



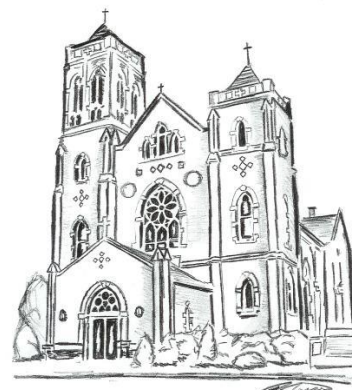
Forth Sunday of Advent

December 23rd, 2018



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Monday, Wednesday & Friday:

@ St. Bernard or St. Damian;

Tuesday: Offices Closed

Thursday: @ CLC, New Baden;

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTER:

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DEC. 24TH – Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

Lindy, Lynn & Irene Horstmann

Alvin Toennies

Bob Innes

7:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

10:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

Doris Kloeckner

TUESDAY, DEC. 25TH – Christmas Day

9:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

8:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Fr. Lawrence Nickels, OFM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

8:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

August Rademacher & Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Vince Arentsen

Charlotte Timmermann

Cliff Kolb

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Jim Norrenberns, Sr.

Lawrence & Virginia Kalmer

Leroy "LeeBee" Billhartz

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

God's ways are not our ways. Today's readings point to the unlikely sources for the blessed event we are about to celebrate. Christ will be born in Bethlehem, a town unnoticed and forgotten. The Son of God will be born to Mary, a seemingly insignificant teenage girl. John the Baptist will be born of Elizabeth, a woman supposedly past childbearing age. As we listen to God's word, we are reminded of God's tendency to do the unexpected.

"Lord, make us turn to You; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

Monday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule:

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

7:00 pm Mass in Spanish @ St. Damian

10:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Tuesday, December 25th

Christmas Day Joint Parish Mass

9:00 am @ St. Damian

Wednesday, December 26th

Eucharistic Adoration w/Benediction

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, December 27th

St. Bernard Choir Practice 7:00 pm @ Church

Friday, December 28th

Communion to the Homebound

Saturday, December 29th

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Sunday, December 30th

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

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

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:

† *New Year's Eve* – NO MASS

† *New Year's Day* – ONLY ONE Mass will be held at 9:00 am @ St. Bernard Church.

HISPANIC RAFFLE WINNERS:

Tablecloth: Alvaro Oñate

Nativity: Lorena Avalos

Address for Sr. Joan Stoverink, ASC:

Via Beata Maria Dematias 10

Rome, Italy 00183

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

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

St. Bernard:

Gr. 1 – Kynley Barth & Kelsie Rolves

Gr. 2 – Cole Huegen & Kailey Engelmann

Gr. 3 – Mason Schroeder & Adelyn Wuebbels;

Gr. 4 – Chloe Engelmann & Brock Schulte;

Gr. 5 – Violet Hernandez & Madi Wuebbels;

Gr. 6 – Alaina Huegen & Hayley Lucas;

Gr. 7 – Lydia Engelmann & Jillian Kloeckner;

Gr. 8 – Makenna Lake & Rylee Jansen.

St. Damian:

Kind. – Betzy Contreras (1st)

Collins Horstmann & Delaney Horstmann

Gr. 1 – Charlie Sauer (1st)

Dylann Netemeyer & Avelyn Jansen;

Gr. 2 – Lincoln Arentsen & Henry Ribbing;

Gr. 3 – Grace Deiters & Lyla Koch;

Gr. 4 – Edwin Oros (1st)

Hunter Toennies & Natalie Lynch;

Gr. 5 – Kennedy Toennies & Ethan Korte;

Gr. 6 – Reid Koch & Chase Jansen;

Gr. 7 – Makenna Budde & Genesis Contreras;

Gr. 8 – Julia Korte (1st)

Henry Toennies & Lupe Luevano.

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: Betzy Contreras

Gr. 1 & 2: Cole Huegen

Gr. 3 & 4: Grace Deiters

Gr. 5 & 6: Reid Koch

Gr. 7 & 8: Makenna Lake

Many thanks to all participants! All winners received \$5 for 1st place; \$3 for 2nd place. Those selected for further Diocesan competition received \$10 each.

QUILTS FOR SALE:

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

Merry Christmas

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: Dec. 16th, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,855.00 + Immaculate Conception: \$45.00
+ ACH: \$775.00+ Loose: \$43.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$512.00 = \$3,230.00
Budget for week: \$3,038.46
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$64,590.19
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$75,961.50
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 11,371.31)**
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.)

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

THANKS SO MUCH!

Thank you to all who hung items on this year's "**Community Giving Tree**"! The items were brought to BCMW for their annual Christmas distribution. Your kindness and generosity helped to make Christmas a little warmer for many families who need our help during the Christmas season.

Jesus is the Reason for the Season! -- Geri Varel

ST. DAMIAN QUILT COMMITTEE:

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

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24th, 2018 @ 10:00 pm

Communion Ministers — Deacon Kevin Templin,
Dan & Lee Love, Steve & Deb Schomaker,
Liz Nussbaumer

Reader — Lynette Huegen

Ushers — Brian & Janel Zurliene, **2 Volunteers**

Servers — Alaina Huegen, Kalie Wellen, Wyatt Jung

Saturday, December 29th, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

Communion Ministers — Nettie Broeckling, Deb
Schomaker, Kathy Engelmann

Reader — Steve Schomaker

Ushers — Nick & Kathy Friederich

Servers — Elliott Rakers, Grant Winkeler

Sunday, December 30th, 2018 @ 10:00 am

Communion Ministers — Sharon Wuebbels, Kati
Schwierjohn, Ray Gill

Reader — Meg Schiefer

Ushers — Ron & Geri Norrenberns, Kurt & Allison
Rickhoff

Servers — Sophia Kennett, Carson Rickhoff

Counters — Janel Zurliene, James Williams, Keith
Richter

Children's Liturgy — NO SESSION

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24th, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

Communion Ministers — Deacon Kevin Templin,
Deacon Glenn Netemeyer, Erin Korte, Ken Mank,
Kristy Richter, Sharon Kalmer

Reader — Denise Luitjohan

Ushers — **4 Volunteers**

Servers — Trent Korte, Ethan & Simon Toennies

Organist — Geri Varel

Tuesday, December 25th, 2018 @ 9:00 am

Communion Ministers — Deb Santel, Ken Mank,
Arlene Korte

Reader — Mary Innes

Ushers — Mel Toennies, Jerry Innes, Norm
Horstmann, Justin Horstmann

Servers — George Herzing, Evelyn Ribbing, Athmer

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Counters — Kristy Richter, Mel Toennies, Anita
Rakers, **Volunteer**

Sunday, December 30th, 2018 @ 8:30 am

Communion Ministers — Kevin Toennies, Rosann
Horstmann

Reader — Joseph Cleeton

Ushers — Norm & Ron Horstmann

Servers — Anthony & Kevin Athmer

Organist — Jan Hitch

Counters — Jan Hitch, Kathleen Hodges, Anita
Rakers

Children's Liturgy — Sandy Kramer, Reid Koch

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: Dec. 15th/16th, 2018

Envelopes: \$2,115.00 + Christmas: \$25.00

+ ACH: \$2,215.00 + Loose: \$142.00 = \$4,497.00

Budget for week: \$3,124.52

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$67,979.00

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$78,113.00

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 10,134.00)**

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

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!



Congratulations to Alaina Grace

Behrmann, child of Tyler & Amanda
(Buss) Behrmann, who received the
saving waters of baptism on Sunday,

Dec. 16th @ St. Bernard Church. May God watch
over and guide them in their journey of life.

A BIG THANK YOU:

Thank you to all who donated items to *Daystar*. 72 bags were delivered to the elderly in the Cairo area. Miss Sherry was very appreciative.

ST. BERNARD PARISH COUNCIL:

- **Congratulations** to *Ann Cannaday, Penny Angeli & Cory Goestenkers* on being elected to serve a 3-year term on the Parish Pastoral Council.
- **Thank you** to *Greg Kassen* for graciously accepting the nomination.
- **Thank you** to *Kris Anne Becker, Stefanie Rickhoff & James Williams* for their service the past years on the council.

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

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

VOCATION CORNER:

Today we hear of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth. What a wonderful encounter – two mothers sharing each other's joy; both bearing sons who will change the world. WOW! What vocations! They excitedly accepted their role in the coming of our Savior, our Redeemer. We should celebrate our role in changing the world – bringing our faith to everyone we meet – by the daily living of the lives we've been called to. **May it truly be a Merry Christmas.**

TEC (TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST)

Calling all juniors and seniors in high school: *TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)* weekends:

January 19th-21st, 2019 @ Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville, IL, and **February 16th-18th, 2019** @ Sacred Heart School in Du Quoin, IL. Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a three-day Catholic retreat for the young adults of Southern Illinois. It's a place for older teens and young adults to reflect-through talks, skits, art, music, sacraments, fellowship and fun-on where they are in life and where they're going, where God fits in, where their faith is leading them, and how they can live their faith with love, joy and courage. TEC is also open to adult observers (18+). To learn more and/or to apply visit: www.bellevilletec.org

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

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!*

HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese invites the community to come view *Dozens of Unique Nativity Sets* on **Sunday, Jan. 6th** from noon to 2 pm in the hospital's Heritage Room. Information on the Franciscan heritage of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, founders of the Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS), will also be on display at this Franciscan Sunday event hosted by the hospital's *Living the Mission Team*. For more information, please contact Sue Darr, HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital's Co-Mission Director, at (618) 526-5451.

Aviston Sons of American Legion: *2019 Black Tie & Talent Show* will be held 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. For tickets or entry info call: Jim Kues 228-7008 or Craig Timmermann 830-7737.