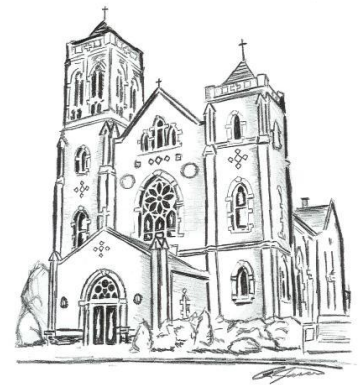
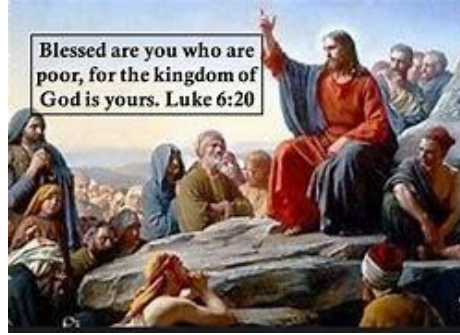




SIXTH SUNDAY IN
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FEBRUARY 16th, 2025



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MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17th
NO PRAYERS SERVICE/NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th
Mass in Church w/ refreshments after in Rectory
7:45 am @ St. Damian
Steve Mueth

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20th
Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
For the People

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21st
NO MASS OR SERVICE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Bernard
Doris Kloeckner
Bob & Clara Kohrmann
Living & Deceased of the Lewis & Agnes Huegen
Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Damian
Alfred, Albin & Melvin Toennies
Elmer Loepker

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Jeremiah warms us up for the Gospel today by speaking of whom God blesses and whom God curses. Using imagery from nature, he drives home his message: trust in the LORD. Jesus' message echoes Jeremiah's, blessing those whom society treats as outcasts and warning those who have it made by social standards. During this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us put our hope in he who has power over death itself, a hope rejected by those who live life, as Paul wrote, "for this life only."

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, February 16th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian with Faith

Formation Students singing in Balcony

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Kehrer Baptism @ St. Damian w/ Glenn

12:30 pm @ St. Damian

Monday, February 17th

NO PRAYER SERVICE/NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 18th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

St. Damian Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Damian

Wednesday, February 19th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction

6:00-7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Thursday, February 20th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, February 21st

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, February 22nd

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, February 23rd

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

***BLESSED ARE THEY
WHO HOPE IN THE LORD.***

ST. DAMIAN & ST. BERNARD

ALSO, 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 ALL FOR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF ST. DAMIAN & ST. BERNARD PARISHES.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER. "We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple." **40 Days for Life - Granite City: The Spring 2025** Campaign is approaching. The Campaign starts Wednesday, March 5th and ends Sunday, April 13th. *Open registration has begun! Select your day early. It's time again for groups to hear the call to give testimony to the most important issue of our time.*

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTERS!

Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage in 2025! Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience this year! The following upcoming weekends are available in 2025. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. **4/4/2025 - 4/6/2025, St. Peters, MO. 6/13/2025 - 6/15/2025, St. Peters, MO**

Singles Upper 50s and Above: Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing RENEW weekend retreat at the Pallottine Retreat Center (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on March 28-30, 2025. Take a chance and get involved... Visit www.RenewRetreats.org, e-mail renewretreat.stl@gmail.com, or call (314) 703-1002 for details.

On behalf of the family of Jerome Koerkenmeier, we would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone for the help and kindness shown following the death of our father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 9th

Loose: \$216.00+ Envelopes: (31) \$2,279.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,356.00 \$3,851.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$114,235.29
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$99,572.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$14,663.29
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!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – February 23rd

Ministers: Erin Korte, Monica Koch, Chris Brandmeyer
Ushers: Brent Goebel & Garry Kalmer
Servers: Charlotte & Evelyn Cleeton, Lyla Koch
Lector: Joe Cleeton
Cantor: Lauren Cleeton
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counters: Sandy Kramer, Dave Kassen
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. DAMIAN MEXICAN FISH FRY will be held on Friday, February 28th, from 4:30-7:30 at St. Damian Gym. Please mark your calendar for this event. Be on the lookout for emails for future information and workers list.

IT'S ALMOST YOUTH CHOIR TIME! The first Youth Choir practice, in preparation for Holy Week & First Communion, will be on Sunday, February 16 at 8:30am. All youth in Grades 3-12 are welcome to participate. The Youth Choir will sing for Palm Sunday on April 13 at 9:30am, for the Easter Vigil mass on Saturday, April 19 at 8pm, and for First Communion on Sunday, April 27 at 9 am. If kids or parents have any questions, please call Jackie at 618-335-9562 or Geri at 618-444-5073. We are looking forward to seeing lots of smiling faces at practices beginning Sunday Feb 16 at 8:30am! Thanks in advance for your commitment and for sharing your musical talents & gifts which add so much to the liturgies. **YOUTH CHOIR IS AWESOME!!**

The St. Damian Adult Choir will practice for Holy Week and Easter beginning Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm in Church. Please consider joining us to ensure that we are able to continue to provide this ministry. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 618-792-2676.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 8th

Loose: \$73.00+Envelopes: (24) \$2,393.00
\$2,466.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$113,208.32
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$108,320.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$4,888.32
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 – February 22nd

Ministers: Kathy Engelmann, Melissa Netemeyer, Deb Schomaker
Lector: Ken Nussbaumer
Ushers: Nick & Kathy Friederich
Servers: Kara Markus, Cameron Warnecke, Gavin Wellen
Collection Counters: Keith Richter, Sean Kennedy, Dana Lake
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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.

Albers/Damiansville Youth League registration is now open until February 23.

A separate form will need to be completed for each player. Please reach out to Lynn at 618-514-1426 with any questions!

T-Ball Registration Form. (Players currently in Kindergarten or entering Kindergarten in August 2025):

<https://forms.gle/DRpmUZXoRNpexyPW6>

Baseball/Softball Registration Form. (Players currently in Grades 1st-6th for the 2024-2025 School Year):

<https://forms.gle/LNPaMCJkA7GfhPvY7>

St. Augustine Luncheon & Quilt Bingo - Sunday, February 16. Luncheon begins at 11:30am & Bingo 2pm. Luncheon & Bingo is being held in the St. Augustine Parish Center at South 3rd & South Main in Breese. *Bingo License B-0357.*

Churches throughout the county, in coordination with the Clinton County Citizens for Life, are hosting a one-hour Pro-Life Prayer Service each month in 2025. On **Wednesday, February 19th, the prayer service will be hosted by St Anthony church in Beckemeyer from 7:00-8:00PM.** Please join us in praying our state and nation will get back on a moral and virtuous path and our culture will change to more fully appreciate and cherish our Lord's precious gift of life.

BARTELSON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Drive thru Chicken Dinner, Sunday, February 23 from 11-5 at St. Cecilia Parish Center in Bartelso. Pull through bowling alley parking lot behind the school for the drive thru line.

ST. DAMIAN MEXICAN FISH FRY will be held on Friday, February 28th, from 4:30-7:30 at St. Damian Gym. Plates available Cod Plate with Fries & Slaw, Fish Tacos w/ Rice & Beans. Ala carte. Chips & nacho Cheese, Fresh Hot Tamales and Fries. Big Bottom Margaritas and canned beer & soda available. Mariachi Band 5-7 pm. Dine in and carryout available. One night and cash only.

St Michael's Men's Club "Euchre Tournament – Saturday February 22, 2025. St Michael's parish hall in Waterloo. Doors open at 6:00 pm; tournament starts at 7:00 pm. For information or questions text 314-341-4904 or email slark4@yahoo.com

Mater Dei Baseball Camp: March 2. Mater Dei Baseball will host their baseball camp (grades 3 – 8) on Sunday, March 2, from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 for an individual camper and \$60 for two or more campers from the same family. Detailed information and registration forms (online and printable) are available on the Mater Dei website: www.materdeiknights.org/camp-baseball

Breese Lion's Club Chicken Dinner, Sunday, March 2, from 11-6 at the Breese American Legion. \$15 at the door and \$13 in Advance.

St. Augustine's Holy Name Consignment Auction is Saturday, March 8 at 9:00am gym opens at 7:00am for viewing. Auction setup begins on Monday, February 24th at 5:30pm at the St. Augustine Parish Center located at South 3rd & South Main in Breese. Items will be accepted Monday – Friday 5:30-8:00pm after the start date until full. Please call Mark Huelskamp at 618-410-0774 for more information or to arrange for item(s) pickup.

Start your New Year off great, by Subscribing to The Messenger! Subscribe online for the Paper or E-edition go to: www.bellevillemessenger.org or Call **618-233-8670.**

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.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center. 3-part Scripture Series: God's Justice in the Bible

Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD. Saturdays, March 1, March 8 and March 15, 2025, from 10:00-Noon.

Justice is one of the attributes of God that isn't talked about nearly enough. Yet it is fundamental to the understanding of the nature and character of the Christian and Jewish God. God is love – and one of the most important ways God's love becomes real in the world is through justice. In this three-part series we will examine the justice of God. First, in the Old Testament, or Hebrew Scriptures. Second, through the message of Jesus and his Reign of God movement. Third, we will see how the early Christian movement began to back away from the practice of justice as it cozied up to the Roman Empire. Cost: \$15 per session / \$45.00 for the series. Register online snows.org/marketing or call 618-394-6281.

Looking for a good way to enhance your Lenten Season? Please join the *2025 Catholic Women's Prayer Breakfast*. Guest Speaker: Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. **Saturday, March 22, 2025 at St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland,** 1411 Main Street | Highland, IL 62249. **8:00 AM - noon** (*Adoration - 7am, Rosary - 7:30am, Mass - 8am*). *Mass | Catered Breakfast | Speaker.* * **Pre-Registration is Required for breakfast meal * Download form or register online at www.stpaulhighland.org. Space is limited!** Register before March 1, 2025, to reserve your spot and meal ticket. For more information, email: womensbreakfast2025@gmail.com or text Rose Wascher at 847-274-3916

Save the date for St. Damian Holy Name Wurstmarkt which will be held on Sunday, March 23 at St. Damian Gym. Pork Sausage, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans and Dessert. Dine in or carryout available.

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