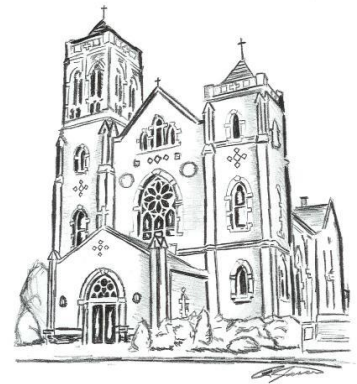




**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 29, 2023**

*"Love the Lord your God with  
all your heart and with all your  
soul and with all your mind."  
Jesus, Matt 22:37*



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM @ St. Damian  
Prayer Service

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:45 AM @ St. Bernard  
Prayer Service  
7:00 PM @ St. Bernard All Saints Vigil Mass  
For the People

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints**

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian  
For the People  
7:45 AM Prayer Service @ St. Bernard

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> – All Souls**

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

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
**4:00 PM @ St. Damian**  
In Thanksgiving: Ed & Nettie Broeckling  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Chuck & Dot Goestenkers  
Ralph Koopmann & Sam Schumacher  
Living & Deceased of Clem & Sarah Santel Family

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
**9:30 AM @ St. Bernard**  
Jim Engelmann  
Delmon, Eleanor & Cynthia Huegen  
Marcel Korte

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

**Exodus 22: 20-26; 1Thesalonians 1: 5c-10; Matthew 22: 34-40**

How does God want us to act toward others? That question is answered in today's readings. In Exodus, God tells the Chosen People how to treat strangers, widows, orphans, and others in difficult circumstances, and explains why. Writing to the Thessalonians, Paul says that by imitating the Lord they have become models for other believers. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches the Pharisees which commandment is the greatest. Let us allow God's word to penetrate our minds, our souls, and our hearts.

## **HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:**

**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

***NO YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE TODAY***

***Faith Formation Students are invited to sing in the Balcony at 9:30 Mass!***

***Mass in Church – Candle Mass for All Souls Day***

9:30 am @ St. Damian

***Bake Sale after Mass at St. Damian***

***Hispanic Mass in Church***

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

***Bake Sale after Hispanic Mass***

**Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

***Prayer Service in Church***

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

***Prayer Service in Church***

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

***Vigil Mass-All Saints Day***

7:00 PM @ St. Bernard

***St. Damian Adult Choir Practice***

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

**Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints Day**

***Mass in Church***

7:45 am @ St. Damian

***Prayer Service for All Saints Day***

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – All Souls Day**

***Mass in Church***

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

***NO MASS/SERVICE***

**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

***Thanksgiving Food Drive Bag Pick up***

8:00 am @ St. Bernard & St. Damian

***Mass in Church***

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

***Children's 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

***Mexican Food Sunday*** beginning at 11:00 am

***Edge Program Gathering***

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

## **I LOVE YOU LORD, MY STRENGTH!**

### **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 were dropped off and will be 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**

***TODAY!!!!*** The St. Damian 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will host a bake sale **TODAY** 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 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. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Loose: \$133.00+ Envelopes: (31) \$2,055.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$434.00 \$2,622.00  
Budget for week: \$3,121.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$48,845.10  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$53,057.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$4,211.90)**  
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 – November 4<sup>th</sup>**

Euch. Ministers: Chris & Beth Brandmeyer, Monica Koch  
Ushers: Roger Toennies & 1 Volunteer  
Servers: Kennedy Toennies, Lyla Koch,  
Reed Wuebbels

Lector: Joe Cleeton  
Cantor: Rosann Horstmann  
Organist: Geri Varel  
Collection Counter: Sandy Kramer, Kathleen Hodges  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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

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

### **LADY OF GUADALUPE RAFFLE TICKETS**

are available in the entryway of St. Damian Church. There is an envelope by the tickets to put the sold tickets and money. Thank you in advance for supporting the raffle.

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

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: October 21<sup>st</sup>**

Loose: \$84.00 + Envelopes: (31) \$1,595.00  
\$1,679.00  
Budget for week: \$3,502.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$49,429.22  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$59,534.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$10,104.78)**  
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 – November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Euch. Minister: Dan & Lee Love, Lynette Huegen  
Reader: Jamie Jung  
Ushers: Cory & Andra Goestenkers  
Server: Jacob Cannaday, Austin Hemker, Kayla Boeckmann  
Coll. Counters: James Williams, Tina Wuebbels, Tim Schroeder  
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. 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.

***40 Days for Life Closing Rally on Sun. Nov. 5 at 6:00 pm at the Hope Clinic in Granite City. Please join us for a candlelight prayer vigil and speaker as we close our 40 Days for Life Fall campaign. All are welcome. Prayer makes a difference - You can make a difference. For more information - website: [www.40daysgc.com](http://www.40daysgc.com) [info@40daysgc.com](mailto:info@40daysgc.com) or call (636)-206-6220***

### **Bishop McGovern has scheduled a St. Andrew Dinner on Sunday, November 5, 2023,**

at the Newman Center at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. This event is for young men ages 14-32 who are interested in learning more about the priesthood; parents or guardians are also welcome. The event will begin with gathering at 3:30 PM and discussions with the Bishop starting at 3:45 PM. Mass will be at 5:15 PM, and dinner will follow with the opportunity for additional discussion. more info or to RSVP, contact Mrs. Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722-5003 or [jhoffmann@diobelle.org](mailto:jhoffmann@diobelle.org)



**Albers Legion Breakfast, Sunday, October 29,** from 8-11:00 am. Sausage, ham, eggs, fried potatoes, biscuits & gravy.

**Albers American Legion Auxiliary Dressing Sale.** We will be making dressing for your holiday dinners. Pickup Date is Friday, November 17th. Gallon is \$15.00, 1/2 gallon is \$8.00. Call Albers Legion at 248-5505 before November 8th to place your order.

**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, Children - \$5.00, Children (12 & under) in Halloween costumes – FREE. ALL Carry-out Tickets: \$10.00. Includes: Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Hashbrowns, Biscuits with gravy, Fruit, Orange Juice, Milk, Coffee.

**St. Anthony's Church Rummage and Bake Sale** is Nov. 2, 3, & 4th at St. Anthony's Parish Center 451 West Third Street, Beckemeyer IL. **Hours are:** Thursday Nov. 2nd - 9am - 8pm (Full Price), Friday – Nov. 3rd - 9am – 8 pm (1/2 Price), Saturday – Nov. 4th - 9am -12pm (\$3 Bag).

**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](http://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 info, 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/\$10 and 3 tamales red or green for \$10 or \$10 a plate. \$2 soda/water. To order TO GO, call 618-708-1487.

**ST. CECILIA LADIES SODALITY FALL DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER,** Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, from 11-6:00 or until we run out of food at Bartelso School. Half Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing, Green Beans, Slaw & Cake.

**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"

**Mater Dei Open House (grades 5-8).** Mater Dei will host an Open House on Sunday, November 5, 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 p.m., 12:30 p.m., 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m.). Visit Mater Dei's website ([www.materdeiknights.org](http://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](mailto:mzurliene@materdeiknights.org)).

**The Breese Knights of Columbus are Hosting a Pork Sausage Dinner** Sunday, November 5, from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the Breese KC Hall. Tickets: \$12. Carry outs only. Dinner includes Pork Sausage, Roast Beef, Backbone, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, and Applesauce. Proceeds benefit Parish Schools Religion.

**Turkey Bingo and Vendor Fair,** Sunday, November 5, from 11 – 4. Bingo begins at 1:00. Lunch stand available and vendors.

**Spaghetti Dinner at Albers Legion on Thursday, November 9, from 4-7 pm.** Benefiting Metro-East Diaper Bank. Spaghetti (with or without meat), Salad, Applesauce, Breadsticks & Dessert. \$12 Adult, \$6 5-12, Under 5 Free. Dine-In, Carryout and Delivery available to Albers, Aviston, Damiansville, Fairview Heights, Germantown, Shiloh & New Baden.

**St. Agatha Basket Bingo,** New Athens, Sunday, November 12, beginning at 1:00. Sandwiches available.

**Thanksgiving Dinners.** If you or someone you know is in need of a Thanksgiving dinner, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council and the Catholic Diocese of Belleville will provide Thanksgiving dinners on **Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 23, 2022.** Dinner will be served at: Msgr. Voss Parish Center, St. Henry Catholic Church, 5303 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois, 10:45 a.m. – 12 Noon. Delivery available (maximum 3 meals) to homebound only. Reservations for dining at St. Henry or delivery to homebound are required; please call: 618-722-5024. Reservations must be made by November 17.

**SEEK 2024, January 1-5, 2024 at America's Center in St. Louis.** SEEK24 is put on by FOCUS, a Catholic outreach organization targeted towards college students and young adults. SEEK is a national conference with numerous universities as well as young adults from across the country attending. There will be keynote speakers such as Fr. Mike Schmitz, Mass, a concert, breakout sessions, adoration, confessions, vendors, and fellowship throughout the week. Age would be at minimum 18, 17 year olds can attend but with a parent chaperone. Please see attached flyer for more information on this program. Contact Mark Loyet at Diocese of Belleville for more information [mloyet@diobelle.org](mailto:mloyet@diobelle.org).