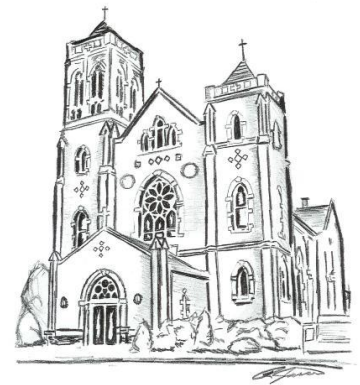




Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 26th, 2025



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MONDAY, OCTOBER 27th
Prayer Service
7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28th
Prayer Service
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29th
Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian
For the Intentions of All Catholic Extension Donors

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30th
Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31st
NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1st – All Saints Day
Mass in Church-Candle Mass of Remembrance
4:00 pm @ St. Damian
Melvin Toennies
Drew Toennies

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd – All Souls Day
Mass in Church-Candle Mass of Remembrance
9:30 am @ St. Bernard
Jim Engelmann

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sirach 35:12–14, 16–18; 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18; Luke 18:9–14

Centuries before Christ, Sirach writes that the Lord hears the prayers of the lowly, the poor, the weak, and the oppressed. He assures his readers that God will respond. In the Gospel, Jesus applauds those who humbly acknowledge their sinfulness and ask for God's mercy, declaring that God will exalt them. May we realize our own poverty before the Lord as we sing the refrain to the responsorial psalm, "The Lord hears the cry of the poor."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, October 26th

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 27th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, October 28th

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 29th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Faith Family Fun Night for 2nd Graders & parents

6:00 pm @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

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

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, October 30th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, October 31st

NO MASS/NO SERVICES

Saturday, November 1st-All Saints Day

Food Drive Bags Delivered

Mass in Church – Candle Mass

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, November 2nd-All Souls Day

Youth Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass in Church – Candle Mass

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

***"THE LORD HEARS
THE CRY OF THE POOR."***

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.

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, November 1st** and pick up will be on **Saturday, Nov. 8th 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!**

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.

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 19th

Loose: \$297.00+ Envelope (25): \$3,370.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,486.00
+ ACH For October 16th: \$550.00 \$5,703.00
Budget for week: \$3,536.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$43,466.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$53,040.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$9,574.00)
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.)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – November 1st

Ministers: Virgil & Marilyn Jansen, Diana Jansen
Ushers: Brad & Kristy Richter
Servers: Trey Stiebel, Bryn & Reed Wuebbels
Reader: Jana Wuebbels
Cantors: Charlotte Cleeton
Organist: Geri Varel
Coll. Counters: Gwen Toennies & Mech Toennies

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 8:30 am. 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!

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.

BAKE SALE THANK YOU! "Thanks to everyone who baked or bought items at our bake sale last Sunday! We were able to donate \$441 to the National Children's Cancer Society"

TRUSTEE ASSIGNMENT: We would like to thank Arlene Korte for her many years of service as St. Damian Parish Trustee. Your faithfulness to our parish is truly appreciated. We welcome Kristy Richter as our new trustee for St. Damian joining Adam Fuehne as our St. Damian Trustees. Thank you Kristy for accepting this position.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: October 18th

Loose: \$75.00+Envelopes: (34) \$1,920.00
+ ACH For October 16th: \$2,830.00 \$4,825.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$43,062.52
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$50,775.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$7,712.48)
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.)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – November 2nd

Ministers: Kati Schwierjohn, Jackie Farrar, Lynn Athmer
Reader: Sean Kennedy
Ushers: John & Linda Majchrzak
Servers: Kayle Reinhardt, Jack & Sam Reynolds
Coll. Count: Sean Kennedy, Phyllis Albers, Lynn Athmer

CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS. A special thank you to Gary Kohrmann of Kohrmann Masonry for his donation of time in fixing the pillars at the cemetery and also to Mike Lengermann for his fence work in making the improvements at the St. Bernard Cemetery! It looks so beautiful. Thank you for all who helped out with this project. It is truly appreciated.

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! There are also some forms 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 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. Cecilia, Bartelso, Ladies Sodality Drive Thru Chicken Dinner, Sunday, November 2, 11:00-5:30 at the Parish Center. ½ Chicken, Potatoes, Gravy, Homemade Dressing, Green Beans, Slaw & Cake. \$15.00. You may opt to dine-in from 11-1 but will be in carryout form with seating and water & coffee available.

Mater Dei Open House: Sunday, November 2. Explore the Mater Dei difference at their Open House on Sunday, November 2, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., for families with students in grades 5-8. Families may arrive at the time of their choice, visit the informational tables of their choice, and select the tour of their choice (12:00 p.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m.). Visit Mater Dei's website (www.materdeiknights.org, "Announcements") for detailed information and the tour registration link. (To ensure small tour groups, online registration, which includes selecting a tour time, is strongly encouraged.) Families who cannot attend may contact Assistant Principal Mrs. Maria Zurliene for an informational folder (mzurliene@materdeiknights.org).

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

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!

A RETREAT FOR SINGLE MOMS. A time to pause and experience God's peace in the company of other women who understand your journey. Come as you are, with or without your children. When: Saturday, November 1st, 12:00-5:30 PM (Including Mass) Where: St. Nicholas Parish, 625 St. Nicholas Drive, O'Fallon, IL, Who: Single moms and their children (all ages welcome) Cost: Free - Lunch, snacks, and childcare provided. Questions? Email: bellevillechapter@momentummothers.org

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: The witness of our Blessed Mother in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth, invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love & compassion. It is a summons to make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone.

Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal. With confidence in the Lord, today we are asking for your support of this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Your generous response will help our diocesan ministries grow and the compassion of Jesus will be experienced more profoundly in our communities by those who are in need. Please consider making your gift today!

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows - Shrine Grounds and Visitors Center from November 21 through December 31, 2025, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Indoor activities are closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. The Way of Lights Display, using over 1.5 million beautiful lights, depicts the journey of Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem. With new and beautiful colored lights, we celebrate the birth of Jesus and continue to offer activities for all to enjoy! Cost: No charge for display; donations accepted; additional charges for some activities. For more information, call 618-397-6700 or visit our website at <https://snows.org/wayoflights>

VOCATION CORNER. Next Sunday, November 2nd, starts National Vocation Awareness Week (declared by the U.S. Bishops) - an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations. Suggest to our youth to consider a call from the Lord to serve the Church and pray every day this week for an increase in vocations.

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