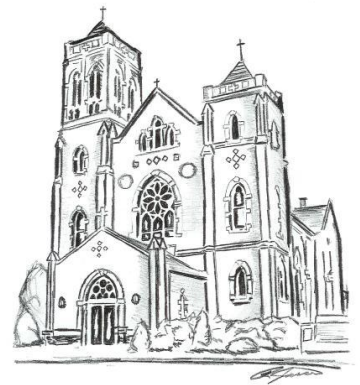




**EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**NO SCHOOL/NO SERVICE**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Prayer Service in Church**  
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Mass in Church**  
7:45 am @ St. Damian  
For the Intentions of the Catholic Extension Donors

**THURSDAY, APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mass in Church**  
7:45 am @ St. Bernard  
For All Parishioners

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mass in Church-First Communion**  
4:00 pm @ St. Bernard  
For the First Communicants

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mass in Church – First Communion**  
9:00 AM @ St. Damian  
For the First Communicants

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Colossians 3:1–4; John 20:1–9**

On Easter Sunday, we hear some of Jesus' earliest disciples testify to the unprecedented event they had witnessed. Saint Peter addresses an assembly of Gentiles, teaching them about Jesus and how God raised him from the dead. Saint Paul preaches about the effect Christ's resurrection has had on his life. In the Gospel, Saint Mary Magdalene, the first to see the empty tomb, frantically announces the news to two of Jesus' closest disciples. None of his disciples yet understood that Jesus had to rise from the dead, but the disciple whom Jesus loved believed at once. Let us consider how we ourselves testify to the Resurrection

### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> - 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

**Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

**Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Prayer Service in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

*St. Damian Adult Choir Practice*

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

**Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

*Eucharistic Adoration*

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

*St. Damian Picnic Meeting at the Rectory*

6:30 pm @ St. Damian Rectory

*St. Bernard Choir Practice*

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

**Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/NO SERVICES**

*Legion of Mary*

5:00 in English @ St. Damian

5:00-8:00 Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament

6:00 in Spanish @ St. Damian

**Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church – First Communion*

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Youth Choir Sings**

*Mass in Church – First Communion*

9:00 am @ St. Damian

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

***“THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE;  
LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD.”***

### ONLINE DONATIONS AND GIVING

- On line giving is available for both St. Damian and St. Bernard Parishes.
- Donations can be made on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> 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)

**St. Damian's Faith Formation students are holding another food drive for Daystar.**

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. Items can be donated through April 24<sup>th</sup> as they will be delivered on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters....” Thank you!

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 🙏

***HAPPY EASTER!***

### ST. BERNARD & ST. DAMIAN DATES FOR CONFIRMATION

St. Bernard Confirmation: Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

St. Damian Confirmation: Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$180.00+ Envelopes: (16): \$1,190.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,393.00 + Easter Env (2) \$120.00  
+ ACH For April 16<sup>th</sup>: \$550.00 \$3,433.00  
Budget for week: \$3,212.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$140,085.81  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$128,480.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$11,605.81  
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 – April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Ministers: Chris Brandmeyer, Julie Langenhorst, Arlene Korte

Reader: First Communicants

Ushers: Bud Jansen, Brad Richter

Servers: Charlotte & Evelyn Cleeton, Peyton Scheibel

Cantor: Jackie Toennies & Children's Choir

Organist: Geri Varel

Collection Counters: Kathy Gonsalves, Sandy Kramer

Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

**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 12<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$126.00 +Envelopes: (26) \$717.00  
+ ACH For April 16<sup>th</sup>: \$2,680.00  
+ Easter Envelopes: (1) \$20.00 \$3,543.00  
Budget for week: \$3,385.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$140,499.37  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$138,785.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$1,714.37  
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 26<sup>th</sup>**

Ministers: Ken & Liz Nussbaumer, Kathy Engelmann

Reader: Kelly Jansen

Ushers: Nick & Kathy Friederich

Servers: Kinley Barth, Asher & Emree Athmer

Collection Counters: Sean Kennedy, Phyllis Albers, 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.

**RESPECT LIFE** "Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end'

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

**MSGR. DENNIS SCHAEFER** will be celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

**All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the Spring Farm Blessing** which will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 1:00 P.M. at the Ruppert Family Farm, 597 Tulip Road, Coulterville, IL 62237

**Reboot!** is the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all ages (12+) of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. Join Chris Stefanick, an internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and TV host, for a life-changing evening. Hear the Good News that the Lord has for ALL of us, and learn how to live out this JOY in your everyday life. Whether you're a lifelong Church goer, just rediscovering your faith, or have never heard of Jesus before, this is THE event for you! Make the commitment to have more JOY in your life today. Grab a ticket for yourself, your friends, your family. We look forward to seeing you at St. Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church! Purchase your tickets online here: <https://reallifecatholics.givevirtuous.org/Event/st-mary-immaculate-conception-catholic-church-reboot-mt-vernon-il>

**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>

**ALBERS/DAMIANSVILLE VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALES!** Sat, MAY 10, 7am-2pm. All residents are welcome to participate. Set up in your own garages & driveways. Feel free to have your sales open on Thursday and Friday too. Set your own hours and put your own signs along the road. No maps will be printed. If you would like to list your address and hours, feel free to post your info on the Village of Albers and Damiansville, IL Facebook pages.

**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](mailto:legionalbers@gmail.com) by April 25.

**MATER DEI SCHOLARSHIPS:** Below are several scholarships to assist 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org) website as all forms are available on that Website.

- ⇒ **Ralph & Delores Netemeyer Scholarship** is a \$500 scholarship to a St. Bernard 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.**
- ⇒ **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 2<sup>nd</sup>.**
- ⇒ **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>