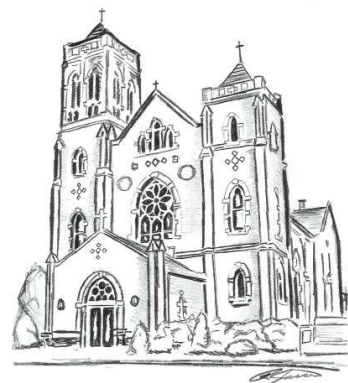
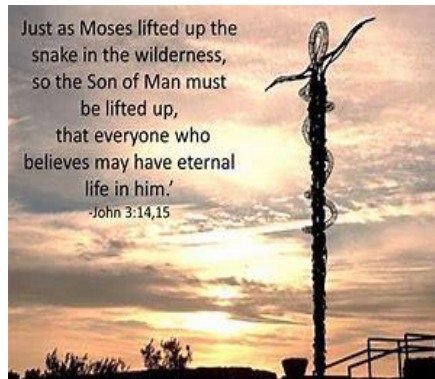




FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 10th, 2024



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MARCH 11th
NO SCHOOL/NO PRAYER SERVICE

TUESDAY, MARCH 12th
Prayer Service
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th
Mass in Church
7:45 AM @ St. Damian
For All Parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 14th
Mass in Church
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard
Leo Litteken

FRIDAY, MARCH 15th
NO MASS/SERVICE
6:00-7:00 PM @ St. Damian
Hispanic Adoration & Confessions
7:00 PM @ St. Damian
Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 16th
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
Chuck & Dot Goestenkors

SUNDAY, MARCH 17th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Fulton Lewis Schwierjohn Family

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4–10; John 3:14–21

Our readings today invite us to make a choice. Centuries before Christ, the people of Judah chose to turn away from God and Jerusalem was allowed to be destroyed. But the psalmist pleaded that the people never forget the holy city. Jesus tells Nicodemus that those who prefer darkness to light condemn themselves, but those who live in the truth come to the light, where we can do the good works that Paul says flow from God's grace. May God's word inspire us to live in the truth of our faith, where God offers us everlasting mercy and love.

LET MY TONGUE BE SILENCED, IF I EVER FORGET YOU!

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, March 10th – Anointing of the Sick

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Lenten Penance Service

1:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Monday, March 11th

NO SCHOOL/NO PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, March 12th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

6:30-7:30 pm @ St. Damian

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:30 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, March 13th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, March 14th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, March 15th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Hispanic Adoration & Confessions

6:00-7:00 PM @ St. Damian

Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm @ St. Damian

Saturday, March 16th

First Communion Mini-Retreat

9-11:30 am @ St. Bernard Parish Center

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, March 17th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – 7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Good Friday – 2:00 pm @ St. Bernard

7:00 pm Way of the Cross @ St. Damian

Holy Saturday – 8:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Easter Sunday – 9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Easter Sunday – 9:30 am @ St. Damian

Easter Sunday – 11:00 @ St. Damian Hispanic

FIRST COMMUNION DATES 2024.

St. Damian-Sunday, April 21st at 9:00 am

St. Bernard-Saturday, April 27th at 4:00 pm

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 through 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.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Date	Time	Location
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

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.

ALBERS/DAMIANSVILLE FRIENDS OF THE COUGARS FISH FRY 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.

Aviston Legion is hosting their Spring Pork Sausage and Roast Beef dinner on Sun Mar 17 from 1030AM-6:00PM. Carryout dinners made to order with limited sit-down dining available.

St. Teresa Church, Marydale, DRIVE-THRU Chicken Dinner, Sunday, March 17, 2024. Serving 11 – 4 p.m. \$15.00 per Meal. Packaged meal includes: ½ Fried Chicken (4 pieces), Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Slaw. Quilt Raffle.

CHICKEN DINNER: St. Felicitas Church, Beaver Prairie, 13322 Church Road, Carlyle, IL, Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024. 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Drive-thru only.

St. Dominic Catholic Church Golden Egg Raffle. Grand Prize: \$20,000, Five \$1,000 Prizes & Two \$500 Consolation Prizes. Only 2,000 Tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$50 each. Drawing Held after 11am Easter Morning Mass. To purchase tickets: Stop by or call the Rectory at 618-526-7746. Check local businesses in Breese. Mail request to: St. Dominic Church 493 N. 2nd St. Breese, IL

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 no later than Monday, April 1.

T-Ball Registration NOW OPEN! Register your current kindergartener or 2024-2025 kindergartener for a summer of fun! Practices start after Mother's Day. Games start in June and will be played Thursdays and/or Fridays at Albers Lehrter/JC Park or Damiansville Park. Coaches are needed for all grades!

Baseball & Softball Registration NOW OPEN! Register for your current 1st-6th grader for a season of fun! Practices will start in April. Games will start in May. Coaches are needed for all grades! Use the link below

Registration Now Open! **Pilgrimage to Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul**. December 1-11, 2024. **Retreat Leaders: Fr. Jim Buerster, Deacon John Gomez, and Cheryl Sommer**. Hosted by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville. Cost: \$3999. By traveling in the footsteps of St. Paul as he organized churches throughout new territory, pilgrims will be invited to reflect on what their own knowledge of Christ is calling them to do and what it means to be part of the Church today. We will also see the ministry that Catholic Relief Services does on our behalf with migrants and refugees in southern Greece. Pilgrimage sites include: Thessalonica, Corinth, Philippi, Athens, and more. A registration brochure may be downloaded at www.GoCatholicTravel.com/24061. For more info contact CRS Cheryl Sommer at crsdiobelle@gmail.com.

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.

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Serve the Lord with gladness. -Psalm 100.

On behalf of Bishop Michael McGovern and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at www.diobelle.org (click on "Giving to the Diocese"). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

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