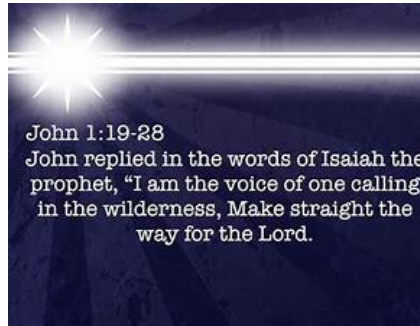




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Founded 1861  
One West Main Street  
Damiansville, Illinois 62215  
Phone: (618) 248-5134

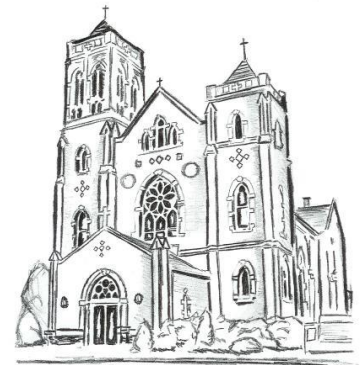
## **Third Sunday of Advent DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**



John 1:19-28  
John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, Make straight the way for the Lord."

#### **WEBSITE:**

[www.stbernardandstdamian.org](http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org)



### **St. Bernard Parish**

Founded 1908  
202 N. Broadway – Box 10  
Albers, Illinois 62215  
Phone: (618) 248-5112

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*Most Rev. Michael McGovern*

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#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

##### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM @ St. Damian

Prayer Service for Adult Parishioners

##### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS OR PRAYER SERVICE**

##### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

##### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM Mass @ St. Bernard

Sister MaryAnn Mueller

Lawrence & Catherine Strieker

##### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS OR PRAYER SERVICE**

##### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>**

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Darlene Billhartz

Martin, Leona & Marilyn Toennies

Delmond & Eleanor Huegen

##### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Henry, Lucille, Glennon and Allen Albers

Bill & Rosie Athmer

Vince Arentsen

Hispanic Mass in Church & Live Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian

Mass intentions are being rescheduled.

Please be patient as there will only be one

Mass at each parish at this time.

Thank you!



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## **LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28

We are visited by three messengers today. The first is Isaiah, with a message of hope and joy, “a year of favor...a day of vindication.” Next comes Paul, with a message for Thessalonians that we can take to heart as well, advising us how to live while we wait for Christ’s return. Finally, we hear from Jesus’ messenger, John the Baptist, who came to testify to the Messiah. Let us heed their messages as we prepare for Christ’s coming.

## **HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:**

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church & Live Streamed*

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

*Hispanic Mass & Live Streamed*

*Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service for Adult Parishioners*

8:00 am @ St. Damian

**Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Bernard Eucharistic Adoration*

7:00 – 8:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass for Adult Parishioners*

8:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass for Adult Parishioners*

8:00 am @ St. Bernard Church

**Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church & Live Streamed*

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church & Live Streamed*

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

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**MASSSES are live streamed at:**

[www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers](http://www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers). You can also

find Masses on the television at EWTN or through

St. Bernard & St. Damian website at

[www.stbernardandstdamian.org](http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org).

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**CHRISTMAS CARD ADDRESS:** If anyone would like to send a Christmas card to Msgr. Jack McEvilly, below is the address:

Msgr. Jack McEvilly  
Our Lady Queen of Peace  
5923 N. Belt West  
Belleville, IL 62223

## **MY SOUL REJOICES IN MY GOD!!**

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:**

December 24 – Christmas Eve

3:00 pm @ St. Damian

5:00 pm @ St. Bernard

7:00 pm @ Hispanic Mass at St. Damian

December 25 – Christmas Day

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Please go on the Website to sign up for Mass.

All Masses will be Live streamed.

### **CONFIRMATION DATES SET FOR 2021:**

April 25, 2021 at St. Bernard’s at 9:30 am

May 8, 2021 at St. Damian at 4:00 pm

### **FIRST COMMUNION DATES SET FOR 2021:**

April 18, 2021 at St. Bernard’s at 9:30 or 10:00 am

May 1, 2021 at St. Damian at 4:00 pm

### **CHECK OUT THE PARISH WEBSITE!**

It has a new look for the Advent Season!

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** Mass is Sunday, December 13, at 11:00 AM. Mass will be Live Streamed for those who would like to attend virtually.

### **HOPE IS BORN! A “LIVE” NATIVITY**

Please join us in Celebrating the Reason for Christmas!

Sunday, December 20, from 4:30-7:30 PM, Outdoors at St. Bernard’s Parish. Social distancing and face mask required.

Live streaming will be available on Facebook.

### **NO FAITH FORMATION FOR REST OF YEAR.**

Due to COVID, there will be no more Faith Formation

Classes for the remainder of the year. Pray we will be able to return to class after the New Year.

**SISTER MARYANN MUELLER** passed away on Sunday, December 6, in Ruma at the age of 92. Sister MaryAnn grew up in Bartelso and taught at Albers Elementary School for many years. She truly loved life. There will be private graveside services held at Ruma. Heartfelt sympathies to her many nieces and nephews and her ASC Community.

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: December 6, 2020**

Loose: \$28.00 + Envelopes: \$1,820.00  
+ ACH: \$1105.00 + Thanksgiving Env: \$285.00  
+ Christmas: \$100.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$297.00 \$3,635.00  
Bell Tower Music Donations (\$660.00)  
Budget for week: \$2,968.56  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$60,580.09  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$68,276.88  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$7,696.79)**  
Fiscal year (7/20-6/21) budget: \$154,365.00  
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$55,000.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)  
**Total Picnic Donations (121): \$36,825.00**

### **ST. DAMIAN'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS**

**DECORATING** will be on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am.  
Would appreciate all the help we can get.

### **ST. DAMIAN'S 7<sup>TH</sup>/8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION**

**CLASS** is offering their services to rake leaves/clean anyone's yard who might want it during this fall season and also shovel snow when the time comes. If interested, please contact Jackie Toennies at 335-9562 and she will hook you up with some eager young lawn care workers who will gladly cleanup for you. No charge!

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ST. DAMIAN QUILT RAFFLE WINNERS:**

November – Bernadine Koopmann  
December – Diane Masterson

**COMMUNITY GIVING TREE:** 2020 has been a crazy year but there will still be an opportunity for our community to help those less fortunate during the holiday season. St. Damian Church will be the collection point for hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks & house slippers for children, teens, women & men. These items will be collected from Nov 21 - Dec 13. All items will be donated to the BCMW Organization in Breese to be distributed to local families. BCMW serves Bond, Clinton, Marion & Washington Counties. Items can be brought to St. Damian Church and hung on the Giving Tree in the church gathering space or contact Geri Varel at 248-5223 or 444-5073 to arrange curbside drop-off at 106 N. Church St. Your donations will help make the holidays a little warmer this year for those in need. Any questions, please contact Geri Varel at 248-5223 or 444-5073. Thanks in advance for your support for others!

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: December 5, 2020**

Loose: \$5.00 + Env: \$570.00  
+ACH: \$2,420.00  
+Christmas Envelopes: \$50.00 \$3,045.00  
Budget for week: \$3,007.50  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$61,784.67  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$69,172.50  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 7,387.83)**  
Fiscal year (7/20-6/21) budget: \$156,390.00  
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$47,000.00 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!***

**COMMUNITY GIVING TREE:** This year, due to Covid, the Giving Tree event at St. Bernard's will be a little different. We are collecting only items most in need. There will be bins by the tree: one for diapers sizes 5 and 6, and pull ups sizes 3 and 4, one for toilet paper and one for laundry detergent. Another option is you may just make a monetary donation and the needed items will be purchased for you. There will be a drop box by the Giving Tree in the entrance of church or you may put any donations in a envelope marked Giving Tree 2020 and drop off in the collection or the drop box at the rectory. Any amount will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will be donated to Community Link to help support local families in need.

Donations will be accepted now until Dec 13. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions please contact Melissa Netemeyer at 248-5602. Thank you!

**ST. BERNARD FAITH FORMATION WILL BE SELLING CARDINALS CALENDARS.** Cost is \$16 of which St. Bernard's keeps \$7. Please contact any Faith Formation Student or call Janel at Albers Elementary at 248-5146. The calendars feature the St. Louis Cardinals team. They also include two pages of coupons featuring savings on Cardinals tickets and great deals from local retailers. Last year there were coupons for Shop N Save, Build A Bear, Johnny Macs, **50% off Cardinal tickets** and others.

**VILLAGE OF ALBERS** will be collecting paper products for the Daystar Community Program. You are asked to drop off items at Albers Village Hall from Nov 20 -Dec. 20. Paper towels, tissues, wipes, and toilet paper or cash donations will be accepted.



**ALBERS AMERICAN LEGION CARRYOUT ONLY BREAKFAST:** Sunday, December 13, from 8-11:30 AM. Sausage, ham, pancakes, eggs, fried potatoes and biscuits & gravy. \$10.00

**Respect Life Corner-** *“I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, Make straight the way of the Lord.”* In John’s Gospel, we learn of the joy John the Baptist found in Christ. Even in his mother’s womb, the unborn Baptist leapt for joy at the nearness of the Messiah. John’s joy is manifested in his testimony to the Lord’s coming. Large groups of people gathered in the desert to hear John’s good news and his call to repentance and baptism in Christ’s name. John’s purpose and ministry was preparation for Christ as He began his public ministry. His enthusiasm and love for Christ brought joy to others and they wanted to feel that joy of Christ and never let it go. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-** Free of worldly trappings and pleasure, John rejoices in the only true happiness that exists, joy in Christ’s love for each one of us. Let’s learn from John the virtue of joy and the humility he possessed by sharing our faith and really listening to one another. In a group setting, try “speaking fourth, not first.” Allowing others to speak first offers a place of honor and a chance to really listen before speaking. Our humility and joy can win souls for Christ. Without his love, the world is a dark and gloomy place. Let’s stay close to Christ in love and humility towards all those He places in our midst.

#### **SUPPORT:**

We are beginning to attend Mass on weekends, but with a limited number of people. ***We continue to need your support!*** You can support your parish in one of these ways:

- 1) ***If you attend Mass***, drop your contribution in the collection basket.
- 2) ***Mail*** in your contributions to: St. Bernard – 202 N. Broadway-PO Box 10 – Albers, IL 62215-0010 or St. Damian – One West Main Street – Damiansville, IL 62215-1313.
- 3) Fill out an ***ACH form*** located on the website ([www.stbernardandstdamian.org](http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org)) under St. Bernard & St. Damian and scan in or send back to your parish. (Use the form for your parish.)
- 4) Donate from the website ([www.stbernardandstdamian.org](http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org)) by clicking the ***“Donate Now”*** button. Instructions on how it works are above the buttons.
- 5) If you ***Bank Online***, have a check sent directly to your parish.
- 6) Contributions can also be dropped in the ***Envelope Drop Boxes*** located by the front door of each rectory. The lock boxes are secure and waterproof.

**Thank you and God bless you for your continued support!**



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