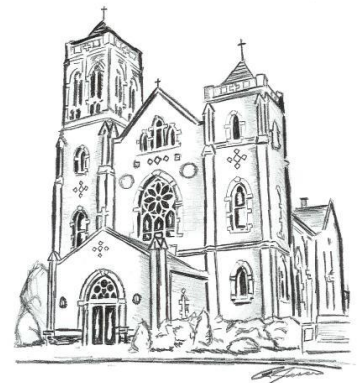




**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**March 19, 2023**



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>**

**7:45 am @ St. Damian**

Faith Formation Reconciliation

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>**

**7:45 am @ St. Bernard**

Faith Formation Reconciliation

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**7:45 Mass at St. Damian**

Intention of Catholic Extension Donors

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**7:45 Mass at St. Bernard**

For All Parishioners

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**7:00 PM @ St. Damian**

Way of the Cross

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

**4:00 PM @ St. Damian**

Bernard Heimann

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

**9:30 AM @ St. Bernard**

Kyle VonBokel

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

**1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6–7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41**

Today's readings explore the theme of blindness, both literal and metaphorical. The man born literally blind receives his eyesight by Jesus' action in the Gospel, but we also witness Samuel's metaphorical blindness to David's fitness for kingship, the Pharisees' blindness to Jesus' holiness, and even the willful blindness of the blind man's parents when they are questioned. May God's word help us examine our own blindness as we welcome the light of Christ.

### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Youth Choir Practice*

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

*Mass in Church followed by Anointing of the Sick*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

*Hispanic Mass in Church & Live-Streamed*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

*Penance Service*

1:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

*No Greater Love: A Walk through The Passion*

6:00 pm @ St. George, New Baden

**Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Faith Formation Reconciliation Service*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Faith Formation Reconciliation Service*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

*St. Damian Finance Council Meeting*

6:15 pm @ St. Damian Rectory Meeting Room

*Eucharistic Adoration*

6:30-7:30 @ St. Damian

*Adult Choir Practice*

7:30 pm @ St. Damian

**Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

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

**Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Youth Choir Practice*

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

*Hispanic Mass in Church & Live-Streamed*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

*St. Damian Holy Name Wurstmart*

10:30-5:30 @ St. Damian Gym

*No Greater Love: A Walk through The Passion*

6:00 pm @ St. George, New Baden

**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD,  
THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT!**

### COFFEE, CAKE & CONVERSATION

**All widows of St. Bernard and St. Damian** are invited to Coffee, Cake & Conversation on Saturday, April 1, from 9:00-10:30 a.m., at Kristen Templin's house on 305 Susan Drive in Albers. This is a gathering to simply drink coffee, eat cake, and engage in conversation together. If you can make it, please let Kristen know at 314-651-8310 or kmtemplin@gmail.com.

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES/TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday-St. Damian @ 7:00 pm

Good Friday-St. Damian @ 2:00 pm

Stations of the Cross at St. Bernard @ 6:00 pm

Holy Saturday-St. Damian @ 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday-Masses at both St. Bernard and St. Damian @ 9:30 am

**St. Mary's in Trenton** will also have the Triduum.

Holy Thursday-St. Mary's @ 6:30 pm

Good Friday-St. Mary's @ 6:30 pm

Holy Saturday-St. Mary's @ 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday-Masses at both St. George @ 8:00 am and St. Mary's @ 10:30 am.

### LENTEN FOOD DRIVE FOR BOTH PARISHES CONTINUE!

Canned and/or packaged meats, poultry and/or fish are being collected through Wednesday, April 5 at Albers Village Hall, St. Bernard Church or St. Damian Church. Canned and/or packaged meats, poultry and/or fish NOT REQUIRING REFRIGERATION will be accepted. \$\$\$ donations also accepted! Checks may be made payable to 'St. Bernard & St. Damian Needy Fund' or 'Daystar Community Programs'.

**PALM CROSS.** There is a basket of palm crosses near the entrance of church (at both St. Bernard and St. Damian) for you and your loved ones. Lent is the perfect opportunity to carry a cross as a way of praying to Jesus. Be sure to pick up a card to accompany the cross, too. *The crosses are made and donated by Deacon Kevin Templin's uncle, Pat Norrenberns.*

**HOLY WEEK SIGN-UP SHEETS** are in the back of both churches. Please sign up for your ministry as soon as possible.

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$26.00+ Envelopes: (28) \$1,645.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$848.00  
+ ACH For March 16<sup>th</sup>: \$550.00                      \$3,069.00  
Budget for week:    \$3,102.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:                      \$109,078.65  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:                      \$111,672.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:                      **(\$2,593.35)**  
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 March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Servers: Reid Toennies, Lincoln & Connor Arentsen  
Lector: Lauren Cleeton  
Cantor: Rosann Horstmann  
Organist: Jan Hitch  
Ushers: Jerry Innes, Delmar Santel  
Eucharistic Minister: Monica Koch  
Collection Counters: Tina Tonnies, Kristy Richter  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

**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): 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.

**ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY** quilt raffle tickets are in the back of the church for pick up. Please take the time to pick yours up. Thanks!!

### **LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**

St. Bernard, Albers	March 19	1:00 pm
St. Mary, Carlyle	March 19	3:00 pm
St. Lawrence, Sandoval	March 26	2:00 pm
St. Francis, Aviston	March 26	3:00 pm
St. Mary, Centralia	March 30	12:30 pm

**ST. DAMIAN HOLY NAME WURSTMARKT** is next Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-5:30. Years ago, local farmers donated hogs they raised to make the pork sausage. Members who did not raise hogs gave cash to purchase hogs from the local hog producers. More recently the organization began accepting cash donations of any size to offset the sausage cost. The Holy Name funds many parish projects to keep the heart of Damiansville well maintained and an area to be proud of. You can still make a donation by getting a check to one of the Holy Name officers. Kevin Toennies, our treasurer, has set up a Venmo account. If you take advantage of the convenience of Venmo, simply make a donation to the Kevin Toennies – St Damian's account. This account can only be used for donations and not for meals. Also, work list have been emailed and are available on the website.  
**WE ARE ALSO ASKING EACH FAMILY TO BRING A PIE OR OTHER DESSERTS.** Please bring pies or other desserts to the gym the morning of the Wurstmart.

**Please no refrigerated desserts!**

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$230.00 + Envelopes:(20) \$ 840.00  
+ ACH For March 16<sup>th</sup>: (23) \$2,535.00                      \$3,605.00  
Budget for week:    \$3,264.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:                      \$127,928.66  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:                      \$117,504.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:                      \$10,424.66  
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 – March 26<sup>th</sup>**

Servers: Kayle Reinhardt, Brock & Brody Schulte  
Reader: Lynette Huegen  
Greeters: Ken & Dana Lake  
Eucharistic Minister: Kristen Templin  
Coll. Counters: Sean Kennedy, Phyllis Albers, Dana Lake  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### **CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY UPDATE**

Thank you for your generosity! Donations to date.

	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Goal</u>
St. Bernard-	\$5,425.00	\$10,120.00
St. Damian-	\$5,102.40	\$8,993.00



**FRIENDS OF THE COUGARS FISH FRY:** Every Friday in Lent through 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. Please come up and enjoy and support your Albers/Damiansville Cougars Boosters.

**Aviston American Legion Pork Sausage & Roast Beef dinner,** Sunday, March 19th, 10:30AM-6:00PM. Carry outs & dining space available.

**ILLINOIS MARCH FOR LIFE, March 21, 2023, in Springfield, IL. 10:00 am** - Mass at Sangamon Auditorium, 1 University Plaza, **12:00 pm** - Rally at the Capitol Building, 401 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, **12-5:30 pm** - Eucharistic Adoration, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave. **1:00 pm** - March around the Capitol Building.

**BINGO at St. Barbara's Parish Hall, Okawville, IL,** 305 Front Street. Thursday, March 23. All games PAY \$50 cash PRIZE. Doors open at 5PM - Games Begin at 6PM. \*\*Food, 50/50, Desserts, & BINGO Roulette.

**ST. DAMIAN HOLY NAME WURSTMARKT,** Sunday, March 26 from 10:30-5:30. Dine in or Carry outs available. Pork Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Sauerkraut, Dessert. \$13.00 per meal. 50/50 raffles. Please save the date!

**St. Teresa Church, Marydale DRIVE-THRU Chicken Dinner,** Sunday, March 26, 2023, Serving 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$15.00 per Meal. Packaged meal includes: ½ Fried Chicken (4 pieces), Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Slaw. Quilt Raffle. Located six miles north of Carlyle on Route 127. Follow the signs (Follow us on Facebook @MarydaleStTeresa)

**ST. GEORGE, NEW BADEN, FISH DINNER,** Friday, March 31, from 3-6:30 PM. All Dinner include 2 Cod Loins, Fried Potatoes, Man-N-Cheese, Green Beans, Stewed Tomatoes, Coleslaw & Cake. \$15 for Adults, \$7 for children 6-12, Children under 5 are free. Carry outs available.

**CHICKEN DINNER:** St. Felicitas Church, Beaver Prairie, 13322 Church Road, Carlyle, IL, Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023. 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Drive-thru only. Tickets \$14. (Look for signs on New Rt. 50 west of Carlyle and on Rt. 127 six miles north of Carlyle.)

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center. The Day Jesus Died: The Passion Narratives** Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD. Saturdays March 25 & April 1, 10 am – Noon. The passion and crucifixion of Jesus are at the heart of the Christian faith. We remember and reflect on them every year during Holy Week. But what's less widely known are the differences in the Passion narratives in each of the four Gospels. Each Passion narrative has its own depiction of Jesus, and its own theological emphasis. In this four-part series we will take a close look at each of the Passion narratives as we journey through Lent in anticipation of Easter Sunday. Cost: \$40 for series or \$10 per session. For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>

### **CONTINUING THE 99 experience!**

Please join us this Lent for *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion* for 5 weeks every Sunday at 6 pm at St. George gym. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life, from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you-grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.

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