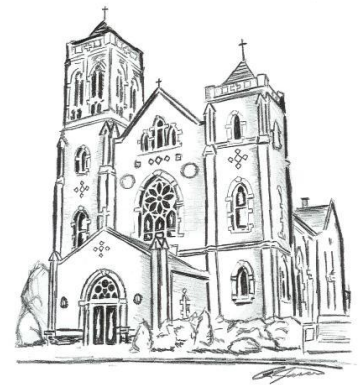
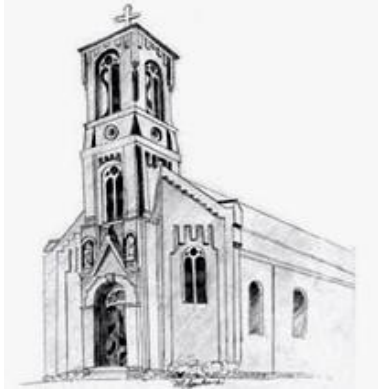


**FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
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MAY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, MAY 12<sup>th</sup>**  
*Prayer Service in Church*  
7:45 am @ St. Damian

**TUESDAY, MAY 13<sup>th</sup>**  
*Prayer Service in Church*  
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
7:45 am @ St. Damian  
Bishop Stanley Schlarmann

**THURSDAY, MAY 15<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
7:45 am @ St. Bernard  
Pope Francis

**FRIDAY, MAY 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 17<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
**4:00 pm @ St. Damian**  
Henry, Lucille, Allen, Glennon & Marvin Albers  
Franklin & Marian Eversgerd  
Alfred, Albin & Melvin Toennies

**SUNDAY, MAY 18<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
**9:30 AM @ St. Bernard**  
Leo, Pat & Glenn Litteken  
Len Shields  
Alice Book

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Acts 13:14, 43–52, 40b–41; Revelation 7:9, 14b–17; John 10:27–30**

On Good Shepherd Sunday, we first hear Saints Paul and Barnabas shepherd both Jews and Gentiles who chose to join the early church, urging them to remain faithful to the grace of God. In the psalm, we proclaim that we too are sheep of the Lord's flock. In a vision, John sees the Lamb of God shepherding a great multitude to springs of life-giving water. Finally, Jesus tells us in the Gospel that he gives all his sheep eternal life and no one can take that away. May listening to God's word increase our faith in our Good Shepherd.

### **HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:**

**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day**

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Prayer Service in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

*St. Bernard Finance Meeting*

6:00 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory

**Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Damian

*Eucharistic Adoration*

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

**Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

***NO MASS/NO SERVICES***

**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**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.

***"WE ARE HIS PEOPLE,  
THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK."***

### **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)

### **FAITH FORMATION 2025-26 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!

**LAST DAY OF PSR CLASSES WILL BE  
FRIDAY, MAY 23, AT BOTH PARISHES**

Reminder in the summer there will be NO Prayer Services on Mondays and Tuesdays.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025**

VBS will be held June 9-13 at St. Damian's. Vacation Bible School is in the planning stages and all help is appreciated. Please contact Denise Luitjohan at [denise.luitjohan@yahoo.com](mailto:denise.luitjohan@yahoo.com) with questions. Registration is underway and there are forms in the back of both Parishes and will also be available on the parish website.

**Could you use \$20,000???** **Mater Dei is once again holding their Mega raffle** in coordination with their annual golf tournament which is scheduled for May 31, 2025. Details of the raffle: Grand prize is \$10,000, plus (2) \$2,500, (3) \$1,000, and (20) \$100 prizes. The price is \$100 per ticket. If interested, contact Brent Goebel at 248-5416 or [bgoebel5@yahoo.com](mailto:bgoebel5@yahoo.com). Payments can be in form of cash, check, or Venmo (@Brent-Goebel-1). Or Steve Schomaker at (618) 973-8860. On behalf of Mater Dei Catholic School, THANK YOU.

## ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Loose: \$99.00+ Envelopes: (14): \$1,495.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$252.00 + Easter (2) \$70.00  
+ ACH: \$1,310.00+ Paypal \$193.53      \$3,419.53  
Budget for week:      \$3,212.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:      \$156,574.69  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:      \$138,116.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:      \$18,458.69  
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: \$5,026 Pledged (23) of \$9,133 Goal**  
**Thank you for your continued support!**

## ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: May 4<sup>th</sup>:

Loose: \$151.00+Envelopes: (22) \$810.00  
+ ACH For May 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$2,495.00  
+ Easter Env (1) \$25.00      \$3,481.00  
Budget for week:      \$3,385.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:      \$155,346.37  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:      \$148,940.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:      \$6,406.37  
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: \$4825 Pledged (13) of \$10,446 Goal**  
**Thank you for your continued support!**

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE – May 17<sup>th</sup>

Ministers: Virgil & Marilyn Jansen & Diana Jansen  
Ushers: Brad & Kristy Richter  
Servers: Reed & Brynn Wuebbels, Nolan Hemker  
Reader: Rosann Horstmann  
Cantor: Lauren Cleeton  
Organist: Jan Hitch  
Collection Counters: Kathleen Hodges & Mech Toennies  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE – May 18<sup>th</sup>

Ministers: Lynette Huegen, Robbin Netemeyer, Jackie Farrar  
Reader: Ray Gill  
Ushers: John & Linda Majchrzak  
Servers: Lilly Behrmann, Maverick & August Richter  
Collection Counters: Phyllis Albers, James Williams, Lynn Athmer  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

**PCNIC 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 12, 2024. Save the date!!

**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.

### **Get your 2025 ALBERS HOOTENANNY**

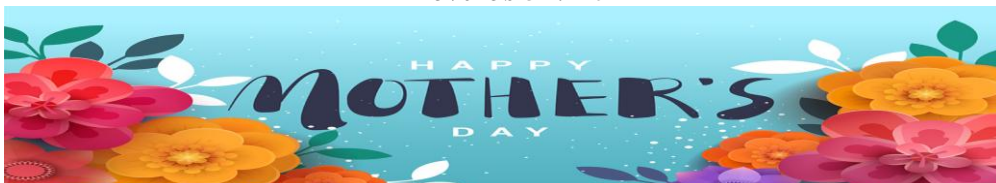
**RAFFLE TICKETS!!!** Stop by Village of Albers for your chance to win! 1st Prize - \$1,000, 2nd Prize - \$500, 3rd Prize - \$250. \$500 Attendance Prize. ALL tix entered in our \$100 Monthly Early Bird Drawings April to August! First Monthly Drawing is Wednesday, April 23! Get your tix TODAY to get 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>

**NOTE FROM JACKIE TOENNIES. I am asking for your help! I am going on a mission trip to Zambia, Africa this July. July is Africa's winter, so they are in need of gloves, hats, socks and fleece blankets. If you are able to donate any of these items, I would greatly appreciate it! You can either bring them to church for me to pick up, drop them off at my house or let me know and I will pick them up from your house. Thank you in advance for any and all donations as they have nothing 🙏**

***GOD BLESS EACH & EVERY MOTHER ON THIS MOTHER'S DAY!***

*She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue!*

*Proverbs 31: 26*



**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AT ALBERS AMERICAN LEGION**, Sunday, May 11th, 8:00am to Noon  
Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes and Biscuits & gravy. Adults \$13.00, Kids 5-12 \$6.00, Under 5 Free. Dine In or Carry out.

**VILLAGE OF DAMIANVILLE SPRING CLEAN UP DUMPSTERS** will be May 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> located west of the the town maintenance shed.

**The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. *Hope in the Lord.*** A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported the 2025 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](http://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!

**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>

**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.

**The Diocesan Hispanic Youth Day** will be held on June 14, 2025, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm for Latino middle school and high school youth (ages 12-17). The theme is, "Peregrinos de Esperanza: Going Forth with Joy!" For more information or to register, please contact Lucy Barragan in the Office of Hispanic Ministry (618) 722-5050, [Lbarragan@diobelle.org](mailto:Lbarragan@diobelle.org)

**Respect Life Corner.** Our pregnancy resource highlight is Life Network of Southern Illinois located in Red Bud. Life Network provides a variety of services such as free pregnancy testing, limited ultrasounds, limited STI testing & treatment, parenting & life skills classes, baby supplies, and a fatherhood mentorship program, and are open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-3. They are located at 324 N. Main St., Red Bud, IL 62278 and can be contacted at 618.282.4225.

**PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER JOB OPENING.** St. George Parish has an immediate opening for a part-time bookkeeper. Duties include; accounts receivable/payable, ledger maintenance and reports, reconciling all bank accounts, assist in preparing annual budget and financial report, implementing internal controls, preparing and mailing contribution statements to parishioners, and backup financial data. Must be able and willing to perform other related clerical and administrative functions. Candidate must be proficient in QuickBooks and Excel / MS Office. **Also, we are in need of parish administrative assistant.** Duties include: providing administrative support to parish staff and ministries; managing phone calls, emails, and parish correspondence; maintaining records, scheduling appointments, and organizing files; assisting with event planning, bulletin preparation, and parish communications; welcoming visitors and parishioners with kindness and professionalism. Candidate must have strong organizational and communication skills; proficiency in [Microsoft Office, MS Publisher, database management]; ability to multitask and work effectively in a team environment; familiarity with parish life and Catholic traditions preferred; prior administrative experience is a plus. For inquiry, please contact St. George Parish Office. Please submit resume and cover letter to Fr. George Zieba, C.R.

Our directories have arrived! We will have representatives at both St. Damian and St. Bernard masses for the next couple of weekends dispersing directories. If this does not work for you and would like to personally pick up or need it delivered, please reach out to one of the representatives Debbie Schomaker 618-806-5191, Geri Varel 618-444-5073, or Emily Schirmer 618-978-5806.

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