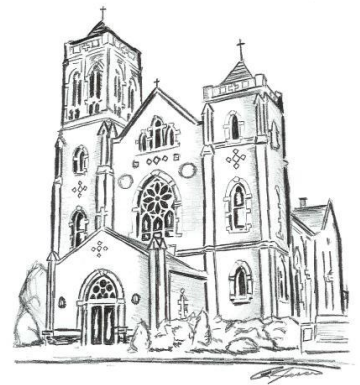




*Twenty-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday
October 19th, 2025*



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MONDAY, OCTOBER 20th

Prayer Service
7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21st

Prayer Service
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
Bernard & Honey Brueggemann

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24th

NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th

Mass in Church
4:00 pm @ St. Bernard
Darlene Billhartz
Herman & Hulda Kollmann

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th

Mass in Church
9:30 am @ St. Damian
Families of Ralph Brandmeyer
Janice Mank
Barb Steinmann
Darlene C. Toennies
Wayland Jasper

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Exodus 17: 8-13; 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:2; Luke 18: 1-8

The first reading transports us back to Moses' time, to a battle in which Moses' stamina was gravely tested. In the second reading, Paul encourages Timothy to be persistent in spreading the Good News. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples the importance of praying persistently, to keep their faith while continually petitioning God for justice. May we take to heart the words we sing in the psalm today: "Our help is from the Lord."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, October 19th

Youth Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, October 20th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, October 21st

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

St. Damian Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Rectory

Wednesday, October 22nd

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 23rd

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, October 24th

NO MASS/NO SERVICES

Saturday, October 25th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, October 26th

Youth Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

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**"OUR HELP IS FROM THE LORD,
WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH."**

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 kmtemplin@gmail.com

LADY OF GUADELUPE RAFFLE. Maria is asking if anyone is interested in donating prizes for a raffle to raise funds for the Lady of Guadalupe. If you would like to donate a gift basket or gift card to be put on the raffle, please contact Maria Gimenez. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: October 12th

Loose: \$121.00+ Envelope (19): \$961.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$236.00 \$1,318.00
Budget for week: \$3,536.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$37,763.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$49,504.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$11,741.00)
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: \$5,071 Pledged (23) of \$9,133 Goal
Thank you for your continued support!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – October 26th

Ministers: Kennedy Toennies, Beth Brandmeyer, Pete Toennies
Ushers: Norm Horstmann & Gary Tonnies
Servers: Collins, Delaney & Paislyn Horstmann
Reader: Anita Rakers
Cantors: Kristy Richter
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Coll. Counters: Tina Tonnies, Sandy Kramer

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – October 25th

Ministers: Tina Haas, Steve & Deb Schomaker
Reader: Janel Zurliene
Ushers: Nick & Kathy Friederich
Servers: Kinley Barth, Emree & Asher Athmer
Coll. Count: James William, Tina Wuebbels, Dana Lake
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.

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

Youth Choir practice for Advent and Christmas seasons is happening at St. Damian on Sunday mornings at 8:30am. All youth in Grades 3-12 and college-age youth are welcome to participate and "Make a Joyful Noise!" If there are any questions, please call Jackie at 618-335-9562 or Geri at 618-444-5073. We look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces on Sunday mornings at 8:30am! Thanks in advance for your participation!

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.

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! 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 have been cashed. 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.

Please continue to pray for a successful Capital Campaign so that we can maintain our beautiful St. Bernard Church.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: October 11th

Loose: \$27.00+Envelopes: (29) \$1,322.00
\$1,349.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$38,237.52
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$47,390.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$9,152.48)
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.)

WURSTMARKT 2025 RESULTS:

2025 Income: \$ 23,675.80
2025 Expenses: - 6,447.85
2025 Net Profit: \$ 17,227.95
2024 Net Profit: \$ 14,295.24

Special thanks to everyone who helped, donated, or contributed in any way to make this event a success!

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 interested, please contact Brenda at Albers Village Hall.

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.

Albers American Legion Auxiliary Dressing Sales. We will be making dressing for your holiday dinners. Pickup date is November 21st. Gallon is \$15.00, 1/2 gallon is \$8.00. If interested, call the Legion before November 10th to place your order. Phone 618-248-5505 or 618-593-2100.

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 follows.

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.

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!

There will be a “Soup and Song” benefit on Sunday, November 2nd, 11am—4pm, at Schoendienst’s Park in Germantown for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Soup, bread, beverages, and good music all for a donation. Music by The Prairie Travelers, The Buzzards, and friends. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the day. The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry serves those in need in Albers, Aviston, Bartelso, Damiansville, and Germantown.

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 – klwinkeler1@gmail.com). <https://goraisedough.com/buy/3210> - will be active September 29 – October 31.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: Join thousands of Catholics praying a Respect Life Month novena Wednesday, October 22 – Thursday, October 30. Get daily prayers, reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org!

VOCATION CORNER. “My call to religious life began with a construction project at my college dorm. As jackhammers rang outside, I sought refuge in the chapel and at campus ministry events. My faith began to flourish and during those years I providentially met a De La Salle Christian brother who opened up new opportunities for community and service. My Catholic education...played a significant role in my discernment. I similarly attribute my vocation in large part to my family, who have always encouraged me to be faithful to God and a disciple of Christ. My advice to anyone discerning is to remain true to yourself and God. Dedicate yourself to growing in faith, service, justice, hope and love.” Brother Kyle Mena, Brothers of the Christian Schools; Columbia Magazine, Oct 21.

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!**

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: November 8, December 8

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