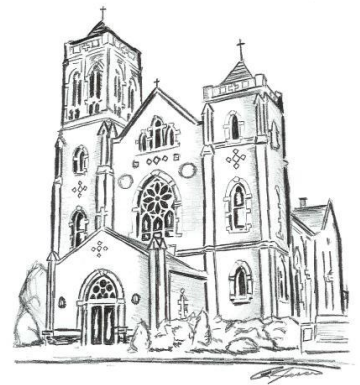




**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
NOVEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



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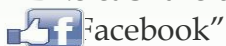
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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service in Church*  
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service in Church*  
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church w/ Refreshments after*  
7:45 am @ St. Damian  
For All Parishioners

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
7:45 am @ St. Bernard  
For All Cancer Sufferers

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
**4:00 PM @ St. Damian**  
Edwin & Mary Hitpas  
Eugene Pingsterhaus  
Lucille Cooper

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
**9:30 AM @ St. Bernard**  
Leo, Pat & Glenn Litteken  
Len Shields

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

**11:00 AM @ St. Damian**

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service in Church*  
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service in Church*  
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/NO SERVICE/NO SCHOOL**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

*Mass in Church*  
9:30 am @ St. Bernard  
In Thanksgiving

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
**4:00 PM @ St. Damian**  
Alfred & Pat Toennies

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
**9:30 AM @ St. Bernard**  
Virgil Engelmann

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

**11:00 AM @ St. Damian**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD: THANKSGIVING DAY

How appropriate it is to gather around the Lord's table with our parish family on Thanksgiving Day before we gather around the dining room table with our extended families. After all, the Greek word eukharistia means "thanksgiving." Therefore, assembled today around this table of thanksgiving, let us lift our voices in praise and thanks to the One who is the ultimate source of all that we have.

### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Youth Choir Practice*

8:30 am @ St. Damian

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

*Pierce Collins Baptism after Mass*

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

*St. Damian Adult Choir Practice*

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

**Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

*Eucharistic Adoration*

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

*St. Bernard Choir Practice*

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

**Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

*Knights of Columbus Meeting*

7:30 pm @ Jaycee Building

**Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**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, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

**Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Youth 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

### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Youth 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 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

*St. Damian Adult Choir Practice*

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

**Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/SERVICE**

*Eucharistic Adoration*

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

*St. Bernard Choir Practice*

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

**Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church-Thanksgiving Day*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

**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, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Youth 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

*Reconciliation Service*

1:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

### THANKSGIVING MASS WILL BE

HELD at St. Bernard at 9:30 AM.

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION

SERVICE will be held at St. Damian on Sunday, December 1 at 1:00 pm.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MASS will be held on Sunday,

December 8 @ 5:00 pm at St. Bernard's Church and Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 am at St. Damian and 7:45 am Prayer Service at St. Bernard.

### 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. Damian, and 11:00 Hispanic Mass at St. Damian. Ministry sign-up sheets will be in the back of both churches soon for those who wish to volunteer.

### COMMUNITY GIVING TREE! St.

Damian Church will be the collection point for hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks and house slippers for children, teens, women & men. The items will be collected from Nov 16 thru Dec 8, and donated to the BCMW Organization in Breese. They will distribute them as Christmas presents to local families. BCMW serves Bond, Clinton, Marion & Washington Counties. Items can be brought to St. Damian Church and put under or hung on the Giving Tree in the gathering space from Nov 16 thru Dec 8. Your generous donations will help make the holidays a little warmer for those in need. Any questions, please call Geri Varel at 618-444-5073. Thanks in advance for your support!

Angie Toennies will be out of town the week of November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Deacon Glenn in case of an emergency. Thank you.

**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. You can also contact Maria if you would like to purchase tickets.

## ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: November 9<sup>th</sup>

Loose: \$48.00+ Envelopes: (23) \$1,919.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$662.25+Thanksgiving (2) \$125.00  
+ ACH for Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>: \$550.00 \$3,304.25  
Budget for week: \$3,212.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$60,736.86  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$61,028.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$291.14)**  
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.)

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE – November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Minister: Virgil & Marilyn Jansen, Beth Brandmeyer  
Ushers: Norm Horstmann & 1 Volunteer  
Servers: Reid Toennies, Lincoln & Connor Arentsen  
Lector: Kathleen Hodges  
Cantor: Chris Brandmeyer  
Organist: Jan Hitch  
Coll. Counters: Kathleen Hodges, Pete Toennies

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE – November 30<sup>th</sup>

Minister: Kevin Toennies, Arlene Korte, Julie Langenhorst  
Ushers: Roger Toennies, Dave Albers  
Servers: Randy & Ryan Oros, Gracie Deiters  
Lector: Mary Innes  
Cantor: Jackie Toennies  
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer  
Coll. Counters: Dave Kassen, Kristy Richter  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### WE'RE EXCITED! IT'S YOUTH CHOIR TIME!

Youth Choir practices are held on Sunday mornings at 8:30am. The Youth Choir will sing at the Christmas Eve mass at St. Damian on Tues, Dec 24 at 4pm. All youth in Grades 3-12 and college-age students are welcome to come to practices. Any questions, please call Jackie at 618-335-9562 or Geri at 618-444-5073. Thanks in advance for helping to "Make a Joyful Noise!"

**The St. Damian Adult Choir** practices for Christmas on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Practices will be held on most Tuesdays until Christmas. New members are always welcome. Even if you can make just a few of the practices, please consider joining us. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 618-792-2676.

**CARDINALS CALENDARS FUNDRAISER.** Pre-order your 2025 St. Louis Cardinal calendar by contacting Janel Zurliene (618) 402-2869. The calendars are \$20 and should arrive in early December. All funds raised support the St. Bernard's Faith Formation program. Please let Janel know as soon as possible.

## ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: November 10<sup>th</sup>

Loose: \$34.00+Envelopes: (23) \$1,730.00  
+ ACH for November 16<sup>th</sup>: \$2,680.00 \$4,444.00  
Budget for week: \$3,385.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$57,297.27  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$64,315.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$7,017.73)**  
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 – November 24<sup>th</sup>

Ministers: Kristen Templin, Kati Schwierjohn, Jackie Farrar  
Lector: Dana Lake  
Ushers: Cory & Andra Goesten Kors  
Servers: Cole Huegen, Liam Jung, Cayden Loepker  
Coll. Counters: Tina Wuebbels, Keith Richter, Dana Lake  
**THANKSGIVING DAY- November 28<sup>th</sup>**

Sign up sheet

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE – December 1<sup>st</sup>

Ministers: Robbin Netemeyer, Tina Wuebbels, Kristen Templin  
Lector: Jackie Farrar  
Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake  
Servers: Cole Huegen, Liam Jung, Cayden Loepker  
Coll. Counters: James Williams, Sean Kennedy, Lynn Athmer  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

**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.

**Once again it is time for the Christmas "Giving Tree" drive at St. Bernard.** This Advent all donated items through the St. Bernard Giving Tree event will be donated to the Coping 4 Kids program. The tree with list of items will be ready before Thanksgiving. More information will follow later in the month. If you have any questions, contact Melissa Netemeyer 618-691-9413 or Marilyn Venhaus.

**Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).** This collection supports programs that address the root causes of poverty across the country and in our diocese. Twenty-five percent of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects like Breaking the Cycle, a small business incubator in Pulaski County, IL. CCHD is a hand up, not a hand out. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [diobelle.org/catholic-charities/cchd](http://diobelle.org/catholic-charities/cchd). If you were unable to give today, you may give next weekend in an envelope marked CCHD or at (if your parish has an online giving option put that here. If not, please give this online giving option at <https://stclarechurch.org/cchd>.) If you know of a grassroots community or economic development program that could benefit from CCHD funding, contact CCHD Diocesan Director, Cheryl Sommer at [cchddiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:cchddiobelle@gmail.com).

**Quest Retreat, All Saints Academy, Breese, IL, Nov. 23-24:** 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. Quest gives you the chance to search for the real you. Applications are available at [bellevilletec.org/applications](http://bellevilletec.org/applications).

**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 28, 2024. 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 Nov. 20. We look forward to serving you!

**Upcoming Bishop Braxton Presentation. DOES EVERYBODY GO TO HEAVEN?** A November Reflection on “the life of the World to Come.” Bishop Braxton will explain the teachings of the Catholic Church about Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, and Limbo, as presented in The Catechism of the Catholic Church. He will also examine the prevailing secular worldview that rejects the possibility of “life after death” and the tensions that sometimes exist between popular, devotional beliefs about the “afterlife” and the actual teachings of the Church. ALL ARE WELCOME. There will be an opportunity to ask questions after the Bishops’ remarks. 2:00 PM Sunday, November 17, 2024. The Cathedral of St. Peter (In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

**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](mailto:programs@snows.org), call 618-394-6281.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communications, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are listed our upcoming dates. Sign up now as space is limited. For more info, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. 12/6-12/8, 1/31-2/2, 4/4-4/6 in St. Peters, Mo.

**King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center. An Advent Day of Prayer – The Three Comings of Christ.** Presenter – Karen Seaborn. Saturday, December 7, 2024. 9:00-3:00

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