TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 1st, 2024

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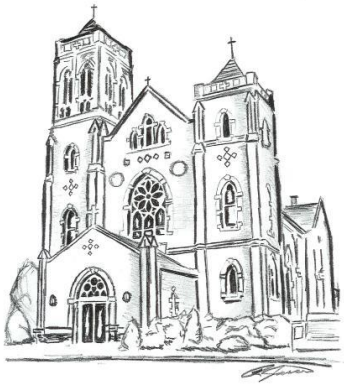

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd
LABOR DAY
NO MASS/NO SERVICE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th
Mass in Church
7:45 AM @ St. Damian
Fr. Wojcik

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th
Mass in Church
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th
NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
Alfred Toennies
Louis Korte

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Robert Horry
Robert Engelmann

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6-8; James 1:17–18, 21b–22, 27; Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21-23

God's commands take center stage today. Moses points out that when the Chosen People put God's commandments into practice, other nations will marvel at how just and wise they are. The psalmist assures us that those who act justly will live in God's presence. We begin hearing selections from the letter of James today; James continually emphasized the need to put one's faith into action. In the Gospel, Jesus chides the Pharisees for putting the letter of human rules above the spirit of God's commands. Let us reflect on how we follow God's commandments.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, September 1st

Mass at Albers Jaycee Park for the Hootenanny
9:30 am @ **Albers Park**

Hispanic Mass in Church
11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, September 2nd – LABOR DAY

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Tuesday, September 3rd

Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Finance Council Meeting
6:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration
7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Damian

Wednesday, September 4th

Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, September 5th

Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, September 6th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Legion of Mary
5:00 in English @ St. Damian
5:00-8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 in Spanish @ St. Damian

Saturday, September 7th

Mass in Church
4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, September 8th

Mass in Church
9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church
11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Catechetical Sunday is Sunday, September 15, 2024

We will acknowledge our Faith Formation teachers and assistants at the weekend Masses September 14 & 15th at both St. Damian and St. Bernard. We are so blessed to have wonderful teachers and assistants at both of our parishes. May God Bless each and every one of you.

THE ONE WHO DOES JUSTICE WILL LIVE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD!

JOINT-PARISH DIRECTORY INFO: If there are any issues with your photo order, please contact Universal Church Directories at 419-522-5011. Office hours are 8am - 4:30pm EST. We will keep you posted regarding delivery of the new directory books!

Attention Residents of The Clin-Clair Fire District

In appreciation of all the support over the years for your Volunteer Fire Department, Clin-Clair will be hosting a family day on September 8, 2024 at the Albers Lehrter Park from 11:30 am - 4:30 pm. There will be demonstrations along with fun activities for the kids. Bring your families to the park for some food and drinks for a fun-filled day with the members of the Clin-Clair Fire Department.

St. Bernard's Children's Liturgy of the Word will be returning on Sunday, September 8th and will continue during the Sunday masses through May. Children in grades pre-k -4th grade are encouraged to participate. Father will gather the children in the front of the altar after the opening prayer. The children and leader will proceed to the church library. Children will listen to the First Reading, Psalm, and Gospel proclaimed from the Children's Lectionary. An age-appropriate reflection on the Word is shared by the adult leader. Children are encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas. Children will pray their Prayers of Intercession and will proceed back to their family at the Presentation of Gifts. If you would like to be a leader or helper, please contact Karen Schroeder (618-691-9038). **St. Damian's Children's Liturgy of the Word** will begin on Sunday, October 6th and will follow the same guidelines as St. Bernard.

PLEASE HAVE ALL BULLETIN ITEMS turned into Angie no later than noon on Tuesdays. Thank you in advance.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: August 25th

Loose: $122.00+ Envelopes: (22) $1,184.00
+ Mass in Spanish: $955.00 $2,261.00
Budget for week: $3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: $22,509.36
Fiscal year-to-date budget: $25,696.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (3,186.64)
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: $167,000.00
(**Reminder**: The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **$70,875.00** 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 – September 7th

Minister: Virgil & Marilyn Jansen, Diana Jansen
Ushers: Roger Toennies, Volunteer
Servers: Reid Toennies, Reed & Brynn Wuebbels
Lector: Anita Rakers
Cantor: Kathy Gonsalves
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Coll. Counters: Mech Toennies, Kathy Gonsalves
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

DAMIANSVILLE SCHOOL NEWS!

PAWSitively GLOWing Neon Night 5K/2K- Fri, Sept 20 @ Damiansville Park

LADY OF GUADELUPE RAFFLE. Maria is asking if anyone is interested in donating prizes for a raffle to raise funds for the Lady of Guadalupe. If you would like to donate a gift basket or gift card to be put on the raffle, please contact Maria Giminez. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: August 24th

Loose: $34.00+Envelopes: (22) $795.00
$829.00
Budget for week: $3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: $22,677.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: $27,080.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: ($4,403.00)
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: $176,000.00
(**Reminder**: The fiscal year budget **does not** include the $**49,525.00** transferred from: Men's Club & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)
Thank you for your faithful and generous support

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – September 8th

Ministers: Kati Schwierjohn, Jackie Farrar, Lynn Athmer
Lector: Ray Gill
Ushers: John & Linda Majchrzak
Servers: Riley, Gabrielle & Kelsie Rolves
Coll. Counters: Phyllis Albers, James Williams, Dana Lake
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

WURSTMARKT INFORMATION: The Holy Name Wurstmarkt will be held on Sunday, September 29. Raffle tickets have been distributed. Price of dinners will be $15.00. NEW THIS YEAR… You can preorder fried pork sausage links for $2.00 a link. Please call or text Lyn Kloeckner at (618)789-8801 to place your preorder
We are also Seeking Donations: Since the start of the Wurstmarkt, a steer was donated for the raffle until this year. Therefore, we are asking for donations to help cover the cost for the steer. Please mark all donations as "Steer Donation" and put in the collection basket or Venmo payment to @StBernardChurch.

2024 Fall DIAPER DRIVE ~ September 01–30. Hosted by the Metro-East Diaper Bank. Diapers/Pull-Ups are being accepted at American Legion Post #1026 and St. Bernard Church. Check out my list on Amazon. Diapers/Pull-Ups may be shipped directly to Metro-East Diaper Bank via Amazon wish list! *Or Diapers/Pull Ups may be shipped via Walmart, Target, Amazon, etc. to Albers Village Hall,* 206 W. Dwight Street, PO Box 132, Albers, IL 62215-0132. Cash donations also greatly appreciated! Venmo @Brenda-Morris-67 OR Checks to 'Metro East Diaper Bank' may be taken to Albers Village Hall drop-box or mailed.

Respect Life Bulletin Corner. "Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'"
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Every Suicide is Tragic"
https://www.usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic

ALBERS HOOTENANNY: Sunday, September 1, 2024. Get your 3v3 basketball teams signed up for the first Hoop'enanny for grades 1st-4th grade as of fall 2024 (Boys and Girls). There a limited spots! Contact Brad today at 618-806-7944! Mass on the stage at 9:30AM. Concessions open at 11:00am. 7 inflatables open all day. Pre-sale wristbands available at Village Hall for $15. Day of will be $20. The Jorrells will be on stage from 1:00-5:00 PM and The Cheers Band from 6:00-10:00 PM! $20 raffle tickets available. Contact Kelsie Kharibian at 618-972-6459. Visit our Facebook page for additional information: Albers Commercial Club

Suicide Prevention Training* and *"We Remember You" Candlelight Vigil for Those Lost to Suicide. Presented by The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows and the St. Clair County Suicide Prevention Alliance Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Training at 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Shrine Visitors Center. "We Remember You" Candlelight Vigil at 7:00 pm at the Shrine's Lourdes Grotto. If you are concerned about a loved one or dealing with the loss of a loved one to suicide, please join us for our Suicide Prevention Training and Candlelight Vigil to honor those we have lost to suicide. For more information, call 618-394-6281 or visit our website at https://snows.org. **Also, MASS OF REMEMBRANCE for people who have died by Suicide**, Sunday, September 15 at 2:00 at St. Mary's Church, Belleville to commemorate National Suicide Prevention Week.

ALBERS AMERICAN LEGION CHICKEN DINNER, Sunday, September 15, from 4:30-7:00. Adult $14, $6 kids ages 5-12. Dine-in or carry outs available. ½ chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, slaw & dessert. Bingo Players get $2 off meal.

PAWSitively GLOWing Neon Night 5K/2K- Friday, Sept 20 @ Damiansville Park.

Pre-Cana Date: September 14, 2024. Where: St. Mary Immacualte Catholic Church (Fellowship room): 1550 Main Street, Mt. Vernon IL. 62864. Registration: 9:15 – 9:45. Start: 9:45. Close with 5:00 Mass. Cost: $75.00 per couple. The cost includes materials, lunch and pizza (optional) after 5:00 Mass. To register: Contact Deacon Mark Kabat 618-316-8027

ALBERS/DAMIANSVILLE VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALES! Mark your calendar for Saturday, Sept 14, 7am-2pm. All residents are welcome to participate. Set up in your own garages and driveways. Feel free to open your sales for more than one day and set your own hours. Make your own signs and advertise. No maps will be printed. If you would like to list your address and hours, feel free to post your info on the Village of Albers and Damiansville, IL Facebook pages.

***CHICKEN DINNER:* St. Felicitas Church, Beaver Prairie,** 13322 Church Road, Carlyle, IL, Sunday, September 15, 2024.
11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Drive-thru only. $15. (Look for signs on New Rt. 50 west of Carlyle and on Rt. 127 six miles north of Carlyle.)

COMMUNICATION-A Step in the Right Direction. A date night for Married couples to be held Saturday, September 21, from 5:30-9:00 pm at St. Nicholas Parish Hall in O'Fallon. Sharpen communications skills and take swing lessons. Includes appetizers, lesson, soda, wine and babysitting. BYOB. $30 per couple.

SAVE THE DATE FOR ST. BERNARD ANNUAL WURSTMARKT, Sunday, September 29, at Albers Parish Center. Pork Sausage, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cake. $15.00 per meal. You can preorder fried pork sausage links for $2.00 a link. Please call or text Lyn Kloeckner at (618)789-8801 to place your preorder.

THE FINAL CELEBRATION OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PRIESTS. A Gathering Honoring Supporters and Friends. September 29, 2024. Corpus Christi Parish, Shiloh. Liturgy at 2 p.m. followed by a gathering, dinner and program. Contact Tom: ksftom10@gmail.com for information and to make reservations. DEADLINE September 6, 2024

Chakota Therapeutic Riding Center is in need of volunteers to assist with riding sessions. Due to many of our volunteers returning to school, we are facing challenges in adequately staffing these sessions. The riding sessions take place Monday thru Thursday at 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00 p.m.. If you are uncertain about your interest, we invite you to observe a session to gain insight into our activities. Our location is 6248 Wesclin Rd, Germantown, IL. Alternatively, you may contact us at 618-224-4236 and leave a message to schedule a visit. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old to assist with sessions, and no prior horse experience is necessary. We encourage you to consider joining us in our mission to provide equine therapy to individuals with disabilities.

JustFaith Catholic Program Offered for Adults, *Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response.* 8 Consecutive Weeks Starting Thursday, October 3, 7-9 p.m. Mater Dei High School, 900 Mater Dei Dr., Breese, IL. Facilitators: Helen Essenpreis and Deacon John Hempen. How do I respond to poverty and injustice? What tools does my Catholic faith have to offer? *Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response* is an 8-week program that explores God's call to respond to poverty in our local communities, equipping participants to take action in effective and sustainable ways. Meaningful prayer experiences in the context of a small faith community are an essential part of each session. For a short introductory video go to youtube.com/watch?v=CRWqV_KhwLQ . For more information go to justfaith.org/courses/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-catholic/justfaith.org/courses/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-catholic/ To register go to justfaith.org/product/faith-poverty-a-biblical-response-catholic-version-in-person-group-at-mater-dei-high-school/ or contact Helen Essenpreis at essenpreis@charter.net or Deacon John Hempen at deaconjohn1952@gmail.com

ALS Golf Scramble –4th Annual Tee'd Off with ALS Golf Scramble, Saturday, Oct 5 at Okawville golf course. All proceeds go to the Wash U Tim Miller Research Lab to find a cure. Ways to support include golfing, sponsors, and newly added a memorial sign and mum. Reverse drawing including 4 Chicago Bulls tickets for a mutually agreed upon date with a $1000 allowance for hotel stay and $200 spending cash. For more information go to FB page **Tee'd Off with ALS** or contact Melissa Netemeyer @ 618-691-9413

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