

FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

St. Damian's Parish Faith Formation

Jesus came to show us how to live, not for a few years, but eternally.

-Fulton Oursler

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Kindergarten:

The Kindergarten Faith Formation students have completed lessons on the Ten Commandments.

We continue to read bible stories and discuss the meaning of the Sunday Mass readings.

-Arlene Korte

Grade 1:

The 1st grade students continue to do well. This month we learned the Memorare. I'm so impressed with these students. It's a long prayer with many long words.

We also learned what a parable is. We specifically studied the parable about The Good Shepherd.

Lastly, we are learning about the bible and how it is divided into the Old and New Testaments.

-Mary Innes

Grade 2:

In February, the 2nd grade students learned this bible verse: With God all things are possible. They made valentines for their parents and watched a movie about St. Valentine.

We also watched a movie about First Communion and we have started on our First Communion books. The first chapter in the book introduces the seven sacraments and some of the famous saints.

-Ruth Pingsterhaus and Gabby Kramer

Grades 3 and 4:

The 3rd and 4th grade have started learning the New Testament Books of the Bible and they already know them!! Also, almost all of them have already served for their 1st time and have done great.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 1

- Mexican Fish Fry at 4:30 – 7:30 pm in the Damiansville Gym

MARCH 3

- Preparing Cosgrove's Casseroles at 11 am in St. Bernard's Parish Center

MARCH 6

- Ash Wednesday Mass
 - 7:45 am Mass at St. Damian
 - 7:00 pm Mass at St. Bernard
 - 7:00 pm Hispanic Service at St. Damian



- Lent Begins



The new weekend server list will be out shortly and I will give copies to the students who are on it. **Please have them at church at least 10 minutes early when then are scheduled.**

FYI – I will be looking for volunteer servers for The Way of the Cross on Thursday evenings: March 14th, 28th and April 11th.

The New Year is off to a great start!

-Sharon Kalmer

Grades 5 and 6:

This past month we have learned more about the parts of the Mass. We played 'Parts Of The Mass Bingo' several times. The class was also split into three groups and each group got to create their own Mass by choosing the intention, songs, readings, petitions and homily. It was a lot of fun to see the kids create "their Mass".

This coming month we will be concentrating on the Lenten season and how they can get more out of the season than they ever have before!

-Kathleen Hodges

Grades 7 and 8:

This month, the 7th and 8th grade class has been focusing on the "Decisions" series, watching the videos presented by Matthew Kelly, and discussing how they relate to us in our own lives.

We also watched the movie, "The Gospel of John". This movie chronicles the life of Christ during his public ministry, through his agony, crucifixion, dying, and rising from death to save us. It is based on the gospel of John.

-Jackie Toennies

FATHER ANTHONY'S GUIDANCE

Honesty is the best policy

By telling a dressed up lie,
you can confuse the mind
by telling the truth,
you touch the soul
You can make people fool once or twice
Risking people not to trust you for life
if you are honest,
people will believe you even when their minds can't grasp
when you lie, your trustability severely collapses
Having a lot of people trust you, is a great ecstasy,
Honesty is the best policy.

- Deekshant Gupta

-Fr. Anthony Onyango

UPCOMING EVENTS CONT'D

MARCH 13

- First Eucharist Preparation parent/student meeting at 6 pm at St. Bernard Church.

MARCH 30

- First Eucharist Mini-Retreat – 9 am – 12 pm at St. Bernard Parish Center

MAY 4

- First Eucharist – 4 pm Mass at St. Damian Church

THE DEACON'S CORNER

Ash Wednesday

In the ninth century the church started to use ashes as a public demonstration of repentance for sins. It was only in 1091, however, that their use was ritualized. Pope Urban II decreed the use of ashes to mark the beginning of a 40-day season of Lent, a time when Christians imitate Christ's 40-day period of fasting. We do this by repentance, prayer and almsgiving.

This period is said to have prepared Christ for his three-year ministry that would culminate in his arrest, crucifixion and resurrection.

Today most Christian denominations, including Catholics, Baptists, Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians and others allow for the imposition of ashes during an Ash Wednesday service. The ashes are obtained by burning the palms blessed in the previous year at the Palm Sunday service. Christians bearing the sign of the cross on their forehead on Ash Wednesday will be sharing a formal practice that dates back over a thousand years in a tradition that goes back much earlier.

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:

- March – St. Damian
- April – St. Bernard
- May – 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

THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

The Hispanic community is helping to prepare for the **Mexican fish Fry on March 1st at St. Damian Gym**. The families from El Arado in Breese are preparing the rice, beans and chips. Several women of the community are preparing tamales of different styles. So if you have never eaten a tamale, try one at the Fish Fry.

We will also be continuing our Bible study on the Mondays of Lent. Lent is a good time to take further steps in our journey with Jesus. Several students from our community are preparing for Confirmation at St. Bernard (Ana, Arleth, Herbert and Marco) and at St. Dominic (Alex and Pricila).

La comunidad Hispana esta ayudando a preparar para **"El Frito de Pescado Mexicano" que se llevara a cabo el 1ro de Marzo en el gimnasio de S. Damian**. Las familias de El Arado de Breese están preparando el arroz, los frijoles y los chips. Hay señoras de la comunidad que están preparando tamales de distintas clases. Si nunca probaste un tamal, es una buena oportunidad.

También vamos a seguir con el estudio bíblico cada lunes a las 6:30. Cuaresma nos da el tiempo de tomar unos pasos mas en nuestro seguimiento de Jesus.

Varios estudiantes de la comunidad están preparando para Confirmacion en S. Bernard (Ana, Arleth, Herbert y Marco) y en S. Dominic (Alex y Pricila).

-Sister Ellen Orf

COLLECTION/CHARITY OPPORTUNITIES

CAPS COLLECTION

The Bench is here!!



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 for acceptable items.

COSGROVE'S CASSEROLES

TO: ALL Families in Albers & Damiansville

RE: COSGROVE'S CASSEROLES – 03 March 2019

Families of Albers, Damiansville, St. Bernard's and St. Damian's are being asked to help feed the poor and hungry at Cosgrove's Kitchen, a soup kitchen in East St. Louis (www.svdpsouthil.org/cosgrove-kitchen.html).



WHEN/WHERE:

Preparing casseroles — Sunday, March 3 @ 11 am

- Due to new regulations all casseroles must be made in a commercial kitchen.
- We will assemble casseroles in St. Bernard's Parish Center in Albers after the 10 am Mass.
- All ages are invited to help!
- Please bring can openers.
- Donuts, coffee and ski after we are finished!

If your family is unable to create casseroles on March 3rd, please help donating \$10 or more for ingredients and supplies.

- Donations may be placed in the collection baskets.
- Please label envelopes "Cosgrove's Casseroles".
- Checks may be made payable to either St. Bernard Catholic Church OR St. Damian Catholic Church.

Please contact Dana Lake (973-7862) Angie Winkeler (789-1699)
Janel Zurliene (402-2869) Linda Majchrzak (334-8783) with questions.
Thank you for helping!

Matthew 25: 35-40 -

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me." "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? 'When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.' "

FAITH FORMATION WEEKDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

St. Damian's Ministry Schedule March 2019

Gym Door Openers

Monday	Kathleen
Tuesday	Ruth
Wednesday	Sharon
Thursday	Jackie
Friday	Mary

Date	Voc Prayer	Servers	Reader	Petitions	Gifts	Choir	Doors
Wed - Mar 6 ASH WED	Brant Horstmann	Chase Jansen Trent Korte Evelyn Ribbing	Aidan Toennies	Lauren Lynch	Reid Innes Reid Toennies	7/8th	5
Mon - Mar 11	Gracie Dieters	3rd - Ryan Oros Simon Toennies Reece Dieters	Genesis Contreras	Evelyn Ribbing	Reid Koch Avelyn Jansen	1/5th	5
Wed - Mar 13	Lyla Koch	3rd - Olivia Wilken George Herzing Reid Koch	MaKenna Budde	CeCe Toennies	Trent Korte Kenslie Engle	7/8th	5
Mon - Mar 18	Olivia Wilken	Natalie Lynch Kaylee Netemeyer Julia Korte	Kevin Athmer	George Herzing	Lauren Lynch Dylann Netemeyer	2/6th	5
Wed - Mar 20	Randy Oros	Aliya Henss Saul Contreras Kennedy Toennies	Henry Toennies	Ethan Korte	Evelyn Ribbing Haylee Yarber	7/8th	5
Mon - Mar 25	Ryan Oros	Gracie Dieters MaKenna Budde Genesis Contreras	Julia Korte	Kennedy Toennies	CeCe Toennies Collins Horstmann	3/4th	5
Wed - Mar 27	Hunter Toennies	Brant Horstmann Ethan Korte George Herzing	Ethan Toennies	Aliya Henss	George Herzing Nolan Hemker	7/8th	5