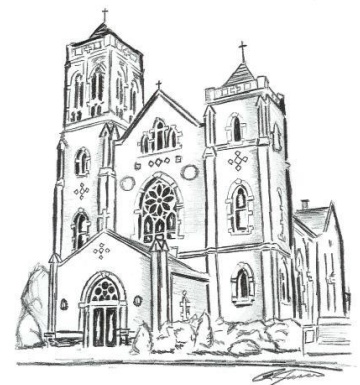


THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
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St. Bernard and St. Damian

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30th

NO MASS/SERVICE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31st

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

For Peace

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st

NEW YEARS DAY

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Frank, Minnie & Ralph Heimann

Hispanic Mass in Church

2:00 pm @ St. Damian

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2nd

NO MASS/SERVICE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3rd

NO MASS OR SERVICE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4th

Mass in Church

4:00 PM @ St. Damian

Frances & Alvina Luitjohan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th – Epiphany

Mass in Church

9:30 AM @ St. Bernard

Virgil Heckenkemper

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14; Colossians 3:12–21 or 3:12–17; Luke 2:41–52

Today's first two readings include dozens of phrases and aphorisms which could be framed and hung in a home, constant reminders of how to live as a family: "He stores up riches who reveres his mother." "Over all these put on love." "Be thankful." As we listen to God's word, may we appreciate these words of wisdom and hear how Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, despite the misunderstandings in today's Gospel story, have taken them to heart.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 29th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, December 30th

NO MASS/SERVICE

Tuesday, December 31st-New Year's Eve

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Wednesday, January 1st-New Year's Day

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

2:00 pm @ St. Damian

Thursday, January 2nd

NO MASS/SERVICE

Friday, January 3rd

NO MASS OR 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, January 4th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, January 5th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD AND WALK IN HIS WAYS."

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES will be held on New Year's Eve at St. Bernard at 4:00 pm and New Year's Day at 9:30 am at St. Damian's for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

ST. DAMIAN & ST. BERNARD WEEKLY DONATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED THRU THE MEN'S CLUB VENMO ACCOUNTS.

Unfortunately, we cannot receive donations through Venmo as there is a fee for businesses that use Venmo on a daily basis. The Venmo accounts are for the men's clubs only at both parishes for the sole use for the Wurstmarkts. Apologies for any inconvenience.

If anyone is interested in signing up for online donations, please contact Angie at either rectory and we can get those set up for you.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES.

We would like to thank our Organists, Church Choirs, Sacristans, Decorators and all who helped in any way to make our Christmas Masses so beautiful. What a beautiful way to welcome the baby Jesus into our hearts. God bless you all in the coming New Year.

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all, we turn to you today as the one who said "Yes" to Life. "You will conceive and bear a son," the angel told you. Despite the surprise and the uncertainty about how this could be, you said yes. "Be it done unto me according to your word." Mary, we pray today for all mothers who are afraid to be mothers. We pray for those who feel threatened and overwhelmed by their pregnancy. Intercede for them, that God may give them the grace to say "Yes" and the courage to go on. May they have the grace to reject the false solution of abortion. May they say with you, "Be it done unto me according to your word." May they experience the help of Christian people, and know the peace that comes from doing God's will. Amen

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 22nd

Loose: \$150.00+ Envelopes: (26) \$1,900.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$884.00
+ Christmas Env: (1) \$200.00 \$3,134.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$77,641.54
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$77,088.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$553.54
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!

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 14th

Loose: \$60.00+Envelopes: (33) \$1,305.00
+ Christmas Env: (4) \$1,000.00 \$2,365.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$74,252.32
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$84,625.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$10,372.68)**
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 – NEW YEAR’S DAY

Volunteers

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – January 4th

Ministers: Mech Toennies, Kevin Toennies, Julie Langenhorst

Ushers: Volunteer & Roger Toennies

Servers: Brynn & Reed Wuebbels, Tessa Siverly

Lector: Beth Brandmeyer

Cantor: Kathy Gonsalves

Organist: Jan Hitch

Collection Counters: Kristy Richter, Tina Tonnies

Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – NEW YEAR’S EVE

Volunteers

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – January 5th

Ministers: Lynn Athmer, Lynette Huegen, Robbin Netemeyer

Lector: Dana Lake

Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake

Servers: Riley, Gabrielle & Kelsie Rolves

Collection Counters: Sean Kennedy, Phyllis Albers, Janel Zurliene

Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Serve the Lord with gladness

-Psalm 100

“May God’s blessings pour upon you and grant you and your loved ones a healthy, prosperous and joyful new year. I send heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and our Belleville Diocese in the past year. You are remembered always in my prayers.”

-Bishop Michael McGovern

**Message from Bishop Michael McGovern:
As we ponder the mystery of Jesus' birth at
Christmas, let us give thanks to God for his
goodness to us and share the good news to those
around us that Jesus gives us hope, he brings us
life. I ask Christ to grant everyone the grace of a
peaceful, joyful Christmas.**

God bless you!

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.

Respect Life Corner Sunday. DOCTORS OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE. The American Medical Association (AMA), American Psychiatric Association, and dozens of other medical groups oppose assisted suicide. The AMA says “Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer.” Physicians are entrusted with saving lives, not ending them, and assisted suicide violates the Hippocratic Oath. Tell your state legislators to Vote NO on SB 3499 - assisted suicide. Visit www.ilcatholic.org for additional information and resources.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLES & BREWS with Fr. Thomas Luge. For young adults 21-35 years old. Thursday, January 9, at 6:30 pm at Bartelso Bowling Alley, 912 Carlyle Road, Bartelso

JUBILEE YEAR 2025. Pope Francis will open the Jubilee Year 2025 by opening the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve. Join Bishop Michael McGovern in opening the celebration of the Jubilee Year in our diocese at the 10:30am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter (200 W. Harrison, Belleville) on Sunday December 29. Our theme for the Jubilee Year is Pilgrims of Hope. For more information visit www.diobelle.org.

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St. Vincent de Paul Needs Coats! Cold winter weather has definitely arrived and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council desperately needs coats to distribute to those in need. Gently-used or new coats of all types in all sizes for all ages – toddlers, children, teens and adults (men and women) are being requested. Items can be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul office located at 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, across from Blessed Sacrament Church, or call Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126 for additional information. Warm your heart by keeping someone. Stay warm and donate a coat today! Thank you very much.

THANK YOU!

Father Matthew, Deacon Glenn, Deacon Kevin & Angie Toennies would like to thank the parishes, parishioners, and organizations for all the beautiful cards, messages, gifts, and goodies they received over the Christmas holidays. It is great to serve and pray with such wonderful and generous communities.



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