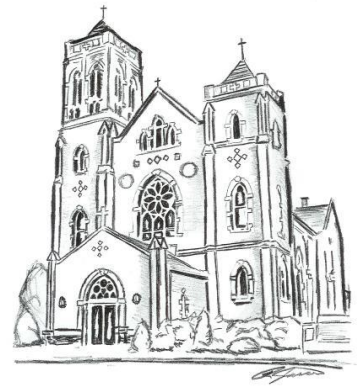




*Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019*



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St. Bernard Catholic Church-Albers

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

Cliff & Jane Kolb

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Dennis Gerling Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

Vince Arentsen

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Dan & Rose Mueth Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

NO Mass/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Alvin Toennies

Ralph & Brian Brandmeyer

Blake Thole

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Jim Norrenberns, Sr.

Marcel Korte

Delmond & Eleanor Huegen

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Isaiah sings a song of rebirth today, describing Israel after the exile. Flowers bloom, disabilities are healed, and sorrow turns to joy. The letter of James counsels us to be patient during this transformation. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds John's disciples that he has done just what Isaiah prophesied. What's more, the kingdom of heaven promises greatness for all. **Let us rejoice, for we know that God is with us.**

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 15th

Sunday 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 @ St. Damian Church

Church Decorating for Christmas

After 10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard Church

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

Monday, December 16th

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

Tuesday, December 17th

St. Damian Finance Council Mtg.

6:30 pm @ St. Damian Mtg. Room

St. Damian Parish Council Mtg.

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Mtg. Room

Eucharistic Adoration w/ Benediction

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Wednesday, December 18th

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Friday, December 20th

Communion to the Homebound

Saturday, December 21st

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

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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. Bernard.
- † ***New Year's Eve*** – ONLY ONE Mass will be
held at 6:00 pm @ St. Damian Church.
- † ***New Year's Day*** – NO MASS

VOCATION CORNER: "The priestly vocation is essentially a call to sanctity, in the form that derives from the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Sanctity is intimacy with God; it is the imitation of Christ, poor, chaste and humble; it is unreserved love for souls and self-giving to their true good; it is love for the church which is holy and wants us to be holy, because such is the mission that Christ has entrusted to it. Each one of you must be holy also in order to help your brothers pursue their vocation to sanctity." – *St. John Paul II, October 9, 1984*

"Lord, come and save us."

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.

CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Beginning **Monday, January 6, 2020**, the Mass schedule during the school year will be:

Monday: NO Mass/NO Prayer Service

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Wednesday & Friday: 7:45 am @ St. Damian

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

Congratulations to the following who won 1st and 2nd place in the parish competition poster winners:

St. Bernard:

Gr. 1 – Kayla Boeckmann & Ava Short

Gr. 2 – Kynley Barth & Jaxon Hubert;

Gr. 3 – Cole Huegen & Kailey Engelmann;

Gr. 4 – Emree Athmer & Kellen Hubert;

Gr. 5 – Oliver Varel & Quinten Engelmann;

Gr. 6 – Corinne Warnacke & Tessa Schroeder;

Gr. 7 – Mallory Strubhart & Ashlyn Gebke;

Gr. 8 – Yerian Perez (1st)

Jillian Kloeckner & Brady Reynolds

St. Damian:

Kind. – Marris Penn & Miranda Richter

Gr. 1 – Collins Horstmann & Paislyn Horstmann

Gr. 2 – Dylann Netemeyer & Reid Toennies;

Gr. 3 – Reed Wuebbels & Lincoln Arentsen;

Gr. 4 – Olivia W. & Miley O'Dell;

Gr. 5 – Hunter Toennies & Natalie Lynch;

Gr. 6 – Kennedy Toennies & Aliya Henss;

Gr. 7 – Reid Koch & CeCe Toennies

Gr. 8 – Makenna Budde & Genesis Contreras.

Thanks to the ***Knights of Columbus*** for sponsoring this annual event. **Special thanks** to ***Deacon Glenn Netemeyer*** for coordinating this project and to ***all religion teachers*** involved.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 8th, 2019

Envelopes: \$860.00 + Thanksgiving: \$200.00

+ ACH (2nd): \$1,025.00 + Loose: \$31.00

+ Mass in Spanish: \$657.00 = \$2,773.00

Budget for week: \$3,038.46

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$62,646.48

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$69,884.58

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 7,238.10)**

Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$158,000.00

(Reminder: The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$59,675.00 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 22nd, 2019 @ 8:30 am

Communion Ministers — Kevin Toennies,
Kristy Richter

Reader — Joseph Cleeton

Ushers — Roger Toennies, Gary Tonnie

Servers — Ethan & Simon Toennies,
Hunter Toennies

Organist — Jan Hitch

Counters — Gwen Toennies, Kristy Richter,
Tina Tonnie

Children's Liturgy — Jenni Albers & Nolan
Goebel

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

COMMUNITY GIVING TREE!

Thank you to all who hung hats, gloves, socks, scarves and several additional warm items on this year's "Giving Tree". The items were brought to BCMW for their annual Christmas distribution. Your kindness and generosity will make Christmas a little warmer for lots of people this year! ***Jesus is the Reason for the Season!***

ST. DAMIAN PICNIC:

Two Picnic Committee Men are needed to serve with Cole Horstmann & Adam Fuehne to make the picnic a success. We need people to step up, be willing to share your talents, and take charge. If you are interested in helping make decisions regarding the picnic, please contact Cole (618-210-6721) or Adam (618-520-3637).

Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection taken **this weekend, Dec. 14th/15th** will be matched and split three ways: ***Community Link; BCMW Organization in Breese; & Catholic Urban Program.*** Please be as generous as possible. **THANK YOU!!**

THANK YOU!!

THANK YOU to St. Bernard & St. Damian Parishioners for your generous donation to ***Daystar & the Kitchen Table.*** We are grateful each and every day for blessings given and received. Thank you for helping us do God's work as you are a big part of God's work. **Our prayers & thoughts to you all!!**

-- Sherry, Daystar

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 7th/8th, 2019

Envelopes: \$2,232.00 + Thanksgiving: \$1,075.00

+ ACH (2nd): \$1,745.00 + Loose: \$175.00 = \$5,227.00

Budget for week: \$3,134.14

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$61,281.00

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$72,085.22

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 10,804.22)**

Fiscal year (7/19-6/20) budget: \$162,975.00

(Reminder: The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$41,250.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies Sodality, & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 21st, 2019 @ 4:00 pm

Communion Ministers — Steve & Deb
Schomaker, Liz Nussbaumer

Reader — Nettie Broeckling

Ushers — Ed Broeckling, **Volunteer**

Servers — Corina Hegger, Tyler Robertson,
Landon Schroeder

Sunday, December 22nd, 2019 @ 10:00 am

Communion Ministers — Sharon Wuebbels,
Lynette Huegen, Kati Schwierjohn

Reader — Ray Gill

Ushers — John & Linda Majchrzak, Ron & Geri
Norrenberns

Servers — Bradley & Mallory Strubhart,
Avery Wuebbels

Counters — Tim Schroeder, Phyllis Albers,
John Majchrzak

Children's Liturgy — NO SESSION



GIVING TREE PROJECT!

A **Big Thank You** to all who donated for the Giving Tree Project! *Community Link* and surrounding organizations greatly appreciate your support! Your generosity helped many families have a little more joy this Christmas season. **God bless all of you, and Merry Christmas to you!**

-- *Melissa Netemeyer & Marilyn Venhaus*

ST. BERNARD FAITH FORMATION:

Students will be collecting funds for the *Maren Poettker Family* during Advent. For each \$5.00 donation received, something (or someone) will be added to the Faith Formation Nativity Stable. The Nativity will be "built" in the parish room at the school. The completed Nativity will be on display during the Christmas holiday in the gathering area of St. Bernard Church. The funds collected will be shared with Maren's family to help meet any needs they have at this time. **Donations will be received through Friday, Dec. 20th.**



COMMUNITY CONCERNS/HAPPENINGS:

Clinton County Showcase presents *Church Basement Ladies: Away in the Basement* on **Sunday, Dec. 15th** at 2:00 pm @ the Avon Theater in Breese. Tickets on sale at www.clintoncountyshowcase.com.

Heartland Community Chorus: Bring on the Holiday season with the *HCC's Annual Christmas Concert*. Twelve rich choral pieces sung in eight part harmony accompanied in part by a 5-piece brass quintet. Concert on **Sunday, Dec 15th** at 3:00 pm @ St Paul, Highland. For more information or to purchase tickets contact: Ken Schonhoff 792-0564 or email kschonhoff@sbcglobal.net.

Metro East Community Chorale invites you to our *Annual Christmas Concert* held on **Sunday, Dec. 15th** at 3:00 pm @ St Paul United Church of Christ located at 115 W B St. in Belleville, IL. Free admission but a goodwill offering will be taken.

A Heroes Christmas: Military Tribute & Christmas Sing-a-Long on **Sunday, Dec. 15th** at 6:00 pm @ Aviston American Legion with refreshments to follow. Free admission. Cash bar open. Bring a blanket as the program will be held outside the South entrance. If inclement weather, Program will be held inside the legion.

Annual Christmas Cantata will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 15th** at 7:00 pm @ St. Mary Catholic Church, Carlyle.

Women & Couples are invited to a *FREE Introductory Session for Creighton Model Fertility Care System* held on **Monday, Dec. 16th** at 6:00 pm @ St. Mary Parish Office. Learn about the science behind the system and how it can be used for family planning, monitoring health, and pinpointing women's health issues such as PMS, PCOS, and infertility. Please call 618-581-6462 or email ninarinderer@gmail.com for more information or to RSVP.

Western Clinton County Senior Center invites you to a *Christmas Party* on **Wednesday, Dec. 18th** with entertainment by *Roland Kreke* at 11:00 am and attendance prizes. Lunch with baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole and peach cobbler will be served at noon. A donation for \$5 for age 60 and above and \$6 for 59 and under would be appreciated.

The Aviston Sons of American Legion: 2020 Black Tie & Talent Show will be on **Sat. Jan. 11th, 2020** @ 5:00 pm at the Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston IL. This formal event is a talent and glamour contest where we give away over \$8,000 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* on **Friday, Dec 20th** at 6:00 pm @ Aviston Legion. 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 2020 can enter contest.