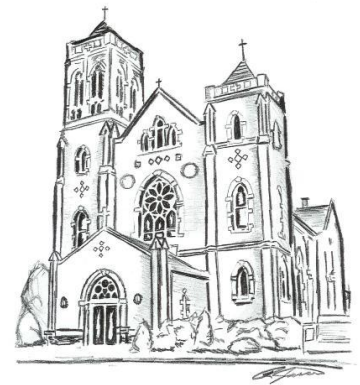




*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 13th, 2025*



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, JULY 14th
NO MASS/NO SERVICE

TUESDAY, JULY 15th
NO MASS/NO SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16th
Mass in Church w/ Refreshments after
8:00 am @ St. Damian
For all Parishioners

THURSDAY, JULY 17th
Mass in Church
8:00 am @ St. Bernard
Henry & Mary Rita Hilmes

FRIDAY, JULY 18th
NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, JULY 19th
Mass in Church
4:00 pm @ St. Damian
Franklin & Marian Eversgerd
Kent Schneider
Tom & Alice Gonsalves
Jerome & MaryRita Koerkenmeier

SUNDAY, JULY 20th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Joseph & Clara Athmer

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Deuteronomy 30:10–14; Colossians 1:15–20; Luke 10:25–37

Having shared with the Chosen People the commandments that God spoke to him on Sinai, Moses tells them how simple it is to keep them. If they take them to heart, then they only have to act with all their heart. In Jesus' story of the good Samaritan, it is the Samaritan whose heart is moved with compassion and treats the injured man as God commands we must. May we take God's word to heart.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, July 13th - Picnic Cleanup

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, July 14th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Tuesday, July 15th

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, July 16th

Mass in Church w/ Refreshments after

8:00 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Thursday, July 17th

Mass in Church

8:00 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, July 18th

NO MASS/NO SERVICES

Saturday, July 19th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, July 20th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

***"YOUR WORDS, LORD,
ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE."***

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.

CHURCH PICNIC PRAYER!

We ask your blessing on our church picnic gathering, rain or shine, sun or cloud. Bless the children who can't wait for the games and the fun and the good food. Bless the child in all of us who feels the same way. Amen!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING! 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! ALSO, SPECIAL REQUEST! Please contact Brenda at Albers Village Hall (villageofalbers@yahoo.com) if you have a new or lightly used FULL OR QUEEN BED with mattress to donate to a local family.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: July 5th

Loose: \$114.00+ Envelopes: (14): \$765.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$382.00
+ ACH For July 2nd: \$1,310.00 \$2,571.00
Budget for week: \$3,536.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$2,571.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$3,536.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$965.00)
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$183,900.00
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$80,000.00** 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

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: July 6th

Loose: \$157.00+Envelopes: (26) \$1,230.00
+ ACH For July 2nd: \$2,495.00 \$3,862.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$3,862.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$3,385.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$477.00
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$176,000.00
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$52,929.00** transferred from: Men's Club & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)
CSMA RESULTS: \$6300 Pledged (16) of \$10,446 Goal
Thank you for your continued support!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – July 19th

Ministers: Kristy Richter, Diana Jansen, Ruth Jansen
Ushers: Brad Richter & Roger Toennies
Servers: Charlie & Henry Sauer, Miranda Richter
Reader: Rosann Horstmann
Cantor: Kathy Gonsalves
Organist: Geri Varel
Coll. Counters: Kristy Richter, Gwen Toennies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – July 20th

Ministers: Lynn Athmer, Lynette Huegen, Volunteer
Reader: Sean Kennedy
Ushers: Cory & Andra Goestenkors
Servers: Oliver Varel, Brody Schulte, Sawyer Winkeler
Collection Counters: Keith Richter, Sean Kennedy, Lynn Athmer
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

PICNIC 2025

We thank everyone involved with the St. Damian Picnic.

To the Picnic Committee, the workers, those who donated quilts, other items and monetary donations, those who sold and purchased raffle tickets, those who supported the dinner, the bingo and all picnic stands. To all parishioners and guest who supported our picnic in any way...

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!

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

Thank you to all who have already returned their Letters of Intent. It is truly appreciated! We ask for those who have yet to do so, please consider your donation and return your Letter of Intent as soon as possible. Please know that all donors & donation amounts will remain anonymous and confidential. When we do the donation plaque at the end of the project, we will only list your name or who your donation was in memory of. There will never be an amount shown.
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.

FEAST OF ST. BERNARD RAFFLE TICKETS have been mailed. The prize package is one \$5,000 grand prize and three \$1,000 prizes and the drawing will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2025. Thank you in advance for purchasing and selling these tickets. Please return all tickets by August 8th, whether sold or unsold, to the parish office via the collection basket, mail or dropped in the secure lock box on the front porch of the rectory or call any parish or finance council member and they will pick them up. Thanks so much for supporting St. Bernard's Parish. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please call Angie at (618) 248-5112 and leave a message or any finance or parish council member.

MUSIC in the PARK at Lehrter/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 “What does the Church really teach about family planning and infertility? Did you know that there is a *more* effective solution to infertility? Listen to days 309 and 310 of the *Catechism in a Year* podcast by Fr. Mike Schmitz to learn more. Links are listed below!

Day 309: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRuYgrEYSYg>

Day 310: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nBtRnd7r5DI>

TODAY!!! ST. DAMIAN CHURCH PICNIC, Saturday, July 12th 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.

ST. BONIFACE, GERMANTOWN, CHURCH PICNIC is on Tuesday, July 29th. The fried chicken dinner with our famous dressing begins at 3:30PM. Handmade quilt and cash bingo starts at 6:30PM. There will be inflatables and games for kids. There will also be a sandwich stand, popcorn, candy, soda and water and ice-cold beer. You can try your luck playing some picnic poker, over/under and Big Six. We will also host a raffle with great prizes, so take a chance! The raffle drawing will be held at 11:00PM. Join us under the church steeple for the most fun you will ever have on a Tuesday night.

ST. BRUNO PARISH PICNIC, PINCKNEYVILLE, JULY 19, 2025. Polka Mass at 3:30pm. Fried Chicken Dinner in KC Hall 3:30-6:30. Cash & Quilt Bingo in KC Hall at 7pm. FREE Inflatables for kids! Shuttle service. Beer, Poker, Raffle, Music, & much more!

St. Charles Church, Dubois, IL Summer Social, Saturday, July 26. Fried Chicken Dinner served 3-7, Quilt & Cash Bingo starts at 7:00 pm in AC KC Hall, Raffle, Games, Beer, Soda & Sandwiches. Polka Mass at 4:00 pm.

St. Anthony's, Lively Grove Parish Picnic, Saturday, August 2nd on the Parish Grounds. Chicken Dinner 4-8, Polka Mass at 4:00, Quilt & Cash Bingo starting at 6:30. Concessions, novelties, prizes & music.

St. James Summer Festival Saturday, August 2nd, St. James Parish Grounds, 405 W. Madison St. Millstadt, IL Mass at 3pm. Fried Chicken Dinner, 4-6pm (Carryout after 6pm). Cash Bingo, 7-10pm (Indoors), Sandwich Stand, Cornhole Tournament, 50/50 Raffle, Cake Stand, Barrel of Booze Raffle, Poker Stand, Basket Boutique, Kids corner, Ice Cream stand & MORE!

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>

VOCATION CORNER. “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart... and your neighbor as yourself.” How powerful are the two Great Commandments we need to live by to “inherit eternal life.” How do you do that in your vocation? First, are you truly living your vocation – are you called to something greater? Are you bringing souls to Christ through your spousal vocation – through your single vocation – through your daily life? Hopefully, we are imitating the Good Samaritan and tending to others. Take some quiet time to pray and listen to what the Lord has intended for you.

Mater Dei Employment Opportunities. Mater Dei is currently seeking qualified and enthusiastic candidates to fill teaching positions for three courses, all of which are offered one period per day: Drafting (introductory level), Introduction to Engineering (introductory/exploratory level), Woodshop. For all three courses, both the time of and the content of the course are flexible. Qualifications include an A.A., A.S., B.A., or B.S. in a related field or applicable experience. For additional information, contact Principal dlitteken@materdeiknights.org or 618-526-7216.

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