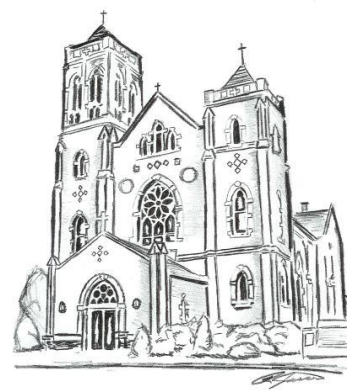




*Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019*



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Tuesday & Wednesday (Office Closed)

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

*8:00 am Prayer Service @ St. Damian
For Safe Travels*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

Dave Pingsterhaus

Bob Innes

Deceased Members of Horstmann Family

7:00 pm Hispanic Mass @ St. Damian

† Celia Román Sanchez

10:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

Doris Kloeckner

Ralph & Delores Netemeyer

Joe & Dollie Dudley

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

9:00 am Joint Parish Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

8:00 am Prayer Service @ St. Bernard

For All the Sick

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

NO Mass/NO Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

Alphonse & Josephine Wellen

Florence Wolters

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Louis Korte; William & Clara Korte

Aloys & Estella Heimann

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

As we close in on an event that changed the course of history, we hear in the words of scripture how the birth of Jesus fulfilled prophecies from hundreds of years earlier. Isaiah tells the king that a virgin will bear a son, who will come from the house of David and be called Emmanuel, **"God is with us"**. Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother, Joseph, of the house of David, willingly agreed to God's plan. God is with us as we celebrate the final Sunday of Advent today.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 22nd

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

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

Monday, December 23rd

NO Mass/Prayer Service w/Communion

7:45 am @ St. Damian Church

Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Schedule:

4:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

10:00 @ St. Bernard Church

Hispanic Christmas Eve Mass

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, December 25th

Joint Parish Christmas Day Mass

9:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, December 26th

NO Mass/Prayer Service w/Communion

8:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Friday, December 27th

Communion to the Homebound

Saturday, December 28th

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Sunday, December 29th

Sunday Mass w/Children's Liturgy:

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Sunday Mass w/NO Children's Liturgy:

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

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

† ***New Year's Eve – ONLY ONE*** Mass will be
held at ***6:00 pm*** @ St. Damian Church.

† ***New Year's Day – NO MASS***

**During this Christmas Season we wish
each of you the Peace and Joy of Christmas!**

*Fr. Anthony Onyango, Deacons Glenn Netemeyer,
Kevin Templin, Sr. Ellen Orf, and Jeanne Langenhorst*

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

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 whose posters were selected for further Diocesan competition:

Kindergarten: Marris Penn

Gr. 1 & 2: Dylan Netemeyer

Gr. 3 & 4: Cole Huegen

Gr. 5 & 6: Kennedy Toennies

Gr. 7 & 8: Makenna Budde

Many thanks to all participants! Those selected for further Diocesan competition received \$10 each.

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 or St. Damian Parishes. If you are interested in having your contributions done electronically, please fill out the form (located on the website: www.stbernardandstdamian.org) with all the required information, sign, date and return to the parish office along with a voided check. If you have any questions or prefer to have a form emailed, please contact Jeanne at 618-979-5933.

VOCATION CORNER:

The vocation of Jesus Christ was to be born and incarnate to our world, humbling Himself from eternity into the temporal of our world. In the same way, our vocation calls us to humble ourselves and enter into the unknown to be stretched beyond what we can normally do in our human capacity. We celebrate this Christmas as a model for our own call to service and gift, knowing that the way won't be easy. Mary and Joseph sacrificed much in their "yes" to vocation to allow Jesus to redeem the world. We are called to that same "yes" for Jesus!



ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 15th, 2019

Envelopes: \$759.00 + Loose: \$42.00

+ Mass in Spanish: \$947.00 = \$1,748.00

Budget for week: \$3,038.46

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$64,394.48

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$72,923.04

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 8,528.56)**

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.)

Second Collection: \$83.00

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24th, 2019 @ 4:00 pm

Communion Ministers — Sharon Kalmer,
Erin Korte, Ken Mank, Monica Koch,
Kristy Richter

Reader — Denise Luitjohan

Ushers — 4 Volunteers

Servers — Ethan & Simon Toennies, Trent
Korte, Reid Innes

Organist — Geri Varel

Counters — Kristy Richter, Anita Rakers,
Jeanne Langenhorst

(Collection will be counted on Friday, Dec. 27th
at 8:00 am @ St. Damian Rectory.)

Sunday, December 29th, 2019 @ 8:30 am

Communion Ministers — Arlene Korte,
Erin Korte

Reader — Denise Luitjohan

Ushers — Ron Horstmann, Stan Heimann

Servers — Savanna Luitjohan, Aliya Henss,
Trent Korte

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Counters — Anita Rakers, Kathleen Hodges,
Pete Toennies

Children's Liturgy — Sandy Kramer,
CeCe Toennies

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

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.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 14th/15th, 2019

Envelopes: \$1,715.00 + Loose: \$79.00 = \$1,794.00

Budget for week: \$3,134.14

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$63,075.00

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$75,219.36

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 12,144.36)**

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 needed in order to balance the budget.)

Second Collection: \$290.00

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24th, 2019 @ 10:00 pm

Communion Ministers — Steve & Deb

Schomaker, Kristen Templin, Dan & Lee
Love, Nettie Broeckling

Reader — Lynette Huegen

Ushers — Ed Broeckling, Ken, Dana & Kellen
Lake

Servers — Kalie Wellen, Alaina Huegen,
Makenna Lake, Connor Schomaker

Wednesday, December 25th @ 9:00 am

Communion Ministers — Ken Nussbaumer,
Brenda Morris, **Volunteer**

Reader — Liz Nussbaumer

Ushers — John & Linda Majchrzak,
Ed & Sharon Wuebbels

Servers — 4 Volunteers

Counters — John Majchrzak, Brenda Morris,
Volunteer

Saturday, December 28th, 2019 @ 4:00 pm

Communion Ministers — Ken Nussbaumer,
Nettie Broeckling, Kathy Engelmann

Reader — Liz Nussbaumer

Ushers — Nick & Kathy Friederich

Servers — Clayton & Rylee Jansen, Kalie
Wellen

Sunday, December 29th, 2019 @ 10:00 am

Communion Ministers — Dan & Lee Love,
Cole Schomaker

Reader — Lynette Huegen

Ushers — Tom & Mitchell Broeckling, Dave
Wuebbels, Dave Langenhorst

Servers — Jillian & Jake Kloeckner, Ashlyn
Gebke

Counters — Lynn Athmer, James Williams, Dana
Lake

Children's Liturgy — NO SESSION

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to *Catholic Holy Family Society* for the monetary donation for the Christmas decorations. It was greatly appreciated.

St. Bernard Ladies Sodality: December Quilt Winner – Linda Rolves

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/HAPPENINGS:

Breese Knights of Columbus will hold their *Fifth Sunday Breakfast* on **Sunday Dec. 29th** from 8:00 am until 11:30 am at the Hall in Breese. Menu items include pork sausage, eggs, pancakes, biscuits & gravy and potatoes.

The Aviston Sons of American Legion: 2020 Black Tie & Talent Show will be on **Sat. January 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. Any Clinton County residents who will attend college or trade school in 2020 can enter contest. For tickets or entry info call: Jim Kues 228-7008 or Craig Timmermann 830-7737.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites you to enjoy an evening of marriage enrichment: *Finding Joy in Our Sacraments in Today's World* on **Tuesday, January 21st** at 6:00 pm @ The Pasta House Company ~ Party Room ~ 8213 Delmar Blvd, University City, MO 63130 (just east of I-170).

\$25.00 per person/\$50.00 per couple includes buffet dinner featuring Pasta House Salad, Baby Loaves of Bread, Chicken Parmesan, Sicilian Grilled Pesce (Fish), Pasta Primavera and Broccoli. Price also includes tax and tip. Cash bar available. This evening is open to all married couples. Visit us on Facebook: Marriage on Tap STL. RSVP required; please respond by January 17th to marriageontapstl@gmail.com.

Clin-Clair Fire Department invites you to a fun night out to support the Clin-Clair Fire Dept at our *Dinner, Mouse Races, and Cash Drawing* on **Saturday, January 25th**. The evening includes a chicken and pork roast dinner w/open bar until 7:00 pm, mouse races, mouse roulette, and a cash drawing (amount determined by number of tickets sold). All proceeds will be used to purchase bunker gear and other life safety equipment for our members. Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased by calling Cole (618-210-6721) or Brian (618-410-0428).

Missions International is happy to announce that it will be coordinating a *Trip for Sister Parishes to Guatemala*. The trip will be **July 27th to August 1st**. We encourage two or three people to represent your parish, and it would be very helpful if one of the individuals traveling is fluent in Spanish. If no one traveling is fluent in Spanish, we will find a local translator.

During this trip we hope you will walk in solidarity, learn about the beauty and struggles of your sister parish, and be present with your brothers and sisters in Guatemala.

We plan to have meetings starting in January 2020 to prepare you for this trip. The location of the meetings will be determined after we know the towns all are traveling from. We will try to find a central location for the initial meeting. We wanted to give you time to pray and discern if this trip is for you. We thought it would be helpful to give you some of the basic information.

If you are interested in traveling to your sister parish please make sure you have a passport and that it has not expired. 35 seats have been reserved on American Airlines. The cost of the flight is \$808.35. (Please remember that if your sister parish is in Peten, there will be a second smaller flight. We do not have the price of that ticket yet, but it should be around \$350.00.) We recommend a donation to your sister parish approx. \$200.00 per person. This will help cover transportation, lodging, and food. You will also need Medical Trip Insurance, and the cost depends on age. Please do not let cost discourage you from taking this trip if you are called to go. There are several ways of covering the cost and we would be happy to discuss this with you.

The following website will be helpful with necessary vaccines and medicines.

https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/guatemala?s_cid=ncezid-dgmq-travel-single-001

Please email sisterparish13@gmail.com if you would like to go on this trip. Please give names of those who would like to attend the informational meeting in January, parish name, and one good contact number for those interested in this trip.