



**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>**  
*Prayer Service in Church*  
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
7:45 am @ St. Bernard  
For the Intentions of the Catholic Extension Donors

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
**4:00 PM @ St. Damian**  
Frank & Minnie Heimann  
Ralph Heimann  
Bob Innes

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church-Fr. Matthew Installation Mass*  
**9:30 AM @ St. Bernard**  
In Thanksgiving for Fr. Matthew & All Diocesan Priest  
*Hispanic Mass in Church*  
**11:00 AM @ St. Damian**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

**Deuteronomy 6: 2-6; Hebrews 7: 23-28; Mark 12: 28b-34.**

Having just given the people the ten commandments, Moses extols them as a blessing, a way to grow and prosper and eventually reach the promised land. There they can declare their love for the Lord, as we do in the responsorial psalm. After hearing Hebrews praise Jesus as a high priest who has been made perfect forever, we hear him reveal the greatest commandment, which directs our love on two paths, toward God and toward neighbor. Listening to God's word, let us note the wonderful consequences of taking God's commands to heart.

### **HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:**

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</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 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Tuesday, November 5<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 6<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 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, November 8<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 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

**Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Youth Choir Practice*

8:30 am @ St. Damian

*Mass in Church-Fr. Matthew Installation Mass*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

### **I LOVE YOU, LORD, MY STRENGTH!**

**JOINT-PARISH DIRECTORY INFO:** If there are any issues with the photos you received, please contact Universal Church Directories at 419-522-5011. Office hours are 8am - 4:30pm EST. If you have not yet received your photos from your directory photo session, please contact Emily at 618-978-5806 or Deb Schomaker at 618-806-5191. We will keep you posted regarding delivery of the directory books!

**Fr. Matthew's Official Installation as our Pastor** will be on Sunday, November 10, at the 9:30 am Mass at St. Bernard's. We thank Fr. Matthew for his continued leadership of our parishes!

**THANKSGIVING MASS WILL BE HELD** at St. Bernard at 9:30 AM.

**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.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHANGE**

Eucharistic Adoration is switching from Tuesday evenings to Wednesday evenings. Starting in November, it will be on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:** We would like to thank everyone who donated items for our food drive and to those who donated their time in delivering and picking up bags for our annual food drive and delivering the food to Cairo. It was very successful. Thank you for your generosity to those who need it the most. We appreciate each and every one of you for your donations.

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$148.00+ Envelopes: (21) \$1,665.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$463.00 \$2,276.00  
Budget for week: \$3,212.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$54,629.61  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$54,604.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$ 25.61  
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.)

**Thank you for your faithful and generous support!**

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

Minister: Ruth Jansen, Monica Koch, Mech Toennies  
Ushers: Norm Horstmann & Volunteer  
Servers: Lyla Koch, Charlie Sauer, Nolan Hemker  
Lector: Jackie Toennies  
Cantor: Rosann Horstmann  
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer  
Coll. Counters: Tina Tonnies, Sandy Kramer  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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

The Christmas season is coming fast! The first Youth Choir practice, in preparation for Christmas Eve was on Sunday Oct 27 at 8:30am. All youth in Grades 3-12 and college-age students are welcome to participate and "Make a Joyful Noise!" The Youth Choir will sing for Christmas Eve Mass at 4pm on Dec 24 (it's a Tuesday afternoon). If kids or parents have any questions, please call Jackie at 618-335-9562 or Geri at 618-444-5073. We are looking forward to seeing lots of smiling faces every Sunday at 8:30am beginning Sunday Oct 27!

**The St. Damian Adult Choir** began practices for Christmas on Tuesday, October 22 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.

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

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

Loose: \$154.00+Envelopes: (33) \$2,279.00 \$2,433.00  
Budget for week: \$3,385.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$48,639.75  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$57,545.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$8,905.25)**  
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 10<sup>th</sup>**

Ministers: Kati Schwierjohn, Tina Wuebbels, Lynn Athmer  
Lector: Jackie Farrar  
Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake  
Servers: Sadie Pingsterhaus, Kayla Boeckmann, Wade Barger  
Coll. Counters: Keith Richter, Janel Zurliene, Dana Lake  
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.

**VETERAN'S DAY MASS & PARADE** This year's Clinton County Veterans Day celebration on Nov. 11 will be hosted by American Legion Post 1026 in Albers, beginning with a 9:30 a.m. service at St. Bernard's Church. There will be a dinner, followed by a program; parade at 2:30 p.m.; dance at 4 p.m.; and a raffle. Everyone is welcome. To participate in the parade, contact Maurice Spihlmann, 618-604-8473 or David Kassen at 618-210-1079

**THANK YOU TO THE CATHOLIC HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY** (CFL) for their donation of \$600.00 to the St. Bernard Renovation Fund. We thank you for your continued support of St. Bernard's Parish.

**The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal** *Serve the Lord with gladness. -Psalm 100.* The Catholic Service and 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.

**Albers American Legion Auxiliary Dressing Sale.** We will be making dressing for your holiday dinners. Pickup date is Friday, November 22nd. Gallon is \$15.00, 1/2 gallon is \$8.00. Call Albers Legion at 248-5505 before November 10th to place your order.

**ST. CECILIA, BARTELSON, FRIED CHICKEN DINNER,** Sunday, November 3 from 11-5 pm at Bartelso School Cafeteria. Dine-in from 11-1, drive-thru from 11-5 pm. Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, dressing, cake. \$15.00

**Mater Dei Open House for Prospective Families: November 3.** Mater Dei will host their annual Open House on Sunday, November 3, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Families with students in grades 5 through 8 are invited to explore and to receive information related to the various aspects of Mater Dei, especially the Mater Dei difference. Visit Mater Dei's website for detailed information and the tour registration link: [www.materdeiknights.org](http://www.materdeiknights.org) ("Announcements" section). Families who cannot attend may contact Assistant Principal Mrs. Maria Zurliene for an informational folder ([mzurliene@materdeiknights.org](mailto:mzurliene@materdeiknights.org)).

**Mater Dei Fall Play: November 1, 2, 3**

Enjoy a performance of Mater Dei's fall play, the timeless *A Christmas Carol*, on November 1 or 2 at 7:00 p.m. or November 3 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets (\$6) will be available at the door.

**Work Day at Chakota Therapeutic Riding Center:** We are seeking volunteers on November 3rd, 2024 to assist with Fall cleanup projects at Chakota. This is a great opportunity for Confirmation students seeking community service projects or anyone else who would like to help. Wear old clothes and bring boots if you have them. We will be cleaning stalls, washing vinyl fence, etc. Come on out any time after 10:00 a.m. -- we will be there until 4:00 p.m. Call 618-224-4236 with questions.

**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 November 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 314-649-73171. 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>