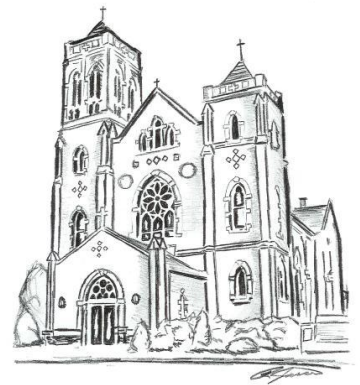




**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1st, 2024**



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th

Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian
For the People

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5th

Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
For all Cancer Victims

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th
NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th

Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Bernard
Bob & Clara Kohrmann
Gary "Tripp" Kharibian
Delmond, Eleanor & Cynthia Huegen
Marcel Korte

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th

Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Damian
Henry, Lucille & Marvin Albers
Bob, Irene, Gary, Don & Alicia Strieker

5:00 PM Mass @ St. Bernard
Immaculate Conception Mass

Hispanic Mass in Church-Lady of Guadalupe
11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Jeremiah 33: 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

The readings on this first Sunday of Advent cover Christ's three comings. Jeremiah prophesies that God will send a Messiah, who will bring righteousness and justice to the world. Paul prays that Christ may permeate the hearts of the Thessalonians, increasing their love for each other and for all. Finally, Jesus tells his disciples that one day he will come again in glory to redeem all those who stand virtuously before him. May we be reminded that Christ came into this world two thousand years ago, will do so again at the end of time, but also continually comes into our world through our hearts.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 1st

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

Reconciliation Service

1:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Monday, December 2nd

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, December 3rd

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Finance Council Meeting

6:15 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory

Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, December 4th

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, December 5th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, December 6th

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, December 7th

Mananitas of the Virgin Mary

11:00 pm @ St. Damian

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, December 8th

Youth Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church-Lady of Guadalupe

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Immaculate Conception Mass

5:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

TO YOU, OH LORD, I LIFT MY SOUL!

TODAY!! ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

will be held at St. Damian on Sunday, December 1 at 1:00.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS will be held on

Sunday, December 8 @ 5:00 pm at St. Bernard's Church

and Monday, December 9th 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.

EDGE NIGHT! our next Edge Night will be Sunday,

Dec 15 from 5:30-7 at the Damiansville. All 5th-8th

graders are welcome!

COMMUNITY GIVING TREE! St. Damian Church will

be the collection point for hats, gloves, mittens, scarves,

socks and house slippers for children, teens, women & men.

The items will be collected from Nov 16 thru Dec 8, and

donated to the BCMW Organization in Breese. They will

distribute them as Christmas presents to local families.

BCMW serves Bond, Clinton, Marion & Washington

Counties. Items can be brought to St. Damian Church and

put under or hung on the Giving Tree in the gathering space

from Nov 16 thru Dec 8. Your generous donations will help

make the holidays a little warmer for those in need. Any

questions, please call Geri Varel at 618-444-5073. Thanks

in advance for your support!

Once again it is time for the Christmas "Giving

Tree" drive at St. Bernard. This year all donated

items through the St. Bernard Giving Tree event will

be donated to the Coping For Life program. The tree is

located in the back of church filled with Christmas

cards listing the item to purchase. We ask that each

family take a card, purchase the requested gift, and

place the items with the card and yarn attached,

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!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES AVAILABLE:

December 8 St. Mary, Centralia 1:00 pm

December 10 St. Rose 7:00 pm

December 11 St. Mary's, Trenton 7:00 pm

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 16th

Loose: \$96.00+ Envelopes: (21) \$880.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,512.00 \$2,488.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$63,224.86
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$64,240.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$1,015.14)**
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$167,000.00

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 23rd

Loose: \$52.00+ Envelopes: (22) \$2,284.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$703.00
+Thanksgiving (3) \$750.00 \$3,789.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$67,013.86
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$67,452.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$438.14)**
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 – December 8th

Minister: Denise Luitjohan, Deb Santel, Ken Mank
Ushers: Steve Kalmer, Pete Toennies
Servers: Charlotte & Evelyn Cleeton, Miranda Richter
Lector: Lori Jansen
Cantor: Kristy Richter
Organist: Geri Varel
Coll. Counters: Anita Rakers, Tina Tonnies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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

Youth Choir practices are held on Sunday mornings at 8:30am. The Youth Choir will sing at the Christmas Eve mass at St. Damian on Tues, Dec 24 at 4pm. All youth in Grades 3-12 and college-age students are welcome to come to practices. Any questions, please call Jackie at 618-335-9562 or Geri at 618-444-5073. Thanks in advance for helping to "Make a Joyful Noise!"

The St. Damian Adult Choir practices for Christmas on Tuesday evenings 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. Any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 618-792-2676.

ST. DAMIAN CHRISTMAS CAROLING!!

The 7/8 grade Faith Formation class is going "Caroling For Caritas" on Friday, December 13 from 5:30-7:30. Please welcome them into your home and enjoy the voices of the season.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 17th

Loose: \$467.00+Envelopes: (41) \$1,845.00
+Thanksgiving Envelopes (1) \$400.00 \$2,712.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$60,009.27
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$67,700.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$7,690.73)**
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$176,000.00

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 24th

Loose: \$117.00+Envelopes: (34) \$1,395.00
+Thanksgiving Envelopes (3) \$45.00 \$1,557.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$61,566.27
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$71,085.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$9,518.73)**
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 – December 7th

Ministers: Kathy Engelmann, Melissa Netemeyer, Deb Schomaker
Lector: Steve Schomaker
Ushers: Ed Broeckling, Ryan Wuebbels
Servers: Waylon & Tucker Swinney, Kinley Toennies
Coll. Counters: Sean Kennedy, Dana Lake, Janel Zurliene
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.

CARDINALS CALENDARS FUNDRAISER.

Pre-order your 2025 St. Louis Cardinal calendar by contacting Janel Zurliene (618) 402-2869. The calendars are \$20 and should arrive in early December. All funds raised support the St. Bernard's Faith Formation program. Please let Janel know as soon as possible.

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.

Memorial Mass for Archbishop Keleher. The Diocese of Belleville will host a Memorial Mass for Archbishop Emeritus James P. Keleher who died on November 9. Archbishop Keleher served as the sixth Bishop of Belleville (1984-1993). Bishop McGovern will offer Mass at 12:10 PM on Wednesday, December 11, in the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL. Everyone is invited to pray together for the repose of Archbishop Keleher's soul.

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, 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 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

Metro East Community Chorale Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 at St. Paul UCC, 115 W. B Street, Belleville. Free Admission

The Aviston Sons of American Legion 2024 Black Tie and Talent Show will be on **Sat. Jan. 11th, 2025 @ 5:00 pm** at the Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston IL. This formal event is a talent and glamour contest where we give away over \$8000 in scholarships to (8) college bound contestants. We are selling tickets for the event at \$50.00 each. Ticket includes: happy hour, 4-course meal, talent contest, late night entertainment. Interested contestants can tryout at a **down select** competition at Aviston Legion at 6:00 pm on **Friday, Dec 20th**. A 3-minute speech on a topic of contestant's choice and a talent demonstration is required. Any Clinton County residents who will attend college or trade school in 2025 can enter contest. For tickets or entry info text: Jim Kues 618-973-5688 or Craig Timmermann 618-830-7737.



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