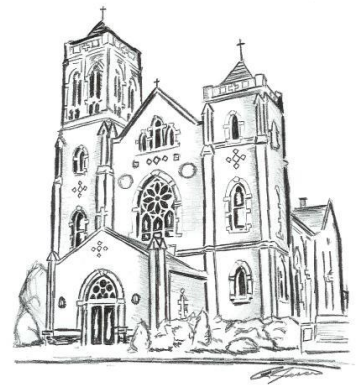
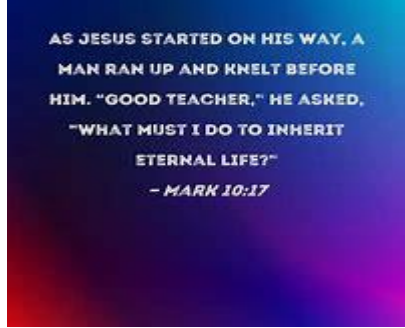




**TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 13th, 2024**



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MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14th
Columbus Day
NO MASS/SERVICE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15th
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16th
Mass in Church w/ Refreshments After Mass
7:45 am @ St. Damian
For All Parishioners

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17th
Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
Intentions of the Catholic Extension Donors

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18th
NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Bernard
Marian Eversgerd
Bob Rolves Sr

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Damian
Louis Wobbe
Tom & Alice Gonsalves
Bill & Cecilia Jansen
Tracy Haukapp
Ervin, Dorothy and Mary Ann Wiese

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Wisdom 7:7–11; Hebrews 4: 12-13; Mark 10: 17-30. Jesus issues a difficult challenge to us today. In order to inherit life, we need to do more than just observe all the commandments. Much more. So much more that the potential disciple who asked him what he must do to inherit life turned on his heel and walked away, crestfallen. Jesus then warns his disciples how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God. But just as his disciples feel like giving up, Jesus gives them—and us— some much-needed hope. May we embrace the wisdom that the first reading encourages us to seek and discover the hope we have in God.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, October 13th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, October 14th

NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Tuesday, October 15th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Bernard

St. Damian Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Rectory Meeting Room

Wednesday, October 16th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, October 17th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Knights of Columbus Meeting

7:30 pm @ Albers Jaycee Building

Friday, October 18th

NO MASS/NO 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, October 19th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, October 20th

Archibald Becker Baptism W/ Deacon Kevin

8:30 am @ St. Damian

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE, O LORD,
AND WE WILL SING FOR JOY!**

JOINT-PARISH DIRECTORY INFO: If there are any issues with the photos you received, please contact Universal Church Directories at 419-522-5011. Office hours are 8am - 4:30pm EST. If you have not yet received your photos from your directory photo session, please contact Emily at 618-978-5806 or Deb Schomaker at 618-806-5191. We will keep you posted regarding delivery of the new directory books!

St. Damian's Children's Liturgy of the Word began on Sunday, October 6th and will follow the same guidelines as St. Bernard. If you would like to be a helper, please contact Gwen at (618) 420-3445.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH. "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. Visit this link to learn concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: <https://www.usccb.org/end-of-life-care> -40 Days for Life, Nov. 3rd, Fairview Heights -Respect Life Mass, Wed. Oct. 16th, Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbia, IL - Diocese of Belleville Respect Life Conference, Fri. Oct. 18th, Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville

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. Bernard on October 26th 9:30 am @ St. Damian on October 27th (PSR children will be singing at Mass) honoring those parishioners who have passed to eternal life since last Nov. 1st.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: October 6th

Loose: \$46.00+ Envelopes: (22) \$4,494.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$310.00
+ ACH for October 2nd: \$1,310.00 \$6,160.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$42,921.61
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$44,968.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$2,046.39)**
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 – October 20th

Minister: Sharon Kalmer, Arlene Korte, Monica Koch
Ushers: Bill Jansen Sr, Gary Tonnies
Servers: Lyla Koch, Charlotte & Evelyn Cleeton
Lector: Susan Lynch
Cantor: Lauren Cleeton
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Coll. Counters: Mech Toennies, Dave Kassen
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

VILLAGE OF DAMIANVILLE FALL CLEAN UP

will be October 19-20 with dumpster available.
VILLAGE BOARD ELECTIONS WILL BE April 1, 2025. Positions open for re-election are Mayor 4-year term and 3 trustee positions for a 4-year term and one trustee for a 2-year term. If you are interested or want more information, call Kristie Santel (618)973-9575 or village hall at 618-248-5111. Paperwork must be filed by November 2024. Would you like to register to vote but don't have the time to get to courthouse or DMV? Contact your Village clerk. They can get you registered.

WE'RE EXCITED! IT'S ALMOST YOUTH CHOIR

TIME! The Christmas season is coming fast! The first Youth Choir practice, in preparation for Christmas Eve, will begin at church on Sunday Oct 27 at 8:30am. All youth in Grades 3-12 and college-age students are welcome to participate and "Make a Joyful Noise!" The Youth Choir will sing for Christmas Eve Mass at 4pm on Dec 24 (it's a Tuesday afternoon). 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 every Sunday at 8:30am beginning Sunday Oct 27!
The St. Damian Adult Choir will begin practices for Christmas on Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. Practices will be held on most Tuesdays until Christmas. New members are always welcome. Even if you can make just a few of the practices, please consider joining us. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 618-792-2676.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: October 5th

Loose: \$102.00+Envelopes: (28) \$1,580.00
+ ACH for October 2nd: \$2,495.00 \$4,177.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$40,572.75
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$47,390.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$6,817.25)**
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 – October 19th

Ministers: Kathy Engelmann, Melissa Netemeyer,
Volunteer
Lector: Kathy Friederich
Ushers: Brian & Janel Zurliene
Servers: Kara Markus, Cameron Warnecke, Gavin Wellen
Coll. Counters: Tina Wuebbels, Keith Richter, Dana Lake
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:

The **Annual Food Drive for St. Damian and St. Bernard** will be collecting non-perishable food items and household supplies for the food pantries. The bags will be dropped off **Saturday, October 26th** and picked up on **Saturday, Nov. 2nd beginning at 8:00 am. NO GLASS OR EXPIRED ITEMS PLEASE!** IF YOU HAVE A LONG LANE ROAD, WE ARE ASKING IF YOU COULD PLEASE SET THE BAGS AT THE END OF YOUR LANE ROAD FOR PICKUP. We would truly appreciate it. All items will be taken to St. Bernard Parish Center for sorting and will be taken to the Daystar Program in Cairo. Bags can be dropped off at St. Bernard's Church, St. Damian's Church or Albers Village Hall also. *Thank you very much for your generosity!*

ST. DAMIAN HISPANIC COMMUNITY

MEXICAN SUNDAY, October 27 @ 11:00 am in the St. Damian Gym. Tacos steak or pork, tamales red or green. \$15/plate.

Aviston Legion is hosting their Fall Pork Sausage and Roast Beef dinner on Sun Oct 13 from 10:30AM-6:00PM. Carryout dinners made to order with sit-down dining available. Auxiliary Holiday Rummage Sale 10:00am-5:00pm.

ST. GEORGE, NEW BADEN, QUILTING BEE, St. George Community Life Ctr, Monday, October 14, from 1-9 pm. Dinner and good conversation served at 5. Tuesday, October 15. 6-9 pm. Refreshments & desserts.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA, at Case-Halstead library in Carlyle. It is the thirty-ninth Cantata this year and we would love to have as many churches in Clinton County as possible participate! We are starting this week, but come when you can!

Diocese of Belleville Young Adults Bibles & Brews, Thursday, October 17 at Fletchers's in Swansea with Bishop McGovern. Ages 21-35. 6:30-7:00 Social, 7-8:30 Event.

The Diocese is hosting our first Respect Life Conference on Friday, October 18th at St. Peter's Cathedral. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about pro-life issues and be inspired. The conference begins at noon with Mass, which is then followed by many different speakers & topics. Our evening session begins at 5:30 with dinner. Attendees are free to join us for afternoon/evening, or both!

Join St. Mary Parish in Centralia, IL, for Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 19th. The festivities will begin with Mass at 4:00 p.m., followed by a buffet chicken dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Enjoy a variety of treats, including German beer, brats and kraut, pulled pork, and nachos and cheese at the beer stand. Live music by Caleb Shipley will entertain from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., with a raffle drawing taking place at 10:00 p.m. For more information, call 532-6291 or visit stmarycentralia.org.

ALBERS LEGION BREAKFAST, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 from 8-11. Sausage, ham, pancakes, fried potatoes, biscuits & gravy.

VILLAGE OF ALBERS TRICK OR TREATING will be held on Friday, October 25, from 6-8 pm. Porchlights on to welcome.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights Volunteer Request. Friday, November 22 – Tuesday, December 31, 2024. Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows from November 22 through December 31. This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours, too. If interested, please email programs@snows.org, call 618-394-6281.

POSITION AVAILABLE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a part-time (20-hours per week) Administrative Assistant for the Office of Human Resources which is part of the Department of Temporal Affairs. The Administrative Assistant supports the administrative and clerical needs of the Office of Human Resources with regular interaction with parish, school, and agency personnel. A significant level of database management will be involved, encompassing both analysis and integration tasks. Applicant must have strong written and oral communication skills; steady work ethic; be highly organized, detailed, and flexible; exercise problem-solving, discretion and interpersonal skills, and must maintain confidentiality. Essential qualifications include a minimum of a high school diploma, associate's degree preferred, or equivalent experience; 1-3 years' experience in human resources and benefits/claim support, along with data management plus knowledge of Microsoft Office including Publisher, Adobe, and other computer programs/applications. Practicing Catholic preferred with thorough knowledge and understanding of Catholic teachings, practices, and organizational structure. To apply send cover letter with resume to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 S. 3rd St., Belleville, IL. 62220. email to humanresources@diobelle.org by Oct. 18.

FOR THE HOMELESS OR NEEDY

Fleece or flannel material needed to sew on the back of knit material. Will be donated to nursing homes and St. Vincent DePaul Drop-In Center. Made to order as long as supplies last. Adult bibs, lap buddies for wheelchairs, walker & wheelchair accessories, throws, baby blankets & pillows. All items will be made from donated materials. For further information, please text or call Patricia Brandmeyer at (618) 541-7772.

4th ANNUAL TEE'D OFF WITH ALS

We want to thank everyone for your support of the 4th Annual Tee'd Off with ALS. If you golfed, were a sponsor, bought a raffle ticket, made a donation or just offered prayers and words of kindness it is all truly appreciated. It was a success because of the wonderful community we live in. It does make a difference.

May God bless you.

Bob & Melissa Netemeyer, Helen & Fran Billhartz, and the entire Tee'd Off with ALS committee

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