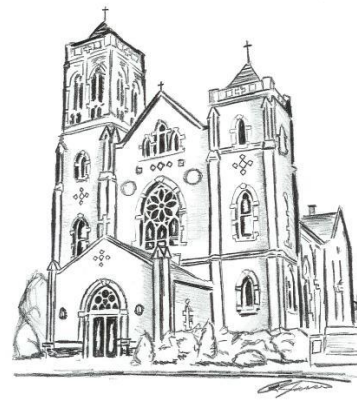




*The Nativity
Of The Lord*
December 25th, 2016



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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.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTER:
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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH
8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
For All Memorial Donors

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH
8:30 am Mass @ St. Bernard
August Rademacher & Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH
8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
Dan & Rose Mueth

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH
NO 8:30 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Prayer Service w/Communion
For Peace in the World

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30TH
NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
New Year's Eve
5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST
New Year's Day
8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
Louis Korte
Viola Brandmeyer

10:00 am @ St. Bernard
Lawrence & Virginia Kalmer
11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian
Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

On this Christmas Day, our Holy Scriptures invite us deeper into the mystery of the Incarnation. No longer need we cry out for comfort: in the 1st Reading Isaiah tells us of the Lord comforting the people. No longer need we listen only to the prophets, say the Letter to the Hebrews: God has spoken to us through the Son. No longer need we walk in darkness: our Gospel proclaims the shining light of the Incarnation. **Let us be attentive now to the Good News of our salvation.**

"All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

Monday, December 26th

Mass 8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Tuesday, December 27th

Mass 8:30 am @ St. Bernard Church

Wednesday, December 28th

Mass 8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Thursday, December 29th

Prayer Service w/Communion

8:30 am @ St. Bernard Church

Friday, December 30th

Communion to Homebound

Wedding Rehearsal 5:30 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Saturday, December 31st

Kelsie Netemeyer & Gary Kharibian Wedding

1:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

New Year's Eve Mass Schedule

5:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, December 25th

New Year's Day Mass Schedule

8:30 am @ St. Damian

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

Mass in Spanish 8:00 pm @ St. Damian

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word &

NO Pre-School Sunday School Classes

Thank You

- to all residents who donated items, all the families helping collect, and all who delivered items for the *Thanksgiving Food Drive*. Over 4,000 items from Albers and Damiansville residences were donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Germantown.
- to everyone who donated to the *November second collection for the needy*. We were able to send a donation of \$400.00 each to *Catholic Urban Programs in East St. Louis* and to *BCM Community Services in Breese*.
- to all who contributed toward *Operation Christmas Child*. We were able to ship over 100 boxes this year!
- to *Prairie Farms* for supplying milk & juice for all classes involved with Operation Christmas Child.
- to *Kevin Templin* for leading the Wednesday night Bible Study.
- to everyone who made a donation towards the *Christmas flowers*. A list of donors is posted on the bulletin boards of both churches.
- to everyone for generously donating to *St. Bernard & St. Damian Giving Tree Items!* All items collected will help those less fortunate receive much-needed items for Christmas! **Christmas Blessing to all!**

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.

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.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 18th, 2016

Envelopes: \$1,984.00 + Christmas: \$600.00

+ Loose: \$114.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$174.00 =

\$2,872.00

Budget for week:

\$2,831.73

Fiscal year-to-date collected:

\$60,129.55

Fiscal year-to-date budget:

\$70,793.25

Over (under) year-to-date budget:

(\$10,663.70)

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.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

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.

LADIES SODALITY QUILT COMMITTEE:

- ✓ **Wurstmarkt & Bi-Monthly Quilt Raffle Tickets** are available for pick up in the main entrance of church. The tickets are combined in one envelope for each family. Please pick up an envelope.
- ✓ **Quilt/Cash Sign-Up Sheet** for the picnic will be posted in both entrances of the church after the first of the year. Please mark if you intend to donate cash or a quilt for the picnic.

Thank you.

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 1st, 2017 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Kevin Toennies, Kristie Santel, *Deb Santel*

Reader — Susan Lynch

Ushers — Jerome Kalmer, Cole Horstmann

Servers — Ben Kassen, Chris Kalmer, Lance Goebel

Organist — Jan Hitch

Collection Counters — Jan Hitch, Dave Kassen, Kathleen Hodges

Children's Liturgy — NO Session

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 17th/18th, 2016

Envelopes: \$1,610.00 + Christmas: \$25.00

+ ACH: \$2,205.00 + Loose: \$98.00 = \$3,938.00

Budget for week: \$2,964.43

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$67,379.00

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$74,110.75

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$6,731.75)**

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.)

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

ST. BERNARD PASTORAL COUNCIL:

- **Congratulation to Austen Lake, Lynne Hueslmann & Stacy Schroeder** the newly elected members of the Pastoral Council.
- **Thank you to Randy Schiefer & Jackie Peters** for allowing their names to be on the ballot.
- **Thank you to Nick Friederich, Kristen Templin & Kim Wieter** for serving on the council.

GIVING TREE PROJECT:

A Big THANK YOU to all who purchased items, and to the students who helped with 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. **God bless all of you.**

-- Melissa Netemeyer



CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Nicholas Justin Deiters & Ashley Marie Litteken, who were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, December 17th at St. Bernard Church. May their love for God and one another grow throughout the years.



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ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 31st, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Ken & Liz Nussbaumer,
Deb Schomaker

Reader — Steve Schomaker

Ushers — Nick & Kathy Friederich

Servers — Coryn & Kaitlyn Toennies, Kalie Wellen

Sunday, January 1st, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — *Brenda Morris*, David &
Charlie Gebke

Reader — Kevin Templin

Ushers — Brian & Nolan Winkeler, Brian & Brooke
Zurliene

Servers — Rachel Zurliene, Alyssa Winkeler,
Elizabeth Schroeder

Collection Counters – Janel Zurliene, Brenda
Morris, Kevin Templin, James Williams

Children's Liturgy – NO Session

Sunday School Helpers – NO Session



MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION:

† **Parent Information Night:** Parents of current 8th grade students are invited to attend our Parent Information Night on **Thursday, January 5th** from 7:00-9:00 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 (618-526-7216 or mzurliene@materdeiknights.org) to request an informational folder.

† **Still Need to Purchase a 2017 Mater Dei Calendar?** The 2017 Mater Dei Calendar Drive is still underway! For only \$25, buyers have 391 chances to win cash – \$30 daily, \$100 and \$500 monthly, and \$1,000 and \$2,000 on December 31st. Now entering its 32nd year, the Calendar Drive serves as the cornerstone of Mater Dei's fundraising. To purchase a calendar, please contact a Mater Dei family or Fr. Chuck Tuttle, Director of Advancement (526-7216).

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

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 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.

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC): Next TEC weekend is scheduled for **January 14-16, 2017** at St. Mary's in Mt. Carmel, IL. TEC is a three day experience in Christian Living. It is designed for high school Juniors through adults who are searching for goals, for acceptance, for meaning, for community, for values, for God. Cost for the weekend is \$60. For an application, visit www.bellevilletec.org.

March for Life 2017: The *44th Annual National March for Life* is **January 26-28, 2017**. Join us and thousands of others from across the nation for this huge pro-life gathering in the nation's capital. Have questions or need more info? Want to sponsor someone to go on the trip? Contact Doug Lugge by phone 618-476-9505 or email jdlugge@gmail.com. Registration forms and info are also on the Diocese of Belleville Respect Life's website at www.RespectLife.catholicweb.com.

Merry Christmas