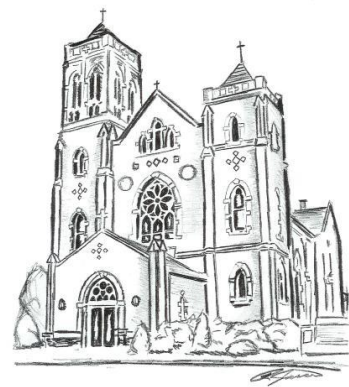
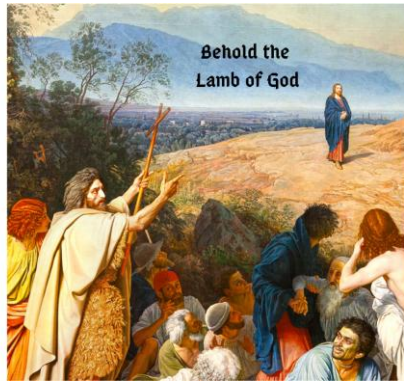




*Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 18, 2026*



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, JANUARY 19th

NO SCHOOL/NO SERVICE-Martin Luther King Jr

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20th

Prayer Service
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21st

Mass in St. Damian Church w/ Refreshments After
7:45 am @ St. Damian
Steve Mueth

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22nd

Mass in School
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
For the People

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23rd

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24th

Mass in Church-St. Damian Ministries
4:00 pm @ St. Damian
Jerome Koerkenmeier
Janice Mank
Albin Toennies

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th

Mass in Church-St. Bernard Ministries
9:30 am @ St. Damian
Herman & Vivian Jansen
Rich Hacker

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3; John 1: 29-34

Today we are reminded to listen for Jesus' call to follow him. Isaiah realized God's call of service, referring to himself as God's servant, commissioned to proclaim God's salvation to the ends of the earth. Paul recognized that God willed him to be an apostle and today we hear him tell the members of the church in Corinth that God calls them to be holy. John the Baptist points to Jesus as the Lamb of God and Son of God, the one to follow instead of him. May we listen for his call so that we may respond, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, January 18th

Mass in Church – St. Bernard Ministries

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, January 19th

NO MASS/NO SCHOOL/NO SERVICE

Tuesday, January 20th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ Albers School

Wednesday, January 21st

Mass In Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm @ St. Damian

Thursday, January 22nd

Mass in School

7:45 am @ Albers School

Friday, January 23rd

NO MASS/SERVICE

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***"HERE AM I, LORD;
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The Edge Middle School Youth Ministry hosted a "Baby Shower for Jesus" at their last gathering. As a service project, we will be collecting new or gently used baby items for a local pregnancy center from now until Epiphany. Please put donations in the designated bin in the back of church. Thank you in advance for your support. Contact Tina Wuebbels, Lacey Arentsen, Kati Schwierjohn, or Kristy Richter with questions.

JOINT PARISH MASS INFORMATION

Renovations have begun. All Weekend, Holy Day and Holiday Masses will be held at St. Damian Church. What we will be doing as far as ministry schedules is if you are scheduled for a Mass in either parish, you will be serving your ministry as shown on the schedule at St. Damian Church. (February & April Saturday Masses will be considered the St. Bernard Mass for the purpose of Ministries...so if you are a St. Bernard parishioner and you are scheduled for a ministry, you will be serving that ministry at St. Damian church during the month of February & April). Weekday Masses for St. Bernard will be held at the school gym with Faith Formation Prayer Service on Tuesday mornings at 7:45 and Mass on Thursday mornings at 7:45.

St. Bernard PSR Students are selling St. Louis Cardinals calendars to support the St. Bernard's Faith Formation program. The calendars are \$20 each, with a portion donated back to St. Bernard's. Please reach out to any Faith Formation student or text Janel Zurliene (402-2869) if you would like a calendar.

REMINDER TO ALL...IF THERE IS NO SCHOOL DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, THERE WILL BE NO MASS OR PRAYER SERVICE THAT DAY!!!

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 10th

Loose: \$140.00+ Envelope (20): \$1,339.00
+ Spanish Mass: \$335.00 \$1,814.00
Budget for week: \$3,536.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$95,385.25
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$95,472.30
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (87.05)
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$183,900.00
(Reminder: The fiscal year budget does not include the \$80,000.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Thank you for your continued support!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – January 24th

Ministers: Diana Jansen, Julie Langenhorst, Ruth Jansen
Ushers: Brad Richter, Roger Toennies
Servers: Peyton Scheibel, Trey Stiebel, Carter Voss
Reader: Rosann Horstmann
Cantors: Lauren Cleeton
Organist: Geri Varel
Coll. Counters: Kristy Richter, Kathy Gonsalves
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

St. Damian Parish is asking for people (men and women) who are willing to donate their time and or equipment to assist with the snow removal at the church to contact Dave Kassen at 618-248-5676. I will start a text group so I can reach out to the individuals when snow removal is necessary.

THE MAINTENANCE POSITION IS FILLED.

The maintenance position has been filled. We ask parishioners to direct all maintenance requests to Angie or Emily Schirmer, please refrain from personally reaching out to the maintenance individual. Going forward, snow removal will not be part of our maintenance position's duties. A group of parishioners have volunteered to cover snow removal. If you would like to help, please reach out to Dave Kassen. With St. Damian hosting both weekend masses this winter, as much help as possible would be appreciated.

St. Damian Rectory also has a hutch and old dining table they are looking to get rid of. If you have any interest, please reach out to Angie.

ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY MEXICAN

FISH FRY will be held on Friday, February 13th. Please mark your calendars for that date and look for more information to be sent out in the near future.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 11th

Loose: \$166.00+Envelopes: (24) \$1,862.00
+ Christmas: (2) \$600.00 \$2,628.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$86,412.19
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$91,395.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$4,982.81)
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$176,000.00
(Reminder: The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$52,929.00 transferred from: Men's Club & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Thank you for your continued support!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – January 25th

Ministers: Kristen Templin, Kati Schwierjohn, Jackie Farrar
Reader: Jamie Jung
Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake
Servers: Oliver Varel, Brody Schulte, Sawyer Winkeler
Coll. Count: Keith Richter, Sean Kennedy, Lynn Athmer
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH RENOVATIONS

ARE WELL UNDER WAY. Thanks to all who have returned their Letters of Intent. It is truly appreciated! Checks are being cashed; and for those who wish to do monthly auto ACH payments, they can now be set up upon request. ACH monthly payments can now be set up and will begin on January 22. ACH forms have been emailed to those who requested monthly automatic debits and are also available under St. Bernard on the parish website. Please return forms as soon as possible to assure we get them set up correctly. For those who wished to send their payment at beginning of construction, please feel free to send your payments marked Church Reno. Donation amounts will remain anonymous. There will be a donation plaque at the end of the project; it will include names only, along with names of those whom their donations were pledged in memory of or in honor of. Please continue to pray for the success of our ongoing Capital Campaign as we begin to transition to the renovation project itself. Thank you!

MANY THANKS TO ALL THAT HAVE DONATED AND PLEDGED FOR THIS PROJECT! WITHOUT ALL OF YOU THIS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE!

St. Bernard Church has an old organ that is likely 100 years old. If a parishioner is interested in the antique, please call Steve at 618-973-8860

Chicken Dinner at Albers Legion, Sunday January 18th, 4:30 to 7. Adults \$15.00, \$7.00 Kids 5-12, under 5 free.

Adults carry outs available. Serving 1/2 fried chicken, mash potatoes & gravy, green beans, slaw, bread & butter and dessert.

LADIES, ARE YOU RESOLVING TO GROW IN FAITH IN 2026? Start the new year with an inspiring 60-minute presentation by Sr. M. Karolyn Kunes, FSGM, on Thursday, January 22 at the Bartelso School Cafeteria. The evening starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartelso Elementary School, 306 S Washington Street and will include a talk by Sr. M. Karolyn on Spiritual Motherhood, guided prayer, and a Q & A session. Sr. M. Karolyn is a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George, based in Alton. This event is sponsored by the St. Cecilia Ladies Sodality, Bartelso IL. Join us and take the next step in your faith journey! Please RSVP to judyglen@outlook.com or text/call 618-920-0239. Reservations are not required but appreciated.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE-PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE. Join us in praying for the legal protection of all human life, from conception to natural end...and for the protection of the most vulnerable. January 16-24,2026.

The Clin Clair Fire Department is hosting their Mouse Races on Jan 31 @ Albers American Legion. Tickets \$40 a person includes chicken, roast pork and sides & cash drawing. Open Bar 5-7, Dinner at 5:30, Mouse Races from 7-9 and Live Wire DJ 5 – Midnight. For tickets call Brian at 410-0428 or Cole 210-6721.

St. Bernard's Soup Social & Golden Ladle Competition. Join us for an afternoon of food, friends, and community! Come out to visit with friends and neighbors, play cards, and enjoy a variety of delicious soups while supporting a great cause. Sample a wide selection of soups and help us determine the champion! We are seeking donations for soup tastings, with proceeds benefiting the St. Bernard's Renovation Fund. **Sunday, February 1, 2026, from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM** at Albers Jaycee Building, 301 Jaycee Drive, Albers, IL. **Who Will Win the GOLDEN LADLE? We are looking for volunteers to donate Bake Sale items or their favorite soup for the competition. Contact Brenda Morris (618-698-3804) or Janel Zurliene (618-402-2869) for info. The GOLDEN LADLE will be awarded at 6:00 PM.** · 50 / 50 Raffle: Try your luck and win big! Venmo Brenda to enter the raffle or buy them on 2/1, 6 for \$5 or 30 for \$20 and VENMO Brenda-Morris-67, Bake Sale: Pick up some delicious homemade treats, Cards & Socializing: Bring your friends for a relaxing afternoon of games. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Your participation helps support the vital renovations needed for St. Bernard's Church. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Carlyle KC Hall/Columbian Club is having a drive thru chicken dinner on February 1, 2026 11:00am-1:30pm Chicken Dinner \$15 per meal, drive thru only. 4 pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and applesauce.

ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY MEXICAN FISH FRY, Friday, February 13 at St. Damian Gym. Mark your calendar and save the date.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER “O Blessed Mother, at the angel’s word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.” Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena *9 Days for Life*, Friday, January 16 – Saturday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

VOCATION CORNER. “When I was 6 years old, I told my mom I could never be a nun – I’d get too hot in a habit, I said, and faint. Thank God he never stops drawing our hearts to himself! The Lord led me to religious life through experiences of serving the poor with my family. My dad, an optometrist, organized annual eye care missions in underserved countries; we accompanied him several times. In middle school, I read a book about Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Her deep spirituality and witness of love and truth struck a chord in me. She became for me a model of a life wholly given to God through service to the poor. When the Lord made my call to religious life clear to me, it was to this life of love and service.” Sister Lilia Rose – Missionaries of Charity, Kolkata (Calcutta), India. Columbian Jul/Aug 2025

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