



St. Damian Parish

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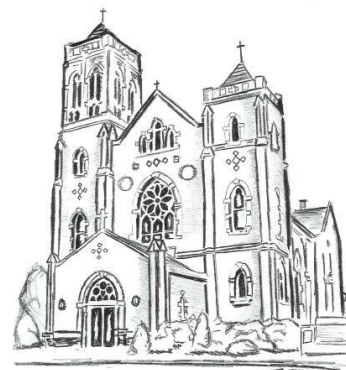
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2022



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**St. Bernard and St. Damian
Catholic Churches**



MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19th

7:45 AM Prayer Service @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, December 20th

7:45 AM Prayer Service @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21st

7:45 AM Mass @ St. Damian
For All Parishioners

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22nd

NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/SERVICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23rd

NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th

Mass in Church-Christmas Eve

4:00 PM @ St. Damian

Lindy, Lynn & Irene Horstmann & Sean Howard

Alvin Toennies & Tom Reis

Bob Innes & All ALS Sufferers

11:00 PM @ St. Bernard

Doris & Robert Kloeckner

Dave & Pat Huegen

Wib & Betty Lake

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th

Mass in Church -Christmas Day

9:30 AM @ St. Damian

Jerry Toennies

Hispanic Mass in Church & Live Streamed

11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Isaiah 7: 10-14; Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1: 18-24

This Advent, we have heard Isaiah speak of the day when our misery would turn to joy, when the blind would see and the lame would walk, when the wolf and the lamb would play together, and when nations would beat their swords into plowshares. Today we hear him announce a sign: a virgin will bear a son, who will be named Emmanuel, meaning "God is with us." Let us treasure this in our hearts as we contemplate the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies in Jesus.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 18th

St. Damian Children's Choir Practice

8:30 at St. Damian Church

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church & Live-Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Kehrer Baptism

12:30 pm @ St. Damian

Live Nativity at St. Bernard Parish Grounds

5:30-7:00 PM @ St. Bernard

Monday, December 19th

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Prayer Service

Tuesday, December 20th

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Faith Formation Penance Service

7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

7:30-8:30 pm @ St. Damian

Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 21st

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Mass at Church

Thursday, December 22nd

NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/SERVICE

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WE WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY

Violet Margaret Mayberry, the daughter of Nathan & Alexandra (Haas) Mayberry, who was baptized at St. Bernard's on Sunday, December 11th. May the Good Lord guard and guide you on your faith journey of life.

LET THE LORD ENTER;

HE IS KING OF GLORY!

MESSAGE FROM DAYSTAR COMMUNITY!

"We received your generous food donation with such grateful hearts! Thank you so very much for thinking of us during this holiday season. Your kindness and support allow our programs to provide hot meals and food to those in need. So much hard work and time goes into a collection so big, we simply cannot thank each and every one of you enough. Peace and love during this Christmas Season, Daystar Community Program & The Kitchen Table."

"THANKS SO MUCH!" To all who hung items on this year's "Community Giving Tree"! The items were brought to BCMW for their annual Christmas distribution. Your kindness and generosity helped to make Christmas a little warmer for many families in need during the Christmas season.

Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

Geri Varel

ST. BERNARD. Thank you to everyone who donated to the St. Bernard's Giving Tree! Coping 4 Kids truly appreciate your generosity! Your gift of giving is a true example of the Spirit of Christmas! God bless you and may all have a Merry Christmas!

Melissa and Marilyn

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The 45th Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Day. Parishes and agencies throughout the Diocese will request monies from this collection in 2023 to assist those who are in need of food, clothing, shelter, utility payments, healthcare and medication, funeral and burial expenses, transportation and emergency assistance of all types. Please consider giving as you are able to help those in need.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

Bishop Michael McGovern

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 11th

Loose: \$63.00+ Envelopes (26): \$1,530.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,334.01 + Thanksgiving(1)\$50
+ Christmas (1) \$25.00 \$3,002.01
Budget for week: \$3,102.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$57,213.32
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$71,346.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$14,132.68)**
Fiscal year (7/22-6/23) budget: \$161,300.00
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$35,000.00 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 FOR DECEMBER 24th

Servers: Brant Horstmann, Lincoln & Conner Arentsen
Lector: Anita Rakers
Organist: Geri Varel
Ushers: Volunteers
Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Kalmer, Pete Toennies, Two Volunteers
Coll. Counters: Anita Rakers, Dave Kassen & Volunteers

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 25th

Servers: Volunteers
Lector: Volunteer
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Eucharistic Minister: Mech Toennies
Ushers: Volunteers
Coll. Counters: Anita Rakers, Dave Kassen & Volunteers
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

Save the Date! There will be a combined "After the Holidays" Brunch hosted by the Men's Holy Name Sodality, the Ladies Altar Sodality, and the Damiansville Development Club (DDC), on Sunday, January 8, 2023, at 11:00am in the school gymnasium. All members of these organizations are invited to attend the brunch. Please RSVP by calling Al Varel at 618-973-8527 or email alv58@charter.net before January 1, 2023, so a firm headcount can be given to the caterer. Hope all of you can make it! Please RSVP to Al Varel by Jan 1.

The St. Damian Adult Choir will practice for Christmas on Tuesdays. It is not too late to join the choir. We are always looking for new voices! Please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 618-792-2676 with questions.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 10th

Loose: \$44.00 + Envelopes (34): \$1,675.00
\$1,719.00
Budget for week: \$3,264.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$71,063.62
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$75,072.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$4,008.38)**
Fiscal year (7/22-6/23) budget: \$169,725.00
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$28,500.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies Sodality, & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.) ***Thank you for your faithful and generous support!***

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – December 24th

Servers: Brian Zurliene, Cole Huegen, Mason & Landon Schroeder
Reader: Lynette Huegen
Greeters: Volunteers
Eucharistic Minister: Volunteer
Coll. Counters: Sean Kennedy, Tim Schroeder & Volunteers Please
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!



ALL residents are invited to decorate their homes for the Village of Albers 2022 HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST. Sponsored by the Albers Commercial Club. Top 5 entries PLUS Mayor's Choice Award will be awarded! ****CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS****: Knights of Columbus Council #9768 will be recognizing one home each in Albers AND Damiansville best displaying 'Keep Christ in Christmas'! \$25 prize to one home EACH in Albers AND Damiansville! Judging will be TODAY!! Sunday, December 18. Please have lights on from 6p.m. - 9p.m. Have a very happy and safe holiday season!

ONE OF THE BEST THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR THE NEW YEAR! Do YOU ever DREAM OF A WORLD WITHOUT HUNGER OR POVERTY? Would YOU seriously like to make this world a reality? "FAITH AND POVERTY: A GLOBAL RESPONSE" should help you do just that. It is a heart changing course co-sponsored by JustFaith and Catholic Relief Services. We will meet at Mater Dei High School for 8 Sessions on the first and third Thursdays of each month beginning on Thursday, January 5th from 7 to 9 PM. For questions or to join us, please call Helen Essenpreis (618-980-1875), Fran Etter (618-971-8886), or Myrt Rollins (314-707-7063).

Volunteers (12 years of age and over) are needed for the 2022 Diocesan Christmas Dinner which will be held on Christmas Day at the Msgr. Bernard Voss Center of St. Henry Parish, 5303 West Main Street, Belleville. Assistance is needed with preparing plates and containers for delivery, serving guests, delivering meals to the homebound and elderly and clean-up at the end of the dinner. Volunteers are needed from 11:00 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m. If you are available to help, please call or email the Catholic Diocese of Belleville: Nancy Wade at nwade@diobelle.org, 618-722-5009, or Judy Phillips at jphillips@diobelle.org, 618-722-5007. Thank you for your consideration of our request so that together we may share our blessings to make this a special Christmas for those who are alone or in need.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Overnight Center is in need of your help. It operates at full capacity almost every night, helping homeless men, women and children survive freezing temperatures and dangers of the city streets. We humbly ask for your prayers for the Center and its clients and, if you are able, to help us provide sack lunch items (individually packaged) for them: cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken. Snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup, bottled water. Items can be dropped off at: St. Vincent de Paul Council Office, 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. or SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen, 3718 State Street, East St. Louis Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS):

Find the latest information at <http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org/catholic-youth-ministry.html>

