



*Second Sunday of Advent*  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015



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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 7<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian*

For All Parishioners

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

*7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

Cyril, Dorothy & Marvin Foppe

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

**NO MASS SCHEDULED**

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

*7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

For All Cancer Victims

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

*7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Tom Gonsalves

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

*5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard*

Archie & Marie Santel

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

*8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Edward & Marie Eilering

Bill Athmer, Jr.

Henry, Lucille, Glennon & Allen Albers

*10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

Leona Peek

*11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Mass in Spanish

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

Saint Paul gives us the focus for our prayer when he says that the God who began a good work in us will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. As we hear in the other readings today of the coming of the Lord into the deserts of our lives, let us bear in mind that we too can bear the presence of the Lord into the lives of those around us, carrying on the good work that God has begun in us. **What are you doing to show them the presence of the Lord?**

**"The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy."**

### **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.*
- ❖ **Advent Wreath 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. Family & individual volunteers are needed at the **Saturday evening Masses** @ St. Bernard.
- ❖ **Eucharistic Adoration** will be held during Advent 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.

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS:**

Anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister or Lector, please plan to attend the training scheduled on **Thursday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** @ St. Damian Church. Both parishes are in need of Eucharistic Ministers for Saturday evenings.

#### **KRISPY KREME DONUTS SALE:**

Eight (8) senior Mater Dei boys will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts by the dozen for \$8/dozen. 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!!**

#### **CHANGE IN DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:**

On **Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>,** **Reconciliation for Faith Formation students ONLY** will be held from 7:40 to 8:25 am. **Mass** for parishioners will begin at **8:30 am.** If desired, the Rosary may be prayed following Mass.

### **HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:**

#### **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

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

##### ***NO am Mass – Prayer Service w/Communion***

##### ***Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass***

7:00 pm @ St. Damian church

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

##### ***English as Second Language (ESL) Classes***

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

##### ***Knights of Columbus Christmas Party***

6:00 pm @ Albers Jaycee Building

##### ***St. Damian Parish Council Meeting***

7:00 pm @ St. Damian House

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

##### ***Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)***

7:00 pm @ St. George Community Life Center

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

##### ***English as Second Language (ESL) Classes***

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

##### ***Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Training***

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

##### ***St. Bernard Mixed Choir Practice***

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

#### **Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

##### ***Communion to Homebound***

##### ***Holy Name & C of C Christmas Party***

6:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym

#### **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

##### ***Mananitas to the Virgin***

11:00 pm – 12:30 am @ St. Damian Church

#### **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

##### ***Children's Liturgy of the Word***

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

##### ***Krispy Kreme Donuts Sale***

After Masses @ St. Damian & St. Bernard

##### ***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 Mass & Fiesta***

Mass: 11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Fiesta: Following Mass @ St. Damian Gym

##### ***Giving Tree/Adopt-A-Family Donations Deadline***

**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**. 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, which will be shipped to places (domestic and abroad) where people need shoes. 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!



The Hispanic Community invites all to celebrate the feast of ***Our Lady of Guadalupe*** on **Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** with Mass in Spanish at 11 am @ St. Damian Church. ***Fiesta*** to be held @ St. Damian Gym following Mass.

Please bring soft drinks or deserts. Come for part or all of the festivities!

Call Roberto Rapp at 314-780-2795 to sign up for the meal.

**ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:**

**CHURCH SUPPORT: November 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Envelopes: \$ 1,448.00 + Thanksgiving: \$2,609.00

+ Loose: \$190.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$188.00 =

\$4,435.00

Budget for week: \$2,755.77

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$51,873.24

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$60,626.94

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$8,753.70)**

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.)

**End of Month Totals:**

Bldg/Maint Fund: \$608.00 **Total: \$10,988.82**

Sister Parish: \$270.00

World Mission Sunday: \$10.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$372.00

**Thanks for your faithful and generous support!**

**ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 7:00 pm**

**Eucharist Ministers** — Virgil & Marilyn Jansen,

**Pete Toennies**

**Reader** — Jackie Toennies

**Servers** — Paul & Collin Jansen, Cierra Arentsen

**Organist** — Geri Varel

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 8:30 am**

**Eucharist Ministers** — Florence Jansen, Ruth

Jansen, **Sharon Kalmer**

**Reader** — Susan Lynch

**Ushers** — Dan Athmer, Dave Albers

**Servers** — Anthony & William Athmer, Caleb

Gonsalves

**Organist** — Chris Brandmeyer

**Collection Counters** — Kathy Gonsalves, Bob

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**Children's Liturgy** — Sandy Kramer, Matthew

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**NEW CHRISTMAS TREES CHURCH:**

St. Damian Ladies Sodality is seeking donations to help offset the costs of purchasing approximately 5 to 7 new 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.**

**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 collecting 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 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.

**PARISHES SECOND COLLECTION** to be held **next weekend, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>**. Parishes in Clinton County are asked to assist in paying the salary for the Hispanic Minister, Roberto Rapp. This collection will be used to deduct from the amount the parish is assessed.



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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Envelopes: \$1,885.00 + Thanksgiving: \$85.00

+ Loose: \$17.00 = \$1,987.00

Budget for week: \$2,916.25

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$52,595.62

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$64,157.50

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$11,561.88)**

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.)

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

Sister Parish: \$163.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$290.00

*Thanks for your faithful and generous support!*

## **ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 5:00 pm**

**Eucharist Ministers** — Melissa Netemeyer, Liz Nussbaumer, Kathy Engelmann

**Reader** — Jordan Wieter

**Ushers** — Nick & Kathy Friederich

**Servers** — Brad & Eric Higgins, Jacey Wieter

### **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 10:00 am**

**Eucharist Ministers** — *Meg Schiefer*, Dan & Lee Love, Shannon Netemeyer

**Reader** — Ray Gill

**Ushers** — John, Linda & Michael Majchrzak, Tom Rensing

**Servers** — Jacob & Mallory Toennies, Abigail Crosby

**Collection Counters** – Pat Litteken, John Majchrzak, Tom Rensing

**Children's Liturgy** – Stefanie Rickhoff, Charlie Kitson

## **CATHOLIC HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY:**

**This 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.

### **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!**

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**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).



### **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!!**

### **VILLAGE OF ALBERS:**

- ❖ All Albers residents are invited to decorate your yard and homes for our **2015 Christmas Lights Contest** sponsored by the *Albers Commercial Club*. Please have displays lit from **Sunday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>** from 6:00-9:00 pm for judging.
- ❖ **Albers 125 T-shirts:** Need that perfect gift for a friend or relative? Do your shopping the easy way and experience the fun of an Albers 125 t-shirt!! Show your Albers pride and purchase one today! Regular t-shirts: \$10, dry-fit t-shirts: \$15. Contact Al Loepker at 618-806-9360.