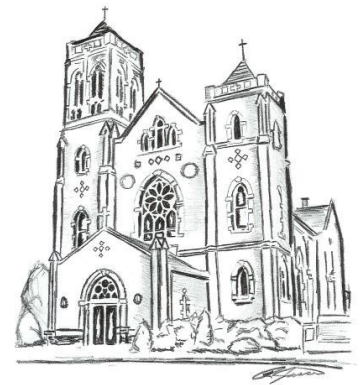




**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Prayer Service*  
7:45 AM @ St. Damian

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
*Prayer Service*  
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>**  
7:45 AM @ St. Damian  
For All Parishioners

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard  
For the Catholic Extension Donors

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church-St. Bernard First Communion*  
4:00 PM @ St. Bernard  
For the St. Bernard First Communicants

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>**  
*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 21<sup>st</sup>**

*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 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Prayer Service*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Prayer Service*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

*Eucharistic Adoration*

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

**Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 am @ St. Damian

*St. Damian Picnic Meeting*

6:30 pm @ St. Damian Rectory Meeting Room

**Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

*NO MASS/NO SERVICE*

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church-St. Bernard First Communion*

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

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**THE STONE REJECTED BY THE BUILDERS  
HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE!**

### 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

**Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants** who will receive *Jesus, the Bread of Life*, for the first time on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants** who will receive *Jesus, the Bread of Life*, for the first time on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic)



**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.

**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!*

**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.

**ALSO...** 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](mailto:christine.gebke@hshs.org).

**OUR SHARED JOURNEY OF LOSS AND GRIEVING:** 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.

**Metro-east Community Chorale Spring Concert**, 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 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>.**
- ⇒ **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.
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**CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS):** Find the latest information at <http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org/catholic-youth-ministry.html>