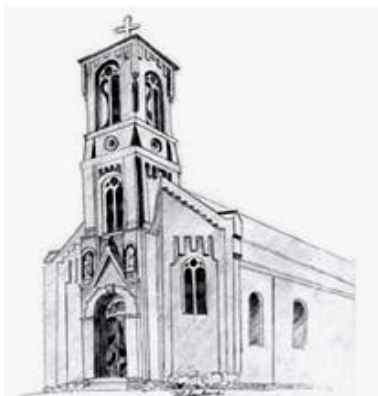
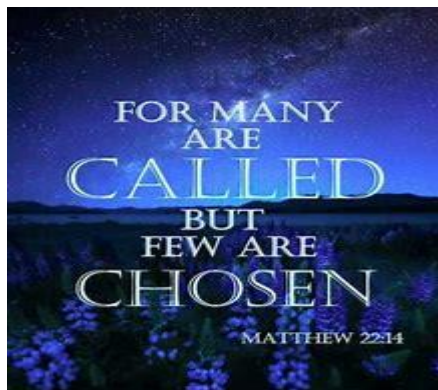


**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY  
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OCTOBER 15, 2023**



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM @ St. Damian  
Prayer Service

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM @ St. Bernard  
Prayer Service

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian  
For The People

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard  
Intentions of the Catholic Extension Donors

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
4:00 PM @ St. Bernard  
Clara Kohrmann  
Darlene Billhartz  
Kimberly Dull  
Bernard, Bernadine & Brian Frankovich

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
9:30 AM @ St. Damian  
Norbert Jansen  
Louis Wobbe  
Vince & Florence Arentsen  
Tom & Alice Gonsalves

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

### LITURGY OF THE WORD:

**Isaiah 25: 6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22: 1-14**

Both Isaiah and Jesus describe a feast in the readings we hear today, a feast given by God, a feast to which all are invited. Isaiah describes a banquet on a holy mountain, full of food, joy, and life. Jesus' story is of a wedding banquet, given by a king. Between these two readings, we hear Paul encourage the Philippians to have faith that God will always provide. May God's word help us realize that the feast we celebrate together here is a sign of God's bounty and generosity

### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Children's Choir Practice*

8:30 am @ St. Damian

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Damian

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

*Edge Program Night*

6:00-7:00 pm @ St. Damian Rectory

**Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

*St. Damian Parish Council meeting*

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Rectory meeting room

*Eucharistic Adoration*

7:00-8:00 @ St. Bernard

*St. Damian Adult Choir Practice*

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

**Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church with Refreshments to follow Rectory*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

*Knights of Columbus meeting*

7:30 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory

**Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Special Mass for Hispanic Presentation of 3 year old*

11:00 am @ St. Damian

*Mass in Church*

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

**Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Children's Choir Practice*

8:30 am @ St. Damian

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Damian

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**I SHALL LIVE IN THE HOUSE OF THE  
LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE!**

### 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 Daystar program in Cairo. The bags will be dropped off **Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** and picked up on **Saturday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 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 used to assist those in need. 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!*

### REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED:

With the feasts of *All Saints* and *All Souls* approaching on **Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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 28<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 am @ St. Damian on October 29<sup>th</sup>  
honoring those parishioners who have passed to eternal life since last Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### ST. DAMIAN 5-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAKE SALE

The St. Damian 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will host a bake sale on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, before and after the 9:30 Mass and at the Hispanic Mass at 11:00. Proceeds will be sent to Fr. Nicodemus from Kenya to help provide clean water for his people.

## **ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$88.00+ Envelopes: (29) \$2,560.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$798.00 \$3,446.00  
Budget for week: \$3,121.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$40,841.19  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$46,815.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$5,973.81)**  
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 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Euch. Ministers: Ruth Jansen, Deb Santel, Ken Mank  
Ushers: Cole & Jared Horstmann  
Servers: Collins & Delaney Horstmann, Hunter Toennies  
Lector: Jackie Toennies  
Cantor: Lauren Cleeton  
Organist: Jan Hitch  
Collection Counters: Pete Toennies, Dave Kassen  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### **ST. DAMIAN CHOIR INFORMATION:**

**The St. Damian Adult Choir** will began 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!

### **VILLAGE OF DAMIANVILLE CLEAN UP.**

October 20-22. Roll off dumpster available west of town by maintenance shed. Keep metal and appliances separate. Boy Scout electronics drive Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at Village Hall 9am until 11:30. No TV's please. More information on village hall door.

## **ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: October 7<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$35.00+Envelopes: (21) \$715.00 \$750.00  
Budget for week: \$3,502.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$43,269.22  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$52,530.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$9,260.78)**  
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 21<sup>st</sup>**

Euch. Minister: Kathy Engelmann,  
Melissa Netemeyer, Coryn Toennies  
Reader: Kathy Friederich  
Ushers: Brian & Janel Zurliene  
Servers: Kara Markus, Alex & Emree Athmer  
Coll. Counters: Tina Wuebbels, Tim Schroeder,  
Dana Lake  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### **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.

### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER**

"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations."

### **Our Second Collection for the month of October will be for the Metro East Diaper Bank.**

We have people in our towns that are in need of this service so we thank you in advance for your donations!

### **The Edge Program gatherings will be on the following dates:**

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 6-7pm, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6-7pm, December 3, 6-7pm.  
All gatherings will be at the Edge Room in the St Damian's Rectory.



**ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, BCMW Community Services.** Eligible Families May Sign-Up October 23-26, 2023. Please call BCMW at 618-526-7123 from 8a.m.-3p.m. ALL applications must be received by 4p.m. Thursday, October 26. Please bring the following for ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS: 30 days proof of income, current Medicaid card, SSI cards

**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](https://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.

**Trick or Treating in Albers** will be held on Friday, October 27 from 6-8 pm. Please turn your porch lights on for the trick or treaters.

**The Breese Knights of Columbus invite you to a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast** with trunk or treat on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 480 Walnut St., Breese, IL. Serving: 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Dine-in Tickets: Adults - \$10.00, Dine-in Tickets: Children - \$5.00, Children (12 & under) in Halloween costumes – FREE. ALL Carry-out Tickets: \$10.00. Breakfast includes: Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Hashbrowns, Biscuits with gravy, Fruit, Orange Juice, Milk, Coffee.

**Quest Retreat, Sacred Heart, DuQuoin, Nov.4-5:** 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. Applications are available at [bellevilletec.org/applications](https://bellevilletec.org/applications).

**All Saints Academy** is holding their annual dinner auction themed ‘Denim & Diamonds’ on November 4, 2023 at the KC Hall in Breese. Check out All Saints Academy Facebook page for more information, to purchase tickets or call 618-526-4323.

**ST. DAMIAN HISPANIC MINISTRY MEXICAN SUNDAY,** November 5 beginning at 11:00 am. Steak or Pork Tacos are 3 for \$10 and 3 tamales red or green for \$10 or \$10 a plate. \$2 soda or water. To order TO GO, call 618-708-1487.

**ST. ROSE LADIES SODALITY FALL QUILT BINGO:** Sunday, Nov. 5th at 6:30PM. Doors open at 5:00PM. Dinner & Drinks will be sold. Each winner will receive a Quilt. Tie Breakers will split a cash prize. 24 Games”

**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](mailto: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](https://breeseknights.org)

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights Volunteer Request, Friday, November 17– Sunday, December 31.** 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 17 through December 31. This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours. If interested, please email [programs@snows.org](mailto:programs@snows.org), call 618-394-6281 or go to our website [www.snows.org/wayoflights](https://www.snows.org/wayoflights)

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