



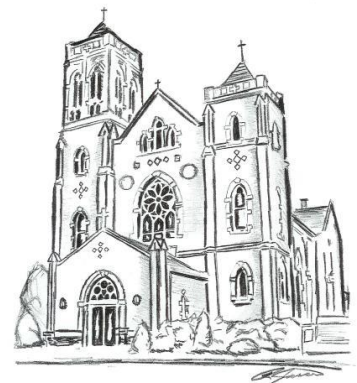
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2023



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2nd
7:45 AM @ St. Damian
Prayer Service

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3rd
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard
Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4th
7:45 am @ St. Damian
Prayer Service

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5th
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
Prayer Service

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6th
NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Bernard
Robert Wiegmann
Barney & Margie Pollmann
Dennis Behrmann

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Damian
Margaret Kniepmann

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Ezekial 18: 25-28; Philippians 2: 1-11; Matthew 21: 28-32

It is never too late to change, for the worse or for the better. Ezekiel contrasts the virtuous person who turns away from God and chooses to sin with the wicked person who turns away from sin to do what is right. Jesus asks the chief priests and elders to consider two sons, one who says no, but ends up obeying, and the other who promises to obey, but doesn't follow through. Between these two readings, we hear Saint Paul—who changed his life dramatically after his encounter with Christ—exhort the Philippians to unify in Christ in thought and action. May we do the same.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, October 1st

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, October 2nd

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, October 3rd

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

St. Bernard Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 @ St. Bernard

Wednesday, October 4th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, October 5th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, October 6th

NO MASS/SERVICE

Saturday, October 7th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, October 8th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

REMEMBER YOUR MERCIES, O LORD!

St. Damian's Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin on Sunday, October 8th and will continue during the Sunday Masses through May. Children in grades pre-k -4th grade are encouraged to participate. Father will gather the children in the front of the altar after the opening prayer. The children and leader will proceed to the church library. Children will listen to the First Reading, Psalm, and Gospel proclaimed from the Children's Lectionary. An age-appropriate reflection on the Word is shared by the adult leader. Children are encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas. Children will pray their Prayers of Intercession and will proceed back to their family at the Presentation of Gifts.

Quest Retreat, Sacred Heart, DuQuoin, Nov.4-5:

5: Come join Belleville Quest for a JOY filled experience. Spend the weekend learning about the faith with a series of fun activities and testimony from speakers. Quest is a 33-hour Christian experience designed for high school freshmen and sophomores, but older students and adult observers are welcome. It is a time to come together to find out about God, friendships, and self in a fun-filled, thoughtful, and carefree surrounding. A time to meet new people while praying, playing, singing, and sharing with them. Quest gives you the chance to search for the real you. Applications are available at bellevilletec.org/applications.

36th National Life Chain, Sunday, October 1, 2-3 pm. The 36th National Life Chain, a National Hour of Prayer, a visual, prayerful public statement against abortion will be held in approximately 2000 cities and towns nationwide along major highways. In solidarity, Clinton County Life Chain will be observed at all exits along the New Rt. 50 on Sunday, October 1st, 2-3pm. **LIFE CHAIN is a time for prayerful self-analysis, repentance, and serious commitment to helping end abortion in our nation. Accordingly, LIFE CHAIN is not chiefly a demonstration, and its witness is not intended for the viewing public only. Instead, its first goal is to minister to its own participants – to those who call Christ their Lord and hold pro-life messages that declare abortion a grave evil that defames the name and holiness of God (Leviticus 18:21). Water will be provided, and lawn chairs and umbrellas are suggested for some. Posters and prayer cards are available at site. Life Chain welcomes all defenders of nascent human life and we especially invite pastors and their congregations, youth groups, families and friends to join us as your prayer, support and presence are welcomed and needed. I was in my Mother's womb and you . . . prayed for me, supported me, and rescued me. Thank you. Connie Robben,**

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 23rd

Loose: \$45.00+ Envelopes: (20) \$1,530.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$660.00 \$2,235.00
Budget for week: \$3,121.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$34,511.19
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$40,573.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$6,061.81)**
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 – October 8th

Euch. Ministers: Simon Toennies, Sharon Kalmer, Florence Jansen
Ushers: Brent Goebel & Garry Kalmer
Servers: Brant & Paislyn Horstmann, Hunter Toennies
Lector: Denise Luitjohan
Cantor: Jackie Toennies
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counters: Kathleen Hodges, Tina Tonnies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. DAMIAN CHOIR INFORMATION:

The St. Damian Adult Choir will begin practicing on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 pm. We are in need of volunteers to keep this musical ministry thriving in our parish. Anyone high school age or older is invited to join. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 618-792-2676.

WE'RE EXCITED! IT'S YOUTH CHOIR

TIME! Youth Choir practices will begin at church on Sunday Oct 15 at 8:30am. All youth in Grade 3-12 and college age students are welcome to participate and "Make a Joyful Noise! If kids or parents have any questions, please call Jackie at 618-335-9562 or Geri at 618-444-5073. Looking forward to seeing lots of smiling faces at the first practice on Sunday Oct 15 at 8:30am!

The Clinton County Citizens for Life, in coordination with churches throughout the county, will host a one hour Pro-Life Prayer Service the second Thursday each month in 2023. **On Thursday, October 12th, the prayer service will be held at St Damian church in Damiansville from 7:00-8:00PM.** Please join us in praying our state and nation will get back on a moral and virtuous path and our culture will change to more fully appreciate and cherish our Lord's precious gift of life.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 24th

Loose: \$106.00+Envelopes: (21) \$1,965.00
Paypal: (\$60-2.78 Fee) \$57.22 \$2,128.22
Budget for week: \$3,502.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$38,689.22
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$45,526.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$6,836.78)**
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 – October 7th

Euch. Minister: Kathy Engelmann,
Deb Schomaker, Melissa Netemeyer
Reader: Janel Zurliene
Ushers: Ed Broeckling & Ryan Wuebbels
Servers: Quinten & Kailey Engelmann,
Adrienne Rakers
Coll. Counters: Keith Richter, Sean Kennedy, Tim Schroeder
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. BERNARD WURSTMARKT:

- ❖ ***Thank you to our Wurstmarkt Committee and all who helped to make our Wurstmarkt a success. Thank you for serving St. Bernard Parish. Thanks also to all those who supported us by purchasing dinners or raffle tickets, donating for the steer, and donating for cakes. Your support of our parish is amazing.***
- ❖ ***Raffle Winners:***

- ***Half Beef – Cara Kehder***
- ***Hind Quarter – Maria Beer***
- ***Fore Quarter – Bob Heimann***
- Congratulations to our winners!***

ST. BERNARD'S CHOIR INFORMATION! **SING!! MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!!**

If you have ever thought of joining the choir, now is the time. We are looking for new members to join us in this important ministry for our church - come to rehearsal - give it a chance! Questions? Just contact Joni or any of the choir members for more information!

CHOIR DIRECTOR FOR ST. BERNARD. St. Bernard Parish is looking for a choir director. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Joni Kloeckner or Deacon Glenn.

TODAY!!! Damiansville Que & Brew at Damiansville Park. Sunday, October 1. Youth Soccer and basketball from 11-5, Pumpkin Chuckin and Children's Inflatables from 1-5, Public tasting 1:30-5, Craft beer 2-5, Bangolicious Playing 2-6. Rain or Shine

TODAY!!! ALBERS LEGIONS BREAKFAST, Sunday, October 1, from 8-11. Sausage, ham, pancakes, fried potatoes, & biscuits & gravy.

St. Dominic, Breese, Carry out only Chicken Dinner, Sunday, October 1, from 11-5 at St. Dominic Parish Center. Half fried chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Green Beans, Slaw & Dessert for \$15.00.

St. Mary's Parish Rummage and Bake Sale October 4, 5, and 6 at 325 S. Jefferson St., Trenton, IL. Hours for the sale are Wednesday, October 4, 6:00 pm-8:30 pm; Thursday, October 5, 8:30 am – 3:0 pm and 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm (1/2 price) and Friday, October 6, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm (\$3 bag day).

CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR at St. George Catholic Church on October 7 from 10-2. Food trucks, clothing boutiques, handmade items, baked goods, music, jewelry, home décor, produce. Fundraiser for middle school youth program.

ALS Golf Scramble – 3rd Annual Tee'd Off with ALS Golf Scramble, Saturday, Oct 7 at Roland Barkau Memorial Golf Course, Okawville, IL. All proceeds go to the Tim Miller Research Lab, Washington University to find a cure. Ways to support this cause include golfing, sponsors, raffle tickets, any monetary donation and this year a reverse drawing for a Week End Get-a-Way including 4 KS Chiefs tickets for Oct 22 game, 2 nights stay at the Drury Inn, and a private tour of the Boulevard Brewery – only 204 tickets sold for this drawing. For more information go to FB page **Tee'd Off with ALS** or contact Melissa Netemeyer @ 618-691-9413.

Aviston Legion is hosting their Fall Pork Sausage and Roast Beef dinner on Sun Oct 8 from 1030AM-6:00PM. Carryout dinners made to order with limited sit-down dining available. Auxiliary Holiday Rummage Sale 10AM-5PM. Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas items only.

QUILT & CASH BINGO, Sunday, October 8, at 1:00 pm at the KC Hall in Dubois. Sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo.

ST. GEORGE, NEW BADEN. We would like to invite you to an old-fashioned quilting bee. The date is Monday, October 9th from 1pm – 9pm & Tuesday, October 10th from 6pm – 9pm. Dinner will be served on Monday and attendance prizes given away.

The Belleville Diocese Council of Catholic Women Annual Convention will be held on Wednesday October 11, 2023 at St. James Parish in Millstadt, IL. The theme this year is Growing our Eucharistic Faith. Please join fellow Catholic women for fellowship and a day of spiritual enrichment. Registration forms are available in your parish office or call Helen Essenpreis at 618-980-1875. The theme is "Growing in Our Eucharistic Faith". Registration forms can be found in the back of church. Please turn your forms in to the address provided on the form by Sep 27 in order to get the early registration fee of \$20.00. Please join the ladies of the diocese for a faith-filled day!" Registration forms on the bulletin boards in both parishes.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center, Jewish and Christian Views on the Stories of Creation and the First Sin. Presenter: Maharat Rori Picker Neiss and Mark Etling, PhD. Sunday, October 22, 2023, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The stories of creation and the first sin in the Book of Genesis are core to how we understand the world and our role in it. But is there more than one way to interpret them? For centuries Jewish and Christian communities have read these stories very differently, and that has led to fundamental differences in theology and worldview. Join us as we explore these texts through Jewish and Christian lenses and uncover how our views on the start of our world impacts our attitudes and behavior today. Cost: \$20 per person. For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at snows.org/Jewish-and-christian-views.

St. Dominic, Breese, Rummage Sale, Thursday, October 26 from 5-9, Friday from 9-8, Saturday 9-3, and Sunday 9-12.

Are you interested in being an angel in someone's life? The local Visiting Angels is seeking caring, compassionate and respectful caregivers to assist individuals with non-medical in-home care. Please call Linda at 618-479-1833 or email llehr@visitingangels.com for more info.

The Breese Knights of Columbus is again offering outdoor Manger Sets for sale. New items this year are Angels. For more information please go to our web page: breeseknights.org

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