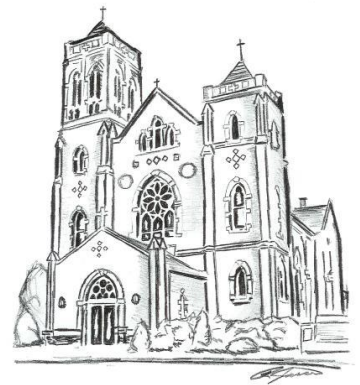
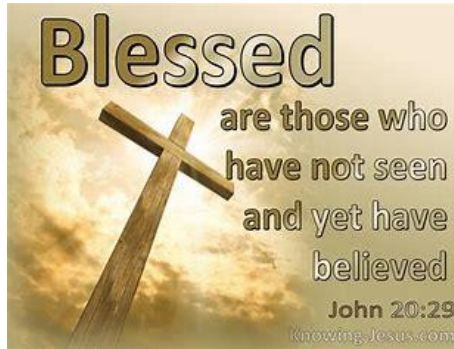




**SECOND SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>**  
*Prayer Service*  
7:45 AM @ St. Damian

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>**  
*Prayer Service*  
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>**  
7:45 AM @ St. Damian  
For All Parishioners

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard  
Intentions of the Catholic Extension Donors

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
4:00 PM @ St. Bernard  
Vince & Leona Eilering  
Edwin & Eileen Bietelspacher

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
9:30 AM @ St. Damian  
Frank & Minnie Heimann  
Bob Innes  
Margaret Kniepmann  
Bill & Cecilia Jansen  
Tracy Haukapp  
*Hispanic Mass in Church*  
11:00 AM @ St. Damian

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

**Acts 4: 32-35; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 20: 19-31**

The glory of the Resurrection permeates God's word on this joyous day that continues our Easter celebration. No longer are the disciples confused and adrift, as they were when first seeing the empty tomb. In the first reading, we hear that the entire community of believers bears witness to the Resurrection by what they do and how they live. They treat each other with mercy and love, as Jesus did when he appeared to all the disciples, even Thomas, who had doubted. Let us join in praise, for God's mercy endures forever.

### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**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

**Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

*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

**Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Baptism*

1:00 pm @ St. Damian

*Mass in Church*

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

*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

**GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS LOVE IS EVERLASTING!**

### 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

**WE WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY** through the savings waters of Baptism, *Meyer David Pingsterhaus*, son of Ben & Danielle (Kalmer) Pingsterhaus, who will be baptized at St. Damian's on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

### ONLINE DONATIONS AND GIVING

- On line giving is available for both St. Damian and St. Bernard Parishes.
- Donations can be made on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> 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)

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE

**WINNERS-** Congratulations to our winners.

FEB. \$400 Brian Veilweber

\$60 Cindy Hubert and Mickey Albers

March \$400 JoAnn Netemeyer

\$60 Floyd Wilken and Gary Behrman

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER.** If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. In the Belleville diocese, go here for help: [Project Rachel \(diobelle.org\)](http://Project Rachel (diobelle.org)). If you would like resources for other regions, go here: [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com). USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion" [www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy).

## ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: March 31st

Loose: \$421.00+ Envelopes: (8) \$280.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$500.87  
+ Easter Env: (35) \$4,100.00 \$5,301.87  
Budget for week: \$3,121.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$135,741.75  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$124,840.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$10,901.75  
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 14<sup>th</sup>

Ministers: Denise Luitjohan, Virgil & Marilyn Jansen  
Ushers: Jerry Arentsen, Norm Horstmann  
Servers: Tessa Siverly, Collins & Delaney Horstmann  
Lector: Rosann Horstmann  
Cantor: Jackie Toennies  
Organist: Geri Varel  
Collection Counter: Pete Toennies, Tina Tonnies  
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 Brandmever 618-792-2676.

### 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 appreciated.

**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: March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

Loose: \$179.00 + Envelopes: (10) \$489.00  
+ Easter Env: (70) \$6,160.00 \$6,828.00  
Budget for week: \$3,502.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$137,423.03  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$140,080.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$2,656.97)**  
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 13<sup>th</sup>

Ministers: Steve Schomaker, Ken & Liz Nussbaumer  
Reader: Gregory Kassen  
Ushers: Kent & Kati Schwierjohn  
Servers: Landon, Mason & Chase Schroeder  
Coll. Counters: Phyllis Albers, James Williams,  
Lynn Athmer  
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 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](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.

**Pedaling 4 Parkinson's** will be hosting a fundraiser at Applebee's in Breese on April 10 from 4:00 - 8:00. They will be donating a portion of the gross sales that evening. Come and support a great cause and enjoy dinner with your family.

**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.

**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!!

**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.

**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 \(diobelle.org\)](https://www.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>.**
- ⇒ **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.