

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

St. Damian's Parish Faith Formation

The most important thing in my life is the welfare of my soul.
-Dr. Robert H. Schuller

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Grade 2:

We worked hard the past few weeks memorizing the 10 Commandments!

We are following along in our "Blessed" books and the DVD with Hemingway the hamster teaching us about how to live our lives to be the Best Version of Ourselves.

Just a reminder that our Family Fun Night for Reconciliation is **Tuesday November 5th at 6:00 PM**. This is a **mandatory** event for the children to make their First Reconciliation on December 1st.

-Denise & Savanna Luitjohan

Grade 3:

The class is learning the Apostles Creed and we will be learning about some of the saints. The class will also begin saying the convocation prayer in church.

Grade 4:

The 4th grade in their "Pope" hats.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 5

- Family Fun Night for Reconciliation at 6:00 pm in the St. Damian gym for Albers and Damiansville 2nd graders



NOVEMBER 11

- No School – Veteran's Day



DECEMBER 1

- First Reconciliation at 1:00 pm at St. Damian for both Albers and Damiansville 2nd graders

Grades 7 and 8:

The 7th and 8th grade will sponsor a bake sale sometime in November with the date still to be determined. The proceeds of the sale will go to the people in the horn of Africa who are suffering from a famine.

-Jackie Toennies

FATHER ANTHONY'S GUIDANCE

The Power of Today

"The future starts today, not tomorrow."

If there's anything World Youth Day can remind us, it's that we, as youth, have the power to change the world. But that doesn't start once we graduate, once we get a job, or once we're old and wise. It starts now.

Christ is speaking to us in a unique way. We have zeal and energy that can be offered up to Him here and now.

As 1 Timothy 4:12 reminds us, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

The world needs who we are, not who we are going to be.

St. Pope John Paul II

-Fr. Anthony Onyango

THE DEACON'S CORNER

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day is the annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. Americans generally believe that their Thanksgiving is modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people. (David J. Silverman)

Many people believe that this is a secular Holiday. Even the Bishop has remarked on this being secular. The start of this Holiday (holy day) was a puritan practice of gathering as a community to thank God for the harvest or for the deliverance of some sort of calamity such as a War, a drought, etc. Many people do not even acknowledge God on that day but that does not stop it from being a Holy Day when we gather as a family to thank God.

This is the time for all of us to share the good things that God has blessed us with. Whether it be food or clothing, time or talent. We should be aware, as children of God, we are to help our neighbor year around, but on this harvest season, the plenty that we have, should be shared with the less fortunate.

Thank you to those of you that have started the acts of charity that shows who we are.

Some inspiring quotes on charity:

"WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET,
BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE."

Winston Churchill

"BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD."

Mahatma Gandhi

"HE WHO WISHED TO SECURE THE GOOD OF OTHERS,
HAS ALREADY SECURED HIS OWN."

Confucius

"WHERE THERE IS CHARITY AND WISDOM,
THERE IS NEITHER FEAR NOR IGNORANCE."

St. Francis of Assisi

"EVERY GOOD ACT IS CHARITY. A MAN'S TRUE WEALTH HEREAFTER IS THE GOOD THAT HE DOES IN THIS WORLD
TO HIS FELLOWS."

Moliere

"CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME, BUT SHOULD NOT END THERE"

Proverb

"CHARITY SEES THE NEED, NOT THE CAUSE"

German Proverb

"MAY YOUR CHARITY INCREASE AS MUCH AS YOUR WEALTH"

Proverb

"HE WHO OPENS A SCHOOL DOOR, CLOSES A PRISON."

Victor Hugo

"GOOD ACTIONS GIVE STRENGTH TO OURSELVES AND INSPIRE GOOD ACTIONS IN OTHERS."

Plato

"WE CANNOT DO GREAT THINGS ON THIS EARTH,
ONLY SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE."

Mother Teresa

"EVERY MAN MUST DECIDE WHETHER HE WILL WALK IN THE LIGHT OF CREATIVE ALTRUISM OR IN THE DARKNESS OF
DESTRUCTIVE SELFISHNESS."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

"THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF
IS TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS."

Mahatma Gandhi

"YOU MAY NEVER KNOW WHAT RESULTS COME OF YOUR ACTION,
BUT IF YOU DO NOTHING THERE WILL BE NO RESULT"

Mahatma Gandhi

"PRAY FOR THE DEAD. AND FIGHT LIKE HELL FOR THE LIVING!"

Mother Jones

"NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.
INDEED, IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS."

Margaret Mead

"AS ONE PERSON I CANNOT CHANGE THE WORLD,
BUT I CAN CHANGE THE WORLD OF ONE PERSON."

Paul Shane Spear

"SERVICE TO OTHERS IS THE RENT YOU PAY FOR YOUR ROOM HERE ON EARTH."

Muhammad Ali

WHEN IT COMES TO CHARITY; MANY PEOPLE STOP AT NOTHING.....

Anon

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

ADORATION WITH BENEDICTION – **CHANGE IN SCHEDULE**

Beginning October 1st, a Weekly Holy Hour with Benediction is held at St. Bernard and St. Damian parishes. Adoration starts at 7:00 p.m. and concludes with Benediction at 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm @ St. Bernard (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)
Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm @ St. Damian (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)

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, with the help of many friends, is preparing for the big Rummage Sale on October 26-27.

Sunday Nov. 3 we will remember our family members who have passed on.

La comunidad hispana con la ayuda de muchos amigos está preparando para el gran Gran venta de Ramaj el 26-27 de octubre en el gimnasio.

Domingo 3 de noviembre recordaremos nuestros familiares difuntos con veladoras que llevan sus nombres.

-Sister Ellen Orf

FAITH FORMATION WEEKDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

St. Damian's Weekday Ministry Schedule 2019

Date	Voc Prayer	Servers	Reader	Petitions	Gifts	Choir
Fri-Nov1	Lyla Koch	Chase Jansen Reid Innes Kevin Athmer	Mary Innes	Kennedy Toennies	Dwight Mora Aidan Toennies	7/8th
Mon-Nov 4	Lincoln Arentsen	MaKenna Budde Reece Dieters Genesis Contreras	Aidan Toennies	Hunter Toennies	Betzabeth Contreras Arleth Rojas	2nd/3rd/4th
Wed-Nov 6	Henry Ribbing	Kennedy Toennies Olivia Wilken Natalie Lynch	Arleth Rojas	Zachary Huegen	Kennedy Lazare Simon Toennies	7/8th
Mon-Nov 11	NO SCHOOL					
Wed-Nov 13	Reid Wuebbels	Zachary Huegen Hunter Toennies Brant Horstmann	Simon Toennies	Ethan Korte	Daisy Rojas Kevin Athmer	7/8th
Mon-Nov 18	Lincoln Arentsen	Evelyn Ribbing Reid Koch Gracie Dieters	Trent Korte	Aliya Henss	Brylee Weber Reece Dieters	1st/5th/6th
Wed-Nov 20	Henry Ribbing	Aidan Toennies Randy Oros Ryan Oros	Lauren Lynch	Natalie Lynch	Kennedy Toennies Miranda Richter	7/8th
Mon-Nov 25	Reid Wuebbels	Trent Korte Chase Jansen Nolan Goebel	Evelyn Ribbing	Hunter Toennies	Ethan Korte Jacob Oros	2nd/3rd/4th

ST. DAMIAN WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Communion Ministers	Readers	Ushers	Servers	Organist
Saturday, Nov. 2 nd 4:00 pm	Chris Brandmeyer Mech Toennies	Darlene Toennies	Ed Kramer Sandy Kramer	Aidan Toennies Kennedy Toennies	Geri Varel
Sunday, Nov. 3 rd 8:30 am	Deb Santel Julie Langenhorst	Denise Luitjohan	Brad Richter Kristy Richter	Aliya Henss Lauren Lynch Natalie Lynch	Geri Varel
<u>COLLECTION COUNTERS:</u>					
Sunday, Nov. 3 rd – Kristy Richter, Mel Toennies, Kathleen Hodges					