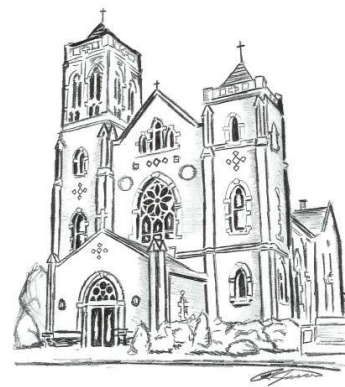




FIFTH SUNDAY IN
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FEBRUARY 9th, 2025



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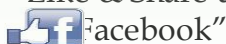
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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

For the People

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

For The Intentions of Catholic Extension Donors

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14th

NO MASS OR SERVICE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

Mass in Church

4:00 PM @ St. Bernard

Darlene Billhartz

Delmond, Eleanor & Cynthia Huegen

Marcel Korte

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16th

Mass in Church

9:30 AM @ St. Damian

Paul & Margaret Kniepman

Betty Duco

Franklin & Marian Eversgerd

Frank & Agnes Luitjohan Family

Chris Netemeyer

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 6:1–2a, 3–8; 1 Corinthians 15:1–11; Luke 5:1–11

God calls Isaiah in a vision—a vision Isaiah finds overwhelming and humbling. Once reassured, however, he volunteers to serve the LORD. Paul points out that Jesus appeared to him only after calling hundreds of disciples. Because he had persecuted Jesus' followers, he felt unworthy. Yet he accepted his call. Finally, we hear Jesus call Simon Peter, James, and John, who realized their sinfulness, but left their boats behind and followed him. May they lead us by their example.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, February 9th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, February 10th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, February 11th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Wednesday, February 12th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction

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

Thursday, February 13th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, February 14th

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 15th

St. Bernard & St. Damian Confirmation Retreat

@ St. Damian Gym

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

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

*IN THE SIGHT OF THE ANGELS
I WILL SING YOUR PRAISES, 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. "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."USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

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.

You can help END THE DEMAND FOR ABORTION WHERE YOU LIVE! *More information or to sign up, go to : <https://www.40daysgc.com/peaceful-vigil/calendar-to-adopt-a-day>*

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.

Reminder to all...

IF THERE IS NO SCHOOL DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE MASS OR PRAYER SERVICE WILL BE CANCELLED ALSO.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 2nd

Loose: \$108.00+ Envelopes: (19) \$954.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$845.00
+ ACH For February 2nd: \$1,310.00 \$3,217.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$110,384.29
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$96,360.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$14,024.29
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 16th

Ministers: Kristy Richter, Ken Mank, Arlene Korte
Ushers: Bud Jansen & Ron Horstmann
Servers: Dylann Netemeyer, Isaiah Jourdan, Tessa Siverly
Lector: Lori Jansen
Cantor: Jackie Toennies & Faith Formation Students
Organist: Geri Varel
Collection Counters: Anita Rakers, Mech Toennies

ST. DAMIAN MEXICAN FISHFRY 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.

ST. DAMIAN HOLY NAME WURSTMARKT MEETING will be held on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30 pm at Damiansville Village Hall. Everyone welcome to come & help plan this years' Wurstmart to be held March 23, 2025.

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!



ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 1st

Loose: \$107.00+ Envelopes: (24) \$3,435.00
+ACH For February 2nd: \$2,495.00 \$6,037.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$110,742.32
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$104,935.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$5,807.32
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 15th

Ministers: Steve Schomaker, Ken & Liz Nussbaumer
Lector: Gregory Kassen
Ushers: Brian & Janel Zurliene
Servers: Landon, Mason & Chase Schroeder
Collection Counters: James Williams, Tina Wuebbels, Janel Zurliene
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.

THIS WEEKEND. The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend was Feb. 1-2. 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 at www.bellevillemessenger.org and click **SUBSCRIBE**. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both. **Please make checks payable to The Messenger and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.**

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK IS

FEBRUARY 7-14. Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring for Renewal! O God, who in creating the human race, willed that man and wife should be one, keep, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love those who are united in the covenant of Marriage, so that, as you make their love fruitful, they may become, by your grace, witnesses to charity itself. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Ready to gift your marriage? Check out bulletin insert for more details.

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.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY QUILT/CASH BINGO, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th at Hecker Community Center. Fried Chicken & Pork Sausage Plates from 10-1. Bingo starts at 1:00.

TODAY! BASKET BINGO, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th. CARLYLE KC HALL--KC 1382 BINGO LICENSE # BL-346. DOORS OPEN 11:00 A.M. BINGO STARTS AT 1:00 P.M. 6 CARDS FOR \$5.00. 24 THEMED FILLED BASKETS. 25th GAME BLACKOUT FOR 50/50. IN THE EVENT OF TIE GAMES, TOWEL SETS WILL BE GIVEN OUT. A VALENTINES BASKET WITH CASH IS THE ATTENDANCE PRIZE. SEPARATE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD FOR A QUILT, AFGHANS, COOKWARE SET, AND CHRISTMAS DOOR WREATH. SANDWICHES AND DESSERTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. THERE WILL ALSO BE A BAKE SALE WITH CAKES, COOKIES, AND PIES ALL PLAYERS MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE

Young Adults Bible and Brews for Ages 21-35, Wednesday, February 12th at Bennie's Pizza Pub, 113 E. Main St, Belleville from 6:30-8:30 pm.

The Mirror of Consciousness: Seeing the Divine in All Things. Wednesday, February 12, 2025. 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Cost: \$60. Embark on a transformative journey to uncover the profound connection between Ultimate Reality and daily life. Through this exploration, discover how to see God reflected in all creation and embrace a deeper sense of divine connection in daily living. Experience the beauty of the sacred in every moment and learn to live a life rooted in divine awareness. Step into the mirror of consciousness and embrace the infinite presence of the Divine in all things. Paul Coutinho is a recognized international scholar, speaker, and spiritual guide who blends spirituality with psychology and Eastern wisdom with Western spirituality. He regularly conducts workshops, retreats, and spiritual direction sessions, addressing the heart's relentless quest for the Divine and the desire to live life to its fullest. Paul has pursued doctoral studies in Psychology and holds a doctorate in Historical Theology from Saint Louis University, where Ignatian Spirituality was at the core of his studies. He is the author of several books, including the award-winning *How Big Is Your God? The Freedom to Experience the Divine* and his latest work, *Awaken to the Divine: 52 Contemplative Reflections to Transform Your Spirit*. Day of Reflection with Paul Coutinho is February 12, 2025 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Mater Dei Knight at the Races: February 15. Mater Dei Band Parents will host their annual Knight at the Races on Saturday, February 15, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets (\$50 each) include appetizers, open bar, funny money for wagering, and chances to win prizes. The evening also includes additional raffles and fun events. For additional details and the reservation form, visit the Mater Dei website: www.materdeiknights.org ("Announcement" section). (While reservations are preferred, tickets are sold at the door.)

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

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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 Eiting, PhD. Saturdays, March 1, March 8 and March 15, 2025, from 10:00 am to 12:00.

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 Wurstmart 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>