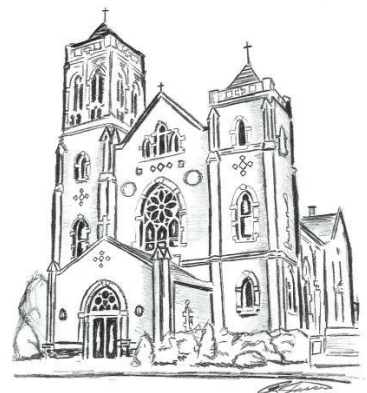




Second Sunday of Advent
December 10th, 2017



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

Tuesday & Thursday

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

Wednesday (working from home);

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

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

7:45 am FF Reconciliation @ St. Damian
8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
For All Memorial Donors

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

7:45 am FF Reconciliation @ St. Bernard
8:30 am Mass @ St. Bernard
For All Mothers

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
For Peace Among Nations

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Cyril, Dorothy, & Marvin Foppe

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
Herman & Mildred Wegmann
Vince Arentsen
Bill & Rosie Athmer

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Doris Kloeckner
Jack & Bernice Corbett
Norbert Jansen

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Our God is a compassionate God and each Scripture passage we hear today reminds us of this. In the 1st Reading, the people of Isaiah's time are living in exile, but Isaiah assures them that the Lord has not abandoned them. The 2nd Reading assures Christians that God is patient, allowing time for all to come to repentance. In Mark's Gospel, John the Baptist proclaims forgiveness from God through baptism. As we face difficulties in life, let us remember that we are not alone: our compassionate God is always ready to comfort and forgive.

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. 20th** 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.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:

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

MASS SCHEDULE:

- *4th Sunday of Advent, Sunday, Dec. 24th*
 - 8:30 am @ St. Damian;
 - 10:00 am @ St. Bernard;
 - Mass in Spanish: 11:00 am* @ St. Damian.
- *Christmas Eve – 4:00 pm* @ St. Damian;
- Mass in Spanish: 8:00 pm* @ St. Damian;
- 10:00 pm @ St. Bernard.
- *Christmas Day – 8:30 am* @ St. Damian;
- 10:00 am @ St. Bernard.
- *The Holy Family, Sunday, Dec. 31st*
 - 8:30 am @ St. Damian;
 - 10:00 am @ St. Bernard;
 - Mass in Spanish: 11:00 am* @ St. Damian.
- *New Year's Eve – NO MASS.*
- *New Year's Day – 9:00 am* @ St. Bernard.

"Lord, let us see Your kindness,
and grant us Your salvation."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 10th

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice 9:15 am @ Church
Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta

Following the 11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian Gym
Giving Tree Deadline @ St. Bernard & St. Damian
CYM Mtg. 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym

Monday, December 11th

Faith Formation Reconciliation Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian Church
Mass 8:30 am @ St. Damian Church
RCIA 7:00 pm @ Breese

Tuesday, December 12th

Faith Formation Reconciliation Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard Church
Mass 8:30 am @ St. Bernard Church
English Classes 9:30 am @ St. Damian House
Guirnalda/Rosary 6:00 pm @ St. Damian Church
St. Damian Finance Council Mtg.
6:30 pm @ St. Damian Meeting Room
St. Damian Parish Council Mtg.
7:00 pm @ St. Damian Meeting Room
St. Damian Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm @ Church
Knights of Columbus Christmas Mtg.

Dinner 6:30 pm @ Albers Jaycee Hall

Wednesday, December 13th

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

Thursday, December 14th

English Classes 9:30 am @ St. Damian House
St. Bernard Choir Practice 7:00 pm @ Church

Friday, December 15th

Communion to Homebound
Combined Holy Name & Damiansville Development Club Christmas Party
Dinner 6:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym
Joint Parish Ladies Sodality Christmas Party
Dinner 6:30 pm @ Albers American Legion

Saturday, December 16th

Christmas Decorating 8:00 am @ St. Damian Church
Reconciliation 3:15-3:45 pm @ St. Bernard
Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard
Posada 6:30 pm @ St. Dominic, Breese

Sunday, December 17th

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice 9:15 am @ Church
Santa Visits 9:30 am @ St. Damian Gym
Stations of the Crib 6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church
Posada 6:30 pm @ St. Anthony, Beckemeyer

LADIES SODALITIES:

NEW this year! The Ladies Sodalties are having a **JOINT Christmas Party**. The event will be held **Friday, Dec. 15th** 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! 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: December 3rd, 2017

Envelopes: \$785.00 + Thanksgiving: \$25.00
+ ACH: \$1,165.00 + Loose: \$58.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$266.00 = \$2,299.00
Budget for week: \$2,903.85
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$54,943.04
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$66,788.55
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 11,845.51)
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.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN COMMUNITY GIVING TREE:

Items of *hats, gloves, mittens, scarves & socks* for children, teens, ladies and men can be brought to St. Damian Church and hung on the **Giving Tree** till **TODAY**. Your generous donations will help make the holidays a little warmer for *BCMW Organization* in Breese! Any questions, please contact Geri Varel at 248-5223.

COMBINED HOLY NAME & DAMIANSVILLE DEVELOPMENT CLUB:

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

DAMIANSVILLE DEVELOPMENT CLUB:

Save the following dates: **Sunday, Dec. 17th**: Santa will visit following the 8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian Gym; and **Saturday, January 20th, 2018**: Development Club Annual Banquet.

ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY:

Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 9th, 2018** at 7:00 pm in St. Damian Parish House. Hope to see you there.

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 17th, 2017 @ 8:30 am

Ministers of Communion — Ken Mank, Florence Jansen, **Arlene Korte**

Reader — Rosann Horstmann

Ushers — Dan Athmer, Jerry Arentsen

Servers — Cole Arentsen, Abby Wegmann, Ben Kassen

Organist — Jan Hitch

Collection Counters – Gwen Toennies, Jan Hitch, Dave Kassen

Children's Liturgy – Shannon Fuehne, Evelyn Fuehne

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST:

Christmas light displays judging sponsored by *Albers Commercial Club & Damiansville Development Club* from **Sunday, Dec. 17th through Sunday, Dec. 24th**. Please have your lights displayed during this time from 6:00-9:00 pm.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 2nd/3rd, 2017

Envelopes: \$2,105.00 + Thanksgiving: \$785.00
+ Christmas: \$100.00 + ACH: \$1,725.00
+ Loose: \$61.00 = \$4,776.00
Budget for week: \$3,012.02
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$59,238.75
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$69,276.46
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$ 10,037.71)
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.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!



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ST. BERNARD GIVING TREE:

We ask that each family and adult family member take a Christmas card on the "*Giving Tree*", purchase the requested items, and place the items **with the card and yarn attached, unwrapped, and under the tree no later than TODAY**. 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. If you 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.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

This Sunday, Dec. 10th after the 10:00 am Mass we need a few *volunteers* to help take down the old speakers in preparation for the installation of the new sound system. **Please bring tools and ladders.**

CHRISTMAS CANTATA:

Representatives from over a half dozen area church choirs (including *Mike & Lynne Huelsmann* from St. Bernard) will be performing a *Christmas Cantata Concert* **this Sunday, Dec. 10th** starting at 7:00 pm @ St. Mary Catholic Church in Carlyle. Early arrival is suggested for good seating and parking.

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!**

ST. BERNARD WURSTMARKT RESULTS:

Income: \$ 17,583.00
Expenses: - 4,792.23
Net Profit: \$ 12,790.77
2016 Net Profit: \$ 14,307.45

Thank you to everyone who donated, worked, attended, and participated in any way.

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 16th, 2017 @ 4:00 pm

Ministers of Communion — Kathy Engelmann,
Ken & Liz Nussbaumer
Reader — Steve Schomaker
Ushers — Nick & Kathy Friederich
Servers — Hayley Lucas, Elliott Rakers, Rylee Jansen

Sunday, December 17th, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Ministers of Communion — *Kristen Templin*,
Dan & Lee Love, Brenda Morris
Reader — Kevin Templin
Ushers — John & Linda Majchrzak, Ed & Sharon Wuebbels
Servers — Rachel Zurliene, Justin Huelsmann, Jacob Kehder
Counters — Janel Zurliene, Brenda Morris, John Majchrzak
Children's Liturgy — Janel & Brooke Zurliene

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY:

A Very Important Meeting on **Sunday, Dec. 10th** at 7:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym. We will be discussing events for the new year including basketball and softball in addition to some restructure of the program. Please make every effort to attend, especially if you plan to play basketball and/or softball.

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.

Metro East Community Chorale invites you to attend their *25th Anniversary Christmas Concert* on **Sunday, Dec. 10th** beginning at 3:00 pm @ Faith Lutheran Church - 520 East Highway 50 in O'Fallon, IL. Freewill offering will be accepted.

Mater Dei Music: *Christmas Concert* on **Sunday, Dec. 10th** at 7:00 pm in MD Gym. Spirit Items (umbrellas, blankets, scarves) and 50/50 Raffle tickets will be sold before the concert and during intermission. Come out and enjoy the sounds of Mater Dei's talented students.

PARISHES SECOND COLLECTION to be held **this weekend, Dec. 9th/10th**. Parishes in NC Vicariate (Clinton & part of Washington Counties) are asked to assist in paying the salary for the *Hispanic Minister, Sr. Ellen Orf*. The collection will be used to deduct from the amount the parish is assessed. Please be as generous as possible.