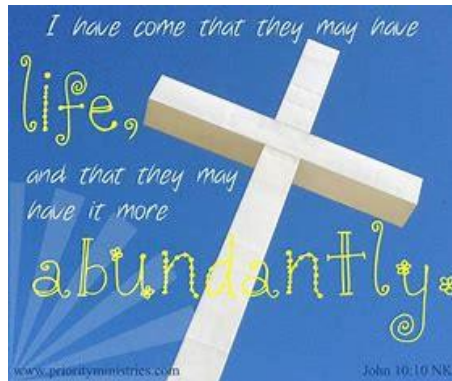




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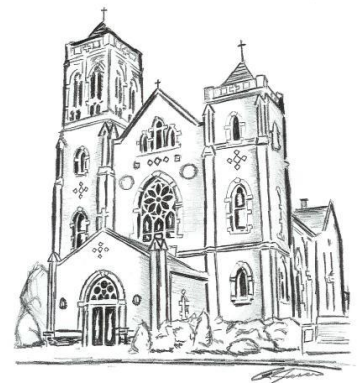
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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MAY 1st

7:45 am @ St. Damian
Prayer Service

TUESDAY, MAY 2nd

7:45 am @ St. Bernard
Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3rd

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
Father Gary Gummersheimer

THURSDAY, MAY 4th

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
For all the People

FRIDAY, MAY 5th

NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, MAY 6th

Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
Edwin & Mary Hitpas
Donna LaCaze

SUNDAY, MAY 7th

Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Alphonse & Margaret Schomaker
For All Past St. Bernard Priest

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 20b-25; John 10: 1-10

Peter echoes the words of John the Baptist in the first reading—"Repent and be baptized"—though he can also tell the people that they will receive the Holy Spirit. In his letter, he encourages us to look to Christ as an example when we suffer for doing what is right and good. In the Gospel, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, describes himself as the gate through which we can find life abundant and eternal. Let us look to the Lord as our shepherd, who provides all that we shall need, all that we shall want.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, April 30th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

99 Experience Mission

5:00 pm @ St. George Parish Center

Monday, May 1st

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, May 2nd

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 @ St. Damian

Wednesday, May 3rd

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, May 4th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, May 5th-Deacon Glenn's Birthday

NO MASS/SERVICE

Saturday, May 6th

Mass in Church w/Parish Council Nominations

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, May 7th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

CYM Meeting at St. Damian Rectory

12:30 pm @ St. Damian Rectory

WE WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY through the saving waters of Baptism ***Isabel Kate Amano***, the daughter of Michael & Tracey (Broeckling) Amano, who was baptized on Saturday, April 29th, at St. Bernard. May the Good Lord bless you and keep you safe on your faith journey.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT!

Congratulations to the following newly confirmed young people from St. Damian: ***Dilan Alvarez, Cecilia Alvarez, Grace Deiters, Modesto Herrera, Brant Horstmann, Zackary Huegen, Lyla Koch, Natalie Lynch, Christian Marroquin, Evelin Marroquin, Edwin Oros, Randy Oros, Ryan Oros, Hunter Toennies***. 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 the Choir*** for providing the music.

THE 99 EXPERIENCE!

Over the past several months, something powerful has been happening in our parishes. Many of us have been gathering to grow in our faith and learn how we can become an even stronger and more inviting parish community. We would like to invite all of you to *The 99 Experience*, a powerful mission event that will be a springboard for both of our parishes to deepen in faith as we grow in identity, purpose, and community. ***The 99 Experience is for everyone***, even those who are currently not active in their faith and would need you to invite them. Prayerfully consider who you know who would benefit from attending *The 99 Experience* and invite them! Join us for the last of a 3-night mission--each experience will be different; you are invited to attend this one date left. The experience will be held at the St. Bernard Parish Center on Monday evening Monday, May 1 at 6p.

The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15. A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported the 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal – we are most grateful. If you haven't had an opportunity to make a gift as yet, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so now. Gifts can be made through your parish or by visiting www.diobelle.org and clicking on "Giving". Seventeen (17) ministries and programs and all those they so faithfully serve are counting on YOU. Please make your contribution today.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 23rd

Loose: \$80.00+ Envelopes: (27) \$1,700.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$749.00
+ Easter Env: (2) \$250.00 \$2,779.00
Budget for week: \$3,102.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$131,840.42
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$130,284.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$1,556.42
Fiscal year (7/22-6/23) budget: \$161,300.00

(Reminder: The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$35,000.00 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 FOR May 6th

Eucharistic Ministers: Mech Toennies + 1 Volunteer
Ushers: Roger Toennies + 1 Volunteer
Servers: Reed Wuebbels, Charlotte Cleeton, Nolan Hemker
Lector: Joe Cleeton
Cantor: Kathy Gonsalves
Organist: Jan Hitch
Collection Counters: Tina Tonnie, Pete Toennies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL will be seeking nominations for 2 new members. Nominations will be accepted on May 6 at Mass and the election will be held at Mass on May 20.

ST. DAMIAN WILL HAVE A PARISH GROUNDS WORK DAY on Saturday, May 20th at 7am. We will work on cleaning tombstones at the cemetery and anything needing cleaning around church.

RAFFLE DONATION FORMS were emailed and will also be available in church and on the parish website for those who would like to donate a basket or such for the picnic raffle. Our parish picnic will be held on Saturday, July 8, 2023. Please save the date!!

ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY quilt raffle tickets are in the back of the church for pick up. Please take the time to pick yours up. Thanks!!



ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 22nd

Loose: \$318.00+ Envelopes: (32) \$1,910.00
+ Easter Env: (2) \$195.00 \$2,423.00
Budget for week: \$3,264.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$150,289.66
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$137,088.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$13,201.66
Fiscal year (7/22-6/23) budget: \$169,725.00

(Reminder: The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$28,500.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies Sodality, & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – May 7th

Euch. Minister: Sharon Wuebbels +1 Volunteer
Reader: Sean Kennedy
Ushers: John & Linda Majchrzak
Servers: Lilly Behrman, Oliver Varel, Kayla Boeckmann
Coll. Counters: James Williams, Tina Wuebbels, Tim Schroeder
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

THANK YOU for attending our Culpepper & Merriweather Circus sponsored by the Albers Commercial Club Friday, April 14! It was another great night of family fun right here in Albers! Residents of Community Link, Hoyleton Youth & Family Services and Murray Center were in attendance thanks to generous donations from American Legion Post #1026, Knights of Columbus Council #9768, Steve & Deb Schomaker, Gerald J. & Mary Schubert Family and Jim Taylor of Taylor Made Signs! ***Thank you sponsors!***

ST. BERNARD/ST. DAMIAN YOUTH MINISTRY

- **Youth Ministry** meeting on Sunday, May 7, at the St. Damian rectory meeting room at 12:30 pm. We will be discussing softball and Holiday World. Current 8th graders are welcome to come and learn what is being planned for this summer! Any adults who would like to help with youth ministry are welcome to attend, too!
- **Softball Bats!** Youth ministry is looking for any used softball bats for high school youth. If you have any softball bats in your garage that you are no longer using and would like to donate them to youth ministry, contact Shelly Schuetz (618-401-6007).

FAITH FORMATION 2023-24 REGISTRATION.

Commitment forms have been sent via email. Please be sure to return these via the collection basket or through your PSR teacher before the due date of May 15th. IF you did not receive one, please contact Angie or Deacon Glenn and they will get it to you. Thanks so much!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK THIS SUMMER

Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive. June 12-16th from 9:00 – Noon. St. Damian's Gym, Church, & parish grounds. Registration forms have been emailed. We are also looking for volunteers to help. Please contact Denise Luitjohan at denise_luitjohan@yahoo.com with questions. Forms will also be on the parish website.

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.

- ⇒ ***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.**
- ⇒ ***Rademacher-Foppe Scholarship*** will apply \$300 tuition assistance to any St. Bernard 8th grade student wishing to attend MD for the freshmen year only. The student must submit a 100-word essay on why they wish to attend MD, include a listing of parish, school, and community activities in which they participate and have their principal or current teacher complete a recommendation. **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.

Just in time for church picnic season, the Auxiliary at HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospital in Breese has plenty of full-size and baby quilts in a variety of colors available for purchase. For details, contact Volunteer Services at (618) 526-5351 or christine.gebke@hshs.org.

The St. Mary Parish Rummage and Bake Sale is this week May 3, 4, and 5 at Trenton. Hours for the sale are Wednesday, May 3, 6:00—8:30 pm, Thursday, May 4, 8:30 am—3:00 pm and 6:00-8:30 pm (1/2 price), and Friday, May 5, 8:30 am—5:00 p (\$3 bag day).

Villages of Albers & Damiansville SPRING YARD SALES! Saturday, May 13, 2023 ~ 7a.m.-2p.m.

Details on our Village of Albers FaceBook page at <https://www.facebook.com/villageofalbers>. Sellers -

Include address/information on our FaceBook page. *Maps will not be printed. * SAVE the

DATES: Villages of Albers & Damiansville Yard Sales are the second Saturdays of May and September!

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS): Find the latest information at

<http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org/catholic-youth-ministry.html>

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
DEACON GLENN ON MAY 5.
HOPE YOU HAVE A BLESSED DAY!**