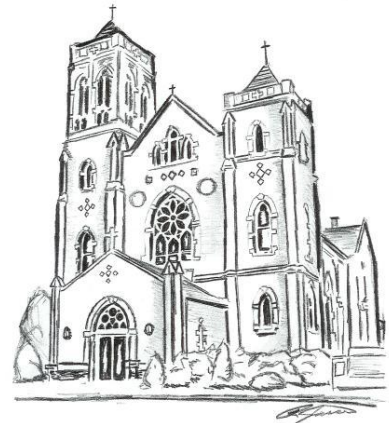




*Sixth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
February 12, 2012*



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Hours: *Monday* (8 am to 5 pm) @ St. Bernard; *Wednesday* (8 am to 5 pm) @ St. Damian;
Thursday (after 1 pm) @ St. Bernard; *Friday* (OFF) on Feb. 17

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	13 Feb.	D-Ville	7:45 am	+ Ella Mae Voss
Tuesday	14 Feb.	Albers	7:45 am	Liturgy of Word w/Communion
Wednesday	15 Feb.	D-Ville	9 – 12 noon	EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
		Albers	1-3 pm	EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday	16 Feb.	Albers	7:45 am	+ Mary Eilering
Friday	17 Feb.	D-Ville	NO am Mass Scheduled	
SATURDAY	18 Feb.	Albers	4:15-4:45 pm	RECONCILIATION
		Albers	5:00 pm	+ For All Parishioners
SUNDAY	19 Feb.	D-Ville	8:30 am	+ Cliff Kolb
				+ Francis Luitjohan
				+ John & Dean Luitjohan
		Albers	10:00 am	+ Andy Lager
				+ Marie & Louis Rolves
				+ Mike Falbe
		D-Ville	12 Noon	Mass in Spanish

*Seventh Sunday
In Ordinary Time*

LITURGY FOCUS: As we listen to the book of Leviticus and its strict rules segregating people with leprosy from the rest of the community, we who are blessed with the wonders of modern medicine must remember that Leviticus was trying to protect the whole community from a contagious disease. But precisely because Leviticus is so reasonable for those times, Jesus dares to break its boundaries and challenges us to reflect on our own exclusion of others – and our own need of Jesus' healing touch.



FANNING THE FLAME (of faith)

FTF is a spiritual renewal program used in 2012, in connection with the 125th anniversary of the Diocese of Belleville. For more information go to the website: www.ftfdiobelle.org or google *Fanning the Flame Belleville*

Topic of reflection for this week:

"I Believe in God"

We begin the Christian Creed by professing our belief in God, the "Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. It is the starting point for the whole symphony of Christian belief....."

- The mystery of the Holy Trinity of God is the central mystery of Christian faith and of Christian life (CCC 261)
- God is a holy mystery; not a "mystery" to be solved as a riddle or puzzle, but a divine truth that invites us to communion, friendship, and unconditional love.
- To profess belief in God, as a Christian, is to entrust oneself to God's love and providence, by which God guides all creatures with wisdom and love.

Questions to ponder:

1. What does *faith in God* mean to you personally?
2. How is your life shaped by your Christian belief that "*God is love*?" (1 John 4:8)?

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY:

"Basketball Schedule" for **Sunday, Feb. 19** Coed Team: 2:45 pm & All Boys Team: 3:30 pm both @ Carlylr

"Soup Supper" will be held on **Sunday, Feb. 19** from 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center. \$5 for Adults, \$2.50 for children 10 and under! A sign-up sheet for Soup Chefs is located in the gathering areas at both parishes. We are also asking for donations of cookies, breads, and fruit to round out the meal. *Thanks for your support!*



GENERAL CONCERNS:

CLUSTER MEETING – Cluster parish representatives and parish leaders will meet on **Sunday, Feb. 12 at 1:00 pm @ St. George Hodapp Hall in New Baden** to discuss pastoral planning and restructuring.

CATHOLICISM DVD Series—Daytime sessions will be on **Tuesdays, Feb. 14, 21 & 28 from 2:00 until 3:15 pm at St. Damian parish house**. Topic for Feb. 14 is *The Revelation of God Become Man*; February 21 is *The Teachings of Jesus*; February 28 is *Mary, the Mother of God*. Call Sr. Joan to register, 248-5134.

PRAYER BLANKET MAKING – **Monday, Feb. 20 at 6:30 pm @ St. Damian parish house**. Bring a yard of fleece (any color) and a scissors. Directions for making them will be given. This would make a good Confirmation service project, too!!

ALBERS AMERICAN LEGION – Applications are available for the *Albers American Legion Scholarship* at the Legion Home or by contacting Bud Jansen (Scholarship Chairman) at 248 -5359. Applicant must be a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter whose father, mother, grandfather, grandmother or legal guardian (living or deceased) is or was a member of Post 1026 Legion or Auxiliary. Applications must be returned to the Legion Home or the Chairman **no later than March 31**.

**"I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you will fill me with the joy of salvation."**

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, February 12th

St. Bernard Preschool Sunday School

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary

Cluster Meeting

1:00 pm @ St. George Hodapp Hall

Confirmandi & Sponsors Gathering

2:00-4:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym

Catholic Youth Ministry Basketball

2:45 pm & 3:30 pm @ Mater Dei

Tuesday, February 14th

Catholicism DVD

2:00 pm @ St. Damian Mtg. Room

St. Damian Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Mtg. Room

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, February 15th

Eucharistic Adoration:

9 am – 12 noon @ St. Damian;

1-3 pm @ St. Bernard

Thursday, February 16th

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Friday, February 17th

NO School

St. Damian Holy Name Meeting

7:00 pm @ Damiansville Village Hall

Saturday, February 18th

Wedding – Cole Horstmann & Andrea Zurliene

2:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Sunday, February 19th

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

St. Bernard Preschool Sunday School

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary

Catholic Youth Ministry Basketball

2:45 pm & 3:30 pm @ Carlyle

Catholic Youth Ministry Soup Supper

3:30-6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Parish Center

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 5, 2012

Envelopes: \$1,594.00 + Loose: \$20.50

+ Mass in Spanish: \$115.00 = \$1,729.50

Budget for week \$2,230.80

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$72,686.27

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$71,385.60

Over (under) year-to-date budget \$1,300.67

Fiscal year (7/11-6/12) budget \$116,000.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

CONFIRMANDI & SPONSORS GATHER!!!

All confirmation candidates and their sponsors will gather on **Sunday afternoon, Feb. 12** from 2:00 until 4:00 to in the gymnasium to reflect and have fun on matters related to the sacrament of Confirmation. Any parishioners wishing to contribute a plate of cookies or brownies, please contact Sr. Joan or Jackie Toennies.

Thanks!!

CHOIR NEWS

❖ *Adult Choir* will begin practicing for Holy Week and Easter on **Tuesday evenings beginning Tuesday, Feb. 14** at 7:00 pm in church. New members are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

❖ *Youth Choir* will begin practicing for Holy Week on **Sundays beginning Feb 19** at 9:30am (after the 8:30 mass). All girls and boys in grades 4-12 and young adults are invited to come and sing. The more the merrier....bring a friend!! If you have any questions, contact Jackie Toennies at 248-5588 or Geri Varel at 248-5223.

ST. DAMIAN QUILT COMMITTEE

➤ *Quilt Donation List* for the St. Damian Annual Parish picnic is in the back of church.

➤ *Bi-Monthly & Wurstmarkt Quilt Raffle Tickets* should be turned in. Please turn your tickets in by:
❶ placing them in the collection basket at church or
❷ give to Jill Thomas or Angie Jansen.

ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 19th, 2012 @ 8:30 am

Eucharist Ministers — Pete Toennies, Darlene

Billhartz, *Florence Santel*

Reader — Jackie Toennies

Ushers — Dan Billhartz, Steve Kalmer

Servers — Ben & Jennifer Heimann, Calvin Kalmer

Organist — Jan Hitch

Collection Counters — Jan Hitch, Pete Toennies, Steve Kalmer

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 4/5, 2012

Envelopes: \$2,906.00 + Loose: \$82.00 = \$2,988.00

Budget for week \$2,967.30

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$84,592.00

Fiscal year-to-date budget \$94,953.60

Over (under) year-to-date budget **(\$10,361.60)**

Fiscal year (7/11-6/12) budget \$154,300.00

Thanks for your faithful and generous support!

WELCOME SUNDAY— Please come and enjoy meeting new parishioners on **Sunday, Feb. 12** at 10:00 Mass. A smile, and/ or a simple greeting goes a long way to making someone feel welcome. A little food helps, too, so refreshments will be served.

PARISH BREAKFAST AND BASKET RAFFLE
The annual parish *Breakfast* will be held on **Sunday, Feb. 26** which includes a *Basket Raffle* with many different theme baskets. Parish households, please create a basket or donate items, using themes such as *Gardening, Relaxation, Picnic, Children, BBQ, Car Care, etc.* **Bring baskets or items to parish meeting room or parish library by Feb. 24.** *Many thanks!!*

Central & Eastern Europe Collection:

On **Wednesday, Feb. 22** the collection for the church in Central & Eastern Europe will be taken. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide food, shelter, medical care, catechesis, and companionship for the lonely in a region still struggling in the aftermath of atheistic Soviet rule. Envelopes are provided in your envelope packet. *Please give as generously as possible.*

ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 18th, 2012 @ 5:00 pm
Eucharist Ministers — Steve Schomaker, Erlene Strubhart, Melissa Netemeyer
Reader — Joshua Wieter
Ushers — Jim & Mary Norrenberns
Servers — Reese Bradford, Jessica Eilers, Joe Obernuefemann

Sunday, February 19th, 2012 @ 10:00 am
Eucharist Ministers — *Roman Kloeckner*, Lee Love, Ray Gill, Lynn Athmer
Reader — Bryan Kennedy
Ushers — Sean & Michelle Kennedy, Dan & Rita Poettker
Servers — Alexandra & Katelyn Kennedy, Ryan Gill
Collection Counters – Lynn Athmer, Sean Kennedy, Dan Tonnies

PARISHES NEEDY FUND COLLECTION:
This Weekend, Feb. 11/12

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:

Albers American Legion – *Pork Sausage Breakfast* on **Sunday, Feb. 12** from 8:00 to 11:30 am with pancakes, ham, eggs, fried potatoes and biscuits-n-gravy. *All proceeds to benefit youth programs.*

Friends of the Cougars will be hosting their *Fish Fry* starting on **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22** & every Friday evening through Lent. Dine-In and carry outs are available **from 4:15 – 7:00 pm** at the **Albers Elementary School Cafeteria**. *All proceeds benefit the Albers/Damiansville sports programs.*

Damiansville Elementary PTO – *Mardi Gras Bash for Cash* is set for **Saturday, Feb. 25** beginning at 5 pm at the **Albers American Legion**, and will include all-you-care-to-eat hot wings, sweet 'n sour wings, draft beer and soda!!! The evening will include silent and oral auctions, games, DJ and much more!! Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$25 at the door and are available at the school office, Fuehne's Tavern, Kassen Excavating, or by contacting Susan Lynch, Phyllis Kassen or Angie Jansen. Please come out and support the school and enjoy what's sure to be a fun-filled evening!!!

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the PTO's Bash for Cash, please contact Lori Toennies at 618-975-2628 or loritoennies@hotmail.com Donations of all sizes are appreciated!! You can make your own basket, donate an item to be included in a basket, or donate homemade goods and services. The only limit is your imagination!! The parents, teachers/faculty, and students of Damiansville Elementary greatly appreciate your generosity!!!

Damiansville Elementary School – *Bus Drivers Needed* – We are looking for bus drivers to help at school. The routes are before school, after school, and for field trips. One person does not have to be responsible for all of the routes. We understand that being tied down every morning and afternoon may not be desirable. We are more than willing to have several drivers split the duties on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. Drivers are required to have a CDL and we will provide training before the test.

Clin-Clair Fire Department: *Sincere thanks* to all who attended our *dinner and hypnotist show*. It was a great success and a fun time was had by all! Save January 26, 2013 for the next Fire Department dinner and show.

Parishioners of Clinton County – Just a reminder that funding for the *Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)* is still available to those who have not yet applied. If you are in need of Energy Assistance please call the Clinton County BCMW for an appointment. Please call 618-526-7123 to check if your income is eligible for the program.