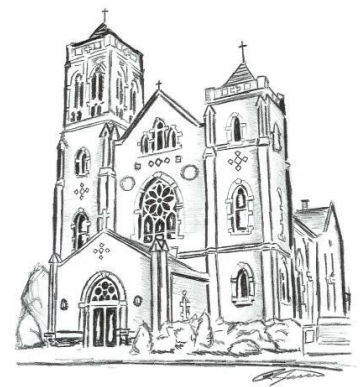




SECOND SUNDAY IN  
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JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025



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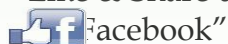
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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR HOLIDAY**  
NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/NO SERVICE

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup>**  
*Prayer Service in Church*  
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
7:45 am @ St. Damian  
Marian Eversgerd

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
7:45 am @ St. Bernard  
For All Cancer Patients

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS OR SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
4:00 PM @ St. Damian  
Albin Toennies  
Herman & Vivian Jansen

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard  
Intentions of the Catholic Extension Donors

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Isaiah 62: 1-5; 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11; John 2: 1-11**

In today's first reading, Isaiah celebrates a transformed Jerusalem; what had been forsaken and desolate is now delightful and—foreshadowing the Gospel—espoused. Paul tells the Corinthians that the Holy Spirit transforms each and every one of them, though in different ways. Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus transforms water to wine, saving the newlyweds from terrible embarrassment. May we never overlook God's power to transform our lives.

### **HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:**

**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Prayer Service in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**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 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Gebke Baptism*

3:00 pm @ St. Damian w/ Deacon Kevin

*Mass in Church*

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

**Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

***“PROCLAIM HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS TO ALL THE NATIONS.”***

**ST. DAMIAN & ST. BERNARD 2024 DONATION STATEMENTS.**

If you would like your donation statement for 2024, please email Angie at [stdamian1861@gmail.com](mailto:stdamian1861@gmail.com) or [st.bernard@charter.net](mailto: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.

**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.** “There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.”

**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](http://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 MASS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE MASS OR PRAYER SERVICE WILL BE CANCELLED ALSO.**

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: January 11<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$186.00+ Envelopes: (6) \$245.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$ 969.25  
+ACH for January 16<sup>th</sup>: \$550.00                      \$1,950.25  
Budget for week:                                              \$3,212.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:                              \$102,214.29  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:                                 \$86,724.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:                        \$15,490.29  
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 25<sup>th</sup>**

Ministers: Kevin Toennies, Florence Jansen, Rosann Horstmann

Ushers: Jerry Arentsen, Norm Horstmann

Servers: Randy, Ryan & Jacob Oros

Lector: Mary Innes

Cantor: Kathy Gonsalves

Organist: Jan Hitch

Collection Counters:

Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DECEMBER RAFFLE WINNERS**

\$400 Dan Reeves

\$60 Dave Langenhorst and Sara Haar

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: January 12<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$79.00+Envelopes: (38) \$1,905.00  
+ACH For January 16<sup>th</sup>: \$2,680.00                      \$4,664.00  
Budget for week:                                              \$3,385.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:                              \$100,339.32  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:                                 \$94,780.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:                        \$5,559.32  
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 26<sup>th</sup>**

Ministers: Robbin Netemeyer, Tina Wuebbels, Kristen Templin

Lector: Jamie Jung

Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake

Servers: Kellan & Jaxson Hubert, Kennedy

Porterfield

Collection Counters: Phyllis Albers, James Williams,

Janel Zurliene

Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

**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.** "Today we hear the famous story of the Wedding Feast at Cana. Jesus is celebrating with the happy couple – a salute to the vocation of marriage. And He honors His mother's request to intervene as the wine runs out. We are now issued the one of the greatest calls to holiness of the ages – "Do whatever He tells you." As this was the "beginning of his signs...and so revealed his glory", are we seeing his signs and doing whatever he tells us? Are we called to something greater?

### **The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 1-2.**

Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to *The Messenger* Catholic Newspaper.

Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org) and click **SUBSCRIBE**. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both. **Please make checks payable to The Messenger and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.**

### **JOINT LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 28th.**

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

**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.

**Godspell 2012** opens on Thursday, January 23rd and runs through Sunday, February 2 at Lookingglass Playhouse in Lebanon, IL. Directed by Deacon Glenn Netemeyer. Godspell is a Musical about the Gospel of Matthew.

**On Friday, Jan 24th 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. Together, we gather to celebrate life from conception to death, and everything in between. This year's event theme is "Life: Why We March". 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. We pray for expectant and future mothers and fathers, for the unborn, for abortionists and their assistants, for lawmakers and all political and cultural leaders, for all citizens, for our country, and for our world. Thank you and may God bless you with abundant life.

**NATIONWIDE PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE, JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup>,** at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Belleville from 8:00-8:00, Adoration Chapel, Silent Prayer, 11-11:40 Confessions and Mass at Noon. **St. Boniface Catholic Church in Germantown** from 6:30-7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration.

**The 3rd Annual St. Augustine's Parish TRIVIA NIGHT is back by popular demand on Saturday February 1st!** Held at the Breese KC Hall beginning at 6:30 pm. \$100 per team of 8. For more information and to reserve a table, please call Don Peterson at (618)210-7099.

**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY QUILT/CASH BINGO, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 Hoglebe 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](http://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](mailto:womensbreakfast2025@gmail.com) or text Rose Wascher at 847-274-3916

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