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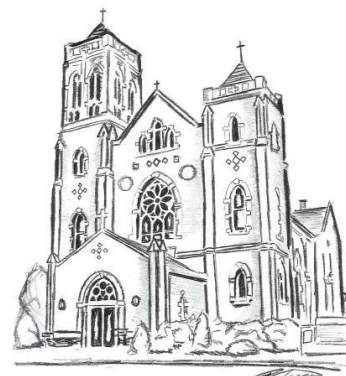
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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



MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th

NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/SERVICE

TUESDAY, December 27th

NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28th

NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/SERVICE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29th

NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/SERVICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30th

NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31st

Mass in Church-New Year's Eve

4:00 PM @ St. Bernard

Kurt & Jordan Huegen

Ray & Alvina Huegen

Teresa Kollmann

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st

Mass in Church-New Year's Day

9:30 AM @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

Hispanic Mass in Church & Live Streamed

11:00 AM @ St. Damian



LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Isaiah 62:11–12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4–7; Luke 2:15–20

Isaiah prophesied that the LORD would proclaim that a savior would come and a people would be redeemed. On the night Jesus was born, the shepherds are the first to hear this proclamation. At once they go to Bethlehem. They find Mary, Joseph, and the infant, and they repeat the angels' message. When they leave, they glorify and praise God. May we accompany the shepherds this morning, find Jesus born in our midst, and give praise and thanks to God.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 25th -Christmas Day

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church & Live-Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, December 26th

NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Tuesday, December 27th

NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/NO SERVICE

7:00-8:00 Eucharistic Adoration @ St. Bernard

Wednesday, December 28th

NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Thursday, December 29th

NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Friday, December 30th

NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Saturday, December 31st – New Year's Eve

Timmermann/Thompson Wedding

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, January 1st -New Year's Day

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church & Live-Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

*Dear Friends in Christ,
As we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, I think of the words St. John wrote in one of his epistles: "we have come to know and believe in the love God has for us." My sincere prayer for the people of our diocese is that as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, each of us comes to know and believe more deeply in the love God has for us. May this Christmas be filled with a spirit of kindness and compassion and may you, your families and loved ones be filled with the peace of Christ in the New Year.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern*

"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. Damian Altar Sodality would like to thank all who donated items for the nursing home and home bound parish members. 20 gift bags were put together including a throw for everyone plus an assortment of personal care items. People were very generous with donations. THANKS to so many for their generosity helping others have a Merry Christmas!

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

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."

WE WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY

Bradley Joseph Kehrner, the daughter of Dustin & Samantha (Keleman) Kehrner, who was baptized at St. Damian's on Sunday, December 18th. May the Good Lord guard and guide you on your faith journey of life.



Youth Ministry meeting, January 8, 2023 at 12:30 pm at St. Damian's meeting room in the rectory. We will be discussing activities for the new year, especially basketball season. Please come with ideas of what our youth ministry would like to do.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 18th

Loose: \$67.00+ Envelopes (33): \$3,030.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$453.00
+ Thanksgiving (4) \$1,220.00
+ ACH For December 16th: \$530.00 \$5,300.00
Budget for week: \$3,102.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$62,513.32
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$74,448.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$11,934.68)**
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 JANUARY 1st

Servers: Brant Horstmann, Hunter Toennies
Lector: Lori Jansen
Cantor: Jackie Toennies
Organist: Jan Hitch
Ushers: Dave Albers, Kevin Toennies
Eucharistic Minister: Chris Brandmeyer
Coll. Counters:
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.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 17th

Loose: \$99.00 + Envelopes (37): \$1,910.00
+ACH for Dec 16th: \$2,525.00
Christmas Env: (4) \$750.00
Thanksgiving Day: \$116 Loose/\$1,365.00 Env \$6,765.00
Budget for week: \$3,264.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$77,828.62
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$78,336.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$507.38)**
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.)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – December 31st

Servers: Mason & Landon Schroeder,
Westin Schwierjohn
Reader: Steve Schomaker
Greeters: Ed Broeckling, Ryan Wuebbels
Eucharistic Minister: Melissa Netemeyer
Cantor: Stephanie Rickhoff
Coll. Counters: KrisAnne Becker, Janel Zurliene
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

CONGRATULATIONS to all our winners of the 2022 Holiday Lights Contest and THANK YOU to everyone for beautifully decorating your homes for the holidays!
1st Place - Tom & Diane Winkeler
2nd Place - Omar & Irene Avalos
3rd Place - Tim & Diane Luitjohan
4th Place - Sheryl Plocher
5th Place - Shawn & Kara Albers
Keep Christ in Christmas Award - John & Kim Wieter
Chris & Beth Brandmeyer
Mayor's Choice Award - Austin & Shannon Hilmes
Benjamin Kruep & Jessie Perez
Merry Christmas from the Albers Commercial Club, Village of Albers and Knights of Columbus Council

THE BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS



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).

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

Keeping Christ in Christmas Poster contest:

Congratulations to the following who won 1st and 2nd place in the Parish. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this annual event. Special thanks to Roman Kloeckner for coordinating this project with the DRE and all the religion teachers involved. Below are the winners for 2022. Thank you to all who participated. The winners received 5\$ for first and 3\$ for second and 10\$ to those selected for further diocesan competition.

St. Bernard in Albers:

1. Lyla Schroeder Caleb Wuebbels
2. Tucker Schwierjohn Claire Loepker
3. Tessa Siverly Chase Schroeder
4. Lydia Wuebbels Kayla Boeckmann
5. Kinley Toennies Kelsey Rolves
6. Cole Huegen Kailey Engelmann
7. Emree Athmer Alejandra Avalos
8. Chloe Engelmann Kayle Reinhardt

St. Damian in Damiansville:

- K. Valintina Rojas Ellie Richter
1. Abrielle Horstmann Emily Jansen
 2. Alexis Toennies William Jansen
 3. Evelyn Kleeton Bryn Wuebbels
 4. Collins Horstmann Paislyn Horstmann
 - 5/6. Reid Toennies Ava Jansen
 - 5/6. Kate Mitchell Lincoln Arentsen
 - 7/8. Lyla Koch Brandt Horstmann
 - 7/8. Gracie Deiters Edwin Oros

Special congratulations to the following whose posters were selected for further Diocesan competition:
K. Valintina Rojas, 1-2. Abrielle Horstmann, 3-4 Kayla Boeckmann, 5-6. Cole Huegen, 7-8 Gracie Deiters

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

Fr. Steven Beatty, Deacons Glenn Netemeyer & Kevin Templin, and Angie Toennies

Merry Christmas

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS):

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