

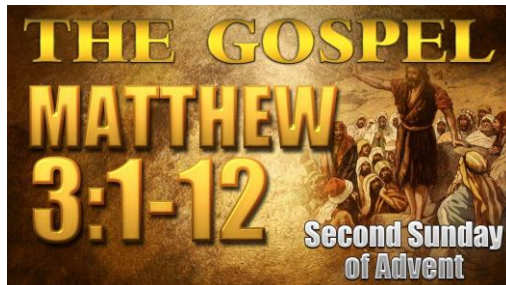


*Second Sunday
Of Advent*
December 4th, 2016



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Monday (8 am to 5 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian;

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

(9 am to 4 pm) @ CLC, New Baden;

Friday (8 am to 1 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Cancer Victims

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mark & Randy Toennies

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

Immaculate Conception of Mary

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Living & Deceased Members

Of Catholic Holy Family Society

7:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

Aloys & Estelle Heimann

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

Albert "Shorty" Deimeke

Clinton "Punkin", Helen & Dale Meyer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Henry, Lucille, Allen & Glennon Albers

Edward & Marie Eilering

Marian Sudholt

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

Catherine Albers & Family

Florence & Clarence Kassen

Brenda Haas

11:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In a chaotic world filled with personal, political and often environmental turmoil, it is easy to long for someone coming from the outside to help us, to “fix” things. But today we are reminded that something is also required of us. Preparing for Christ was and is a serious task, involving our own need for hope and repentance. We can look to Jesus for solace and assistance, but we are called to “*make straight His paths*” and “*produce good fruit as evidence of (our) paths*”. His coming makes great demands on us. The best way to make ourselves ready is to live as if He is already here. What will help you to live out the presence of God right now?

**"Justice shall flourish in His time,
and fullness of peace forever."**

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 **every Wednesday through Dec. 21st** 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.

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

POSTERS:

The Knights of Columbus will again sponsor this poster contest for 2016. 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. 9th.**

Our Lady of Guadalupe & Robert Rapp Farewell will be celebrated on **Sunday, Dec. 11th** with Mass in Spanish at 11:30 am @ St. Damian Church. ***Fiesta*** following Mass will be held @ St. Damian Gym. If planning to attend, please bring soft drinks or deserts. ***Call St. Damian Parish at 248-5134 and leave a message to sign up for the meal.***

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 4th

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

1st Reconciliation/Advent Reconciliation Service

1:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

St. Damian Ladies Sodality Christmas Party/Mtg.

5:00 pm @ Albers American Legion

Tuesday, December 6th

North Central Vicariate Meeting

3:00 pm @ St. Augustine, Breese

St. Bernard Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Meeting Room

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, December 7th

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 am – 12 noon @ St. Damian Church

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

Thursday, December 8th

Immaculate Conception of Mary Schedule

7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Damian

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

9:40 am @ Mater Dei High School

7:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Friday, December 9th

Communion to Homebound

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

Holy Name Meeting & Damiansville Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party/Meeting

Beginning 6:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym

Saturday, December 10th

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Sunday, December 11th

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Krispy Kreme Donut Sales

After 8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

After 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

Our Lady of Guadalupe/Robert Rapp Farewell

11:30 am Mass @ St. Damian Church

Fiesta following @ St. Damian Gym

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:

- ✓ **Thursday, Dec. 8th – Immaculate Conception Collection** at the 7:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian.
 - ✓ **Sunday, Dec. 11th – 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 16th/27th, 2016

Envelopes: \$1,004.00 + Thanksgiving: \$310.00

+ Loose: \$127.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$301.00 =

\$1,742.00

Budget for week: \$2,831.73

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$51,554.55

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$62,298.06

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$10,743.51)**

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.)

End of Month Totals:

Bldg./Maint. Collection: \$462.00 **Total: \$17,451.89**

Sister Parish: \$280.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$277.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 8th, 2016 @ 7:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Chris & Beth Brandmeyer,

Ange Wobbe

Reader — Darlene Toennies

Ushers — **2 Volunteers**

Servers — Ben & Jennifer Heimann, Reece Deiters

Organist — Geri Varel

Sunday, December 11th, 2016 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Alice Toennies, Ken Mank,

Pete Toennies

Reader — Jackie Toennies

Ushers — Brad & Kristy Richter

Servers — Kaylee Netemeyer, Sophie Thomas,

Heather Toennies

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Collection Counters – Pete Toennies, Kristy

Richter, Anita Rakers

ST. DAMIAN LADIES ALTAR SODALITY:

- The **Annual Christmas Party/Meeting** will be held **Sunday, Dec. 4th** @ Albers Legion. Cocktails begin at 5:00 pm with dinner at 6 pm. **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.**

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. 11th**. Your generous donations will help make the holidays a little warmer for many people! Any questions, please contact Geri Varel at 248-5223.

HOLY NAME & DAMIANSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

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

PARISHES SECOND COLLECTION to be held **next weekend, Dec. 10th/11th**. Parishes in NC Vicariate (Clinton & part of Washington Counties) are asked to assist in paying the salary for the Hispanic Minister. The second collection will be used to deduct from the amount the parish is assessed.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 27th, 2016

Envelopes: \$1,238.00 + Thanksgiving: \$1,192.00
+ Loose: \$54.00 = \$2,484.00
Budget for week: \$2,964.43
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$56,852.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$65,217.46
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$8,365.46)**
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.)

End of Month Totals:

Sister Parish: \$284.00
World Mission Sunday: \$50.00
Campaign for Human Development: \$260.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!



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ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 10th, 2016 @ 8:30 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Melissa Netemeyer, Steve & Deb Schomaker

Reader — Brenda Morris

Ushers — Jim & Mary Norrenberns

Servers — Coryn & Kaitlyn Toennies, Kalie Wellen

Sunday, December 11th, 2016 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — *Sharon Wuebbels*, Michelle Kennedy, Meg Schiefer, Robbin Netemeyer

Reader — Sean Kennedy

Ushers — John, Linda, & Michael Majchrzak, Dale Holtmann

Servers — Jacob Kehder, Sophia Kennett, Kyle Holtmann

Collection Counters – Pat Litteken, Sean Kennedy, John Majchrzak

Children's Liturgy – Charlie Gebke, Ocean Reinhardt, Noah Broeckling

Sunday School Helpers – Tyler Robertson, Matt Schroeder

CATHOLIC HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY:

Next Sunday, Dec. 11th 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 CHRISTMAS PLAY:

Please join us for the Christmas play – "*Wiggins Toy Shoppe*" on **Saturday, Dec. 17th** 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. 12th. 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:

Mater Dei Music Programs: Mark your calendar and gather your family and friends for *Glow Bingo* on **Friday, Dec. 9th** @ 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. 7th 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. Thank you for your support!

Corpus Christi Parish, Shiloh will be hosting the *5th Annual Holiday Hilltop 5K Run / Walk and ½ Mile Fun Run / Walk & Silent Auction* on **Saturday, Dec. 10th** at 9:00 am. Cost: \$25 for 5K & \$15 for ½ Mile. This year's run will *benefit Matthew Rheame*, who has been fighting cancer since he was just five months old. Matthew has been an active volunteer at HIS KIDS of Highland, an organization created to support families affected by childhood cancer. In addition to paying towards some of his own medical bills, Matthew would like to use some of the funds raised at the Holiday Hilltop Run to help support Camp HIS KIDS this coming summer. Questions call (618) 447-1670 or email holidayhilltop@gmail.com.