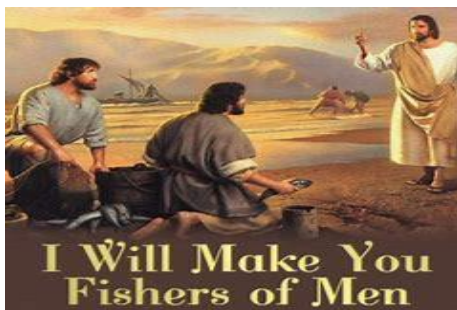




**THIRD SUNDAY IN  
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JANUARY 21, 2024**



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Prayer Service*  
7:45 AM @ St. Damian

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
*Prayer Service*  
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
7:45 AM @ St. Damian  
For All Parishioners

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard  
Steve Mueth

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
4:00 PM @ St. Damian  
Frances & Alvina Luitjohan

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard  
Dawn Schomaker

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

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

**Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20**

In the first reading we hear today, God sends Jonah to the huge city of Nineveh, where he warns of God's wrath and calls for repentance. In the Gospel, Jesus comes to Galilee calling for repentance as well. He proceeds to call his first disciples, promising that he would change their lives. They follow immediately, much as the residents of Nineveh turned toward the LORD immediately. As Paul reminds the Corinthians, "time is running out." Let us realize the urgency with which we're called to repent and follow the Lord.

## **HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:**

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

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

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

*Prayer Service*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

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

*Prayer Service*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

*Eucharistic Adoration*

7:00-8:00 @ St. Damian

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

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

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

**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

**Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**TEACH ME YOUR WAYS, OH LORD.**

## **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](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.

**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](http://9daysforlife.com)!

## **The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 3-4.**

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 on-line at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org) and click **SUBSCRIBE**. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$30 for printed, home-delivery, \$25 for digital access and \$35 for both. Please make checks payable to **The Messenger**.



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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: January 13<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$201.00+ Envelopes: (27) \$1,390.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$ 771.00  
+ ACH for January 16<sup>th</sup>: \$550.00                      \$2,912.00  
Budget for week:    \$3,121.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:                              \$100,333.88  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:                                \$90,509.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:                        \$9,824.88  
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 27<sup>th</sup>**

Ministers: Chris & Beth Brandmeyer, Monica Koch  
Ushers: 2 Volunteers  
Servers: Lincoln & Connor Arentsen, Kennedy Toennies  
Lector: Anita Rakers  
Cantor: Chris Brandmeyer  
Organist: Geri Varel  
Collection Counter: Sandy Kramer, Tina Tonnies  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### **Mexican Fish Fry Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>!**

St. Damian Altar Sodality Mexican Fish Fry is Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. 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. DAMIAN'S LADIES SODALITY NEWS**

December quilt raffle ticket winners are Dale Koch and Jenny Adams from Frohna, MO. Also, please look for tickets for 2024 in the back of church soon. In 2024, 4 winners will be drawn at the picnic.

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: January 14<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$38.00+Envelopes: (27) \$1,402.00  
+ Christmas (1) \$200.00  
+ ACH for January 16<sup>th</sup>: \$2,585.00                      \$4,225.00  
Budget for week:    \$3,502.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:                              \$101,084.50  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:                                \$101,558.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:                        **(\$473.50)**  
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 28<sup>th</sup>**

Euch. Ministers: Robbin Netemeyer, Tina Wuebbels, Kristen Templin  
Reader: Jamie Jung  
Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake  
Servers: Sadie Pingsterhaus, Maverick Richter, Cole Huegen  
Coll. Counters: Phyllis Albers, James Williams, Tim Schroeder  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!



**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 28<sup>th</sup>. Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at St. Nicholas Parish in O'Fallon, IL.

**TODAY. ALBERS LEGION CHICKEN DINNER:** Sunday, January 21, 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

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT,** Friday, February 2nd, 2024 SPPS Grade School Gym, Waterloo Doors open at 6:30 PM Tournament starts at 7 PM. Prizes awarded for top 3 places in 2 flights at a minimum. Tickets are \$25 and include: 7 Rounds of Euchre (12 hands per round) Beverages (Soda, water and Beer) All you can eat fried chicken - (at the end of the last round).

**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 9<sup>th</sup>!** St. Damian Altar Sodality Mexican Fish Fry is Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 great food and entertainment from the Mariachi band.

**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](mailto: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.

King's House Retreat Center at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center. **“Grace and Gratitude...In the Grief of Our Everyday Lives”** Presenter: Madeleine Lane, SSND, MA, LMFT. Monday, March 18, 2024, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (Lunch included). Join Sr. Madeleine Lane for a day of reflection to discuss how we live knowing that we and all that we love will one day die and in the presence of grief, how one lives in gratitude for all that has been given. When we open ourselves to the pain, we receive an invitation to deeper loving through grief. Our day will include input, sharing, and quiet time for reflection. Cost: \$50 (Lunch included). For more information, call 618-397-0584 or visit [www.snows.org/Grief](http://www.snows.org/Grief)

**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](http://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>