

# JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

## St. Damian's Parish Faith Formation

The time is always right to do what is right.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

### CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

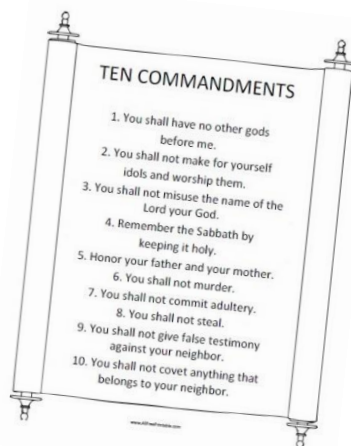
#### Kindergarten:

The Kindergarten Faith Formation students have returned to school with enthusiasm following the Christmas holidays.

We continue to work on our daily prayers. We are learning the Glory Be To the Father, and the Guardian Angel prayers. We also read the Sunday readings each week.

We are beginning to learn about the Ten Commandments.

**-Arlene Korte**



#### Grade 1:

We started the year learning about the Holy Trinity-The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We did a three-leaf clover activity to represent the three Persons in one God to reinforce the concept.

We have been talking about our families. Each student is telling us about their families. We are going to discuss The Holy Family-Jesus, Mary, and Joseph within the next week.

We also started learning the Memorare prayer. See the yellow prayer card above.

Lastly, we made get well cards for Rae Anne Toennies and delivered them as a class to Ms. Jackie.

**-Mary Innes**

#### Grade 2:

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders have finished their reconciliation books. We also made several pop-up books; the latest books were on Joseph, his many colored coat, and his brothers.

Currently, we are learning a short Bible verse: With God all things are possible.

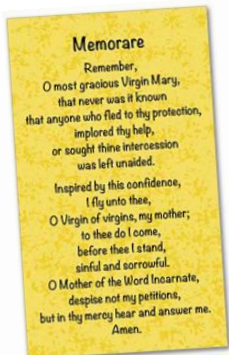


### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### JANUARY 26

- Krispy Kreme donut sales at St. Damian and St. Bernard weekend masses – proceeds donated to offset the hospital bill of Rae Toennies

#### FEBRUARY 3



Next month we will begin movies and our new book on the Eucharist and First Communion. Gabby will be back to help us, too!

**-Ruth Pingsterhaus and Gabby Kramer**

**Grades 3 and 4:**

Since we have been back, the 3rd and 4th grade students have been learning how to be mass servers. They will begin serving during the week at the end of the month and I know they will do an awesome job! 😊

**-Sharon Kalmer**

**Grades 5 and 6:**

This coming month, we will focus more on the parts of the Mass and review the items that we discussed at the beginning of the year.

**-Kathleen Hodges**

**Grades 7 and 8:**

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class has gotten back into our "Decision" series for Faith Formation. We have watched videos which are part of the course and had discussions about the content of the videos.

One morning, we went to my house and gathered in the living room and prayed the rosary for my granddaughter.

We helped Ms. Arlene take down the outside crib and stored that away until next Christmas.

We helped take orders for Krispy Kreme doughnuts which will be sold at all of the masses at St. Damian and St. Bernard on the weekend of January 26 and 27. Proceeds will be donated for the hospital bills of Rae Toennies.

Thank you all so very much!

**-Jackie Toennies**

FATHER ANTHONY'S GUIDANCE

**Spiritual Reflection**

Never break the pot that once gave you water.  
Never bite the hands that once fed you.  
Never despise the home that once gave you shelter.  
Never punch holes in the umbrella that once gave you cover.  
Never insult the breasts that once gave you pleasure.  
And never malign the church that once gave you fire.  
If, for now, you have outgrown their usefulness, leave them intact, and go quietly and honorably.  
For it may be the time and season of breakthrough for others also.  
Be careful how you close a door.  
Never ever bang it, you may need to walk through that same door tomorrow.

**-Fr. Anthony Onyango**

## THE DEACON'S CORNER

The church seasons change throughout the year. After the Advent and Christmas seasons we go back to Ordinary time. We stay in ordinary time, year C, until Ash Wednesday on March 6. This marks the beginning of Lent.

This is also the beginning of Jesus' ministry from the wedding feast at Cana to Jesus' teaching of the splinter in the eye on the Sunday before Lent.

**Please listen to Jesus carefully and apply that teaching to your own lives.**

Just an added note of **the importance of the children coming to Mass regularly on weekends with their families.** On weekdays they attend Mass during Faith Formation sessions, but the children need to pray with their moms and dads at Mass also on the weekends. Praying together strengthens a family in more ways than we'll ever realize!!!! Joshua says, "**as for me and my house, we will serve God.**"

**Thank you for bringing the children to Mass!**

**-Deacon Glenn**

"May you always be doing those good, kind things that show you are a child of God."

Phil 1:11 Living Bible (TLB)

## ADORATION WITH BENEDICTION

A Weekly Holy Hour with Benediction is held **every Wednesday** at St. Bernard and St. Damian parishes. Adoration starts at 7:00 p.m. and concludes with Benediction at 8:00 p.m.

The location rotates on the SAME schedule as the Saturday Masses:

- January – St. Damian
- February – St. Bernard
- March – St. Damian

And so on...

Here is a link of things to do during a Holy Hour... <http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/pea/holyhour.html>

If you have any questions, please contact me at 314-660-3976.

**-Deacon Kevin**

## FEASTS

January is fleshing out Christmas with the Feast of Epiphany.

The Hispanic community celebrated on January 6 with a meal together, games for the children, a piñata and Mexican lotería (bingo). The Kings cake that contains 3 tiny baby figures was shared and those with a "baby" will bring tamales and atole on Feb. 3, the Feast of the Presentation.

El mes de enero cumple la Navidad con la fiesta de Epifanía. La comunidad hispana celebró el 6 de enero compartiendo una comida, regalos para los niños, una piñata y lotería mexicana. La rosca de reyes que

contiene 3 figuritas de bebés fue compartida y los que sacaron un niño van a traer tamales y atole el 3 de febrero, la fiesta de la Presentación.

**-Sister Ellen Orf**

## COLLECTION/CHARITY OPPORTUNITIES

### CAPS COLLECTION

Sharon Kalmer has an appointment to pick up the bench in Evansville, IN on Thursday, Feb 21st.....since we have extra caps, we will also be getting a 4' bench.

Hopefully we will have pictures of both in the next newsletter!

If you would like to keep collecting, Albers Lehrter Park is also in need of caps and lids. You can drop them off at the Albers American Legion. There is also a collection can at Lehrter Park under the concession pavilion.

Please check the website [www.greentreeplastics.com](http://www.greentreeplastics.com) for acceptable items.



### RALLY FOR RAE



Krispy Kreme doughnuts will be sold at all of the St. Damian and St. Bernard masses on the weekend of January 26 and 27.

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## FAITH FORMATION WEEKDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## St. Damian's Ministry Schedule February 2019

### Gym Door Openers

Monday	<b>Kathleen</b>
Tuesday	<b>Ruth</b>
Wednesday	<b>Sharon</b>
Thursday	<b>Jackie</b>
Friday	<b>Mary</b>

Date	Voc Prayer	Servers	Reader	Petitions	Gifts	Choir	Doors
Mon-Feb 4	Ryan Oros	4th -Hunter Toennies Aidan Toennies Kevin Athmer	Julia Korte	Aliya Henss	Nolan Goebel Connor Arentsen	1/5th	6
Wed-Feb 6	Randy Oros	4th -Zach Huegen Reid Innes Nolan Goebel	Ethan Toennies	Jacob Athmer	Chase Jansen Lincoln Arentsen	7/8th	6
Mon-Feb 11	Hunter Toennies	4th - Natalie Lynch Julia Korte MaKenna Budde	Aaron Juarez	Nolan Goebel	Olivia Wilken Aliya Henss	2/6th	6
Wed-Feb 13	Olivia Wilken	3rd -Lyla Koch Reid Koch CeCe Toennies	Kaylee Netemeyer	Reid Innes	Saul Contreras Reed Wuebbels	7/8th	6
Mon-Feb 18	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>						
Wed-Feb 20	Natalie Lynch	3rd -Brant Horstmann Trent Korte Jacob Athmer	Lupe Luevano	Chase Jansen	Ethan Korte Henry Ribbing	7/8th	6
Mon-Feb 25	Edwin Oros	3rd -Randy Oros Aidan Toennies Ethan Toennies	Simon Toennies	Reid Koch	Kennedy Toennies Charlotte Cleeton	3/4th	6
Wed-Feb 27	Zachary Huegen	3rd -Gracie Deiters Kennedy Toennies Ethan Korte	Reece Deiters	Trent Korte	Jacob Athmer Charlie Sauer	7/8th	6