



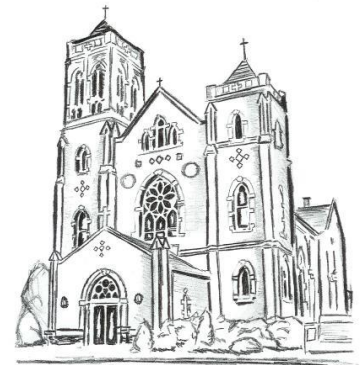
St. Damian Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Advent
DECEMBER 20TH, 2020



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21st

8:00 AM @ St. Damian

Prayer Service for Adult Parishioners

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22nd

NO MASS OR PRAYER SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23rd

8:00 AM Mass @ St. Damian

Rev. Gerald Heckenberger

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24th

3:00 PM Mass @ St. Damian

Alvin Toennies & Tom Reis

Lindy, Lynn & Irene Horstmann

Sean Howard

5:00 PM Mass @ St. Bernard

Sister MaryAnn Mueller

Doris Kloeckner

7:00 PM Hispanic Mass @ St. Damian

For the Oñate Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25th

9:30 AM Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Virgil Engelmann

Linus & Bernadine Meier

Florence Wolters

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Deceased Members of the Eilering Family

Charles "Chuck" Tonnies

Hispanic Mass in Church & Live Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian



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LITURGY OF THE WORD:

2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-28

As we begin our last week of preparation for the coming of our Lord, we listen to the preparations three others took during earlier eras. King David intended to prepare a house for the ark of God, but God revealed a more important house to prepare. Saint Paul completed his letter to the Romans, a church he'd helped prepare for the mystery of Christ. In the Gospel, Mary agreed to prepare a place in her womb for the Son of God. Let us prepare a place in our hearts now for the word of God.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 20th

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Hispanic Mass & Live Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, December 21st

Prayer Service for Adult Parishioners

8:00 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, December 22nd

St. Bernard Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 – 8:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Wednesday, December 23rd

Mass for Adult Parishioners

8:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Thursday, December 24th -Christmas Eve

3:00 pm Mass @ St. Damian

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard Church

7:00 pm Hispanic Mass @ St. Damian

Friday, December 25th – Christmas Day

9:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Saturday, December 26th

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

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MASSSES are live streamed at:

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.

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

**FOR EVER I WILL SING THE PRAISES OF
THE LORD.**

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.

NEW YEARS MASSES

December 31 – New Year's Eve

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

January 1 – New Year's Day

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

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!

BISHOP MICHAEL MCGOVERN is now on Social Media! You can find him on You Tube, Facebook and Instagram! Just search for Bishop Michael McGovern!

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: The Hispanic Community are having a raffle drawing on December 27th after the Sunday Mass. Tickets are \$1.00. Prizes are a Nativity Set, African Violet or \$21.00. To purchase tickets, please contact Sister Ellen.



ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 13, 2020

Loose: \$ + \$58.00+ Envelopes: \$1,180.00
+ Thanksgiving: \$100.00
+ Christmas: \$45.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$147.00 \$1,530.00
Bell Tower Music Donations (\$660.00)
Budget for week: \$2,968.56
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$62,110.09
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$71,245.44
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$9,135.35)**
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 7TH/ 8TH 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!

COMMUNITY GIVING TREE: Thanks to all who donated hats, gloves, socks, slippers, scarves, blankets and many other warm items to this year's "Giving Tree" project. The items were brought to BCMW this past Monday. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated. The items will make Christmas a little warmer for lots of people this year! Jesus is the Reason for the Season. Geri Varel

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

Congratulations to the following who won 1st and 2nd place in the parish. **Thanks** to the *Knights of Columbus* for sponsoring this annual event. **Special thanks** to *Deacon Glenn Netemeyer* for coordinating this project and to *all religion teachers* involved. Below are the winners for 2020. Many thanks to all who participated.

St. Damian

Gr. 1 – Eli Skelton & Evelyn Cleeton
Gr. 2 – Paislyn Horstmann & Collins Horstmann
Gr. 3 – Sutton Markland & Charlotte Cleeton
Gr. 4 – Kate Mitchell & Lincoln Arentsen
Gr. 5 – Grant Horstmann & Lyla Koch
Gr. 6 – Natalie Lynch & Edwin Oros
Gr. 7 – Lucero Herrera
Gr. 8 – Reid Koch & Nolan Goebel

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 12, 2020

Loose: \$29.00 + Env: \$2,430.00
+Christmas Env: \$200.00 + Paypal \$38.54
+Thanksgiving Env: \$50.00 \$2,747.54
Budget for week: \$3,007.50
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$64,532.21
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$72,180.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 7,647.79)**
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: Thank you to all who donated for the Giving Tree Project! Community Link and local families greatly appreciate your support even more this year. Your generosity will help many families in times of need. God bless all of you and Merry Christmas!
Melissa Netemeyer & Marilyn Venhaus

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.

St. Bernard:

Gr. K- Asten Boeckmann & Tucker Schwierjohn
Gr. 1 – Levi Goesten Kors & Colton Wuebbels
Gr. 2 – Lydia Wuebbels & Kayla Boeckmann
Gr. 3 -Tucker Goesten Kors & Aubrey Winterbottom
Gr. 4 – Cole Huegen & Dylan Wuebbels
Gr. 5 – Kellan Hubert & Alejandra Avalos
Gr. 6 – Alex Athmer
Gr. 7 – Madi Wuebbels
Gr. 8 – Alaina Huegen

Congratulations to the following whose posters were selected for further Diocesan Competition.

Gr. K – Asten Boeckmann; **Gr. 1 & 2** – Lydia Wuebbels; **Gr. 3 & 4** – Cole Huegen
Gr. 5 & 6 – Alejandra Avalos; **Gr. 7 & 8** – Reid Koch

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



Respect Life Corner-In the first chapter of Luke's Gospel, Mary answers the angel Gabriel with a profound "yes" to God and His plan for her. We notice that in the annunciation story, that God picks Elizabeth and Mary to carry out His plan for salvation. Both women are on the margins of society, an elderly woman, Elizabeth, and her younger relative, Mary, a peasant girl. It is a story of reversal, the lowly and poor are chosen to proclaim God's salvation plan through His son, who also humbled himself to come and bring salvation to the world. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-**Our salvation depends on our free will choice to choose to cooperate with God. He never forces anyone to participate, we must say yes to His plans. How can we participate? We can still work to bring dignity and peace to people on the margins of society. We can share our hope in Christ as well as our gifts to those who need to hear the Good News right now.



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