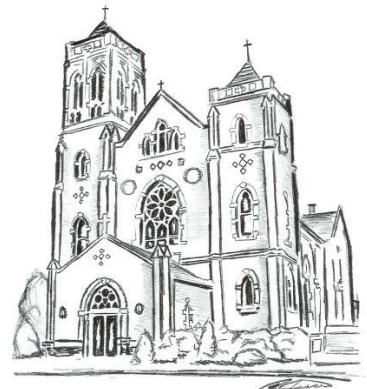




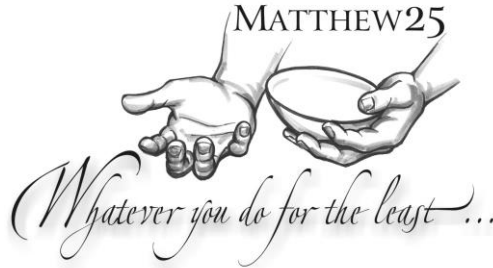
*Our Lord Jesus,
King of the Universe
November 26th, 2017*



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Tuesday & Thursday

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
Rev. Gerald Miriani

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Norbert Jansen

Special Intention – Florence Arentsen

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

NO Mass or Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard
Ray & Alvina Huegen
Kurt Huegen
Teresa Kollmann

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
For All Parishioners

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Catherine Albers & Family
Pat Huegen

Norbert Jansen

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today's reading from Ezekiel is the perfect setup for the Gospel. The Lord God promises to judge between the sheep and the goats. **By what standard does the Son of Man judge?** When the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge us for our acts of mercy. We cannot look to God to care for those in need. The job is now ours, and the King now judges us. **We must always remember to be merciful to our sisters and brothers.**

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, November 26th

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

Monday, November 27th

RCIA 7:00 pm @ Breese

Tuesday, November 28th

English Classes 9:30 am @ St. Damian House

Breese Hardee's Family Night 5:00-8:00 pm

NO St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 29th

Fr. Anthony Visits Nursing Homes

Thursday, November 30th

English Classes 9:30 am @ St. Damian House

St. Bernard Choir Practice 7:00 pm @ Church

Friday, December 1st

Communion to Homebound

Hispanic Rosary 6:30 pm &

Bible Study 7:00 pm @ St. Damian

Saturday, December 2nd

Reconciliation 3:15-3:45 pm @ St. Bernard

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, December 3rd

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

Catholic Holy Family Society Social

Following the 10:00 am Mass @ Church

Senior Bags Packed for Daystar Community

11:00 am @ St. Bernard Parish Center

1st Reconciliation & Advent Reconciliation Service

1:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

- *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.
- *New Year's Eve* – NO MASS.
- *New Year's Day* – 9:00 am @ St. Bernard.

VOCATION CORNER: The tasks we are called to in the Gospel today by Jesus 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!

**"The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want."**

Hardee's Family Night:

Please join us at ***Breese Hardee's*** on **Tuesday, Nov. 28th** from 5:00-8:00 pm. 20% of ALL sales from dine-in, carry out and drive-thru will benefit *Daystar Community Program* in Cairo, IL. Enter for a chance to win a \$25 Hardee's Gift Certificate by donating pasta and/or paper products to Daystar Program. Donations accepted in the dining room that night.

CYM & FAITH FORMATION CLASSES:

We are collecting items for *Holiday Bags* that will be distributed to senior citizens through the *Daystar Mission Program* in Cairo, IL. Packing the bags will be on **Sunday, December 3rd** immediately following the 10 am Mass @ St. Bernard Parish Center. All CYM & Faith Formation students from both St. Bernard and St. Damian parishes (and parents) are invited to help. **The bags will be delivered on Saturday, December 9th** – see Shelly Schuetz for more details regarding the delivery. ***Thank you in advance for your generosity and assistance in this very special project!!!***

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

The 2nd grade students will be celebrating the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* for the first time at the *Joint Parish Reconciliation Service* on **Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 1:00 pm @ St. Damian**. All parishioners, godparents, grandparents and more are welcome to participate!!

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

POSTERS:

The Knights of Columbus will again sponsor this poster contest for 2017. 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. 8th.**



LADIES SODALITIES:

NEW this year! The Ladies Sodality are having a **JOINT Christmas Party**. The event will be held **Friday, December 15th** at the Albers American Legion. Cocktails begin at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. The evening will conclude with a 'Holiday Spirited' bus tour, viewing the Christmas lights in the Damiansville/Albers area. Relax, take a seat, grab a drink and be prepared to enjoy the best light displays in the county! Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of both churches, or contact a Sodality officer. **Please sign up on or before Sunday, Dec. 3rd**. 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:
St. Damian: Susan Lynch (314) 486- 5542, skalmer86@gmail.com; Gwen Fuehne (618)210-0259, halfpint1@charter.net; Lori Toennies (618) 250-0854, loritoennies@hotmail.com; Angie Jansen (618) 578-8552, angiejansen226@gmail.com
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ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 18th/19th, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,344.00 + Thanksgiving: \$175.00
+ ACH: \$565.00 + Loose: \$109.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$227.00 = \$2,420.00
Budget for week: \$2,903.85
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$49,395.04
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$60,980.85
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 11,585.81)**
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 COMMUNITY GIVING TREE:

St. Damian will once again be collecting *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* till **Dec. 10th**. 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 9th** at 7:00 pm in St. Damian Parish House. Hope to see you there.

ST. DAMIAN QUILT COMMITTEE:

- **Bi-Monthly Quilt Winner** – Al Varel
- **Thank you** to all who have picked up and returned your quilt raffle tickets for next year.
Your support is greatly appreciated.

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 @ 8:30 am

Ministers of Communion — Rosann Horstmann,
Julie Langenhorst, *Alice Toennies*
Reader — Susan Lynch
Ushers — Norm Horstmann, Jared Horstmann
Servers — Lauren Lynch, Reece Deiters, Kaylee Netemeyer
Organist — Geri Varel
Collection Counters – Melvin Toennies, Kathleen Hodges, Anita Rakers
Children's Liturgy – ???



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ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 19th, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,127.00 + Thanksgiving: \$20.00
+ ACH: \$2,205.00 + Loose: \$63.00 = \$3,415.00
Budget for week: \$3,012.02
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$52,645.75
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$63,252.42
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 10,606.67)**
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!



Congratulations to Reese Everley

Hubert, child of Justin & Ashley (Wilke) Hubert, who received the saving waters of baptism on Sunday, November 12th @ St. Bernard Church. May God watch over and guide them in their journey of life.

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!**

CATHOLIC HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY:

Next Sunday, Dec. 3rd immediately following the **10 am Mass**, *Catholic Holy Family Society* (CHFS) will hold a social with donuts, coffee, and juices in the gathering area of St. Bernard Church. All are invited to join in fellowship, refreshments, and attendance drawings.

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. 10th**. 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.***

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017 @ 4:00 pm

Ministers of Communion — Nettie Broeckling,
Melissa Netemeyer, Liz Nussbaumer

Reader — Ken Nussbaumer

Ushers — Nick & Kathy Friederich

Servers — Rylee Jansen, Tyler Robertson, Kyle
Athmer

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Ministers of Communion — **Brenda Morris**,
Roman Kloeckner, Teresa Schomaker, Robbin
Netemeyer

Reader — Ray Gill

Ushers — Kevin & Kristen Templin, Dave
Langenhorst, Dave Wuebbels

Servers — Avery Wuebbels, Mallory Strubhart,
Ashlyn Hodges

Counters — Pat Litteken, Kevin Templin, Phyllis
Albers

Children's Liturgy — Meg & Erin Schiefer

DEACON FORMATION: If you are interested in learning more about becoming a deacon, you are invited to attend two upcoming informational meetings. 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. 9th, 2017** at 10:00 am @ the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, Building 6 and the second is on **Saturday, Jan. 6th, 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 pwarn@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,

Albers Elementary School Booster Club is holding a **Raffle**. Tickets are \$20.00 each with a **Grand Prize** of \$5,000; **2nd Prize** of \$1,000; and **3rd Prize** of \$500. **All tickets are due back by Friday, December 1st**. Drawing will take place at the Christmas Concert.