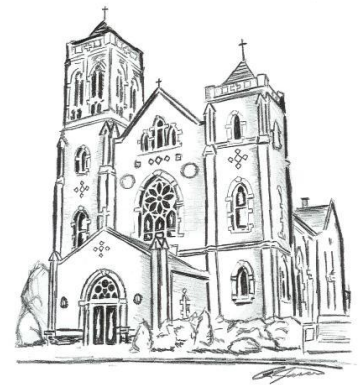




*All Souls Day  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025*



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**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
*Prayer Service*  
7:45 am @ St. Damian

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**  
*Prayer Service*  
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
7:45 am @ St. Damian  
Frank, Minnie & Ralph Heimann

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
7:45 am @ St. Bernard  
For All Parishioners

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>**  
*NO MASS/SERVICE*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
4:00 pm @ St. Damian  
Chuck & Dot Goestenkors  
Bob Innes  
Frank & Minnie Heimann

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
9:30 am @ St. Bernard  
Emma Musenbrock

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Wisdom 3:1–9 (1); Romans 5:5–11; John 6:37–40.** Jesus told his disciples, “Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.” Today we mourn all those who have died, especially those we love, those who are close to us. But we indeed are comforted: by our memories of them, by sharing our grief with our loved ones, and by our faith, which tells us that death is not the end. Their souls are in the arms of God, forever comforted from the suffering and hardships they faced in life. Our faith in the Resurrection allows us to be pilgrims of hope in this life, placing our trust in God’s love and mercy.

### **HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:**

**Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>-All Souls Day**

*Youth Choir Practice*

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

*Mass in Church – Candle Mass*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Prayer Service*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

*Legion of Mary*

5:00 in English @ St. Damian

5:00-8:00 Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament

6:00 in Spanish @ St. Damian

*St. Damian Adult Choir Practice*

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

**Wednesday, November 5<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 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

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

**NO MASS/NO SERVICES**

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

**Food Drive Bags Pickup in morning**

Breanne Jansen & Bryce Harre Wedding

@ St. Damian Church

*Mass in Church*

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

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

*Youth Choir Practice*

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

***THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;  
THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.***

**COMMUNITY GIVING TREES:** 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 BCMW Organization in Carlyle 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 15 - Dec 8. Your generous donations will help make the holidays a little warmer for those in need. Any questions, please contact Geri Varel at 618-444-5073. Thanks in advance for your generous support!

**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. If you have any questions, contact Melissa Netemeyer 618-691-9413 or Marilyn Venhaus.

### **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:**

The *Annual Food Drive for St. Damian and St. Bernard* will be collecting non-perishable food items and household supplies for the food pantries. The bags were dropped off **Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** and pick up will be on **Saturday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 am. NO GLASS OR EXPIRED ITEMS PLEASE!** IF YOU HAVE A LONG LANE ROAD, WE ARE ASKING IF YOU COULD PLEASE SET THE BAGS AT THE END OF YOUR LANE ROAD FOR PICKUP. We would truly appreciate it. All items will be taken to St. Bernard Parish Center for sorting and will be taken to the Daystar Program in Cairo. Bags can be dropped off at St. Bernard’s Church, St. Damian’s Church or Albers Village Hall also.

**The Faith Formation students at St. Bernard** will be collecting new, unwrapped toys as well as new winter hats, gloves & scarves that will be donated to Toys for Tots and Coping 4 Kids to aid in providing some Comfort & Joy this holiday season! Flyers with additional information were sent home this week detailing which grades will be collecting what items - Jr. High students will be collecting toys - primary grades will collect hats, gloves & scarves. If you prefer, a monetary can be accepted and used to purchase additional items. All donations should be sent to Faith Formation classes starting Monday, November 3 and will be accepted through Sunday, December 7. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!! If you have any questions, please contact Robbin Netemeyer, Grade 4 catechist at [gnetemeyer@msn.com](mailto:gnetemeyer@msn.com).

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$337.00+ Envelope (18): \$3,159.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$637.00 \$4,133.00  
Budget for week: \$3,536.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$47,599.00  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$56,576.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$8,977.00)  
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$183,900.00  
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$80,000.00** transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

**CSMA RESULTS: \$5,071 Pledged (23) of \$9,133 Goal**

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE – November 8<sup>th</sup>**

Ministers: Mech Toennies, Kevin Toennies, Chris Brandmeyer  
Ushers: Roger Toennies & 1 Volunteer  
Servers: Miranda Richter, Tessa Siverly, Carter Voss  
Reader: Susan Lynch  
Cantors: Kristy Richter  
Organist: Geri Varel  
Coll. Counters: Kristy Richter, Dave Kassen  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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

Youth Choir practice for Advent and Christmas seasons is happening at St. Damian on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am. All youth in Grades 3-12 and college-age youth are welcome to participate and "Make a Joyful Noise!" If there are any questions, please call Jackie at 618-335-9562 or Geri at 618-444-5073. We look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces on Sunday mornings at 8:30am! Thanks in advance for your participation!  
**The St. Damian Adult Choir began practicing for Christmas on Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. in church.** Practices will be held each Tuesday and last about 1 hour. If you have some time to give, we would love to see you there. We are always looking for new members to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 618-792-2676.

**LADY OF GUADALUPE RAFFLE.** Maria is asking if anyone is interested in donating prizes for a raffle to raise funds for the Lady of Guadalupe. If you would like to donate a gift basket or gift card to be put on the raffle, please contact Maria Gimenez. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$127.00+Envelopes: (26) \$1,780.00  
\$1,907.00  
Budget for week: \$3,385.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$44,969.52  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$54,160.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$9,190.48)  
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$176,000.00  
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$52,929.00** transferred from: Men's Club & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE – November 9<sup>th</sup>**

Ministers: Lynette Huegen, Dan & Lee Love  
Reader: Jamie Jung  
Ushers: Volunteers  
Servers: Jacob & Dominic Cannaday, Raelyn Huber  
Coll. Count: James Williams, Tina Wuebbels, Janel Zurliene

### **ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH IS CONSIDERING THE MUCH-NEEDED RENOVATIONS FOR OUR CHURCH.**

Thank you to all who have already returned their Letters of Intent. It is truly appreciated! We are getting close to making this a reality so prayers for continued support of this project! There are also some forms available in the entryway of church. We are still receiving several Letters of Intentions a week so we thank you! We ask for those who have yet to do so, please consider your donation and return your Letter of Intent as soon as possible. For those who have sent checks, they have been cashed. For those who wish to do monthly auto ACH payments, we will also set those up when we are sure that we have the donations to go ahead with the project. Please know that all donors & donation amounts will remain anonymous and confidential. When we do the donation plaque at the end of the project, we will only list your name or who your donation was in memory of. There will never be an amount shown. We have renderings of the proposed renovations available in the back of church. Please consider what you would be willing to donate/pledge over the next 3 years to maintain our beautiful church. It has been over 40 years since our last renovation. Please continue to pray for a successful Capital Campaign so that we can maintain our beautiful St. Bernard Church.

**Wanted: St. Bernard Church decorators.** St. Bernard is in need of volunteers to help decorate the church. This is a great opportunity to help behind the scenes in your church. If interested, please call Peggy Fehrmann @ 618-910-9101, Penny Angeli -@ 785 -375-7895, Jamie Jung @ 618-401-2436, or Rachel Varel @ 618-541-0407.

### **In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Mater Dei Cheerleading would like to share God's love and blessings by providing a Thanksgiving meal to a family in need.**

The meal will include a turkey, sides, and dessert to help make the holiday special. If your family could use a little extra support this Thanksgiving, please contact St. Bernard's Rectory at 618-248-5112 before November 15th. If no one answers, please leave a message and we will get back to you when we are in the office. The meal will be delivered to the first family who reaches out, so please contact us soon. When you do, kindly include the number of members in your family. The meal will be delivered on Saturday, November 22nd.

**TODAY! St. Cecilia, Bartelso, Ladies Sodality Drive Thru Chicken Dinner, Sunday, November 2, 11:00-5:30 at the Parish Center.** ½ Chicken, Potatoes, Gravy, Homemade Dressing, Green Beans, Slaw & Cake. \$15.00. You may opt to dine-in from 11-1 but will be in carryout form with seating and water & coffee available.

**TODAY! Mater Dei Open House: Sunday, November 2.** Explore the Mater Dei difference at their Open House on Sunday, November 2, 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 (12:00 p.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:00 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)).

**St. George Parish, New Baden, IL 62265 DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER SUNDAY, November 9,** 4-6:30 P.M. All Dinners will include: ½ Fried Chicken (breast, thigh, leg and wing), Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Chocolate Texas Cake. {Green Beans, Gravy, coleslaw and Cake will be in separate containers.} Price per carry out: \$15.00 Everyone is welcome!!!

**Albers American Legion Auxiliary Dressing Sales.** We will be making dressing for your holiday dinners. Pickup is November 21<sup>st</sup>. Gallon is \$15.00, 1/2 gallon is \$8.00. Call the Legion before November 10th to order. Phone 618-248-5505 or 618-593-2100.

**There will be a "Soup and Song" benefit on Sunday, November 2nd, 11am—4pm, at Schoendienst's Park in Germantown for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.** Soup, bread, beverages, and good music all for a donation. Music by The Prairie Travelers, The Buzzards, and friends. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the day. The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry serves those in need in Albers, Aviston, Bartelso, Damiansville, and Germantown.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER:** "Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families. While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people's lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to 'remain' at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross... The path of accompaniment until the moment of death must remain open, with appropriate care for body and soul customized to the personal needs of the patient."

**Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal** Fund for Ministry provides funding to parishes, schools and organizations throughout our diocese for local projects. A total of 37 grants were awarded throughout our diocese in the past year. Help this popular program which funds local projects continue through your gift to this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Shrine Grounds and Visitors Center from November 21 through December 31, 2025, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.** Indoor activities are closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. The Way of Lights Display, using over 1.5 million beautiful lights, depicts the journey of Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem. With new and beautiful colored lights, we celebrate the birth of Jesus and continue to offer activities for all to enjoy! Cost: No charge for display; donations accepted; additional charges for some activities. For more information, call 618-397-6700 or visit our website at <https://snows.org/wayoflights>

**VOCATION CORNER.** This Sunday starts National Vocations Awareness Week. National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations. Please pray each day this week for an increase in vocations and for young people to hear their call to Holiness.

**Next week, our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD),** an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This collection supports community and economic development programs that empower U.S. people living in poverty to identify and address the obstacles they face. Grants help local grassroots organizations to bring permanent and positive changes to their communities. One example is Breaking the Cycle, a business incubator in the southernmost part of our diocese. Operating in the poorest counties in our state, Breaking the Cycle provides business equipment and a part-time project coordinator to provide technical services to local micro-business entrepreneurs. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development in our diocese and nation at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development>. Please be generous in supporting CCHD by giving through the CCHD envelope in your envelope packet or your parish online. If you know of a grassroots community or economic development program that could benefit from CCHD funding, contact your parish office with information.

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