



St. Damian Parish

Founded 1861

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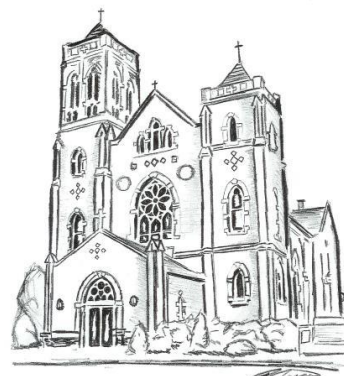
Do not think that I
came to destroy the
Law or the Prophets.
I did not come to
destroy them, but
to fulfill them

Matthew 5:17

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13th

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Prayer Service

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

7:45 Mass at St. Damian

Frank & Christine Beckmann

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16th

7:45 Mass at St. Bernard

Glen Litteken

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

Mass in Church

4:00 PM @ St. Bernard

Herman & Hulda Kollmann

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

Mass in Church

9:30 AM @ St. Damian

Bob Innes

Frank & Minnie Heimann

Patty & Kim Heimann

**Hispanic Mass in Church & Live Streamed
11:00 AM @ St. Damian**

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Sirach 15:15–20; 1 Corinthians 2:6–10; Matthew 5:17–37

God's law takes center stage today, as we hear ways to understand it more deeply. Ben Sira points out that we all have free will, so we can choose to obey or disobey God's commands. Saint Paul speaks of God's wisdom, which informs God's law. Jesus, the fulfillment of the law, takes four commands from the Torah and broadens each one, teaching that obeying the letter of the law is not enough. May what we hear today inspire us to live according to the spirit of God's law.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, February 12th

Youth Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Confirmation Sponsor Meeting

10:45 am @ St. Bernard Parish Meeting Room

Hispanic Mass in Church & Live-Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

The 99 Masterclass

5:00 pm at St. George Gym

Monday, February 13th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, February 14th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 @ St. Bernard

Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian

Wednesday, February 15th w/Refreshments after

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, February 16th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

The 99 Masterclass

6:00 pm @ St. George Gym

Friday, February 17th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Mexican Fish Fry

4:30-7:30 at St. Damian Gym

Saturday, February 18th

Confirmation Retreat

9:00-3:00 at St. George, New Baden

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, February 19th

Youth Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church & Live-Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Dawsyn Zimmermann Baptism

12:15 @ St. Damian w/ Deacon Kevin

The 99 Masterclass

5:00 pm at St. George Gym

**“BLESSED ARE THEY
WHO FOLLOW THE LAW OF THE LORD!”**

ST. BERNARD & ST. DAMIAN DATES FOR FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

St. Bernard Confirmation: Wednesday, April 19th

St. Bernard First Communion: Saturday, April 22nd

St. Damian Confirmation: Tuesday, April 25th

St. Damian First Communion: Saturday, May 13th

HARDEE'S MARDI GRAS FAMILY NIGHT,

Tuesday, February 21 from 5-8 PM in Breese. 15% of all sales will be donated to St. Bernard/Damian Needy Fund and Daystar Program. Donations accepted in dining room. Needed items: Plastic forks/spoons, 16 oz. foam containers, napkins, lunch sacks, paper towels, Ziploc bags, gallon cans of food, large containers of spices, pasta & rice, or donate money and we will shop for you.

2023 SPRING DIAPER DRIVE HOSTED BY METRO-EAST DIAPER BANK.

Diapers/Pull-ups are being accepted at Albers Village Hall from February 1-28. Diapers may be shipped directly to the Village Hall. Cash also accepted. Please make checks payable to Metro East Diaper Bank. Any questions, call Brenda at Village Hall.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”

USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life



ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 5

Loose: \$104.00 + Envelopes (24): \$1,270.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$794.00
+ ACH for February 2 (9) \$1,210.00 \$3,378.00
Budget for week: \$3,102.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$94,849.65
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$96,162.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$1,312.35)**
Fiscal year (7/22-6/23) budget: \$161,300.00
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$35,000.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR February 19th

Servers: Hunter Toennies, Aliya Henss
Lector: Mary Innes
Cantor: Beth Brandmeyer
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Ushers: Jerry Arentsen, Norm Horstmann
Eucharistic Minister: Roseann Horstmann
Collection Counters: Kristy Richter, Pete Toennies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ARE YOU READY? IT'S YOUTH CHOIR

TIME! Youth Choir practices will begin at church on Sunday Feb 5 at 8:30am. We will be preparing for Holy Week and Easter! All youth in Grade 3 through 12 and college-age students are welcome to participate and "Make a Joyful Noise! This year the Youth Choir will be singing on Holy Thursday (April 6 at 7pm), Good Friday (April 7 at 2pm) and Easter Sunday morning (April 9 Time TBD). If kids or parents have any questions, please call Jackie at 335-9562 or Geri at 248-5223. Looking forward to seeing lots of smiling faces at the first practice on Sunday Feb 5 at 8:30am! Thanks in advance to all parents for their support...you are a huge part of making the Youth Choir happen!

The St. Damian Adult Choir will begin rehearsals for Palm Sunday (9:30 a.m.) and Holy Saturday (8:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. We will have rehearsals on the following dates: Feb. 14th, 7:00, March (7:30 pm): 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and April (7:00 p.m.) 4th. All are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 792-2676.

Any member of the St. Bernard Adult Choir who would like to join us in singing for the Holy Saturday liturgy is invited to join us. Feel free to come to rehearsals at 7:30 pm on the dates listed above.

Mexican Fish Fry Friday February 17th!

St. Damian Altar Sodality Mexican Fish Fry is Friday, February 17th. It will be in the school gym between 4:30 and 7:30. There will be fish tacos with rice and beans, cod fish plates with fries and slaw, fresh tamales, margaritas, nacho chips and cheese. Come out and enjoy some great food and entertainment from the Mariachi band. The committee is asking parishioners to donate a cake, cookies, brownies or some dessert (nothing that needs to be refrigerated). Desserts can be brought to the gym Thursday evening during set-up or Friday after 12 noon. The workers list have been emailed. If your name doesn't appear on the list and you would like to help, contact Jan at 618-540-9974.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 4

Loose: \$237.00 + Envelopes (31): \$2,705.00
+ ACH For Feb. 2nd (21) \$2,360.00 \$5,302.00
Budget for week: \$3,264.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$111,965.14
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$101,184.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$10,781.14
Fiscal year (7/22-6/23) budget: \$169,725.00
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$28,500.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies Sodality, & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – February 18th

Servers: Adrienne Rakers, Corrine Warnecke, Gavin Wellen
Reader: Gregory Kassen
Greeters: Kent & Kati Schwierjohn
Eucharistic Minister: Ken Nussbaumer
Cantor: Stephanie Rickhoff
Coll. Counters: Phyllis Albers, Dana Lake
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

From the Pastor's Desk . . .CSMA

Next weekend, every parish in the diocese will be participating in The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. This annual collection supports the ministries and agencies in our diocese whose scope of service could not be duplicated by an individual parish. You will have an opportunity to make your pledge or gift at Mass next weekend. No gift is too great or too small. If you do not receive a pledge card in the mail or forget to bring it, please use one of the reply envelopes that will be available. Please be as generous as you are able.

"The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord" (Psalm 15).

The Albers/Damiansville Youth League Baseball, Softball, and T-Ball Registrations are NOW OPEN UNTIL MARCH 4!

Please reach out to Lynn Boeckmann or Kati Schwierjohn with any questions.

TV RECYCLING. Aviston/Albers Boy Scouts are collecting TV's from 8a.m. - 10a.m. the first Saturday of even months (February, April, June, August, October, December) at the Boy Scout Recycling Shed, east of Aviston Park on Schumacher Road, Aviston, IL. \$25/TV for first TV and \$20/each additional TV OR TV's may be taken to Centralia Recycling Center, 1758 W. McCord Street, Centralia, IL 62801. Phone: (618) 532-3138 - Call for hours/details. \$20-\$40/TV depending on size/weight. ALL OTHER E-RECYCLING accepted at E-Recycle pavilion, by the maintenance shed, 301 N. Hill Street, Albers, IL.

Volunteer Drivers (YOU) are needed to help deliver 'Meals on Wheels' to area seniors! Flexible Schedules. Deliver weekly, monthly, or as your schedule allows. Duties include picking up lunches from Trenton Senior Center weekdays at 10:30a.m. to be delivered to homes in Albers, Aviston, Damiansville, New Baden and/or Trenton. Please call Jodi or Wendy at (618)224-9913 at Western Clinton County Senior Services (WCCSS) to volunteer or for details! Thank You!

BIBLE STUDY: St. Francis in Aviston have resumed Bible sessions according to the following schedule: Feb 15 from 7pm-8:30pm, and Feb 22, Mar 1, & Mar 8 right after 7pm Lenten Mass until 9pm at St. Francis Parish Center Primary Rm 2. We will continue studying the Book of Judges. All ages and parishes are welcome. Those not in the Aviston/Beaver Prairie/St. Rose partnership are ask to pay \$10 for the booklet. (This is the same book used previously for Judges.)

St. Mary, Carlyle Basket Bingo, Sunday, February 12th at Carlyle KC Hall—KC 1382 Bingo License #BL-346. Doors open @ 11am & bingo starts at 1pm, 6 cards for \$5.00, 24 filled baskets valued at \$50 each, 25th game blackout for 50/50. In the event of tie games, towel sets will be given out. A Valentine's Day basket is the attendance prize. Separate tickets will be sold for a quilt, afghan and basket raffle. Sandwiches and desserts will be available for purchase. There will also be a bake sale with cakes, cookies & pies. All players must be 18 years of age.

SUPER BOWL QUILT/CASH BINGO, Sunday, February 12, at St. Augustine's in Hecker, IL. Bingo at 1:30. Lightning round before the bingo begins. Fried chicken & pork sausage plates served from 10-1.

ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY MEXICAN FISH FRY, Friday, February 17, from 4:30-7:30 at St. Damian Gym. Cod plates, Fish tacos with Rice & Beans, Chips & Nacho Cheese, Fresh Hot Tamales, Fries. Mariachi Band from 5-7 PM.

9 PIN NO TAP FOR WESCLIN AND ALBERS/ DVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOLS, February 18, at New Baden American Legion Bowling Lanes.

HARDEE'S MARDI GRAS FAMILY NIGHT, Tuesday, February 21 from 5-8 PM in Breese. 15% of all sales will be donated to St. Bernard/Damian Needy Fund and Daystar Program. Donations accepted in dining room. Needed items: Plastic forks/spoons, 16 oz. foam containers, napkins, lunch sacks, paper towels, Ziploc bags, gallon cans of food, large containers of spices, pasta & rice, or donate money and we will shop for you.

FRIENDS OF THE COUGARS FISH FRY: Ash Wednesday (2/22/23) and Every Friday in Lent (2/24/23-4/7/23) at the Albers American Legion from 4:30p-7:00p, dine in and carry out. Cod, catfish, shrimp, chicken strips, hush puppies, sides, and desserts.

A Rummage Sale hosted by the Aviston Legion Auxiliary will be held at the Aviston American Legion on Thursday, February 23- 9:00 am till 7:00 pm and Bake Sale, Friday, February 24 - 9:00 am till 7:00 pm - everything is ½ price and Bake Sale, Saturday, February 25 - 9:00 am till Noon (\$3.00 and \$5.00 brown bag sale). There will also be a quilt raffle and attendance prizes.

GEBKE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, A Night at the Races, Saturday, March 4, at Germantown American Legion. This foundation supports and sponsors all the local grade school bowling teams. Fried chicken dinner, ice cream bar and desserts, draft beer and select mixed drinks, & funny money. Sign up your table of 8 or purchase individual tickets for a \$40 donation per person before February 15th. Doors & Bar open at 4:30, Dinner 5:15-6:45, Race 1 begins at 7:00. Venmo preferred @MikeGebke-Memorial Foundation. Call/Text Lori at 520-3071 to reserve.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN PIERRON DRIVE THRU CHICKEN DINNER, Sunday, March 5, from 11-5. Half chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, dressing and cake. \$15.00

Back by popular demand - Marriage on Tap! Join us for an evening of dinner and marriage enrichment on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 6:00 pm at C.J. Muggs, 200 South Central Ave., Clayton, MO. Our guest speakers will be Karen & John Hermes, from Waterloo, IL, who have been married for 46 years. The topic of their presentation is, "The Seasons of Our Marriage." The evening, which is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, will include a buffet dinner. Cash bar will be available. Dinner is \$54 per couple/\$27 per person, and advanced registration is required. For more information, check Marriage on Tap STL on Facebook or email us at marriageontapstl@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS): Find the latest information at
<http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org/catholic-youth-ministry.html>