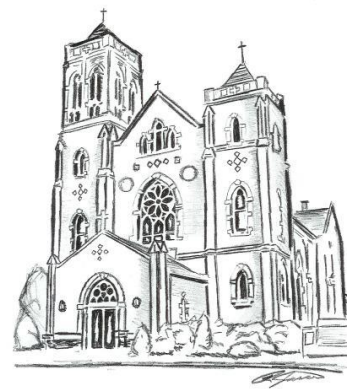
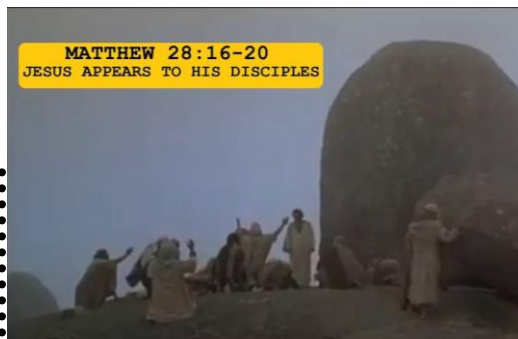


*The Ascension of the Lord*  
May 24, 2020



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

*NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled*

**TUESDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

*NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>**

*Live Streamed Eucharistic Adoration*  
7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Damian

**THURSDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

*NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled*

**FRIDAY, MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

*NO MASS/NO Prayer Service Scheduled*

**SATURDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>**

*Live Streamed Mass*  
4:00 pm @ St. Damian

**SUNDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

*Live Streamed Mass*  
9:30 am @ St. Bernard

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**MASSES & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*will be live streamed at*

[www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers](https://www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers)

*until further notice due to*  
*the coronavirus (COVID-19).*

*All Mass intentions will be*  
*rescheduled once Masses resume.*  
*Thank you for your cooperation and*  
*understanding.*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today's Readings: *Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20*. Today we hear the familiar account of Jesus ascending to heaven while His disciples looked on. In the Gospel, we hear Jesus send His disciples on their mission. In between we hear Saint Paul tell the Ephesians, "*May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened*", praying that they may gain perception in their passion for Jesus Christ. **Whenever we gather and listen to God's word, may the eyes of our hearts be enlightened as well.**

"God mounts His throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord."

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### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

*Live Streamed Mass 9:30 am @ St. Bernard*

Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

*Live Streamed Eucharistic Adoration*

*7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Damian*

Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

*Live Streamed Mass 4:00 pm @ St. Damian*

Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

*Live Streamed Mass 9:30 am @ St. Bernard*

**MASSES & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be live streamed at:** [www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers](http://www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers).

You can also find Masses on the television at EWTN or on St. Bernard & St. Damian website at [www.stbernardandstdamian.org](http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org).



### VOCATION CORNER:

This weekend we gratefully and prayerfully remember all those who sacrificed their lives serving our country. This ultimate giving of oneself is the most selfless act of love we humans perform. That raises the question - are we that giving of our spiritual selves? Today provides an opportunity for us to take a moment to reflect on how well we are fulfilling our vocation in life – ordained, married, consecrated, or single. Perhaps a prayer of recommitment is appropriate as we give thanks for those who have sacrificed so much for us.

### CHURCH REOPENING AMID COVID-19:

As you may have heard, Bishop Braxton, together with Cardinal Cupich and the Bishops of Illinois recently shared their multi-phased plan for reopening churches in the six dioceses of Illinois. Specifically, **Phase I** allows for parishes to open for Baptism, Reconciliation, Weddings and Funerals with a limit of 10 attendees (excluding ministers). The soonest that any parish in the diocese will realistically open for sacramental celebrations is likely the weekend of May 30<sup>th</sup>. **Phase IA** allows for parishes to reopen for private prayer and adoration with a limit of 10 attendees (excluding ministers). **Phase II** allows for reopening for weekday and weekend Masses for larger groups depending on the guidelines from the state and the capacity of the church building. We do not have a timetable for Phase II, but **no** weekday or weekend Masses with a congregation of any size are allowed until we reach this phase.

First and foremost, it is important for everyone to understand that our efforts will prioritize the safety and wellbeing of all while maintaining due respect and reverence for the sacraments and liturgical norms of our faith.

Together we will attend required training to ensure that our parish reopening plan conforms to the guidelines developed by the diocese in collaboration with civil and healthcare authorities. We will also assemble a starter kit of protective and cleaning supplies, as well as guidance on purchasing/maintaining supplies.

We will need volunteers to assist with various aspects of our parish reopening plan. Importantly, leadership team members and volunteers should not be a part of a "vulnerable population" (that is, not over the age of 65; no underlying medical conditions such as diabetes; lung disease; ongoing cancer treatment, etc), if possible. We are asking all who are younger than 65 and healthy with no underlying health conditions to consider assisting with one of three reopening teams: **Set-up Team, Greeting Team, and Cleaning Team**. From those that step forward, we will also request that some act as volunteer captains to help lead each of the three teams.

The guidelines and measures required to reopen are designed to protect our wellbeing and that of our broader community. Our collective patience, willingness to help and the care we take to reopen is a demonstration of our unity and love for one another. More information will be available as we proceed. The entire letter is posted on the front page of the website.

## ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Envelopes: \$1,975.00 + ACH (16<sup>th</sup>): \$635.00 = \$2,610.00  
Budget for week: \$3,038.46  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$123,060.08  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$139,769.16  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 16,709.08)**  
Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$158,000.00  
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$59,675.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, Cemetery & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)  
**Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA):**  
Total: \$5,295.00 (29)      Goal: \$7,455.00 (190)

*Thank you for your faithful and generous support!*

### ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY:

*Tentative Meeting* is planned for **Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00 pm @ **St. Damian Parish Gym** (please note place change). If you have any questions, please contact one of the officers.

**President** – Monica Koch

**Vice-President** – Sandy Kramer

**Treasurer** – Sheri Arentsen

**Secretary** – Andrea Horstmann

### ST. DAMIAN HOLY NAME:

**Thank you** to everyone who made a donation toward the Wurstmart. Your support and generosity are truly appreciated!

### ASCENSION OF THE LORD:

**Doubt No Longer.** On the last mountain encounter with his disciples before his ascending, Jesus uses the “**I AM**” language reserved to God. This Son of God will be with them always. After Christ is lifted up, the angel has to remind them: Stop standing around. Stop looking up. The implication: **Get to work! Make more disciples!**

- How do I know Christ is with me always? What does my experience tell me?
- Because of the strength of his presence, what mercy works will I do?
- What will I do to bring even one more person to Christ?

### CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS):

Find the latest information at  
<http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org/catholic-youth-ministry.html>.



## ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Envelopes: \$1,390.00 + ACH (16<sup>th</sup>): \$2,305.00  
+ Paypal: \$100.00 (\$3.80 Fees) \$96.20 = \$3,791.20  
Budget for week: \$3,134.14  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$135,050.82  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$144,170.44  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$ 9,119.62)**  
Fiscal year (7/19-6/20) budget: \$162,975.00  
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$41,250.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies Sodality, & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)  
**Total Heating System: \$1,910.00**  
**Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA):**  
Total: \$4,110.00 (24)      Goal: \$7,967.00 (241)

*Thank you for your faithful and generous support!*

### SUPPORT:

Although we are unable to attend Mass on weekends, the parishes will continue to be there to support you. **We will also need your support!**

You can support your parish in one of these ways:

- 1) **Mail** in your contributions to: St. Bernard – 202 N. Broadway-PO Box 10 – Albers, IL 62215-0010 or St. Damian – One West Main Street – Damiansville, IL 62215-1313.
- 2) Fill out an **ACH form** located on the website ([www.stbernardandstdamian.org](http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org)) under St. Bernard & St. Damian and scan in or send back to your parish. Use the form for your parish.
- 3) Donate from the website ([www.stbernardandstdamian.org](http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org)) by clicking the “**Donate Now**” button. Instructions on how it works are above the buttons.
- 4) If you **Bank Online**, have a check sent directly to your parish.
- 5) Contributions can also be dropped in the **Envelope Drop Boxes** located by the front door of each rectory. The lock boxes are secure and waterproof.

**Thank you and God bless you for your continued support!**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

#### **April Raffle Drawing Winners:**

\$400 – Dale Huegen  
\$50 each – Dennis Rickoff & Jeff Haas

#### **May Raffle Drawing Winners:**

\$400 – Brent Rickhoff  
\$50 each – Frankie Fuehne & Debbie Jansen



### **FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION:**

**Registration forms** will be emailed and are also available on the website under 'Faith Education', click 'Faith Formation' then under your parish name. Please contact the parish office if you need any assistance.

- **Students already in the Faith Formation program:** parents/guardians & students are asked to read the policy handbook (on the website) and sign the **Commitment Form**. **Parents/guardians and students must sign the form, also be sure to give the grade the student is entering.** Signing the commitment form will ensure that your child/children is/are enrolled in Faith Formation for 2020-2021 (one form per family).
- **New families, or students** please fill out the **New Student Registration Form**, (one form per student).
- **Send** payment along with the registration form. If you have more than one child in the program, you may send one check.
- **Return** the commitment/registration form and payment to the parish office as soon as possible.
- **Questions:** Contact Deacon Glenn by phone at 772-9343 or email [deaconglen36@gmail.com](mailto:deaconglen36@gmail.com).

### **DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:**

- **Catholic Communication Campaign Collection** will be taken **this weekend, May 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>**. Envelopes are provided in your envelope packet. Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio and print media. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message and support the collection today!! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).
- **Seminarian Education Collection** will be taken **this weekend, May 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>**. Envelopes are provided in your envelope packet. The collection supports the education and formation of those men who are discerning a call to ordained priesthood in our Belleville Diocese. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's **Seminarian Education Collection** to support our diocese's future priests. Thank you for your generosity.

### **MATER DEI INFORMATION:**

**Mega Raffle Tickets:** Want a chance to win cash while supporting Mater Dei? Purchase a **Mega Raffle ticket** (\$100) online via the link provided on our home page ([www.materdeiknights.org](http://www.materdeiknights.org)), or by contacting the office (526-7216), a Fathers & Friends member, or a School Board member. A \$10,000 grand prize winner, as well as winners of two - \$2,500 prizes, three - \$1,000 prizes, and twenty \$100 prizes, will be drawn at the **Golf Classic**, which has been rescheduled for **June 27<sup>th</sup>**. As always, thank you for your support!

**Mater Dei Golf Classic** has been rescheduled for **Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**. This event is an opportunity for the Mater Dei community – alumni, parents, friends, administration, faculty, and staff – to enjoy a day of golf and fellowship in support of Mater Dei Catholic High School. The six-person team scramble tournament offers two shotgun starts (7:30 am and 1:00 pm) and three divisions (men, women, couples). The fee (\$100 per golfer) includes green fees (18 holes), cart rental, mulligans, refreshments and food during play, and a dinner and awards presentation in the evening. To join us, please submit the [2020 Golf Classic Registration Form](#), with payment **by June 15<sup>th</sup>**. The registration form is available on our website ([www.materdeiknights.org](http://www.materdeiknights.org)) or by contacting the office (526-7216). Please note that reservations are accepted on a first-come first-served basis. We hope to see you on the golf course!

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

#### **Great Marriages Don't Just Happen, Couples Make Them!**

And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." Invite Jesus into your marriage on an upcoming **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. The next weekends are **August 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>** and **September 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>** at the Courtyard Marriot in St. Peters, MO. To register go to <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php> or call/text 314-649-7317.



### **PROJECT RACHEL:**

There is free and confidential counseling to heal from an abortion. Contact the staff from Project Rachel of the Diocese of Belleville by confidential helpline (618-722-5068) or [projectrachel@diobelle.org](mailto:projectrachel@diobelle.org). For additional information go to: [www.diobelle.org/respectlife/project-rachel](http://www.diobelle.org/respectlife/project-rachel); [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org).