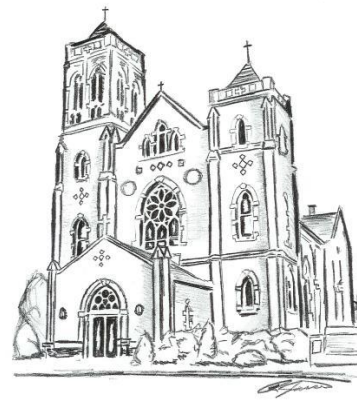
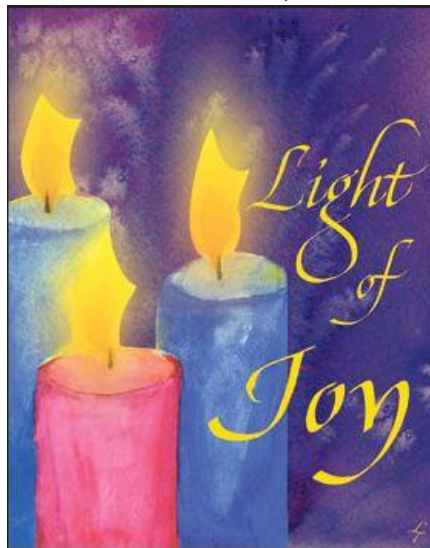




Third Sunday of Advent

December 13th, 2015



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

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 14TH

8:30 pm Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Olive Becker

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

Eucharistic Adoration

9 am-12 noon @ St. Damian

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

7:40 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Dan & Rose Mueth

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

7:40 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Memorial Donors

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

Lawrence & Catherine Strieker

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Kim Brennan

Herman & Mildred Wegmann

In Thanksgiving – Bob & Kathy Hitpas

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Florence Wolters

Linus Meier

George, Alvina & Donald Rickhoff

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Take heart! Rejoice! God is near! Live faithfully and without anxiety. These words are addressed to people in difficult situations, in different times and places. The words are for us, too. God has already come in Jesus, but we still have expectations of something more. In the midst of that, the message to us is to stand firm and rejoice in what is now.

**"Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."**

GENERAL CONCERNS:

WAYS TO PREPARE FOR ADVENT:

- ❖ **Ministers of Worship** for **Christmas Eve & Christmas Day** are needed: Sign up to be *Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Ushers/Greeters, and Collection Counters*.
- ❖ **Advent Wreath Candle Lighters** at the **Sunday morning Masses** at both parishes will be done by the 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade Faith Formation classes. Family & individual volunteers are needed at the **Saturday evening Masses @ St. Bernard**.
- ❖ **Eucharistic Adoration** will be held during Advent **through Dec. 23rd** from 9 am till 12 noon @ **St. Damian** and from 1-3 pm @ **St. Bernard** as long as we have volunteers signed up to cover the hours.
- ❖ **Pope Francis: Living Advent with Joy & Peace** with encouragement & daily prayers are available at the entrances of both churches. Pick one up and read to prepare for the Advent Season.

KRISPY KREME DONUTS SALE:

Tyler Arentsen & Josh Haberer will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts by the dozen for \$8/dozen on **Sunday, Dec. 13th after Mass @ St. Damian & St. Bernard**. Please support them on their upcoming mission trip to Camp Restore, New Orleans in January. *Thank you!!*

CHANGE IN DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

On **Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 14th & 15th**, **Reconciliation for Faith Formation students ONLY** will be held from 7:40 to 8:25 am. **Mass** for parishioners will begin at **8:30 am**. If desired, the Rosary may be prayed following Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU:

Congratulations to the following 2nd graders who received the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* for the first time on Sunday, Dec. 6th:

St. Damian: Saul Contreras, Juan Garrido, Ethan Korte and Gavin Netemeyer.

St. Bernard: Violet Hernandez, Taylor Holsapple, Clayton Jansen, Wyatt Jung, Jake Kloeckner, Cayden Loepker, Ben Malcomb, Christina Reyes-Cruz, Carson & Kellen Richter, Riley Rolves, Diego Santiago, Landon Schroeder, Jessenia Tehandon, and Madelyn Wuebbels.

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

DECORATING & SCHEDULES:

- **Church Decorating for Christmas** will be on **Friday, Dec. 18th at 6:00 pm @ St. Bernard & Saturday, Dec. 19th at 8:00 am @ St. Damian**. ALL assistance is needed, appreciated and welcomed!!
- **Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm @ St. Damian & 10:00 pm @ St. Bernard.**
- **Mass in Spanish – 8:00 pm @ St. Damian.**
- **Christmas Day – 9:00 am @ St. Bernard (ONLY ONE MASS).**
- **New Year's Eve – 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard; New Year's Day – 9:00 am @ St. Damian.**



ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS 2015:

Please donate to local families in-need this Christmas season by purchasing one or more of the gifts from the tags at Albers Elementary School, FCB Bank in Albers, St. Bernard Church, or St. Damian Church. Cash donations are also greatly appreciated! Please return unwrapped gifts to the drop-off sites **by Sunday, December 13th**. Items purchased for our *Adopt-A-Family Christmas 2015* will be given to families in Albers and Damiansville. Please contact Brenda (698-3804) or Geri (248-5223) to make donations or with questions. *Thank you very much for giving! Christmas Blessings!!*

PARISHES SECOND COLLECTION to be held **this weekend, Dec. 12th/13th**. Parishes in Clinton County are asked to assist in paying the salary for the Hispanic Minister, Roberto Rapp. This collection will be used to deduct from the amount the parish is assessed.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! PUT YOUR OLD, UNWANTED SHOES TO GOOD USE!

The following Confirmation service project is being performed by the following students and their parents: *Hunter Jansen* (Matthew/Diana), *Chris Kalmer* (Steve/Barb), *Mason Schrage* (Butch/Tammy). Trisha Rolves, former member of St. Bernard Church, has a 4 year old son who has autism. They are in the process of raising money to purchase a service dog, which cost \$15,000, to be his constant companion and help keep him safe at home. One of the fundraisers they are doing is a *shoe drive*. The shoes can be children or adults, flip flops or any kind of shoes, wearable or too beat up for any use, but there must be a pair, which will be shipped to places (domestic and abroad) where people need shoes. A box will be available in the back of both churches for you to deposit your shoes or at the students' homes. Please tie the pair together, rubber band them together or put each pair in a separate plastic bag to make sure the pairs stay together. The shoe drive will run **until Sunday, December 13th**. If you wish to have someone pick up your donated shoes, please contact Diana Jansen at 248-5145. Thank you for your help!

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 6th, 2015

Envelopes: \$ 1,611.00 + Loose: \$38.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$262.00 = \$1,911.00
Budget for week: \$2,755.77
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$53,784.24
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$63,382.71
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$9,598.47)**
Fiscal year (7/15-6/16) budget: \$143,300.00
(**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!

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING

Sunday, Dec. 20th immediately after the 8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian Gym

PARISH DIRECTORY NEWS:

For those who did not have their photo taken by LifeTouch, but submitted a photo instead, please mail your \$10 fee (cash or check) as soon as possible to Geri Varel, 106 N. Church St. – Damiansville, IL 62215. Checks should be made payable to St. Damian Parish. The \$10 fee is payment for your copy of the directory when they come in. **Thanks!**

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 20th, 2015 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Alice Toennies, Amanda Fuehne, *Gary Fuehne*
Reader — Bob Innes
Ushers — Gary Tonnies, Ron Horstmann
Servers — Drew & Claire Tonnies, Abby Wegmann
Organist — Jan Hitch
Collection Counters – Jan Hitch, Dave Kassen, Mel Toennies
Children's Liturgy – Jenni Albers, Heather Toennies

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 5th/6th, 2015

Envelopes: \$2,764.00 + Thanksgiving: \$665.00
+ ACH (2nd): \$565.00 + Loose: \$114.00 = \$4,108.00
Budget for week: \$2,916.25
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$56,703.62
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$67,073.75
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$10,370.13)**
Fiscal year (7/15-6/16) budget: \$151,645.00
(**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!

FALL FESTIVAL RESULTS:

Income: \$14,747.21
Expenses: - 6,487.14
Net Profit: \$ 8,260.07
2014 Profit: \$11,272.16

WURSTMARKT RESULTS:

Income: \$17,957.45
Expenses: - 3,477.32
Net Profit: \$14,480.13
2014 Profit: \$13,786.77

SINCERE THANKS to the Men's Club for the donation of \$7,240.00 (1/2 the Wurstmarkt net profit).



CONGRATULATIONS:



Congratulations to Emmerson Rose Netemeyer, child of Douglas & Whitney (Ratermann) Netemeyer, who received the saving waters of baptism on Sunday, December 6th @ St. Bernard Church. May God watch over and guide them in their journey of life.

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 19th, 2015 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Brenda Morris, Kathy Engelmann, Liz Nussbaumer

Reader — Steve Schomaker

Ushers — Brian & Brooke Zurliene

Servers — Rachel Zurliene, Kaitlyn Toennies, Rylee Jansen

Sunday, December 20th, 2015 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — *Teresa Schomaker*, Sharon Wuebbels, Robbin Netemeyer, Vicki Pittman

Reader — Brent Rickhoff

Ushers — Dennis, Kurt & Reagan Rickhoff, Dave Wuebbels

Servers — Brooke, Allison & Carson Rickhoff

Collection Counters – Tim Schroeder, Vicki Pittman, Phyllis Albers

Children's Liturgy – Oceana Templin, Monica Strubhart

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

- ***Stations of the Crib*** on **Sunday, Dec. 20th** at 6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help. Needing at least 9 men and 3 women and children as well. ***All our welcome!*** If interested please see Ray Gill after Mass or contact him at rjp.gill@gmail.com.
- Wishes to install an ***Automatic Door Opener*** at the handicap entrance @ St. Bernard Church. If anyone would like to contribute to this much needed improvement to the church, please contact Luke Niemeyer at 618-973-2601 or Steve Schomaker at 618-973-8860.

ALBERS 125

- ❖ ***T-shirts:*** Show your Albers pride and purchase one today! Regular t-shirts: \$10, dry-fit t-shirts: \$15. Contact Al Loepker at 618-806-9360.
- ❖ Richard Backes will be at the Albers City Hall on **Saturday & Sunday, Dec 19th & 20th** after the 5:00 pm & 10:00 am Mass @ St Bernard to collect or scan pictures/articles/family history for the ***Albers 125 History Book***. He will also be taking information on Albers past and present military members for the ***Albers 125 Military Recognition Ceremony***. As well, this will be the first collection for the Albers 125 time capsule. Richard will be available up to one hour after services or for as long as needed.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 13th

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Krispy Kreme Donuts Sale

After Masses @ St. Damian & St. Bernard

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 Mass & Fiesta

Mass: 11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Fiesta: Following Mass @ St. Damian Gym

Giving Tree/Adopt-A-Family Donations Deadline

Monday, December 14th

Faith Formation Reconciliation Service

7:40 am @ St. Damian Church

Tuesday, December 15th

Faith Formation Reconciliation Service

7:40 am @ St. Bernard Church

English as Second Language (ESL) Classes

5:30-8:30 pm @ St. Damian Mtg. Room

Wednesday, December 16th

Posada 6:30 pm @ St. Damian Church

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

7:00 pm @ St. George Community Life Center

Thursday, December 17th

English as Second Language (ESL) Classes

5:30-8:30 pm @ St. Damian Mtg. Room

St. Bernard Mixed Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Friday, December 18th

Communion to Homebound

Decorate Church for Christmas

6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Saturday, December 19th

Decorate Church for Christmas

8:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Posada 6:30 pm @ St. Dominic Church, Breese

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6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Posada 6:30 pm @ St. Anthony Church, Beckemeyer

Village Of Albers Residents: All are invited to decorate your yard and homes for our ***2015 Christmas Lights Contest*** sponsored by the *Albers Commercial Club*. Please have displays lit from **Sunday, Dec. 20th to Thursday, Dec. 31st** from 6:00-9:00 pm for judging.