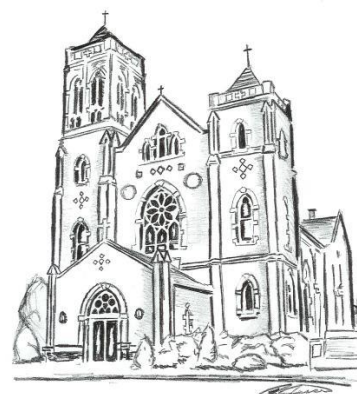




*The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph*
December 31st, 2017



St. Damian Parish

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Monday: (OFF) January 1st;
Tuesday: (8 am-5 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian;
Wednesday & Thursday:
(9:00 am – 4:00 pm) @ CLC, New Baden;
Friday: (8 am-1 pm) @ St. Bernard or St. Damian.

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www.stbernardandstdamian.org

MASS SCHEDULE:

NEW YEAR'S EVE, DECEMBER 31ST

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1ST

9:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND

8:00 am Prayer Service @ St. Bernard

For All Caregivers

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD

8:00 am Prayer Service @ St. Damian

For All Students

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4TH

7:45 am Prayer Service @ St. Bernard

For All Priests, Deacons, & Religious

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH

NO Mass or Prayer Service Scheduled

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

For All Cancer Victims

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Bill & Rosie Athmer

10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Family life is always a challenge, and our religious ancestors had advice about how to make it work. Though many cultural values were different, we realize how family life was interwoven with faith. We hear today that Mary and Joseph followed traditional Jewish laws and traveled to Jerusalem to present Jesus to God. We tend to think of them as so different from our own families; but, like us, they would have struggled to understand what they were being called to do. We are more alike than we think.

SPECIAL REQUEST:

A **baby bed** (w/out mattress) is needed for a local family. Please call Brenda at (618) 698-3804 if you're able to help! *Thank you!*

FROM THE PASTORAL STAFF:

- **Fr. Anthony** will be on vacation till Wednesday, Jan. 3rd. From Thursday, Jan. 4th to Monday, Jan. 15th, he'll be on retreat. 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, & Jeanne Langenhorst

DONATIONS &

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

- ❖ **ALL Church Donations** you wish to have posted in the year of 2017 must be received by **Sunday, Jan 7th**. Donations made after **Jan. 7th** will be posted in the year 2018. *Thank you for your cooperation!*
- ❖ **All Contribution Statements** will be available for pick up the **weekends of Jan. 20th/21st & 27th/28th**. *Please save your parish the postage and pick up your statements in the main entrance of church.*

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS REMOVED:

St. Bernard – Friday, Jan. 12th at 6:00 pm
St. Damian – Saturday, Jan. 13th at 8:00 am

"Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 31st

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

Monday, January 1st

New Year's Day Mass

9:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, January 2nd

English Classes 9:30 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, January 4th

School Resumes

English Classes 9:30 am @ St. Damian

K of C Major Degree Mtg. 6:15pm @ Aviston

Friday, January 5th

Communion to Homebound

Hispanic Rosary 6:30 pm

Hispanic Bible Study 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 6th

Second Deacon Formation Mtg.

10:00 am @ Diocesan Pastoral Center

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, January 7th

Children's Liturgy:

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

10:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

VOCATION CORNER: Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Each of them was called in a unique way to love and serve their family, but the power of their love within also *went out* to the world. In the same way, our vocation should strengthen and sanctify those around us first and then be moved out into the world for the sanctity of others. Let us pray also and reflect on the gifts we have been given during this year and discern how we can put those to the service of others in 2018.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT:

"A Hungry Heart" is a three-day *Co-Ed Discernment Retreat* from **Monday, Jan. 22nd till Thursday, Jan. 25th** @ 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. 21st** at 11:30 am with check-out **Thursday, Jan. 25th** 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.

Wishing you and your families a Blessed New Year!!

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: Dec. 24th & 25th, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,847.00 + Christmas: \$9,835.00
+ Loose: \$787.00 + Mass in Spanish: \$103.00 =
\$12,572.00
Budget for week: \$2,903.85
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$71,838.04
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$75,500.10
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 3,662.06)**
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 9th, 2018** at 7:00 pm in St. Damian Parish House.
Hope to see you there.

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 6th, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

Ministers of Communion — Virgil & Marilyn
Jansen, Mech Toennies

Reader — Lauren Cleeton

Ushers — Ed & Sandy Kramer

Servers — Aidan Toennies, Avery & Kenna Budde

Organist — Jan Hitch

Sunday, January 7th, 2018 @ 8:30 am

Ministers of Communion — Alice Toennies, Sharon
Kalmer, *Florence Jansen*

Reader — Mason Schrage

Ushers — Brad & Kristy Richter

Servers — Anthony & Kevin Athmer, Sophie
Thomas

Organist — Jan Hitch

Collection Counters — Melvin Toennies, Kristy
Richter, Jan Hitch

Children's Liturgy — Jackie Toennies, Avery Budde

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: Dec. 23rd, 24th & 25th, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,498.00 + Christmas: \$6,703.00
+ Loose: \$428.01 = \$8,629.01
Budget for week: \$3,012.02
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$73,574.76
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$78,312.52
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 4,737.76)**
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!



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ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

New Year's Day, January 1st, 2018 @ 9:00 am

Ministers of Communion — Deacon Glenn, Kristen
Templin, Robbin Netemeyer

Reader — Volunteer

Servers — Kevin Templin, 2 Volunteers

If you plan to attend Mass, please volunteer.

Sunday, January 7th, 2018 @ 10:00 am

Ministers of Communion — *Roman Kloeckner*,
Kevin & Kristen Templin, Cole Schomaker

Reader — Meg Schiefer

Ushers — Tim & Elizabeth Schroeder, Tom &
Mitchell Broeckling

Servers — Erin & Jordyn Schiefer, Matt Schroeder

Counters — Tim Schroeder, Kevin Templin, Kris
Anne Becker

Children's Liturgy — Amy Reynolds, Brooke
Rickhoff

Happy New Year - 2018!!

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 or St. Damian Parishes. If you are interested in having your contributions done electronically, please fill out the form (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 or need a form, please call Jeanne at 618-979-5933.

OPPORTUNITIES:

You can assist your parish as **Lectors, Communion Ministers, Servers, Greeters/Ushers, & Choir Members (youth & adult)**. If you haven't been active and would like to be more active, don't be afraid to step forward. New faces are always welcome to participate in these and more ministries in the parish. You are invited to think about how you can be involved in parish life and take a step in that direction by contacting the parish offices at St. Bernard 248-5112 or St. Damian at 248-5134.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Family Prayer – Praying together as a family is a beautiful way to increase your family's relationship with the Lord and with one another. The Holy Family of Nazareth experienced both joy and sorrow as do families of today.

Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: In daily family life, Pope Francis affirmed the importance of speaking key words within our families: "may I," "please" and "sorry". We must use our words to treat every person with dignity and respect. Pray for healing and reconciliation within families so that no one feels unloved or unwelcome.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Breese Knights of Columbus: *5th Sunday Breakfast* on **Sunday, Dec. 31st** from 8:00 to 11:30 am. Adults: \$8.00, Children 6-10: \$4.00 and Ages 5 and under: Free. *Proceeds benefits council charities.*

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 8th grade students are invited to attend *Parent Information Night* on **Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, 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).

Highland Knights of Columbus: *Special Bingo* on **Wednesday, Jan. 3rd** at 7:30 pm @ the Highland K of C Hall. First Game Card Extra Payout \$200.00; All Regular Games \$100.00; All Specials \$100.00; 25th Game Coverall Consolation \$100.00. Bingo License B1777. For more information or questions, call 654-9049 *All proceeds goes towards Highland Knights of Columbus works of charity.*

HSJS St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese

- ✓ Invites the community to come view *Dozens of Unique Nativity Sets* on **Sunday, Jan. 7th** from noon to 2:00 pm in the hospital Heritage Room. Information on the Franciscan heritage of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, founders of the Hospital Sisters Health System (HSJS), will also be on display at this Franciscan Sunday event hosted by the hospital's Mission in Action Committee. Heritage Room doors will open at noon for this free, open-house style event. For more information, please contact Sue Darr, HSJS St. Joseph's Hospital's Co-Mission Director, at (618) 526-5451.
- ✓ **Give blood, and together we can save lives.** Join us on **Thursday, Jan. 11th** between noon and 4:30 pm in the hospital Heritage Room. All presenting donors will receive a "Give a Pint, Get a Pint" root beer mug. Walk-ins are welcome. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-866-448-3253 or go to www.bloodcenterimpact.org and enter sponsor code 10229. Please eat before donating and bring a photo ID.

Aviston Sons of American Legion: *2018 Black Tie & Talent Show* will be held on **Saturday, Jan. 13th** 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.