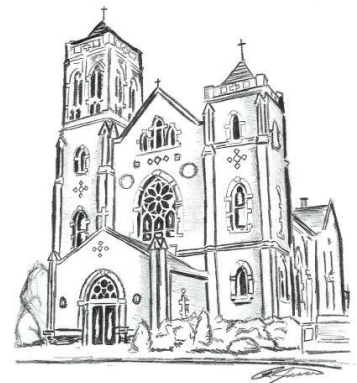




**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER  
OF GOD**  
*January 1, 2023*



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/SERVICE**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/SERVICE**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>**

**7:45 Mass at St. Damian**

Intentions of Catholic Extension Donors

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup>**

**7:45 Mass at St. Bernard**

For All Parishioners

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup>**

**NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

**4:00 PM @ St. Damian**

Aloys & Estella Heimann

Louis Korte

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

**9:30 AM @ St. Bernard**

Ed Jansen

*Hispanic Mass in Church & Live Streamed*

**11:00 AM @ St. Damian**



## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

**Numbers 6: 22-27; Psalm 67; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2:16-21**

As the new year dawns, we realize the blessings that we have been given. God blesses the Chosen People as they invoke God's name. We are blessed as daughters and sons of God, able to call God, "Abba, Father!" Like the shepherds, who heard the message of the angels and went to find the word made flesh, let us listen to the word of God, then go forth praising and glorifying God.

## **HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:**

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> -New Year's Day**

***Mass in Church***

9:30 am @ St. Damian

***Hispanic Mass in Church & Live-Streamed***

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

***NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/NO SERVICE***

**Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

***NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/NO SERVICE***

7:00-8:00 Eucharistic Adoration @ St. Damian

**Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

***NO MASS/NO SERVICE***

**Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

***Hispanic Mass in Church & Live-Streamed***

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

***Catholic Youth Ministry Meeting***

12:30 pm @ St. Damian Rectory Meeting Room

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## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WINNERS:**

November. \$400-Jerome Kalmer, \$60-Trenton KC's & Cid Fuehne.

December. \$400-Albers Park Board, \$60-Devin Rensing & Donna Sherman.

**THANK YOU** to all who braved the weather and helped clean the snow and ice from the Walkways at St. Bernard & St. Damian before our Christmas Masses. May God Bless each and every one of you!

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*As we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, I think of the words St. John wrote in one of his epistles: "we have come to know and believe in the love God has for us." My sincere prayer for the people of our diocese is that as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, each of us comes to know and believe more deeply in the love God has for us. May this Christmas be filled with a spirit of kindness and compassion and may you, your families and loved ones be filled with the peace of Christ in the New Year.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Bishop Michael McGovern*

**Youth Ministry meeting, January 8, 2023** at 12:30 pm at St. Damian's meeting room in the rectory. We will be discussing activities for the new year, especially basketball season. Please come with ideas of what our youth ministry would like to do.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO Alex & Emily**

***(Thompson) Timmermann*** on their marriage at St. Bernard's Church on Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. May the Good Lord guide them through their unity of marriage.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER:** The infant Christ came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph. The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come...Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

## **THANK YOU!**

Father Steven, Deacon Glenn and Deacon Kevin would like to thank the parishes, parishioners, and organizations for all the beautiful cards, messages, gifts, and goodies they received over the Christmas holidays. It is great to serve and pray with such wonderful and generous communities.

## **ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: December 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$815.00 + Reg. Envelopes (5): \$130.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$572.00  
+ Christmas Env:(59) \$13,695.00                      \$15,212.00  
Budget for week:    \$3,102.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:                              \$77,725.32  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:                                \$77,550.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:                        175.32  
Fiscal year (7/22-6/23) budget:                        \$161,300.00  
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$35,000.00 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 FOR JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup>**

Servers: Natalie & Lauren Lynch  
Lector: Susan Lynch  
Cantor: Kristy Richter  
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer  
Ushers: Delmar Santel, Volunteer  
Eucharistic Minister: Mech Toennies  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

**ST. DAMIAN** will be taking down the Christmas decorations in Church after the prayer service on Monday, January 9 at 8:30 am. All help appreciated!

**Save the Date!** There will be a combined "After the Holidays" Brunch hosted by the Men's Holy Name Sodality, the Ladies Altar Sodality, and the Damiansville Development Club (DDC), on Sunday, January 8, 2023, at 11:00am in the school gymnasium. All members of these organizations are invited to attend the brunch. Please RSVP by calling Al Varel at 618-973-8527 or email [alv58@charter.net](mailto:alv58@charter.net) before January 1, 2023, so a firm headcount can be given to the caterer. Hope all of you can make it! Please RSVP to Al Varel by Jan 1.

## **ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$330.00 + Envelopes (7): \$655.00  
Christmas Env: (28) \$7,460.00  
Paypal Christmas: \$100-3.48=\$96.52                      \$8,541.52  
Budget for week:    \$3,264.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:                              \$86,370.14  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:                                \$81,600.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:                        \$4,770.14  
Fiscal year (7/22-6/23) budget:                        \$169,725.00  
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$28,500.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies Sodality, & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

***Thank you for your faithful and generous support!***

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE – January 8<sup>th</sup>**

Servers: Liam Jung, Madelyn Wuebbels, Volunteer  
Reader: Dana Lake  
Greeters: Cory & Andra Goestenors  
Eucharistic Minister: Lynette Huegen  
Cantor: Ann Cannaday  
Coll. Counters: Phyllis Albers, Tim Schroeder  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all our winners of the 2022 Holiday Lights Contest and THANK YOU to everyone for beautifully decorating your homes for the holidays!  
1st Place - Tom & Diane Winkeler  
2nd Place - Omar & Irene Avalos  
3rd Place -Tim & Diane Luitjohan  
4th Place – Sheryl Plocher  
5th Place – Shawn & Kara Albers  
Keep Christ in Christmas Award - John & Kim Wieter  
Chris & Beth Brandmeyer  
Mayor's Choice Award – Austin & Shannon Hilmes  
Benjamin Kruep & Jessie Perez  
**Merry Christmas from the Albers Commercial Club, Village of Albers and Knights of Columbus Council #9768!**





**ONE OF THE BEST THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR THE NEW YEAR!** Do YOU ever DREAM OF A WORLD WITHOUT HUNGER OR POVERTY? Would YOU seriously like to make this world a reality? "FAITH AND POVERTY: A GLOBAL RESPONSE" should help you do just that. It is a heart changing course co-sponsored by JustFaith and Catholic Relief Services. We will meet at Mater Dei High School for 8 Sessions on the first and third Thursdays of each month beginning on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 PM. For questions or to join us, please call Helen Essenpreis (618-980-1875), Fran Etter (618-971-8886), or Myrt Rollins (314-707-7063).

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Overnight Center is in need of your help.** It operates at full capacity almost every night, helping homeless men, women and children survive freezing temperatures and dangers of the city streets. We humbly ask for your prayers for the Center and its clients and, if you are able, to help us provide sack lunch items (individually packaged) for them: cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken. Snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup, bottled water. Items can be dropped off at: St. Vincent de Paul Council Office, 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. or SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen, 3718 State Street, East St. Louis Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** presents weekends experiences married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. The next three **IN PERSON** weekend experiences are listed below. Sign up now! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at (314) 649-7317. 2/3-2/5/23 at Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO, 3/17-3/19 at Villa Maria Retreat Center, Springfield, IL, and 3/31-4/2/23 at Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters

**The Serra Club of St. Clair County** is an organization of Catholic men and women dedicated to foster and affirm vocations to the Priesthood and vowed religious life. Our purpose is to pray for vocations and inform our community the need for vocations. We provide many social events for our Priests, Deacons and Nuns. We sponsor occasional visits to the Seminaries for our grade and high students guided by a priest or a seminarian. You are most welcome to be a part of our organizations. Our group meets every first and third Friday of the month at the Shrine of our Lady of the Snows. We begin Mass at 11:45 am, follow by lunch and a brief meeting, and a prominent speaker. Additional information please call Marvin Winkeler (402 214-1155 or Mel Lucash 618-531-4244 Serra has a new web page: [serrastclair.org](http://serrastclair.org). PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

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