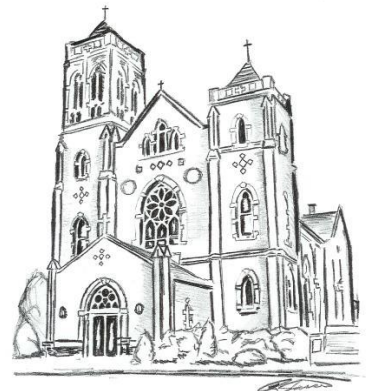
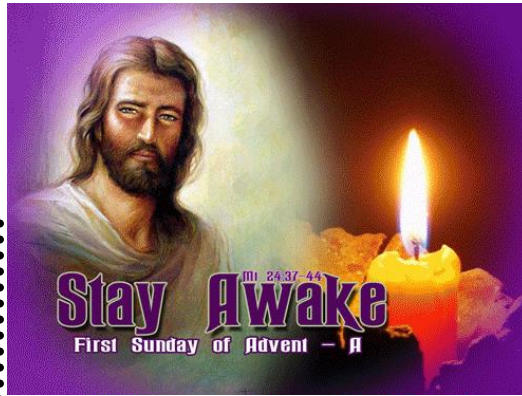




*First Sunday of Advent*  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

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

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Frank, Minnie, Kim & Patty Heimann

Bob Innes

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

August Rademacher Family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian*

William & Clara Korte

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

For All Memorial Donors

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

*Immaculate Conception Schedule:*

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

Living & Deceased Members of

Catholic Holy Family Society

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

For All Families

*7:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian*

For All Parishioners

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

*4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard*

For All Parishioners

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

*8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Henry, Lucille, Glennon & Allen Albers

Edward & Marie Eilering

Marian Sudholt & Kim Brennan

*10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

Irene Strieker; Florence Wolters

Lawrence & Catherine Strieker

*11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Our Lady of Guadalupe

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

We hear a lot about **waiting** today. With the Chosen People in exile, Isaiah humbly prays for God's saving presence. Feeling abandoned, the psalmist sings, "**Lord, make us turn to You; let us see Your face and we shall be saved.**" Saint Paul assures the Christians in Corinth that they have what they need from God as they wait for Christ's coming in glory. Finally, in Mark's Gospel, Jesus advises His disciples to be on the watch, like servants waiting for their master to return.

## HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

### **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*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

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

1:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

### **Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

*RCIA* 7:00 pm @ Breese

### **Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

*English Classes* 9:30 am @ St. Damian House

*NC Vicariate Meeting* 3:00 pm @ Bartelso

*St. Bernard Finance Council Mtg.*

6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Meeting Room

*St. Bernard Parish Council Mtg.*

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Meeting Room

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

### **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Eucharistic Adoration*

9:00-11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

1:00-2:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

*Advent Bible Study*

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center

### **Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Communion to Homebound*

*English Classes* 9:30 am @ St. Damian House

*St. Bernard Choir Practice* 7:00 pm @ Church

### **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Immaculate Conception Schedule:*

**Mass:** 7:45 am @ St. Bernard Church

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

**Mass:** 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

*Mater Dei Immaculate Conception Mass* 9:40 am

### **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Deacon Formation Mtg.*

9:00 am @ Diocesan Pastoral Center

*Senior Bags Delivered to Daystar Community*

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

*Mass* 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

### **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

*Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrate*

Following the 11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian Gym

*Giving Tree Deadline* @ St. Bernard & St. Damian

## 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.
- ❖ *Eucharistic Adoration* will be held **every Wednesday through Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>** during Advent from 9:00-11:00 am @ **St. Damian** and from 1:00-2:00 pm @ **St. Bernard**.
- ❖ *Please sign up* at the main entrance of church.

## CYM & FAITH FORMATION CLASSES:

Items for *Holiday Bags* are being collected to distribute to senior citizens through the *Daystar Mission Program* in Cairo, IL. Packing the bags will be on **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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 9<sup>th</sup>** – see Shelly Schuetz for more details regarding the delivery.

## “KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS”

The Knights of Columbus will again sponsor this *Poster Contest*. 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. 8<sup>th</sup>**.

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:

- ⇒ *Mass in Spanish* will be on **Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am @ St. Damian Church.
- ⇒ *Fiesta* on **Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** following the Mass will be held @ St. Damian Gym. If planning to attend, please bring soft drinks or desserts. *Call St. Damian Parish at 248-5134 and leave a message to sign up for the meal.*
- ⇒ *Guirnalda (garland of flowers)* is a bilingual celebration on the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>)** from 6-7 pm. All are invited to join in prayer and song @ St. Damian Church.



### LADIES SODALITIES:

**NEW this year!** The Ladies Sodalties are having a **JOINT Christmas Party**. The event will be held **Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** 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. 3<sup>rd</sup>**. This is a blessed opportunity for all to share fellowship, new ideas, and work together to keep our parishes thriving and active. **\*Babysitting will be provided starting at 5:30 pm.** Hope to see you there! In sharing our Christmas spirit, we will be collecting items for the Nursing Home such as books, magazines, lotions, perfumes, small personal items, etc. Any questions, please contact an officer:  
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### ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

#### CHURCH SUPPORT: November 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,356.00 + Thanksgiving: \$1,489.00  
+ Loose: \$114.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$290.00 =

\$3,249.00

Budget for week: \$2,903.85

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$52,644.04

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$63,884.70

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 11,240.66)**

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.)

#### **End of Month Totals:**

Bldg./Maint. Collection: \$415.00 **Total: \$23,333.26**

Sister Parish: \$175.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$85.00

*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. 10<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.

#### COMBINED HOLY NAME & DAMIANSVILLE DEVELOPMENT CLUB:

**Christmas Party** will be held on **Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** @ St. Damian Gym. **Dinner** starting at 6:00 pm followed by Holy Name meeting. Development Club meeting following Holy Name meeting.

### ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

*Immaculate Conception of Mary Mass*

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

#### Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 8:30 am

**Ministers of Communion** — Kevin Toennies, Erin Korte, *Sharon Kalmer*

**Reader** — Beth Brandmeyer

**Ushers** — Dave Pingsterhaus, Dave Albers

**Servers** — Trent & Julia Korte, Kaylee Korte

**Organist** — Chris Brandmeyer

**Collection Counters** — Kathy Gonsalves, Bob Hitpas, Mech Toennies

**Children's Liturgy** — Sandy Kramer, Julia Korte



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### ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

#### CHURCH SUPPORT: November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,555.00 + Thanksgiving: \$150.00

+ Loose: \$112.00 = \$1,817.00

Budget for week: \$3,012.02

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$54,462.75

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$66,264.44

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 11,801.69)**

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.)

#### **End of Month Totals:**

Sister Parish: \$251.00

World Mission Sunday: \$20.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$246.00

*Thanks for your faithful and generous support!*

### **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 are available!**

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

**This Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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. 10<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 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 4:00 pm**

**Ministers of Communion** — Melissa Netemeyer,  
Steve & Deb Schomaker

**Reader** — Nettie Broeckling

**Ushers** — Ed Broeckling, Brian Zurliene

**Servers** — Kalie Wellen, Kaitlyn & Coryn Toennies

#### **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 10:00 am**

**Ministers of Communion** — *Cole Schomaker*,

Sharon Wuebbels, Devin Rensing, Vicki Pittman

**Reader** — Brent Rickhoff

**Ushers** — Tim & Elizabeth Schroeder, Ron & Geri  
Norrenberns

**Servers** — Matt Schroeder, Reagan & Brooke  
Rickhoff

**Counters** — Tim Schroeder, Keith Richter, Vicki  
Pittman

**Children's Liturgy** — Stefanie Rickhoff

**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. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017** at 10:00 am @ the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, Building 6 and the second is on **Saturday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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 phone at 618-722-5043 or by email at [pwarnar@diobelle.org](mailto:pwarnar@diobelle.org). Please continue to pray for all those in our diocese discerning a vocation to lay ministry, diaconate, priesthood or religious life.

**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.