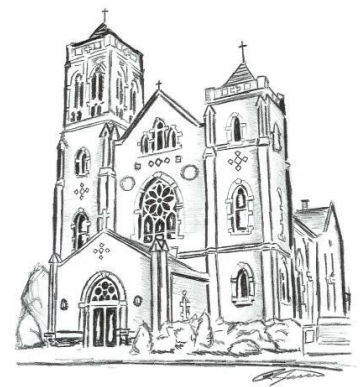
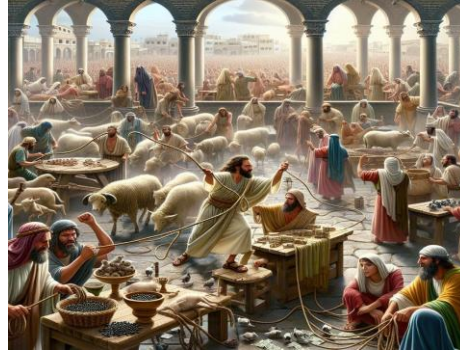




*Stewardship Sunday  
November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



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**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**  
***NO SCHOOL/NO PRAYER SERVICE***

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
7:45 am @ St. Damian  
For All Parishioners

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
7:45 am @ St. Bernard  
Steve Mueth

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>**  
***NO MASS/SERVICE***

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
4:00 pm @ St. Damian  
Franklin & Marian Eversgerd  
Norbert Jansen  
Herman & Vivian Jansen  
In Thanksgiving 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary:  
Tom & Julie Langenhorst

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
9:30 am @ St. Bernard  
Virgil Heimann

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Ezekiel 47:1–2, 8–9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c–11, 16–17; John 2:13–22**

In his vision of a restored temple in Jerusalem, the holy city—the city of God—Ezekiel sees the life-giving waters that flow from it, bringing life to land and sea. We sing of these waters in the psalm, linking them to God’s dwelling. In the Gospel, Jesus refers to his Body as a temple and in the second reading Paul asserts that we are the temple of God, for the Holy Spirit dwells in each of us. Aware of our holiness and each other’s holiness, we listen together to God’s word

### **HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:**

**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

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

*Prayer Service*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> -Veteran’s Day**

*No school/No prayer 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

*St. Damian Adult Choir Practice*

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

**Wednesday, November 12<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 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

***NO MASS/NO SERVICES***

**Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

**Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>- Fr. Matthew Birthday**

*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 WATERS OF THE RIVER GLADDEN THE  
CITY OF GOD,  
THE HOLY DWELLING OF THE MOST HIGH!***

**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:** 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.

**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.

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: November 2**

Loose: \$145.00+ Envelope (17): \$1,255.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,583.00  
+ ACH for Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$1,215.00                      \$4,198.00  
Budget for week:                                      \$3,536.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:                      \$51,797.00  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:                          \$60,112.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:                      (\$8,315.00)  
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 15<sup>th</sup>**

Ministers: Ruth Jansen, Erin Korte, Arlene Korte  
Ushers: Brad & Kristy Richter  
Servers: Jacob, Randy & Ryan Oros  
Reader: Denise Luitjohan  
Cantors: Kathy Gonsalves  
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer  
Coll. Counters: Kathy Gonsalves, Kathleen Hodges  
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 GUADELUPE 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 1**

Loose: \$250.00+Envelopes: (32) \$1,395.00  
+ ACH For Nov. 2: \$2,345.00                      \$3,990.00  
Budget for week:                                      \$3,385.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:                      \$48,959.52  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:                          \$57,545.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:                      (\$8,585.48)  
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.)

**CSMA RESULTS: \$6330 Pledged (16) of \$10,446 Goal**  
**Thank you for your continued support!**

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE – November 16<sup>th</sup>**

Ministers: Robbin Netemeyer, Tina Wuebbels, Kristen Templin  
Reader: Jackie Farrar  
Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake  
Servers: Sadie Pingsterhaus, Kayla & Aften Boeckmann  
Coll. Count: Keith Richter, Janel Zurliene, Dana Lake  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### **ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH IS PROCEEDING WITH THE MUCH-NEEDED RENOVATIONS OF OUR CHURCH.**

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 will 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.

**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.

**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!!!

**Churches throughout the county, in coordination with the Clinton County Citizens for Life**, are hosting a one hour Pro-Life Prayer Service each month in 2025. On Thursday, November 13th, the prayer service will be hosted by Life Church in Carlyle from 7:00-8:00PM. Please join us in praying our state and nation will get back on a moral and virtuous path and our culture will change to more fully appreciate and cherish our Lord's precious gift of life.

**VETERAN'S DAY WILL BE HELD AT NEW BADEN NOVEMBER 11.** Mass will be at 10:00 at St. George in New Baden, and Parade is at 2:30.

**The Holy Name Society's Bingo Benefit for St. Mary Trenton** Cemetery will be on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Mary Parish Center, Trenton. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5 for a 20-game series. Hot sandwiches, beverages and dessert will be served from 6-7pm with refreshments available throughout the evening.

**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.

**Albers Legion Breakfast, Sunday, November 16, 8-11.** Dine in/Carryout. \$14.00 for adult dine and carryouts. Sausage, ham, pancakes, eggs, fried potatoes, biscuits & gravy.

**Quest - a 2-day faith experience for Freshmen and Sophomores.** Learn about your relationships with yourself, others and God in fun ways - November 22-23 at St. Dominic Parish in Breese. Sign up at [www.bellevilletec.org](http://www.bellevilletec.org). Any questions, please contact [bellevillequest@gmail.com](mailto:bellevillequest@gmail.com).

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER:** "In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our own hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own." Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities "Living Radical Solidarity"

**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.** "Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice out there calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice in here calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God." – Thomas Merton. We thank our Veterans for their choice of vocation in serving and protecting our country.

**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>