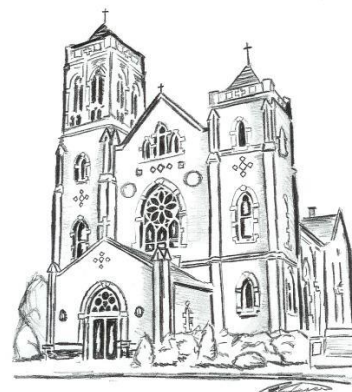




Third Sunday of Advent

December 16th, 2018



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Monday & Friday: @ St. Bernard or St. Damian;

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St. Bernard Catholic Church-Albers

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

Casper Richter

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Cyril, Dorothy & Marvin Foppe

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

Aloys & Estella Heimann

Randy & Mark Toennies

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Cancer Victims

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

Lawrence & Catherine Strieker

Herman & Hulda Kollmann

Urban "Shorty" Behrman

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Paul & Dorothy Rensing

George, Alvina & Donald Rickhoff

Pat Huegen

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

John the Baptist challenges the crowds in today's Gospel. Eager to follow him, they ask what they should do. John responds with practical guidance: *share your food and clothing, act honorably, and be honest*. We are not told what they do, but we are told they were filled with expectation. As we listen to God's word, let us take John's guidance to heart.

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

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 16th

Masses w/ Children's Liturgy:

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Christmas Magic w/Santa

9:30-11:30am @ St. Damian Gym

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice 9:30 am @ Church

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

Posada 6:30 pm @ St. George, New Baden

Monday, December 17th

English Class 5:00 & 6:00 pm @ St. Damian House

Advent Bible Study

6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory

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

Tuesday, December 18th

Posada 6:30 pm @ St. Anthony, Beckemeyer

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 @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, December 19th

Eucharistic Adoration w/Benediction

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, December 20th

Posada 6:30 pm @ St. Damian, Damiansville

St. Bernard Choir Practice 7:00 pm @ Church

Friday, December 21st

Communion to the Homebound

Decorate Church 6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Posada 6:30 pm @ St. Dominic, Breese

Saturday, December 22nd

Quinceanera 2:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

St. Damian Ladies Sodality Christmas Cookie Walk

9:00 am-12 noon @ St. Damian Gym

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Sunday, December 23rd

Mass w/ Children's Liturgy:

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass 10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

NO Children's Liturgy @ St. Bernard Church

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice 9:30 am @ Church

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

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.

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. Damian.
- † *New Year's Eve* – NO MASS
- † *New Year's Day* – ONLY ONE Mass will be held at 9:00 am @ St. Bernard Church.

THANK YOU!!

THANK YOU to St. Bernard & St. Damian Parishioners for the donation to the local *St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry*. We appreciate all your effort and charity. We will use the money to help the poor in our area. **God Bless!!**

-- St. Vincent de Paul Society
St. Boniface Conference

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 God; 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

QUILTS FOR SALE:

New 90"x108" or larger, stamped machine quilted, machine pieced, no cheater quilts. If interested please call 248-5273.

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Address for Sr. Joan Stoverink, ASC: Via Beata Maria Dematias 10 - Rome, Italy 00183
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ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: Dec. 9th, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,895.00 + Loose: \$61.00
+ Mass in Spanish: Hispanic Minister = \$1,956.00
Budget for week: \$3,038.46
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$61,360.19
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$72,923.04
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 11,562.85)**
Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$158,000.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$56,550.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, Cemetery & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

BCMw & Community Link Collection: \$178.00

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN QUILT COMMITTEE:

Quarterly Quilt Raffle Tickets are in the main entrance of church for pick-up.

ST. DAMIAN JUNIOR HIGH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

We will host a **Bake Sale** on **Sunday, Dec. 16th** after the 8:30 Mass and the Hispanic Mass. Proceeds will be donated to *Leaps of Love*, which is an organization that supports kids with brain cancer and their families and is based in Highland, IL. Please stop by our table and get some goodies while you help out a very worth-while cause. Also, on that Sunday, the kids in the Faith Formation classes are invited to "come up to the choir and sing" at the 8:30 Mass. Please bring your children to church and encourage them to praise God with their voices as we await the coming of the infant Savior. **Thank you!**

CHRISTMAS MAGIC WITH SANTA:

This event sponsored by *Damiansville Development Club* will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 16th** from 9:30-11:30 am @ St. Damian Gym. Donuts, hot chocolate, crafts, face painting, and family photos with Santa. \$15 per family. Digital prints available by *LD Photography*.

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 given out as Christmas presents to local families. Items can be brought to St. Damian Church and hung on the Giving Tree in the gathering space **till Sunday, Dec. 16th** or you can bring your donations to Geri Varel's house. Any questions, please contact Geri Varel at 248-5223. Thanks in advance for your generous donations, it will help make the holidays a little warmer for so many people!

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 23rd, 2018 @ 8:30 am

Communion Ministers — Kristy Richter, Pete Toennies

Reader — Mason Schrage

Ushers — Butch Toennies, Cole Horstmann

Servers — Nolan Goebel, Reid Innes

Organist — Jan Hitch

Counters — Jan Hitch, Kristy Richter, Pete Toennies

Children's Liturgy — Denise & Savanna Luitjohan

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



ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: Dec. 8th/9th, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,910.00 + Thanksgiving: \$25.00
+ Loose: \$220.00 = \$2,155.00
Budget for week: \$3,124.52
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$63,482.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$74,988.48
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 11,506.48)**
Fiscal year (7/17-6/18) budget: \$162,475.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$33,000.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies Sodality, Capital Fund, Cemetery & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Total Church Steeple Repairs: \$8,290.00

BCMw & Community Link Collection: \$269.25

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 22nd, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

Communion Ministers — Ken & Liz Nussbaumer, Nettie Broeckling

Reader — Janel Zurliene

Ushers — Ed Broeckling, Brian Zurliene

Servers — Wyatt Jung, Kalie Wellen

Sunday, December 23rd, 2018 @ 10:00 am

Communion Ministers — Kristen Templin, Vicki Pittman, Cole Schomaker

Reader — Brent Rickhoff

Ushers — Tim & Elizabeth Schroeder, John & Linda Majchrzak

Servers — Brooke & Reagan Rickhoff

Counters — Tim Schroeder, Vicki Pittman, John Majchrzak

Children's Liturgy — NO SESSION



A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to all who purchased items or donated towards the *Giving Tree Project*. Every year there are more items added to the tree and once again your kindness made it a rewarding project to help those less fortunate. *Community Link* greatly appreciated your overwhelming support. Your generosity helped many families have a little more joy this Christmas season.

ST. BERNARD CHOIR:

Christmas Cantata on **Sunday, Dec 16th** at 7:00 pm @ St Mary Church, Carlyle. Come join this Multi-Demonical Choir, including members of St. Bernard Choir for a vocal symphony in a *Celebration of Christ's Birth*.

CHURCH DECORATING:

The churches will be *decorated for Christmas* on **Friday, Dec. 21st** 6:00 pm @ St. Bernard. Many hands will make this work light, and quick. We need your help.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Raffle winners for December:

\$400 – *Rich Hacker*; \$50 each – *Roger & Celie Wellen and Jeff Timmermann*

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

MetroEast Community Chorale: *Christmas Concert* on **Sunday, Dec. 16th** at 3:00 pm @ First United Methodist Church located at 504 E. Hwy 50 - O'Fallon, IL 62269. Free Admission.

St. Anthony Parish, Beckmeyer: *Special Christmas Bunko & Dessert Party* will be held on **Monday, Dec. 17th** at 1:00 pm in the parish center. \$5.00 per person includes drink and dessert. Must be 18 or older. Extra attendance prizes, first & last place for most bangers & bunkos. *Benefits St. Anthony Cemetery Fund.*

Aviston Sons of American Legion: *2019 Black Tie & Talent Show* will be on **Sat. Jan. 12th, 2019** @ 5:00 pm at the Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston. This formal event is a talent and glamour contest where we give away over \$8000 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 at Aviston Legion at 6:00 pm on **Friday, Dec 21st**. 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 2019 can enter contest. For tickets or entry info call: Jim Kues 228-7008 or Craig Timmermann 830-7737.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows: Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the *Way of Lights* greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display @ the Shrine through **Dec. 31st**. This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours. If interested, please email programs@snows.org or call 618-397-6700 ext. 6281 or www.snows.org/wol.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council: Cold winter weather has arrived earlier than usual and we desperately *need blankets and coats* to distribute to those in need. **Gently-used or new coats of all types in all sizes for all ages** – toddlers, children, teens and adults (men and women) and blankets of all types/sizes – are being requested. Items can be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul office located at #13 Vieux Carre Drive, Suite 2, East St. Louis (Loisel Village area, immediately off Route 157 across from the Save-A-Lot grocery) or call Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126 for additional information. Warm your heart by keeping someone warm – check your closets and donate a coat or blanket today!

Re-gifting with a purpose: Like all college students, seminarians can benefit from an occasional “**Care Package**.” Please consider donating a Gift Card, whether it be new or a “re-gifted” card you are unable to use. You may give cards to your Parish Vocation Coordinator or mail to: Office of Vocations – 2620 Lebanon Avenue – Belleville, IL 62221. Department Stores, Gas Stations, Restaurants, Cash Cards, and All Cards are appreciated: *Your generous support of seminarians is appreciated!*

