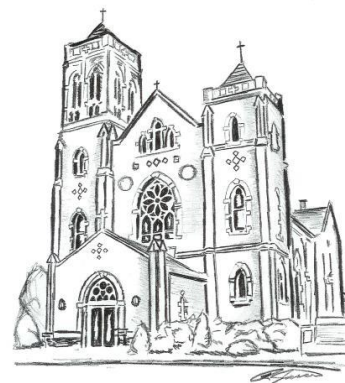
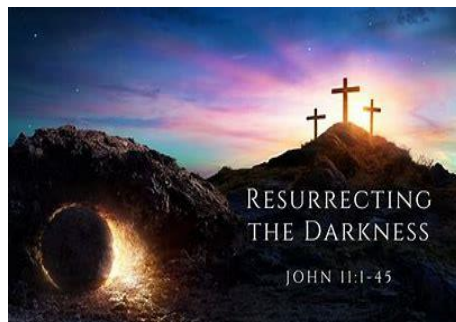




## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024



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**Founded 1861**  
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Damiansville, Illinois 62215  
Phone: (618) 248-5134

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**Founded 1908**  
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Phone: (618) 248-5112

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>**

*PSR Reconciliation*  
7:45 AM @ St. Damian

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service*  
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church w/ Refreshments after in Rectory*  
7:45 AM @ St. Damian  
Steve Mueth

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard  
For All Parishioners

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
**4:00 PM @ St. Damian**  
William & Emma Pingsterhaus Family  
Frank & Cecilia Langenhorst Family  
Mary Rita Koerkenmeier  
Jerry Toennies

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday**

*Mass in Church*  
**9:30 AM @ St. Bernard**  
Virgil Heimann

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

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

**Ezekiel 37:12–14; Romans 8:8–11; John 11:1–45 or 11:3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45**

Before we hear Jesus call Lazarus forth from the tomb, Ezekiel prophesies of the day that God will open the graves of the faithful and put a new spirit within them. Paul writes to the Romans that the Spirit of Christ will give new life to those who live in the spirit. All of this sets us up for one of the most dramatic accounts in any of the Gospels outside Christ's Passion: the raising of Lazarus from the dead. May God's word inspire us to embrace a new life in the Spirit.

### **WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY AND FULLNESS OF REDEMPTION!**

#### **HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:**

**Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

***Hispanic Mass in Church***

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

***Prayer Service***

7:45 am @ St. Damian

***St. Damian Church Cleaning***

1:00 pm & 6:00 pm

**Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

***Prayer Service***

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

***St. Damian Finance Council Meeting***

6:15 pm @ St. Damian Rectory Meeting

***Eucharistic Adoration***

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

***St. Damian Adult Choir Practice***

7:30 pm @ St. Damian Church

**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church w/Refreshments after at Rectory***

7:45 am @ St. Damian

***St. Bernard Choir Practice***

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

**Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

***Stations of the Cross***

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

5:00 pm @ St. Bernard-Hadley Graul Baptism

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>-Palm Sunday**

***Mass in Church***

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

***Hispanic Mass in Church***

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

***St. Damian Holy Name Wurstmart***

10:30-5:30 pm at St. Damian Gym

#### **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 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am

St. Bernard-Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

#### **EASTER EGG HUNT AT ST. DAMIAN.**

The Hispanic Community will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt on St. Damian Parish grounds on Easter Sunday after the 11:00 am Mass. **ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EGG HUNT.**

**The Clinton County Citizens for Life** will host a one-hour Pro-Life Prayer Service at St. Augustine's in Breese. For March, this will be on Thursday March 21st from 7:00-8:00PM. Please join us in praying our state and nation.

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$135.00+ Envelopes: (24) \$1,516.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$578.00  
+ Easter Env: (1) \$25.00 \$2,254.00  
Budget for week: \$3,121.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$124,004.88  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$115,477.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$8,527.88  
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 – March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Ministers: Ken Mank, Sharon Kalmer, Rosann Horstmann  
Ushers: Norm Horstmann, Roger Toennies  
Servers: Kennedy Toennies, Reed & Brynn Wuebbels  
Lector: Anita Rakers  
Cantor: Youth Choir  
Organist: Geri Varel  
Collection Counter: Kathy Gonsalves, Sandy Kramer  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### **CHURCH CLEANING AT ST. DAMIAN WILL BE ON MONDAY, MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>.**

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.

### **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** are practicing for Holy Week and Easter on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in church. Practices will be held every Tuesday in March at 7:30 pm. Please feel free to join us for some or all of the practices. New voices are *always welcome*. Any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 618-792-2676.

**YOUTH CHOIR UPDATE!** The Youth Choir's last choir practice for Holy Week will be Sunday March 17 at 8:30am. The Youth Choir will sing at the Palm Sunday Vigil mass on Saturday, March 23 at 4pm. Thanks to our Youth for helping to "Make a Joyful Noise" during this Lenten season. Please check the bulletin for other Holy Week liturgies at St. Damian and St Bernard.

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY HELP NEEDED.**

St. Damian parish is looking to arrange a church directory. The parish is looking for volunteers to help with the organizing and planning of the directory. If you are interested in helping with any role, please contact Emily Schirmer (618) 978-5806 or Beth Brandmeyer (618) 973-8476. All help is greatly appreciated Thank you."

**ST. DAMIAN HOLY NAME WURSTMARKT** is next Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-5:30. You can make a donation by getting a check to one of the Holy Name officers. Kevin Toennies, our treasurer, has set up a Venmo account. Simply make a donation to the Kevin Toennies – St Damian's account. This account can only be used for donations and not for meals. Also, work list have been emailed and are available on the website. ***WE ARE ALSO ASKING EACH FAMILY TO BRING A PIE OR OTHER DESSERTS.*** Please bring pies or other desserts to the gym the morning of the Wurstmart. **Please no refrigerated items.**

## **ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$92.00 +Envelopes: (34) \$2,245.00  
+ Paypal: \$200-6.47 fee+\$193.53 \$2,530.45  
Budget for week: \$3,502.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$123,754.03  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$129,574.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$5,819.97)**  
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 – March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Ministers: Robbin Netemeyer, Tina Wuebbels, Kristen Templin  
Reader: Lynette Huegen  
Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake  
Servers: Oliver Varel, Brody Schulte, Sawyer Winkeler  
Coll. Counters: Sean Kennedy, Phyllis Albers, Dana Lake  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

**ST. BERNARD'S CHOIR PRACTICE!** We will have practices every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME SING!**



**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 10:30AM-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.

**Bartelso Spring Quilt Bingo, Thursday, March 21, 2024**, 7:30 pm (Doors Open at 6:30 pm). Refreshments Available. St. Cecilia Parish Center, 306 South Washington St., Bartelso, IL 62218

40 Days for Life Spring Campaign Closing Banquet, March 22, 2024. St. Clare of Assisi Fellowship Hall, O'Fallon. Living Stations begin at 6:00 pm, dinner and presentation begin at 6:30 pm. Speaker is Deacon Doug Lugge. Pasta and drinks will be provided, please sign up to bring salads and desserts

**Chakota's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual "The Mane Event" fundraiser**: Join us at the Albers American Legion on Saturday, March 23rd for a fun night to raise money for your local non profit horse 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. That is 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.

**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](mailto:sandra.netemeyer@gmail.com) no later than Monday, April 1.

**Holy Trinity Parish is sponsoring a marriage enrichment evening on April 13, 2024** at Holy Trinity Parish in Fairview Heights, IL. Fr. Jim Deiters will present the program, and we'll have dinner and babysitting. It will be a great program, so please plan to attend!

**VILLAGE OF ALBERS & DAMIANSVILLE SPRING YARD SALES**, Saturday, May 11, from 7-2.

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 see the ministry that Catholic Relief Services does on our behalf with migrants and refugees Greece. Sites include: Thessalonica, Corinth, Philippi, Athens, and more. A registration brochure may be downloaded at [www.GoCatholicTravel.com/24061](http://www.GoCatholicTravel.com/24061). Contact CRS Cheryl Sommer at [crsdiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:crsdiobelle@gmail.com) for info.

**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](http://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.