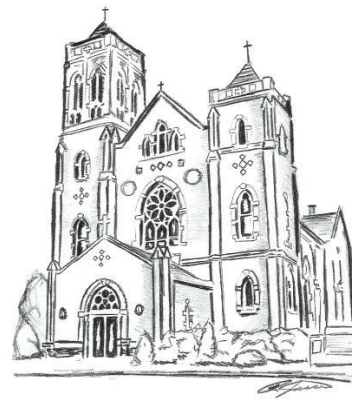


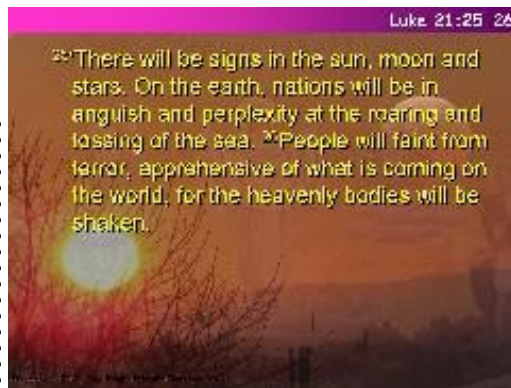


## *First Sunday of Advent* November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015



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*Tuesday & Wednesday* (9 am to 4 pm)

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*Thursday & Friday* (OFF) Thanksgiving

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#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

##### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Dorothy Richter

##### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

*7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

August Rademacher & Family

##### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**NO MASS SCHEDULED**

##### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

*7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

Ralph Netemeyer

##### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian*

For All Memorial Donors

##### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

*5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard*

For All Parishioners

##### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

*8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Carol Korte-Stockwell

Louis Korte

*10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

Catherine Albers & Family

Living & Deceased Members

Of Catholic Holy Family Society

*11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Mass in Spanish

### LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Our readings today are about signs: the just shoot raised up from David; the sun, moon, and stars; and even the earth. As we begin this new season of Advent, let us be attentive to the signs of God's movement in our own lives. **How do we live so that we are not surprised by the coming of the Lord?** Let us heed Paul and conduct ourselves in a way pleasing to God. The best way to get ready for the coming of the Lord is to act as if the Lord were already here.

### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Sunday, November 29<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, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

*English as Second Language (ESL) Classes*

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

*St. Bernard Parish Council Meeting*

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Mtg. Room

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

*Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)*

7:00 pm @ St. George Community Life Center

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

*North Central Vicariate Meeting*

12 Noon @ St. Mary, Carlyle

*English as Second Language (ESL) Classes*

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

*St. Bernard Mixed Choir Practice*

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

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

*Communion to Homebound*

**Sunday, December 6<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 / Reconciliation Service*

1:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

*St. Damian Ladies Sodality Christmas Party*

5 pm @ Albers American Legion

*Catholic Youth Ministry Meeting*

6:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym

### GENERAL CONCERNS:

#### WAYS TO PREPARE FOR ADVENT:

- ❖ *Ministers of Worship* for **Christmas Eve & Christmas Day** are needed: Sign up to be *Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Ushers/Greeters, and Collection Counters.*
- ❖ *Candle Lighters* at the **Sunday morning Masses** at both parishes will be done by the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation classes. Each class will also be greeters and bring up the offertory. At the **Saturday evening Masses** family & individual volunteers are needed to light the Advent Wreath.
- ❖ *Eucharistic Adoration* will be held during Advent starting **Wednesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> through Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 9 am till 12 noon @ **St. Damian** and from 1-3 pm @ **St. Bernard** as long as we have volunteers signed up to cover the hours.
- ❖ *Pope Francis: Living Advent with Joy & Peace* with encouragement & daily prayers 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 Sacrament of Reconciliation* on **Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2015. 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: St. Damian – Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>; St. Bernard - Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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. 13<sup>th</sup> 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!!**

# "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."

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

The following Confirmation service project is being performed by the following students and their parents: *Hunter Jansen* (Matthew/Diana), *Chris Kalmer* (Steve/Barb), *Mason Schrage* (Butch/Tammy). Trisha Rolves, former member of St. Bernard Church, has a 4 year old son who has autism. They are in the process of raising money to purchase a service dog, which cost \$15,000, to be his constant companion and help keep him safe at home. One of the fundraisers they are doing is a **shoe drive**. Old shoes (wearable or not) are being collected and will be shipped to places (domestic and abroad) where people need shoes. They will receive 40 cents for every pound of 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 both churches for you to deposit your shoes or at the students' homes. 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. The shoe drive will run **until Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**. If you wish to have someone pick up your donated shoes, please contact Diana Jansen at 248-5145. Thank you for your help!

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

#### **CHURCH SUPPORT: November 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

Envelopes: \$ 2,550.00 + Thanksgiving: \$190.00

+ Loose: \$131.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$138.00 =

\$3,009.00

Budget for week: \$2,755.77

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$47,438.24

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$57,871.17

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$10,432.93)**

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.)

*Thanks for your faithful and generous support!*

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

#### **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 8:30 am**

**Eucharist Ministers** — Deb Santel, Kristie

Santel, **Kevin Toennies**

**Reader** — Bob Innes

**Ushers** — Jared Horstmann, Gary Fuehne

**Servers** — Ethan Toennies, Kaylee Korte, Sophie

Thomas

**Organist** — Geri Varel

**Collection Counters** – Bob Innes, Anita Rakers,

Gwen Toennies

**Children's Liturgy** – Kathy & Hunter Jansen

### **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. 6<sup>th</sup>** @ Albers Legion. Cocktails begin at 5 pm with dinner at 6 pm. Sign-up sheets are in church. Please sign-up before Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. 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. 11<sup>th</sup>** starting @ 6:00 pm in Damiansville gym.

### **COMMUNITY GIVING TREE:**

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. 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 **through Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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!**



## **ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

Envelopes: \$2,261.00 + Thanksgiving: \$30.00

+ Loose: \$94.61 = \$2,385.61

Budget for week: \$2,916.25

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$50,608.62

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$61,241.25

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$10,632.63)**

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.)

*Thanks for your faithful and generous support!*

### **ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 5:00 pm**

**Eucharist Ministers** — Steve Schomaker, Kathy Engelmann, Brenda Morris

**Reader** — Shannon Netemeyer

**Ushers** — Jim & Mary Norrenberns

**Servers** — Olivia & Grant Winkeler, Corie Nobis

#### **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 10:00 am**

**Eucharist Ministers** — *Lynn Athmer*, Dave Broeckling, Kevin & Kristen Templin

**Reader** — Samantha Kassen

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

**Servers** — Spencer Broeckling, Noah Broeckling, Jessica Eilers

**Collection Counters** — Lynn Athmer, Kevin Templin, Janel Zurliene

**Children's Liturgy** — Amy Reynolds, Brenda Richter

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

- **Rosary Service** will be held **Today, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 am @ St Bernard Church.
- **Stations of the Crib** will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help. Needing at least 9 men and 3 women and children as well. **All our welcome!** If interested please see Ray Gill after Mass or contact him at [rjp.gill@gmail.com](mailto:rjp.gill@gmail.com).

### **ST. BERNARD PARISH COUNCIL:**

Nominations for the Parish Council, which is a three year term, will be accepted on **Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### **CATHOLIC HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY:**

**Next Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the **10 am Mass** for the *Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Holy Family Society* (CHFS) a social with donuts, coffee, and juices will be held in the gathering area of St. Bernard Church. All are invited to join in fellowship and refreshments. With help from the Fraternal Organization, the CHFS has been able to contribute over \$2,300 to Community Organizations.

### **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. 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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!**

**King's House Retreat Center** is having a **Christmas Quilt Raffle** to be held on **December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Contact Pat Brandmeyer at 248-5266 or email [patrudy8@frontier.com](mailto:patrudy8@frontier.com).

### **ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS 2015:**



Please donate to local families in-need this Christmas season by purchasing one or more of the gifts from the tags at Albers Elementary School, FCB Bank in Albers, St. Bernard Church, or St. Damian Church. Cash donations are also greatly appreciated! Please return unwrapped gifts to the drop-off sites **by Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**. Items purchased for our *Adopt-A-Family Christmas 2015* will be given to families in Albers and Damiansville. Please contact Brenda (698-3804) or Geri (248-5223) to make donations or with questions. **Thank you very much for giving! Christmas Blessings!!**