



## **St. Damian Parish**

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## **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 8, 2023**



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### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:45 AM @ St. Bernard**  
Prayer Service

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian**  
Steve Mueth

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard**  
For The People

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
**4:00 PM @ St. Bernard**  
Bob Rolves Sr.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
**9:30 AM @ St. Damian**  
Pat, Randy & Mark Toennies  
Edward & Marie Eilering

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

### Isaiah 5:1–7; Philippians 4:6–9; Matthew 21:33–43

Isaiah begins the parable-telling today, establishing the vineyard as the setting we will revisit throughout the readings. From the first reading through the psalm and on to the Gospel, we are afforded the chance to consider the wonderful vineyard that God created for us and what has befallen it over the course of centuries. May God's word inspire us to bear good fruit in the vineyard that is our world.

## HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Damian

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

*NO MASS/SERVICE*

**Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

*Eucharistic Adoration*

7:00-8:00 @ St. Bernard

*St. Damian Adult Choir Practice*

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

**Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

*Pro-Life Hour of Prayer*

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

**Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – Maria's Birthday!!**

*NO MASS/SERVICE*

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Children's Choir Practice*

8:30 am @ St. Damian

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Damian

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

*Edge Program Night*

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

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## **THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD IS THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL!**

**St. Damian's Children's Liturgy of the Word** will begin TODAY, Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> and will continue during the Sunday Masses through May. Children in grades pre-k -4<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to participate. Father will gather the children in the front of the altar after the opening prayer. The children and leader will proceed to the church library. Children will listen to the First Reading, Psalm, and Gospel proclaimed from the Children's Lectionary. An age-appropriate reflection on the Word is shared by the adult leader. Children are encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas. Children will pray their Prayers of Intercession and will proceed back to their family at the Presentation of Gifts.



“Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers”

## **The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

***The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15.*** On behalf of Bishop Michael McGovern and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) (click on “Giving to the Diocese”). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

## **ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: September 30<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$23.00+ Envelopes: (20) \$1,220.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$411.00  
+ ACH for October 2<sup>nd</sup>: (9) \$1,230.00      \$2,884.00  
Budget for week:      \$3,121.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:      \$37,395.19  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:      \$43,694.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:      **(\$6,298.81)**  
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 – October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Euch. Ministers: Erin & Arlene Korte, Julie Langenhorst  
Ushers: Jerry Arentsen, Norm Horstmann  
Servers: Gracie Deiters, Lauren & Natalie Lynch  
Lector: Lori Jansen  
Cantor: Kristy Richter  
Organist: Geri Varel  
Collection Counters: Kathy Gonsalves, Mel Toennies  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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

**The St. Damian Adult Choir** will begin practicing on Tuesday, 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 will begin 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!

**THIS WEEK.** The Clinton County Citizens for Life, in coordination with churches throughout the county, will host a one-hour Pro-Life Prayer Service the second Thursday each month in 2023. **On Thursday, October 12th, the prayer service will be held at St Damian church in Damiansville from 7:00-8:00PM.** Please join us in praying our state and nation will get back on a moral and virtuous path and our culture will change to more fully appreciate and cherish our Lord's precious gift of life.

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Loose: \$37.00+Envelopes: (30) \$1,423.00  
+ ACH for October 2<sup>nd</sup>: (20) \$2,370.00      \$3,830.00  
Budget for week:      \$3,502.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:      \$42,519.22  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:      \$49,028.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:      **(\$6,508.78)**  
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 – October 14<sup>th</sup>**

Euch. Minister: Ken & Liz Nussbaumer,  
Steve Schomaker  
Reader: Gregory Kassen  
Ushers: Kent & Kati Schwierjohn  
Servers: Landon & Mason Schroeder,  
Cameron Warnecke  
Coll. Counters: Phyllis Albers, James Williams,  
Lynn Athmer  
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! Questions? 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.

### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER.**

"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them:  
[usccb.org/end-of-life-care](http://usccb.org/end-of-life-care)."

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MARIA GIMINEZ ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>.***  
***Hope you have an amazing day Ms. Maria!!***



**Aviston Legion is hosting their Fall Pork Sausage and Roast Beef dinner** on Sun Oct 8 from 1030AM-6:00PM. Carryout dinners made to order with limited sit-down dining available. Auxiliary Holiday Rummage Sale 10AM-5PM. Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas items only.

**QUILT & CASH BINGO**, Sunday, October 8, at 1:00 pm at the KC Hall in Dubois. Sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo.

**ST. GEORGE, NEW BADEN.** We would like to invite you to an old-fashioned quilting bee. The date is Monday, October 9th from 1pm – 9pm & Tuesday, October 10th from 6pm – 9pm. Dinner will be served on Monday and attendance prizes given away.

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, BCMW Community Services.** Eligible Families May Sign-Up October 23-26, 2023. Please call BCMW at 618-526-7123 from 8a.m.-3p.m. ALL applications must be received by 4p.m. Thursday, October 26. Please bring the following for ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS: 30 days proof of income, current Medicaid card, SSI cards

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center, Jewish and Christian Views on the Stories of Creation and the First Sin. Presenter:** Maharat Rori Picker Neiss and Mark Etling, PhD. Sunday, October 22, 2023, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The stories of creation and the first sin in the Book of Genesis are core to how we understand the world and our role in it. But is there more than one way to interpret them? For centuries Jewish and Christian communities have read these stories very differently, and that has led to fundamental differences in theology and worldview. Join us as we explore these texts through Jewish and Christian lenses and uncover how our views on the start of our world impacts our attitudes and behavior today. Cost: \$20 per person. For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at [snows.org/Jewish-and-christian-views](https://snows.org/Jewish-and-christian-views).

**St. Dominic, Breese, Rummage Sale**, Thursday, October 26 from 5-9, Friday from 9-8, Saturday 9-3, and Sunday 9-12.

**Trick or Treating in Albers** will be held on Friday, October 27 from 6-8 pm. Please turn your porch lights on for the trick or treaters.

Join the Clinton County Association for Home and Community Education (HCE) for an exciting event - **MAKE IT, BAKE IT, TAKE IT!** (formerly known as Uncorked the Holidays). The event takes place on Tuesday, October 10 at the KC Hall in Carlyle, IL. Doors open at 6 PM and booths open at 7 PM. You can enjoy demonstrations, visit vendors, participate in raffles, and win attendance prizes. For more information, please call Diane Sinclair at 618-594-3669 or find us on Facebook at Clinton County IL HCE.

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

**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](https://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 more information, to purchase tickets or call 618-526-4323.

**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”

**Are you interested in being an angel in someone’s life?** The local Visiting Angels is seeking caring, compassionate and respectful caregivers to assist individuals with non-medical in-home care. Please call Linda at 618-479-1833 or email [llehr@visitingangels.com](mailto:llehr@visitingangels.com) for more info.

**The Breese Knights of Columbus is again offering outdoor Manger Sets for sale.** New items this year are Angels. For more information, please go to our web page: [breeseknights.org](https://breeseknights.org)

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