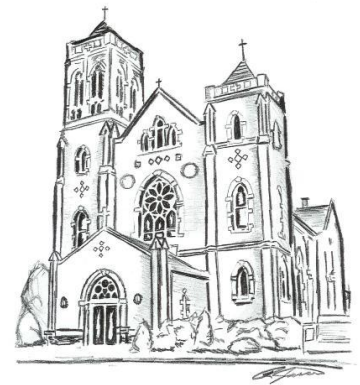


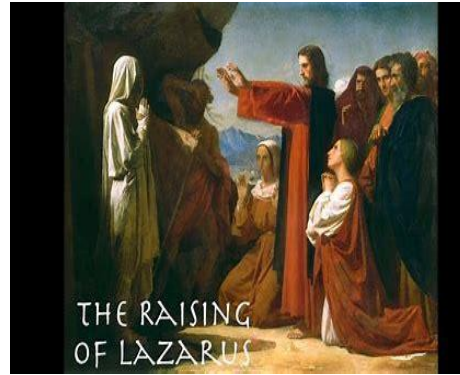


FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL 6th, 2025



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MASS SCHEDULE:

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 8th
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th
Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian
Frank & Agnes Luitjohan

THURSDAY, APRIL 10th
Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, APRIL 11th
NO MASS OR SERVICE
Way of the Cross/Stations
7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

SATURDAY, APRIL 12th
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Bernard
Vince & Leona Eilering
Edwin & Eileen Bietelspacher
Bob & Clara Kohrman
Hermina Kollmann
Urban & Dorothy Behrmann
Ralph, Dolores & David Netemeyer

SUNDAY, APRIL 13th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Damian
Tracy Haukapp

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Today's readings all assert the power of life over death. Ezekiel proclaims that GOD promises to open our graves and have us rise from them. Paul writes that with the Spirit of Christ dwelling in us, God gives life to our mortal bodies. Jesus assures Martha and Mary that he is the resurrection and the life, then raises their brother Lazarus from the tomb. As we approach Holy Week, may today's readings remind us of God's power over death

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, April 6th

St. Damian Youth Choir Practice

8:30 am @ St. Damian Church

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, April 7th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, April 8th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

St. Damian Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Wednesday, April 9th

Mass in Church

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 10th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, April 11th

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, April 12th

Mick Kharibian Baptism

3:00 pm @ St. Bernard w/ Deacon Kevin

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

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***"WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY AND
FULLNESS OF REDEMPTION."***

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)

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'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. 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 🙏

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: March 29th

Loose: \$100.00+ Envelopes: (17): \$519.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,310.00 \$1,929.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$132,130.81
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$122,056.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$10,074.81
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: \$3,476 Pledged (23) of \$9,133 Goal

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – April 13th

Ministers: Kevin Toennies, Sharon Kalmer, Chris Brandmeyer
Ushers: Garry Kalmer & Bill Jansen Sr.
Servers: Will Jansen, Collins & Delaney Horstmann
Lector: Lori Jansen
Cantor: Kristy Richter
Organist: Geri Varel
Collection Counters: Kathleen Hodges & Tina Tonnies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

Sign-up sheets for Holy Week are in the back of church. Please sign up for your ministry. Thanks!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED CLEAN

at St. Damian's Church last week. All of the help is so appreciated. Thank you for keeping and maintaining our beautiful church.

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! 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 DAMIAN WURSTMARKT. You can still make a donation by getting a check to one of the Holy Name officers. Kevin Toennies, our treasurer, has set up a Venmo account. Simply make a donation to the Kevin Toennies – St Damian's account. This account can only be used for donations. **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: March 30th

Loose: \$206.00+Envelopes: (27) \$1,155.00
\$1,361.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$132,954.37
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$132,015.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$939.37
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 12th

Ministers: Melissa Netemeyer, Ken & Liz Nussbaumer
Reader: Kathy Friederich
Ushers: Kent & Kati Schwierjohn
Servers: Landon, Mason & Chase Schroeder
Collection Counters: Phyllis Albers, James Williams, Janel Zurliene

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.

WE WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY through the saving waters of Baptism, Mick Kharibian, son of Gary & Kelsie Kharibian, who will be baptized at St. Bernard on April 12th.

KC DRAWING WINNERS MARCH: \$400- Tom Langenhorst, \$60- Jenna Wuebbles and Brian Veilweber

EASTER EGG HUNT WILL BE HELD ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20th on the St. Damian Parish Grounds at Noon. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by the Hispanic Community.

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 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.

ALBERS LEGION CHICKEN DINNER: Sunday, April 6th, 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Fried chicken, mash potatoes &/or gravy, green beans, slaw, and dessert. Adults \$14, Kids (5-12) \$6, under 5 Free. Bingo Players will receive \$2 off their meal. Adult Carry outs Available

St. Teresa Church, Marydale DRIVE-THRU Chicken Dinner. Sunday, April 6, 2025. Serving 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$15.00 per Meal. Packaged meal includes: ½ Fried Chicken (4 pieces), Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Slaw
Handmade Quilt Raffle. Located six miles north of Carlyle on Route 127. Follow the signs

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.)

DO YOU FEEL CALLED? Are you discerning the possibility of serving the Lord as a priest, consecrated sister or brother, missionary or permanent deacon? If you are looking for guidance about how to discern answering the Lord's call, please join Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, and Bishop Michael McGovern for a Day of Recollection. We will gather at St. Nicholas Parish in O'Fallon on Saturday, April 5 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The day includes morning Mass, two talks, reflection questions, group discussion and a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Light breakfast and lunch provided. This gathering is open to young men and women in High School to age 30. For more information or to RSVP by April 3, contact Ms. Martina Skorch (mskorch@diobelle.org) or by phone at (618) 722-5043.

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/>

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

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>