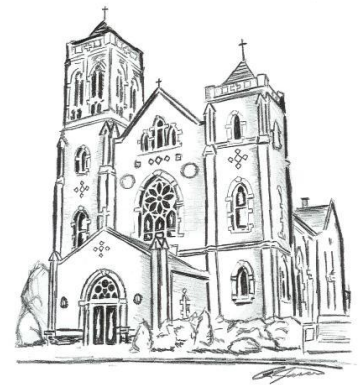




THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 26th, 2025



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St. Bernard and St. Damian

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, JANUARY 27th
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28th
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29th
Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian
For The People

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30th
Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
For The People

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31st
NO MASS OR SERVICE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Bernard
Mike & Mae Falbe
Louis & Marie Rolves

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Damian
Frank, Minnie & Ralph Heimann
Paul Luitjohan & Family
Rose Kalmer
Increased Devotions to the Catholic Faith

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

On this Sunday of the Word of God we hear scripture passages that affirm its paramount importance. In the first reading, Ezra reads from the Torah to the people of Jerusalem, gathered openly in public for one of the first times after their exile. In the Gospel, Jesus declares that the scripture passage from Isaiah is fulfilled in their presence. God's Word is celebrated and accomplished in these readings; may it be today as well.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, January 26th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, January 27th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, January 28th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Joint Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting

6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory

Wednesday, January 29th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00-7:00 pm @ St. Damian

Thursday, January 30th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, January 31st

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, February 1st

Mass in Church w/ Blessing of the Throats

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, February 2nd

Mass in Church w/ Blessing of the Throats

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

***"YOUR WORDS, LORD,
ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE."***

ST. DAMIAN & ST. BERNARD 2024 DONATION STATEMENTS.

If you would like your donation statement for 2024, 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.

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, 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, THE MASS OR PRAYER SERVICE WILL BE CANCELLED ALSO.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 18th

Loose: \$164.00+ Envelopes: (15) \$859.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$863.00 \$1,886.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$104,100.29
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$89,936.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$14,164.29
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!

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 19th

Loose: \$50.00+Envelopes: (33) \$3,010.00 \$3,060.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$103,399.32
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$98,165.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$5,234.32
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 – February 2nd

Ministers: Monica Koch, Pete Toennies, Chris Brandmeyer
Ushers: Brent Goebel & Garry Kalmer
Servers: Reed & Brynn Wuebbels, Nolan Hemker
Lector: Susan Lynch
Cantor: Kristy Richter
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – February 1st

Ministers: Steve Schomaker, Ken & Liz Nussbaumer
Lector: Kelly Jansen
Ushers: Ed Broeckling & Ryan Wuebbels
Servers: Brynley & Brice Albers,
Aubrey Winterbottom
Collection Counters: Tina Wuebbels, Keith Richter, Dana Lake
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. DAMIAN MEXICAN FISH FRY will be held on Friday, February 28th, from 4:30-7:30 at St. Damian Gym. Please mark your calendar for this event. Be on the lookout for emails for future information and workers list.

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.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE-BLESSING OF THE THROATS.

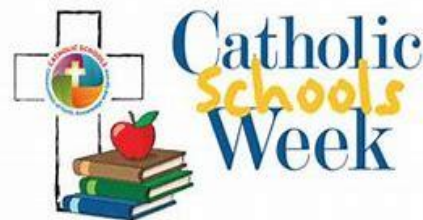
The Feast of St. Blaise in Monday, February 3rd. We will be doing the blessing of the throats the weekend of February 1 & 2 at the Masses at both parishes.

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 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.**

JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 1, 2025

Thank you to all our Catechist who take the time to teach our children the Catholic Faith so that we can continue our Parish School of Religion Program. Thank you also to all the parents who encourage and educate their children in the Catholic Faith.



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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DRAWING JANUARY WINNERS: \$400-Brian Huegen
\$60-Bill Innes and Kevin Wuebbels

Albers American Legion Breakfast. Dine in or carry out. Sunday, February 2nd, 8:00am to 11:00am. Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes and Biscuits & gravy. Adults \$13.00, Kids 5 -12 \$6.00, Under 5 free

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.

ST. DAMIAN MEXICAN FISH FRY will be held on Friday, February 28th, from 4:30-7:30 at St. Damian Gym. Please mark your calendar for this event.

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.

Chakota will be hosting their annual Trivia Night on Friday, Feb 7, 2025 at the Breese KC Hall. \$100 per team (up to 8 players per team). Call 618-2BIGBEN ext. 9 to reserve your table. Doors open at 6 p.m. and Trivia starts at 7. All drinks must be purchased there but you are welcome to bring your own snacks. We also welcome businesses to sponsor a round of trivia. For a \$50 donation, your name and/or logo will appear on the answer sheet and on the projector screen for that round, receive a verbal mention, and a shoutout on Facebook. Thanks for your support!"

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

VOCATION CORNER. My parents gave me and my siblings a joyful and loving childhood where the beauty of the Catholic faith shone brightly. They sent us to a school in Madrid operated by the sisters of the Company of the Savior, whose charism is to cooperate with parents by providing a strong education in a faithful catholic environment. The joy, devotion and dedication of the sisters immediately attracted me. During my last years of high school and my first year of college, I was tempted by new experiences and friendships based on different ideals than those of my youth. It was Mary who opened my eyes to see deeper. She brought me back to the heart of Jesus. Eventually, I embraced His loving call to be only his and joined the Sisters of the Company of the Savior. Sr. Maria Alguacil; Sisters of the Company of the Savior; Columbia, Sept. 2021

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