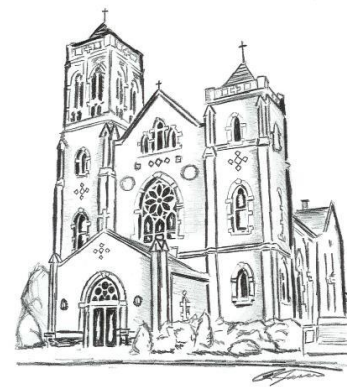




**PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 13th, 2025**



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St. Bernard and St. Damian

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, APRIL 14th

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 15th

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 17th

Mass in Church – Holy Thursday
7:00 PM @ St. Damian
For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, APRIL 18th

Service in Church-Good Friday
2:00 pm @ St. Damian
Way of the Cross/Stations
6:00 pm @ St. Bernard

SATURDAY, APRIL 19th

Mass in Church – Holy Saturday
8:00 PM @ St. Damian

SUNDAY, APRIL 20th

Mass in Church – Easter Sunday
9:30 AM @ St. Damian
Edward & Marie Eilering
Melvin & Drew Toennies

Mass in Church

9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Bernard & Honey Brueggemann

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 50:4–7; Philippians 2:6–11; Luke 22:14–23:56 or 23:1–49

We sing some of the saddest words in all of scripture in the psalm today: “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” Isaiah resisted this despair as he was struck and spat at, professing his confidence in God. Paul testifies that Jesus was willing to empty himself, to humble himself, accepting even death on a cross. In the Passion, we hear Jesus pray to the Father, “not my will but yours.” May today’s readings reassure us that even in our worst despair God will never truly abandon us.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, April 13th – Palm Sunday

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass in Church (Youth Choir Sings)

9:30 am @ St. Damian (Meet inside school addition-weather pending)

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, April 14th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, April 15th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, April 16th

Mass in Church w/ refreshments after in Rectory

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

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

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, April 17th

Holy Thursday Mass in Church-Adult Choir Sings

7:00 pm @ St. Damian

Friday, April 18th

Good Friday Services (Adult Choir Sings)

2:00 pm @ St. Damian

Stations of the Cross

6:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Saturday, April 19th - Holy Saturday

Mass in Church (Youth Choir Sings)

8:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, April 20th - Easter Sunday

Mass in Church – Adult Choir Sings

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Mass in Church – Adult Choir Sings

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Easter Egg Hunt for Everyone

12:00 Noon @ St. Damian Church Grounds

“MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?”

ONLINE DONATIONS AND GIVING

- On line giving is available for both St. Damian and St. Bernard Parishes.
- Donations can be made on the 2nd or 16th of the month or both if you choose.
- Donations can be split between accounts such as Sister Parish and General Account at St. Bernard’s and Building Fund, Sister Parish or General Account at St. Damian’s.
- You can still receive envelopes for special collections if you choose to.
- Please contact Angie if you have any questions or go on the parish website to find the form for ACH (Online Giving)

THERE WILL BE NO ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 15th due to Holy Week preparations. The next meeting will be held in June.

St. Damian’s Faith Formation students are holding another food drive for Davstar. You are all very welcome and encouraged to participate by sending items with a student or bringing things to church and putting them in the back of the pews and we will collect them. Any non-perishable food items, cleaning products, baby products, water/ non-alcoholic drinks, etc. are appreciated. Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters....” Thank you! Food items can be donated through April 24th as it will be delivered on April 26th.

Confirmation for St. Damian 7th and 7th grade Faith Formation class will be on Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00. Please pray for our 10 candidates. There is a box in the back of church with first and last names, Confirmation saint names, and home addresses for our Confirmation class. I invite/urge you to take one of the names, pray for that person from now until their Confirmation and send him/her a card or note to let them know they are being prayed for and supported as they continue to prepare for the sacrament. It takes a community to raise a young Christian 🙏

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

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 6th

Loose: \$175.00+ Envelopes: (25): \$1,609.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,428.00
+ ACH For April 2nd: \$1,310.00 \$4,522.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$136,652.81
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$125,268.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$11,384.81
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.)

CSMA RESULTS: \$3,601 Pledged (23) of \$9,133 Goal

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – Holy Week

Holy Thursday, April 17th – 7:00 pm

Minister: Kristy Richter: Ushers: Volunteers (2)
Servers: Charlie & Henry Sauer, Miranda Richter, Lincoln Arentsen
Lector: Anita Rakers

Good Friday, April 18th – 2:00 pm

Lector: Jackie Toennies
Servers: Miranda Richter, Carter Voss, Charlotte Cleeton
Ushers: Volunteers (2)

Holy Saturday, April 19th – 8:00 pm

Minister: Pete Toennies
Lector: Anita Rakers
Servers: Lincoln & Conner Arensten, Reed Wuebbels, Nolan Hemker
Ushers: Volunteers (2)

Easter Sunday, April 20th – 9:30 am

Ministers: Sharon Kalmer & Volunteer (1)
Lector: Denise Luitjohan
Servers: Lincoln, Connor & Silas Arentsen, Miranda Richter
Ushers: Dave, Brian & Keith Albers
Thank you to all who volunteered to help with Holy Week.

St. Damian Quilt Raffle Tickets are available in the back of church. Please pick up and return via the drop box at the rectory or the collection basket. Thank you for supporting St. Damian's Parish.

YOUTH CHOIR NOTES: The St. Damian Youth Choir will sing on Palm Sunday, April 13 @ 9:30AM. Before mass, will be our last practice @ 8:30am. We will be practicing the music for Holy Saturday on April 19 at 8pm and First Communion on April 27 at 9am. Thanks in advance for your commitment and for sharing your musical talents which add so much to every liturgy. Once again, only one more practice (April 13 @ 8:30am) and three more events (4/13 Palm Sunday, @ 9:30am; 4/19 Holy Saturday @ 8pm; & 4/27 First Communion @ 9am). 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.

PICNIC MEETING! There will be a picnic meeting Wednesday, April 23rd, at 6:30 pm in the rectory meeting room. Please join us in discussing new ideas or strategies. All are welcome. We would like all picnic stand chairs to be there. We desperately need 2 women to complete our committee. The parish picnic is so vital to our financial well-being and success as a community so PLEASE consider taking on this role if you are at all able. Please contact Phyllis Kassen or Barb Wobbe. If you have any ideas or questions, please contact Phyllis Kassen (618) 806-7495, Barb Wobbe (618) 578-0176, Roger Toennies (618) 792-5364, Kevin Kalmer (618) 210-0393, or Bender Wobbe (618) 334-2470

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 5th

Loose: \$297.00 +Envelopes: (32) \$1,210.00
+ ACH For April 2nd: \$2,495.00 \$4,002.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$136,956.37
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$135,400.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$1,556.37
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.)

CSMA RESULTS: \$4475 Pledged (13) of \$10,446 Goal

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – April 20th @ 9:30 am

Ministers: Kathy Engelmann, Melissa Netemeyer, Deb Schomaker
Reader: Steve Schomaker
Ushers: Brian & Janel Zurliene
Servers: Kara Markus, Cameron Warnecke, Gavin Wellen
Collection Counters: Tina Wuebbels, Keith Richter, Dana Lake and any volunteers appreciated.
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.

RESPECT LIFE Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice.

ST. DAMIAN'S HISPANIC COMMUNITY IS HOSTING AN EASTER EGG HUNT WILL BE HELD ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20th on the St. Damian Parish Grounds at Noon. EVERYONE WELCOME!!

ALBERS/DAMIANSVILLE FRIENDS OF THE COUGARS FISH FRY will be 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.

MSGR. DENNIS SCHAEFER will be celebrating his 50th Jubilee of Ordination on St. John the Baptist in Red Bud, Il., on Sunday, June 8 at 2:30 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish office in Red Bud at 515 Locust St, Red Bud, IL 62278.

CHICKEN DINNER: St. Felicitas Church, Beaver Prairie, 13322 Church Road, Carlyle, IL, Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025. 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Drive-thru only. \$15. (Look for signs on New Rt. 50 west of Carlyle and on Rt. 127 six miles north of Carlyle.)

King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center Creating SABBATH SPACE in Our Lives – 5-week Spring Video Study featuring Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, Facilitator: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI. Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2025 from 10:00 am – 12 Noon. Do we take the time to rest, to ponder, to reflect on what is important to us and gives us joy? Allow Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI to lead us on a journey of refreshing our souls by creating “Sabbath Space.” Cost: \$25 for series; \$5 per session. For more information, call 618-397-0584 or register online at <https://kh.snows.org/events/deanvideo-spring2025/>

Get your 2025 ALBERS HOOTENANNY RAFFLE TICKETS!!! Stop by Village of Albers for your chance to win! 1st Prize - \$1,000, 2nd Prize - \$500, 3rd Prize - \$250. \$500 Attendance Prize. ALL tix entered in our \$100 Monthly Early Bird Drawings April to August! First Monthly Drawing is Wednesday, April 23! Get your tix TODAY to get entered in ALL the Early Bird Drawings! Donation \$20/Ticket. Venmo Brenda at @Brenda-Morris-67. See you at our 2025 ALBERS HOOTENANNY Sunday, August 31! <https://www.facebook.com/AlbersHootenanny>

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, Tamara Farrington at (618) 841-5393. Submit a complete application to Stukenberg-Eilermann Post 1026, 600 N. Bertha St, Albers, IL 62215 or legionalbers@gmail.com by April 25.

MATER DEI SCHOLARSHIPS: Below are several scholarships to assist 8th grade students wishing to attend Mater Dei High School. If you are interested and did not receive a scholarship form, please contact Deacon Glenn or go on the www.stbernardandstdamian.org website as all forms are available on that Website.

- ⇒ **Ralph & Delores Netemeyer Scholarship** is a \$500 scholarship to a St. Bernard 8th grader. The student must type an essay describing their goals for the future and how their Catholic faith will help them on their journey to reach these goals. In the essay, they are also to explain how Albers School has prepared them to accomplish these goals. **Due by May 2nd.**
- ⇒ **Knights of Columbus Scholarship** is a \$500 scholarship in tuition assistance to one student from Albers & one from Damiansville. The student must submit a typewritten essay based on the subject, **“My Catholic Faith”**. In the essay, they must describe how their faith has influenced different areas of their life up till now and how it will help with the challenges in the future. Include information about participation in parish activities, community volunteerism and how attending a catholic high school will help achieve your goals in the future. **Due by May 2nd.**
- ⇒ **Scholarships to Mater Dei Catholic High School are available through St. Bernard and St. Damian Parishes.** Those administered through the Church are on the Website and there are still those administered directly from Mater Dei such as: **Randy Toennies Memorial** and **Bob Innes Memorial** from St. Damian and **Jansen Memorial** from St. Bernard. Please contact Mater Dei High School directly at (618) 526-7216 to apply for these scholarships.

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