



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 18th, 2024



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th
NO SCHOOL/ NO PRAYER SERVICE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th
Prayer Service
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st
Mass in Church-w/Refreshments After in Rectory
7:45 AM @ St. Damian
Steve Mueth

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd
Mass in Church
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd
NO MASS/SERVICE
7:00 PM @ St. Bernard
Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Bernard
Delmond & Eleanor & Cynthia Huegen
Marcel Korte
Living & Deceased of Lewis & Agnes Huegen Family
Doris Kloeckner
Ralph & Dolores Netemeyer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Damian
Bill & Cecilia Jansen
Marvin Wiegman

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Genesis 9:8–15; 1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1: 12-15

After the Great Flood, God made a covenant with us. Never again would a flood destroy the whole earth. Centuries later, God sent Jesus as the new covenant. As we hear in the second reading, Jesus suffered for our sins to lead us to God. In today's Gospel, Jesus emerges from forty days in the desert, proclaiming that this is the time to repent and believe. Let us heed his message as we listen to God's word.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, February 18th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, February 19th

NO SCHOOL/NO PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, February 20th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

St. Damian Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Rectory Meeting Room

Wednesday, February 21st

Mass in Church w/ refreshments after in Rectory

7:45 am @ St. Damian

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, February 22nd

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, February 23rd

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Saturday, February 24th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, February 25th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

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11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**YOUR WAYS, O LORD, ARE LOVE AND
TRUTH TO THOSE WHO KEEP YOUR
COVENANT!**

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 sandra.netemeyer@gmail.com by April 1.

FIRST COMMUNION DATES 2024.

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

ANGIE WILL BE ON VACATION FROM FEBRUARY 25th-MONDAY, MARCH 4th.

She would appreciate no calls or text to her cell phone as she will not be available to answer and would appreciate being able to enjoy her time away without disruption. IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT DEACON GLENN. All request or information can be emailed to the following emails; stdamian1861@gmail.com or st.bernard@charter.net and she will answer them when she returns the following week. Thank you for understanding. We will also have a combined two-week bulletin while she is out

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.

ST. BERNARD & ST. DAMIAN LENTEN FOOD DRIVE! The shelves are almost empty at the Daystar Community Program in Cairo and we need your help. Please join us and the Diocese of Belleville by donating. Donations are being accepted Wednesday, February 14-Wednesday, March 27 at Albers Village Hall, American Legion, and at both churches. All non-perishable food items accepted. No glass no expired food. Checks will also be accepted. The March Needy Collection will also benefit this food drive. Please make checks payable to St. Bernard & St. Damian Needy Fund.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 11th

Loose: \$116.00+ Envelopes: (36) \$2,395.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$640.00
+ ACH For February 16th: (8) \$550.00 \$3,701.00
Budget for week: \$3,121.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$112,194.88
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$102,993.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$9,201.88
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 25th

Ministers: Rosann Horstmann, Kevin Toennies, Volunteer
Ushers: Ron Horstmann, Bud Jansen
Servers: Kennedy Toennies, Lincoln & Connor Arentsen
Lector: Simon Toennies
Cantor: Lauren Cleeton
Organist: Jan Hitch
Collection Counter: Dave Kassen, Sandy Kramer
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. DAMIAN'S LADIES SODALITY NEWS

Please look for tickets for 2024 in the back of church soon. In 2024, 4 winners will be drawn at the picnic.

ST. DAMIAN HOLY NAME NEWS. Please be on the lookout for workers list for the Wurstmart which will be on Sunday, March 24th.

The St. Damian Adult Choir are practicing for Holy Week and Easter on Tuesdays 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 10th

Loose: \$147.00+Envelopes: (37) \$3,118.00
+ACH For February 16th: \$2,585.00 \$5,850.00
Budget for week: \$3,502.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$114,100.50
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$115,566.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$1,465.50)**
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 24th

Euch. Ministers: Kathy Engelmann, Melissa Netemeyer, Deb Schomaker
Reader: Liz Nussbaumer
Ushers: Nick & Kathy Friederich
Servers: Trigg & Tucker Goesten Kors, Kyler VonBokel
Coll. Counters: Keith Richter, Sean Kennedy, Tim Schroeder
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. BERNARD'S CHOIR PRACTICE! We will have practices every Wednesday night 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



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.

BREESE LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER, Sunday, March 3 from 11-6 at Breese American Legion. Carry-outs only. At Door: \$15, In Advance: \$13.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ST. DAMIAN ANNUAL HOLY NAME WURSTMARKT, Sunday, March 24, at St. Damian's Gym. Dine in or Carryout. 10:30-5:30 in the St. Damian Gym. 50/50 Raffle. Pork Sausage, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Green beans & Dessert.

St. Barbara's Catholic Church in Okawville BINGO will only be Thursday, March 7 Due to our Bargain Basement - Rummage Sale which is: Friday, March 15 from 8am-6pm & Saturday, March 16 8am-1pm. **BINGO is the 2nd & 4th Thursdays from September thru April.

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.

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.

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

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>