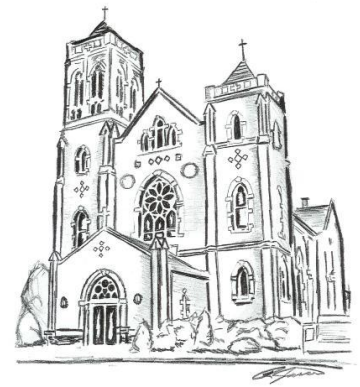


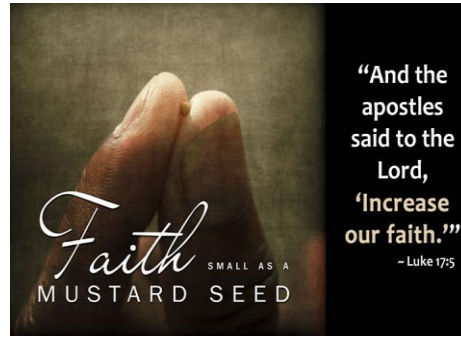


*Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Respect Life Sunday
October 5th, 2025*



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St. Bernard and St. Damian

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6th

Prayer Service
7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7th

Prayer Service
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8th

Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian
Pope Francis

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9th

Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
For all Parishioners

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10th

NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th

Mass in Church
4:00 pm @ St. Bernard
Virgil Heckenkemper

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th

Mass in Church
9:30 am @ St. Damian
David, Marian & Dave Sudholt
Edward & Marie Eilering
William & Clara Korte
Louis Korte

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

PRO-LIFE HOUR OF PRAYER AT ST. DAMIAN CHURCH ON OCTOBER 9 AT 7:00 pm. Please come and pray with us for the protection of unborn babies.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – October 12th

Ministers: Chris Brandmeyer, Kevin Toennies, Arlene Korte
Ushers: Brent Goebel, Jerry Arentsen
Servers: Brent Mitchell, Tessa Siverly, Harper Kalmer
Reader: Lori Jansen
Cantors: Lindsey Mitchell & Shannon Sanders and Faith Formation Students
Organist: Geri Varel

St. Damian's Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin on Sunday, October 5th and will follow the same guidelines as St. Bernard.

The St. Damian Adult Choir will begin 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!

The first Youth Choir practice for the Advent and Christmas season will be at St. Damian church on Sunday, Oct 12 at 8:30am. All youth in Grades 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. We are looking forward to seeing lots of smiling faces on Sunday mornings beginning Sunday Oct 12 at 8:30am!

Attention St. Damian Faith Formation Students! All St. Damian Faith Formation students are invited to come sing in the church balcony at the 9:30am mass at St. Damian on Sunday Oct 12!

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 28th

Loose: \$261.00+Envelopes: (24) \$1,626.00
\$1,887.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$33,617.52
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$40,620.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$7,002.48)
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 – October 11th

Ministers: Kathy Engelmann, Steve & Deb Schomaker
Reader: Ken Nussbaumer
Ushers: Kent & Kati Schwierjohn
Servers: Quinten & Kailey Engelmann, Adrienne Rakers
Coll. Count: Keith Richter, Sean Kennedy, Lynn Athmer
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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 WURSTMARKT INFO:

The Holy Name and St. Bernard's Parish would like to thank all those involved with the success of our Annual Wurstmart. Thanks to all the committee members, to all those parishioners who donated their time to work the event, to all those who supported our event by purchasing raffle tickets and dinners or who donated toward the cakes and steer raffle. We appreciate each and every one of you. Raffle winners: \$500 – Claudette Frankovich, \$200 – Leah Steward, \$200 – Leonard Toennies

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! Our target date to reach our goal is October 1 and we will be meeting the 7th to make some decision on moving forward! 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 will not be cashed until we have the funding to be able to go forward with the renovations. 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.

Today!! DDC Que & Brew, Oct 5! If anyone is interested in purchasing a \$20 ticket for the drawing happening at the event, contact Al Varel 618-973-8527. Prizes are \$1,000, \$300 & \$100. Only 200 tickets available! Come out to Damiansville Park on Sunday, October 5. Many events going with the Que & Brew. 3 on 3 basketball and soccer tournaments, food, beverages, craft beer.

TODAY!! Annual Life Chain Sunday will be held on Sunday, October 5, from 2-3 pm along new Highway 50. Prayerful hour of silence supporting the dignity of and the right to life.

TODAY! VETERAN'S APPRECIATION DAY AT WHISPERING PINES OF CLINTON COUNTY, SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, NOON - 4:30. HONOR THE FLAG BEFORE THE HOT MEAL SERVED AT 2PM. MUSIC, GAMES AND OPPORTUNITY TO TALK AND LAUGH WITH OTHER FAMILIES. PLEASE RSVP 618-708-0104 COLONEL RACHELE SMITH

VENDOR CRAFT FAIR WITH 35 VENDORS: OCT 12, 2025, 10AM - 3PM AT THE BREESE AMERICAN LEGION HOSTED BY THE BREESE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY.

The Aviston American Legion Fall Pork Sausage and Roast Beef dinner on Sunday, October 12th, serving from 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM. In addition to the meats, it includes sauerkraut, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, applesauce and dessert. It will be carryout dinners made to order with sit-down dining space available. Cost is \$15.00. The Auxiliary is hosting their annual Holiday Rummage Sale from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM featuring Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations only. \$4 Brown-bag at 3:00 PM.

St. Mary Catholic Church Carlyle Pork Sausage Dinner – Sunday, October 12th. Join us for a delicious drive-thru Pork Sausage Dinner from 11:00am to 1:30pm at St. Mary Parish Center (off Clinton Street). Dinners are \$15 and include pork sausage, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, and applesauce. Drive-thru only on the north side of the Parish Center. All are welcome!

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. Thank you in advance for your support of All Saints Academy Catholic Grade School and our “Support Our Saints – S.O.S. Raffle”!

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreats for 2025/2026. The Belleville Diocese is providing 2 TEC retreat weekends for the 2025/2026 academic school year. TEC is a 3-day Catholic retreat weekend designed for young adults, juniors and seniors (or older) in high school, who are looking for an opportunity to develop a stronger relationship with God and/or their fellow Christians. If you, or someone you know, are looking for an opportunity to enhance your relationship with Jesus Christ or experience your Catholic faith in a dynamic and fun-filled setting, then a TEC retreat may be just what you are looking for. The TEC weekends are scheduled for October 11-13 at Mater Dei High School in Breese and January 17-19 at Immaculate Conception School in Columbia. To learn more, or attend a TEC weekend, please visit our website at bellevilletec.org. If you've attended a TEC weekend in the past and would like to attend one of the reunions, please visit bellevilletec.org.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: “We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus’ mission on earth... We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God’s presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: “Life: Our Sign of Hope”

VOCATION CORNER. “Wherever there are consecrated people...there is always joy!” These words of Pope Francis reflect my own experience since I was a child. Through my parish, I had the opportunity to meet many religious sisters from different communities, and each time I was amazed at the contagious joy of these women who had given up everything to follow Jesus. I began to recognize in my heart a desire to do the same. When I was in grade school, my parish opened a perpetual adoration chapel, and my parents and I would pray there an hour each week. In this quiet time of prayer...my desire to become a bride of Christ continued to grow. During my senior year of high school, I spent time visiting the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. I entered the community in 2013 and made my final profession in 2020. The Lord has continued to fill my heart with his peace and joy!”

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!**

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