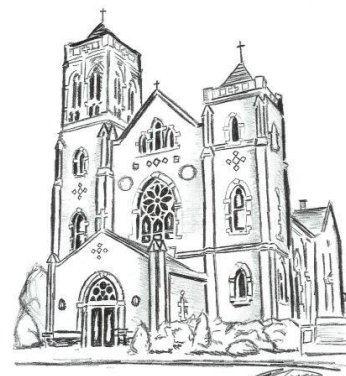


SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
February 19, 2023



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MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20th
NO SERVICE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd
ASH WEDNESDAY
7:45 Mass at St. Damian
For All Parishioners
7:45 Prayer Service w/Ashes at St. Bernard
7:00 Joint Mass at St. Mary's, Trenton

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd
7:45 Mass at St. Bernard
For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24th
NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25th
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Bernard
Living & Deceased Members of the
Lewis & Agnes Huegen Family
Doris Kloeckner

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Damian
Adele List

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” we hear God say to Moses in the first reading. Love of neighbor, we realize, is one of two foundational principles of the entire law. Just as we did last week, we go on to hear how Jesus broadens and deepens this ancient instruction. Returning to God’s holy mountain for Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, let us learn from the master teacher just as his first disciples did two thousand years ago.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

Monday, February 20th

NO SERVICE-NO SCHOOL

St. Damian Church Cleaning

1-3 pm or 6 pm - end

Tuesday, February 21st

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

The 99 Masterclass

6:00 pm at St. George Gym

St. Damian Parish Council Meeting

7:30 pm in Rectory Meeting Room

Wednesday, February 22nd -ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Prayer Service with Ashes in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

7:00 pm Joint Mass at St. Mary’s, Trenton

Thursday, February 23rd

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, February 24th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross @ St. Damian

Saturday, February 25th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, February 26th

Youth Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Aiden Sanders Baptism @ Mass

Hispanic Mass in Church & Live-Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

“THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL!”

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.

From the Pastor’s Desk . . .CSMA

This weekend our parish, along with all other parishes in the diocese, will conduct our Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please use one of the reply envelopes that are available. Please be as generous as you are able.

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

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 12

Loose: \$259.00 + Envelopes (31): \$2,125.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$642.00 \$3,026.00
Budget for week: \$3,102.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$97,875.65
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$99,264.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$1,388.35)**
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.)

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR February 26th

Servers: Simon Toennies, Volunteers (2)
Lector: Rosann Horstmann
Cantor: Chris Brandmeyer
Organist: Geri Varel
Ushers: Cole & Jared Horstmann
Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Kalmer
Collection Counters: Kathy Gonsalves, Mel Toennies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. DAMIAN'S CHURCH CLEANING will be on Monday, February 20. There will be 2 shifts, 1:00pm – 3:00 pm or 6:00 to end. People have been contacted to ensure we have help. Thanks so much for your help. This is a reminder but all help will be welcome. Please bring a bucket and cleaning rag in the afternoon. If anybody has a vacuum that they could easily bring for the evening that would be helpful. The carpet will be cleaned on February 27.

IT'S YOUTH CHOIR TIME! The Youth Choir practices every Sunday morning at 8:30am. All youth in Grade 3 through 12 and college-age students are welcome to participate and "Make a Joyful Noise! We are preparing for Holy Week and Easter. The Youth Choir will sing 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 444-5073. Looking forward to seeing lots of smiling faces on Sundays at 8:30am! Thanks in advance to all the parents for their support...you are a huge part of making the Youth Choir awesome! **The St. Damian Adult Choir** will begin rehearsals for Palm Sunday (9:30 a.m.) and Holy Saturday (8:00 pm. We will have rehearsals on the following dates: 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.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 11

Loose: \$26.00 + Envelopes (43): \$1,915.00
\$1,941.00
Budget for week: \$3,264.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$113,906.14
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$104,448.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$9,458.14
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 25th

Servers: Brynley Albers, Kinley Toennies,
Aubrey Winterbottom
Reader: Gregory Kassen
Greeters: Ed Broeckling, Ryan Wuebbels
Eucharistic Minister: Steve Schomaker
Cantor: Ann Cannaday
Coll. Counters: James Williams, Janel Zurliene
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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WE WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY:

Madison, Avery, Emery, Logan & Eric Athmer, the children of John & Deanna (Kehder) Athmer who were baptized at St. Bernard's on Saturday, February 11 and:

Dawsyn Erin Zimmermann, daughter of Logan & Taylor (Ratermann) Zimmermann, who was baptized on Sunday, February 19th, at St. Damian. May the Lord guide them on their faith journey throughout their lives.

Bartelso Knights of Columbus Drive Thru Only Chicken Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 19th from 11:00am - 5:00pm. Please enter by the bowling alley in Bartelso and follow the signs.

St. Augustine Luncheon & Quilt Bingo: Sunday, February 19. **Luncheon** 11:30 a.m. **Bingo** begins at 2p.m. Bingo is held in our Parish Center at 300 S. Main in Breese. *Bingo is being operated under IL License No.B-03577.*

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.

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.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, LEBANON Trivia Night, Saturday, March 4 at 7:00. 8 per table for \$100. Get mulligans with canned goods or cash. Bring your own alcoholic drinks & snacks.

St. Augustine Consignment Auction will be held on Saturday March 11. Doors open at 7am. Auction starts at 9am. Please follow us on Facebook for updates and pictures [facebook.com/staugustinesconsignmentauctionbreeseil/](https://www.facebook.com/staugustinesconsignmentauctionbreeseil/) Auction will be located on St. Augustine Parish Center grounds and in the gym at 300 S. Main, Breese.

THANK YOU for supporting our Aviston/Albers Cub Scouts BREAKFAST, Sunday, March 12, 2023 ~ 8a.m.-12p.m. Aviston American Legion, Dine-In or Carry-Out, Biscuits & Gravy, Pork Sausage, Pancakes, Scrambled Egg, Hashbrowns. \$10 ~ Adults, \$5 ~ Children 5-11, FREE ~ Children Under 4 years of age. Help out Pack #255 and get a GREAT BREAKFAST!

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.

Attention Freshmen and Sophomores: Looking for a fun weekend with your peers? Quest is a fast-paced 33-hour Christian experience for high school freshmen and sophomores. It is a time to come together to find out about God, friendships, and self in a fun-filled, thoughtful, and carefree surrounding. A time to meet new people while praying, playing, singing, and sharing with them. Quest gives you the chance to search for the real you. The next weekend is March 11-12, 2023, at St. Dominic's in Breese. For an application visit <https://bellevilletec.org/applications/> or contact Shelly Schuetz at 618-401-6007.

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