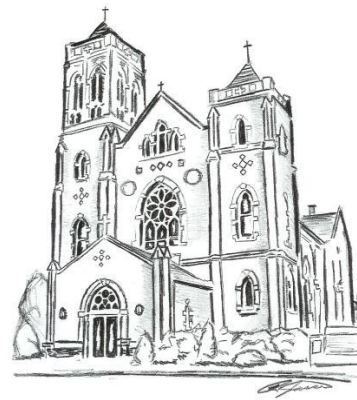


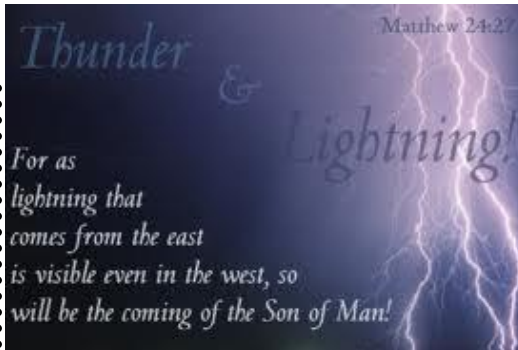


*First Sunday  
Of Advent*  
November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Damian*

For Justice & Peace

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Bernard*

For All The Sick

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Louis Korte

Dorothy Richter

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

Bernard & Bernadine Frankovich

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

*NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

*5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard*

Kurt Huegen

Ray & Alvina Huegen

Teresa Kollmann

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

*8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian*

For All Parishioners

*10:00 am @ St. Bernard*

Catherine Albers & Family

Florence & Clarence Kassen

Brenda Haas

*11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Mass in Spanish

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

As we begin this Advent season, we focus on the universal spiritual practice of being awake – deeply aware. It's not that we're sleeping, but that it's so easy to become distracted by the ordinary demands of life – especially in this holiday season. It is so easy to overlook what is truly most important, but staying alert is hard. God is always present to us; Jesus comes in many appearances, many ways. If we're not alert, we miss it all. **What will it take to keep us focused?** Pondering the Second Coming helps us to focus on what is important in our lives, and how we are to make ourselves ready for the coming of the Lord. As Jesus says, *"Stay awake!"*

# "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

## GENERAL CONCERNS:

### WAYS TO PREPARE FOR ADVENT:

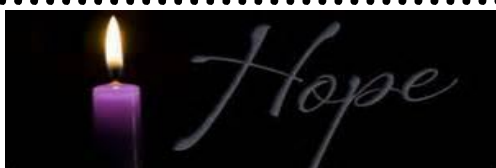
- ❖ **Ministers of Worship** for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day are needed: Sign up in the main entrance of church to be *Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Ushers/Greeters*, and *Collection Counters*.
- ❖ **Candle Lighters** to light the Advent Wreath. Family & individual volunteers are needed, please sign up in the main entrance of church.
- ❖ **Eucharistic Adoration** will be held every Wednesday during Advent starting **Wednesday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>** from 9:00 am till 12 noon @ **St. Damian** and from 1:00-3:00 pm @ **St. Bernard** as long as we have volunteers signed up to cover the hours.
- ❖ **From Heaven to Manger** daily devotions are available at the entrances of both churches. Pick one up and read to prepare for the Advent Season.
- ❖ **Sacrament of Reconciliation** – Our children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be celebrating the sacrament for the first time at the *Joint Parish Reconciliation Service* on **Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm @ St. Damian**. All parishioners, godparents, grandparents and more are welcome to participate!!

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## "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

### POSTERS:

The Knights of Columbus will again sponsor this poster contest for 2016. Students in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> 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**. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in each parish group will be given monetary awards. **Deadline to return artwork to Faith Formation teachers is Friday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.**



## HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

***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

**Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

***St. Damian Adult Choir Practice***

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

***Eucharistic Adoration***

9:00 am – 12 noon @ St. Damian Church

1:00-3:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

**Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

***Communion to Homebound***

***St. Bernard Choir Practice***

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

**Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

***Rosary in Spanish*** 6:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

***Sacrament of Reconciliation***

4:15-4:45 pm @ St. Bernard Church

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

***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

***1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation/Advent Reconciliation Service***

1:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

***St. Damian Ladies Sodality Christmas Party/Mtg.***

5:00 pm @ Albers American Legion

## CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY SCHEDULE:

- **Christmas Eve – 5:00 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.

### **MATER DEI SENIOR SERVICE PROJECT:**

As a part of MD Senior Service Project, **Emma Breiner** (St. Damian) and **Rachel Zurliene** (St. Bernard) will travel to Louisiana on **January 3-18, 2017** to assist in disaster relief efforts from the recent flood. The young ladies and chaperones (Brian Zurliene and Lori Breiner) will be guided by the United Saints Recovery Project. Several fundraisers are being held to help offset the costs associated with the trip. Please help support the group by participating with one or more of the following events:

- ✓ **Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 50/50 Drawing** ~ tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$ 5.
- ✓ **Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – Immaculate Conception Collection** at the 7:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian.
- ✓ **Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – Krispy Kreme Donut Sales** after 8:30 Mass @ St. Damian and 10:00 Mass @ St. Bernard. \$8 per dozen until we sell-out, pre-orders available by contacting Rachel 618-570-4613 or Emma 618-406-1312.
- ✓ **Collection Boxes** will be available at the entrance of both churches to place your donation.

Your generosity and prayers in supporting this effort would be greatly appreciated as they volunteer for a worthy cause. The girls will travel hours from their families to support those impacted by this disaster.

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

#### **CHURCH SUPPORT: November 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Envelopes: \$2,770.00 + Thanksgiving: \$215.00

+ Loose: \$61.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$309.00 =

\$3,355.00

Budget for week: \$2,831.73

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$49,812.55

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$59,466.33

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$9,653.78)**

Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$147,250.00

(**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.)

*Thanks for your faithful and generous support!*

### **ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

#### **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 8:30 am**

**Eucharist Ministers** — Florence Jansen, Diana

Jansen, *Sharon Kalmer*

**Reader** — Rosann Horstmann

**Ushers** — Garry Kalmer, Gary Tonnies

**Servers** — Hunter Jansen, Claire Tonnies, Lily Toennies

**Organist** — Geri Varel

**Collection Counters** – Tina Tonnies, Mel Toennies, Sandy Kramer

**Children's Liturgy** – Gwen & Ethan Toennies

### **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. Please hang your donations on the "Giving Tree" which will be located in the gathering space inside church. The Giving Tree will be set up **through Dec. 11<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 ALTAR SODALITY:**

- The **Annual Christmas Party/Meeting** will be held **Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** @ Albers Legion. Cocktails begin at 5:00 pm with dinner at 6 pm. Sign-up sheets are at both entrances of church. Please sign up on or before Sunday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup>. In the spirit of Christmas and in an effort to include our partner parish in our activities, we have invited the Albers Ladies Sodality officers to attend this year. This is a good opportunity for all to meet new friends, share new ideas, and work together to keep our communities thriving and active. **Hope to see you there.**
- **Items for the Nursing Home** will again be collected. Items include books, magazine, lotions, perfumes, small personal items, etc. **Please be generous.**

### **HOLY NAME & DAMIANVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:**

**Holy Name Meeting** will be held at 6:30 pm prior to the **Christmas Party Dinner/4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting** on **Friday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** @ St. Damian Gym.



## ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Envelopes: \$1,990.00 + Thanksgiving: \$110.00  
+ ACH: \$2,205.00 + Loose: \$8.00 = \$4,313.00  
Budget for week: \$2,964.43  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$54,368.00  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$62,253.03  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$7,885.03)**  
Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$154,150.00

**(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!*



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## ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 @ 8:30 pm

**Eucharist Ministers** — Kathy Engelmann, Ken & Liz Nussbaumer

**Reader** — Steve Schomaker

**Ushers** — Nick & Kathy Friederich

**Servers** — Kyle Athmer, Grant & Olivia Winkeler

### Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 10:00 am

**Eucharist Ministers** — *Dave Gebke*, Charlie Gebke, Roman Kloeckner, Lynette Huegen

**Reader** — Meg Schiefer

**Ushers** — Dave & Kay Langenhorst, Tom & Mitchell Broeckling

**Servers** — Noah Broeckling, Erin & Jordyn Schiefer

**Collection Counters** — Tim Schroeder, Phyllis Albers, Kris Anne Becker

**Children's Liturgy** — Rachel Zurliene, Elizabeth Schroeder

**Sunday School Helpers** — Katrina Heimann, Austyn Jansen

## ST. BERNARD CHRISTMAS PLAY:

We are looking for **Pre-K & Kindergarten Age Children** that would like to be part of this year's Christmas play – "*Wiggins Toy Shoppe*"! If you are interested, we will have a sign-up sheet in the gathering area on **Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>** with additional information! The play will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center.

## 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, under the tree no later than Dec. 12<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 is also a part of the Giving Tree drive: ① kitchen table; ② 2 sets of pots and pans; ③ car seat for 2 year old & up; ④ infant car seat. If you pick one of these items for your donation please contact Melissa Netemeyer at 248-5602 regarding drop off or if you have any questions. May God bless you for your generosity and support of this special project. Thank you

## COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

**Aviston Knights of Columbus:** *Chili & Soup Supper* on **Thursday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** from 4:00 - 6:30 pm @ St. Francis Parish Center. Carry-outs available.

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council** invites you, your family, and friends to join them for their *Annual Christmas Communion Breakfast* on **Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** @ Queen of Peace Church, Belleville. Mass at 9:00 am with catered breakfast immediately following in the parish center. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. Please call 618-394-0126 and leave a message or mail a check to SVDP – PO Box 3415 – East St. Louis, IL 62203 by Tuesday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Mater Dei Music Programs:** Mark your calendar and gather your family and friends for *Glow Bingo* on **Friday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** @ Breese American Legion. Doors open at 6:00 pm and Glow Bingo begins at 7:30 pm. For only \$25, each player receives six Bingo cards, a glow hat and a Bingo dauber. (Six additional cards costs \$5.) In addition to \$1,000 in cash prizes, the event includes a cash bar, DJ and music. Advance reservations by Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> are preferred, as students receive credit; however, reservations will be accepted at the door. For reservations, please call 618-322-9405 or email [mdknightsmusic@gmail.com](mailto:mdknightsmusic@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!