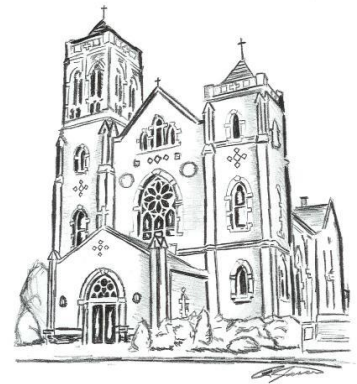




FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 7, 2023



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MAY 8th
7:45 am @ St. Damian
Prayer Service
Prayer Intention for Bob Innes

TUESDAY, MAY 9th
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
Prayer Service
7:45 am @ St. Damian
Balloon Rosary

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th
7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
For all the People

THURSDAY, MAY 11th
7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Herman & Hulda Kollmann

FRIDAY, MAY 12th
NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, MAY 13th
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
For the St. Damian First Communicants

SUNDAY, MAY 14th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Kimberly Dull

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Acts 6: 1-7; 1 Peter 2: 4-9; John 14: 1-12

During the Easter season, we are invited to reflect on all the wonderful implications of the Resurrection. The early church grew and expanded to the extent that more leaders were needed to minister to everyone. We are, as Peter puts it, "living stones," built upon the cornerstone who is Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus assures his disciples that he is preparing dwelling places for them in his Father's house. Let us place our trust in the Lord, that we will one day reach God's dwelling place.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, May 7th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

CYM Meeting at St. Damian Rectory

12:30 pm @ St. Damian Rectory

Monday, May 8th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Vacation Bible School Leader/Volunteer Meeting

6:00 pm @ St. Damian Rectory Meeting Room

Tuesday, May 9th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Balloon Rosary- All are welcome

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 @ St. Damian

Wednesday, May 10th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, May 11th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, May 12th

NO MASS/SERVICE

Saturday, May 13th

Baptism of Daniel Contreras

12:00 pm @ St. Damian

Mass in Church – First Communion

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, May 14th-MOTHER'S DAY

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**LORD, LET YOUR MERCY BE ON US,
AS WE PLACE OUR TRUST IN YOU!**

The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15. A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported the 2023 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. Thank you for your generosity! Donations to date.

<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Goal</u>
St. Bernard- \$6,215.00	\$10,120.00
St. Damian- \$5,372.40	\$8,993.00

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

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LEADER/ VOLUNTEER MEETING

will be held on Monday, May 8, at 6:00 at St. Damian Rectory.

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: April 30th

Loose: \$209.00+ Envelopes: (20) \$1,111.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1175.00 \$2,495.00
Budget for week: \$3,102.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$134,335.42
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$133,386.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$949.42
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 13th

Eucharistic Ministers: Virgil Jansen + 1 Volunteer
Ushers: Jerry Innes & Delmar Santel
Servers: Randy, Ryan & Edwin Oros, Charlie Sauer
Lector: First Communicants
Cantor: Choir
Organist: Geri Varel
Collection Counters: Kathy Gonsalves, Mel Toennies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL will be seeking nominations for 2 new members. Nominations will be accepted this weekend at Mass and 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 LADIES SODALITY quilt raffle tickets are in the back of the church for pick up. Please take the time to pick yours up. Thanks!!

ST. DAMIAN PSR BALLOON ROSARY will be held on Tuesday, May 9th, at 7:45 am in the parking lot. Everyone welcome to attend.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: April 29th

Loose: \$71.00
+Envelopes & Online: (39) \$1,832.00
Easter: (1) \$5.00 \$1,908.00
Budget for week: \$3,264.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$152,197.66
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$140,352.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$11,845.66
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 14th

Euch. Minister: Kati Schwierjohn
Reader: Jamie Jung
Ushers: Cory & Andra Goestenkers
Servers: Kellan & Jaxson Hubert, Austin Hemker
Coll. Counters: Keith Richter, Janel Zurliene,
Lynn Athmer
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

WE WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY through the saving waters of Baptism ***Emily Ann Cannaday***, the daughter of Brandon & Ann (Broeckling) Cannaday, who was baptized on Saturday, April 29th, at St. Bernard. May the Good Lord bless you and keep you safe on your faith journey.

ST. BERNARD/ST. DAMIAN YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry meeting on Sunday, May 7, at the St. Damian rectory meeting room at 12:30 pm. We will be discussing softball and Holiday World. Current 8th graders are welcome to come and learn what is being planned for this summer! Any adults who would like to help with youth ministry are welcome to attend, too!

Softball Bats! Youth ministry is looking for any used softball bats for high school youth. If you have any softball bats in your garage that you are no longer using and would like to donate them to youth ministry, contact Shelly Schuetz (618-401-6007).

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS): Find the latest information at

<http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org/catholic-youth-ministry.html>

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. If you are interested and did not receive a scholarship form, please contact Deacon Glenn.

- ⇒ ***Ralph & Delores Netemeyer Scholarship*** is a \$500 scholarship to a St. Bernard 8th grader. The student must type an essay describing their goals for the future and how their Catholic faith will help them on their journey to reach these goals. In the essay, they are also to explain how Albers School has prepared them to accomplish these goals. **Due by May 2nd.**
- ⇒ ***Rademacher-Foppe Scholarship*** will apply \$300 tuition assistance to any St. Bernard 8th grade student wishing to attend MD for the freshmen year only. The student must submit a 100-word essay on why they wish to attend MD, include a listing of parish, school, and community activities in which they participate and have their principal or current teacher complete a recommendation. **Due by May 2nd.**
- ⇒ ***Knights of Columbus Scholarship*** is a \$500 scholarship in tuition assistance to one student from Albers & one from Damiansville. The student must submit a typewritten essay based on the subject, "My Catholic Faith". In the essay, they must describe how their faith has influenced different areas of their life up till now and how it will help with the challenges in the future. Include information about participation in parish activities, community volunteerism and how attending a catholic high school will help achieve your goals in the future. **Due by May 2nd.**
- ⇒ ***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 on Mother's Day 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.

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.

Villages of Albers & Damiansville SPRING YARD SALES! Saturday, May 13, 2023 ~ 7a.m.-2p.m. **Details on our Village of Albers FaceBook page at <https://www.facebook.com/villageofalbers>.** **Sellers** - Include address/information on our FaceBook page. *Maps will not be printed. * **SAVE the DATES:** Villages of Albers & Damiansville Yard Sales are the second Saturdays of May and September!

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.