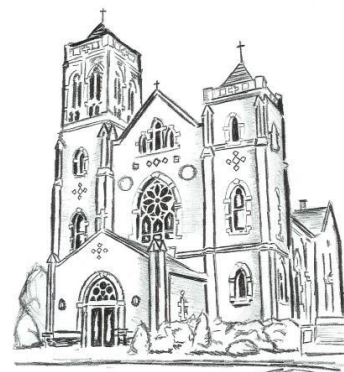




**SECOND SUNDAY IN
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JANUARY 14, 2024**



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MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY, JANUARY 15th
NO PRAYER SERVICE/NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16th
Prayer Service
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th
Mass in Church
7:45 AM @ St. Damian
Bob Innes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18th
Mass in Church
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19th
NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
William & Emma Pingsterhaus Family
Frank & Cecilia Langenhorst Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Del & Eleanor Huegen
Cynthia Huegen
Marcel Korte

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

1 Samuel 3:3b–10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a; 17-20; John 1:35–42

God calls to us in unexpected ways. For young Samuel, it was his whispered name he heard in the night. Jesus called Saul when he was on his way to persecute Christians in Damascus. Today we hear him, as Paul, speak of our bodies as being temples of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, we hear Jesus call two disciples after they had been standing around talking with John the Baptist. As we hear God's word proclaimed, let us listen for what God is saying to us today.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, January 14th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, January 15th

NO SCHOOL/NO PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, January 16th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Liturgy Committee Meeting Combined Parishes

6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory Meeting Room

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 @ St. Damian

Wednesday, January 17th-Refreshments after Mass

Mass in Church-Refreshments in Rectory after

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, January 18th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, January 19th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Saturday, January 20th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, January 21st

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9:30 am @ St. Bernard

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HERE AM I, LORD.

I COME TO DO YOUR WILL.

ST. BERNARD & ST. DAMIAN PARISHIONERS

If you are currently not donating on-line but wish to do so, please contact Angie at (618) 248-5112 and she will help you get set up for this. Thank you!

2023 DONATION STATEMENTS

If you would like your donation statement for 2023, please email Angie at stdamian1861@gmail.com or st.bernard@charter.net and I can either mail or email them to you. Or you can call the parish offices and leave a message and I will get them to you. Thanks so much for your generous donations to our parishes.

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

On Jan 19 from 12:00-1:00 the Clinton County Citizens for Life invite everyone to "March for Life" around the courthouse in Carlyle. This event is held in conjunction with the March for Life held in Washington, DC on that day. This year's event theme is "With every woman, with every child". Whether you can attend or not, please participate by joining us in prayer to end abortion. In Jesus name, we pray God would bless the unborn, and that He might send the Holy Spirit to open eyes, ears and hearts to His incomprehensible love - for expectant and future mothers and fathers; for abortionists and their assistants; for our political and social leaders; and for all citizens, our country, and our world. Thank you and may God bless you with abundant life.

COINS FOR CARING-THANK YOU!!

\$348.65 was collected through COINS for CARING this Advent! THANK YOU for donating! The proceeds were split between Coping-4-Life and the Metro-East Diaper Bank!

CONGRATS to our gift card WINNERS!

Levi Goestenkers ~ St. Bernard

Henry Sauer ~ St. Damian

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ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 6th

Loose: \$80.00+ Envelopes: (14) \$735.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$ 567.00
+ ACH for January 2nd: \$1,230.00 \$2,612.00
Budget for week: \$3,121.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$97,421.88
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$87,388.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$10,033.88
Fiscal year (7/23-6/24) budget: \$162,300.00
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$71,350.00** 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 20th

Ministers: Mech Toennies, Florence Jansen,
 Denise Luitjohan
Ushers: Brad & Kristy Richter
Servers: Reid Toennies, Charlotte Cleeton,
 Nolan Hemker
Lector: Joe Cleeton
Cantor: Kathy Gonsalves
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counter: Dave Kassen, Anita Rakers
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

Mexican Fish Fry Friday, February 9th!

St. Damian Altar Sodality Mexican Fish Fry is Friday, February 9th. It will be in the school gym between 4:30 and 7:30. There will be fish tacos with rice and beans, cod fish plates with fries and slaw, fresh tamales, margaritas, nacho chips and cheese. Come out and enjoy some great food and entertainment from the Mariachi band. The committee is asking parishioners to donate a cake, cookies, brownies or some dessert (nothing that needs to be refrigerated). Desserts can be brought to the gym Thursday evening during set-up or Friday after 12 noon. Watch for the workers list that will be emailed out soon. If you cannot work the shift that you are scheduled for, please find someone to take your place. If your name doesn't appear on the list and you would like to help, contact Jan at 618-540-9974.

The St. Damian Adult Choir will begin practicing for Holy Week and Easter on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 pm in church. Practices will be held every Tuesday in February at 7:00 and every Tuesday in March at 7:30. Please feel free to join us for some or all of the practices. New voices are *always welcome*. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 618-792-2676.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 7th

Loose: \$177.00+Envelopes: (25) \$1,505.00
+ Benevity: (1) \$20.00
+ ACH for January 2nd: \$2,470.00 \$4,172.00
Budget for week: \$3,502.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$96,859.50
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$98,056.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$1,196.50)**
Fiscal year (7/22-6/23) budget: \$182,100.00
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$35,300.00** transferred from: Men's Club & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE – January 21st

Euch. Ministers: Jackie Farrar, Lynn Athmer,
Lynette Huegen
Reader: Sean Kennedy
Ushers: Cory & Andra Goestenkers
Servers: Jacob Cannaday, Austin Hemker,
 Kayla Boeckmann
Coll. Counters: Keith Richter, Sean Kennedy,
 Janel Zurliene
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

CHOIR DIRECTOR FOR ST. BERNARD. St. Bernard Parish is still looking for a choir director. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Joni Kloeckner or Deacon Glenn.

KC MONTHLY DRAWING WINNERS

\$400 Laura Barger
\$ 60 Ben Kassen and Mike Nettemeier
Congratulations and thanks for supporting the KC's.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GATHERING of the St Damian's Holy Name, St Damian's Altar Sodality, Damiansville Development Club, St. Damian & St. Bernard Parish and Finance Councils will be on Friday, January 19th at St. Damian Gym. Happy Hour at 5:30 and meal at 6:30. RSVP phonsokay@outlook.com by January 10.

DIOCESAN DR. KING OBSERVANCE SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 AT ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO CHURCH, EAST ST. LOUIS. Bishop McGovern will be the celebrant for the Mass at 9:30 AM followed by a Brunch at 11:00 and the Dr. King Memorial Program in the Church at 12, Noon. If you plan to attend the brunch, please RSVP to the Church Office at 618-274-0655.

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING. A social event for catholic singles age 21-30. Hors doeuvres and drinks will be served. Admission is \$5.00. Pre-registrations by January 28th. Thursday, February 4th at 6:30 PM at St. Nicholas Parish in O'Fallon, IL.

ALBERS LEGION CHICKEN DINNER: Sunday, January, 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Fried chicken, mash potatoes &/or gravy, green beans, slaw, and dessert. Adults \$13, Kids (5-12) \$6, under 5 Free. Bingo Players will receive \$2 off their meal. Adult Carry outs Available

The Diocese of Belleville is hosting an informational meeting for men (and their spouses) who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate. This meeting will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 10:00 AM in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL 62220. The Office of Permanent Deacon is considering another new class of aspirants starting in the fall of 2025. Eligibility is extended to men who have reached the ages thirty-three (33) to fifty-six (56) by September 2025. *Men older than fifty-six may still apply but require special approval from the Deacon Formation Office and the Bishop.* The formation process is a five-year commitment, including academic studies conducted by St. Meinrad School of Theology, spiritual direction, and learning about the deacon's role. Participants are required to attend a three-day meeting once per month over the course of the five-year program. Interested individuals should first discuss their interest with their pastor. For those unable to attend, another session will be scheduled later. This meeting is an opportunity to learn about the process and requirements for becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese.

ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY MEXICAN FISH FRY, Mexican Fish Fry Friday, February 9th!

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Singers from across the Belleville Diocese are invited to join in singing the Fauré Requiem on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 3 PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter. Rehearsals will be held on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings from January 8 through March 3. Rehearsal recordings of each individual part will be sent to each singer. If you are interested and would like more specific information, please contact Mr. Richard Thompson, Organist & Choirmaster at the Cathedral of St. Peter, by e-mail: rthompjd@gmail.com. The Fauré Requiem is a magnificent program to be presented in our beautiful Cathedral with its wonderful acoustics and rebuilt and enlarged pipe organ. I hope everyone interested can join us.

Living out Christmas in the New Year

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous "yes" to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance. One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to join 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life, taking place Tuesday, January 16 – Wednesday, January 24. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at 9daysforlife.com!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are the next three opportunities. 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. 2/2-2/4, 2024, in St. Peters, MO or 3/15-3/17/2024 in Cape Girardeau, MO, 4/5-4/7/24 in St. Peter's, MO.

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