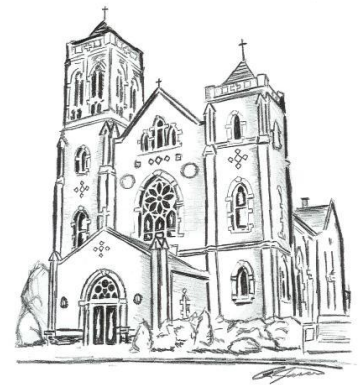
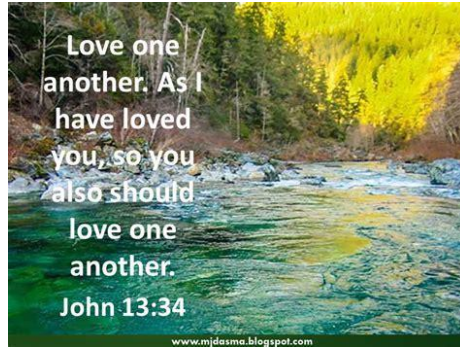




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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MAY 19th

Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, MAY 20th

Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
Healing Mass of St. Peregrin
7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21st

Mass in Church w/ refreshments after in Rectory
7:45 am @ St. Damian
Frank & David Netemeyer
St. Damian 8th Grade Graduates

THURSDAY, MAY 22nd

Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
Ben & Honey Brueggemann

FRIDAY, MAY 23rd

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, MAY 24th

Mass in Church
4:00 pm @ St. Damian
Eugene Schneider
Frank & Minnie Heimann
Bob Innes
Herman & Vivian Jansen
Albert & Catherine Jansen

SUNDAY, MAY 25th

Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
For All Our Veterans & Military
Blake Thole
Eugenia Brandmeyer
Lindy Horstmann

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 14: 21-27; Revelation 21: 1-5a; John 13: 31-33a, 34-35

Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: love one another. As his disciples now, we are commanded to do the same. May listening to God's word—of Paul and Barnabas making disciples all over Asia Minor, of John's vision of God dwelling with the human race, and of Jesus' words to his disciples—strengthen our spirits as we live out that command.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, May 18th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, May 19th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, May 20th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Healing Mass of St. Peregrin

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Wednesday, May 21st

Mass in Church w/ refreshments after

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Thursday, May 22nd

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, May 23rd

NO MASS/NO SERVICES

Saturday, May 24th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, May 25th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

ST. BERNARD WILL BE HOSTING THE HEALING MASS for the vicariate on Tuesday, May 20, at 7:00 pm. Please join us in praying for those who are suffering from cancer or other illnesses.

***I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME FOR EVER,
MY KING AND MY GOD.***

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)

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 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. 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 10th

Loose: \$127.00+ Envelopes: (21): \$1,784.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,753.00
+ Easter Env (1) \$50.00 \$3,714.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$160,288.69
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$141,328.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$18,960.69
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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – May 24th

Ministers: Kristy Richter, Mech Toennies, Julie Langenhorst
Ushers: Norm Horstmann & Volunteer
Servers: Ryan & Jacob Oros, Harper Kalmer
Reader: Anita Rakers
Cantor: Kathy Gonsalves
Organist: Geri Varel
Collection Counters: Anita Rakers, Kathy Gonsalves
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.

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. My phone # is 618-335-9562. Thank you in advance for any and all donations as they have nothing 🙏

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: May 11th:

Loose: \$140.01+Envelopes: (28) \$1,000.00
+ Easter Env (5) \$55.00 \$1,195.01
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$156,541.38
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$152,325.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$4,216.38
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: \$4850 Pledged (13) of \$10,446 Goal
Thank you for your continued support!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – May 25th

Ministers: Kristen Templin, Kati Schwierjohn, Jackie Farrar
Reader: Dana Lake
Ushers: Cory & Andra Goestenkers
Servers: Austin & Logan Hemker, Henry Pieszchalski
Collection Counters: Tina Wuebbels, Keith Richter, Dana Lake
Thank you for being ministers of your 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>

Respect Life Corner. On May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers. You are invited to pray a novena for life beginning on May 22nd in honor of this special feast day. Learn more by visiting respectlife.org/visitation.

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 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!

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.

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

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.

VOCATION CORNER. "Growing up in Nigeria, I was raised Catholic and served as an altar boy. Naturally, I felt drawn to the priesthood due to my closeness to the altar and my admiration for our parish priests. After attending minor seminary for high school, I entered college seminary but left after my first year to pursue another career. I came to the United States, intent on marrying and raising a family. But my soul was restless, and God had another plan. Providentially, I was contacted by the vocation director of the Josephites. And when I visited their seminary, I felt a peace and joy I had not known in many years. I returned to seminary, and one day on retreat, something happened that solidified my calling to the priesthood. As I prayed in the chapel, what appeared to be the image of Jesus in the monstrance was shown to me. I was terrified and in awe. It remains an indescribable experience, but it confirmed me in my vocation. I am so grateful for the privilege of being a priest." Fr. Kingsley Ogbuji, Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES! If you have not received your new two-parish directory, please contact Emily Schirmer 618-978-5806, Geri Varel 618-444-5073 or Deb Schomaker 618-806-5191. We have some extra directories, so if anyone would like to purchase one or wants to have an extra one on-hand, they are \$20 each. The new two-parish directory is a wonderful reference book that includes updated info for both parishes. Contact Emily, Geri or Deb to purchase a copy!

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