



St. Damian Parish

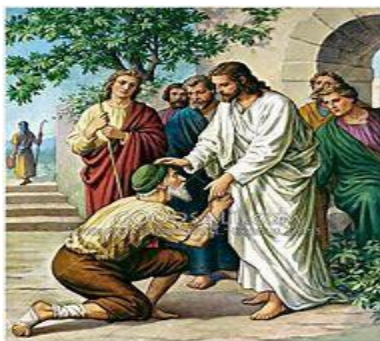
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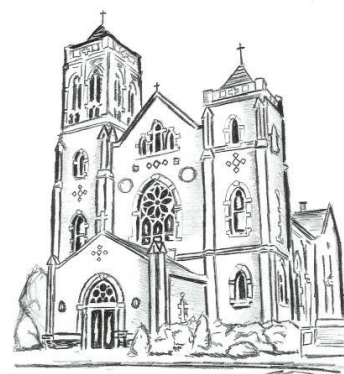
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 11th, 2024



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St. Bernard Parish

Founded 1908

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

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12th

Prayer Service

7:45 AM @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13th

Prayer Service

7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

Mass in Church – Ash Wednesday Vigil

7:00 PM @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th

Mass in Church-Ash Wednesday

7:45 AM @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

Prayer Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

Mass in Church

7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

Leo Litteken

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16th

NO MASS/SERVICE

7:00 PM @ St. Damian

Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

Mass in Church

4:00 PM @ St. Bernard

Mark Schomaker

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

Mass in Church

9:30 AM @ St. Damian

Albin "Bones" Toennies

Bob Innes

For All who Suffer from ALS

Marilyn Breiner Fiedler

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10: 31; 11:1; 22-23; Mark 1: 40-45

In ancient times, when people contracted leprosy, they were immediately excluded from the community, barred from contact with anyone else. But Jesus changed all that when a single leper came to him. Not only did he heal him, he did so by reaching out and touching him, breaking down the barrier between healthy and sick, between “clean” and “unclean.” As Jesus did, so did Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, who wrote that he became an imitator of Christ. May the words we hear today inspire us to be imitators of Christ as well, breaking down barriers and reaching out to those who have been excluded.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, February 11th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, February 12th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, February 13th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Mass in Church-Ash Wednesday Vigil

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Wednesday, February 14th – Ash Wednesday

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Prayer Service In Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, February 15th

Mass in Church

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**I TURN TO YOU, LORD, IN TIME OF
TROUBLE, AND YOU FILL ME WITH THE
JOY OF SALVATIONS!**

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Serve the Lord with gladness-Psalm 100

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

This weekend our parish, along with all other parishes in the diocese, will conduct our Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please use one of the reply envelopes that are available. Please be as generous as you are able.

STUKENBERG-EILERMANN AMERICAN LEGION POST 1026 SCHOLARSHIP.

The Legion and its Auxiliary are each awarding a \$750 scholarship. Applicant must be a son, daughter, grandchild, or great-grandchild whose parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent or legal guardian (living or deceased) is or was a member of Stukenberg-Eilermann Post 1026 Legion or Auxiliary. Applications may be picked up at the Albers' Legion, Monday – Friday from 9-11 a.m. and Sundays from 1-5 p.m., or by calling the Scholarship Chairman, Sandra Netemeyer at (619) 841-5393. Submit a complete application to Stukenberg-Eilermann Post 1026, 600 N. Bertha St, Albers, IL 62215 or via email sandra.netemeyer@gmail.com no later than Monday, April 1, 2024.

WE WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY

Lyla Marie Spihlmann, the son of Kurt & Josie Spihlmann, who was baptized on February 10 at St. Bernard. May the Good Lord Bless You and Keep You Safe.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JANUARY

WINNERS. \$400-Ray Kloeckner
\$60-Jenny Detmer, \$60-Matt Dulle

FIRST COMMUNION DATES 2024

St. Damian-Sunday, April 21st at 9:00 am
St. Bernard-Saturday, April 27th at 4:00 pm

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 4th

Loose: \$138.00+ Envelopes: (36) \$1,005.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$907.00
+ ACH For February 2nd: \$1,230.00 \$3,280.00
Budget for week: \$3,121.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$108,493.88
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$99,872.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: 8,621.88
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 -February 18th

Ministers: Ruth Jansen, Deb Santel, Ken Mank
Ushers: Cole & Jared Horstmann
Servers: Gracie Deiters and 2 Volunteers
Lector: Lauren Cleeton
Cantor:
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counter: Kathy Gonsalves, Kathleen Hodges
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. DAMIAN'S LADIES SODALITY NEWS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE MEXICAN FISH FRY! It was a huge success for the St. Damian's Ladies Sodality. Please look for tickets for 2024 in the back of church soon. In 2024, 4 winners will be drawn at the picnic

The St. Damian Adult Choir will begin practicing for Holy Week and Easter on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 pm in church. Practices will be held every Tuesday in February at 7:00 and every Tuesday in March at 7:30. Please feel free to join us for some or all of the practices. New voices are *always welcome*. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 618-792-2676.

IT'S YOUTH CHOIR TIME! Youth Choir will begin practicing on Sunday, February 25 at 8:30am. The Youth Choir will sing for the Palm Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 23, 4pm. All youth in Grade 3-12 and college age students are welcome to participate and "Make a Joyful Noise! If kids or parents have any questions, please call Jackie at 618-335-9562 or Geri at 618-444-5073. Looking forward to seeing lots of smiling faces at the first practice on Sunday Feb 25 at 8:30am!

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 3rd

Loose: \$99.00 +Envelopes: (30) \$1,080.00
+ACH For February 2nd: \$2,420.00
+Easter (1) \$25.00 \$3,624.00
Budget for week: \$3,502.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$108,250.50
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$112,064.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$3,813.50)**
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 – February 17th

Euch. Ministers: Ken & Liz Nussbaumer, Steve Schomaker
Reader: Gregory Kassen
Ushers: Brian & Janel Zurliene
Servers: Kara Markus, Alex & Emree Athmer
Coll. Counters: James Williams, Tina Wuebbels, Janel Zurliene
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. BERNARD'S WILL BEGIN CHOIR

PRACTICE! We are starting up practices beginning on Wednesday, February 7 and every Wednesday night thereafter at 7 p.m.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME SING!

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Date	Time	Location
02/29/24	12:30-2:00 PM	St. Mary, Mt. Vernon School
03/04/24	6-7:00 PM	St. Mary, Centralia
03/05/24	07:00 PM	St. Rose, St. Rose
03/07/24	12:30-2:00 PM	St. Mary, Centralia, School
03/10/24	01:00 PM	St. Bernard, Albers
03/10/24	03:00 PM	St. Mary, Carlyle
03/10/24	05:00 PM	St. Cecelia, Bartelso
03/13/24	06:00 PM	St. Theresa, Salem
03/13/24	07:00 PM	St. Mary, Trenton
03/14/24	07:00 PM	St. Dominic, Breese
03/15/24	6-9:00 PM	St. Mary, Mt. Vernon
03/17/24	03:00 PM	St. Francis, Aviston

RESPECT LIFE -World Marriage Day -Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."

ALBERS/DAMIANSVILLE FRIENDS OF THE COUGARS FISH FRY will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14 and every Friday during Lent from 4:30-7:00 at Albers Legion. Fish Choices are Cod Chunks, Catfish Filets and Jumbo Shrimp. Chicken Strips also available. Sides include baked potatoes, fries, hush puppies, slaw, macaroni salad, applesauce and dessert. Large & small plates and individual items available for dine in or carryout.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ST. DAMIAN ANNUAL HOLY NAME WURSTMARKT, Sunday, March 24, at St. Damian's Gym. More information to follow.

LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A PRIEST. Bishop Michael McGovern will host a St. Andrew Dinner for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on Sunday, March 10. The St. Andrew Dinner will be held at Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo. All young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome to join us. The event will begin at 4:30 PM with gathering and introductions and Evening Prayer and will be followed by dinner and conversation. This is a terrific opportunity to gather information for discerning a call to the priesthood; there will also be time for questions and conversation with Fr. Joel Seipp, Vocation Director. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722.5003, or email to: jhoffmann@diobelle.org.

2024 SPRING DIAPER DRIVE HOSTED BY THE METRO-EAST DIAPER BANK

Diapers & Pull-Ups may be shipped to: Albers Village Hall, 206 W. Dwight St, Albers, IL 62215 via Walmart, Target, Amazon, etc. Cash donations also accepted.

Checks payable to "Metro East Diaper Bank".

Contact Brenda at (618) 248-5154 or villageofalbers@yahoo.com with questions.

King's House Retreat Center at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center. **"Grace and Gratitude...In the Grief of Our Everyday Lives"** Presenter: Madeleine Lane, SSND, MA, LMFT. Monday, March 18, 2024, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (Lunch included). Join Sr. Madeleine Lane for a day of reflection to discuss how we live knowing that we and all that we love will one day die and in the presence of grief, how one lives in gratitude for all that has been given. When we open ourselves to the pain, we receive an invitation to deeper loving through grief. Our day will include input, sharing, and quiet time for reflection. Cost: \$50 (Lunch included). For more information, call 618-397-0584 or visit www.snows.org/Grief

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are **obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics**. In addition, **Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence**. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, **the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59**. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. **The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards**. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

The Cupboards Are Bare -- Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Your Help!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council reports record numbers of people staying at its OverNite Center and 300+ people per day coming for meals at Cosgrove's Kitchen. With these increased numbers, there is an urgent need for food. We humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients and, if you are able, your donation of food (all kinds) that will be cooked and served at the soup kitchen and/or individually packaged food items (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) to distribute at the OverNite Center. 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. For additional information contact Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126. Thank you and God. bless you for your generosity which enables St. Vincent de Paul's ministry to the poorest among us.

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