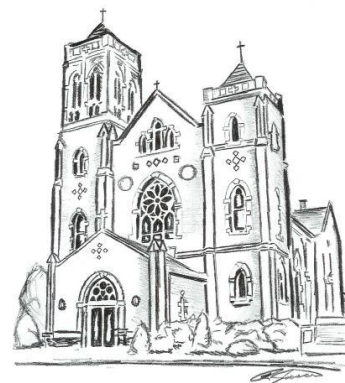


SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 16th, 2025



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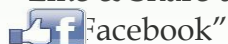
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St. Bernard and St. Damian

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MARCH 17th

NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/SERVICE

TUESDAY, MARCH 18th

Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19th

Mass in Church w/ refreshments after in Rectory
7:45 am @ St. Damian
For All Parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 20th

Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
Intentions of Catholic Extension Donors

FRIDAY, MARCH 21st

NO MASS OR SERVICE
Way of the Cross/Stations
7:00 pm @ St. Damian

SATURDAY, MARCH 22nd

Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
Alfred, Albin & Melvin Toennies
Chuck & Dot Goestenkors
Chris Netemeyer
Jerome & Mary Rita Koerkenmeier
Jerry Toennies

SUNDAY, MARCH 23rd

Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Benny & Honey Brueggemann

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Genesis 15:5-12:17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 4:28b-36

covenant with Abram by appearing as smoke and fire and passing between the animals Abram had sacrificed as a sign of his covenant with God. In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured in glory, his face and clothing changing in appearance and dazzling the three apostles who witnessed it. Adding to the drama, God the Father speaks from the cloud that envelops them all, saying, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Let us now listen to the word of God.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, March 16th

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Augie Wuebbels Baptism after Mass w/ Glenn

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, March 17th

NO SCHOOL/NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Tuesday, March 18th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

St. Damian Finance Council

6:15 pm @ St. Damian's Rectory

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, March 19th

Mass in Church W/ Refreshments after Mass

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Thursday, March 20th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, March 21st

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

Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm @ St. Damian

Saturday, March 22nd

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, March 23rd

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

St. Damian Holy Name Wurstmart

10:30-5:30 @ St. Damian Gym

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

"THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION."

CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL.

Be on the lookout for the pledge and donation card and envelope to come to your home via mail. Donations can be put in the collection basket in the envelopes they sent. Thank you for considering your donations for this fund. The CSMA funds help to pay for many things in our Diocese and they would appreciate your support. Goals for our parishes are as follows:

St. Damian - \$ 9,133.00

St. Bernard - \$10,446.00

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

St. Bernard First Communion: Saturday, April 26th

St. Bernard Confirmation: Tuesday, April 29th

St. Damian First Communion: Sunday, April 27th

St. Damian Confirmation: Wednesday, April 30th

RESPECT LIFE CORNER. "To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (The Gospel of Life 84).

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.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer 2025 for ages 4-10 will be held June 9-13 at St. Damian's. Contact Denise Luitjohan at (618) 973-1913 for more information and to register by May 10.

On Tuesday, March 25, the 7th and 8th grade St. Damian Faith Formation students will lead the Stations of the Cross at 7:45am. They will be praying the beautiful, poetic version which was composed by Mrs. Pat Brandmeyer. Please come and join us if you are free.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 8th

Loose: \$110.00+ Envelopes: (20) \$846.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$309.00
+ Hispanic Ash Wednesday: \$587.00 \$1,852.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$124,656.81
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$112,420.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$12,236.81
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 – March 22nd

Ministers: Virgil & Marilyn Jansen, Arlene Korte
Ushers: Dave Albers & Norm Horstmann
Servers: Charlie & Henry Sauer, Alexa Contreras
Lector: Mary Innes
Cantor: Rosann Horstmann
Organist: Geri Varel
Collection Counters: Anita Rakers, Sandy Kramer
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. DAMIAN HOLY NAME WURSTMARKT

will be held next Sunday, March 23. Workers List have been emailed, available on the parish website, and copies in church. Please also remember to donate a non-refrigerated dessert for this event.

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST. DAMIAN WILL BE ON THURSDAY, APRIL 3rd.

There will be a 1:00 & 6:00 time slot. If you are able to help, please sign up in the back of church or text or call Jan Hitch at (618) 540-9974.

YOUTH CHOIR NOTES! Between now and Easter, the Youth Choir will practice at St. Damian every Sunday at 8:30am (unless advised otherwise). 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 St. Damian First Communion on Sunday April 27 at 9am. If kids or parents have any questions, please call Jackie at 618-335-9562 or Geri at 618-444-5073. Thanks in advance for your commitment and for sharing your musical talents which add so much to the liturgies! When we sing, we pray twice! 🙏

The St. Damian Adult Choir will practice for Holy Week and Easter has begun on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in Church. Please consider joining us to ensure that we are able to continue to provide this ministry. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 618-792-2676.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 9th

Loose: \$101.00+ Envelopes: (33) \$1,225.00
\$1,326.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$125,497.84
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$121,860.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$3,637.84
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 – March 23rd

Ministers: Robbin Netemeyer, Tina Wuebbels, Kristen Templin
Lector: Lynette Huegen
Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake
Servers: Oliver Varel, Brody Schulte, Sawyer Winkeler
Collection Counters: Sean Kennedy, Phyllis Albers, 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.

UPDATE ON PHOTO DIRECTORIES. We just wanted to give you all a little update on the directories. We finally received a copy of it and have submitted the changes necessary. We will then be receiving another copy with the changes and they will then be published. We are hoping for very soon! We apologize for the delay and appreciate your patience with Universal Directories on making these changes and printing.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITY

St. Dominic, Breese	Mar 16, 25	03:00 PM
St. Cecilia, Bartelso	Mar 23, 25	02:00 PM
St. Francis, Aviston	Mar 23, 25	06:00 PM
St. Mary, Mt. Vernon	Mar 28, 25	6:00-9:00 PM
St. Bernard, Albers	Mar 30, 25	01:00 PM
St. Mary, Centralia	Mar 30, 25	1:00-2:00 PM
St. Mary, Centralia,	Apr 2, 25	12:30 PM
St. George, New Baden	Apr 2, 25	07:00 PM

KC WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY.

\$400 Ron Heimann
\$60 Lynn Beckmann and St. Damian Parish

ALBERS/DAMIANSVILLE FRIENDS OF THE COUGARS FISH FRY will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5 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.

Bartelso Knights of Columbus Fish Fry will be held on Fridays during Lent from 5-7 pm at the new KC Hall in Bartelso. Dine in or Carryout. Bring your own drinks. Serving fish fry fish, cod, shrimp, fries and slaw.

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis is hosting a Come & See retreat for men in high school interested in learning more about seminary life March 21-23. Retreatants will get to experience what life in seminary is like by hearing talks from seminary formators, praying with the college seminarians, and being a part of the seminary fraternity. More information can be found at <https://www.stlvocations.org/retreat>.

Chakota's 13th Annual "The Mane Event" fundraiser: Join us at the Albers American Legion on Saturday, March 29th, 2025 for a fun night to raise money for your local non-profit equine therapy center! Tickets are \$35 per person in advance, or \$40 per person at the door. Includes a happy hour, great dinner, and dessert. Doors open at 4:00 pm, happy hour from 4:30 to 6 and dinner and silent auction are from 5 to 7 pm followed by a live auction and music/dancing. Contact Jan Reinhardt at 618-604-6994 for tickets or to donate an item for the auction.

Honor your Loved Ones on Easter with Your Personalized Tribute In e Messenger: Tributes will appear in our April 10th publication of e Messenger. Sample Tributes: In Loving Memory of John Smith. Please Send the name(s) of your deceased loved one. \$20 donation for each name. In Loving Memory of: Please return your Easter Tributes to the Messenger (222 S. Third St. Belleville, IL 62230) by March 20, 2025. If you have any questions, please call 618-722-5047 or email advertising@bellevillemessenger.org.

Aviston Legion is hosting their Spring Pork Sausage and Roast Beef dinner on Sun Mar 16 from 10:30AM-6:00PM. Carryout dinners made to order with sit-down dining available.

St. Cecilia Ladies Sodality Spring Quilt Bingo. Cake, pie, soda and water available. Thursday, March 20, 2025. @ 7:30 pm, doors open at 6:30 St. Cecilia Parish Center, South Washington St. Bartelso IL 62218. BL-50014

The Vicariate Healing Mass is at St. George, New Baden on March 18 with Confessions at 6:00 PM and Mass at 7:00 PM. Please come and pray for those with cancer and other illnesses.

Churches throughout the county, in coordination with the Clinton County Citizens for Life, are hosting a one-hour Pro-Life Prayer Service each month in 2025. On Wednesday, March 19th, the prayer service will be hosted by St Augustine church in Breese from 7:00-8:00PM. Please join us in praying our state and nation will get back on a moral and virtuous path and our culture will change to more fully appreciate and cherish our Lord's precious gift of life. If your church is interested in knowing more about the Clinton County Citizens for Life and what we do, or if you're interested in hosting an hour of prayer for life, please reply to this email or call Connie at 618-401-3991.

St. Damian Holy Name Wurstmart 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. Workers List have been distributed and are available on the website and in church.

"Suffered Under Pontius Pilate: Lenten Reflections on the Gospel Accounts of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ". The lecture will be presented by The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D., on Sunday, March 30, at 2:00 pm, at the Cathedral of St. Peter.

The North Central Vicariate Council of Catholic Women (NCVCCW) and the ladies of St. Mary Parish in Trenton welcome all ladies to the NCVCCW Spring Meeting & Day of Spiritual Reflection. This event will be on Wednesday April 9, 2025 from 8:00 – 2:00PM in St. Mary's Parish Center. The day includes a presentation by Sister M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM **Growing in Holiness as a Woman in the Church: Our Feminine Identity as Daughters, Sisters, Brides, and Mothers**, Mass and parish sharing. Cost \$20, includes lunch. Plan to join your sisters in Christ for a joyful, inspiring and spiritual day. The registration form is available from your parish office or CCW/ Sodality President. Looking forward to seeing you.

Mater Dei Mothers and Friends Dinner Auction: Havana Knights. Join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and fundraising at the Mater Dei Mothers and Friends Dinner Auction on April 12, 2025 at Mater Dei High School! Doors open at 5:00 PM. The theme for the evening is Havana Knights, so come dressed for a night of Cuban flair, delicious food, and exciting auction items

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, 8/1/2025 - 8/3/2025, Cape Girardeau, MO

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Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, January 15-20, 2026. Hosted by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville. Registration will soon be open for a 6-day pilgrimage to Mexico to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and to witness the work that Catholic Relief Services does on our behalf Pilgrimage leaders will be Fr. Bob Flannery, a retired priest in the Diocese of Belleville, and Cheryl Sommer, Diocesan Animator for Catholic Relief Services. To be put on a list to receive the brochure and registration when available, email crsdiobelle@gmail.com

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