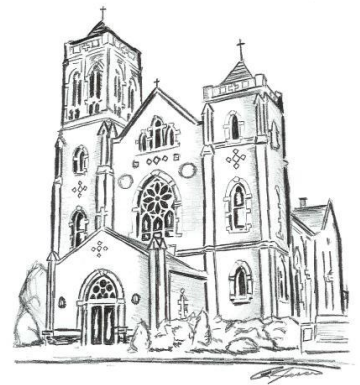




Twenty-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 12th, 2025



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St. Bernard and St. Damian

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13th

Columbus Day/NO SCHOOL/NO PRAYER SERVICE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14th

Prayer Service
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15th

Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian
For All Parishioners

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16th

Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
For all Parishioners

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17th

NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th

Mass in Church
4:00 pm @ St. Bernard
Bob Rolves
Franklin & Marian Eversgerd
Delmond, Eleanor & Cynthia Huegen & Marcel Korte
Leo, Pat & Glenn Litteken & Len Shields
Alice Book

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th

Mass in Church
9:30 am @ St. Damian
Tracy Haukapp
Tom & Alice Gonsalves
Louis Wobbe
Albin Toennies
Bill & Cecilia Jansen

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

2 Kings 5: 14-17; 2 Timothy 2: 8-13; Luke 17: 11-19

Today's readings extol the virtue of gratitude. We hear first of Naaman, a foreigner, who is so grateful to Elisha and the LORD for curing his leprosy that he returns to offer gifts. In the Gospel, another foreigner—a Samaritan—returns to Jesus to offer thanks after his leprosy is cured. May we be as grateful as them for God's blessings upon us, starting with our "Thanks be to God" for the saving power of God's word.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, October 12th

Youth Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass in Church w/ youth choir singing

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Baptism-Remi James Schomaker

10:30 am @ St. Bernard w/ Deacon Kevin

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, October 13th

NO SERVICE-Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 14th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Legion of Mary

5:00 in English @ St. Damian

5:00-8:00 Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament

6:00 in Spanish @ St. Damian

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, October 15th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

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

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, October 16th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, October 17th

NO MASS/NO SERVICES

Saturday, October 18th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, October 19th

Youth Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

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***"THE LORD HAS REVEALED TO THE
NATIONS HIS SAVING POWER."***

REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED:

With the feasts of *All Saints* and *All Souls* approaching on **Nov. 1st & 2nd** our parishes will be remembering the faithful who have gone before us:

✠ A **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** is displayed in the entrances of church for anyone to write the names of deceased loved ones.

✠ A **CANDLE RITUAL** will be held for *All Souls Day* at the following Masses:

4:00 pm @ St. Damian on November 1st

9:30 am @ St. Bernard on November 2nd honoring those parishioners who have passed to eternal life since last Nov. 1st.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC

Let us walk with you on your journey. Classes began Monday, Sept. 22 and meet every Monday evening from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Dominic Annex in Breese. For more info, contact Deacon Kevin at deaconkevin18@gmail.com or Kristen Templin at ktemplin@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO DELIVER

GROCERIES from the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry on Monday mornings. Currently includes picking up at the SVDP Food Pantry in Germantown and delivering to 3 households in Albers. If you are interested, please contact Brenda at Albers Village Hall.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: October 5th

Loose: \$68.50+ Envelope (27): \$1,254.00

+ Mass in Spanish: \$407.00

+ ACH For October 2nd: \$1,215.00 \$2,944.50

Budget for week: \$3,536.00

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$36,445.60

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$45,968.00

Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$9,522.40)

Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$183,900.00

(Reminder: The fiscal year budget does not include the \$80,000.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

**CSMA RESULTS: \$5,051 Pledged (23) of \$9,133 Goal
Thank you for your continued support!**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – October 19th

Ministers: Rosann Horstmann, Deb Santel, Julie Langenhorst
Ushers: Garry Kalmer, Bill Jansen Sr.
Servers: Will Jansen, Evelyn Cleeton, Peyton Scheibel
Reader: Mary Innes
Cantors: Charlotte Cleeton
Organist: Jan Hitch
Coll. Counters: Anita Rakers, Pete Toennies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – October 18th

Ministers: Melissa Netemeyer, Ken & Liz Nussbaumer
Reader: Kathy Friederich
Ushers: Brian & Janel Zurliene
Servers: Landon, Mason & Chase Schroeder
Coll. Count: Phyllis Albers, James Williams, Janel Zurliene
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

The St. Damian Adult Choir began practicing for Christmas on Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. in church. Practices will be held each Tuesday and last about 1 hour. If you have some time to give, we would love to see you there. We are always looking for new members to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 618-792-2676.

Wanted: St. Bernard Church decorators. St. Bernard is in need of volunteers to help decorate the church. This is a great opportunity to help behind the scenes in your church. If interested, please call Peggy Fehrmann @ 618-910-9101, Penny Angeli @ 785 -375-7895, Jamie Jung @ 618-401-2436, or Rachel Varel @ 618-541-0407.

WE'RE EXCITED! IT'S YOUTH CHOIR TIME!

The first Youth Choir practice for the Advent and Christmas season will be at St. Damian church on Sunday, Oct 12 at 8:30am. All youth in Grades 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. We are looking forward to seeing lots of smiling faces on Sunday mornings beginning Sunday Oct 12 at 8:30am!

Attention St. Damian Faith Formation Students! All St. Damian Faith Formation students are invited to come sing in the church balcony at the 9:30am mass at St. Damian on Sunday Oct 12!

ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH IS CONSIDERING THE MUCH-NEEDED RENOVATIONS FOR OUR CHURCH.

Thank you to all who have already returned their Letters of Intent. It is truly appreciated! We are getting close to making this a reality so prayers for continued support of this project! We recently mailed a follow up letter for those who haven't had to opportunity to give. There are also some available in the entryway of church. We are still receiving several Letters of Intentions a week so we thank you! Our target date to reach our goal is October 1 and we will be meeting the 7th to make some decision on moving forward! We ask for those who have yet to do so, please consider your donation and return your Letter of Intent as soon as possible. For those who have sent checks, they will not be cashed until we have the funding to be able to go forward with the renovations. For those who wish to do monthly auto ACH payments, we will also set those up when we are sure that we have the donations to go ahead with the project. Please know that all donors & donation amounts will remain anonymous and confidential. When we do the donation plaque at the end of the project, we will only list your name or who your donation was in memory of. There will never be an amount shown.

We will be talking about the much-needed renovations of our Church at the Masses. We will have renderings of the proposed renovations available in the back of church. Please consider what you would be willing to donate/pledge over the next 3 years to maintain our beautiful church. It has been over 40 years since our last renovation.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: October 4th

Loose: \$74.00+Envelopes: (23) \$852.00
+ ACH For October 2nd: \$2,345.00 \$3,271.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$36,888.52
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$44,005.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$7,116.48)
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$176,000.00

(Reminder: The fiscal year budget does not include the \$52,929.00 transferred from: Men's Club & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

CSMA RESULTS: \$6350 Pledged (16) of \$10,446 Goal

VENDOR CRAFT FAIR WITH 35 VENDORS: OCT 12, 2025, 10AM - 3PM AT THE BREESE AMERICAN LEGION HOSTED BY THE BREESE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY.

The Aviston American Legion Fall Pork Sausage and Roast Beef dinner on Sunday, October 12th, serving from 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM. In addition to the meats, it includes sauerkraut, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, applesauce and dessert. It will be carryout dinners made to order with sit-down dining space available. Cost is \$15.00. The Auxiliary is hosting their annual Holiday Rummage Sale from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM featuring Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations only. \$4 Brown-bag at 3:00 PM.

St. Mary Catholic Church Carlyle Pork Sausage Dinner – Sunday, October 12th. Join us for a delicious drive-thru Pork Sausage Dinner from 11:00am to 1:30pm at St. Mary Parish Center (off Clinton Street). Dinners are \$15 and include pork sausage, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, and applesauce. Drive-thru only on the north side of the Parish Center. All are welcome!_

Breakfast @ Albers American Legion, Sunday, October 19th, 8 to 11. \$14.00 Adult, Kids \$7.00 5-12, under 5 free. adult carryout available. Serving Sausage, ham, pancakes, eggs, fried potatoes, biscuit & gravy, milk & orange juice.

Clinton County HCE – Medicare Updates: What You Need to Know. Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 6 PM at Breese Senior Center, 480 S 4th Street. Presenters: Jon Burgmann & Jay Burgmann, Burgmann Insurance Group. Stay informed about the latest Medicare changes in 2025! This session will cover key updates, policy changes, and how they may impact your coverage. A brief Q&A will follow.

NEW EVENT – DESIGNER RESALE HANDBAG SALE. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND – 5:00 to 7:00 PM. ST. DOMINIC ANNEX BUILDING (North Cherry Street). Admission is \$5.00 per person and includes snacks, drinks, and wine.

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE – ST DOMINIC PARISH, PARISH CENTER, BREESE, IL. Thursday, October 23, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Friday, October 24, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday, October 25, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (all items ½ price), Sunday, October 26, 9:00 am to noon (\$4.00 brown bag) Special deals on jewelry, specialty items and large items. LUNCHEON AVAILABLE ON ALL FOUR DAYS.

St. Anthony’s Church Rummage and Bake Sale is October 30 & 31 and November 1 at St. Anthony’s Parish Center 451 West Third Street, Beckemeyer IL. Hours are: Thursday - October 30 - 9am - 8pm (Full Price), Friday – October 31 - 9am - 8pm (1/2 Price), Saturday – November 1 - 9am - 12pm (\$3 Bag). Rummage donations are accepted on Monday, October 13 (9am – 5pm) to Tuesday, October 28 (9am - 5pm) or until full. NO donations on Sunday. No Tube TV’s, Exercise Equipment, Car Seats, or Encyclopedias will be accepted!

SUPPORT OUR SAINTS ~ S.O.S. RAFFLE: All Saints Academy is excited to begin its 11th annual fundraising campaign, the Support Our Saints – S.O.S. Raffle, beginning September 29. It is an online, email-based raffle that will provide one lucky winner with a Grand Prize of \$5,000, one \$1,000 prize, one \$500 prize, or one of ten \$100 prizes! A \$200 prize will be awarded as part of our “Early Bird” drawing, to be held on October 9. The “Early Bird” drawing will include all tickets purchased through October 8 (online ticket purchases by 11:59 pm and offline ticket purchases received in the ASA office by 3:00 pm). The “Early Bird” winner will be eligible for the remaining prizes. Tickets are \$25 or BUY 5, get 1 FREE. Purchases are limited to those 18 years of age and older. **The raffle campaign will close on October 31 (online ticket purchases by 11:59 pm and offline ticket purchases received at the ASA office by 3:00 pm.)** Winners will be chosen by a computerized drawing and will be announced **Saturday, November 1.** To purchase a ticket, use the link below, access a Printable Raffle Ticket on the ASA website, contact an ASA family, or Lynn Winkeler (618-789-3342 – lwinkeler1@gmail.com). <https://goraisedough.com/buy/3210> - will be active September 29 – October 31. Thank you in advance for your support of All Saints Academy Catholic Grade School and our “Support Our Saints – S.O.S. Raffle”!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: ““An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to ‘shelter’ them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care.”

VOCATION CORNER. ““Jesus, I’m done discerning.” This was my prayer in the back of a quiet chapel, the summer after graduating college. The Lord’s call to me as a child was strong and clear, but the where and when were not. The many Holy Hours I’d spent wrestling with the mystery since had brought no clarity. My prayer continued, “I am spending all my energy discerning when all I really desire is to love you. So, I am just going to love you and love you lavishly. I ask your Blessed Mother to make the rest abundantly clear.” Only later did I understand that perhaps it was what the Lord had been waiting for; for me to simply rejoice to be in relationship with Him, to simply let myself be His. The lesson the Lord taught me that day remains ever new, even now after final vows. How much more beautiful is the journey when lived in the simplicity of his Love!” Sister Maria Lucia Stella Maris, Missionaries of the Word. Columbia Magazine Jul/Aug 2022

Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal. The homebound, sick and seniors living in the southernmost part of the state are assured they will have food to eat thanks to **Daystar Community Program**’s mobile food pantry, which delivers groceries on a regular basis to those not able to visit Daystar’s on-site food pantry. **YOUR GIFT** to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal makes Daystar’s truly life-saving ministry possible. If you haven’t already done so, please donate today and help Daystar to serve truly the poorest of the poor; they are counting on **YOU!**

Come and See Discernment Retreat. Held at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, this Come and See Retreat is for men in high school discerning their vocation. Retreatants will get to experience what life in seminary is like by hearing talks from seminary formators, praying with the college seminarians, and being a part of the seminary fraternity. Visit stlvocations.org/vocation-office-events to register.

Discernment 101 with the Daughters of St. Paul

Discernment 101 is a series of talks, prayer opportunities, and community facilitated by the Daughters of St. Paul to help you grow in your relationship with God and discern how God is inviting you to live out the gift of who you are in the world. Discernment 101 meets one Saturday a month on Zoom from 11:30am–1:00pm CST for a talk and small group discussion. Topics include My Identity in God, Thoughts, Emotions, & Their Place in Discernment, and Making an Authentic Gift of Self. Open to single Catholic women ages 16-33. To register, email Sister Bethany at vocations@paulinemediamedia.com. Fall 2025 Dates: October 18, November 8, December 8

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