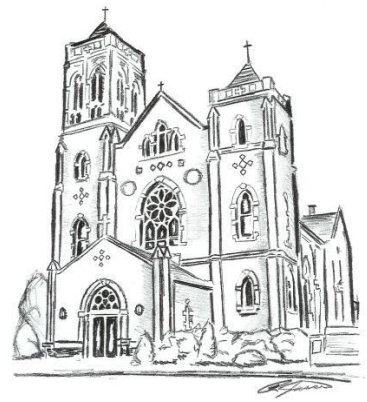




*The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph*
December 27th, 2015



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Monday (8 am to 5 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian;

Tuesday & Wednesday (9 am to 4 pm);

Thursday (9 am to 12 noon) @ CLC, New Baden;

Friday (OFF) New Year's Day, Jan. 1st.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTER:

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

NO Mass @ St. Damian

8:00 am Prayer Service with Communion

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

NO Mass @ St. Bernard

8:00 am Prayer Service with Communion

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

NO Mass Scheduled

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST

9:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

For Peace & Joy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2ND

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Alphonse, Frances & Ray Toennies

Katie Loepker

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Leona Peek

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today's readings give us 2,000 year-old guidelines for living together in family. The Gospel tells about the worry and deep concerns that Mary & Joseph experience upon learning that their young son is missing. We hear that families take work: they require compassion, kindness, patience and above all, love. Families come in many forms, all of them imperfect. But they provide the environment for us to become who we are called to be. People are stretched, often painfully, in the process. It's good to know that Jesus' family was really no different. Let us ask for God's strength and comfort for all families, especially those that are undergoing hardship.

"Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord."

GENERAL CONCERNS:

DONATIONS: *ALL Church Donations* you wish to have posted in the year of 2015 must be received by **Sunday, Jan 3rd**. Donations made after this date will be posted in the year 2016.
Thank you for your cooperation!

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL DINNER will be held on **Friday, Jan 15th** with Cocktails/Social at 6 pm and Dinner at 7 pm @ Albers Jaycee Hall. Hope to see all Parish Council Members at the dinner!

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 27th

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, December 28th

Prayer Service with Communion

8:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Tuesday, December 29th

Prayer Service with Communion

8:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

NO English as Second Language (ESL) Classes

St. Bernard Mixed Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Wednesday, December 30th

NO Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Sunday, January 3rd

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Pre-School Sunday School Classes

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

Hispanic Committee Meeting

12:15 pm @ St. Damian House

Catholic Youth Ministry Meeting/Recreation

6:00-9:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC)

TEC Weekend: Belleville Diocesan 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. The next TEC weekend is **January 16-18, 2016** at Immaculate Conception in Columbia, IL. For an application, visit www.bellevilletec.org

Thank You

- ✓ **Sincere thank you** to everyone who helped us with our *Group-Family Confirmation Project* by donating shoes for Logan. Thanks to your generosity, we collected over **850 pairs of shoes**, and Logan is that much closer to getting his service dog. We could not have done this without all of you. **Thanks again, and God bless all of you.**
-- Schrage, Kalmer, and Jansen Families
- **Thank you** to all who sent gifts, cards, and Christmas greetings during this special time of year when we celebrate the birth of our Savior. God's blessings on you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!!
-- Fr. Jack Joyce, Deacon Glenn Netemeyer & Jeanne Langenhorst
- **Thank you** to everyone who made a donation towards the *Christmas flowers*. A list of donors is posted on the bulletin boards of both churches.
- **Thank you** to *Albers American Legion* for the donation of the American Flag for St. Bernard Cemetery.
- **Thank you** to *Ray Gill* for coordinating the *Stations of the Crib* this past Sunday @ St. Bernard.

Best Wishes for a Prosperous New Year!!

"BOOKS-ON-THE-BUS" PROGRAM

Please donate **Books** for the *St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Mobile Soup Kitchen of East St. Louis*. Children's books of all ages and reading levels (New or Gently Used) are needed! Books will be accepted at *Albers Elementary School* or *St. Bernard Church* through **Thursday, January 7th**. Books are given to children using the Mobile Soup Kitchen Bus. As they leave the bus, the children are invited to take a book to enjoy and discover the joy of reading! Approximately 75% of those served by the Mobile Soup Kitchen are children. This vital ministry seeks to nurture the spirit as well as the body.

Website: [Mobile Kitchen Bus / The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Illinois Council](#)

St. Bernard 4th-8th Grade Faith Formation Students and Families will be delivering the books to St. Vincent de Paul Ministry in East St. Louis in January! **Thank you for your generosity!**

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 20th, 2015

Envelopes: \$ 3,443.00 + Christmas: \$720.00

+ Loose: \$55.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$100.00 =

\$4,318.00

Budget for week: \$2,755.77

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$59,856.24

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$68,894.25

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$9,038.01)**

Fiscal year (7/15-6/16) budget: \$143,300.00

(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!

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Friday, New Year's Day @ 9:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — Ken Mank, Julie

Langenhorst, Ange Wobbe

Reader — Darlene Toennies

Servers — Adam, Anna & Kevin Heimann

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Saturday, January 2nd, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Mech Toennies, Brian

Rogers, Alison Kalmer

Reader — Lauren Cleeton

Ushers — Franny Billhartz, Alfred Toennies

Servers — Emma Rogers, Abby Harpstrite, Mason

Schrage

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Sunday, January 3rd, 2016 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Kevin Toennies, Diana

Jansen, **Kristie Santel**

Reader — Rosann Horstmann

Ushers — Bob Hitpas, Jerome Kalmer

Servers — Chris & Calvin Kalmer, Hunter Jansen

Organist — Chris Brandmeyer

Collection Counters — Gwen Toennies, Bob Hitpas,

Anita Rakers

Children's Liturgy — Jackie Toennies, Abby

Wegmann

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 19th/20th, 2015

Envelopes: \$2,877.00 + Christmas: \$170.00

+ Loose: \$70.00 =

\$3,117.00

Budget for week: \$2,916.25

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$62,884.54

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$72,906.25

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$10,021.71)**

Fiscal year (7/15-6/16) budget: \$151,645.00

(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!

Automatic Door Opener:

The Knights of Columbus wishes to install an **Automatic Door Opener** at the handicap entrance @ St. Bernard Church. If anyone would like to contribute to this much needed improvement to the church, please contact Luke Niemeyer (973-2601) or Steve Schomaker (973-8860).

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Thursday, New Year's Eve @ 4:00 pm

Eucharist Ministers — Deacon Glenn Netemeyer,

Dan & Lee Love

Reader — Brenda Morris

Ushers — Nick & Kathy Friederich

Servers — Jordan & Jacey Wieter, Joe

Obernuefemann

Sunday, January 3rd, 2016 @ 10:00 am

Eucharist Ministers — **Kristen Templin**, Cole

Schomaker, Meg Schiefer, Randy Netemeyer

Reader — Kevin Templin

Ushers — Ken & Dana Lake, Ed & Sharon

Wuebbels

Servers — Makenna Lake, Erin Schiefer, Justin

Huelsmann

Collection Counters — Janel Zurliene, Kevin

Templin, Dana Lake

Children's Liturgy — Amy Reynolds, Brenda

Richter

ALBERS 125

- **T-shirts:** Show your Albers pride and purchase one today! Regular t-shirts: \$10, dry-fit t-shirts: \$15. Contact Al Loepker at 618-806-9360.
- **Cookbooks Prices:** 1 cookbook is \$20; 2 cookbooks are \$18 each; and 3 or more cookbooks are \$15 each. Available for purchase at Village Hall and most businesses in town or contact Jan Reinhardt @ 248-5140.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Feast of the Holy Family – Celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family with a special family dinner.

Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: Look to the Holy Family for inspiration and support as we try to let God make our families holy in a world so different from Nazareth. Follow Pope Francis' advice and remember three key phrases for living in peace and joy in the family: "**may I**", "**thank you**", and "**sorry**." (Pope Francis, *Angelus*, December 29, 2013.) Go to www.usccb.org and find "Prayer for Families" and say it before your evening meal.



COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Village of Albers Christmas Lighting Contest Winners:

1st place -- Tim & Diane Luitjohan; **2nd place** -- John & Kim Wieter; **3rd place** -- Ryan & Kelly Jansen; **4th place** -- Tom & Diane Winkeler; **5th place** -- Jock & Kara Toennies. **Congratulations** to all who participated in this year's contest.

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 2016**, you must register at all five Legions, and arrive at Breese 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 (Breese 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.

St. Joseph's Hospital: Diabetes Support Group will have a meeting on **Monday, January 4th** at 6:00 pm in the Heritage Room of the hospital. Certified Zumba instructor Michele Kern demonstrates Zumba w/moves done sitting. Contact Certified Diabetes Educator, Barb Voss, at 526-5743 or barbara.voss@hshs.org to register for the meeting, more information/questions, or to be added to the email or mailing list.

Aviston Sons of American Legion: 11th Annual Black Tie & Talent Show will be on **Sat. January 9th** with *Wine Tasting* at 5:00 pm; *Dinner* at 6:00 pm; and *Contest* starting at 7:30 pm @ 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, and late night entertainment. For tickets call Craig Timmermann (830-7737) or Jim Kues (228-7008).

Trivia Night for Kids: Boy Scout Troop 19 will host a Trivia Night for kids in grades 6-12 on **Saturday, January 9th** in St. Teresa's Parish Center, 1108 Lebanon Ave, Belleville. Play begins at 7:00 pm. \$10 per person; teams of 8 get 4 free liters of soda. 10 Toiletries for 10 Mulligans per table. Reserve your table today! Questions: Troop19TriviaNight@gmail.com.

Annual National March for Life, Washington D.C.: The Clinton County Citizens for Life is once again sponsoring marchers from our area. This year we have 24 confirmed marchers, with the possibility of six more. The cost per marcher is \$175. If you would like to support us in sending these committed students and their chaperones to Washington on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade on **January 21st-23rd, 2016**. Please consider making a donation, any amount will be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to: "**Clinton County Citizens for Life**" and mailed to PO Box 32 – Breese, IL 62230. God has blessed us with our fervent youth.