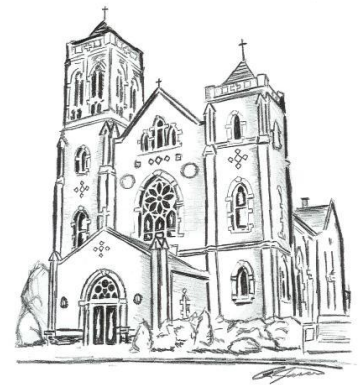
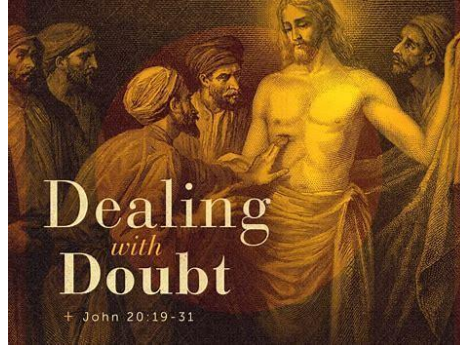




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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, APRIL 28th
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, APRIL 29th
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
St. Bernard Confirmation in Church
7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30th
Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian
For all Parishioners
St. Damian Confirmation in Church
7:00 pm @ St. Damian

THURSDAY, MAY 1st
Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
Clarence Goebel

FRIDAY, MAY 2nd
NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, MAY 3rd
Mass in Church
4:00 pm @ St. Damian
Albin Toennies

SUNDAY, MAY 4th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Deceased Members of the Tony & Clara Toennies
Family
Hispanic Mass in Church
11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 5: 12-16; Revelations 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

Our readings challenge us to recognize the risen Lord's presence. In Acts, people from all around Jerusalem recognize the Lord's healing powers working through Peter, the disciple he left as head of the early church. John, the author of Revelation, recognizes the Lord in his visions. Thomas only recognizes the risen Lord when he sees him in the flesh, but then believes at once. Let us marvel at the strong faith of these early Christians.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, April 27th – First Communion

Mass in Church – Youth Choir Sings

9:00 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, April 28th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, April 29th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

St. Bernard Confirmation

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Wednesday, April 30th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

St. Damian Confirmation

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Thursday, May 1st

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, May 2nd

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, May 3rd

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, May 4th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

“GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD, HIS LOVE IS EVERLASTING.”

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)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7 at 6 pm at St. Damian Rectory. All are invited to help in the planning even if you cannot help the week of VBS.

St. Damian's Faith Formation want to thank all those that donated to the Daystar Community food drive. We are so blessed to have the support of our St. Damian & St. Bernard Community.

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

Clinton County Citizens for Life will be selling roses for Mother's Day at masses on May 10/11. Roses are \$2/rose and proceeds will go to Clinton County Citizens for Life.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING & PREPARATIONS FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM!

Thanks to the choirs, organists, sacristans, decorators, all the volunteers who read, eucharistic ministered, ushered, and served. Also, thanks to Father Matthew Elie, Fr. Jim Allen, Deacon Glenn and Deacon Kevin...we thank you for your commitment to our parishes. Without everyone's help and involvement in the Parishes, we would not have our beautiful Masses. So again, THANK YOU!!

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 20th

Loose: \$664.00+ Envelopes: (10): \$4,140.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,823.00+Holy Thurs(1)\$20.00
+ Easter Env (43) \$4,484.00 \$11,131.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$151,216.81
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$131,692.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$19,524.81
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: \$4,126 Pledged (23) of \$9,133 Goal

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 19th

Loose: \$510.00+Envelopes: (12) \$1,246.00
+ Easter Envelopes: (52) \$5,485.00 \$7,241.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$147,740.37
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$142,170.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$5,570.37
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: \$4575 Pledged (13) of \$10,446 Goal

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – May 3rd

Ministers: Denise Luitjohan, Kevin Toennies, Rosann Horstmann
Ushers: Roger Toennies & Volunteer
Servers: Dylann & Emmy Netemeyer, Isaiah Jourdan
Reader: Jackie Toennies
Cantor: Kathy Gonsalves
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counters: Kristy Richter & Pete Toennies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – May 4th

Ministers: Dan & Lee Love, Lynette Huegen
Reader: Jamie Jung
Ushers: Cory & Andra Goestenkers
Servers: Jacob & Dominic Cannaday, Raelyn Hubert
Collection Counters: James Williams, Tina Wuebbels, Janel Zurliene
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.

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.

YOUTH CHOIR NOTES:

"Thanks" to all the youth who participated in the St. Damian Youth Choir during the Easter Season. Your commitment to practices and sharing your musical talents added so much to all of the liturgies. Your singing is very much appreciated! 🎵 When we sing, we pray twice! Hope to see you all again in October! signed//Jackie & Geri

RESPECT LIFE On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ's message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in one or more abortions. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many feel that abortion is "the unforgivable sin." They need to hear that, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus' message to St. Faustina is that the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy.

SPECIAL THANKS! To the Crain Family Tree Farm in Caseyville for donating 6 trees to St. Damian Parish in remembrance of the living and deceased members of the Alfred & Pat Toennies Family. Also, thanks to the parishioners for their hands-on help to prepare the grounds, haul the trees, plant the trees, and for the use of their equipment which was very much needed and appreciated!

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!

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.

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. May 14 at 7 pm. 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>

METRO EAST COMMUNITY CHORALE SPRING CONCERT, May 4, 2025 at 3:00 pm at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 115 W. B Street, Belleville, IL. www.metroeastcommunitychorale.org.

St. Anthony's Church Rummage and Bake Sale is Thursday May 1, Friday May 2, and Saturday May 3 at St Anthony 's Parish Center 451 West Third Street, Beckemeyer IL... Hours are: Thursday, May 1st - 9am - 8pm (Full Price), Friday, May 2nd - 9am - 8pm (1/2 Price) Saturday, May 3rd- 9am -12pm (\$3 Bag)

DuBois IL – Dance to the music of The Natural Talent Polka Band from Pulaski WI on Friday, May 2 from 7-10 PM at the KC Hall in DuBois IL. Doors open at 5 PM. Advance tickets are available for \$15 thru May 1 at the KC Hall and DuBois Farmers & Merchants Bank or \$20 at the door. Food and beverages available. No food or beverage carry-in. For more information, call 618-214-0714.

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.

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.

Congratulations to the following young people who will be confirmed on April 29 from St. Bernard: ***Kynley Barth, Jacob Cannaday, Keiley Engelmann, Tucker Goesten Kors, Jaxon Hubert, Cole Huegen, Liam Jung, Denym Lauz, Colin Pingsterhaus, Samuel Reynolds, Kelsie Rolves, Brody Schulte, Westin Schwierjohn, Waylon Swinney, Kinley Toennies, Gavin Wellen, Aubrey Winterbottom & Dylan Wuebbels.*** May they be open and assured of the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. **Thank you** to ***Kelly Jansen & Jamie Jung*** for preparing our newly confirmed; ***Joni Kloeckner and the choir*** for providing the music.

Congratulations to the following young people who will be confirmed April 30 from St. Damian: ***Lincoln Arentsen, Charlotte Cleeton, Ava Jansen, Kathryn Mitchell, Dylann Netemeyer, Henry Ribbing, Charles Sauer, Reid Toennies, Reed Wuebbels & Haylee Yarber.*** May they be open and assured of the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. **Thank you** to ***Jackie Toennies*** for preparing our newly confirmed; ***Chris Brandmeyer and our choir*** for providing the music.

Congratulations to our 1st Communicants who received *Jesus, the Bread of Life*, for the first time on Saturday, April 26th from St. Bernard: ***Emery Athmer, Abby Boeckmann, Harper Eubanks, Raegan Gebke, Emmarie Jansen, Rucker Markus, Samuel Norrenberns, Maria Ruble, Bryton Schneider, Jules Swinney.***
Thank you to ***Maria Giminez*** for guiding them in their religion classes, and all parents and godparents for being their very first teachers of the faith; ***Joni Kloeckner & the Choir*** for providing the music.

Congratulations to our 1st Communicants who received *Jesus, the Bread of Life*, for the first time on Saturday, April 27th from St. Damian: ***Olivia Borkowski, Ava Brandmeyer, Aubrey Finley, Locklyn Horstmann, Harper Reinneck, Marcelo Reyes Leyva, Ellie Richter & Brooke Voss.***

Thank you to ***Denise Luitjohan*** for guiding them in their religion classes, and all parents and godparents for being their very first teachers of the faith; ***Geri Varel, Jackie Toennies & the Children's Choir*** for providing the music.