



**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 19, 2023**



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What you do with it is
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**St. Bernard and St. Damian
Catholic Churches**

MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY, November 20th

7:45 AM @ St. Damian
Prayer Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21st
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard
Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd
NO MASS/NO SCHOOL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd
HAPPY THANKSGIVING
9:30 am Mass @ St. Damian
For The People

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24th
NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25th
Mass in Church

4:00 PM @ St. Damian
In Thanksgiving: Tom & Julie Langenhorst
58th Wedding Anniversary
Jan Mank
Herman & Vivian Jansen
Jerry Wesselmann
Pat, Randy & Mark Toennies

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Virgil Engelmann

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1Thesalonians 5: 1-6; Matthew 25: 14-30

To whom would we entrust what is precious to us? In the first reading, a husband entrusts his heart and household to his wise and industrious wife. In the Gospel, the master entrusts his possessions to his good and faithful servants. The Lord has entrusted each of us with talents and duties. As we listen to God's word, let us listen to how those entrusted with gifts respond to their responsibilities.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

Monday, November 20th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, November 21st

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 22nd

NO SCHOOL/NO MASS

Thursday, November 23rd – Thanksgiving Day

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Friday, November 24th

NO MASS/SERVICE

Saturday, November 25th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

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BLESSED ARE THOSE

WHO FEAR THE LORD!

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!

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.

WE WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY through the saving waters of Baptism:

-Liam Paul Heckenkemper, son of Alex & Denae (Schoenherr) Heckenkemper, who was baptized at St. Bernard's on Saturday, November 11.

-Lylah Mary Henrichs, daughter of Patrick & Amanda (Peters) Henrichs, who was baptized at St. Damian's on Saturday, November 18

May the Good Lord Bless you and keep you.

LOCAL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

12/03/23 – 1:00 pm – St. Damian, Damiansville
12/05/23 – 6:30 pm – St. Theresa, Salem
12/10/23 – 3:00 pm – St. Mary, Carlyle
12/10/23 – 5:00 pm – St. Boniface, Germantown
12/11/23 – 6:30 pm – St. Mary, Centralia
12/12/23 - TBD – St. Rose
12/13/23 – 12:30pm – St. Mary, Mt. Vernon
12/13/23 – 7:00 pm - St. George, New Baden
12/14/23 – 12:30 pm – St. Mary, Centralia
12/14/23 - 7:00 pm – St. Anthony, Beckemeyer
12/17/23 - 3:45 pm – St. Charles, Dubois
12/17/23 – 3:00 pm – St. Francis, Aviston
12/17/23 – 6:00 pm – St. Michael, Radom
12/18/23 – 6:30 pm – St. Mary, Mt. Vernon

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.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 11th

Loose: \$7.00+ Envelopes: (20) \$1,035.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$427.00+Thanksgiving: (2) \$120.00
+ ACH For November 16th: \$550.00 \$2,139.00
Budget for week: \$3,121.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$56,708.10
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$62,420.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$5,711.90)**
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 25th

Euch. Ministers: Chris & Beth Brandmeyer, Monica Koch
Ushers: Brad & Kristy Richter
Servers: Dylann Netemeyer, Lincoln & Connor Arentsen
Lector: Rosann Horstmann
Cantor: Chris Brandmeyer
Organist: Jan Hitch
Collection Counter: Mel Toennies, Gwen 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 12th

Loose: \$116.00 +Envelopes: (35) \$1,710.00
+ ACH For November 16th: \$2,535.00
+ Thanksgiving (1) \$5.00 \$4,366.00
Budget for week: \$3,502.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$59,354.22
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$70,040.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$10,685.78)**
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.)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – November 26th

Euch. Ministers: Kristen Templin, Jackie Farrar, Kati Schwierjohn
Reader: Dana Lake
Ushers: Cory & Andra Goesten Kors
Servers: Riley, Gabrielle & Kelsie Rolves
Coll. Counters: Tina Wuebbels, Keith Richter, Janel Zurliene

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.

Once again it is time for the Christmas "Giving Tree" drive at St. Bernard. St Bernard's Giving Tree event is November 23-Dec 8. This year all donated items through the St. Bernard Giving Tree event will be donated to the Coping 4 Kids program. The tree is located in the back of church filled with Christmas cards listing the items to purchase. The cards are colored coded to distribute so please return the yarn and the card with your items **unwrapped**, under the tree **no later than Dec. 8th**. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support for those less fortunate. May God bless you! If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Netemeyer.

ALBERS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANKSGIVING CASH RAFFLE. The Knights of Columbus will have a Thanksgiving Cash Raffle on Wednesday, November 22nd at Pete's Bar & Grill. All proceeds are for Charitable causes. If you would like to get a chance on a pot shot card and cannot attend, please call Steve Schomaker at 618-973-8860. Thank you!

CANCER MASS for this month will be held at St. Mary's in Trenton, November 21 at 7:00 pm.

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.

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

