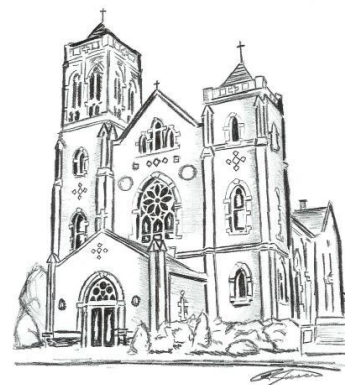


**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 25th, 2025**



**Keep God's Word and God Will
Be with Us**

Jesus answered and said to him,
If a man love me, he will keep
my words: and my Father
will love him, and we will
come to him, and make
our stayed with him.
John 14:23



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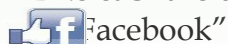
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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MAY 26th - MEMORIAL DAY

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

TUESDAY, MAY 27th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th

Mass in Church

8:00 am @ St. Damian

Steve Mueth

THURSDAY, MAY 29th

Mass in Church

8:00 am @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, MAY 30th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, MAY 31st

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Kent Schneider

Ellarine Santel

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st

Mass in Church

9:30 AM @ St. Bernard

Rev. Stanley Konieczny

Virgil Heimann

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 15:1–2, 22–29; Revelation 21:10–14, 22–23; John 14:23–29

Today's readings reel from the practical to the visionary and back again. In the first reading, the original apostles, guided by the Holy Spirit, decide what to require of uncircumcised Gentile converts, of which there were many. Next, we hear another vision of John's from Revelation. Finally, Jesus prepares the apostles for the time after he has ascended to the Father. His message is both practical and visionary. May God's word also enhance our faith in both ways.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, May 25th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, May 26th – Memorial Day

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Tuesday, May 27th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Wednesday, May 28th

Mass in Church

8:00 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Thursday, May 29th

Mass in Church

8:00 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, May 30th

NO MASS/NO SERVICES

Saturday, May 31st

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

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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.

*OH GOD,
LET ALL THE NATIONS PRAISE YOU!*

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 as soon as possible so we know the number of books to order for next year. IF you did not receive one, please contact Angie or Deacon Glenn and they will get it to you. Thanks so much!

Reminder in the summer there will be NO Prayer Services on Mondays and Tuesdays and weekday Masses will be at 8:00 am.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES FROM BOTH OUR PARISHES!

May they keep the Good Lord in their hearts and minds as they move into the next phase of their journey of life.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: May 17th

Loose: \$100.00 Envelopes: (13): \$620.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$286.00
+ ACH for May 16th: \$550.00 \$1,556.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$161,844.69
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$144,540.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$17,304.69
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: \$5,051 Pledged (23) of \$9,133 Goal
Thank you for your continued support!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – May 31st

Ministers: Virgil & Marilyn Jansen, Mech Toennies
Ushers: Roger Toennies & Dave Albers
Servers: Lincoln, Connor & Silas Arentsen
Reader: Mary Innes
Cantor: Rosann Horstmann
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counters: Dave Kassen, Pete Toennies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

PICNIC INFORMATION:

PICNIC 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.

PICNIC MEETING-June 3 at 6:30pm in the rectory meeting room.

GYM CLEANING-June 25 at 1 pm & 6 pm.
Please bring buckets.

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 🙏

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: May 18th:

Loose: \$124.00+Envelopes: (28) \$1,870.00
+ ACH For May 16th: \$2,830.00
+ Paypal (\$200-6.47 Fee=\$193.53) \$5,017.53
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$161,558.91
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$155,710.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$5,848.91
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 – June 1st

Ministers: Robbin Netemeyer, Tina Wuebbels, Kristen Templin
Reader: Jackie Farrar
Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake
Servers: Cayden & Claire Loepker, Harper Strubhart
Collection Counters: James Williams, Sean Kennedy, Lynn Athmer
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH IS CONSIDERING THE MUCH-NEEDED RENOVATIONS FOR OUR CHURCH.

Within the next several weeks, we will be talking about the much-needed renovations of our Church at the Masses. We will have renderings of the proposed renovations available in the back of church. Please consider what you would be willing to donate/pledge over the next 3 years to maintain our beautiful church. It has been over 40 years since our last renovation.

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>

You are cordially invited to attend the Ordination of the Reverend Mr. Levi K. James, the son of David & Ann James of St. Mary Parish in Mt. Carmel to the Order of the Sacred Priesthood by The Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis, Titular Bishop of Turuzi, through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning in the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 West Harrison Street, Belleville, Illinois. Reception following in the McCormick Center.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER “Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

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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

VOCATION CORNER. “Jesus prepares the apostles for his return to His Father in heaven. He gives us His peace. Unfortunately, peace has not always been upon us. This weekend, we gratefully and prayerfully remember all those who sacrificed their lives serving our country. This ultimate giving of oneself, as Christ did, is the most selfless act of love we humans perform. That raises the question - are we that giving of our spiritual selves? Today provides an opportunity for us to take a moment to reflect on how well we are fulfilling our vocation in life – ordained, married, consecrated, or single. Perhaps a prayer of recommitment is appropriate as we give thanks for those who have sacrificed so much for us.

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>