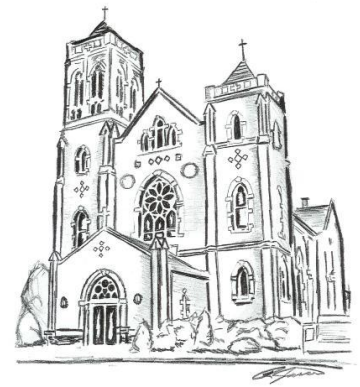




**THE MOST HOLY BODY &  
BLOOD OF CHRIST  
CORPUS CHRISTI  
June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 am @ St. Damian  
Fr. Stan Konieczny

**THURSDAY, JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mass in Church**  
8:00 am @ St. Bernard  
For All Parishioners

**FRIDAY, JUNE 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mass in Church**  
4:00 pm @ St. Bernard  
Virgil Heckenkemper

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mass in Church**  
9:30 AM @ St. Damian  
Darlene C. Toennies  
Special Intention: FJ

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Genesis 14:18–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26; Luke 9:11b–17**

In the first reading and the responsorial psalm, we are reminded of Melchizedek, the first priest mentioned in the Bible. He brought Abraham bread and wine, the same food and drink that Jesus transformed into his body and blood. The Gospel story of the feeding of the multitudes through the multiplication of five loaves and two fish reminds us that God's generosity is overflowing, able to satisfy us all. Let us listen to God's word, so we can go out and become the body of Christ for a world hungering for God's goodness.

### **HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:**

**Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

9:30 am @ St. Damian

***Hispanic Mass in Church***

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

***NO MASS/NO SERVICE***

**Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**

***NO MASS/NO SERVICE***

***Legion of Mary***

5:00 in English @ St. Damian

5:00-8:00 Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament

6:00 in Spanish @ St. Damian

**Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

8:00 am @ St. Damian

***St. Damian Gym Cleaning***

***1:00 & 6:00 pm***

***Eucharistic Adoration***

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

**Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

8:00 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

***NO MASS/NO SERVICES***

**Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

**Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

9:30 am @ St. Damian

***Hispanic Mass in Church***

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**NOTE FROM THE MESSENGER.** In recent weeks, subscribers to The Messenger have made us aware of a delivery problem that is resulting in papers arriving late to their mailboxes. We apologize for the service issue and are investigating the cause of it with post offices throughout the Diocese of Belleville. Please be patient during this time as we search for a solution. Thank you!

***"YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER,  
IN THE LINE OF MELCHIZEDEK."***

### **ONLINE DONATIONS AND GIVING**

- On line giving is available for both St. Damian and St. Bernard Parishes.
- Donations can be made on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**NOTE FROM JACKIE TOENNIES. I am so overwhelmed by the wonderful response from both St Damian and St Bernard parishioners for donations to my upcoming trip to Zambia. When we packed our "treasures" the other 9 people were amazed by the generosity of all of you! Thank you so much. That being said, our donation checked bags are packed and there's no more room (10 checked bags each containing 50lbs of stuff for the people). I am so proud to be a part of two awesome parishes. Blessings!**

## **ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$86.00 + Envelopes: (27): \$1,269.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$173.00  
+ACH For June 16<sup>th</sup>: \$550.00                      \$2,078.00  
Budget for week:                                      \$3,212.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:                      \$172,220.69  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:                         \$157,388.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:                 \$14,832.69  
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**

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE – June 29<sup>th</sup>**

Ministers: Sharon Kalmer, Denise Luitjohan, Ken Mank  
Ushers: Pete Toennies, Garry Kalmer  
Servers: Reid & Alexis Toennies, Peyton Scheibel  
Reader: Lori Jansen  
Cantor: Jackie Toennies  
Organist: Geri Varel  
Collection Counters: Anita Rakers, Pete Toennies  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### **PICNIC INFORMATION:**

- Reminder to please pick up quilt raffle tickets in the back of church if you haven't already done so.
- St. Damian Picnic Raffle tickets are now available for pickup. They will be located in the entryway of the rectory and available every day, all day. On Sundays, the tickets will be available before and after Mass in church and then will be moved back to rectory. Please be sure to pick up and sell your tickets. All tickets can be returned via the collection basket, drop box at front of rectory, or to Brent Goebel or Gary Tonnie.
- **PICNIC SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR GAMES** was taken up on Sunday, June 15, for the game stand. We will be using these funds to purchase prizes in bulk. You can also drop your donation in the collection basket or in the drop box on the front porch of the rectory marked picnic game donation. Thank you in advance for supporting St. Damian Picnic.

## **ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: June 14<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$95.00 + Envelopes: (27) \$1,086.00  
+ ACH For June 16<sup>th</sup>: \$2,830.00  
+ Paypal (\$20.00-1.09 fee=\$18.91)                 \$4,029.91  
Budget for week:                                      \$3,385.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected:                         \$172,126.82  
Fiscal year-to-date budget:                         \$169,250.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget:                 \$2,876.82  
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**

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE – June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Ministers: Kathy Engelmann, Liz & Ken Nussbaumer  
Reader: Janel Zurliene  
Ushers: Nick & Kathy Friederich  
Servers: Trigg, Tucker & Levi Goestenkors  
Collection Counters: Phyllis Albers, Lynn Athmer, Dana Lake  
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. Letters & commitment forms have been mailed. Please return by July 1, 2025. Thank you!

### **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>

### **HELP NEEDED!**

One of our Albers residents needs transportation to/from Mascoutah in the upcoming weeks for therapy following knee surgery. Please call Brenda (618-248-5154) at Albers Village Hall if you're able to help!

**MUSIC in the PARK at Lehter/JC Park Stage EVERY THURSDAY this summer!** Live, local bands EVERY THURSDAY! FREE family night. \*Bring your coolers. \*Bring your lawn chairs

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER** “Christ’s blood reveals to man that his greatness, and therefore his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self. ...It is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life. It is precisely this blood that is the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God’s plan life will be victorious.”

**VILLAGE OF ALBERS BLASTOFF PARADE & FIREWORKS** will be Thursday, July 3. Deacon Kevin Templin & Deacon Glenn Netemeyer are our Parade Grand Marshalls. Parade will be at 6:30, Fireworks begin at 9:00 pm. To donate towards the fireworks, please drop donation at Albers Village Hall.

**CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT**, Tuesday, July 1, with Fr. Thomas Lugge at 6:30 pm at Bartelso Bowling Lanes. Pizza, fellowship, and Q & A. Discussion on WHAT we do at Mass and WHY!

**ST. MICHAEL IN PADERBORN PARISH PICNIC**, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Fried chicken dinner from 3-7 pm, quilt & cash bingo starting at 5:00 pm. Mass at 4:00 pm.

**ST. DAMIAN CHURCH PICNIC**, Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Damian Parish Grounds. Mass at 4:00 pm. Fried chicken dinner including sauerbraten & homemade noodles begins at 3:30 in the parish gym. Quilt bingo begins at approximately 6:30 pm. Beer, soda, margarita, sandwich stands. Ice cream and Mexican corn stands and plenty of games and bounce houses for the kids.

**VOCATION CORNER.** “I was blessed to attend strong Catholic parishes and entered the Academy of Fine Arts to study painting, which was a dream come true. Still nothing in my life satisfied me completely. I wanted to grow closer to God and I felt the call to give my all to Christ. However, I was terrified with the idea of leaving my family and my dreams, painting, dancing and children. Then a moment came in prayer when deep in my heart I simply said to God, “OK, I will do it”. Suddenly, a peace entered my life like I never experience before. I never knew such peace existed. I completed my school studies and soon went to the convent with my suitcase.” Sister Gaudia Skass, Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Krakow Poland, Columbia, May 2016.

**The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. *Hope in the Lord.*** Each year the success of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal depends upon the generous response of every Catholic household – **it depends on you!!** Every dollar donated to the Appeal is restricted and supports only the work of 17 diocesan ministries which serve thousands of people throughout southern Illinois each year. To learn more about the good works **your gift** makes possible, visit [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) and click on the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal poster or call Judy Phillips at 618-722-5007 – she’d love to hear from you!

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council** reports record numbers of people staying at its OverNite Center to escape summer’s heat and 300+ people per day coming for meals at Cosgrove’s Kitchen. With these increased numbers, there is an urgent need for your help. We humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients and, if you are able, your donation of: **Bottled Water, Gatorade or similar drinks, Individually packaged food items:** cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs chips, crackers, cheese sticks, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup. **Food of All Types.** Items can be dropped off at: **St. Vincent de Paul Council Office**, 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church). Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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