

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT  
DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



**St. Damian Parish**

**Founded 1861**

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**Founded 1908**

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

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church-Christmas Day***

**9:30 AM @ St. Bernard**

**For Peace**

***Hispanic Mass-Christmas Day***

**11:00 AM @ St. Damian**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

**4:00 PM @ St. Bernard**

**Living & Deceased Members**

**Of Catholic Fraternal Life**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

**9:30 AM @ St. Damian**

**For All Cancer Patients**

***Hispanic Mass in Church***

**11:00 AM @ St. Damian**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

**2 Samuel 7:1–5, 8b–12,14a, 16; Romans 16:25–27; Luke 1:26–38**

In the first reading, David worries about finding a proper home for the ark of God. After all, it was housed in a tent as if they were still journeying through the desert. In the Gospel, the angel Gabriel comes to a young virgin in Nazareth to announce that God has chosen her to bear the son of God, to provide a home for the Lord. Let us now make a home in our hearts for the Lord, so that we, like Saint Paul, may make known to the nations the wonders and glories of Jesus Christ.

## HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Damian

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

*Christmas Eve Mass*

4:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

*Christmas Eve Mass*

10:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Christmas Day Mass*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard Church

*Hispanic Christmas Mass*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church.

**Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

*Eucharistic Adoration*

7:00-8:00 @ St. Bernard

**Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

*Netemeyer/Weiss Wedding*

2:00 pm @ St. Bernard

**Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

**Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Damian

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

*Mass in Church-Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass*

4:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

**Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> Solemnity of Mary**

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

**FOR EVER I WILL SING  
THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD.**

**NEW YEARS MASSES** will be held on New Year's Eve at 4:00 pm at St. Damian and New Year's Day at 9:30 am at St. Bernard.

## **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!



**"THANKS SO MUCH!"** To all who hung items on the "Giving Tree" at St. Damian. 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. Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

**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!

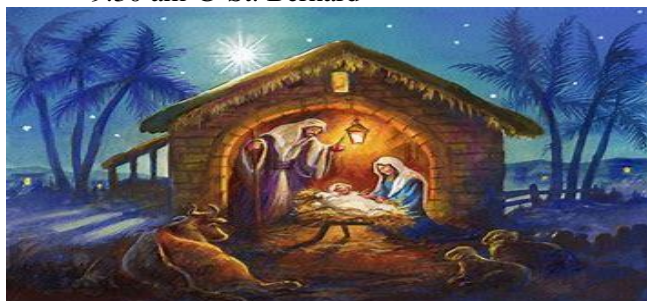
## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY**

Oct. \$400-Randy Reinhardt

\$60-Terry Rickhoff and Del Kloeckner

Nov. \$400-Trenton K C Council

\$60-Lynn Beckmann and Dave Spihlmann



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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$113.00+ Envelopes: (27) \$1,230.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,037.75+ ACH: \$550.00  
+ Christmas \$20.00 \$2,930.75  
Budget for week: \$3,121.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$74,488.85  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$78,025.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$3,536.15)**  
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.)

*Thank you for your faithful and generous support!*

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE – December 31<sup>st</sup> -9:30 am**

Euch. Ministers: Rosann Horstmann, Kevin Toennies, Kristy Richter  
Ushers: Roger Toennies & Jerry Innes  
Servers: Gracie Deiters & 2 Volunteers  
Lector: Lori Jansen  
Cantor: Chris Brandmeyer  
**December 31<sup>st</sup> – 4:00 pm**  
Euch. Ministers: 3 Volunteers  
Ushers: 2 Volunteers  
Servers: 3 Volunteers  
Lector: Volunteer  
Cantor:  
Collection Counters: Mech Toennies, Tina Tonnies  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### **ST. DAMIAN CHOIR INFORMATION:**

**YOUTH CHOIR NOTE!** The last two Youth Choir practices will be at 8:30am before masses on Sunday Dec 24. The Youth Choir will sing for Christmas Eve mass at St. Damian on Sunday Dec 24 at 4:00. Please be at church in the balcony by 3:30pm on Christmas Eve. Thanks for helping to "Make a Joyful Noise!"

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GATHERING** of the St Damian's Holy Name, St Damian's Altar Sodality and Damiansville Development Club will be on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Happy Hour at 5:30 and meal at 6:30. RSVP [phonsokay@outlook.com](mailto:phonsokay@outlook.com) by January 10.

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$130.00+Envelopes: (29) \$1,505.00  
+Christmas (1) \$100.00  
+ ACH For December 16<sup>th</sup>: \$2,535.00 \$4,270.00  
Budget for week: \$3,502.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$74,421.98  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$87,550.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$13,128.02)**  
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 30<sup>th</sup>**

Euch. Ministers: Kathy Engelmann, Melissa Netemeyer, Deb Schomaker  
Reader: Gregory Kassen  
Ushers: Ed Broeckling, Ryan Wuebbels  
Servers: Quinten & Kailey Engelmann, Adrienne Rakers  
Coll. Counters: Tina Wuebbels, Keith Richter, Tim Schroeder

### **January 1st -9:30 am**

Euch. Ministers: 3 Volunteers  
Reader: Volunteer  
Ushers: 2 Volunteers  
Servers: 3 Volunteers  
Collection Counters: Tina Wuebbels, Keith Richter, Tim Schroeder  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### **CHOIR DIRECTOR FOR ST. BERNARD.**

St. Bernard Parish is still looking for a choir director. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Joni Kloeckner or Deacon Glenn.

### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER**

"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free." USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"



**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.

**WINNERS OF THE LADY OF GUADALUPE RAFFLE.** \$30 Applebees - Geri Varel, \$25 Schnucks - Maria Leyva, \$25 Schnucks - Rosa L, \$25 dollar general-, \$25 dollar general - Tania Oñate, \$100 el Arado-Rita Toennies, Patricia Brandmeyer, \$100 Olga Bacilio, \$100 ?, Queen size comforter - Lupita Aguirre, Single size quilt - Barb Moss, Household basket - Deacon Steven Aubuchon, Baby basket - Christopher R, Picnic basket - Celia Oñate, Kid basket - Donna Simonton, Grill kit - Jackie Thole, Nativity - ?, Box of concha's - ? Guadalupe kit - Maria Rojas. THANK YOU to everyone who supported this raffle.

## Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest:

Congratulations to the following who won 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Parish. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this annual event. Special thanks for coordinating this project with the DRE and all the religion teachers involved. Below are the winners for 2023. Thank you to all who participated.

### St. Bernard in Albers:

1. Jules Swinney, Emmarie Jansen
2. Aden Short, Bennett Winterbottom
3. Ramon Santos Hernandez, Claire Loepker
4. Sawyer Winkeler, Wade Barger
5. Lydia Wuebbels, Kayla Boeckmann
6. Tucker Goesten Kors, Kelsie Rolves
7. Cole Huegen, Kailey Engemann
8. Brynley Albers, Adrienne Rakers

### St. Damian in Damiansville:

K. Colt Albers, Kamden Albers

1. Locklyn Horstmann, Brook Voss
2. Abrielle Horstmann, Masyn Penn
3. Alexis Toennies, Levy Skelton
4. Miranda Richter, Evelyn Cleeton
5. Nolan Hemker, Delaney Horstmann
6. Reid Toennies, Charlotte Cleeton
7. Kate Mitchell, Lincoln Arentsen
8. Gracie Deiters, Lyla Koch

**During this Christmas Season,  
we wish each of you the Peace and Joy of Christmas!**

*Fr. Matthew Elie, Deacons Glenn Netemeyer & Kevin Templin, and Angie Toennies*



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