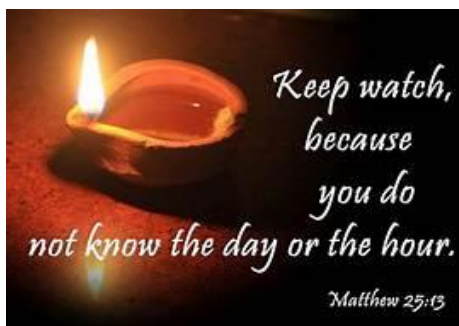


**THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 12, 2023**



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, November 13th
7:45 AM @ St. Damian
Prayer Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard
Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th
7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
Steve Mueth

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16th
7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
For The People

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17th
NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
Louis Korte
William & Clara Korte
Aloys & Estella Heimann
Edwin & Mary Hitpas

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Living & Deceased of Ed Hacker Family
Urban & Dorothy Behrmann

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Wisdom 6: 12-16; 1Thesalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13

Our first reading has some encouraging words, asserting that wisdom can be found by anyone who looks for it. Our second reading uses wisdom to console us, reasoning that if God raised Jesus from the dead, through him we will be brought home as well. The parable in the Gospel tells of the ten virgins who waited for the bridegroom, though only five had the wisdom to bring oil for their lamps. May God's word enlighten us as we too wait faithfully upon the Lord.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, November 12th

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

Monday, November 13th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, November 14th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Reconciliation Retreat

6:00 pm @ Damiansville Gym

Eucharistic Adoration

6:30-7:30 @ St. Damian

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:30 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, November 15th

Mass in Church w/refreshments to follow

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, November 16th- Fr. Matthew's Birthday

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, November 17th

NO MASS/SERVICE

Saturday, November 18th

Mass in Church w/ Baptism of Lylah Mary Henrichs

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, November 19th

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

**MY SOUL IS THIRSTING FOR YOU;
O LORD MY GOD!**

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY DRAWING WINNERS:

\$400	Paul Spihlmann
\$60	Margaux Aroyles
\$60	Ed Broeckling

ST. DAMIAN BAKE SALE THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who baked, bought or worked at our bake sale on October 29th. With all of the support we received we were able to collect \$567 for Kitui Mission Appeal in Kenya Africa for a clean water supply. Fr Nicodemus is most appreciative!

THANKSGIVING MASS WILL BE HELD at St. Damian at 9:30 AM. **CHRISTMAS MASSES** will be held on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm at St. Damian, 10:00 pm at St. Bernard, Christmas Day at 9:30 am at St. Bernard, and 11:00 Hispanic Mass at St. Damian. Ministry sign up sheets will be in the back of both churches for those who wish to volunteer.

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.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who supported our food drive at St. Bernards & St. Damians for the benefit of the Daystar Community and those in need in Southern Illinois. They truly are in need of our donation of food so thank you. Also, a huge THANK YOU to Rex Schomaker and Rich Hacker for the making the drive to deliver the food to the Daystar Center in Cairo.

Thank you again to everyone and God Bless.



ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 4th

Loose: \$194.00+ Envelopes: (24) \$1,275.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$433.00
+ ACH For November 2nd: \$1,230.00 \$3,132.00
Budget for week: \$3,121.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$54,569.10
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$59,299.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$4,729.90)**
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.)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – November 18th

Euch. Ministers: Mech Toennies, Florence Jansen, Denise Luitjohan
Ushers: Roger Toennies, Jerry Innes
Servers: Charlotte Cleeton, Nolan Hemker, Reid Toennies
Lector: Mary Innes
Cantor: Kathy Gonsalves
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counter: Kristy Richter, Pete Toennies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

COMMUNITY GIVING TREE: St. Damian Church will be the collection point for hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks & house slippers for children, teens, women & men. The items will be donated to the BCMW Organization in Breese and distributed as Christmas presents to local families. BCMW serves Bond, Clinton, Marion & Washington Counties. Items can be brought to St. Damian Church and hung on the Giving Tree in the gathering space from Nov 18 - Dec 10. Your generous donations will help make the holidays a little warmer for those in need. Any questions, please contact Geri Varel at 248-5223. Thanks in advance for your generous support!

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. Contact Chris Brandmeyer at 618-792-2676 with questions.

WE'RE EXCITED! IT'S YOUTH CHOIR

TIME! Youth Choir practices have begun 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.

ST. DAMIAN'S LADIES SODALITY. The Ladies Sodality will have a meeting on 11/27 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room at the rectory. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. The main topic will be the Fish Fry fund raiser. This is a major fund raiser for the parish and we would like to have the ladies of the parish attend to provide input into the planning.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 5th

Loose: \$83.00 +Envelopes: (31) \$1,755.00
+ ACH For November 2nd: \$2,370.00 \$4,208.00
Budget for week: \$3,502.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$54,988.22
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$66,538.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$11,549.78)**
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 19th

Euch. Ministers: Lynette Huegen, Tina Wuebbels, Robbin Netemeyer
Reader: Ray Gill
Ushers: John & Linda Majchrzak
Servers: Cole Huegen, Liam Jung, Cayden Loepker
Coll. Counters: Phyllis Albers, James Williams, Dana Lake
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

CARDINALS CALENDARS FUNDRAISER

Pre-order your 2024 St. Louis Cardinal calendar by contacting Janel Zurliene (618) 402-2869. The calendars are \$17 and should arrive in early December. All funds raised support the St. Bernard's Faith Formation program. Please let Janel know your order before Friday, November 17, 2023.

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.

Drive Through Chicken Dinner, Sunday November 12, 11am-5pm. Sponsored by Wheatfield Twp. Fire Dept. at the Church Hall in Beaver Prairie. \$14 for ½ chicken and all the trimmings. 13322 Church Road Carlyle. Watch for signs.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are the next three opportunities. Sign up now as space is limited. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. 12/1-12/3 or 2/2-2/4, 2024, in St. Peters, MO or 3/15-3/17/2024 in Cape Girardeau, MO.

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.

POSITION AVAILABLE. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY. The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant for the Office of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry which is part of the Department of Faith Formation. The Administrative Assistant facilitates communication within and outside of the office, coordinates meetings, conventions, retreats, ongoing education programs, and maintains accurate records. Applicant must have excellent organizational skills; strong written and oral communication skills; exercise problem-solving, discretion and interpersonal skills; must be detailed and flexible; and must maintain confidentiality. Essential qualifications include a minimum of a high school diploma, associate degree or bachelor's degree preferred, or equivalent experience; at least two years' experience in a related role of providing administrative/clerical support, plus knowledge of Microsoft Office and other computer programs/applications. Practicing Catholic required with thorough knowledge and understanding of Catholic teachings, practices, and organizational structure. TO APPLY: Send cover letter, résumé, and references to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 S. 3rd St., Belleville, IL. 62220 or email humanresources@diobelle.org. Application deadline: November 20, 2023.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. MATTHEW ON
NOVEMBER 16TH! HOPE YOU HAVE A
WONDERFUL DAY AND THANK YOU
FOR SHEPHERDING OUR FLOCKS!**