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MARCH 9th, 2025



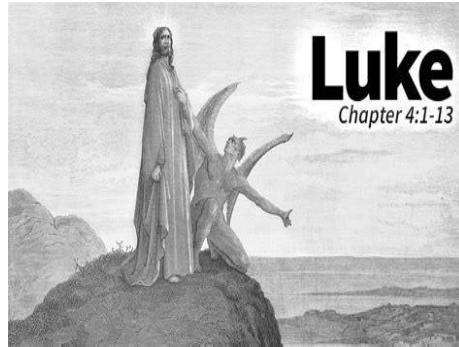
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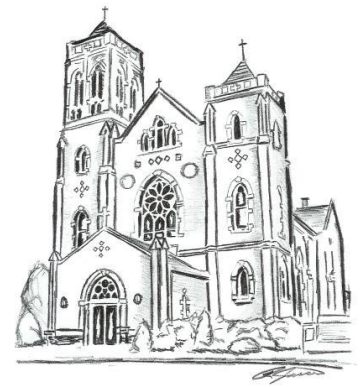
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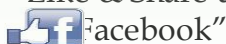
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St. Bernard and St. Damian

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MARCH 10th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, MARCH 11th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 13th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, MARCH 14th

NO MASS OR SERVICE

Way of the Cross/Stations

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

SATURDAY, MARCH 15th

Mass in Church

4:00 PM @ St. Damian

Franklin & Marian Eversgerd

Eugene Schneider

David, Marian & Dave Sudholt

Elmer & Katie Loepker

SUNDAY, MARCH 16th

Mass in Church

9:30 AM @ St. Bernard

Kimberly Dull

Bernard, Bernadine & Brian Frankovich

Delmond, Eleanor & Cynthia Huegen

Marcel Korte

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Deuteronomy 26:4–10; Romans 10:8–13; Luke 4:1–13

Today and every Sunday we offer our gifts at the altar of the Lord. Today's first reading narrates the reasons for the Chosen People's gratitude to God, which lead them to offer first fruits and thanksgiving to the LORD. Saint Paul assures the Romans that all who confess their faith and seek help from the Lord will be saved. Finally, we hear Jesus quote God's words when he resists the devil's temptations in the desert. Let us now listen to the word of God, knowing that in God's word we find salvation.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, March 9th

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Stetson Weiss Baptism w/ Deacon Kevin

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, March 10th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, March 11th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, March 12th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Thursday, March 13th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, March 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

Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Saturday, March 15th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

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

"BE WITH ME, LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE."

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.

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

LENT BEGAN ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5th.

Way of the Cross/Stations are held on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm alternating weeks. Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held on Sunday, March 30th.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER. "We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally prolife." **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!*

The Albers/Damiansville Knights of Columbus Council #9768

recently held the annual free throw contest. The winners of the contest were Blakelyn Stiebel, Gideon Rendon, Katerina Jones, Will Jansen, Collins Horstmann, Tucker Swinney, Victoria Wellen, Tucker Goestenkers, Dylann Netemeyer, Jaxon Hubert, Eden Campanella, and Vaughn Springer. Congratulations shooters and good luck at the district championship.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 1

Loose: \$104.00+ Envelopes: (13) \$1,095.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,225.00 + Paypal (\$96.52)
+ACH for March 2nd: \$1,310.00 \$3,830.52
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$122,804.81
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$109,208.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$13,596.81
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 15th

Ministers: Denise Luitjohan, Julie Langenhorst, Kristy Richter
Ushers: Brad Richter, Norm Horstmann
Servers: Brent Mitchell, Tessa Siverly, Nolan Hemker
Lector: Anita Rakers
Cantor: Shannon Sanders & Lindsey Mitchell
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counters: Pete Toennies, Kathy Gonsalves
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. DAMIAN HOLY NAME WURSTMARKT

will be held on Sunday, March 23. Please keep an eye out for workers list and updates over the next several weeks.

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 2nd

Loose: \$215.00+Envelopes: (28) \$1,388.00
+ACH For March 2nd: \$2,495.00 \$4,098.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$124,171.84
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$118,475.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$2,696.84
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 16th

Ministers: Lynette Huegen, Dan & Lee Love
Lector: Dana Lake
Ushers: Cory & Andra Goestenkers
Servers: Kayle Reinhardt, Jack & Sam Reynolds
Collection Counters: Tina Wuebbels, Keith Richter, Lynn Athmer
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.

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**

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 Fire Department Annual Wurstmarkt Drive thru, Sunday, March 9, from 11-5 at Bartelso School. Pork Sausage, Sauerkraut, Green Beans, Mashed potatoes & gravy and dessert. Benefits Bartelso Fire Dept.

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.

St. George Parish, New Baden, DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER, Sunday, March 9, 2025, 3:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M. All Dinners will include: ½ Fried Chicken (breast, thigh, leg and wing), Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans, Coleslaw, & Chocolate Texas Cake. {Green Beans, Gravy, Coleslaw and Cake will be in separate containers.} Price per carry out: \$15.00

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.

Save the date for St. Damian Holy Name Wurstmarkt 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.

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. Tickets for the dinner auction and raffles can be purchased by scanning the QR code. Raffle forms are also in the back of church, available to mail in.

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 in Florissant, MO (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on March 28-30, 2025. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Visit www.RenewRetreats.org, e-mail renewretreat.stl@gmail.com, or call (314) 703-1002 for details.

“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.

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>