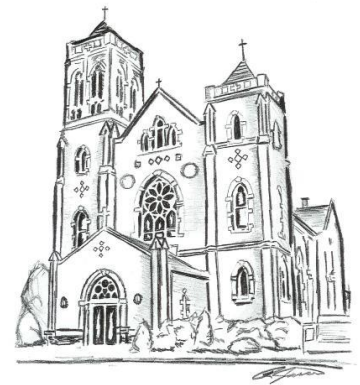




**THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER
APRIL 14th, 2024**



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, APRIL 15th

Prayer Service

7:45 AM @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, APRIL 16th

Prayer Service

7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th

7:45 AM @ St. Damian w/ Refreshments at Rectory

Steve Mueth

THURSDAY, APRIL 18th

Mass in Church

7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, APRIL 19th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th

Wedding Mass St. Bernard's Church

1:30 PM @ St. Bernard

Thomas Antonacci & Oceana Templin

Mass in Church

4:00 PM @ St. Bernard

Virgil Heimann

SUNDAY, APRIL 21st

Mass in Church

9:00 AM @ St. Damian (Note time of Mass is 9:00)

For the St. Damian First Communicants

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19; 1 John 2:1–5a; Luke 24:35–48

“We are witnesses,” Peter says to the crowds, referring to the Risen Lord. We heard him preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins. We know he died for us on the cross. We have seen him glorified by our God. We give witness by keeping his commandments. Luke narrates one of the Risen Lord’s appearances to the disciples, in which he calls them witnesses to his resurrection. Assured of his continuing presence, we too are able to sing, “Lord, let your face shine on us.”

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, April 14th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Meyer Pingsterhaus Baptism

@ St. Damian w/ Deacon Kevin

Monday, April 15th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, April 16th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

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

St. Damian Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

St. Damian Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Rectory Meeting Room

Wednesday, April 17th

Mass in Church w/ Refreshments to Follow

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, April 18th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, April 19th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Saturday, April 20th

Wedding Mass-Templin/Antonacci

1:30 pm @ St. Bernard

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, April 21st

Mass in Church – First Communion Mass

9:00 am @ St. Damian (**Note TIME change**)

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

LORD, LET YOUR FACE SHINE ON US!

FIRST COMMUNION DATES 2024.

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

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

ONLINE DONATIONS AND GIVING

- On line giving is available for both St. Damian and St. Bernard Parishes.
- Donations can be made on the 2nd or 16th of the month or both if you choose.
- Donations can be split between accounts such as Sister Parish and General Account at St. Bernard’s and Building Fund, Sister Parish or General Account at St. Damian’s.
- You can still receive envelopes for special collections if you choose to.
- Please contact Angie if you have any questions or go on the parish website to find the form for ACH (Online Giving)

CHURCH DIRECTORY HELP NEEDED.

St. Damian and St. Bernard Parishes are 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.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER. “Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (Spe salvi 31).”USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life” (citing Pope Benedict XVI, Spe salvi © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 7th

Loose: \$142.00+ Envelopes: (17) \$975.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$ 373.00
+ Easter Env: (10) \$795.00
+ ACH for April 2nd: \$1,310.00 \$3,595.00
Budget for week: \$3,121.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$139,336.75
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$127,961.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$11,375.75
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 21st

Ministers: First Communicants Family
Ushers: First Communicants Family
Servers: First Communicants Family
Lector: Denise Luitjohan
Cantor: Adult Choir
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counter: Mech Toennies, Kathy Gonsalves
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

In preparation for First Communion, the St. Damian Adult Choir will hold practices on Tuesday, April 9 and Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 pm in church. Any members of the Adult Choir, Youth Choir, or community are welcome to attend to make the First Communion celebration special for our children. If you have any questions, please call Chris Brandmeyer 618-792-2676.

PICNIC MEETING! There will be a picnic meeting Wednesday, April 24th, at 6:30 pm in the rectory meeting room. Please join us in discussing new ideas or strategies. All are welcome. We would like all picnic stand chairs to be there. We also need a woman to complete our committee. The parish picnic is so vital to our financial well-being and success as a community so PLEASE consider taking on this role if you are at all able. If you have any ideas or questions, please contact Phyllis Kassen (618) 806-7495, Kay Toennies (618) 973-2498, Barb Wobbe (618) 578-0176, Al Toennies (618) 973-2235, Roger Toennies (618) 792-5364, Kevin Kalmer (618) 210-0393, or Bender Wobbe (618) 334-2470

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 6th

Loose: \$309.00 +Envelopes: (26) \$1,115.00
+ Easter Env: (4) \$295.00
+ ACH for April 2nd: \$2,445.00 \$4,164.00
Budget for week: \$3,502.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$141,587.03
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$143,582.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$1,994.97)**
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 20th

Ministers: Kathy Engelmann, Melissa Netemeyer, Coryn Toennies
Reader: Kathy Friederich
Ushers: Brian & Janel Zurliene
Servers: Kara Markus, Cameron Warnecke, Gavin Wellen
Coll. Counters: Tina Wuebbels, Tim Schroeder, Dana Lake
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

Get your WINNING Albers Hootenanny Raffle Ticket TODAY! Stop by Village of Albers or Venmo @Brenda-Morris-67 for your tix!
1st Prize - \$1,000 / 2nd Prize - \$500 / 3rd Prize - \$250. \$500 Attendance Drawing
PLUS \$100 Monthly Drawing April - August
SAVE THE DATE: See you at our Albers Hootenanny at Lehrter/JC Park
Sunday, September 01, 2024!
Sponsored by Albers Commercial Club

NOTES FROM THE BISHOP. The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Serve the Lord with gladness! Psalm 100. "Each year the faithful of our Belleville Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. By making a gift you are helping build up the Body of Christ in our various ministries and providing help for the poor and vulnerable." - Bishop Michael McGovern. Please consider a gift to the appeal today!

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

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 with questions. Registration is under way, there are forms in the back of both Parishes and will also be available on the parish website.

ALBERS LEGION CHICKEN DINNER: Sunday, April 21st, 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Fried chicken, mash potatoes &/or gravy, green beans, slaw, and dessert. Adults \$14, Kids (5-12) \$6, under 5 Free. Bingo Players will receive \$2 off their meal. Adult Carry outs Available.

The North Central Vicariate Council of Catholic Women (NCVCCW) and the ladies of St. Mary of Immaculate Conception Parish in Mt. Vernon welcome all ladies to the **NCV CCW Spring Meeting & Day of Spiritual Reflection**. This event will be on Wednesday April 24 from 8:00 – 2:30 PM in St. Mary's Parish Center. The day includes presentations on How to Live Your Best Life as a Catholic Woman, How to Enhance Your Home Prayer Life, Mass and parish sharing. Cost is \$15 includes lunch. Plan to join your sisters in Christ for a joyful, inspiring and spiritual day. The registration form is available from your parish office. Looking forward to seeing you.

All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the **Spring Farm Blessing**, which will be held on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. at Braeutigam Orchards located at 2795 Turkey Hill Lane, Belleville, IL. **From the West:** One heads East on Rt 15 for approximately 3.3 miles (past Green Mount Road intersection) keeping in left lane. Once reaching Tractor Supply (on the right), turn LEFT onto Turkey Hill Lane – frontage road to Maple Hill Subdivision. Keep straight on Turkey Hill Lane for 0.6 miles and veer right to enter the Orchard. **From the North:** One heads South on N. Green Mount Road until you reach the intersection of Rt 15. Turn left onto Rt 15, heading East, keeping in left lane. Once reaching Tractor Supply (on the right), turn LEFT onto Turkey Hill Lane – frontage road to Maple Hill Subdivision. Keep straight on Turkey Hill Lane for 0.6 miles and veer right to enter the Orchard. "Farm Blessing" signs will guide you, too. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit, vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. *You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!*

Getting ready for parish picnics? St. Anthony, Beckemeyer is having a quilt sale. Please call Rosemary at 618-444-1942, Florence at 618-526-4466, or Betsy at 618-978-2058 for quilt availability & pricing.

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 \(diobelle.org\)](https://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.**
- ⇒ **Scholarships to Mater Dei Catholic High School are available through St. Bernard and St. Damian Parishes.** Those administered through the Church are on the Website and there are still those administered directly from Mater Dei such as: **Randy Toennies Memorial** and **Bob Innes Memorial** from St. Damian and **Jansen Memorial** from St. Bernard. Please contact Mater Dei High School directly at (618) 526-7216 to apply for these scholarships.

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