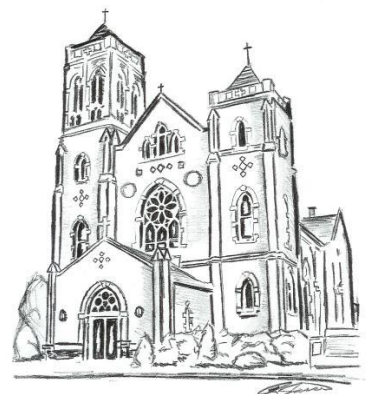




*Second Sunday of Advent*  
December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

THE SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ADVENT:  
**PEACE**



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

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

*8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Fr. Lawrence Nickels, OFM

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

*8:30 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

Fr. Louis Koehr

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

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian*

William & Clara Korte

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

*7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

For All Memorial Donors

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

*NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled*

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

*4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard*

Kurt & Jordan Huegen

Ray & Alvina Huegen

Teresa Kollmann

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

*8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Herman & Mildred Wegmann

Kim Brennan

Vince Arentsen

*10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

For All Parishioners

*11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian*

Mass in Spanish

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today's readings are unfailingly positive, hopeful for the future. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Baruch assures Jerusalem that God is leading its exiled people back home. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Saint Paul is smitten with the Philippians, confident that they will be found worthy by God. In the Gospel, Saint Luke introduces Saint John the Baptist, who has emerged from the desert to prepare the people for baptism and forgiveness. A new day is dawning. Truly, as the psalmist sings, we are filled with joy.

## HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

*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

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

*Faith Formation Reconciliation Service*

7:45 am @ St. Damian Church

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

*English Class* 5:00 & 6:00 pm @ St. Damian House

*Advent Bible Study*

6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory

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

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

*Faith Formation Reconciliation Service*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard Church

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

*Knights of Columbus Christmas Party/ Mtg.*

6:00 pm @ Albers Jaycee Hall

*NO St. Damian Adult Choir Practice*

**Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Hispanic Rosary* 6:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

*Eucharistic Adoration w/Benediction*

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

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

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

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

*Communion to the Homebound*

*Joint Parish Ladies Sodality Christmas Party*

5:30 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center

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

*Decorate Church* 8:00 am @ St. Damian Church

*St. Damian Ladies Sodality Christmas Cookie Walk*

9:00 am-12 noon @ St. Damian Gym

*Mass w/Children's Christmas Program*

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Masses w/ Children's Liturgy:*

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

*Christmas Magic w/Santa*

9:30-11:30am @ St. Damian Gym

*St. Damian Youth Choir Practice* 9:30 am @ Church

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

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

## 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.

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## CHANGE IN MASS TIME:

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

■ **Monday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** @ St. Damian Church

■ **Tuesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** @ St. Bernard Church

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

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## LADIES SODALITIES:

St. Bernard & St. Damian Ladies Sodality Christmas Party will be held on **Friday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** @ 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.

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## CHURCH DECORATING:

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

➤ **Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am @ St. Damian

➤ **Friday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>** 6:00 pm @ St. Bernard

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

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## 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.

## ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Envelopes: \$745.00 + Thanksgiving: \$720.00  
+ ACH: \$1,165.00 + Loose: \$47.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$293.75 = \$2,970.75  
Budget for week: \$3,038.46  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$59,404.19  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$69,884.58  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 10,480.39)  
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.)

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

## ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 8:30 am

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

**Reader** — Chris Kalmer

**Ushers** — Jerome Kalmer, Bud Jansen

**Servers** — Avery Budde, Evelyn Fuehne

**Organist** — Geri Varel

**Counters** — Mech Toennies, Sandy Kramer, Dave Kassen

**Children's Liturgy** — Jenni Albers, Makenna Budde

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



## ST. DAMIAN QUILT COMMITTEE:

**Quarterly Quilt Raffle Tickets** are in the main entrance of church for pick-up.

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## ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY:

**Christmas Cookie Walk** on **Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** 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 baking 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. 14<sup>th</sup>** from 3:30-6:00 pm & **Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** 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).

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## ST. DAMIAN JUNIOR HIGH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

We will host a **Bake Sale** on **Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>** 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!**

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## CHRISTMAS MAGIC WITH SANTA:

This event sponsored by *Damiansville Development Club* will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>** 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*.

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## 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 **Now – Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>** 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!

**PARISHES NEEDY FUND COLLECTION:** The collection for the needy will be taken **this weekend, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>**. The collection this month will be matched and split between *Community Link & BCMW Organization in Breese*. Please be as generous as possible. **THANK YOU!!**



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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>n</sup>, 2018**

Envelopes: \$1,633.00 + Thanksgiving: \$10.00  
+ Christmas: \$100.00 + ACH: \$1,735.00  
+ Loose: \$76.00 = \$3,554.00  
Budget for week: \$3,124.52  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$61,327.00  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$71,863.96  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 10,536.96)**  
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: \$8,270.00**

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

## **ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 4:00 pm**

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

**Reader** — Ken Nussbaumer

**Ushers** — Nick & Kathy Friederich

**Servers** — Kaitlyn & Coryn Toennies

### **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 10:00 am**

**Communion Ministers** — Dan & Lee Love, Robbin Netemeyer

**Reader** — Sean Kennedy

**Ushers** — Ed & Sharon Wuebbels, Dave Wuebbels, Dave Langenhorst

**Servers** — Jacob Kehder, Madi Wuebbels

**Counters** — Pat Litteken, Sean Kennedy, Phyllis Albers

**Children's Liturgy** — Meg Schiefer

## **ST. BERNARD CHOIR:**

***Christmas Cantata*** on **Sunday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>** 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*.

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### **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. 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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:**

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.***"

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:**

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

**MetroEast Community Chorale:** ***Christmas Concert*** on **Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 pm @ First United Methodist Church located at 504 E. Hwy 50 - O'Fallon, IL 62269. Free Admission.

**Aviston Sons of American Legion:** ***2019 Black Tie & Talent Show*** will be on **Sat. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 5:00 pm** at the Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston. This formal event is a talent and glamour contest where we give away over \$8000 in scholarships to (8) college bound contestants. We are selling tickets for the event at \$40.00 each. Ticket includes: happy hour, 4-course meal, talent contest, late night entertainment. Interested contestants can tryout at a **downselect** competition at Aviston Legion at 6:00 pm on **Friday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>**. A 3 minute speech on a topic of contestants' choice and a talent demonstration is required. Any Clinton County residents who will attend college or trade school in 2019 can enter contest. For tickets or entry info call: Jim Kues 228-7008 or Craig Timmermann 830-7737.