



### **St. Damian Parish**

Founded 1861  
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Damiansville, Illinois 62215  
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## **THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 5, 2023**

But those who exalt  
themselves will be  
humbled, and those  
who humble  
themselves will be  
exalted.  
Matthew 23:12

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### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, November 6<sup>th</sup>**  
7:45 AM @ St. Damian  
Prayer Service

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

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>**  
7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian  
For the People

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**  
7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard  
For The People

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Veteran's Day**  
*Mass in Church*  
4:00 PM @ St. Damian  
Pat, Randy & Mark Toennies

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard  
Kimberly Dull  
Virginia Thuenemann

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

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

**Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1Thesalonians 2: 7b-9, 13; Matthew 23: 1-12**

We are reminded today that we have all been called to a life of service before God. Malachi specifically addresses the priests, who of all people should not be setting a poor example. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that the apostles gave their very selves in their work and ministry. Finally, Jesus warns the crowds what will happen if one exalts oneself. With humble hearts, let us ponder God's word.

### **HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:**

**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

**Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

*Eucharistic Adoration*

6:30-7:30 @ St. Damian

*St. Damian Adult Choir Practice*

7:30 pm @ St. Damian Church

**Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

***NO MASS/SERVICE***

**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

*Baptism of Liam Paul Heckenkemper*

5:15 pm St. Bernard w/ Deacon Glenn

**Sunday, November 12<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

**IN YOU, LORD,  
I HAVE FOUND MY PEACE!**

### **ST. BERNARD & ST. DAMIAN PARISHIONERS**

If you are currently not donating on-line but wish to do so, please contact Angie at (618) 248-5112 and she will help you get set up for this. Thank you!

### **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.

### **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your generosity supports those who are in need in our local communities. God Bless each and every one of You!

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

***The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15.*** "With confidence in the Lord, I am turning to you today asking for your support of this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. My hope is that your generous response will help our ministries grow and the compassion of Jesus will be experienced more profoundly in our communities." -Bishop Michael McGovern Please consider making your gift today!

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: October 29<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$144.00+ Envelopes: (30) \$1,500.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$948.00 \$2,592.00  
Budget for week: \$3,121.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$51,437.10  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$56,178.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$4,740.90)**  
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 11<sup>th</sup>**

Euch. Ministers: Virgil & Marilyn Jansen,  
Diana Jansen  
Ushers: Jerry Innes, Delmar Santel  
Servers: Ryan & Edwin Oros, Charlie Sauer  
Lector: Anita Rakers  
Cantor: Kristy Richter  
Organist: Jan Hitch  
Collection Counter: Mech Toennies, Tina Tonnies  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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

**The St. Damian Adult Choir** will practice on Tuesday evenings in November at 7:30 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 and will continue on Sunday mornings at 8:30. 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.

### **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 Society of St. Vincent de Paul Night-Time Drop-In Center** continues to operate at full capacity every night, providing shelter and helping homeless men, women and children survive the dangers of the city streets. In addition, Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen serves an ever-growing number of hungry people each day. We humbly ask for your prayers for St. Vincent de Paul staff and clients and, if you are able, to once again provide any of these much-needed items" Individually packaged cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt cups, cereal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup, bottled water and other individual-serve drinks. In addition, laundry detergent pods, paper towels, toilet paper and tissues are always in short supply. Items can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., at: St. Vincent de Paul Office, 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church). SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen, 3718 State Street, East St. Louis 62205. If you have questions or need additional information, please call the SVDP Council office at 618-394-0126. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity which enables our ministry to the very poorest among us.

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: October 28<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$76.00 + Envelopes: (26) \$1,275.00  
\$1,351.00  
Budget for week: \$3,502.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$50,780.22  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$63,036.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$12,255.78)**  
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 12<sup>th</sup>**

Euch. Minister: Kati Schwierjohn, Jackie Farrar,  
Lynn Athmer  
Reader: Jackie Farrar  
Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake  
Server: Sadie Pingsterhaus, Maverick Richter,  
Cole Huegen  
Coll. Counters: Keith Richter, Janel Zurliene, 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. 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.

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



**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.

**TODAY!! 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.

**TODAY!! 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.

**TODAY! 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”

**TODAY!! 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)).

**TODAY!! 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.

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

**TODAY!!!40 Days for Life Closing Rally** 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.

**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.

**The Clinton County Citizens for Life,** in coordination with churches throughout the county, have hosted a one hour Pro-Life Prayer Service the second Thursday each month in 2023. On Thursday, November 9th, the prayer service will be held at Life Church in Carlyle (1680 Old State Rd) 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. 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).