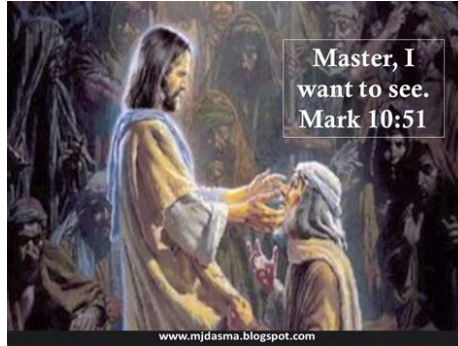
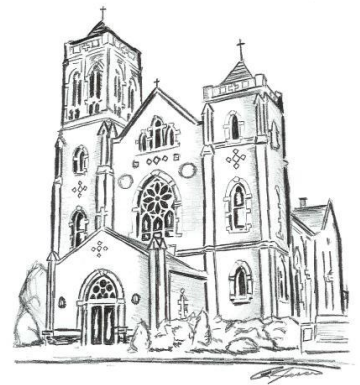




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MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28th
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29th
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30th
Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian
For All Cancer Patients

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31st
Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners
Mass in Church-All Saints Vigil
6:00 pm @ St. Damian

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st – All Saints Day
Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd - All Souls Day
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
Louis Korte
William & Clara Korte
Aloys & Estella Heimann

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Jim Engelmann
Emma Musenbrock

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Hebrews 5: 1-6; Mark 10: 46-52. Jeremiah delivers an oracle of salvation, giving his people hope that there would be an end to their exile. Hebrews points out that God called every high priest for generations, but since he was God's Son, Christ became high priest forever. Glory and wonder culminate in the Gospel, where the blind man Bartimaeus is healed by Jesus and immediately follows him on his way to Jerusalem and the cross. Wherever we are on our personal journey, may we heed the Lord's call and follow him, like the faithful in the final verse of the psalm, who "come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, October 27th - PSR Children singing @ Mass

Youth Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian

Mass in Church-Candle Mass

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Mexican Food Sunday

11:00 am @ St. Damian Gym

Monday, October 28th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, October 29th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

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

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, October 30th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, October 31st

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Mass in Church-All Saints Vigil

6:00 pm @ St. Damian

Friday, November 1st – All Saints Day

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

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, November 2nd - Food Bags Pickup

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, November 3rd

Youth Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US; WE ARE FILLED WITH 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 directory books!

Fr. Matthew's Official Installation as our Pastor

will be on Sunday, November 10, at the 9:30 am Mass at St. Bernard's. We thank Fr. Matthew for his continued leadership of our parishes!

RESPECT LIFE MONTH. "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 and compassion. It is a summons to make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone." -40 Days for Life, Nov- Nov. 3rd, Fairview

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* honoring those parishioners who have passed to eternal life since last Nov. 1st 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)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHANGE

Eucharistic Adoration is switching from Tuesday evenings to Wednesday evenings. Starting in November, it will be on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: October 20th

Loose: \$279.00+ Envelopes: (20) \$1,109.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,403.00
+ ACH for October 16th: \$550.00 \$3,341.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$52,353.61
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$51,392.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$ 961.61
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 – November 2nd

Minister: Virgil & Marilyn Jansen, Diana Jansen
Ushers: Roger Toennies & Volunteer
Servers: Lincoln & Connor Arentsen, Kate Mitchell
Lector: Beth Brandmeyer
Cantor: Shannon Sanders & Lindsey Mitchell
Organist: Jan Hitch
Coll. Counters: Gwen Toennies, Anita Rakers
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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.

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.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: October 19th

Loose: \$40.00+Envelopes: (29) \$1,770.00
+ ACH for October 16th: \$2,680.00 \$4,490.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$46,206.75
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$54,160.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$7,953.25)**
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 – November 3rd

Ministers: Dan & Lee Love, Lynette Huegen
Lector: Jamie Jung
Ushers: Cory & Andra Goestenkers
Servers: Jacob & Dominic Cannaday, Austin Hemker
Coll. Counters: James Williams, Tina Wuebbels, Janel Zurliene
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 were dropped off **Saturday, October 26th** and pick up will be 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!*

TODAY!!! 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. Soda, water, & margaritas.

VILLAGE OF DAMIANVILLE TRICK OR TREATING will be held on Sunday, October 27, from 6-8. Porchlights to welcome!

TODAY!! 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.

Albers American Legion Auxiliary Dressing Sale. We will be making dressing for your holiday dinners. Pickup date is Friday, November 22nd. Gallon is \$15.00, 1/2 gallon is \$8.00. Call Albers Legion at 248-5505 before November 10th to place your order.

ST. CECILIA, BARTELSON, FRIED CHICKEN DINNER, Sunday, November 3 from 11-5 pm at Bartelso School Cafeteria. Dine-in from 11-1, drive-thru from 11-5 pm. Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, dressing, cake. \$15.00

Mater Dei Open House for Prospective Families: November 3. Mater Dei will host their annual Open House on Sunday, November 3, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Families with students in grades 5 through 8 are invited to explore and to receive information related to the various aspects of Mater Dei, especially the Mater Dei difference. Visit Mater Dei's website for detailed information and the tour registration link: www.materdeiknights.org ("Announcements" section). Families who cannot attend may contact Assistant Principal Mrs. Maria Zurliene for an informational folder (mzurliene@materdeiknights.org).

Mater Dei Fall Play: November 1, 2, 3

Enjoy a performance of Mater Dei's fall play, the timeless *A Christmas Carol*, on November 1 or 2 at 7:00 p.m. or November 3 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets (\$6) will be available at the door.

Work Day at Chakota Therapeutic Riding Center: We are seeking volunteers on November 3rd, 2024 to assist with Fall cleanup projects at Chakota. This is a great opportunity for Confirmation students seeking community service projects or anyone else who would like to help. Wear old clothes and bring boots if you have them. We will be cleaning stalls, washing vinyl fence, etc. Come on out any time after 10:00 a.m. -- we will be there until 4:00 p.m. Call 618-224-4236 with questions.

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.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communications, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are listed our upcoming dates. Sign up now as space is limited. For more info, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-73171. 12/6-12/8, 1/31-2/2, 4/4-4/6 in St. Peters, Mo.

King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center. An Advent Day of Prayer – The Three Comings of Christ. Presenter – Karen Seaborn. Saturday, December 7, 2024. 9:00-3:00

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