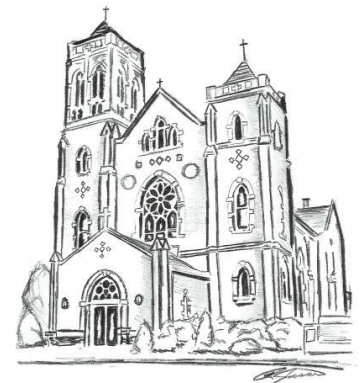




The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
June 7th, 2026



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MASS SCHEDULE:
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. DAMIAN
MONDAY, JUNE 8th
NO SERVICE/NO MASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 9th
NO SERVICE/NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10th
Mass in Church
8:00 am @ St. Damian
For The VBS Students

THURSDAY, JUNE 11th
Mass in Church
8:00 am @ St. Bernard
For the People

FRIDAY, JUNE 12th
NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13th
Mass in Church
4:00 pm @ St. Bernard
Antoinette Engelmann

SUNDAY, JUNE 14th
Mass in Church
9:30 am @ St. Damian
Henry & Leona Fuehne

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Deuteronomy 8:2–3, 14b–16a; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17; John 6:51–58

The food God provides is unique and special. Take the manna God provided in the desert. Twice Moses says in our first reading that this food was unknown to their ancestors. The food that Jesus provides was also unknown to anyone's ancestors and it is even more special, for it is Christ's own Body and Blood. Saint Paul reminds us that we participate in the Body and Blood of Christ when we share the Eucharist, and Jesus tells us that whoever does so remains in him and he in us. As we listen to the word of God, let us listen for the many ways God feeds us.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, June 7th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Baptism of Lane David Wilkins /Deacon Kevin

12:30 pm @ St. Damian Church

Monday, June 8th-VBS

NO SERVICE/NO MASS

Tuesday, June 9th-VBS

NO SERVICE/NO MASS

Wednesday, June 10th-VBS

Mass In Church

8:00 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Picnic Meeting

6:30 pm @ St. Damian Rectory

Thursday, June 11th-VBS

Mass in Church

8:00 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, June 12th-VBS

NO MASS/SERVICE

Saturday, June 13th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, June 14th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

QUILT/CASH DONATIONS BEING COLLECTED AFTER MASS AT THE RECTORY

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

"PRAISE THE LORD, JERUSALEM."

DONATIONS NEEDED:

I am asking for your help and generosity again for my July trip to Zambia. Here is a list of supplies that are needed for our team: kids' chewable Tylenol/Ibuprofen, eye drops, burn cream/gel, Gas X, Tums, Orajel, UTI strips which can be purchased at DG, and sunglasses for adults and kids (many kids there have cataracts because their eyes are not protected from the sun. I really appreciate any and all donations and will be collecting them for at least the next month. Last year, the rest of our team was amazed at how generous you all were. You can either drop donations off at my house or in the back of St Damian/St Bernard churches. Thanks...Jackie Toennies

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

We are on summer schedule for weekday Masses. There are no prayer services in the summer. Weekday Masses will begin at 8:00 am.

FAITH FORMATION 2026-27 REGISTRATION.

Commitment forms have been sent via email. Please be sure to return these via the collection basket or drop box at the rectory. IF you did not receive one, please contact Angie or Deacon Glenn and they will get it to you. They are also available on our parish website. Thanks so much!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 IS THIS WEEK JUNE 8-12 AT ST. DAMIAN. This year will be **Cathletics...Training to be Champions for Christ.** Registration is closed.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: May 30th:

Loose: \$149.00+ Envelope (24): \$1,287.00
+ Spanish Mass: \$840.00 \$2,276.00
Budget for week: \$3,536.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$151,440.77
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$162,656.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$11,215.23)
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- 25 for \$3,721.00 of \$9,412.00 Goal

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – June 14th

Ministers: Sharon Kalmer, Ruth Jansen, Denise Luitjohan
Ushers: Steve Kalmer & Bud Jansen
Servers: Jase Albers, Harper Kalmer, Peyton Scheibel
Reader: Lori Jansen
Cantors: Lauren Cleeton
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Coll. Counters: Kristy Richter, Dave Kassen
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

PICNIC INFORMATION:

PICNIC MEETING will be held Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 pm at St. Damian Rectory.

GYM CLEANING will be Wednesday, June 24, at 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm. Bring buckets and rags please! Cleaning supplies will be provided.

WE WILL BE COLLECTING QUILT & CASH DONATIONS for the picnic on Sunday, June 14, after the 9:30 Mass at St. Damian Rectory.

QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS are available in the back of church. Please pick up and return via collection basket or drop box at the rectory.

Damiansville Electronic recycling at village hall

6/19. 6pm till 730pm and 6/20 9am till 10:30am will also take TVs for \$25.00 cash or big module computers \$25.00 cash. No drop offs please or will receive fine.

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him. Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 10,283 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2026 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: May 31st:

Loose: \$146.00+Envelopes: (33) \$1,700.00
+ Paypal \$96.52 \$1,942.52
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$153,212.44
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$155,800.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$2,587.56)
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-15 for \$2,272.50 of \$10,375.00 Goal

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – June 13th

Ministers: Kathy Engelmann, Steve & Deb Schomaker
Reader: Janel Zurliene
Ushers: Nick & Kathy Friederich
Servers: Dylan, Lydia & Caleb Wuebbels
Coll. Count: Sean Kennedy, Dana Lake, Janel Zurliene
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HAVE SENT THEIR PLEDGE DONATIONS IN SINCE THE RENOVATIONS WERE COMPLETED. IT IS TRULY APPRECIATED AS THI HELPS US TO MAKE OUR MONTHLY LOAN PAYMENT TO THE DIOCESE.

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.

SO MANY THANKS TO ALL THAT HAVE DONATED & PLEDGED FOR THIS PROJECT!

FEAST OF ST. BERNARD RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SENT OUT IN THE NEXT COUPLE WEEKS.

This is our only fundraiser every year and rely on this income to help cover everyday expenses and to meet our budget. Please keep watch for these. The drawing will be held on Saturday, August 22, after the 4:00 pm Mass.

Trivia with Take Action Coalition of Clinton County. When: FREE Family Beach-Themed Trivia w/ Cry Baby Trivia Company Teams of 1-8 People (Pre-Register w/ QR Code) Snacks/Drinks Provided Prizes for Winners June 19th, 2026 Doors Open @ 6:00pm Trivia @ 6:30pm Where: -VFW Post 3523 - 1250 Franklin St, Carlyle, IL. Contact TAC@chestnut.org for More Info.

ALBERS BLAST-OFF PARADE & FIREWORKS! Friday, July 03, 2026 ~ Parade 6:30p.m. / Fireworks 9p.m. Our BLAST-OFF FIREWORKS! is a long-standing tradition in Albers, bringing in many visitors and showing the best of our town! To ensure this great tradition continues, funding for our fireworks show is needed! ALL residents are asked to make a small donation of \$10-\$20 per household. Businesses and organizations are also asked to help support this event! A bigger, better show is being planned for this year's BLAST-OFF PARADE & FIREWORKS! and your help is greatly needed to meet this goal! Your generosity will ensure this fun; family-friendly event continues well into the future. Donations may be mailed to Albers Village Hall, ATTN: Fireworks, 206 West Dwight Street, PO Box 132, Albers, IL 62215-0132, dropped in the box at the Village Hall rear parking lot, or Venmo @Albers-Fireworks. Checks made payable to "Albers Commercial Club".**Stay updated on our BLAST-OFF PARADE & FIREWORKS! at www.albers-il.org and www.facebook.com/villageofalbers.***

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY, JULY 11—ST DAMIAN CHURCH PICNIC!!

Get your 2025 ALBERS HOOTENANNY RAFFLE TICKETS!!! Stop by Village of Albers for your chance to win! 1st Prize - \$1,000, 2nd Prize - \$500, 3rd Prize - \$250. \$500 Attendance Prize. ALL tix entered in our \$100 Monthly Early Bird Drawings April to August! Get your tix TODAY to get entered in ALL the Early Bird Drawings! Donation \$20/Ticket. Venmo Brenda at @Brenda-Morris-67. See you at our 2026 ALBERS HOOTENANNY Sunday, September 6! <https://www.facebook.com/AlbersHootenanny>

Respect Life Corner "Christ's blood reveals to man that his greatness, and therefore his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self. ...It is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life. It is precisely this blood that is the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God's plan life will be victorious." Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. The gift that keeps giving for the rest of your life. Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Perhaps consider a weekend away as a present to your spouse. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry Engholm at 3140649-7317. The following are the upcoming weekends. 6/12-6/14/26 in St. Peters, MO, 7/31-8/2/26 in Cape Girardeau, Mo, 10/9-10/11/26 in Springfield, IL.

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking an Administrative Assistant who is mission-driven. The person in this position is responsible for providing administrative support to ensure efficient operation within the office of their current assignment. This role involves handling a wide range of administrative tasks, from managing schedules to handling communications, and organizing events. The initial assignment for this position will support the Office of Education. Essential qualifications include a minimum of a high school diploma, associate degree preferred, or equivalent experience; at least 3 years' experience in a related role, plus knowledge in Microsoft Office and other computer programs/applications. A practicing Catholic preferred with thorough knowledge and understanding of Catholic teachings, practices, and organizational structure. To apply: Send cover letter and résumé to Catholic Diocese of Belleville at humanresources@diobelle.org or by mail at 222 South Third Street, Belleville, Illinois 62220. Application deadline: June 15, 2026

VOCATION CORNER: Today we celebrate the great gift of the Eucharist. This gift is what truly defines us as Catholics. We rejoice that Jesus gave His Body and Blood for our redemption. This is the remembrance we commemorate during each Liturgy, which is only possible through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, celebrated by a priest. We are challenged to pray for more priests and are challenged to encourage those who may have a calling to Holy Orders. Consider posing the question: "Have you ever considered becoming a priest?"

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