

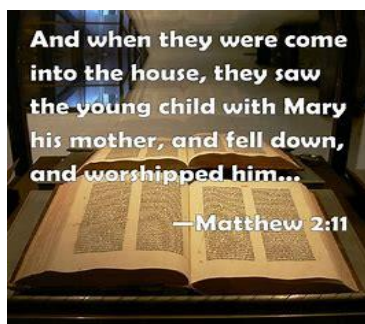


### **St. Damian Parish**

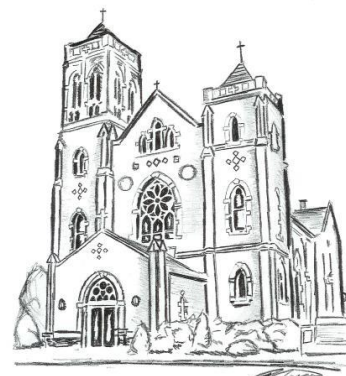
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## **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*December 11, 2022*



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#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

##### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Prayer Service @ St. Damian

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

7:45 AM Faith Formation Penance Service  
@ St. Bernard

##### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Mass @ St. Damian  
For All Parishioners

##### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Mass @ St. Bernard  
Steve Mueth

##### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM @ St. Damian  
Faith Formation Penance Service

##### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

4:00 PM @ St. Bernard

Darlene Billhartz

Dennis Toennies

Marilyn Toennies

##### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

9:30 AM @ St. Damian

Aloys & Estella Heimann

William & Clara Korte & Louis Korte

Bernard Heimann

*Hispanic Mass in Church & Live Streamed  
11:00 AM @ St. Damian*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

**Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11**

What can we see with eyes of faith? Isaiah saw a field of abundant flowers where others saw a parched desert. James saw an urgency to prepare for the coming of the Lord where others focused on its delay. John the Baptist could no longer see what he'd seen in the desert and needed Jesus to remind him of what his disciples were seeing all along: the poor fed, the dead raised, the deaf hearing, and yes, the blind seeing. With eyes of faith, we see past the bleak onset of winter. We see the coming of the Lord on the horizon.

## HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

***St. Damian Children's Choir Practice***

8:30 at St. Damian Church

***Mass in Church***

9:30 am @ St. Damian

***11:00 Violet Mayberry Baptism at St. Bernard***

***Hispanic Mass in Church & Live-Streamed***

10:00 am Guadalupe Procession from Albers

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church with Fiesta

Following Mass

1:00 pm @ St. Bernard

***Joint Advent Penance Service***

***St. Damian Confirmation Class Christmas Caroling***

5:30-7:30 pm for Caritas Family Solutions

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

***7:45 am @ St. Damian***

Prayer Service

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

***7:45 am @ St. Bernard***

Faith Formation Penance Service

***7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Bernard***

Eucharistic Adoration

***7:30-8:30 pm @ St. Damian***

Adult Choir Practice

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

***7:45 am @ St. Damian***

Mass at Church

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

***7:45 am @ St. Bernard***

Mass at Church

***7:45 am @ St. Damian***

Prayer Service

***7:30 Knights of Columbus Meeting***

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

***7:45 am @ St. Damian***

Faith Formation Penance Service

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

***St. Damian Children's Choir Practice***

8:30 at St. Damian Church

***Mass in Church***

9:30 am @ St. Damian

***Hispanic Mass in Church & Live-Streamed***

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

***Kehrer Baptism***

12:30 pm @ St. Damian

***Live Nativity at St. Bernard Parish Grounds***

5:30-7:00 PM @ St. Bernard

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**LORD, COME AND SAVE US!**

## ADVENT SEASON OPPORTUNITIES

**ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY** will be collecting personal care items for the nursing home residents of the parish. What is needed is lotion, body wash, shaving cream, deodorant, after shave, fleece throws, shampoo and conditioner.

**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 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 19 - Dec 11. 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! **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR DROP OFF AT ST. DAMIAN'S CHURCH.**

**WE WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY** *Kaiden David Albers*, the son of Keith & Kelly Albers, who was baptized at St. Damian's on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. May the Good Lord guard and guide you on your faith journey of life.

**HOPE is Born - A "Live" Nativity -**  
**Sunday, December 18 - 5:30p - 7:00p**  
**at St. Bernard's Parish Grounds.**

## CHURCH DECORATING:

St. Damian-Saturday, December 17 at 7:00 AM  
St. Bernard-Saturday, December 17 at 5:00 PM

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: December 4<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$128.00+ Envelopes (23): \$1,215.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$615.00 + Thanksgiving (2) \$100  
+ ACH for Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>: (9) \$1,210.00      \$3,268.00  
Budget for week:      \$3,102.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:      \$54,211.31  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:      \$68,244.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:      **(\$14,032.69)**  
Fiscal year (7/22-6/23) budget:      \$161,300.00  
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$35,000.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

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

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>**

Servers: Simon Toennies, Volunteer  
Lector: Lauren Cleeton  
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer  
Cantor: Fuehne Girls  
Ushers: Butch & Pete Toennies  
Eucharistic Minister: Deb Santel  
Coll. Counters: Kathleen Hodges, Mech Toennies  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING!** St. Damian's 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Class will go Christmas Caroling today, Sunday, December 11, from 5:30-7:30. We will be collecting donations for Caritas Family Solutions, an agency that assists with pregnancy care, foster care and adoption services, assisted living for seniors, and integrated living for people with developmental disabilities and much more. Please help the kids give the gift of healing, wholeness and happiness to those who have no one else to make them feel loved! THANKS!

**Save the Date!** There will be a combined "After the Holidays" Brunch hosted by the Men's Holy Name Sodality, the Ladies Altar Sodality, and the Damiansville Development Club (DDC), on Sunday, January 8, 2023, at 11:00am in the school gymnasium. All members of these organizations are invited to attend the brunch. Please RSVP by calling Al Varel at 618-973-8527 or email [alv58@charter.net](mailto:alv58@charter.net) before January 1, 2023, so a firm headcount can be given to the caterer. Hope all of you can make it! Please RSVP to Al Varel by Jan 1.

**CHOIR NEWS!** Youth Choir practices happen every Sunday at 8:30am. We are practicing for Christmas Eve (Dec 24). All youth in grades 3-12 and college age are welcome to participate and "Make a Joyful Noise! If you have any questions, please call Jackie at 335-9562 or Geri at 248-5223. Looking forward to seeing lots of smiling faces as we prepare for the Savior's Birth! **The St. Damian Adult Choir** will practice for Christmas on Tuesdays. It is not too late to join the choir. We are always looking for new voices! Please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 618-792-2676 with questions.

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Loose: \$75.00 + Envelopes (38): \$1,513.00  
+ Thanksgiving: (5) \$85.00  
+ Christmas: (1) \$200.00+ Benevity: \$30.00  
+ ACH For Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$2,360.00      \$4,263.00  
Budget for week:      \$3,264.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:      \$69,344.62  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:      \$71,808.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:      **(\$2,463.38)**  
Fiscal year (7/22-6/23) budget:      \$169,725.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$28,500.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies Sodality, & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.) ***Thank you for your faithful and generous support!***

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE – December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Servers: Trigg & Tucker Goesten Kors, Kara Markus  
Reader: Kelly Jansen  
Cantor: Ray Gill  
Greeters: Nick & Kathy Friedrich  
Eucharistic Minister: Nettie Broeckling  
Coll. Counters: Keith Richter, Lynn Athmer  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24-  
4:00 PM Mass @ St. Damian  
11:00 PM Mass @ St. Bernard-  
Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25-  
9:30 AM Mass @ St. Damian

**MINISTRY VOLUNTEER LISTS ARE IN THE BACK OF BOTH CHURCHES FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES.** If you would like to volunteer for any ministry, please sign your name on the paper. Thank you in advance for serving your parish.

### **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES AVAILABLE**

St. Bernard, Albers, Dec 11, 2022 @ 1:00 PM  
St. Francis, Aviston, Dec 11, 2022 @ 3:00 PM  
St. Mary, Centralia, Dec 12, 2022 @ 6:00 PM  
St. Mary, Centralia, Dec 15, 2022 @ 12:30 PM  
St. Augustine, Breese, Dec 15, 2022 @ 7:00 PM  
St. Mary, Mt. Vernon, Dec 16, 2022 from 3:00-9:00



**ALL residents are invited to decorate their homes for the Village of Albers 2022 HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST.** Sponsored by the Albers Commercial Club. Top 5 entries PLUS Mayor's Choice Award will be awarded! **\*\*CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS\*\***: Knights of Columbus Council #9768 will be recognizing one home each in Albers AND Damiansville best displaying 'Keep Christ in Christmas'! \$25 prize to one home EACH in Albers AND Damiansville! Judging will be Sunday, December 18. Please have lights on from 6p.m. - 9p.m. Have a very happy and safe holiday season!

**The Catholic Diocese of Belleville will sponsor the annual Diocesan Christmas Dinner** on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, at 12 noon in the Msgr. Bernard Voss Parish Center of St. Henry Parish, 5303 West Main Street, Belleville. Meals can also be delivered to those who are disabled/ homebound (three meals maximum for delivery). If you or someone you know live alone and would like to attend the dinner or need a meal delivered, please call 618-722-5024 no later than December 15, 2022.

**Volunteers (12 years of age and over) are needed for the 2022 Diocesan Christmas Dinner which** will be held on Christmas Day at the Msgr. Bernard Voss Center of St. Henry Parish, 5303 West Main Street, Belleville. Assistance is needed with preparing plates and containers for delivery, serving guests, delivering meals to the homebound and elderly and clean-up at the end of the dinner. Volunteers are needed from 11:00 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m. If you are available to help, please call or email the Catholic Diocese of Belleville: Nancy Wade at [nwade@diobelle.org](mailto:nwade@diobelle.org), 618-722-5009, or Judy Phillips at [jphillips@diobelle.org](mailto:jphillips@diobelle.org), 618-722-5007. Thank you for your consideration of our request so that together we may share our blessings to make this a special Christmas for those who are alone or in need.

**JINGLE ALL THE WAY HOLIDAY CONCERT**, Sunday, December 11 @ 3:00 pm at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 115 W. B Street, Belleville. Join the Metro East Community Chorale at our annual Christmas concert. Enjoy holiday music sung by over 45 voices directed by Stephen Wilson. With accompaniment by Carol Brookshier. Free admission. [www.metroeastcommunitychorale.org](http://www.metroeastcommunitychorale.org).

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Overnight Center is in need of your help.** It operates at full capacity almost every night, helping homeless men, women and children survive freezing temperatures and dangers of the city streets. We humbly ask for your prayers for the Center and its clients and, if you are able, to help us provide sack lunch items (individually packaged) for them: cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken. Snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup, bottled water. Items can be dropped off at: St. Vincent de Paul Council Office, 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. or SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen, 3718 State Street, East St. Louis Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon

**CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS):**

Find the latest information at <http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org/catholic-youth-ministry.html>

