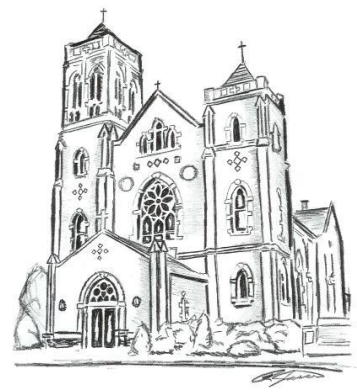




*First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019*



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St. Bernard Catholic Church-Albers

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Memorial Donors

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

August Rademacher Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Cancer Victims

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Catherine Albers & Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

NO Mass/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Bill & Rosie Athmer

Herman & Mildred Wegmann

Henry, Lucille, Allen & Glennon Albers

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

George, Alvina & Donald Rickhoff

Gary "Tripp" Kharibian

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

+Teresa Gente Valencia

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today's Readings emphasize that we are called to do more during Advent than just wait for the Lord's coming. **We are called to act.** Isaiah calls all people to come in peace and light to the mountain of the Lord. Saint Paul encourages the Romans to live in the light, conducting themselves appropriately. Jesus warns His disciples that the Second Coming could occur at any time and they must be prepared. **Let us prepare right now!**

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

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 1st

Sunday Masses w/Children's Liturgy:

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Damiansville Development Club Jingle & Mingle

9:00 am-12:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

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

Joint Parish Advent & 1st Reconciliation Service

1:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Monday, December 2nd

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

Tuesday, December 3rd

St. Bernard Finance Council Mtg.

6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Mtg. Room

St. Bernard Parish Council Mtg.

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Mtg. Room

Eucharistic Adoration w/ Benediction

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Wednesday, December 4th

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, December 5th

Communion to the Homebound

North Central Vicariate Mtg.

3:00 am @ St. Bernard Parish Center

Friday, December 6th

"Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Deadline

Saturday, December 7th

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

St. Bernard Parish Council Elections

Sunday, December 8th

Sunday 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 @ St. Damian Church

St. Bernard Parish Council Elections

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Following Mass @ St. Damian Gym

St. Bernard/St. Damian Giving Tree Deadline

REMINDER:

When there is **NO SCHOOL** due to inclement weather, there will be **NO MASS & NO PRAYER SERVICE**. Please stay home and stay safe.

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. 1st at 1:00 pm @ St. Damian**. All parishioners, godparents, grandparents and more are welcome to participate!!

WAYS TO PREPARE FOR ADVENT:

- ❖ *"Preparing for Advent" Booklets* are available at all entrances of church. Please pick up one.
- ❖ *Communion Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Ushers/Greeters, and Collection Counters* are needed for **Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**.
- ❖ *Candle Lighters* to light the Advent Wreath. Family & individual volunteers are needed.
- ❖ *Please sign up* at the main entrance of church.

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

The Knights of Columbus will again sponsor the *Poster Contest for 2019*. 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. Parish groups are:
1) Kindergarten; 2) 1st & 2nd grade; 3) 3rd & 4th grade; 4) 5th & 6th grade; and 5) 7th & 8th grade.

Deadline to return artwork to Faith Formation teachers is Friday, Dec. 6th.

CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Beginning **Monday, January 6, 2020**, the Mass schedule during the school year will be:

Monday: NO Mass/NO Prayer Service

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Wednesday & Friday: 7:45 am @ St. Damian



VOCATION CORNER:

On this First Sunday of Advent we are called to prepare our interior life for Jesus' coming. The birth of Christ wasn't just something that happened in history 2000 years ago, but must take place every day for us to be true disciples. Our preparation is necessary to receive Jesus and allow Him to flourish within us. In the same way, a vocation is our encounter with God who comes down not only to earth, but into our hearts.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 23rd/24th, 2019

Envelopes: \$1,525.00 + Thanksgiving: \$125.00
+ Loose: \$105.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$234.00 =
\$1,989.00

Budget for week: \$3,038.46

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$56,883.48

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$63,807.66

Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 6,924.18)

Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$158,000.00

(Reminder: The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$59,675.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, Cemetery & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

End of Month Totals:

Bldg./Maint. Collection: \$778.00 + Memorials: \$200.00
= \$978.00 **Total: \$32,215.52**

Sister Parish: \$90.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$32.00

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

COMMUNITY GIVING TREE:

There will be an opportunity for families in our community 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 distributed as Christmas presents to local families. BCMW serves Bond, Clinton, Marion & Washington Counties. Items can be brought to St. Damian Church and hung on the Giving Tree in the gathering space from **Nov. 23rd – Dec. 8th** (notice date change). Your generous donations will help make the holidays a little warmer for those in need. Any questions, please contact Geri Varel at 248-5223. *Thanks in advance for your generous support!*

DAMIANSVILLE DEVELOPMENT CLUB:

Invites you to a *Jingle & Mingle* including lots of Christmas fun with Santa on **Sunday, Dec. 1st** from 9:00 am-12:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym. Donuts, coffee, and juice provided with breakfast sandwiches available for \$2.50 each. Christmas crafts, face painting, hot chocolate bar, letters to Santa and photos with Santa.

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 8th, 2019 @ 8:30 am

Communion Ministers — Deb Santel, Julie Langenhorst

Reader — Rosann Horstmann

Ushers — Dan Athmer, Dave Albers

Servers — Savanna Luitjohan, Aliya Henss, Anthony Athmer

Organist — Geri Varel

Counters — Pete Toennies, Sandy Kramer, Kristy Richter

Children's Liturgy — Jackie Toennies, Reid Innes

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

THANK YOU!!

A sincere thank you to *Jackie Toennies and the St. Damian 7th * 8th Grade Faith Formation Students* for organizing the huge bake sale. Thank you to all of those who baked, purchased, and donated items. It is so very much appreciated. We are grateful for your continued thoughts, prayers and support. We are so blessed to be surrounded by such a caring, generous community. -- *The family of Maren Poettker*

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 24th, 2019

Envelopes: \$1,726.00 + Thanksgiving: \$50.00
+ Loose: \$70.00 = \$1,846.00

Budget for week: \$3,134.14

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$54,797.00

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$65,816.94

Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 11,019.94)

Fiscal year (7/19-6/20) budget: \$162,975.00

(Reminder: The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$41,250.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies Sodality, & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

End of the Month Totals:

Sister Parish: \$183.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$172.00

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ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 7th, 2019 @ 4:00 pm

Communion Ministers — Steve & Deb

Schomaker, Kathy Engelmann

Reader — Janel Zurliene

Ushers — Brian & Brooke Zurliene

Servers — Clayton & Rylee Jansen, Alex Athmer

Sunday, December 8th, 2019 @ 10:00 am

Communion Ministers — Roman Kloeckner,

Lynn Athmer, Kristen Templin

Reader — Reagan Rickhoff

Ushers — Kurt & Carson Rickhoff, Brian &

Nolan Winkeler

Servers — Connor Schomaker, Eden Rolves,

Brooke Rickhoff

Counters – Lynn Athmer, James Williams, Kris

Anne Becker

Children's Liturgy – Amy Reynolds

QUEST WEEKEND RETREAT:

Quest is a 33 hour experience for **Freshman & Sophomores students** in high school that is presented by lay and religious leaders. There is a Quest experience on **Saturday, Dec. 7th** beginning at 10:00 am and concluding on **Sunday, Dec. 8th** at 7:00 pm @ Holy Childhood of Jesus Parish in Mascoutah. For more information contact the parish office.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/HAPPENINGS:

Aviston Knights of Columbus: *All You Can Eat Breakfast* on **Sunday Dec. 1st** from 7:30-11:30 am @ the Aviston Legion. Carry-outs available. *Proceeds to help offset expenses for Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, local youth sports programs & Catholic education.*

St. Boniface Church, Germantown: *Sounds of Harmony Christmas Concert* on **Saturday, Dec. 7th** at 7:00 pm in Church. Come experience Christmas music in the Barbershop style. Free to attend.

Clinton County Showcase presents *Church Basement Ladies: Away in the Basement* on **Friday & Saturday, Dec. 6th/7th & 13th/14th** at 8:00 pm and **Sunday, Dec. 8th & 15th** at 2:00 pm @ the Avon Theater in Breese. Tickets now on sale at www.clintoncountyshowcase.com. **ALSO, Come out for an evening of fun and laughter, and support The Messenger Newspaper** on **Thursday, Dec 12th** at 7:00 pm @ the Avon Theater in Breese. Doors open at 6:00 pm. General Admission Tickets are \$15 which may be reserved by calling the Messenger at 618-233-8670 or email messenger@diobelle.org. Tickets payable at the door by cash or check.

ST. BERNARD FAITH FORMATION:

Students will be collecting funds for the *Maren Poettker Family* during Advent. For each \$5.00 donation received, something (or someone) will be added to the Faith Formation Nativity Stable. The Nativity will be “built” in the parish room at the school. The completed Nativity will be on display during the Christmas holiday in the gathering area of St. Bernard Church. The funds collected will be shared with Maren’s family to help meet any needs they have at this time. **Donations will be received from Monday, Dec. 2nd through Friday, Dec. 20th.**

ST. BERNARD PARISH COUNCIL:

Elections to replace *Lynne Huelsmann, Austen Lake, Luke Niemeyer, & Stacy Schroeder* will take place the **weekend of Dec. 7th/8th**. All parishioners, 18 years of age and older, are eligible to vote.

CATHOLIC HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY:

Complementary donuts, juice & coffee will be served on **Sunday, Dec. 8th** following the 10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard Church. Please join us for some refreshments and fellowship.

GIVING TREE:

Once again it is time for the *Christmas “Giving Tree” Drive*. We ask for your continued support to help those less fortunate. 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 or cards, purchase the requested gifts, and place the items with the card and yarn attached, unwrapped, under the tree **no later than Dec. 8th**. This year all donated items will go to *Community Link* and other local citizens in need. 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.**

MATER DEI INFORMATION:

- ***Parent Information Night***, for parents of current 8th grade students, on **Wednesday, Dec. 4th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm** provides an opportunity to receive a wealth of information regarding Mater Dei’s unique opportunities, enrollment process, free transportation, and scholarships and tuition assistance. Parents will attend presentations by the administration and each of our department chairs.
- We will administer the ***Placement Test (PSAT 8/9)*** to current 8th grade students on **Saturday, Dec. 7th** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (There is no fee to complete the test). Parents who are unable to attend the parent information night, have any question or to request an informational folder may contact Mrs. Maria Zurliene (mzurliene@materdeiknights.org).