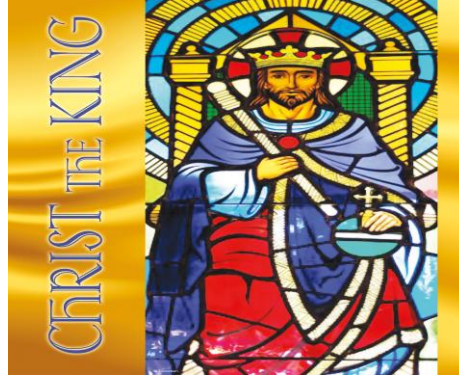
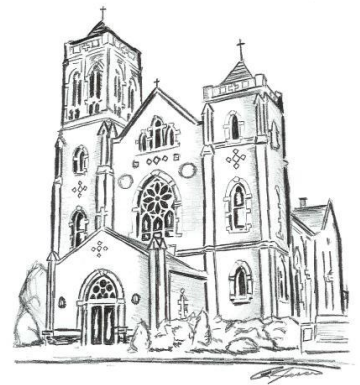




Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 23rd, 2025



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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24th

Prayer Service
7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th

Prayer Service
7:45 am @ Albers School Gym

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

NO SCHOOL/NO MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27th

Mass in Church at St. Damian-Thanksgiving Day
9:00 am @ St. Damian
Rich Hacker

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

Mass in Church-St. Damian Ministries
4:00 pm @ St. Damian
Alfred, Pat, Mark & Randy Toennies
Louis Korte
Blake Thole & family
Janice Mank
Aloys, Estella & Mary Heimann
Ellarine Santel

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

Mass in Church-St. Bernard Ministries
9:30 am @ St. Damian
Virgil Engelmann

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

2 Samuel 5:1–3; Colossians 1:12–20; Luke 23:35–43

Our first reading today takes us back to when the elders of the twelve tribes of Israel anointed David king. In the second reading we hear an early church prayer, extolling Jesus in words like the ones we recite today in the creed. The Gospel offers two very different ways in which the men condemned with Jesus viewed the inscription on his cross. In harmony with the good thief, may we sing out in today's responsorial psalm, "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, November 23rd

Youth Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass in Church – St. Bernard Ministries

9:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, November 24th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, November 25th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ Albers School Gym

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 26th

NO MASS/NO SCHOOL

Eucharistic Adoration

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

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ Albers Grade School

Thursday, November 27th - Thanksgiving Day

Mass in Church at St. Damian

9:00 am @ St. Damian

Friday, November 28th

NO MASS/NO SERVICES

Saturday, November 29th

Mass in Church – St. Damian Ministries

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

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***"LET US GO REJOICING
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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. Instead of gifts this year, we will be requesting gift cards and the drop box for these gift cards will be at St. Damian Church. The tree is located at St. Damian's with cards naming the facility to get the gift card from. **The places are Walmart, Dollar General, or Casey's.** . If you have any questions, contact Melissa Netemeyer 618-691-9413 or Marilyn Venhaus.

JOINT PARISH MASS INFORMATION

The last Mass prior to renovations will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2025. Renovations will begin on Monday, December 8, 2025. We will need several weeks to remove benches, kneelers, statues, etc.

All Weekend, Holy Day and Holiday Masses will be held at St. Damian Church beginning Saturday, November 22. What we will be doing as far as ministry schedules is if you are scheduled for a Mass in either parish, you will be serving your ministry as shown on the schedule at St. Damian Church. (December & February Saturday Masses will be considered the St. Bernard Mass for the purpose of Ministries...so if you are a St. Bernard parishioner and you are scheduled for a ministry, you will be serving that ministry at St. Damian church during the month of December, February).

Weekday Masses for St. Bernard will be held at the school gym with Faith Formation Prayer Service on Tuesday mornings at 7:45 and Mass on Thursday mornings at 7:45.

THANKSGIVING MASS WILL BE HELD at St. Damian at 9:00 AM.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be held at St. Damian on Sunday, December 7 at 1:00 pm.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 15th

Loose: \$171.00+ Envelope (17): \$704.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,144.00
+ Thanksgiving Env (1) \$15.00
+ACH For Nov. 16th: \$550.00 \$2,584.00
Budget for week: \$3,536.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$56,420.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$67,184.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$10,764.00)
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.)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – November 29th

Ministers: Denise Luitjohan, Deb Santel, Pete Toennies
Ushers: Roger Toennies & Volunteer
Servers: Charlie & Henry Sauer, Nolan Hemker
Reader: Beth Brandmeyer
Cantors: Rosann Horstmann
Organist: Jan Hitch
Coll. Counters: Pete Toennies, Tina Tonnies

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!

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30!

The St. Damian Adult Choir began practicing for Christmas 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 Giminez. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 16th

Loose: \$41.20 +Envelopes: (29) \$1,360.00
+ ACH For November 16th: \$2,830.00
+ Paypal Donation \$100-3.48 fee=96.52 \$4,327.72
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$54,810.24
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$64,315.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$9,504.76)
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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – November 30th

Ministers: Lynette Huegen, Dan & Lee Love
Reader: Ray Gill
Ushers: Volunteers
Servers: Austin & Logan Hemker, Henry Pieszchalski
Coll. Count: Tina Wuebbels, Keith Richter, Dana Lake
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH IS PROCEEDING WITH THE MUCH-NEEDED RENOVATIONS.

Thanks to all who have returned their Letters of Intent. It is truly appreciated! There are still letters of support in the entryway of Church. Checks are being cashed; and for those who wish to do monthly auto ACH payments, they can now be set up upon request. Donation amounts will remain anonymous. There will be a donation plaque at the end of the project; it will include names only, along with names of those whom their donations were pledged in memory of or in honor of. Please continue to pray for the success of our ongoing Capital Campaign as we begin to transition to the renovation project itself. ACH monthly payments can now be set up and will begin on December 22. ACH forms have been emailed to those who requested monthly automatic debits and are also available under St. Bernard on the parish website. Please return forms by December 1 to give time to assure we get them set up correctly. For those who wished to send their payment at beginning of construction, please feel free to send your payments marked Church Reno. Thank you!

CHURCH PREPARATION SO RENOVATIONS CAN START ON DECEMBER 8th.

Thank you to each & every one of you who came out to help with prepping the church for renovations. We are so thankful for the many volunteers who came out to help with the clearing out process.

The pews will be moved to storage on Monday, November 24 at 8:00 am with the help of volunteers.

We would like to have the work completed by November 25th so we can enjoy Thanksgiving. Any questions, please contact Steve at (618) 973-8860.

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.

THE KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS WILL BE HOLDING A CASH RAFFLE AT PETE'S BAR & GRILL on Wednesday, November 26, starting at 7:00 pm. All proceeds will go towards the St. Bernard Church Renovations. Monthly Drawing winners: \$ 400 John Wieter, \$60 Kevin Newkirk and Andrew Rensing

ST. CECILIA PARISH IS SEEKING A PART TIME MUSIC LEADER AND ORGANIST! St. Cecilia Parish in Bartelso is looking for a joyful musician to play organ or piano and lead music for our 1-2 weekend Masses, which is approximately 4 – 6 hours per week, with additional pay for other events. If you love sharing your musical gifts in worship, please contact Fr. Thomas Lugge at frthomaslugge@gmail.com or call him at 618-523-4271.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: In November, we join Pope Leo XIV in praying for his monthly intention for the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life. Please also continue to pray for the defeat of SB 1950, which would legalize assisted suicide in the state of Illinois, and consider contacting Governor Pritzker's office at 312-814-2121, asking him to veto the bill.

Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal On behalf of the ministries and programs funded by the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, we thank you for your prayers and continued generosity to the 2025 campaign. May you and your families feel the warmth of God's love and the comfort of His peace at Thanksgiving and always.

VOCATION CORNER. "My vocation to the Dominican Order and to the priesthood was carefully formed by God through the many people he placed in my life. First and most influential was my Syro- Malabar Catholic family, from whom I learned both the meaning of my faith and how to live it out. More than anyone else, my parents helped shape me as a man of faith and taught me to see everything in light of God's providence. Everywhere I have lived –including in India, Calif., Missouri, Ohio and Alaska – friends, teachers, priests and others supported me and, most importantly, prayed for me. This constant stream of graces continues to sustain me through my formation as a Dominican friar. It is impossible to be a saint on one's own." Bro. Antony Augustine Cherian; Dominican Friars of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, Anchorage, Alaska. Columbia Magazine December 2023

POSITION AVAILABLE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO BISHOP EDWARD K. BRAXTON, BISHOP EMERITUS
The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a part-time (25 hours per week) Administrative Assistant to Bishop Edward K. Braxton. Duties include, but not limited to, calendar management and schedule appointments, organize electronic and paper files, proofread documents including manuscripts, greet guests, assist with local errands, and provide occasional transportation. The salary is \$17.50 per hour. Benefits include 403(b) Retirement plan and paid time off. Essential qualifications include a minimum of a high school diploma, associate degree preferred, or equivalent experience; and 3+ years' experience in a related role providing administrative/clerical support. Candidate must be highly organized and have excellent verbal and written communication skills. Must be proficient with Microsoft Office and maintain a high level of confidentiality. To Apply: Send cover letter, résumé, and references to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 South Third Street, Belleville, Illinois 62220 or email humanresources@diobelle.org.



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