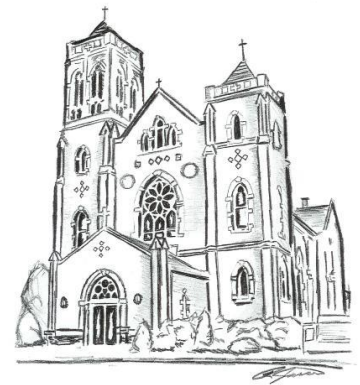




**EASTER SUNDAY  
THE RESURRECTION  
MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**  
***NO SCHOOL/NO PRAYER SERVICE***

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
*Prayer Service*  
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
7:45 AM @ St. Damian  
Fr. James Dougherty

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard  
For All Parishioners

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>**  
***NO MASS/NO SERVICE***

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
4:00 PM @ St. Bernard  
60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary-Bob & Judy Heimann  
Leo & Glenn Litteken & Len Shields  
Herman, Hulda & Hermina Kollmann  
Dorothy Behrmann

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
9:30 AM @ St. Damian  
Vince & Florence Arentsen  
Pat, Randy & Mark Toennies  
*Hispanic Mass in Church*  
11:00 AM @ St. Damian

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

**Acts 10:34a, 37–43; 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8; John 20:1–9**

Through the gift of God's word, we get to hear how the Resurrection event gradually came to be understood by the early disciples. In the first two readings, Peter and Paul speak of how our life has completely changed because Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We may receive forgiveness of sins in his name. We now seek what is above, our destiny. We have become a fresh batch of dough in the hands of the Lord. But upon first seeing the empty tomb, neither Mary Magdalene, Peter, nor John understands what happened. However, even then, a glimmer of faith was kindled.

**HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:**

**Sunday, March 31st – Easter Sunday**

***Mass in Church***

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

***Mass in Church***

9:30 am @ St. Damian

***Hispanic Mass in Church***

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

***Easter Egg Hunt for all Children  
after Hispanic Mass***

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

***NO MASS/NO SERVICE***

**Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

***Prayer Service***

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

***St. Bernard Parish Council Meeting***

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory

***Eucharistic Adoration***

7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Bernard

**Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

7:45 am @ St. Damian

***St. Bernard Choir Practice***

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

**Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

***NO MASS/NO SERVICE***

**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

9:30 am @ St. Damian

***Hispanic Mass in Church***

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

***Baptism of Ledger Penn & Zander Cross***

12:30 pm @ St. Damian w/ Deacon Glenn

***HAPPY EASTER!***

**THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE;  
LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD!**

**FIRST COMMUNION DATES 2024.**

St. Damian-Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am

St. Bernard-Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm

**ST. BERNARD & ST. DAMIAN LENTEN  
FOOD DRIVE WAS A SUCCESS!**

A big THANK YOU to all who donated food, money and other items for the Daystar Program in Cairo. A much-needed shelf-filler for their program and all those in need. A special thank you to Pete & Jackie Toennies who took the time to take all the donations down to Cairo. We appreciate everyone's support.

**TODAY IS THE 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, Ledger Michael, the son of Michael & Maria (Cross) Penn and Zander Michael Cross, the son of Courtney Rickhoff, who will be baptized at St. Damian's on Sunday, April 7.

***A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE  
INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING &  
PREPARATIONS FOR THE EASTER  
TRIDUUM!*** Thanks to the choirs, organists, sacristans, decorators, all the volunteers who read, eucharistic ministered, ushered, and served. Also, thanks to Father Matthew Elie, Fr. Jim Allen, Deacon Glenn and Deacon Kevin...we thank you for your commitment to our parishes. Without everyone's help and involvement in the Parishes, we would not have our beautiful Masses. So again, **THANK YOU!!**

## ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Loose: \$103.00+ Envelopes: (27) \$2,140.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,184.00  
+ Easter Env: (1) \$200.00                      \$3,627.00  
Budget for week:                                      \$3,121.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:                      \$130,439.88  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:                          \$121,719.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:                      \$8,720.88  
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 – April 7<sup>th</sup>

Ministers: Florence Jansen, Julie Langenhorst, Simon Toennies

Ushers: Brent Goebel, Gary Kalmer

Servers: Charlotte & Evelyn Cleeton, Nolan Hemker

Lector: Lori Jansen

Cantor: Lauren Cleeton

Organist: Jan Hitch

Collection Counter: Kathleen Hodges, Gwen Toennies

Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### 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.

### 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.

### ST. DAMIAN HOLY NAME WURSTMARKT

was a success. A big thank you to all those who came out to support St. Damian's by purchasing meals. Also, thank you to all the parishioners who worked the dinner or helped in any way and to those who donated baked items or made cash donations! We are truly blessed with an amazing parish family.

## ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: March 24<sup>th</sup>

Loose: \$104.00 + Envelopes: (35) \$1,669.00  
+ Easter Env: \$775.00                                      \$2,548.00  
Budget for week:    \$3,502.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:                          \$130,595.03  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:                              \$136,578.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:                      **(\$5,982.97)**  
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 – April 6<sup>th</sup>

Ministers: Kathy Engelmann, Melissa Netemeyer, Deb Schomaker

Reader: Janel Zurliene

Ushers: Ed Broeckling, Ryan Wuebbels

Servers: Quinten & Kailey Engelmann,

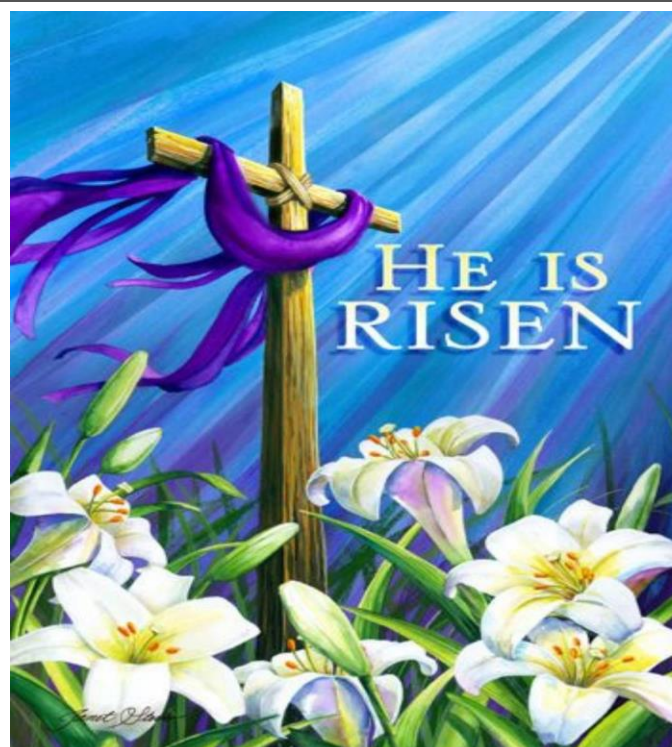
Adrienne Rakers

Coll. Counters: Keith Richter, Sean Kennedy,

Tim Schroeder

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!**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024** will be held June 10-14 at St. Damian's. Vacation Bible School is in the planning stages and all help is appreciated. Please contact Denise Luitjohan at [denise\\_luitjohan@yahoo.com](mailto:denise_luitjohan@yahoo.com) with questions. Registration is under way, there are forms in the back of both Parishes and will also be available on the parish website.

**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](http://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](mailto: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 & DAMIANVILLE SPRING YARD SALES**, Saturday, May 11, from 7-2.

**MATER DEI SCHOLARSHIPS:** Below are several scholarships to assist 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org) website as all forms are available on that Website.

- ⇒ ***Ralph & Delores Netemeyer Scholarship*** is a \$500 scholarship to a St. Bernard 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.**
- ⇒ ***Rademacher-Foppe Scholarship*** will apply \$300 tuition assistance to any St. Bernard 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.**
- ⇒ ***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 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Bishop Michael McGovern and the Diocese of Belleville invite you to **Emmaus Days**. Come encounter Jesus, the Bread of Life, as the Diocese of Belleville celebrates the Eucharistic Revival. **Sunday, July 7** – National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, **Monday, July 8** – Cathedral of St. Peter

**CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS):** Find the latest information at <http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org/catholic-youth-ministry.html>