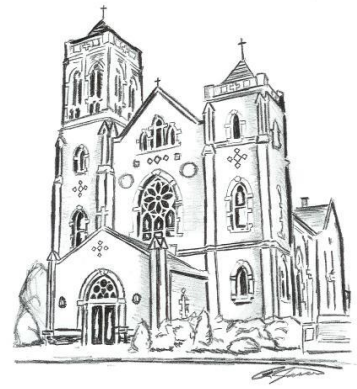




*Second Sunday of Advent  
December 8, 2019*



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Thursday & Friday: OFF (Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>)

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

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

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Mothers

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

8:30 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Memorial Donors

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

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

Norbert Buehne

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

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Cyril, Dorothy & Marvin Foppe

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

*NO Mass/NO Prayer Service Scheduled*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

Kurt & Jordan Huegen

Ray & Alvina Huegen

Teresa Kollmann

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Linus & Bernadine Meier

Lawrence & Catherine Strieker

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

**Peace and harmony.** Last Sunday, Isaiah inspired us with a vision of peace, when swords are beaten into plowshares. Today, Isaiah speaks of a state of harmony, when a lamb can lie down with a wolf. Paul encourages the Romans to think in harmony with one another. John the Baptist calls for repentance, so that all may bear good fruit. **Let us imagine the harmony we can create when all of us ready ourselves for Jesus' coming.**

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

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### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

***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***

**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

***St. Damian Faith Formation Reconciliation***

7:45 am @ St. Damian Church

***Mass*** 8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

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

**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

***St. Bernard Faith Formation Reconciliation***

7:45 am @ St. Bernard Church

***Mass*** 8:30 am @ St. Bernard Church

***Eucharistic Adoration w/ Benediction***

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

***Knights of Columbus Meeting***

7:30 pm @ Albers Jaycee Hall

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

***St. Bernard Choir Practice***

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

**Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

***Communion to the Homebound***

***St. Damian Holy Name & Damiansville***

***Development Club Joint Christmas Party***

6:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

***Church Decorating for Christmas***

8:00 am @ St. Damian Church

***Mass*** 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

***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

***Church Decorating for Christmas***

After 10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard Church

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

### TIME OFF:

I will be taking a couple of days off on **Thursday & Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**. The bulletin will be printed on Wednesday morning, so any information you wish included in the bulletin needs to be sent to me by Monday afternoon. If there is an emergency which cannot wait till I return on Monday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, please contact me on my cell phone. Thank you!

-- Jeanne

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### 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.

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### CHANGE IN MASS TIME:

***Faith Formation Reconciliation Services*** will be held at 7:45 am the following dates:

■ **Monday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** @ St. Damian Church

■ **Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** @ St. Bernard Church

***Masses*** will be at 8:30 on the above dates.

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### CHURCH DECORATING:

The churches will be ***decorated for Christmas*** on the following dates:

➤ **Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am @ St. Damian

➤ **Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** after 10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Many hands will make this work light, and quick. We need your help.



### VOCATION CORNER:

Our vocation starts as an indwelling, with the quiet whisper of God's pull on our heart. It's often personal and difficult to describe to others and often takes much prayer and discernment to see clearly. Are we to become another John the Baptist - that "voice of one crying out in the desert"? St. Francis de Sales reflected on this individual nature of our call, ***"We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish."***

## **ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>/Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

Envelopes: \$1,327.00 + Thanksgiving: \$1,090.00

+ Loose: \$139.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$434.00 =

\$2,990.00

Budget for week: \$3,038.46

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$59,873.48

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

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 6,972.64)**

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.)

***Thank you for your faithful and generous support!***

## **ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 8:30 am**

**Communion Ministers** — Ken Mank, Florence Jansen

**Reader** — Chris Kalmer

**Ushers** — Steve Kalmer, Jerry Arentsen

**Servers** — Kevin Athmer, Reece & Grace Deiters

**Organist** — Chris Brandmeyer

**Counters** — Kathy Gonsalves, Mech Toennies, Dave Kassen

**Children's Liturgy** — Denise Luitjohan, Aliya Henss

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

## **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. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** (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!***

## **COMBINED HOLY NAME & DAMIANVILLE DEVELOPMENT CLUB:**

**Christmas Party** will be held on **Friday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** @ St. Damian Gym. ***Social*** starting at 6:00 pm, with ***Dinner*** provided at 6:30 pm followed by a joint meeting. If you plan to attend, please contact Denise Haselhorst 618-920-2374 by **Monday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>**.

## **ST. DAMIAN PICNIC:**

**Two Picnic Committee Men** are needed to serve with Cole Horstmann & Adam Fuehne to make the picnic a success. We need people to step up, be willing to share your talents, and take charge. If you are interested in helping make decisions regarding the picnic, please contact Cole (618-210-6721) or Adam (618-520-3637). **Thank you.**



## **CONGRATULATIONS:**

Congratulations to **Kalvin Mark Albers**, child of Keith & Kelly (Hollenkamp) Albers,

who received the saving waters of baptism on Saturday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> @ St. Damian by Deacon Glenn Netemeyer. ALSO to **Mary Marie Sauer**, child of John & Amanda (Koerkenmeier) Sauer, who received the saving waters of baptism on Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> @ St. Damian by Deacon Kevin Templin. **May God guide and protect them in their journey of life.**



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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

Envelopes: \$1,065.00 + Thanksgiving: \$55.00

+ Loose: \$137.00 = \$1,257.00

Budget for week: \$3,134.14

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$56,054.00

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$68,951.08

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 12,897.08)**

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

***Thank you for your faithful and generous support!***

**SECOND COLLECTION:** The second collection taken **this weekend, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>** will be matched and split three ways: ***Community Link; BCMW Organization in Breese; & Catholic Urban Program.*** Please be as generous as possible. **THANK YOU!!**



### **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 through Friday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.**

### **ST. BERNARD PASTORAL COUNCIL:**

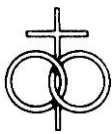
**Thank you to *Judy Albers, Jesse Porterfield, and Tina Wuebbels*** for volunteering to serve a 3-year term and to *Gary Kharibian* for volunteering to serve a 1-year term. Your willingness to serve on the Pastoral Council is greatly appreciated. **Thank you!!**

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

*Complementary donuts, juice & coffee* will be served on **Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** 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. 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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.**



**CONGRATULATIONS** to *Nathan Anthony Mayberry & Alexandra Ann Haas* who were united in marriage on Saturday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> with Fr. Anthony Onyango & Deacon Kevin Templin officiating @ St. Bernard Church. **Best wishes on your new journey!!**

**Western Clinton County Senior Center** invites you to a *Christmas Party* on **Wednesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>** with entertainment by *Roland Kreke* at 11:00 am and attendance prizes. Lunch with baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole and peach cobbler will be served at noon. A donation for \$5 for age 60 and above and \$6 for 59 and under would be appreciated. **Please RSVP by Friday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** at 224-9913.

### **ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 4:00 pm**

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

**Reader** — Ken Nusbaumer

**Ushers** — Nick & Kathy Friederich

**Servers** — Coryn & Kaitlyn Toennies, Elliott Rakers

#### **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 10:00 am**

**Communion Ministers** — Ray Gill, Meg Schiefer, Vicki Pittman

**Reader** — Jackie Farrar

**Ushers** — Brian & Brooke Zurliene, Ed & Sharon Wuebbels

**Servers** — Carson & Kellen Richter, Madi Wuebbels

**Counters** — Janel Zurliene, Keith Richter, Vicki Pittman

**Children's Liturgy** — Brenda Richter

### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/HAPPENINGS:**

**Clinton County Showcase** presents *Church Basement Ladies: Away in the Basement* on **Friday & Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 pm and **Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 pm @ the Avon Theater in Breese. Tickets now on sale at [www.clintoncountyshowcase.com](http://www.clintoncountyshowcase.com).

**ALSO, Come out for an evening of fun and laughter, and support *The Messenger Newspaper*** on **Thursday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:messenger@diobelle.org). Tickets payable at the door by cash or check.

**Heartland Community Chorus:** Bring on the Holiday season with the *HCC's Annual Christmas Concert*. Twelve rich choral pieces sung in eight part harmony accompanied in part by a 5-piece brass quintet. Concert held on **Saturday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm @ St Dominics, Breese & **Sunday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 pm @ St Paul, Highland. For more information or to purchase tickets contact: Ken Schonhoff 792-0564 or email [kschonhoff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kschonhoff@sbcglobal.net).

**Annual Christmas Cantata** will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm @ St. Mary Catholic Church, Carlyle.

**Metro East Community Chorale** invites you to our *Annual Christmas Concert* held on **Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 pm @ St Paul United Church of Christ located at 115 W B St. in Belleville, IL. Free admission but a goodwill offering will be taken.