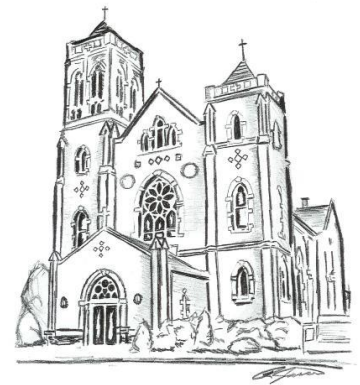
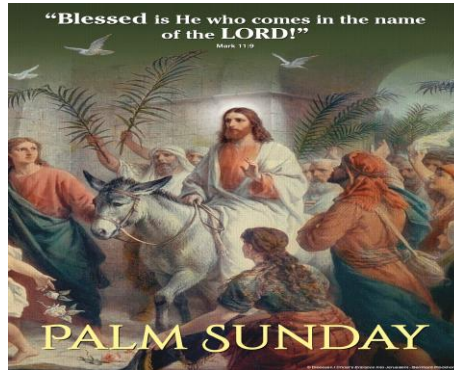




**PALM SUNDAY OF
THE PASSION OF OUR LORD
MARCH 24th, 2024**



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MARCH 25th

Prayer Service
7:45 AM @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, MARCH 26th

Prayer Service
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th

7:45 AM @ St. Damian
For All Parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 28th -Holy Thursday

Mass in Church
7:00 PM @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, MARCH 29th -Good Friday
Service in Church-The Passion of our Lord

2:00 PM @ St. Bernard
Stations of the Cross
6:00 PM @ St. Damian

SATURDAY, MARCH 30th -Holy Saturday

Mass in Church
8:00 PM @ St. Bernard
For All Cancer Patients

SUNDAY, MARCH 31st -Easter Sunday
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Damian
For All Parishioners
Hispanic Mass in Church
11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Isaiah 50:4–7; Philippians 2:6–11; Mark 14:1—15:47

The Palm Sunday liturgy always focuses on the Passion, but we begin with a short reading from Isaiah, who prophesied of a person who suffered terribly for faithfully speaking God’s word. Sound familiar? Indeed, Saint Paul testifies that Jesus “humbled himself . . . to the point of death.” Let today’s scripture passages remind us of the physical and emotional suffering that our Lord endured in order to truly proclaim God’s word.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, March 24th-Palm Sunday

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

St. Damian Holy Name Wurstmart

10:30-5:30 pm at St. Damian Gym

Monday, March 25th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, March 26th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

6:30-7:30 pm @ St. Damian

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:30 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, March 27th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, March 28th – Holy Thursday

Mass in Church

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Friday, March 29th – Good Friday

Service in Church

2:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Stations of the Cross

6:00 pm @ St. Damian

Saturday, March 30th - Holy Saturday

Mass in Church

8:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, March 31st – Easter Sunday

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

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Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Easter Egg Hunt for all Children

after Hispanic Mass

MY GOD, MY GOD

WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – 7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Good Friday – 2:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Stations of the Cross – 6:00 pm @ St. Damian

Holy Saturday – 8:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Easter Sunday – 9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Easter Sunday – 9:30 am @ St. Damian

Easter Sunday – 11:00 @ St. Damian Hispanic

FIRST COMMUNION DATES 2024.

St. Damian-Sunday, April 21st at 9:00 am

St. Bernard-Saturday, April 27th at 4:00 pm

ST. BERNARD & ST. DAMIAN LENTEN

FOOD DRIVE! The shelves are almost empty at the Daystar Community Program in Cairo and we need your help. Please join us and the Diocese of Belleville by donating. **Donations are being accepted through Wednesday, March 27** at Albers Village Hall, American Legion, and at both churches. All non-perishable food items accepted. No glass no expired food. Checks will also be accepted. The March Needy Collection will also benefit this food drive. Please make checks payable to St. Bernard & St. Damian Needy Fund.

EASTER EGG HUNT AT ST. DAMIAN.

The Hispanic Community will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt on St. Damian Parish grounds on Easter Sunday after the 11:00 am Mass. **ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EGG HUNT.**

WE WELCOME TO GOD’S FAMILY through the savings waters of Baptism, Hadley Renee Graul, daughter of Martin & Renee (Jansen) Graul, who was baptized at St. Bernards on March 23.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 16th

Loose: \$132.00+ Envelopes: (19) \$985.00
+ Mass in Spanish:\$621.00 + ACH FOR 16th: \$550.00
+ Easter Env: (3) \$520.00 \$2,808.00
Budget for week: \$3,121.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$126,812.88
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$118,598.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$8,214.88
Fiscal year (7/23-6/24) budget: \$162,300.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$71,350.00** transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – March 31st - Sunday

Ministers: Kevin Toennies, Ruth Jansen, Deb Santel
Ushers: Bill Jansen Sr, Gary Tonnies
Servers: Brant & Paislyn Horstmann, Gracie Deiters
Lector: Mary Innes
Cantor: Choir
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counter: Dave Kassen, Anita Rakers
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. DAMIAN HOLY NAME WURSTMARKT is TODAY, Sunday, March 24th from 10:30-5:30. You can make a donation by getting a check to one of the Holy Name officers. Kevin Toennies, our treasurer, has set up a Venmo account. Simply make a donation to the Kevin Toennies – St Damian’s account. This account can only be used for donations and not for meals. Also, work list have been emailed and are available on the website. **WE ARE ASKING EACH FAMILY TO BRING A PIE OR OTHER DESSERTS.** Please bring pies/ desserts to the gym the morning of the Wurstmarkt. **Please no refrigerated items.**

ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS ARE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience and thanks for supporting St. Damian Church.

CHURCH DIRECTORY HELP NEEDED. St. Damian parish is looking to arrange a church directory. The parish is looking for volunteers to help with the organizing and planning of the directory. If you are interested in helping with any role, please contact Emily Schirmer (618) 978-5806 or Beth Brandmeyer (618) 973-8476. All help is greatly appreciated

THANK YOU!!! To all the St. Damian Parishioners who came and helped cleaned the church for it’s spring cleaning. **THANK YOU!!** We appreciate your time and energy to keep our church looking beautiful.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 17th

Loose: \$88.00 +Envelopes: (35) \$1,595.00
+ ACH for 16th: \$2,610.00 \$4,293.00
Budget for week: \$3,502.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$128,047.03
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$133,076.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$5,028.97)**
Fiscal year (7/22-6/23) budget: \$182,100.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$35,300.00** transferred from: Men’s Club & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Thank you for your faithful and generous support

MINISTRY SCHEDULE-

Holy Thursday-7:00 pm

Sign Up Sheets are in the back of church.

Volunteers needed for all ministries.

Good Friday-2:00 pm

Sign Up Sheets are in the back of church.

Volunteers needed for all ministries

Holy Saturday-8:00 pm

Sign Up Sheets are in the back of church.

Volunteers needed for all ministries

Easter Sunday-9:30 am

Ministers: Kati Schwierjohn, Jackie Farrar, Lynn Athmer

Reader: Sean Kennedy

Ushers: John & Linda Majchrzak

Servers: Kellan & Jaxson Hubert,

Kennedy Porterfield

Coll. Counters: James Williams, Tina Wuebbels,

Janel Zurliene

Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. BERNARD’S CHOIR PRACTICE! We will have practices every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME SING!**

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL

9768 would like to congratulate our two newest members, Travis Jung & Jeff Heimann. We thank them for coming forward to join our organization to support the Knights of Columbus and St. Bernard & St. Damian Parishes.

The Knights of Columbus meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Albers Jaycee Building. If you have any questions or would like to join, please come to a meeting or contact any member.

TODAY!!!! ST. DAMIAN ANNUAL HOLY NAME WURSTMARKT, Sunday, March 24, at St. Damian's Gym. Dine in or Carryout. 10:30-5:30 in the St. Damian Gym. 50/50 Raffle. Pork Sausage, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Green beans & Dessert.

ALBERS/DAMIANSVILLE FRIENDS OF THE COUGARS FISH FRY Good Friday from 4:30-7:00 at Albers Legion. Fish Choices are Cod Chunks, Catfish Filets and Jumbo Shrimp. Chicken Strips also available. Sides include baked potatoes, fries, hush puppies, slaw, macaroni salad, applesauce and dessert. Large & small plates and individual items available for dine in or carryout.

ALBERS LEGION EASTER EGG HUNT, Saturday, March 30, at 1:00 pm. Bring personal care items to be donated to VA hospital, Wound Warriors, and local people in need.

CLINTON COUNTY CHAPTER 269 VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA ARE HAVING A BREAKFAST on Sunday, April 7, from 8:00-11:30 at Germantown American Legion. All you can eat sausage, pancakes, egg, fried potatoes, biscuits & gravy. Wheelchair accessible dine in and carry outs available. All proceeds to the Food Pantry and Veterans in Need.

Anniversary Mass for St. Anne Cradle of Hope, April 11, 2024, SIU-Carbondale Newman Center. Mass 11:00 am, reception and tour follows. All are invited!!

Mater Dei Mothers & Friends Dinner Auction: April 13

Gather your family and friends and enjoy an evening of fine food and fellowship on April 13 at It's a Glitz & Glam Knight, the Mater Dei Mothers & Friends dinner auction! Detailed information, including the invitation and reservation form, are available on Mater Dei's website: www.materdeiknights.org/mothers-and-friends-dinner-auction

Holy Trinity Parish is sponsoring a marriage enrichment evening on April 13, 2024 at Holy Trinity Parish in Fairview Heights, IL. Fr. Jim Deiters will present the program, and we'll have dinner and babysitting. It will be a great program, so please plan to attend!

Spring Training for Your Marriage, Marriage Enrichment Date Night. April 13, 2024. Sponsored by the Belleville Diocese. Mass, Dinner, and Program at Holy Trinity Parish, Fairview Heights. Mass at 4:00, Dinner at 5:30. Babysitting Provided on Site. Cost: \$50 per couple. Contact Molly King at mking@diobelle.org

Illinois March for Life, Springfield, IL. April 17, 2024. Mass at 10:00 (Sangamon University), Rally at 12:00, March at 1:00 (Capitol Building). Bus available from Holy Trinity Parish, Fairview Heights, departs at 7:45 am Use this link to register for Mass, the March, the bus, and to purchase T-Shirts. [Respect Life \(diobelle.org\)](http://RespectLife(diobelle.org))

VILLAGE OF ALBERS & DAMIANSVILLE SPRING YARD SALES, Saturday, May 11, from 7-2.

MATER DEI SCHOLARSHIPS: Below are several scholarships to assist 8th grade students wishing to attend Mater Dei High School. If you are interested and did not receive a scholarship form, please contact Deacon Glenn or go on the www.stbernardandstdamian.org website as all forms are available on that Website.

- ⇒ ***Ralph & Delores Netemeyer Scholarship*** is a \$500 scholarship to a St. Bernard 8th grader. The student must type an essay describing their goals for the future and how their Catholic faith will help them on their journey to reach these goals. In the essay, they are also to explain how Albers School has prepared them to accomplish these goals. **Due by May 2nd.**
- ⇒ ***Rademacher-Foppe Scholarship*** will apply \$300 tuition assistance to any St. Bernard 8th grade student wishing to attend MD for the freshmen year only. The student must submit a 100-word essay on why they wish to attend MD, include a listing of parish, school, and community activities in which they participate and have their principal or current teacher complete a recommendation. **Due by May 2nd.**
- ⇒ ***Knights of Columbus Scholarship*** is a \$500 scholarship in tuition assistance to one student from Albers & one from Damiansville. The student must submit a typewritten essay based on the subject, "My Catholic Faith". In the essay, they must describe how their faith has influenced different areas of their life up till now and how it will help with the challenges in the future. Include information about participation in parish activities, community volunteerism and how attending a catholic high school will help achieve your goals in the future. **Due by May 2nd.**
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CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS): Find the latest information at <http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org/catholic-youth-ministry.html>