



## **St. Damian Parish**

Founded 1861

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Damiansville, Illinois 62215

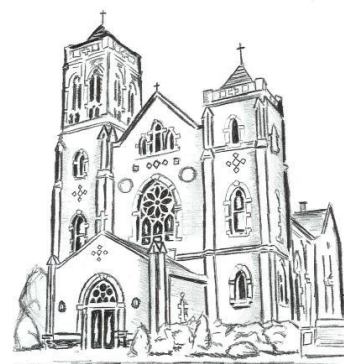
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## **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



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[www.stbernardandstdamian.org](http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org)



## **St. Bernard Parish**

Founded 1908

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### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service*

7:45 AM @ St. Damian

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service*

7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 AM @ St. Damian

Frank & Christine Beckmann

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

#### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

4:00 PM @ St. Bernard

Darlene Billhartz

Urban Behrmann

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

9:30 AM @ St. Damian

Louise Fehlker Rathmann

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 AM @ St. Damian

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

**Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19; 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39**

There's nothing like listening to a passage from Job to bring a person down. What happens to the poor guy ranges from tragic to miserable, leaving him in the throes of despair. Still, he turns to God for mercy and healing, much as the people of Capernaum later looked to Jesus. Listening to the word of God today, may we renew our trust in the Lord in the face of illnesses and difficulties.

### **HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:**

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – St. Blaise Blessings**

*Mass in Church w/Jansen Baptism during Mass*

9:30 am @ St. Damian

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

*St. Bernard Parish Council Meeting*

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory

*St. Damian Adult Choir Practice*

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

*Eucharistic Adoration*

7:00-8:00 @ St. Bernard

**Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

*Mexican Fish Fry*

4:30-7:30 @ Damiansville Gym

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

*Baptism of Lyla Spihlmann*

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Damian

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

### **PRAISE THE LORD**

### **WHO HEALS THE BROKENHEARTED!**

### **2023 DONATION STATEMENTS**

If you would like your donation statement for 2023, please email Angie at [stdamian1861@gmail.com](mailto:stdamian1861@gmail.com) or [st.bernard@charter.net](mailto:st.bernard@charter.net) and I can either mail or email them to you. Or call the parish offices and leave a message and I will get them to you. Thanks so much for your donations to our parishes.

### **The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

*Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100*

From the Pastor's Desk . . . Next weekend, every parish in the diocese will be participating in The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. This annual collection supports the ministries and agencies in our diocese whose scope of service could not be duplicated by an individual parish. You will have an opportunity to make your pledge or gift at Mass next weekend. No gift is too great or too small. If you do not receive a pledge card in the mail or forget to bring it, please use one of the reply envelopes that will be 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](mailto:sandra.netemeyer@gmail.com) no later than Monday, April 1, 2024.

### **WE WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY**

*Garrison William Jansen*, the son of Matthew & Samantha (Hollenkamp) Jansen, who was baptized on February 4 at St. Damian. May the Good Lord Bless You and Keep You Safe.

## **ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$183.00+ Envelopes: (19) \$1,420.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1385.00 \$2,988.00  
Budget for week: \$3,121.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$105,213.88  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$96,751.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: 8,462.88  
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 11<sup>th</sup>**

Ministers: Erin Korte, Arlene Korte,  
Julie Langenhorst  
Ushers: Brent Goebel, Garry Kalmer  
Servers: Brant & Paislyn Horstmann, Volunteer  
Lector: Rosann Horstmann  
Cantor: Rosann Horstmann  
Organist: Geri Varel  
Collection Counter: Pete Toennies, Kristy Richter  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### **Mexican Fish Fry Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>!**

St. Damian Altar Sodality Mexican Fish Fry is Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be in the school gym between 4:30 and 7:30. There will be fish tacos with rice and beans, cod fish plates with fries and slaw, fresh tamales, margaritas, nacho chips and cheese. Come out and enjoy some great food and entertainment from the Mariachi band. The committee is asking parishioners to donate a cake, cookies, brownies or some dessert (nothing that needs to be refrigerated). Desserts can be brought to the gym Thursday evening during set-up or Friday after 12 noon. Watch for the workers list that will be emailed out soon. If you cannot work the shift that you are scheduled for, please find someone to take your place. If your name doesn't appear on the list and you would like to help, contact Jan at 618-540-9974.

### **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.

**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: January 28<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$92.00+Envelopes: (32) \$1,390.00  
\$1,482.00  
Budget for week: \$3,502.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$104,626.50  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$108,562.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$3,935.50)**  
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 10<sup>th</sup>**

Euch. Ministers: Coryn Toennies,  
Melissa Netemeyer, Deb Schomaker  
Reader: Ken Nussbaumer  
Ushers: Kent & Kati Schwierjohn  
Servers: Cameron Warnecke, Landon & Mason Schroeder  
Coll. Counters: Sean Kennedy, Phyllis Albers, Dana Lake  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!



**Albers American Legion Breakfast**, Dine-in or carry out. Sunday, February 4th, 8:00am to 11:00am. Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes and Biscuits & gravy. Adults \$13.00, Kids 5 -12 \$6.00, Under 5 free

**ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY MEXICAN FISH FRY, Mexican Fish Fry Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>!**

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**Chakota will be hosting their annual Trivia Night on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at the Breese KC Hall.** \$100 per team (up to 8 players per team). Call 618-2BIGBEN ext 6 to reserve your table or reach out through Facebook messenger on Chakota's Facebook page. Doors open at 6 p.m. and Trivia starts at 7. All drinks must be purchased there but you are welcome to bring your own snacks. We also welcome businesses to sponsor a round of trivia. For a \$50 donation, your name and/or logo will appear on the answer sheet for that round, receive a verbal mention, and will be on the big projector screen at the beginning of the round! Thanks for your support!"

**Singers from across the Belleville Diocese are invited to join in singing the Fauré Requiem on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 3 PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter.** Rehearsals will be held on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings from January 8 through March 3. Rehearsal recordings of each individual part will be sent to each singer. If you are interested and would like more specific information, please contact Mr. Richard Thompson, Organist & Choirmaster at the Cathedral of St. Peter, by e-mail: [rthompjd@gmail.com](mailto:rthompjd@gmail.com). The Fauré Requiem is a magnificent program to be presented in our beautiful Cathedral with its wonderful acoustics and rebuilt and enlarged pipe organ. I hope everyone interested can join us.

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](http://www.snows.org/Grief)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are the next three opportunities. Sign up now as space is limited. For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. 3/15-3/17/2024 in Cape Girardeau, MO, 4/5-4/7/24 in St. Peter's, MO.

**The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 3-4.** Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to *The Messenger* Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card on-line at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org) and click **SUBSCRIBE**. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$30 for printed, home-delivery, \$25 for digital access and \$35 for both. Please make checks payable to **The Messenger**.

**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.