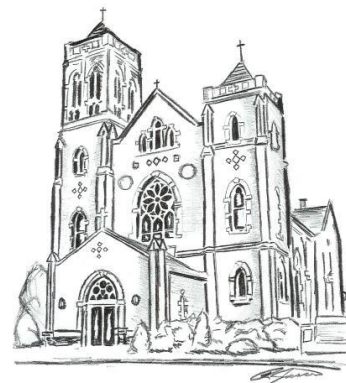




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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, November 27th

7:45 AM @ St. Damian
Prayer Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

7:45 AM @ St. Bernard
Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
For All Those Battling Cancer

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
For The People

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st

NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Bernard
Virgil Heckenkemper
Kimberly Dull

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Damian
Deceased Members of The Eilering Family
Margaret Kniepmann
Alphonse, Frances, Ray, Marilyn & Jerry
Toennies & Katie Loepker

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Ezekial 34: 11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28; Matthew 25: 31-46

When Jesus identified himself as the Good Shepherd, his disciples probably recalled the passage from Ezekiel that we hear today. God's words are comforting at first, lovingly caring for the sheep, but at the end God stands in judgment, and some sheep God will destroy. This is the kind of shepherd Jesus suggests in the Gospel, separating the sheep from the goats in order to determine who is sent to eternal life and who to eternal punishment. May we listen attentively.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, November 26th

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 27th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

St. Damian Altar Sodality Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Rectory Meeting Room

Tuesday, November 28th

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 29th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, November 30th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, December 1st

NO MASS/SERVICE

Saturday, December 2nd

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, December 3rd

Children's Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Baptism of Lane Joseph Thole w/ Deacon Glenn

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

Baptism of Maddox Thole w/ Deacon Kevin

11:00 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Reconciliation Service & First Reconciliation

1:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;

THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT!

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!

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:

-Lane Joseph Thole, son of Mitchell & Sydney Thole, who will be baptized at St. Bernard's on Sunday, December 3rd

-Maddox Allen Thole, son of Patrick & Casey Thole, who will be baptized at St. Bernard's on Sunday, December 3rd.

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

ST. DAMIAN 7th & 8th GRADE PSR CLASSES CAROLING

The seventh and eighth grade faith formation class will be Christmas caroling on Friday night December 1 from 6:00-8:00 o'clock. Money that is raise will go toward BCMW Christmas.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 18th

Loose: \$86.00+ Envelopes: (25) \$1,645.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$906.00
+Thanksgiving:(2)\$70.00 \$2,707.00
Budget for week: \$3,121.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$59,415.10
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$65,541.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$6,125.90)**
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 – December 3rd

Euch. Ministers: Simon Toennies, Sharon Kalmer, Florence Jansen
Ushers: Bill Jansen Sr & Gary Tonnies
Servers: Gracie Deiters & 2 Volunteers
Lector: Lauren Cleeton
Cantor: Lauren Cleeton
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counter: Kathy Gonsalves, Dave Kassen
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 19th

Loose: \$114.00 +Envelopes: (34) \$1,538.00
+Paypal: (\$100-3.48 Fee) \$96.52 \$1,748.52
Budget for week: \$3,502.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$61,102.74
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$73,542.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$12,439.26)**
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 – December 2nd

Euch. Ministers: Kathy Engelmann, Melissa Netemeyer, Deb Schomaker
Reader: Steve Schomaker
Ushers: Ed Broeckling, Ryan Wuebbels
Servers: Waylon & Tucker Swinney, Gavin Wellen
Coll. Counters: Sean Kennedy, Dana Lake, Tim Schroeder
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.

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.

HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese is hosting a drive-thru live Nativity scene in the main parking lot near the hospital's front entrance, as well as other festivities such as carolers, children's activities, and hot chocolate and cookies in the hospital's front lobby on Sunday, December 10 from 4 – 6 p.m. This event is being held in celebration of the 800th year anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi beginning the tradition of commemorating the birth of Christ with a live Nativity near the city of Greccio, Italy on Christmas Eve in 1223.

RESPECT LIFT CORNER. November is Palliative and Hospice Care Awareness Month. What can we do to protect the disabled and the vulnerable?

- Learn and understand how to use Advance Directives
- Let your representatives know that you do not want Physician Assisted Suicide in Illinois
- Have conversations with your children and your parents, help them to understand that all life is precious, that we are just stewards of our lives, no person has the right to end, or help another, end their own lives.
- Support organizations that provide palliative and hospice care
- Recognize mental illness and help loved ones seek help.

Embrace and love the vulnerable among us, the elderly, the disabled, the depressed, the lonely ... teach your children by example that all life has dignity no matter what it looks like.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows The Way of Lights – Shrine Grounds and Visitors Center From November 17 through December 31, 2023, 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Indoor activities closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. *The Way of Lights Display depicts the journey of Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem using over 1.5 million beautiful lights. This year, we have added colored lights to celebrate the birth of Jesus and continue to offer activities for young and old alike!* Cost: No charge for display, donations accepted and additional charges for some activities. For more information, call 618-397-6700 or visit our website at <https://snows.org/wayoflights>.

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.

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