

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 5th, 2025



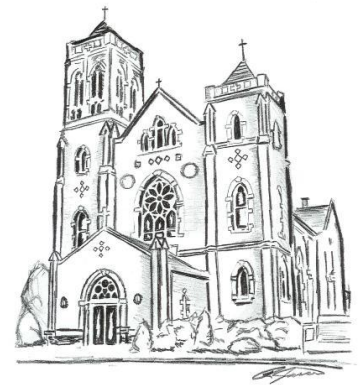
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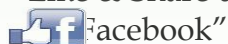
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St. Bernard and St. Damian

MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY, JANUARY 6th

Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8th
Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian
Ralph Brandmeyer & Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9th
Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
For The People

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10th
NO MASS OR SERVICE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11th
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
Eugene Pingsterhaus
Lucille Cooper

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Steve Mueth

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 60:1–6; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12

Journeys play a prominent role in the readings for Epiphany. Isaiah describes the day when caravans from near and far will be drawn to a radiant Jerusalem. The psalmist tells of kings from even the most distant nations who will come to pay the Messiah homage. Paul insists that the Gentiles are invited into the same body with the same promise of salvation. Finally, we hear the familiar words of Matthew, telling the story of the magi's long journey to see the newborn king. Let us listen to God's word, aware that we too make our own personal journey to the Lord.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, January 5th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, January 6th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, January 7th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Wednesday, January 8th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, January 9th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, January 10th

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 11th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

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***"LORD, EVERY NATION ON EARTH WILL
ADORE YOU."***

ST. DAMIAN & ST. BERNARD

If you need a donation statement for 2024, please call or email Angie and she will send you your donation statement for 2024. If she is not in office, please leave a voicemail and she will get it when she is in the office.

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

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 pray 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life taking place January 16-24. Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, a short reflection, and more. Download the novena or sign up to get the daily prayers by email or text message at 9daysforlife.com!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES.

We would like to thank our Organists, Church Choirs, Sacristans, Decorators and all who helped in any way to make our Christmas Masses so beautiful. What a beautiful way to welcome the baby Jesus into our hearts. God bless you all in the coming New Year.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 24th & 25th

Loose: \$894.00+ Envelopes: (8) \$4,000.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,162.50
+ Christmas Env: (48) \$9,155.00 \$15,211.50
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$92,853.04
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$77,088.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$15,845.04
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$167,000.00

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 28th

Loose: \$193.00+ Envelopes: (12) \$514.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$409.00 + Thanksgiving (1) \$50.00
+ Christmas Env: (5) \$2,150.00 \$3,316.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$96,169.04
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$80,300.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$15,869.04
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.)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – January 11th

Ministers: Virgil & Marilyn Jansen, Florence Jansen
Ushers: Bud Jansen & Ron Horstmann
Servers: Charlie Sauer, Kate Mitchell, Reid Toennies
Lector: Rosann Horstmann
Cantor: Shannon Sanders & Lindsey Mitchell
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counters:
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH & FINANCE COUNCILS, HOLY NAME, LADIES SODALITY AND DEVELOPMENT CLUB.

Please mark your calendars for Friday, January 17th for the Holiday Get Together with the Parish Council, Men's Holy Name, Ladies Sodality and Damiansville Development Club. Happy hour starts at 5:30, dinner at 6:30. Join in for brief updates, great fellowship and a delicious meal. Please RSVP by January 10th.

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Serve the Lord with gladness. -Psalm 100

“May God’s blessings pour upon you and grant you and your loved ones a healthy, prosperous and joyful new year. I send heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and our Belleville Diocese in the past year. You are remembered always in my prayers.”
-Bishop Michael McGovern

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 24th

Loose: \$156.00+Envelopes: (12) \$1,015.00
+ Christmas Env: (34) \$9,430.00 \$10,601.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$84,853.32
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$84,625.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: 228.32
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$176,000.00

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 29th

Loose: \$42.00+Envelopes: (21) \$830.00
+ Christmas Env: (27) \$3,535.00 \$4,407.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$89,260.32
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$88,010.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: 1,250.32
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 12th

Ministers: Tina Wuebbels, Kristen Templin, Robbin Netemeyer
Lector: Lynette Huegen
Ushers: John & Linda Majchrzak
Servers: Kayle Reinhardt, Jack & Sam Reynolds
Collection Counters: James Williams, Tim Schroeder, Dana Lake
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WILL BE TAKEN DOWN after Mass on January 12th. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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.

What a wonderful Gospel account of the Magi traveling to meet the Lord. They followed the star – their “call” – to come and offer their gifts to the Lord. But the question arises as to how the Magi noticed a star at night and no one else really did. Perhaps we need to embrace the “night”, the stillness, to “see and hear” our call. How are we doing in discerning our call to Holiness – in living our vocation as man, woman or child; married or single; priesthood or religious – of being called to something beyond ourselves?

YOUNG ADULT BIBLES & BREWS with Fr. Thomas Lugge. For young adults 21-35 years old. Thursday, January 9, at 6:30 pm at Bartelso Bowling Alley, 912 Carlyle Road, Bartelso

JUBILEE YEAR 2025. Pope Francis will open the Jubilee Year 2025 by opening the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve. Join Bishop Michael McGovern in opening the celebration of the Jubilee Year in our diocese at the 10:30am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter (200 W. Harrison, Belleville) on Sunday December 29. Our theme for the Jubilee Year is Pilgrims of Hope. For more information visit www.diobelle.org.

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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.

THANK YOU!

Father Matthew, Deacon Glenn, Deacon Kevin & Angie Toennies would like to thank the parishes, parishioners, and organizations for all the beautiful cards, messages, gifts, and goodies they received over the Christmas holidays. It is great to serve and pray with such wonderful and generous communities.



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