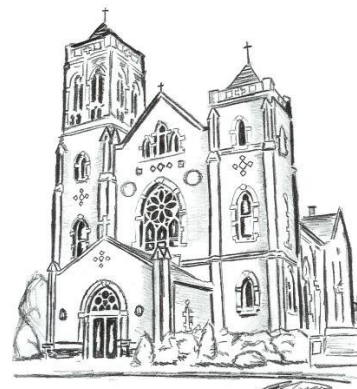




*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**4:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian**  
Lindy, Lynn & Irene Horstmann  
Alvin Toennies

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

**10:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard**  
For All Parishioners

**CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian**  
Louis Korte

**10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard**  
Peace on Earth

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**8:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard**  
For All The Sick & Suffering

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**8:00 am Prayer Service @ St. Bernard**  
For St. Bernard Parishioners

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard**  
Archie & Marie Santel

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian**  
For All Parishioners

**10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard**  
Lawrence & Virginia Kalmer

Living & Deceased Members of  
Harry & Margaret Huegen

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today we hear the familiar story of the angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she will conceive and bear the Son of God. What an unbelievable message this must have been! She was seemingly just an ordinary young woman, not even married, not even having relations with a man. As a Jew, she would have been praying for the coming of the Messiah; now she is told she would be giving birth to Him. But like David in the Old Testament, she accepts the role God has for her. *"May it be done to me according to Your word."* (Luke 1:38).

### MASS SCHEDULE:

- *Christmas Eve* – 4:00 pm @ St. Damian;  
*Mass in Spanish: 8:00 pm* @ St. Damian;  
10:00 pm @ St. Bernard.
- *Christmas Day* – 8:30 am @ St. Damian;  
10:00 am @ St. Bernard.
- *The Holy Family, Sunday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>*  
8:30 am @ St. Damian;  
10:00 am @ St. Bernard;  
*Mass in Spanish: 11:00 am* @ St. Damian.
- *New Year's Eve* – NO MASS.
- *New Year's Day* – 9:00 am @ St. Bernard.

### FROM THE PASTORAL STAFF:

- **Fr. Anthony** will be leaving for vacation on Tuesday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00 am Mass till Wednesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. He'll be on retreat from Thursday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> to Monday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. Safe travels are extended to him.
- **Deacon Glenn** will be in and out, but can be reached on his cell phone 618-772-9343.
- **Jeanne** will not be at the CLC office in New Baden the week of Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. The office will be closed, but she'll be at St. Bernard & St. Damian at times and working from home at times. She can be reached by cell phone 618-979-5933.
- **Sr. Ellen** will be gone till Wednesday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> and can be reached by cell phone 636-293-8253.
- *Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year in 2018.*

"Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."

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### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Christmas Eve Mass Schedule:*

- 4:00 pm @ St. Damian Church
- 8:00 pm Mass in Spanish @ St. Damian Church
- 10:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Christmas Day Mass Schedule:*

- 8:30 am @ St. Damian Church
- 10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

**Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

*NO English Classes*

**Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

*NO English Classes*

*St. Bernard Choir Practice* 7:00 pm @ Church

**Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Communion to Homebound*

*Hispanic Rosary* 6:30 pm

*Hispanic Bible Study* 7:00 pm

**Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Reconciliation* 3:15-3:45 pm @ St. Bernard

*Mass* 4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Sunday Mass Schedule:*

- 8:30 am @ St. Damian Church
- 10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church
- 11:00 am Mass in Spanish @ St. Damian Church

*NO New Year's Eve Mass*

**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!**

### DISCERNMENT RETREAT:

*"A Hungry Heart"* is a three-day *Co-Ed Discernment Retreat* from **Monday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> till Thursday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>** @ White House Jesuit Retreat in St. Louis, MO. Making use of Saint Ignatius' rules of discernment, Fr. Jeff Putthoff, SJ will explore with you how the senses and imagination reveal God's presence in our daily lives, thus guiding us to greater unity with God's will. Making choices, big and small, are all occasions for connecting with God. Check-in is **Monday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>** at 11:30 am with check-out **Thursday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00 noon. A \$50 deposit is required at registration. A freewill offering can be made at the conclusion of the retreat if you wish.

## **ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Envelopes: \$1,049.00 + ACH: \$565.00  
+ Loose: \$68.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$176.00 =  
\$1,858.00  
Budget for week: \$2,903.85  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$59,266.04  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$72,596.25  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 13,330.21)**  
Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$151,000.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$55,850.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, Cemetery & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

*Thanks for your faithful and generous support!*

### **ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY:**

*Meeting* will be held on **Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018** at 7:00 pm in St. Damian Parish House.

### **ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

#### **Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 4:00 pm**

**Ministers of Communion** —Kevin Toennies, Erin Korte, Arlene Korte, Sharon Kalmer, Diana Jansen, Deacon Glenn, Monica Koch  
**Reader** — Denise Luitjohan  
**Ushers** — Pete Toennies, Ed & Sandy Kramer, Jerry Toennies  
**Servers** — Trent Korte, Ethan & Simon Toennies, Reid Innes  
**Organist** — Geri Varell

#### **Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 8:30 am**

**Ministers of Communion** — Deacon Glenn, Arlene Korte, Julie Langenhorst, Mary Innes, Deb Santel  
**Reader** — Kathleen Hodges  
**Ushers** — Jerry Innes, Norm Horstmann, Justin Horstmann, **Volunteer**  
**Servers** — Nolan & Lance Goebel, Adam & Kevin Heimann  
**Organist** — Chris Brandmayer  
**Collection Counters** – Kathleen Hodges, Kristy Richter, Anita Rakers, Mel Toennies

#### **Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 @ 8:30 am**

**Ministers of Communion** — Diana Jansen, Rosann Horstmann, **Julie Langenhorst**  
**Reader** — Denise Luitjohan  
**Ushers** — Bernard Heimann, Kevin Toennies  
**Servers** — Ben & Jennifer Heimann, Savanna Luitjohan  
**Organist** — Chris Brandmayer  
**Collection Counters** – Tina Tonnie, Kathleen Hodges, Anita Rakers  
**Children's Liturgy** – Jenni Albers, Sophie Thomas

## **ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: December 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Envelopes: \$1,827.00 + ACH: \$2,205.00  
+ Loose: \$122.00 = \$4,154.00  
Budget for week: \$3,012.02  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$64,945.75  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$75,300.50  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 10,354.75)**  
Fiscal year (7/17-6/18) budget: \$156,625.00

(**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.)

*Thanks for your faithful and generous support!*

### **ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

#### **Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 4:00 pm**

**Ministers of Communion** —Steve & Deb Schomaker, Nettie Broeckling, Dan & Lee Love, Deacon Glenn, Kevin & Kristen Templin  
**Reader** — Lynette Huegen  
**Ushers** — Ed Broeckling, Janel, Brooke & Rachel Zurliene  
**Servers** — Kallie Wellen, Ryan Gill, Matthew Schroeder, Brian Zurliene

#### **Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 10:00 am**

**Ministers of Communion** —Kevin Templin, Liz Nussbaumer, Brenda Morris, Deacon Glenn, Robbin Netemeyer  
**Reader** — Lynne Huelsmann  
**Ushers** — Ed & Sharon Wuebbels, **2 Volunteers**  
**Servers** — Brian Zurliene, Kevin Templin, **2 Volunteers**  
**Counters** – Brenda Morris, Kevin Templin, Jeanne Langenhorst, **Volunteer**

#### **Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 4:00 pm**

**Ministers of Communion** — Kathy Engelmann, Ken & Liz Nussbaumer  
**Reader** — Nettie Broeckling  
**Ushers** — Nick & Kathy Friederich  
**Servers** — Grant Winkeler, Kaitlyn & Coryn Toennies

#### **Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 @ 10:00 am**

**Ministers of Communion** — **Vicki Pittman,** Lynette Huegen, Sharon Wuebbels, Devin Rensing  
**Reader** — Jensen Lake  
**Ushers** — Kevin & Kristen Templin, Ken & Dana Lake  
**Servers** — Lydia Engelmann, Alaina Huegen, Brady Reynolds  
**Counters** – Pat Litteken, Vicki Pittman, Dana Lake  
**Children's Liturgy** – NO SESSION



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**“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS”**

**Congratulations** to the following who won 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the parish competition poster winners:  
**St. Bernard:**

- Gr. 1 – Kailey Engelmann & Dylan Wuebbels;
- Gr. 2 – Gabby Rolves & Alexandra Avalos;
- Gr. 3 – Kayle Reinhardt & Brock Schulte;
- Gr. 4 – Corinne Warnecke & Violet Hernandez;
- Gr. 5 – Hayley Lucas & Mallory Strubhart;
- Gr. 6 – Lydia Engelmann & Ana Avalos;
- Gr. 7 – Makenna Lake & Sophia Kennett;
- Gr. 8 – Brooke Zurliene & Eden Rolves.

**St. Damian:**

- Kind.** – Dylann Netemeyer & Charlotte Cleeton:
- Gr. 1 – Reed Wuebbels & Henry Ribbing;
- Gr. 2 – Grace Deiters & Brant Horstmann;
- Gr. 3 – Natalie Lynch & Zackary Huegen;
- Gr. 4 – Kennedy Toennies & Saul Contreras;
- Gr. 5 – Reid Koch (1<sup>st</sup>)  
 Evelyn Ribbing & George Herzing;
- Gr. 6 – Makenna Budde & Reece Deiters;
- Gr. 7 – Henry Toennies & Julia Korte;
- Gr. 8 – Avery Budde & Evelyn Fuehne.

**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:** Charlotte Cleeton
- Gr. 1 & 2: Grace Deiters
- Gr. 3 & 4: Natalie Lynch
- Gr. 5 & 6: Reid Koch
- Gr. 7 & 8: Makenna Lake

**Thank you for your participation!**

**ALBERS COMMERCIAL CLUB:**

**Christmas Lighting Contest Winners:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> -- Scott and Lynette Huegen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> -- Ken and Brenda Wellen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> -- Clyde and Peggy Behrman
- 4<sup>th</sup> -- Dan and Lee Love
- 5<sup>th</sup> -- Ryan and Kelly Jansen

**DAMIANSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 62:**

**Thank you** to *Joe Kehrer*, the *PTO*, and the *Board of Education* for the recent roof replacement to the school gymnasium. Joe Kehrer donated all of the materials while the Board of Education and the PTO provided the funding for the labor. **Thank you & have a Merry Christmas!!**

**Albers/Damiansville Community: American Red Cross Blood Drive** on **Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>** from 2:00-7:00 pm @ Albers Jaycees Building. All presenting donors will receive a long sleeved t-shirt.

**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 at **11:00 am on New Year’s Day 2018**. You must register at all five Legions, and arrive at Albers 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 (Albers 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.

**Mater Dei High School:** Parents of current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend *Parent Information Night* on **Wednesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018** from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, during which they will receive valuable information regarding the unique opportunities offered at Mater Dei. In addition to a general presentation by the administration, department chairs will present specific information related to their academic discipline. Parents who are unable to attend may contact Director of Enrollment, Mrs. Maria Zurliene, to request an informational folder (618-526-7216 or [mzurliene@materdeiknights.org](mailto:mzurliene@materdeiknights.org)).

**Aviston Sons of American Legion: 2018 Black Tie & Talent Show** will be held on **Sat. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 2018** at 5:00 pm @ the Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston, IL. This formal event is a talent and glamour contest where we give away over \$8000 in scholarships to (8) college bound contestants. Tickets for the event are selling at \$40.00 each. Ticket includes: happy hour, 4-course meal, talent contest, and late night entertainment. For tickets or entry info call: Jim Kues 228-7008 or Craig Timmermann 830-7737.

**All Saints Academy (ASA): 2018 ASA Discount Cards on Sale:** For only \$10, the card includes **78 discounts, including 14 new discounts**, for restaurants and businesses in Breese and the surrounding communities. Community members may order a discount card by contacting an ASA family or faculty member; visiting the ASA office; or submitting an order form and receiving the discount card via the mail. A list of the discount offers, as well as the order form, are available on the ASA website at [www.asasaints.com](http://www.asasaints.com).