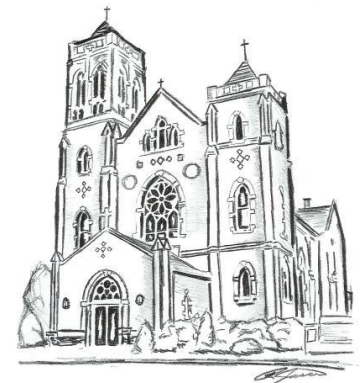
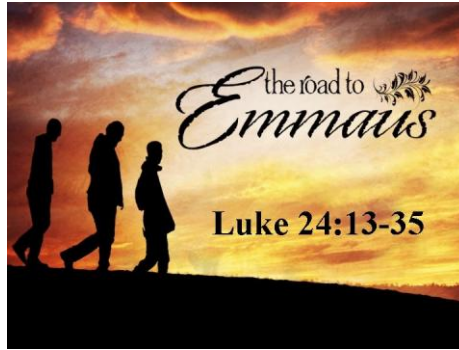




*Third Sunday of Easter
April 19th, 2026*



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, APRIL 20th

Prayer Service
7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, APRIL 21st

Prayer Service
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22nd

Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian
Clarence Goebel
Fr. Steve Poole

THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd

Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
For The People

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th
NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25th

Mass in Church – First Communion
4:00 pm @ St. Bernard
For The First Communicants

SUNDAY, APRIL 26th

Mass in Church
9:30 am @ St. Damian
Art & Pat Fuehne
Edward & Marie Eilering

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 2:14, 22–23; 1 Peter 1:17–21; Luke 24:13–35

As we listen to God's word today, let us imagine the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, who were able to hear God's word directly from the risen Lord. Their hearts burned as he spoke to them of the Hebrew scriptures. May our hearts burn with joy as we realize Christ's presence in the proclamation of God's word

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, April 19th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, April 20th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, April 21st

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Wednesday, April 22nd

Mass In Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, April 23rd

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, April 24th

NO MASS/SERVICE

Saturday, April 25th - First Communion

Mass in Church w/ Blest Art Available

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, April 26th

Mass in Church w/ Blest Art Available

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

*"LORD, YOU WILL SHOW US THE PATH
OF LIFE."*

ST. BERNARD FIRST COMMUNION is

Saturday, April 25th at 4:00 pm.

ST. DAMIAN FIRST COMMUNION is Saturday,

May 2nd 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)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 WILL BE HELD JUNE 8-12 AT ST. DAMIAN. This year will be **Cathletics...Training to be Champions for Christ.** Sign up sheet are available in church. Please consider signing up your child or volunteering to help the week of bible school. Sign up sheets are available in church and online.

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.**
- ⇒ ***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.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 12th:

Loose: \$105.00+ Envelope (19): \$3,050.00
+ Spanish Mass: \$1,158.00
+ Easter Env: (5) \$750.00
+ ACH for 16th: \$550.00 \$5,813.00
Budget for week: \$3,536.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$134,357.77
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$137,904.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$3,546.23)
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!

CSMA- 21 for \$2,971.00 of \$9,412.00 Goal

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – April 26th

Ministers: Sharon Kalmer, Ken Mank, Arlene Korte
Ushers: Norm Horstmann, Gary Tonnies
Servers: Paislyn & Abrielle Horstmann, Jase Albers
Reader: Mary Innes
Cantors: Lindsey Mitchell, Shannon Sanders
Organist: Jan Hitch
Coll. Counters: Pete Toennies, Kristy Richter
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY. There will be an appreciation brunch for all ladies on Sunday, May 3 at 10:30am hosted by the St Damian's Ladies Sodality. This brunch is to recognize all the efforts the ladies have made to help make our events successful. The place will be determined based on the response. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church or RSVP to Jan Hitch at 618.540.9974 by April 20 if you would like to attend. This will help to plan the menu best.

ST. DAMIAN PICNIC COMMITTEE

MEETING will be held on Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30 pm at St. Damian Rectory. Asking all picnic committee and stand chairs to attend if possible. Anyone else with ideas welcome to attend.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 11th

Loose: \$96.00+Envelopes: (30) \$1,370.00
+ Easter Env (7): \$1,210.00
+ ACH for 16th: \$2,925.00 \$5,601.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$134,912.15
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$132,015.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$2,897.15
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!

CSMA-14 for \$1,972.50 of \$10,375.00 Goal

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – April 25th

Ministers: Tina Haas, Steve & Deb Schomaker
Reader: Janel Zurliene
Ushers: Nick & Kathy Friederich
Servers: Owen & Max Gauch, Kinley Toennies
Coll. Count: James Williams, Tina Wuebbels, Dana Lake
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

MASS IS BACK AT ST. BERNARD AND THE CHURCH IS ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL!

Please continue to send your monthly/quarterly/annual payments and for anyone who would like to donate, please submit it in an envelope marked Renovations and drop in drop box or collection.

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 or honor of.

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

Blest Art will be visiting St. Bernard & St. Damian on April 25 & 26th on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. When Blest Art visits your parish, we will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.

All are invited to join Father Godfrey for the Spring Farm Blessing which will be held on Tuesday, April 28th at 1:00 P.M. at the Ryan Peter Family Farm, 7755 Highway 15, Mt. Carmel, IL. We encourage everyone to come to this blessing a bring a nonperishable food item for donation.

CORPUS CHRISTI, SHILOH, IL CHICKEN & PASTA DINNER, Sunday, April 26th from 3-6:30 pm. All you can eat Fried Chicken, Mostaccioli, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Stuffing, Green Beans, Corn, Slaw, Rolls & Desser. \$15/person, 5-10 years-\$10/child, Under 5 free.

St. Anthony's Church Rummage/Bake Sale is April 30, May 1 & 2, 2026, at St. Anthony's Parish Center, 451 West Third Street, Beckmeyer IL. Hours are: Thursday – April 30 - 9am - 8pm (Full Price) Friday – May 1 - 9am - 8pm (1/2 Price), Saturday – May 2 - 9am -12pm (\$4 Bag). Rummage donations are accepted on Monday, April 13 (9am – 5pm) to Saturday, April 25 (9am - 5pm) or until full. NO donations on Sunday, April 19. No Tube TV's, Exercise Equipment, Car Seats, or Encyclopedias will be accepted!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

VOCATION CORNER: Hallelujah! He is Risen! All our souls have been redeemed. What a wonderful legacy! Mary Magdalen's sorrow is soon changed to great joy! She ran to tell the Apostles and again back to the tomb. She saw and believed. This Resurrection story is what we are charged with sharing with others – our Calling as Catholics. This is what we commemorate through each celebration of the Eucharist, which allows us to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. Our daily witness to this fact is our goal - talking with our classmates, taking care of our spouses and children, engaging with our friends and family, with our co-workers – in all we do! This is our vocation - a Call to Holiness.

Mater Dei Class of 2030 Registration Continues. Families who were unable to attend “opening day” of registration for Mater Dei's Class of 2030 are invited to contact Mrs. Maria Zurliene to schedule an appointment (mzurliene@materdeiknights.org or 618-526-7216). While there is no deadline for registration, the application for scholarships is due May 1. Applications for memorial grants are accepted on a continual basis.

VILLAGE OF ALBERS & DAMIANSVILLE SPRING YARD SALES, Saturday, May 9, 7:00 am – 2:00 pm. Details on Village of Albers Facebook Page. Sellers Include address and information on our Facebook page.

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH 6TH ANNUAL QUILT RAFFLE. We will be giving away 20 beautiful hand quilted, queen-sized quilts! Tickets are \$25 each, with only 500 tickets sold. If your name gets drawn as a winner, your name goes back in for the remaining draws. To purchase a ticket, you can either place your check/cash in an envelope and put in the drop box at either parish office, or mail it to: St. Boniface Church, PO Box 280, Germantown, IL 62245. Please include your name and a valid phone number with your ticket purchase. You can also purchase a ticket at Germantown Trust and Savings Bank, either Germantown, Bartelso, or Breese location. The tickets cannot leave the bank since we have a limited number to be sold, so they will need to be purchased and filled out at the bank. The 20 winners will be drawn on Sunday, June 14!

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