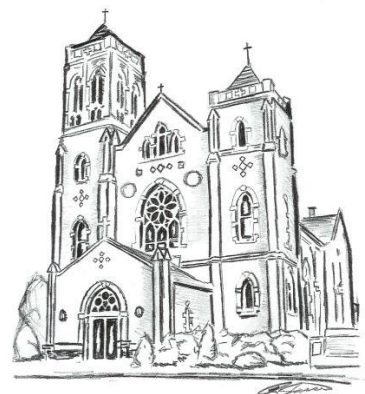




*The Holy Family*  
*Jesus, Mary & Joseph*  
 December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018



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*Tuesday: Offices Closed*

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**St. Bernard Catholic Church-Albers**

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, DEC. 31<sup>ST</sup> – New Year's Eve**

*4:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian*

*For All Cancer Victims*

**TUESDAY, Jan. 1<sup>ST</sup> – New Year's Day**

*9:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

*For All Parishioners*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

*8:00 am Mass @ St. Damian*

*Ralph & Brian Brandmeyer*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

*8:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

*Dennis Gerling & Family*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

*NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

*4:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian*

*For All Law Enforcement Officers  
& First Responders*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

*8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian*

*Brian & Ralph Brandmeyer*

*Jan Mank*

*10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard*

*For All Parishioners*

*11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian*

*Mass in Spanish*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today's readings speak to us about living as a family and a community. They confirm that both require work, generosity, patience and openness to the unexpected. In the Gospel, Luke narrates the episode of the adolescent Jesus staying behind in the temple, causing his parents terrible anxiety when they realize he's missing. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading another incident is featured in the temple. Hannah, thankful to the Lord for the birth of her son, Samuel, after years of childlessness, dedicates him to the Lord's service. Samuel and Jesus both feel at home in the Lord's house. May we as well.

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

### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

*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*

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

*New Year's Eve Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Damian*

**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

*New Year's Day Mass 9:00 am @ St. Bernard*

**Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Mass 8:00 am @ St. Damian*

*Eucharistic Adoration w/Benediction*

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

**Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Mass 8:00 am @ St. Bernard Church*

*Communion to the Homebound*

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

**Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Fr. Anthony leaves on vacation*

**Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Damian Church*

**Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass w/ Children's Liturgy:*

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

*Hispanic Rosary 10:30 am @ St. Damian Church*

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

### FROM THE PASTORAL STAFF:

- **Fr. Anthony** will leave for vacation on **Friday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>** and return on **Friday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>**. Safe travels are extended to him.
- **Thank You** to everyone who sent gifts, cards, and 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. Anthony Onyango, Sr. Ellen Orf, Deacon Glenn Netemeyer, Deacon Kevin Templin & Jeanne Langenhorst.

### DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

- ❖ **ALL Church Donations** you wish to have posted in the year of 2018 must be received by **Sunday, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>**. Donations made after **Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>** will be posted in the year 2019. **Thank you for your cooperation!**
- ❖ **All Contribution Statements** will be available for pick up the **weekends of Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>**. **Please save your parish the postage and pick up your statements in the main entrance of church.**

### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS REMOVED:

**St. Damian** – Saturday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am

**St. Bernard** – Monday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm



### VOCATION CORNER:

Today we celebrate the **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**. Each of them was called to in a unique way to love and serve their family, but the power of their love within also *went out* to the world. The Gospel story tells of Jesus remaining behind in Jerusalem. He needed to **"be in my Father's house"**. Can we, as family, support one of our family who might be discerning a call to the religious life? Joseph and Mary made that ultimate sacrifice.



*Wishing you and your families  
a Blessed New Year!!*



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

#### **CHURCH SUPPORT: Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Envelopes: \$2,752.00 + Christmas: \$11,845.00

+ Loose: \$581.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$368.00 =

\$15,546.00

Budget for week: \$3,038.46

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$80,136.19

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$78,999.96

Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$ 1,136.23

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**

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### **ST. DAMIAN QUILT COMMITTEE:**

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

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

#### **Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 @ 9:00 am**

**Communion Ministers** — Roman Kloeckner, Kristen Templin, Melissa Netemeyer

**Reader** — Nettie Broeckling

**Ushers** — Ed Broeckling, **Volunteer**

**Servers** — Landon Schroeder, Connor Schomaker

#### **Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 10:00 am**

**Communion Ministers** — Lynette Huegen, Lynn Athmer, Devin Rensing

**Reader** — Ray Gill

**Ushers** — Brian & Nolan Winkeler, Tom & Mitchell Broeckling

**Servers** — Ben Morris, Bradley & Mallory Strubhart

**Counters** — Lynn Athmer, Kris Anne Becker, Sean Kennedy

**Children's Liturgy** — Stefanie Rickhoff

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

#### **Monday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 @ 4:00 pm**

**Communion Ministers** — Deacon Glenn

Netemeyer, Mary Innes, **Volunteer**

**Reader** — Anita Rakers

**Ushers** — 2 **Volunteers**

**Servers** — 3 **Volunteers**

**Organist** — Chris Brandmeyer

#### **Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 4:00 pm**

**Communion Ministers** — Diana Jansen, Monica Koch

**Reader** — Kathleen Hodges

**Ushers** — Ed & Sandy Kramer

**Servers** — Ethan Korte, Reid Koch

**Organist** — Chris Brandmeyer

#### **Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 8:30 am**

**Communion Ministers** — Erin Korte, Sharon Kalmer

**Reader** — Rosann Horstmann

**Ushers** — Garry Kalmer, Bernard Heimann

**Servers** — Jennifer Heimann, Trent & Julia Korte

**Organist** — Chris Brandmeyer

**Counters** — Kathy Gonsalves, Bob Hitpas, Kristy Richter

**Children's Liturgy** — Shannon Sanders, Lauren Lynch

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

#### **CHURCH SUPPORT: Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Envelopes: \$2,815.00 + Christmas: \$5,890.00

+ Loose: \$364.00 = \$9,069.00

Budget for week: \$3,124.52

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$77,048.00

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$81,237.52

Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 4,189.52)**

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!*

### **CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH:**

*Fr. John J. O'Malley* will be visiting our parishes **next weekend, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>** to speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

January is recognized by the US Bishops as *Poverty Awareness Month*. During this time, let's think of the Holy Family and how we can be stewards of good faith for those who may be facing poverty along their journey.

**“God of Justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of those in poverty. Open our ears to hear you in the cries of those exploited. Open our mouths to defend you in the public squares as well as in private deeds. Remind us that what we do to the least ones, we do to you. Amen”**

-- *Being Neighbor: The Catechism and Social Justice, USCCB, April 1998*

### **TEC (TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST)**

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

**January 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2019** @ Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville, IL, and **February 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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!

#### **HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese**

- ❖ Invites the community to come view *Dozens of Unique Nativity Sets* on **Sunday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>** 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.
- ❖ HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital and Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center are hosting a **Blood Drive** on **Thursday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>** from noon until 4:30 pm in the hospital's Heritage Room. For an appointment, call the Blood Center at 866-448-3253 or visit [www.bloodcenterimpact.org](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org) – sponsor code 10229. Eat and hydrate well before donating. Must bring photo ID to donate.

**Aviston Sons of American Legion:** *2019 Black Tie & Talent Show* will be held on **Saturday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>** @ 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.

**St. George Parish, New Baden** will be hosting "*Fr. Dominic Garramore, the Bread Monk*," on **Saturday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 pm @ St. George Community Life Center. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets are available at the St. George Parish office Tues. - Thurs. (588-4323) or after the weekend Masses at St. George Church. *Come join us for a fun-filled afternoon of laughs, baking, and reflection!*

**Mater Dei Music Program** is hosting the **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Knight at the Races** on **Saturday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>** to benefit the music program. Knight at the Races is an “adult only” event featuring recorded horse races. There are 10 races with 10 horses in each race. Reservations are \$35/person, which includes heavy appetizers all night, open bar, funny money for wagering, and chances to win **Big Prizes**. Those who come early will be treated to the MD Jazz band's performance that begins at 6:00. Horse & Jockey Sponsorship is \$20. Come out for a night of fun and support the MD Music Program. Reservations and Horse/Jockey Sponsorship forms available from any MD Band student. For more information email [mdknightsmusic@gmail.com](mailto:mdknightsmusic@gmail.com).