



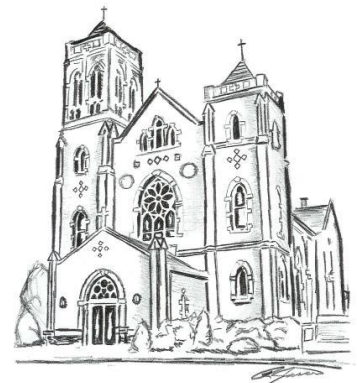
St. Damian Parish

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT *February 26, 2023*



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27th
NO PRAYER SERVICE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th

7:45 am @ St. Bernard
Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1st

7:45 Mass at St. Damian in the GYM
For All Parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 2nd

7:45 Mass at St. Bernard
For All Cancer Victims & Families

FRIDAY, MARCH 3rd

NO MASS/SERVICE
7:00 PM @ St. Bernard
Way of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 4th

Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
Francis & Alvina Luitjohan

SUNDAY, MARCH 5th

Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Vince & Leona Eilering
Edwin & Eileen Beitelspacher
Sr. Marciana Heimann

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Temptation has been part of the world from the beginning. In the story of creation, humanity's first home is the garden in Eden, with the forbidden tree right in its center. We hear Adam and Eve succumb to the serpent's wiles in this garden of plenty. In its opposite—a barren desert—Jesus uses God's word to resist the temptations of the devil. Paul tells us that Adam and Eve's disobedience brought death into the world, but Jesus' obedience brought life. Let us listen to how the righteousness of truth can defeat the temptation of lies.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, February 26th

Youth Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Aiden Sanders Baptism after Mass

Hispanic Mass in Church & Live-Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, February 27th

NO PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, February 28th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 @ St. Bernard

Wednesday, March 1st

Mass in GYM

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, March 2nd

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, March 3rd

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

7:00 pm - Way of the Cross @ St. Bernard

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**BE MERCIFUL, OH LORD,
FOR WE HAVE SINNED!**

ST. BERNARD & ST. DAMIAN DATES FOR FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

St. Bernard Confirmation: Wednesday, April 19th

St. Bernard First Communion: Saturday, April 22nd

St. Damian Confirmation: Tuesday, April 25th

St. Damian First Communion: Saturday, May 13th

2023 SPRING DIAPER DRIVE HOSTED BY METRO-EAST DIAPER BANK.

Diapers/Pull-ups are being accepted at Albers Village Hall from February 1-28. Diapers may be shipped directly to the Village Hall. Cash also accepted. Please make checks payable to Metro East Diaper Bank. Any questions, call Brenda at Village Hall.

From the Pastor's Desk . . .CSMA

Thank you to the households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Listed below are the goals for both parishes. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Goal</u>
St. Bernard-	\$2,850.00(13)	\$10,120.00
St. Damian-	\$2,662.40(20)	\$8,993.00

"The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord" (Psalm 15).

Attention freshmen and sophomores: Looking for a fun weekend with your peers? Quest is a fast-paced 33-hour Christian experience for high school freshmen and sophomores. It is a time to come together to find out about God, friendships, and self in a fun-filled, thoughtful, and carefree surrounding. A time to meet new people while praying, playing, singing, and sharing with them. Quest gives you the chance to search for the real you. The next weekend is March 11-12, 2023, at St. Dominic's in Breese. For an application visit <https://bellevilletec.org/applications/> or contact Shelly Schuetz at 618-401-6007.

WE WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY:

Aiden James Sanders, son of Justin & Shannon (Fuehne) Sanders who was baptized on Sunday, February 26th at St. Damian. May the Lord guide them on their faith journey throughout their lives.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 19

Loose: \$166.00+ Envelopes (28): \$1,790.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$576.00
+ ACH for February 16th (7): \$530.00 \$3,062.00
Budget for week: \$3,102.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$100,937.65
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$102,366.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$1,428.35)**
Fiscal year (7/22-6/23) budget: \$161,300.00
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$35,000.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR March 4th

Servers: Kennedy Toennies, Reid & Lyla Koch
Lector: Anita Rakers
Cantor: Kristy Richter
Organist: Jan Hitch
Ushers: Delmar Santel & Volunteer
Eucharistic Minister: Beth Brandmeyer
Collection Counters: Dave Kassen, Sandy Kramer
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. DAMIAN'S CHURCH CARPET CLEANING.

The carpet will be cleaned on February 27 so there will be NO Prayer Service on Monday and Mass will be in the gym on Wednesday.

THANK YOU AND THANK YOU!!

Thanks to all who helped in any way for the Mexican Fish Fry. It was a great success. There were lots of compliments and plenty of smiling faces.

Thanks to all who helped clean the church. It's smelling spring clean fresh. All help was very welcome.

IT'S YOUTH CHOIR TIME! The Youth Choir practices every Sunday morning at 8:30am. All youth in Grade 3 through 12 and college-age students are welcome to participate and "Make a Joyful Noise! We are preparing for Holy Week and Easter. The Youth Choir will sing on Holy Thursday (April 6 at 7pm), Good Friday (April 7 at 2pm) and Easter Sunday morning (April 9 Time TBD). If kids or parents have any questions, please call Jackie at 335-9562 or Geri at 444-5073. Looking forward to seeing lots of smiling faces on Sundays at 8:30am! Thanks in advance to all the parents for their support...you are a huge part of making the Youth Choir awesome! **The St. Damian Adult Choir** will begin rehearsals for Palm Sunday (9:30 a.m.) and Holy Saturday (8:00 pm). We will have rehearsals on the following dates: March (7:30 pm): 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and April (7:00 p.m.) 4th. All are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 792-2676.

Any member of the St. Bernard Adult Choir who would like to join us in singing for the Holy Saturday liturgy is invited to join us. Feel free to come to rehearsals at 7:30 pm on the dates listed above.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 18

Loose: \$104.00 + Envelopes (32): \$1,470.00
+ ACH for Feb. 16th (23): \$2,515.00 \$4,089.00
Budget for week: \$3,264.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$117,995.14
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$107,712.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$10,283.14
Fiscal year (7/22-6/23) budget: \$169,725.00
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$28,500.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies Sodality, & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – March 5th

Servers: Cole Huegen, Liam Jung, Cayden Loepker
Reader: Jackie Farrar
Greeters: Ken & Dana Lake
Eucharistic Minister: Robbin Netemeyer
Cantor: Robbin Netemeyer
Coll. Counters: Keith Richter, Sean Kennedy,
Janel Zurliene

Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

St. Mary, Trenton	March 12	1:00pm
St. Dominic, Breese	March 16	7:00 pm
St. Bernard, Albers	March 19	1:00 pm
St. Mary, Carlyle	March 19	3:00 pm
St. Lawrence, Sandoval	March 26	2:00 pm
St. Francis, Aviston	March 26	3:00 pm
St. Mary, Centralia	March 30	12:30 pm

Our Pro-Life Ministry needs YOU!

From February 22 through April 1, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life-40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. During the 40-Day vigil, Christians stand outside abortion clinics and peacefully pray. St. Bernard and St. Damian's Catholic Churches have adopted a day to peacefully pray outside the Planned Parenthood at 331 Salem Place in Fairview Heights on Saturday, March 11 from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm. Members of the Parishes are asked to please sign up to pray at the Planned Parenthood for at least one hour that day. You can sign-up at Good Morning! I have signed our parishes up for 40 Days for Life again On Saturday, November 5 from 7 AM until 12 PM. Can we please put the following information in the bulletin? Also, can it be posted on Facebook with the sign-up link?

Thank you so much!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C48ABA82A5F94-stbernardst2>

FRIENDS OF THE COUGARS FISH FRY: Every Friday in Lent (2/24/23-4/7/23) at the Albers American Legion from 4:30p-7:00p, dine in and carry out. Cod, catfish, shrimp, chicken strips, hush puppies, sides, and desserts.

The Auxiliary at HSHS St. Joseph-Breese will host a Used Book Fair & Bake Sale at the Breese KC Hall (new location!) Thursday, March 2, 10 am-7 pm, Friday, March 3 10 am-7 pm & Saturday, March 4, 10 am-5 pm. Bake Sale is Friday until sold out. Admission is \$6 first hour March 2, \$3 the rest of March 2, and free March 3 & March 4. Everything half-price after 3 pm March 3, \$3 fill-a-bag 2-4 pm March 4, and all items free 4-5 pm March 4.

GEBKE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, A Night at the Races, Saturday, March 4, at Germantown American Legion. This foundation supports and sponsors all the local grade school bowling teams. Fried chicken dinner, ice cream bar and desserts, draft beer and select mixed drinks, & funny money. Sign up your table of 8 or purchase individual tickets for a \$40 donation per person before February 15th. Doors & Bar open at 4:30, Dinner 5:15-6:45, Race 1 begins at 7:00. Venmo preferred @MikeGebke-Memorial Foundation. Call/Text Lori at 520-3071 to reserve.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, LEBANON Trivia Night, Saturday, March 4 at 7:00. 8 per table for \$100. Get mulligans with canned goods or cash. Bring your own alcoholic drinks & snacks.

Albers American Legion Breakfast, Dine in or carry out, Sunday, March 5, 8:00am to 11:00am, Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes and Biscuits & gravy. Adults \$12.00, Kids 5 -12 \$6.00, Under 5 free

BREESE LION'S CLUB CHICKEN DINNER at Breese Legion on Sunday, March 5, from 11-6, Carryout only.

St. Augustine Consignment Auction will be held on Saturday March 11. Doors open at 7am. Auction starts at 9am. Please follow us on Facebook for updates and pictures [facebook.com/staugustinesconsignmentauctionbreeseil/](https://www.facebook.com/staugustinesconsignmentauctionbreeseil/) Auction will be located on St. Augustine Parish Center grounds and in the gym at 300 S. Main, Breese.

THANK YOU for supporting our Aviston/Albers Cub Scouts BREAKFAST, Sunday, March 12, 2023 ~ 8a.m.-12p.m.
Aviston American Legion, Dine-In or Carry-Out, Biscuits & Gravy, Pork Sausage, Pancakes, Scrambled Egg, Hashbrowns. \$10 ~ Adults, \$5 ~ Children 5-11, FREE ~ Children Under 4 years of age. Help out Pack #255 and get a GREAT BREAKFAST!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN PIERRON DRIVE THRU CHICKEN DINNER, Sunday, March 5, from 11-5. Half chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, dressing and cake. \$15.00

Back by popular demand - Marriage on Tap! Join us for an evening of dinner and marriage enrichment on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 6:00 pm at C.J. Muggs, 200 South Central Ave., Clayton, MO. Our guest speakers will be Karen & John Hermes, from Waterloo, IL, who have been married for 46 years. The topic of their presentation is, "The Seasons of Our Marriage." The evening, which is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, will include a buffet dinner. Cash bar will be available. Dinner is \$54 per couple/\$27 per person, and advanced registration is required. For more information, check Marriage on Tap STL on Facebook or email us at marriageontapstl@gmail.com.

ILLINOIS MARCH FOR LIFE, March 21, 2023, in Springfield, IL. 10:00 am - Mass at Sangamon Auditorium, 1 University Plaza, **12:00 pm** - Rally at the Capitol Building, 401 S. 2nd Street, **12-5:30 pm** - Eucharistic Adoration, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave. **1:00 pm** - March around the Capitol Building.

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National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center. The Day Jesus Died: The Passion Narratives

Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD. Saturdays March 11, 18, 25 & April 1, 10 am – Noon. The passion and crucifixion of Jesus are at the heart of the Christian faith. We remember and reflect on them every year during Holy Week. But what's less widely known are the differences in the Passion narratives in each of the four Gospels. Each Passion narrative has its own depiction of Jesus, and its own theological emphasis. In this four-part series we will take a close look at each of the Passion narratives as we journey through Lent in anticipation of Easter Sunday. Cost: \$40 for series or \$10 per session. For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>

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