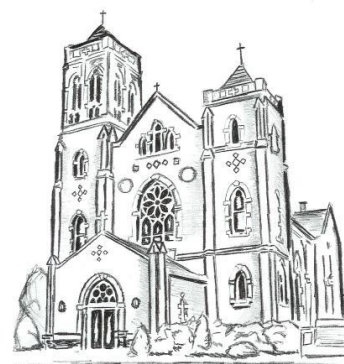


**FOURTH SUNDAY IN
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JANUARY 28, 2024**



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St. Bernard and St. Damian

Catholic Churches

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, JANUARY 29th

Prayer Service

7:45 AM @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30th

Prayer Service

7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31st

Mass in Church

7:45 AM @ St. Damian

Intentions of Catholic Extension Donors

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1st

Mass in Church

7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd

NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd

Mass in Church

4:00 PM @ St. Bernard

Barney & Margie Pollmann

Mike & Mae Falbe

Louis & Marie Rolves

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th

Mass in Church

9:30 AM @ St. Damian

Bill & Cecilia Jansen

Margaret Kniepmann

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19; 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39

Moses told the people that one day God would send a prophet from among their descendants who would speak God's word with authority. We believe that this promise is fulfilled in Jesus, who in the Gospel speaks God's word with such authority that even the unclean spirits obey him! We may be anxious about many things, to use Saint Paul's words, but let the knowledge that God can dispel the darkness in our lives give us hope.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Saturday, January 27th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, January 28th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, January 29th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, January 30th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 @ St. Damian

Wednesday, January 31st

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, February 1st

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, February 2nd

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Saturday, February 3rd-St. Blaise Blessings

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, February 4th – St. Blaise Blessings

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS!**

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.

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STUKENBERG-EILERMANN AMERICAN LEGION POST 1026 SCHOLARSHIP.

The Legion and its Auxiliary are each awarding a \$750 scholarship. Applicant must be a son, daughter, grandchild, or great-grandchild whose parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent or legal guardian (living or deceased) is or was a member of Stukenberg-Eilermann Post 1026 Legion or Auxiliary. Applications may be picked up at the Albers' Legion, Monday – Friday from 9-11 a.m. and Sundays from 1-5 p.m., or by calling the Scholarship Chairman, Sandra Netemeyer at (619) 841-5393. Submit a complete application to Stukenberg-Eilermann Post 1026, 600 N. Bertha St, Albers, IL 62215 or via email sandra.netemeyer@gmail.com no later than Monday, April 1, 2024.

**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 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 20th

Loose: \$120.00+ Envelopes: (25) \$1,401.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$371.00 \$1,892.00
Budget for week: \$3,121.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$102,225.88
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$93,630.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: 8,595.88
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 -February 4th

Ministers: Simon Toennies, Sharon Kalmer,
Florence Jansen
Ushers: Jerry Arentsen, Norm Horstmann
Servers: Collins & Delaney Horstmann, Kennedy
Toennies
Lector: Mary Innes
Cantor: Jackie Toennies
Organist: Jan Hitch
Collection Counter: Gwen Toennies, Mech Toennies
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.

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.

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: February 3rd

Loose: \$80.00+Envelopes: (34) \$1980.00 \$2,060.00
Budget for week: \$3,502.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$103,144.50
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$105,060.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$1,915.50)**
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.)
Thank you for your faithful and generous support

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – February 3rd

Euch. Ministers: Ken & Liz Nussbaumer,
Steve Schomaker
Reader: Kelly Jansen
Ushers: Ed Broeckling, Ryan Wuebbels
Servers: Quinten & Kailey Engelmann,
Adrienne Rakers
Coll. Counters: Tina Wuebbels, Keith Richter,
Lynn Athmer
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!



JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 3, 2024

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.

Albers American Legion Breakfast, Dine-in or carry out. Sunday, February 4th, 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

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 9th

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Chakota will be hosting their annual Trivia Night on Feb 9th at the Breese KC Hall. \$100 per team (up to 8 players per team). Call 618-2BIGBEN ext 6 to reserve your table or reach out through Facebook messenger on Chakota's Facebook page. 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 for that round, receive a verbal mention, and will be on the big projector screen at the beginning of the round! Thanks for your support!"

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.

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

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>