



*Fourth Sunday
Of Advent
December 18th, 2016*



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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 19TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Dan & Rose Mueth

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Dolores "Dolly" Netemeyer

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

For Safe Travels

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

Lindy, Lynn, & Irene Horstmann

Louis Korte

8:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

10:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

Marie Dulle

Urban "Shorty" Behrman

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Christmas Day

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Cliff Kolb

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Doubt and confusion are not unique to us, even in matters essential to our faith. People have long asked for signs from God when they are in turmoil. Joseph's deep question about Mary is the focus of today's Gospel. His moving forward on the strength of answers given in a dream should be a source of deep encouragement for us.

What signs in your life point to God about to do wonderful new things? How can you respond like Joseph? Serious questions are not inappropriate; in fact, they can lead to amazing answers and events.

"Let the Lord enter; He is King of Glory."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 18th

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Visit from Santa

After 8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian Gym

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

Visit from Santa

5:45 pm @ Albers American Legion

Monday, December 19th

Christmas Decorating 6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, December 20th

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, December 21st

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 am – 12 noon @ St. Damian Church

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

Thursday, December 22nd

NO Mass or Prayer Service w/Communion

Teachers Breakfast 7:30 am @ Good Ol' Days

Communion to Homebound by Fr. Anthony

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Friday, December 23rd

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

Saturday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

5:00 pm @ St. Damian

10:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Mass in Spanish 8:00 pm @ St. Damian.

Sunday, December 25th

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

8:30 am @ St. Damian

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word &

NO Pre-School Sunday School Classes

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE:

- ***New Year's Eve*** – 5:00 pm @ St. Bernard;
- ***New Year's Day*** – 8:30 am @ St. Damian & 10:00 am @ St. Bernard.

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

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

St. Bernard:

Gr. 1 – Kellan Hubert & Lilly Behrmann;

Gr. 2 – Oliver Varel & Kayle Reinhardt;

Gr. 3 – Tessa Schroeder & Corinne Warnecke;

Gr. 4 – Hayley Lucas & Mallory Strubhart;

Gr. 5 – Jillian Kloeckner & Ana Avalos;

Gr. 6 – Makenna Lake & Rylee Jansen;

Gr. 7 – Brooke Zurliene & Austyn Jansen;

Gr. 8 – Olivia Winkeler & Mallory Toennies.

St. Damian:

Kind. – Lincoln Arentsen & Reed Wuebbels;

Gr. 1 – Brant Horstmann & Lyla Koch;

Gr. 2 – Natalie Lynch & Hunter Toennies;

Gr. 3 – Kennedy Toennies & Saul Contreras;

Gr. 4 – Reid Koch & Evelyn Ribbing;

Gr. 5 – Makenna Budde & Reece Deiters;

Gr. 6 – Julia Korte & Ethan Toennies;

Gr. 7 – Stephanie Aparicio & Avery Budde;

Gr. 8 – Martha Aparicio & Mason Schrage.

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.

Congratulations to the following whose posters were selected for further Diocesan competition:

Kindergarten: Lincoln Arentsen

Gr. 1 & 2: Natalie Lynch

Gr. 3 & 4: Corinne Warnecke

Gr. 5 & 6: Makenna Budde

Gr. 7 & 8: Martha Aparicio

Thank you for your participation!

CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS

On **Monday – Wednesday, Dec. 26th – 28th**, ***Mass*** will begin at **8:30 am** instead of 8:00 am.

Thursday, Dec. 29th, ***Prayer Service w/Communion*** will be held at 8:30 am.



SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:

St. Bernard & St. Damian Parishes are looking for volunteers who would be interested in being trained to conduct **Prayer Services w/Communion** in the absence of both the priest & the deacon. The diocese provides a brief training and has a booklet that outlines/explains how to conduct a Prayer Service w/Communion. Please contact Deacon Glenn at 248-5134 if you are interested in reviewing the booklet to see if this is a parish ministry you would be interested in learning more about.

DIRECT PAYMENT BY ACH:

Direct Payment by ACH is the transfer of funds from an individual's account for the purpose of making a contribution to St. Bernard and recently to St. Damian Parish. Forms have been email to St. Damian Parishioners. If you are interested in having your contributions done electronically, please fill out the form (also located on the website under St. Bernard & St. Damian) with all the required information, sign, date and return to the parish office along with a voided check. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne at 618-979-5933.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 11th, 2016

Envelopes: \$2,823.00 + Loose: \$46.00 = \$2,869.00
Budget for week: \$2,831.73
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$57,257.55
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$67,961.52
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$10,703.97)**
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.)

Hispanic Minister Salary Collection:

St. Damian: \$203.00
Hispanic Community: \$936.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!



ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24th, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Deacon Glenn Netemeyer,
Erin Korte, Pete Toennies, Ken Mank, Kristy
Richter, Sharon Kalmer

Reader — Denise Luitjohan

Ushers — Jerry Toennies, **3 volunteers**

Servers — Ethan & Simon Toennies, Kaylee
Netemeyer, **1 volunteer**

Organist — Geri Varel

Sunday, December 25th, 2016 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Deacon Glenn Netemeyer,
Ange Wobbe, Arlene Korte, Deb Santel

Reader — Anita Rakers

Ushers — Mel Toennies, **3 volunteers**

Servers — **4 volunteers**

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Collection Counters — Anita Rakers, Mel Toennies,
Kristy Richter

Children's Liturgy — NO Session

ST. DAMIAN CHOIR INFORMATION:

♪ **Youth Choir** — Last practice will be on **Sunday, Dec 18th**. The youth choir will sing at the 5:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

♪ **Adult Choir** — Last practice will be on **Tuesday, Dec. 20th** and will sing at 8:30 am Mass on Christmas Day.

HELP WANTED:

St. Damian Parish is seeking a responsible individual to **clean the parish house** once or twice a month (4-8 hours per month). Hourly rate to be determined. List of duties is being developed. Interested individuals can contact Geri Varel at 248-5223.

COMMUNITY GIVING TREE:

Thank you to all who hung hats, gloves, socks, scarves and several additional items on this year's "**Giving Tree**". The items were brought to BCMW who then provided them to many needy families during BCMW's annual Christmas distribution days. Your kindness and generosity made the lives of many people a little warmer this holiday season. Thank you again for supporting the Giving Tree! **Jesus is the Reason for the Season!**

-- Geri Varel

Please be generous in supporting your parish this Christmas Season!

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 10th/11th, 2016

Envelopes: \$1,275.00 + Loose: \$135.00 = \$1,410.00

Budget for week: \$2,964.43

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$63,441.00

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$71,146.32

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$7,705.32)**

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.)

Hispanic Minister Salary Collection: \$212.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24th, 2016 @ 10:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Deacon Glenn Netemeyer, Steve, Debbie & Cole Schomaker, Lynn Athmer, Kevin & Kristen Templin, Lynette Huegen

Reader — Lynne Hueslmann

Ushers — Ed Broeckling, Dan & Rita Poettker, Janel & Rachel Zurliene

Servers — Brian & Brooke Zurliene, Ryan Gill, Kallie Wellen

Sunday, December 25th, 2016 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — Deacon Glenn Netemeyer, Ken & Liz Nussbaumer, **1 volunteer**

Reader — Jackie Peters

Ushers — Ed & Sharon Wuebbels, **2 volunteers**

Servers — **4 volunteers**

Collection Counters – **3 or 4 volunteers**

Children's Liturgy – NO Session

Sunday School Helpers – NO Session



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ST. BERNARD PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Elections will be held **this weekend, Dec. 17th/18th**.

Please vote for one man & two women. The nominees for the men are: **Randy Schiefer & Austen Lake**; the women are: **Stacy Schroeder, Lynne Hueslmann & Jackie Peters**.

CONGRATULATIONS:



Congratulations to Rucker Kelly Markus, child of Jeremy & Stephanie (Deimeke) Markus, who received the saving waters of baptism on Sunday, Dec. 11th @ St.

Bernard Church. May God watch over and guide them in their journey of life.

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. **Collection Boxes** are available at the entrance of both churches to help offset the costs associated with the trip. 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.

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.

Veterans Tribute New Year's Day Poker Run:

The American Legions of Albers, Beckemeyer, Breese, Germantown, and New Baden are hosting a **New Year's Day Poker Run** with the proceeds benefiting the *Veterans Tribute* located at Kaskaskia College. Participants can sign up at any of the above Legion locations starting a **11:00 am on New Year's Day 2017**, you must register at all five Legions, and arrive at Germantown Legion no later than 5:00 pm. This is **OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES** and best hands will receive cash and other prizes. All qualifying participants will be eligible for great attendance prizes that will be drawn at the end of the Poker Run (Germantown Legion). This event not only supports the Veterans Tribute at Kaskaskia College it is also a great way to support local Legion's in the county. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions—please contact one of the participating Legions for more information.