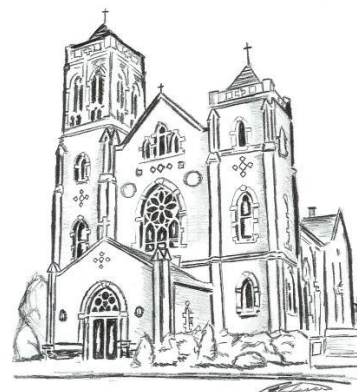




First Sunday of Advent

December 2nd, 2018



THE FIRST SUNDAY
IN ADVENT:

HOPE



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St. Bernard Catholic Church-Albers

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

Casper Richter

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Brian Frankovich

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

Frank, Minnie, Kim & Patty Heimann

Bob Innes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Fr. Louis Koehr

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

Immaculate Conception Mass

9:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Bill & Rosie Athmer

Henry, Lucille, Allen & Glennon Albers

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Florence Wolters

Linus & Bernadine Meier

Frank, Adella, Dan & Bob Albers

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The Gospel on the *1st Sunday of Advent* always concerns the end of the world, when Jesus will return to call us home. **How should we prepare for this day that Luke call an "assault"?** In the 2nd Reading, Saint Paul's words to the Thessalonians are no less apt today than they were then: "*Conduct yourselves to please God*". May this season concentrate our attention on how we treat each other. We know that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for the Lord.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

Monday, December 3rd

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, December 4th

North Central Vicariate Mtg.

12 noon @ St. Barbara, Okawville

St. Bernard Finance Council Mtg.

6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Mtg. Room

St. Bernard Parish Council Mtg.

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Mtg. Room

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

Wednesday, December 5th

Eucharistic Adoration w/Benediction

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, December 6th

Communion to the Homebound

St. Bernard Choir Practice 7:00 pm @ Church

Friday, December 7th

St. Damian Development Club/Holy Name

Christmas Party/ Mtg. 5:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym

Saturday, December 8th

Immaculate Conception Mass 9:00 am @ St. Damian

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Mananitas of the Virgin 11:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, December 9th

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Fiesta after Mass @ St. Damian Gym

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.

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

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!!

WAYS TO PREPARE FOR ADVENT:

- ❖ *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 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. Please RSVP by signing up on the sheets available at the entrances of both churches or contact an officer: Janel Zurliene (618-402-2868), Angie Winkeler (618-789-1699), Lori Toennies (618-250-0854) or Angie Jansen (618-578-8552). **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.



ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: Nov. 24th/25th, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,452.00 + Thanksgiving: \$375.00
+ Loose: \$72.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$375.00 =

\$2,274.00

Budget for week: \$3,038.46

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$56,433.44

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$66,846.12

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 10,412.68)**

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.)

End of Month Totals:

Bldg./Maint. Collection: \$540.00 **Total: \$28,557.80**

Sister Parish: \$180.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$225.00

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN QUILT COMMITTEE:

- ❖ ***Quarterly Quilt Raffle Tickets*** are in the main entrance of church for pick-up.
- ❖ ***Quilt Winner for November*** is Jerome Kalmer, Damiansville.

COMBINED HOLY NAME &

DAMIANSVILLE 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:

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*.

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 8th, 2018 @ 9:00 am

Communion Ministers — Julie Langenhorst, Mech Toennies

Reader — Mary Innes

Ushers — Jerry Innes, Pete Toennies

Servers — Kennedy & Aidan Toennies

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Sunday, December 9th, 2018 @ 8:30 am

Communion Ministers — Deb Santel, Alice Toennies

Reader — Beth Brandmeyer

Ushers — Dave Albers, Dan Athmer

Servers — Gavin & Kaylee Netemeyer

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Counters — Mel Toennies, Kathy Gonsalves, Bob Hitpas

Children's Liturgy — Jackie Toennies, CeCe Toennies

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. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY:

Christmas Cookie Walk on **Saturday, Dec. 15th** from 9:00 am to 12 noon @ St. Damian Gym. **What's a cookie walk?** Cookies are placed on tables and you walk up and down the isles selecting the cookies you like. Once selected, the cookies are weighed and sold by the pound. This is a great way to enjoy a wide variety of homemade cookies or give as a gift. (\$8/lb.) **How you can help?** Parishioners who enjoy backing cookies are asked to provide us with as many batches as you can. Please provide the name of the cookie(s) you baked when you drop them off. **Drop-off times:** **Friday, Dec. 14th** from 3:30-6:00 pm & **Saturday, Dec. 15th** from 8:00-8:30 am. If you plan to bake cookies, please write your name on the sign-up sheet at the entrances of church or contact an officer: Lori Toennies (618-250-0854), Angie Jansen (618-578-8552), Monica Koch (618-792-6529), or Andrea Horstmann (618-978-6489).

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: Nov. 25th, 2018

Envelopes: \$2,255.00 + Thanksgiving: \$1,167.00
+ Loose: \$162.00 = \$3,584.00
Budget for week: \$3,124.52
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$57,773.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$68,739.44
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 10,966.44)**
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

End of Month Totals:

Sister Parish: \$308.00
Campaign for Human Development: \$150.00

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 8th, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

Communion Ministers — Melissa Netemeyer, Steve & Deb Schomaker

Reader — Nettie Broeckling

Ushers — Ed Broeckling, **Volunteer**

Servers — Corina Hegger, Hayley Lucas

Sunday, December 9th, 2018 @ 10:00 am

Communion Ministers — Meg Schiefer, Lynn Athmer, Devin Rensing

Reader — Jackie Peters

Ushers — Ken & Dana Lake, Ron & Geri Norrenberns

Servers — Erin & Jordyn Schiefer

Counters — Lynn Athmer, Dana Lake, James Williams

Children's Liturgy — Karen Schroeder

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*.

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.

VOCATION CORNER:

On this **1st 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. The Gospel reminds us to beware and not let ***"that day catch you by surprise like a trap."*** Our vocation encounter with God needs to occur every day.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Damiansville Elementary PTO: *Dine Out For Education* will be held **Wednesday, Dec 5th** @ Fuehne's Tavern in Damiansville. . Dine-in or take-out from open till close and a percentage of the day's sales will be donated back. *Enjoy a delicious meal at Fuehne's while raising money for the PTO.*

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.

Mater Dei Band/Music Program: Mater Dei Music Program will hold its ***Christmas Concert*** on **Sunday, Dec. 9th** at 7:00 pm in Mater Dei Gym.