

*Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19th, 2021*



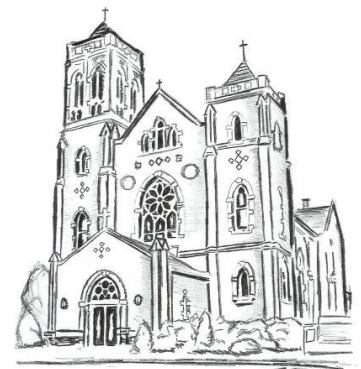
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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20th

7:45 @ St. Damian

Prayer Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21st

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22nd

7:45 AM Mass @ St. Damian

Msgr. Donald Eichenseer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23rd

7:45 AM Mass @ St. Bernard

Lavergne & Julie Breiner

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24th

4:00 PM Mass @ St. Damian

Alvin Toennies & Tom Reis

Deceased Members of the Horstmann Family

6:00 PM Mass @ St. Bernard

Robert & Doris Kloeckner

7:00 PM Mass @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25^h

Mass in Church

9:00 AM Mass @ St. Bernard

Drew Toennies

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 AM @ St. Damian

Bob Innes

All ALS Sufferers

Vince Arentsen

Hispanic Mass in Church & Live Streamed

11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Micah 5: 1-4a; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45

Our anticipation of the Lord's birth is mirrored in the words from scripture that we hear today. Micah, who lived eight centuries before Jesus was born, proclaims that a long-awaited ruler from the line of David will come from the little town of Bethlehem. The author of Hebrews asserts that Jesus was born into the world to be himself an offering according to the Father's will. Luke tells the story of Mary visiting her older cousin Elizabeth, who, filled with the Holy Spirit, becomes the first to call her blessed. Filled with the Holy Spirit, let us focus our anticipation on God's blessings.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 19th

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass & Live Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Las Posadas

6:30 pm @ St. Damian Church

Monday, December 20th

7:45 @ St. Damian

Prayer Service

Tuesday, December 21st

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Prayer Service

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, December 22nd

7:45 am @ St. Damian w/Christmas Coffee after

Mass at St. Damian

Thursday, December 23rd

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Mass at St. Bernard

Friday, December 24th

4:00 pm - St. Damian

6:00 pm – St. Bernard

7:00 pm - Hispanic Mass @ St. Damian

Saturday, December 25th

Mass in Church –

9:00 am @ St. Bernard

Sunday, December 26th

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass & Live Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

MASSSES are live streamed at:

www.facebook.com/stbernardandstdamian. You can also find Masses on the television at EWTN or through St. Bernard & St. Damian website at

www.stbernardandstdamian.org.

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**LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU;
LET US SEE YOUR FACE AND WE SHALL
BE SAVED.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. If you would like to donate for Christmas Flowers, please put envelope in collection basket or drop in drop box at the rectory. Please include name of those who the donation is in memory of.

HOPE IS BORN! A LIVE NATIVITY will be this Sunday, December 19th from 5:30-7:00 PM outdoors at St Bernard Parish. Please come and enjoy the true meaning of Christmas.

VILLAGE OF ALBERS 2021 HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST. Top 5 entries PLUS Mayor's Choice will be awarded. Also, **THE KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS AWARD**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council#9768 will be recognizing one home each in Albers & Damiansville best displaying "Keep Christ in Christmas"! \$25 prize to one home in each town. Judging will be Sunday, December 19, from 6-9 PM.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who supported our bake sale by baking, buying, or working at it! With your help, we were able to raise \$612 to purchase items for kids/families for Christmas! Merry Christmas to all of you!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are looking for volunteers to visit Aviston Countryside Manor Nursing Home on the 4th Tuesday of the month. We have two sets of 3 people that go and play bingo/games with the residents from 1:00-3:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marcie Hacker at (618) 248-52521. Thank you!

THE 44th ANNUAL DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION will be taken up on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. Parishes and agencies throughout the Diocese will request monies from this collection during 2022 to assist with food, clothing, shelter, utility bills, healthcare & medication, funerals, transportation and emergency assistance of all types. Please consider giving as you are able. Thank you

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:

Friday, December 31 – 4:00 Mass at St. Bernard

Saturday, January 1 – 4:00 PM Mass at St. Damian

Sunday, January 2 – 9:30 AM Mass at St. Bernard

Sunday, January 2 – 11:00 AM Hispanic Mass at St. Damian

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 12th

Loose: \$115.00 + Envelopes: \$960.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,461.00
+ Thanksgiving Donation: \$50.00
+ Christmas Envelopes: \$100.00 \$2,686.00
Budget for week: \$2,923.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$64,852.56
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$67,859.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$3,006.44)**
Fiscal year (7/21-6/22) budget: \$ 152,000.00

(Reminder: The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$34,200.00 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 DECEMBER 24th

Mass Servers: Trent Korte, Reid Innes, Nolan Goebel
Lector: Denise Luitjohan
Eucharistic Ministers: Ken Mank, Kristy Richter, Pete Toennies, Deb Santel, Sharon Kalmer
Ushers: Volunteers
Organist: Geri Varel

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 26th

Mass Servers: Reid Innes, Trent & Julia Korte
Lector: Mary Innes
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Cantor: Rosann Horstmann
Ushers: Brad & Kristy Richter
Eucharistic Minister: Ken Mank
Coll. Counters: Anita Rakers, Dave Kassen, Kristy Richter, Volunteers
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. DAMIAN YOUTH CHOIR NEWS! Youth Choir practices are happening on Sunday mornings at 8:30am (before mass). We are practicing for Christmas Eve (Dec 24, 4pm). All youth in grades 4-12, college age and young adults are welcome to participate and "Make a Joyful Noise! If kids or parents have any questions, please call Jackie at 335-9562 or Geri at 248-5223.

THANKS SO MUCH to all who hung items on this year's "Community Giving Tree"! The items were brought to BCMW for their annual Christmas distribution. Your kindness and generosity helped to make Christmas a little warmer for many families who need our help during the Christmas season. Jesus is the Reason for the Season! Geri Varel

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 11th

Loose: \$10.00 + Envelopes: \$1,115.00
+ PayPal (\$40-\$1.89 fee): \$38.11
+ Christmas Envelopes: \$100.00
+ Immaculate Conception Mass: \$64.00 \$1,327.11
Budget for week: \$3,095.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$69,891.66
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$71,185.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$1,293.34)**
Fiscal year (7/21-6/22) budget: \$160,950.00

(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!

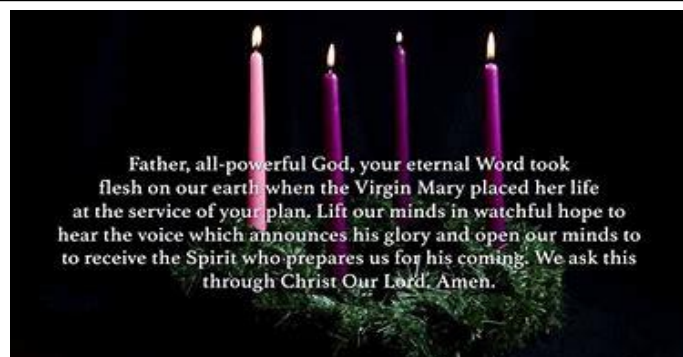
MINISTRY SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 24th

Servers: Landon & Mason Schroeder,
Dylan Wuebbels, Caron & Kellen Richter
Lector: Dana Lake
Greeters: Ed Broeckling, Lake Family
Eucharistic Minister: Steve & Debbie Schomaker,
Fr. Steven, Deacons Glenn & Kevin
Coll. Counters for the Weekend: Keith Richter,
Lynn Athmer and Volunteers Please
Thanks for being ministers of St. Bernard!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 25th

Volunteers for all Ministries

A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated to the St. Bernard Giving Tree Project! Your generosity helped many families have a little more joy this Christmas season. Thanks to Dave and Sue Broeckling for taking all the items to the Daystar program in Cairo. Merry Christmas and God bless all of you!
Melissa Netemeyer & Marilyn Venhaus



CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING at St. Bernard's will be today, Saturday, December 18th, immediately following the 4:00 Mass. All help is welcome and appreciated.

LAS POSADAS. The Las Posadas is the Mexican Christmas tradition that represents the search of Mary & Joseph for room at the inn. You are invited to join in. Dec. 16 at 1112 Elaine St in St. Libory, Dec. 17 & 18 at St. Dominic's in Breese, December 19 at St. Damian, Dec. 20 at 303 S. Main Street, Breese. Each evening begins with the rosary at 6:30 PM. For more information, contact Sr. Ellen at 636-293-8253.

BLOOD DRIVE FOR ALBERS/DAMIANSVILLE COMMUNITY at Albers Jaycee Building on Thursday, December 23, from 10-2 sponsored by the Albers Jaycees. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter AlbersDamiansville to schedule an appointment.



CLIN-CLAIR FIRE DEPT invites you to a fun night out to support the Fire Dept. at our Dinner, Mouse Races, Cash Drawing, on Saturday, January 29. The evening includes a chicken and pork roast dinner with open bar until 7 PM, mouse races, mouse roulette, and a cash drawing. All proceeds will be used to purchase bunker gear and water rescue equipment. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased by calling Cole at (618) 210-6721 or Brian at 618-410-0428.

The 2022 Black Tie and Talent Show sponsored by The Aviston Sons of American Legion 2022 will be on **Sat. Jan. 8, 2022 @ 5:00 pm** at the Hidden Lake Winery. This formal event is a talent and glamour contest where we give away over \$9000 in scholarships to (8) college bound contestants. We are selling tickets for the event at \$50.00 each. Ticket includes: happy hour, 4-course meal, talent contest, and late-night entertainment. Interested contestants can tryout at a **down select** competition at Aviston Legion at 6:00 pm on **Friday, Dec, 17th**. A 3-minute speech on a topic of contestant's choice and a talent demonstration are required. Any Clinton County residents who will attend college or trade school in 2022 can enter contest. For tickets or entry info call: Jim Kues 228-7008 or Craig Timmermann 830-7737.

ATTENTION FAMILIES THAT NEED ASSISTANCE! Anyone who needs assistance, St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry, 602 Church Street, Germantown, IL, will be open on Mondays from 10:30-1:00. Please call Shirley at 523-4260 or John at 363-6588 if you need help.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God, you have called us through Baptism to discipleship, believing in your Son, Jesus Christ, who has sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to the world. We pray to you, asking that you grant us more priests and religious who will help us build up your Church in the Diocese of Belleville and the world. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many of our youth. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves in service to our Lord Jesus and his people. May a new generation of priests, deacons, sisters and brothers be a sign of your presence among us. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen!



During this Christmas Season we wish each of you the Peace and Joy of Christmas!
Fr. Steven Beatty, Deacons Glenn Netemeyer & Kevin Templin, Sr. Ellen Orf, and Angie Toennies



CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS):

Find the latest information at <http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org/catholic-youth-ministry.html>.