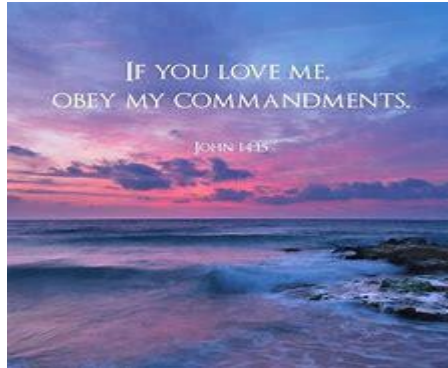




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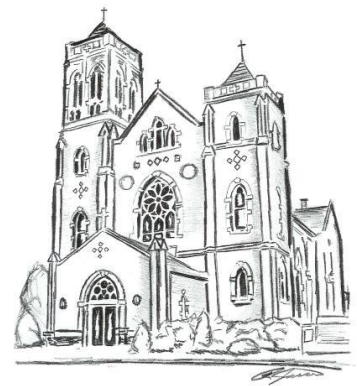
Mother's Day

MAY 14, 2023



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St. Bernard and St. Damian

Catholic Churches

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MAY 15th

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Prayer Service

TUESDAY, MAY 16th

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17th

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

Steve Mueth

THURSDAY, MAY 18th

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For all the People

FRIDAY, MAY 19th

NO MASS/SERVICE

Last Day of Faith Formation

SATURDAY, MAY 20th

Mass in Church

4:00 PM @ St. Damian

Louis Korte

Deceased Members of the Henry & Lucille

Albers Family

SUNDAY, MAY 21st

Mass in Church

9:30 AM @ St. Bernard

Virgil Heimann

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3: 15-18; John 14: 15-21

Luke, the author of Acts, reports that when the people of Samaria heard Philip proclaim Christ and saw him perform wondrous signs, they reacted with great joy. May great joy come upon us as well as we listen to the Word of God proclaimed and then participate in the wondrous miracle of the bread and wine becoming the Body and Blood of our Lord.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, May 14th-MOTHER'S DAY

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, May 15th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, May 16th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 @ St. Damian

Wednesday, May 17th

Mass in Church w/ Refreshments to follow at Rectory

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, May 18th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

KC Meeting

7:30 pm @ Jaycee Building

Friday, May 19th – Last Day of Faith Formation

NO MASS/SERVICE

Navy Jean Tonnies Baptism

6:00 pm @ St. Damian Parish w/ Deacon Kevin

Saturday, May 20th

St. Damian Parish Grounds Work Day

7:00 am @ St. Damian's Cemetery & Grounds

Wedding of Michelle Fuehne & Alex Diekmann

@ St. Damian w/ Fr. Steven & Deacon Kevin

Mass in Church w/Parish Council Elections

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, May 21st

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Beau Larson Timmermann Baptism

After the 9:30 Mass @ St. Bernard w/Deacon Kevin

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

“O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.”

**LET ALL THE EARTH
CRY OUT TO GOD WITH JOY!**

Congratulations to our 1st Communicants who will receive *Jesus, the Bread of Life*, for the first time on Saturday, May 13th from St. Damian: *Silas Michael Arentsen, Alexa Nicole Contreras-Avalos, William David Jansen, Harper Jade Kalmer, Brent Anthony Mitchell, Emmerson Rose Netemeyer, Henry John Sauer, Levi Dennis Skelton, Carter Glen Voss, Alexis Marie Toennies.*

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 & the Choir** for providing the music.

Please help Mater Dei Catholic High School with their mission of spreading the Catholic faith by purchasing a Mega Raffle Ticket. Tickets cost \$100 each for a chance at \$20,000 in prize money. Please contact Roger Toennies (618-792-5364) or Steve Schomaker (618-973-8860) for details or to purchase a ticket.

**LAST DAY OF PSR CLASSES WILL BE FRIDAY,
MAY 19, AT BOTH PARISHES**

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

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 FOR BOTH
ST. BERNARD & ST. DAMIAN CHILDREN**

Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive. June 12-16th from 9:00 – Noon. To be held at 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.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: May 6th

Loose: \$76.00+ Envelopes: (18) \$985.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$364.00
+ ACH For May 2nd: \$1,210.00 \$2,635.00
Budget for week: \$3,102.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$136,970.42
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$136,488.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$482.42
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 20th

Eucharistic Ministers: Marilyn Jansen + 1 Volunteer
Ushers: Roger Toennies + 1 Volunteer
Servers: Kennedy Toennies, Reid & Lyla Koch
Lector: Anita Rakers
Cantor: Rosann Horstmann
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counters: Dave Kassen, Gwen Toennies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL will be seeking nominations for 2 new members. 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. Donations are **due in by May 15** so we can get our tickets printed. Our parish picnic will be held on Saturday, July 8, 2023. Please save the date!!

ST. DAMIAN CEMETERY UPDATE:

It is grass cutting season at the cemetery. We ask for everyone's assistance by refraining from putting items/decorations in the grass in front of the concrete ribbons and tombstones. Keeping things out of the grass will help keep the weeds down. Your cooperation is appreciated to help keep our cemetery looking nice. Any questions, please contact Al Varel at 618-973-8527.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: May 7th

Loose: \$55.00 + Envelopes: (39) \$2,350.00
+ Easter: (1) \$25.00
+ ACH for May 2nd: \$2,370.00 \$4,871.52
Budget for week: \$3,264.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$157,069.18
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$143,616.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$13,453.18
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 21st

Euch. Minister: Lynn Athmer
Reader: Jackie Farrar
Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake
Servers: Jacob Cannaday, Sadie Pingsterhaus, Maverick Richter
Coll. Counters: Phyllis Albers, James Williams, Dana Lake
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

WE WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY through the saving waters of Baptism ***Beau Larson Timmermann***, the son of Jacob & Meredith (Kloeckner) Timmermann, who will be baptized on Sunday, May 21st at St. Bernard. May the Good Lord bless you and keep you safe on your faith journey.

WE WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY through the saving waters of Baptism ***Navy Jean Tonnies***, the daughter of Josh & Kayla (Albers) Tonnies, who will be baptized on Friday, May 19th at St. Damian. May the Good Lord bless you and keep you safe on your faith journey.



TODAY!!! ALBERS LEGION MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST, Sunday, May 14th, from 8:00-11:30. Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes & Biscuits & Gravy, milk, juice & coffee. Dine in or carryout.

MATER DEI SCHOLARSHIPS: Below are several scholarships to assist 8th grade students wishing to attend Mater Dei High School.

-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.

Clinton County Citizens for Life is again selling long stemmed Roses for Mother's Day in front of church before and after Masses this Weekend May 13 and 14. Cost of the Roses remains at \$2.00 each. Vases will be available for Memorial Roses to be placed on Mary's Altar. This is our only fundraiser for the year and supports all of our Pro-Life Programs and Activities, including billboards, educational flyers at parades, newsletters regarding current Pro-Life and Pro-family events. We are also having our Membership Drive and will be handing out brochures. We would love to keep you abreast of Pro-Life activities and events as well as legislative issues and prayer needs. Please pick one up and mail them back to the address on the brochure. Thank you for helping us speak out to save Babies and help Mom's in need.

The Clinton County Citizens for Life, in coordination with churches throughout the county, will host a one-hour Pro-Life Prayer Service each month in 2023. On Wednesday, May 17th, the prayer service will be held at Westgate Baptist Church in Trenton from 7:00-8:00PM. Please join us, praying our state and nation will get back on a moral and virtuous path and our culture will change to more fully appreciate and cherish our Lord's precious gift of life.

Join us June 9-12 for TEC 269 @ Mater Dei Catholic High School in Breese, IL! Looking for a more meaningful experience of the Catholic faith? Craving a deeper relationship with Jesus? Come away for the weekend to take a different look at the world with teens & young adults like you. Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a weekend retreat program for high school juniors and seniors & beyond. Held at parishes and other facilities throughout Southern Illinois, these retreats use talks, skits, art, music, sacraments, friendship & fun to offer you a new way to be Catholic. Learn more & apply now at <http://www.bellevilletec.org>. TEC is held from Saturday morning through Monday evening. Parents & youth ministers are welcome to attend TEC weekends as adult observers. Everyone over 18 must meet diocesan requirements for CPP training

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 Diocese of Belleville is seeking a full-time Director of Communications. This position is responsible for planning, implementing, and monitoring the Diocesan communication strategy which includes social media, across the 28 southern counties of Illinois. This position is responsible for the development and production of the diocesan newspaper, The Messenger, available to readers in both print and digital format. Additionally, this position works in conjunction with leadership in preparing official statements for the media. Essential qualifications include a bachelor's degree in journalism, communications, or equivalent experience; and 1-3 years' experience in a related role where writing and editing was required, plus knowledge of photography, Microsoft Office and Adobe Suite. Practicing Catholic required with thorough knowledge and understanding of Catholic teachings, practices, and organizational structure. TO APPLY: Send resume, cover letter, and references to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 South Third Street, Belleville, IL 62220 or email humanresources@diobelle.org. Application Deadline: May 19, 2023.

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