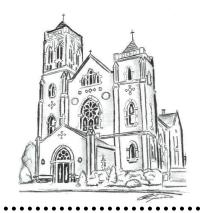


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 21st, 2024



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St. Bernard and St. Damian

MASS SCHEDULE: MONDAY, APRIL 22nd

Prayer Service 7:45 AM @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd

Prayer Service 7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th

7:45 AM @ St. Damian For All Parishioners

THURSDAY, APRIL 25th

Mass in Church 7:45 AM @ St. Bernard For the Catholic Extension Donors

> FRIDAY, APRIL 26th NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 27th

Mass in Church-St. Bernard First Communion 4:00 PM @ St. Bernard For the St. Bernard First Communicants

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th

Mass in Church 9:30 AM @ St. Damian Edward & Marie Eilering Kevin Gagen For All who Suffer from ALS

Hispanic Mass in Church 11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Acts 4: 8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10: 11-18

On Good Shepherd Sunday, we begin by hearing Peter insist that whatever good he has done is actually the saving work of Jesus Christ. It is by his death and resurrection that we can be healed, that we can be saved. Once rejected, Jesus has become the cornerstone. John asserts that we are all God's children. Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd, who will even lay down his life for his sheep. Let us listen to God's word, grateful that the cornerstone of our faith is our Good Shepherd.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

Monday, April 22nd

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, April 23rd

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Wednesday, April 24th

7:45 am @ St. Damian

St. Damian Picnic Meeting

6:30 pm @ St. Damian Rectory Meeting Room

Thursday, April 25th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, April 26th

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THE STONE REJECTED BY THE BUILDERS HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE!

FIRST COMMUNION DATES 2024.

St. Damian-Sunday, April 21st at **9:00 am** St. Bernard-Saturday, April 27th at 4:00 pm

Congratulations to our 1st Communicants who will receive Jesus, the Bread of Life, for the first time on Sunday, April 21st from St. Damian: Jase Albers, Kyle Banker, Delaney Fox, Abrielle Horstmann, Crew Horstmann, Emily Jansen, Masyn Penn, Marcus Richter, Peyton Scheibel, Lincoln Skelton & Hannah Yarber.

Thank you to *Denise Luitjohan* for guiding them in their religion classes, and all parents and godparents for being their very first teachers of the faith; *Chris Brandmeyer & the Choir* for providing the music.

Congratulations to our 1st Communicants who will receive Jesus, the Bread of Life, for the first time on Saturday, April 27th from St. Bernard: Avery Athmer, Alivia Barth, Max Gauch, Scarlett Norrenberns, Kyler Pingsterhaus, Rebecca Ruble, Lyla Schroeder, Blake Schulte, Andrew Strubhart, Aften Thuenemann, Bennett Winterbottom & Caleb Wuebbels.

Thank you to *Robbin Netemeyer* for guiding them in their religion classes, and all parents and godparents for being their very first teachers of the faith; *Joni Kloeckner & the Choir* for providing the music.

CHURCH DIRECTORY HELP NEEDED. St. Damian & 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. "Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Every Suicide is Tragic" usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 14th

Loose: \$111.00+ Envelopes: (30) \$1,735.00

+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,233.00

+ ACH for April 16th: (8) \$550.00 \$3,629.00 Budget for week: \$3,121.00 Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$142,965.75 Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$131,082.00

Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$11,883.75 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 28th

Ministers: Chris Brandmeyer, Diana Jansen,

Pete Toennies

Ushers: Bud Jansen, Ron Horstmann

Servers: Randy & Ryan Oros, Reid Toennies

Lector: Simon Toennies Cantor: Rosann Horstmann

Organist: Jan Hitch

Collection Counter: Kristy Richter, Sandy Kramer Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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 13th

Loose: \$59.00 +Envelopes: (31) \$1,545.00

+ACH for April 16th: (23) \$2,610.00 \$4,214.00 Budget for week: \$3,502.00 Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$145,801.03 Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$147,084.00 Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$1,282.97) 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 27th

First Communion Mass

Minister: Steve Schomaker, Ken & Liz Nussbaumer

Reader: Robbin Netemeyer Ushers: Nick & Kathy Friederich Servers: Alex, Emree & Asher Athmer

Coll. Counters: Sean Kennedy, Phyllis Albers, Janel

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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

CONGRATULATIONS TO Mr. & Mrs. Thomas

& Oceana (Templin) Antonacci who were united in Marriage at St. Bernard's Church on Saturday, April 20. May the God Lord Bless them with many years together.

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

<u>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024</u> 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 <u>denise luitjohan@yahoo.com</u> with questions. Registration is under way, there are forms in the back of both Parishes and will also be available on the parish website.

TODAY! 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.

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!*

<u>Getting ready for parish picnics?</u> 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.

<u>ALSO...</u>Need a quilt for the church picnic? The Auxiliary at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese has full-size and baby quilts in a variety of colors available for purchase. For details, contact Volunteer Services at (618) 526-5351 or christine.gebke@hshs.org.

<u>OUR SHARED JOURNEY OF LOSS AND GRIEVING</u>: How Does Our Faith Inform, Influence and Inspire Us? May 3-5, 2024, to be held at the Shrine. Friday check-in at 4:00 pm at the Shrine Guesthouse- Sunday Noon. Retreat lead by Gary Behrmann. Call Gina or Amanda at 618-397-0584 for more information.

<u>Metro-east Community Chorale Spring Concert</u>, Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 3pm. St Paul United Church of Christ 115 W. B Street, Belleville, IL. Free Admission

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 2**nd.
- ⇒ 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.