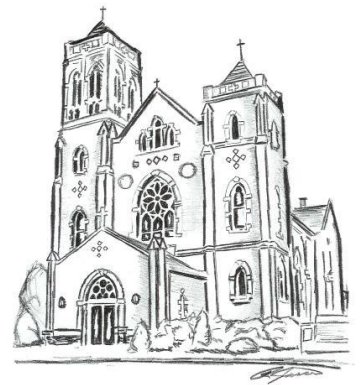




SIXTH SUNDAY
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MAY 5th, 2024



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MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY, MAY 6th

Prayer Service
7:45 AM @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, MAY 7th

Prayer Service
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8th

7:45 AM @ St. Damian
Bob Innes
All Those Suffering from ALS

THURSDAY, MAY 9th

Mass in Church
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard
For The People

FRIDAY, MAY 10th
NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, MAY 11th

Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
Edwin & Mary Hitpas

SUNDAY, MAY 12th – Mother's Day

Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Delmond & Eleanor Huegen
Cynthia Huegen
Marcel Korte

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48; 1 John 4:7–10; John 15:9–17

We are reminded once again to love one another. Why? John says because love is of God, as witnessed by the Father sending the Son to bring us new life and the Son dying for us on the cross to save us from our sins. What greater love can there be for us to imitate? Moreover, Jesus promises his disciples that when we follow his command to love one another, we remain in his love and will receive whatever we need. Let us listen to God's word, inspiring us to put our love for God and for others into action.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, May 5th - Deacon Glenn's Birthday!!

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

*Hispanic Mass in Church-Confirmation Mass
And Blessing of Lady of Guadalupe Canvas Picture*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Edge Meeting

5:30-7:00 pm @ St. Damian Rectory

Monday, May 6th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, May 7th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Damian

Wednesday, May 8th

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, May 9th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, May 10th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Saturday, May 11th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, May 12th – Happy Mother's Day!

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Bennett Cravens Baptism w/ Deacon Kevin

@ St. Bernard's

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**THE LORD HAS REVEALED TO THE
NATIONS HIS SAVING POWER!**

EMMAUS DAYS!! Bishop Michael McGovern and the Diocese of Belleville invite you to **Emmaus Days**. Come encounter Jesus, the Bread of Life, as the Diocese of Belleville celebrates the Eucharistic Revival. **Sunday, July 7** – National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, **Monday, July 8** – Cathedral of St. Peter. Eucharistic Pilgrimage. We will greet the Eucharistic Delegation at St. Augustine in East St. Louis the afternoon of July 7 for an adoration service. We will then move to the Shrine where we will host a major event. At 6:00 pm we will begin our solemn Eucharistic Procession through the Stations of the Cross and hold an adoration service and conclude with a candlelight procession. Sacrament of reconciliation will be available throughout the day. On Monday, the 8th, we will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral at 10:00 with a brief procession to follow. Next, we will proceed to SS Peter & Paul in Collinsville. At 1:00 pm, Bishop McGovern will pass the Blessed Sacrament on to Bishop Paprocki of the Diocese of Springfield. There we will have adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This is a Diocesan Event. Please make plans to join us.

CHURCH DIRECTORY HELP NEEDED.

St. Damian & St. Bernard Parishes are looking to arrange a church directory. The parish is looking for volunteers to help with the organizing and planning of the directory. If you are interested in helping with any role, please contact Emily Schirmer (618) 978-5806 or Beth Brandmeyer (618) 973-8476. All help is greatly appreciated.

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 2024. On **Wednesday, May 8th**, the prayer service will be held at West Gate Baptist Church in Trenton from 7:00-8:00PM. Please join us!!!

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Serve the Lord with gladness-Psalm 100.

A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported The 2024 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!

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 28th

Loose: \$133.00+ Envelopes: (28) \$962.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$778.00 \$1,873.00
Budget for week: \$3,121.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$147,596.75
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$137,324.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$10,272.75
Fiscal year (7/23-6/24) budget: \$162,300.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$71,350.00** 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 – May 11th

Ministers: Erin Korte, Monica Koch,
Beth Brandmeyer
Ushers: Norm Horstmann & Volunteer
Servers: Natalie & Lauren Lynch, Kate Mitchell
Lector: Susan Lynch
Cantor: Lindsey Mitchell, Shannon Sanders
Organist: Geri Varel
Collection Counter: Anita Rakers, Gwen Toennies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

PICNIC INFORMATION!

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 13, 2024. Save the date!!

ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS ARE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience and thanks for supporting St. Damian Church.

PART-TIME PARISH CUSTODIAN NEEDED.

The parish is looking for a part time custodian. 8-12 hours a week if anybody would be interested, please contact Adam Fuehne (618) 520-3637.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 27th

Loose: \$431.00 +Envelopes: (18) \$580.00 \$1,011.00
Budget for week: \$3,502.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$148,890.03
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$154,088.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$5,197.97)**
Fiscal year (7/22-6/23) budget: \$182,100.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$35,300.00** transferred from: Men's Club & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Thank you for your faithful and generous support

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – May 12th

Minister: Kati Schwierjohn, Tina Wuebbels,
Lynn Athmer
Reader: Jackie Farrar
Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake
Servers Sadie Pingsterhaus, Kayla Boeckmann,
Wade Barger
Coll. Counters: Keith Richter, Janel Zurliene,
Lynn Athmer
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

Get your WINNING Albers Hootenanny Raffle Ticket TODAY!

Stop by Village of Albers or Venmo @Brenda-Morris-67 for your tix!
1st Prize - \$1,000 / 2nd Prize - \$500 / 3rd Prize - \$250. \$500 Attendance Drawing
PLUS \$100 Monthly Drawing April - August
SAVE THE DATE: See you at our Albers Hootenanny at Lehrter/JC Park
Sunday, September 01, 2024!
Sponsored by Albers Commercial Club

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WINNERS

Monthly Winners
\$400 Eric Rolves
\$60 Elaine Huegen And Deb Schomaker

FAITH FORMATION 2024-25 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 17, AT BOTH PARISHES

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

VBS will be held June 10-14 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.

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

DRIVERS NEEDED to deliver meals to seniors in Albers and Damiansville! Our seniors are depending on these meals and we're asking YOU to help! **We have an URGENT NEED for FRIDAY drivers! ** Please call Western Clinton Senior Services (WCCSS) TODAY at 618-224-9913 to volunteer!

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 June 1st, 2024. 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 you can contact Steve Schomaker at (618) 973-8860. On behalf of Mater Dei, THANK YOU for your continued support and good luck!

Getting ready for parish picnics? St. Anthony, Beckemeyer is having a quilt sale. Please call Rosemary at 618-444-1942, Florence at 618-526-4466, or Betsy at 618-978-2058 for quilt availability & pricing.

ALSO... Need a quilt for the church picnic? The Auxiliary at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese has 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.

Metro-east Community Chorale Spring Concert, Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 3pm. St Paul United Church of Christ, 115 W. B Street, Belleville, IL. Free Admission

King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center. Summer Directed Retreats. July 8 through July 15, 2024. The 7-day summer Directed II Retreat is a primary way to hear the voice of God through the people and events of daily experiences. The goal of the directed retreat is to allow you to go deeper into your relationship with God while savoring what is happening in your life. The retreat includes daily meetings with your own Spiritual Director and a period of personal prayer, using scripture. Also available are optional periods for group Centering Prayer experiences, Eucharist, and Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please visit kh.snows.org/events/directed-2-2024, or for more information, call 618-397-0584.

ALBERS/DAMIANSVILLE VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALES! Sat, MAY 11, 7am-2pm. All residents are welcome to participate. Set up in your own garages & driveways. Feel free to open your sales for more than one day and set your own hours. No maps will be printed, but if you would like to list your address and hours, feel free to post your info on the Village of Albers OR Damiansville, IL Facebook pages.

Respect Life Bulletin Corner. May 5, 2024.

“The Lord says to us, ‘Do not fear: I am with you’ (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Be Not Afraid” NABRE © 2010. CCD. Used with permission.

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

***WISHING A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
DEACON GLENN ON MAY 5th!***