



*Third Sunday
Of Advent
December 11th, 2016*

the blind see
the lame walk
lepers are cured
the deaf hear
the dead are raised

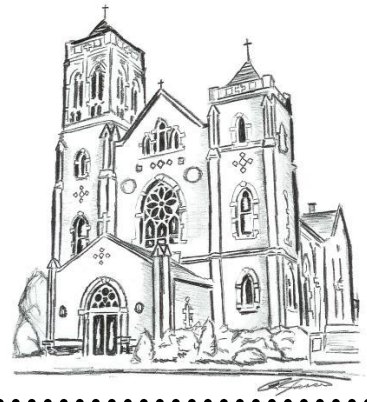
AND THE GOOD NEWS?
It is being preached
to the poor!

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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 12TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Cancer Victims

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Cyril, Dorothy & Marvin Foppe

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

William & Clara Korte

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

Lawrence & Catherine Stricker

Archie & Marie Santel

Dennis Kehr

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Herman & Mildred Wegmann

Vince Arentsen

Kim Brennan

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

George, Alvina & Donald Rickhoff

Linus Meier

11:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

Monday, December 12th

Faith Formation Reconciliation Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass 8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Deadline for Giving Tree Items

Tuesday, December 13th

Faith Formation Reconciliation Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard Church

Mass 8:30 am @ St. Bernard Church

Knights of Columbus Christmas Party

6:30 pm @ Albers Jaycee Hall

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

St. Damian Parish Council Meeting

8:30 pm @ St. Damian Meeting Room

Wednesday, December 14th

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 am – 12 noon @ St. Damian Church

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

Thursday, December 15th

Wedding Rehearsal 5:30 pm @ St. Bernard Church

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Friday, December 16th

Communion to Homebound

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

Saturday, December 17th

Christmas Decorating 8:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Ashley Litteken & Nick Deiters Wedding

1:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

"Wiggins" Christmas Play

6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center

Sunday, December 18th

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

ERROR IN BULLETIN:

In the bulletin last week, the Mass intentions for **Sunday, December 11th** at the **10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard** were not changed from the previous week. The intentions for **this Sunday** are:

Florence Wolters

Paul & Dorothy Rensing

Irene Strieker

Sorry for any inconvenience or confusion this error has caused. --Jeanne

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The 1st reading today from Isaiah continues the theme of the messianic kingdom. The coming of the Lord is cause for joy and gladness. The 2nd Reading from Saint James takes up the theme and tells us that we must have patience, just like the farmer who waits for the fruit of the earth. In the Gospel we hear Jesus affirm John's message of repentance before the reign of God. **Let us listen to these Holy Scriptures and rejoice in the coming of our God.**

"Lord, come and save us."

GENERAL CONCERNS:

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU:

Congratulations to the following 2nd graders who received the ***Sacrament of Reconciliation*** for the first time on Sunday, Dec. 4th:

St. Damian: Zackary Huegen, Natalie Lynch, Edwin Oros, and Hunter Toennies.

St. Bernard: Alex Athmer, Omar Avalos, Quinten Engelmann, Chloe Engelmann, Modesto Herrera, Owen Holsapple, Kara Markus, Austin McDonald, Justin McDonald, Kayle Reinhardt, Jack Reynolds, Brock Schulte, Conner Scott and Oliver Varel.

Special thanks to the Catechists: ***Denise Luitjohan*** and ***Angie Winkeler*** for the loving attention and guidance!!

CHANGE IN DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

On **Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 12th & 13th**, ***Reconciliation for Faith Formation students*** **ONLY** will be held from 7:45 to 8:30 am. ***Mass*** for parishioners will begin at **8:30 am**. **If desired, the Rosary may be prayed following Mass.**

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS:

Will be on **Saturday, Dec. 17th at 8:00 am @ St. Damian & Monday, Dec. 19th at 6:00 pm @ St. Bernard**. ALL assistance is needed, appreciated and welcomed!!



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:

✓ **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: December 4th, 2016

Envelopes: \$1,844.00 + Thanksgiving: \$609.00

+ Christmas: \$20.00 + Loose: \$84.00

+ Mass in Spanish: \$277.00 = \$2,834.00

Budget for week: \$2,831.73

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$54,388.55

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$65,129.79

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$10,741.24)**

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.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 18th, 2016 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Rosann Horstmann, Arlene Korte, **Gary Fuehne**

Reader — Denise Luitjohan

Ushers — Stan Heimann, Jared Horstmann

Servers — Cole & Abby Arentsen, Abby Wegmann

Organist — Jan Hitch

Collection Counters – Jan Hitch, Mech Toennies, Bob Hitpas

Children's Liturgy – Sandy Kramer, Kaylee Korte



ST. DAMIAN QUILT COMMITTEE:

December Bi-monthly Quilt Winner – Carolyn Dreeste, Damiansville

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.

PARISHES SECOND COLLECTION to be held **this 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.

CONGRATULATIONS:



Congratulations to Corinne Rosalind & Cameron Donald Warnecke, children of Nicholas & Shannon (Wooters) Warnecke, who received the saving waters of baptism on Saturday, Nov. 19th @ St. Bernard Church. May God watch over and guide them in their journey of life.



Congratulations to Keith David Albers & Kelly Michelle Hollenkamp, who were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, November 26th at St. Damian Church. May their love for God and one another grow throughout the years.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 3rd/4th, 2016

Envelopes: \$3,496.00 + Thanksgiving: \$85.00
+ ACH: \$1,525.00 + Loose: \$73.00 = \$5,179.00
Budget for week: \$2,964.43
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$62,031.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$68,181.89
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$6,150.89)**
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.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 17th, 2016 @ 8:30 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Melissa Netemeyer, Liz Nussbaumer, Nettie Broeckling

Reader — Ken Nussbaumer

Ushers — Ed Broeckling, Brian Zurliene

Servers — Jillian Kloeckner, Rylee Jansen, Tyler Roberson

Sunday, December 18th, 2016 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — *Teresa Schomaker*, Ray Gill, Lynn Athmer, Vicki Pittman

Reader — Brent Rickhoff

Ushers — Dennis, Reagan & Kurt Rickhoff, Dave Wuebbels

Servers — Ryan Gill, Allison & Carson Rickhoff

Collection Counters — Lynn Athmer, Vicki Pittman, Keith Richter

Children's Liturgy — Karen Schroeder, Mallory Toennies

Sunday School Helpers — Brooke Rickhoff, Eden Rolves

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Village Of Albers Residents: All are invited to decorate your yard and homes for our **2016 Christmas Lights Contest** sponsored by the *Albers Commercial Club*. Please have displays lit from **Friday, Dec. 16th to Sunday, Dec. 18th** from 6:00-9:00 pm for judging. Top five entries will be awarded!

Santa is Coming...

- ✳ **To Damiansville on Sunday, Dec. 18th** after the 8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian Gym. Coffee, juice, and donuts will be served.
- ✳ **To Albers on Sunday, Dec. 18th** @ Albers Legion. Doors open at 5:45 pm. Donations will be collected for the Veteran's VA Hospital, Wounded Warriors & Local Food Pantries.

CATHOLIC HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY:

This 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 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

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 LADIES SODALITY:

December Bi-monthly Quilt Winner – Kathy Engelmann, Albers

ST. BERNARD MEN'S CLUB:

Wurstmarkt Results:

Income: \$19,958.70 - Expenses: 5,651.25 =
Net Profit: \$14,307.45
2015 Profit: \$14,480.13



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RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others – educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly and in need of assistance. Your gift to this collection, **taken this weekend Dec. 10th/11th**, helps to furnish medications, nursing care and other necessities. Envelopes are provided in your envelope packet. Please give as generously as possible. Thank you.