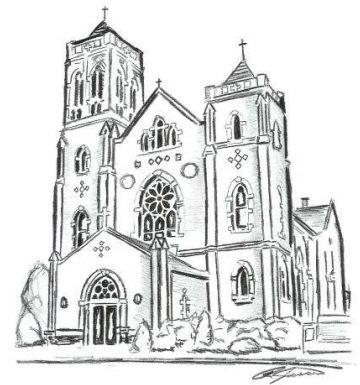
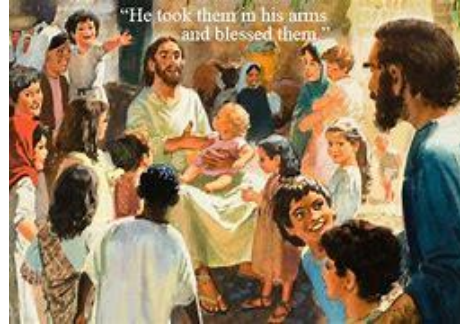




**TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 6th, 2024**



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Marian Eversgerd

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

Pro-Life Hour of Prayer

7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th

Mass in Church

4:00 PM @ St. Bernard

Bob & Clara Kohrmann

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th

Mass in Church

9:30 AM @ St. Damian

Bones Toennies

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Genesis 2:18–24; Hebrews 2:9–11; Mark 10:2–16.

Today's first reading and Gospel may be difficult for many, especially divorced and LGBTQIA+ Catholics. The specifics and details speak of the traditional ideal of marriage. But the underlying theme is one of God's infinite love for us and desire that we live in happiness, of which companionship and ultimately partnership are foundational. But whether we are married, single, divorced, or widowed, we each have companionship with Jesus. The reading from Hebrews emphasizes the solidarity we have with him, who became fully human so that by the grace of God he could suffer and die like us. No matter our situation, as we sing in the responsorial psalm, may the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, October 6th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Life Chain at all Exits New Route 50 from 2-3 pm

Monday, October 7th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, October 8th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Wednesday, October 9th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, October 10th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Pro-Life Hour of Prayer

7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Friday, October 11th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

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, October 12th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, October 13th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL THE DAYS
OF OUR LIVES!**

JOINT-PARISH DIRECTORY INFO: If there are any issues with your photo order, please contact Universal Church Directories at 419-522-5011. Office hours are 8am - 4:30pm EST. We will keep you posted on delivery of the new directory books!

St. Damian's Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin on Sunday, October 6th and will follow the same guidelines as St. Bernard. If you would like to be a leader or helper, please contact Gwen Toennies at (618) 420-3445.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH. "When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. United to the power of his Eucharistic Presence, may we work to ensure that each person has life—and has it in abundance."

-40 Days for Life, Now- Nov. 3rd, Fairview Heights
- Life Chain Sunday, Sunday, Sun. Oct. 6th, New Route 50 at all exits from Trenton to Carlyle 2-3 pm.
-Pro-Life Hour of Prayer, Thursday, October 10, from 7:00-8:00 pm at St. Damian Church
-Respect Life Mass, Wed. Oct. 16th, Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbia, IL
- Diocese of Belleville Respect Life Conference, Fri. Oct. 18th, Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville

WE WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY through the saving waters of Baptism at St. Damian Church:

-*Charlotte Ann Foppe*, daughter of Nicholas & Hannah (Korte) Foppe who was baptized September 28

-*Harper Grace Reinneck*, daughter of Richard Reinneck & Kris (Eversgerd) Cayson, who was baptized October 5

-*Archibald Andrew Becker*, son of Peyton & Ellie (Albers) Becker, who will be baptized on Oct. 20

May the God Lord Bless You & keep you safe!

PRO-LIFE HOUR OF PRAYER will be held on Thursday, October 10, from 7:00-8:00 pm at St. Damian Church. Please join us in praying for the rights of the unborn.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 28th

Loose: \$150.00+ Envelopes: (18) \$1,184.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,241.00 \$2,575.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$36,761.61
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$41,756.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$4,994.39)**
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.)

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – October 13th

Minister: Ken Mank, Kevin Toennies, Julie Langenhorst
Ushers: Jerry Arentsen, Norm Horstmann
Servers: Dylann Netemeyer, Isaiah Jourdan, Jacob Oros
Lector: Lori Jansen
Cantor: Jackie Toennies
Organist: Jan Hitch
Coll. Counters: Pete Toennies, Kathy Gonsalves
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

VILLAGE OF DAMIANVILLE FALL CLEAN UP

will be October 19-20 with dumpster available. 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.

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!

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 29th

Loose: \$120.00+Envelopes: (32) \$1,358.00
\$1,478.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$36,395.75
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$44,005.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$7,609.25)**
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 – October 12th

Ministers: Steve Schomaker, Ken & Kiz Nussbaumer
Lector: Gregory Kassen
Ushers: Kent & Kati Schwierjohn
Servers: Landon, Mason & Chase Schroeder
Coll. Counters: Phyllis Albers, James Williams, Janel Zurliene
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

WURSTMARKT. The Holy Name and St. Bernard's Parish would like to thank all those involved with the success of our Annual Wurstmarkt. 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. Congratulations to the winner of the steer raffle.

- **Half Beef** – Gary Wobbe
- **Hind Quarter** – Tom Albers
- **Fore Quarter** – Jamie Jung

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.

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. The sick, homebound, 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 CSMA 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!**

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. Bernard on October 26th 9:30 am @ St. Damian on October 27th (PSR children will be singing at Mass) honoring those parishioners who have passed to eternal life since last Nov. 1st.

King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center. *The Spirituality of the Twelve Steps for Everyone* – Four-part Series. Facilitator: Mark Dean, OMI. Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2024 from 10:00 am – 12 Noon. Deeply rooted in Christian tradition, the 12-step program blends the best of spirituality with the best of modern psychology. Addiction recovery is only one manifestation of its value. Under the guidance of Fr. Anthony Ciorra, you will come to see how the 12 steps apply to areas of your life you would never have thought of. Cost: \$20 for series; \$5 per session. For more information, call 618-397-0584.

TODAY!! DAMIANVILLE QUE & BREW, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th at Damiansville Park. Youth soccer and 3 on 3 Basketball tournament, 1-5 Pumpkin Chuckin, 11-5 Children's Inflatables, 1:30-5 BBQ Championship-Public Tasting, 2-5 Craft Beer, 2-6 Bangolicious.

Aviston Legion is hosting their Fall Pork Sausage and Roast Beef dinner on Sun Oct 13 from 10:30AM-6:00PM. Carryout dinners made to order with sit-down dining available. Auxiliary Holiday Rummage Sale 10:00am-5:00pm.

Please join us on October 6, 2024, to celebrate, as a Shrine community, our Hispanic Cultural Heritage. It will begin with a bilingual Mass at 2:00 pm, including Matachines (liturgical dancers), and end with authentic Mexican food for sale. Spanish attire encouraged. Come and celebrate with us at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows.

St Mary's, Carlyle, Pork Sausage Dinner will be October 6th Drive Thru only from 10:30a.m. to 1:00p.m. North side of the Parish Center off Clinton St. \$13 dinner includes Behrmann pork sausage, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, sauerkraut & applesauce.

The Belleville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will host its annual convention on October 9 at St. Mary's Parish, Carlyle. Join us for a day of reflection and fellowship as we gather for our annual convention with the theme, "Encounter Jesus." Our keynote speaker, Sr. Joyce Shanabarger, O.S.F., will lead us in spiritual reflection. Breakout sessions in the afternoon will focus on enhancing your prayer life. Registration begins at 8 am in the Parish Center. Michael McGovern will join us and celebrate Mass at 11:00 am. Adoration and Reconciliation will be available at the conference. Cost of the convention is \$20 if paid by Sept. 27 or \$25 after Sept. 27 and at the door. Walk-ins the day of the conference are welcome. Cost of the lunch is included. Registrations forms are available from your Sodality president or parish secretary. Complete the registration form and mail to Joan Derringer, 7781 Oakdale Road, Ellis Grove, IL 62241. Questions call 618-534-6697.

Diocese of Belleville Young Adults Bibles & Brews, Thursday, October 17 at Fletchers's in Swansea with Bishop McGovern. Ages 21-35. 6:30-7:00 Social, 7-8:30 Event.

VILLAGE OF ALBERS TRICK OR TREATING will be held on Friday, October 25, from 6-8 pm. Please leave your porchlights to welcome trick or treaters.

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.

SUPPORT OUR SAINTS ~ S.O.S. RAFFLE: All Saints Academy is excited to begin its 10th annual fundraising campaign, the Support Our Saints – S.O.S. Raffle, beginning October 1. 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 10, 2024. The "Early Bird" drawing will include all tickets purchased through October 9, 2024 (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 November 1, 2024 (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 2. 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/2560/63218> – will be active Oct 1 – Nov 1.

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, October 26th** and picked up 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!***

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