



**THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
DECEMBER 31, 2023**



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

MASS SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st

Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Damian
For All Cancer Patients

Hispanic Mass
11:00 AM @ St. Damian

Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
For Peace

MONDAY, JANUARY 1st – Solemnity of Mary
Mass in Church-New Years Day
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
For Our Parish Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2nd
NO MASS/SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3rd
NO MASS/SERVICE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4th
Leo Litteken

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5th
NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
For the Parish Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Dorothy Behrmann

Hispanic Mass in Church
11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14; Colossians 3:12–21; Luke 2:22–40

Today we hear practical guidance and wonderful inspiration regarding treating those close to us, particularly family members. Sirach, which has provided moral teachings since the second century BCE, speaks of the honor we owe our parents, especially as they age. Saint Paul counsels the early Christians in the virtues that should direct how we treat others. Luke relates the profound responses the child Jesus elicited in the temple when Mary and Joseph presented him to the Lord.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 31st

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 1st- Solemnity of Mary

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Tuesday, January 2nd

NO MASS/SERVICE

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 @ St. Damian

Wednesday, January 3rd

NO MASS/SERVICE

Thursday, January 4th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, January 5th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Saturday, January 6th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, January 7th-Epiphany

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 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!

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.



The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15

The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. May you find His peace, love and joy now and in the coming New Year. With deepest gratitude for your prayers and generosity,

-Bishop Michael McGovern and
Ministries and Programs Funded by
The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 24th & 25th

Loose: \$732.03+ Envelopes: (31) \$2,710.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$ 912.00 & \$1,102.00
+ Christmas \$8700.00 \$14,156.03
Budget for week: \$3,121.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$88,644.88
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$81,146.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$7,498.88
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 -January 6th

Euch. Ministers: Chris & Beth Brandmeyer, Monica Koch
Ushers: Delmar Santel & Volunteer
Servers: Randy, Ryan & Edwin Oros
Lector: Jackie Toennies
Cantor: Rosann Horstmann
Organist: Geri Varel
Collection Counters: Pete Toennies, Kathy Gonsalves
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

"Dearest St Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 23rd, 24th & 25th

Loose: \$43.00+Envelopes: (31) \$2,590.00
+ Christmas (4) \$525.00 + Paypal (\$96.52)
+ Christmas Day (40) \$10,780.00
+ Christmas loose \$349.00 + Reg. Env \$345.00 \$14,728.52
Budget for week: \$3,502.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$89,150.50
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$91,052.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$1,901.50)**
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 – January 7th

Euch. Ministers: Lynn Athmer, Lynette Huegen, Robbin Netemeyer
Reader: Dana Lake
Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake
Servers: Kayle Reinhardt, Jack & Sam Reynolds
Coll. Counters: Sean Kennedy, Phyllis Albers, Lynn Athmer
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.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GATHERING of the St Damian's Holy Name, St Damian's Altar Sodality, Damiansville Development Club, St. Damian & St. Bernard Parish and Finance Councils will be on Friday, January 19th at St. Damian Gym. Happy Hour at 5:30 and meal at 6:30. RSVP phonsokay@outlook.com by January 10.

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

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING. A social event for catholic singles age 21-30. Hors doeuvres and drinks will be served. Admission is \$5.00. Pre-registrations by January 28th. Thursday, February 4th at 6:30 PM at St. Nicholas Parish in O'Fallon, IL.

Congrats to our 2023 HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST WINNERS Sponsored by Albers Commercial Club:

1st Place - Scott & Lynette Huegen

2nd Place - Tom & Diane Winkeler

3rd Place - Dennis Nordike Family

4th Place - Austin & Shannon Hilmes

5th Place - Tim & Diane Luitjohan

MAYOR'S CHOICE by *Steve Schomaker, Albers Village President:*

Barrett & Ariel Zeller and Clay & Caitlyn Weier

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS WINNERS *Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #9768:*

Russ & Elaine Huegen, Albers

David Telford Family, Damiansville

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.

