food, wine tasting, and entertainment for the evening. Ticket reservations available by calling (618) 632-7614 or for purchase after Masses from Drew.

St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese: This time of year is about giving and sharing. We are kicking off the season with a *Free Breakfast for the Community* on **Thursday, Dec. 6th** from 7:30-9:30 am @ the hospital cafeteria. While you're there, pick a tag from our Giving Tree to help fulfill the needs in our community food pantries this holiday season. The food pantries include the House of Manna, Green Bean, Matthew 25, St. Vincent de Paul, New Baden Zion & New Baden Baptist. Items purchased for the food pantry can be brought to the hospital. Participation in the Giving Tree is optional and not required to enjoy breakfast with us.

Christmas Concert: You are invited to "*What Sweeter Music*", a Christmas concert by the *Heartland Community Chorus*. The singers will be accompanied by a fourteen-piece orchestra. The program will be presented on **Saturday, Dec. 8th** at 7:30 pm @ St. Rose Church, & **Sunday, Dec. 9th** at 3:00 pm @ St. Paul Church, 1412 Ninth Street, Highland. Tickets are \$15; those sixteen and under enjoy free admission. Purchase tickets from any chorus member, at the door, at First Collinsville Bank, 111 Walnut Street, Highland, or at our website: heartlandcommunitychorus.org. Season tickets are also available for \$30 for all three concerts of the season—that's like one concert free! Don't miss this very special celebration of the Christmas season!