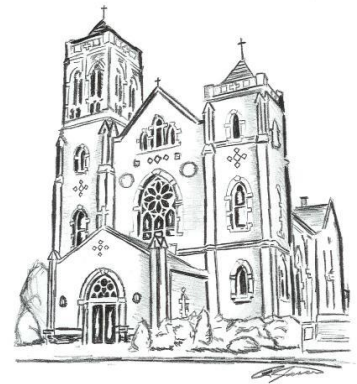




**THE ASCENSION OF THE
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MAY 21, 2023**



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**St. Bernard and St. Damian
Catholic Churches**

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MAY 22nd

NO MASS/SERVICE

TUESDAY, MAY 23rd

NO MASS/SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

Jerry Toennies

THURSDAY, MAY 25th

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For all Parishioners

FRIDAY, MAY 26th

NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, MAY 27th

Mass in Church

4:00 PM @ St. Damian

Herman & Vivian Jansen

Albert & Catherine Jansen

Ed Santel & Robert "Smitty" Santel

SUNDAY, MAY 28th

Mass in Church

9:30 AM @ St. Bernard

All Deceased Veterans

Alice & Gerard Haake

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Acts 1: 1-11; Ephesians 1: 17-23; Matthew 28: 16-20

Every year on this feast, we hear the opening passage from Acts of the Apostles, in which Luke writes that Jesus is lifted up as the disciples look on. Interestingly, in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus leads the disciples up a mountain but does not disappear from their sight. However, both Matthew and Luke emphasize that Jesus gave the disciples a mission: to be his witnesses, evangelizing to the ends of the earth. May we listen to Jesus' words as his modern-day disciples, ready and eager to hear his guidance.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

Monday, May 22nd

No Mass/Service

Tuesday, May 23rd

No Mass/Service

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 @ St. Damian

Wednesday, May 24th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, May 25th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, May 26th

NO MASS/SERVICE

Saturday, May 27th

Wedding of Danielle Kalmer & Ben Pingsterhaus

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

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, May 28th

Mass in Church – Mass for Deceased Veterans

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

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GOD MOUNTS HIS THRONE

TO SHOUTS OF JOY;

A BLARE OF TRUMPETS FOR THE LORD!

THANK YOU TO OUR CATECHISTS

for your commitment to the Faith Formation program. It is not always easy being available on a daily basis so **THANK YOU** for your extra efforts so that the students can continue their faith formation program. Without each and every one of you, our program would not be able to continue.

THANK YOU!!!!

BLESSING OF GRADUATES will be held the weekend of May 27 & 28. We invite all graduates to attend Mass that weekend for a special blessing

FAITH FORMATION 2023-24 REGISTRATION.

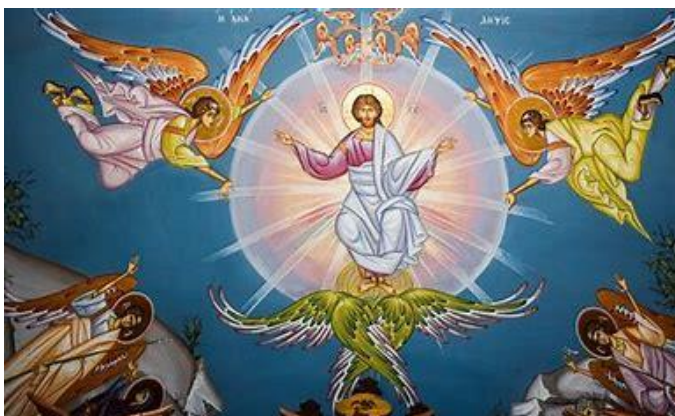
Commitment forms have been sent via email. Please be sure to return these via the collection basket or through your at any time over the summer. IF you did not receive one, please contact Angie or Deacon Glenn and they will get it to you. Thanks so much!

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.

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.



ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: May 13th

Loose: \$118.00+ Envelopes: (29) \$1,845.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$738.00
+ ACH For May 16th: (8) \$550.00 \$3,251.00
Budget for week: \$3,102.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$140,221.42
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$139,590.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$631.42
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 27th

Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Brandmeyer + 1 Volunteer
Ushers: Brad & Kristy Richter
Servers: Reid Toennies, Lincoln & Connor Arentsen
Lector: Mary Innes
Cantor: Lauren Cleeton
Organist: Jan Hitch
Collection Counters: Sandy Kramer, Kathleen Hodges
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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 14th

Loose: \$84.00 + Envelopes: (32) \$1,740.00
+ ACH for May 16th: (23) \$2,535.00 \$4,359.00
Budget for week: \$3,264.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$161,428.18
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$146,880.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$14,548.18
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 28th

Euch. Minister: Jackie Farrar + 1 Volunteer
Reader: Ray Gill
Ushers: John & Linda Majchrzak
Servers: Cole Huegen, Liam Jung, Cayden Loepker
Coll. Counters: Tina Wuebbels, Keith Richter,
Janel Zurliene
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“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.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers”

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY DRAWING WINNERS: \$400 – Jen Outland, \$60 – Al & Geri Varel, \$60-Paul Rickhoff. Congratulations!

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MICHAEL MCGOVERN

With great joy, I announce that on Saturday, June 3, 2023, I will ordain 14 men of our Diocese to the Order of Deacon (Permanent Diaconate). The Liturgy will take place at the Cathedral of St. Peter at 10:00 AM. All are invited to attend. Please pray for our candidates as they prepare for ordination.

The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15

Did you know YOUR GIFT to The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese's website at www.diobelle.org and click on “Giving”. It's that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting on YOU. Please visit www.diobelle.org today!

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED! Volunteer Drivers (*YOU*) are needed to help deliver 'Meals on Wheels' to area seniors! Flexible Schedules...Deliver weekly, monthly, or as your schedule allows. Duties include picking up lunches from Trenton Senior Center weekdays at 10:30a.m. to be delivered to homes in Albers, Aviston, Damiansville, New Baden and/or Trenton. Please call Jodi at (618)224-9913 at Western Clinton County Senior Services (WCCSS) to volunteer or for details! Thank You!

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

ST. DOMINIC, BREESE, CHURCH PICNIC IS BACK! Saturday, June 17! Chicken Dinner 3:30-7:00, Quilt Bingo starts at 6:30 pm, usual picnic attractions of children's games, food and beverages. Mass will be at 4:30. Music by the Gusto from 8 Midnight.

ST. MICHAEL, PADERBORN, PARISH PICNIC will be held on July 1. Fried chicken dinner from 3-7, quilt & cash bingo starting at 6:00, Mass at 3:30 & 5:00.

ST. DAMIAN CHURCH PICNIC will be held on Saturday, July 8. Dinner begins at 3:30 with Sauerbraten & homemade noodles, fried chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert. Quilt Bingo, games, drinks, burgers, poker, raffle, and much more. Save the date.

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH PICNIC IS BACK! Save the date for Tuesday, July 25th. Chicken dinner, quilt & cash bingo, burgers, raffle, soda and beer stand.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. The next three weekend experiences are listed below. Sign-up now. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. Dates are as follows: 8/4/23-8/6/23, 9/29/23- 10/1/23, 12/1/23-12/3/23 all at St. Peters, Mo.

MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE:

With summer upon us, it's easy to lose focus on the true meaning of "Memorial Day". It is a time for remembering and honoring all military personnel who died in service of our country to defend our freedoms. On Memorial Weekend, May 27th/28th, you are invited to take a soldier from the basket in the gathering space at St. Damian Church and place it somewhere in your home to remind you to pray for those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Also pray for the brave men and women who are actively serving in the military. God Bless America!

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