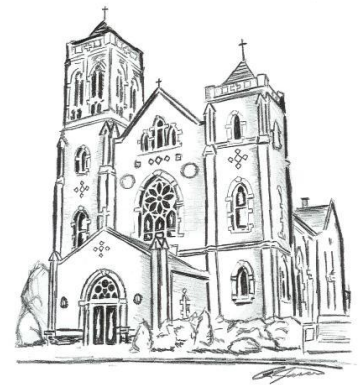




THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 12th, 2025



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MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY, JANUARY 13th

Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14th
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15th
Mass in Church w/ Refreshments after
7:45 am @ St. Damian
Bob Innes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16th
Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
Intentions of the Living & Deceased Members of
the Catholic Holy Family Society

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17th
NO MASS OR SERVICE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
Franklin & Marian Eversgerd

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Dennis Rickhoff

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7; Acts 10:34–38; Luke 3:15–16, 21–22

Today's first reading and Gospel feature nearly the same words from God. Centuries before Christ's birth, Isaiah says God proclaims, "Here is . . . my chosen one with whom I am pleased." When Jesus was baptized, the Father spoke from heaven, "You are my beloved Son: with you I am well pleased." Let us listen to how Isaiah, Peter, and Luke speak of God's chosen one: the Messiah, the Christ, God's Son.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, January 12th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, January 13th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, January 14th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Wednesday, January 15th

Mass in Church w/ Refreshments after

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, January 16th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, January 17th

NO MASS OR SERVICE

Legion of Mary

5:00 in English @ St. Damian

5:00-8:00 Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament

6:00 in Spanish @ St. Damian

Saturday, January 18th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, January 19th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

*"THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE
WITH PEACE."*

ST. DAMIAN & ST. BERNARD

If you need a donation statement for 2024, please call or email Angie and she will send you your donation statement for 2024. If she is not in office, please leave a voicemail and she will get it when she is in the office.

ALSO, if anyone is interested in signing up for online donations, please contact Angie at either rectory and we can get those set up for you.

THANK YOU ALL FOR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF ST. DAMIAN & ST. BERNARD PARISHES.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena 9 Days for Life, Thursday, January 16 – Friday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTERS!

Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage in 2025!

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience this year! The following upcoming weekends are available in 2025. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

1/31/2025 - 2/2/2025, St. Peters, MO

4/4/2025 - 4/6/2025, St. Peters, MO

6/13/2025 - 6/15/2025, St. Peters, MO

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

JOINT LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 28th.

St. Bernard & St. Damian Joint Parish Liturgy Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28th, at 6:00 pm at St. Bernard Rectory Meeting Room.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 4th

Loose: \$82.00+ Envelopes: (22) \$1,170.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$0 +Spanish New Years: \$936.00
+ New Years Coll (\$27.00) + Christmas Env: (4)\$570
+ ACH For January 2nd: (10) \$1,310.00 \$4,095.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$100,264.04
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$83,512.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$16,752.04
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$167,000.00
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$70,875.00** 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 – January 18th

Ministers: Kristy Richter, Diana Jansen, Julie Langenhorst
Ushers: Brad Richter, Roger Toennies
Servers: Miranda Richter, Lincoln & Connor Arentsen
Lector: Anita Rakers
Cantor: Chris Brandmeyer
Organist: Geri Varel
Collection Counters: Gwen Toennies & Mech Toennies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. DAMIAN HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE ST. DAMIAN'S HOLY NAME, LADIES SODALITY AND DEVELOPMENT CLUB.

Please mark your calendars for Friday, January 17th for the Holiday Get Together with the Parish Council, Men's Holy Name, Ladies Sodality and Damiansville Development Club. Happy hour starts at 5:30, dinner at 6:30. Join in for brief updates, great fellowship and a delicious meal. Please RSVP by January 10th.

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal **Serve the Lord with gladness. -Psalm 100**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 5th

Loose: \$180.00+Envelopes: (18) \$3,360.00
+ Christmas Env: (5) \$380.00
+ ACH For January 2nd: (20) \$2,495.00 \$6,415.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$95,675.32
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$91,395.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$4,280.32
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$176,000.00
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$49,525.00** transferred from: Men's Club & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Thank you for your faithful and generous support

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – January 19th

Ministers: Jackie Farrar, Lynn Athmer, Lynette Huegen
Lector: Sean Kennedy
Ushers: Cory & Andra Goestenkors
Servers: Oliver Varel, Brody Schulte, Sawyer Winkeler
Collection Counters: Keith Richter, Sean Kennedy, Lynn Athmer
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WILL BE

TAKEN DOWN after Mass on January 12th. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

ST. BERNARD'S CHOIR PRACTICE will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm at Church. New members are welcome to join us in making beautiful music for our parish.

VOCATION CORNER.

“Though I was raised in a Catholic family and blessed with good priests throughout my life, the priesthood did not attract me when I was young. In fact, during college, I didn't even practice the faith. The Lord eventually led me back to the Church, and when he began to call me to the priesthood, I was both terrified and excited. He was asking me to sacrifice my will and to trust and follow him. This meant breaking up with the girl I was dating and placing my desires for fatherhood and family into his hands. Had I been called when I was younger, I wouldn't have been mature enough in my faith to answer with the generosity and trust that let me to the priesthood.”
Father Jonathan Schnobrich, Diocese of Burlington, Vt. Columbia Magazine. October 2020

ALBERS LEGION CHICKEN DINNER: Sunday, January 19th, 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Fried chicken, mash potatoes &/or gravy, green beans, slaw, and dessert. Adults \$14, Kids (5-12) \$6, under 5 Free. Bingo Players will receive \$2 off their meal. Adult Carry outs Available

St. Rose Youth League Sausage & Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, January 19, 2024, from 7:30 am to 11:30 am at St. Rose Park in St. Rose, IL. We will be having a drive-thru. Adults \$14.00, Children \$7.00. Proceeds to benefit St. Rose Youth League activities.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY QUILT/CASH BINGO, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th at Hecker Community Center. Fried Chicken & Pork Sausage Plates from 10-1. Bingo starts at 1:00.

Start your New Year off great, by Subscribing to *The Messenger!* Subscribe online for the Paper or E-edition go to: www.bellevillemessenger.org or Call 618-233-8670.

St. Vincent de Paul Needs Coats! Cold winter weather has definitely arrived and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council desperately needs coats to distribute to those in need. Gently-used or new coats of all types in all sizes for all ages – toddlers, children, teens and adults (men and women) are being requested. Items can be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul office located at 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, across from Blessed Sacrament Church, or call Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126 for additional information. Warm your heart by keeping someone. Stay warm and donate a coat today! Thank you very much.

Looking for a good way to enhance your Lenten Season? Please join the *2025 Catholic Women's Prayer Breakfast*. Guest Speaker: Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. **Saturday, March 22, 2025 at St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland**, 1411 Main Street | Highland, IL 62249. **8:00 AM - noon** (*Adoration - 7am, Rosary - 7:30am, Mass - 8am*). *Mass | Catered Breakfast | Speaker*. * **Pre-Registration is Required for breakfast meal** * **Download form or register online at www.stpaulhighland.org.** Space is limited! Register before March 1, 2025, to reserve your spot and meal ticket. For more information, email: womensbreakfast2025@gmail.com or text Rose Wascher at 847-274-3916

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE
THAT HELPED CLEAR THE SNOW AND ICE AT
BOTH OUR PARISHES!!
WE ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE PARISHIONERS
WHO ARE WILLING TO HELP OUT AND KEEP
OUR PARISHES UP AND RUNNING DURING
THESE SNOWSTORMS!!
MAY GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF
YOU!**

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