



## **St. Damian Parish**

Founded 1861  
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## **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



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## **MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, JULY 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**TUESDAY, JULY 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00 am Mass @ St. Damian**  
In Thanksgiving for a Very Successful Picnic

**THURSDAY, JULY 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard**  
Glenn Littenken

**FRIDAY, JULY 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, JULY 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
**4:00 PM @ St. Damian**  
Louis Wobbe  
Pat, Randy & Mark Toennies  
Alfred Spihlmann

**SUNDAY, JULY 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
**9:30 AM @ St. Bernard**  
Ed Jansen

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

**Isaiah 55:10–11; Romans 8:18–23; Matthew 13:1–23**

On this day in the middle of summer, our readings take us outside and into nature. In both the first reading and the Gospel, we hear of seeds and their potential within. Isaiah's focus is on the rain that nourishes the earth, enabling the seeds planted there to bear fruit. Jesus' focus is on soil where seeds can either fail or be fruitful. Both Isaiah and Jesus explain that the seed represents God's word, which can be fertile and fruitful. Let us listen to God's word today, imagining it as a seed that will take root in us, grow in us, and bear fruit in us, yielding a rich harvest for the kingdom.

## HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

***Hispanic Mass in Church***

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

***No Mass/Service***

**Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

***No Mass/Service***

***St. Damian PSR Early Registration***

3:00-7:00 at Damiansville School

***Eucharistic Adoration***

7:00-8:00 @ St. Damian

**Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church-Refreshments to follow at Rectory***

8:00 am @ St. Damian

**Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

8:00 am @ St. Bernard

***Knights of Columbus Meeting***

7:30 pm @ Jaycee Building

**Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

***NO MASS/SERVICE***

**Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

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## PARISH DIRECTORY

It's high time we update our parish directories! An up-to-date directory isn't just a convenience; it truly helps build community and a sense of parish 'family' when you can connect faces with names and have that resource to get to know your fellow parishioners. This isn't too burdensome a project but it does take some dedicated volunteers to organize the scheduling of photos and the layout of the book. Would you be willing to help towards this critical parish resource? Please contact your parish office if you're interested... thanks! - Fr. Steven

**THE SEEDS THAT FALL ON GOOD  
GROUND WILL YIELD A FRUITFUL  
HARVEST!**

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION:

***St. Damian will have an early registration this week, Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, from 3-7 pm at the school.***

***Registration forms*** have been emailed. If you did not receive them, please contact the parish office.

- **Students already in the Faith Formation program:** parents/guardians & students are asked to read the policy handbook and sign the ***Commitment Form***. Parents/guardians and students must sign the form. Signing the commitment form will ensure that your child/children is/are enrolled in Faith Formation for 2022-23 (one form per family).
- **New families, or students** please fill out the ***New Student Registration Form***, (one form per student).
- **Send** payment along with the registration form. If you have more than one child in the program, you may send one check.
- **Return** the commitment/registration form and payment to the parish office as soon as possible.
- **Questions:** Contact Deacon Glenn by phone at 772-9343 or email [deaconglenn36@gmail.com](mailto:deaconglenn36@gmail.com).

## FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS NEEDED:

St. Bernard Faith Formation Program is in need of one teacher for the 2023-24 school year. If you are interested in helping, please contact Deacon Glenn at 618-772-9343 or email [deaconglenn36@gmail.com](mailto:deaconglenn36@gmail.com).

## The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

***The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15.*** Did you know YOUR GIFT to the 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese's website at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) and click on "Giving". It's that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting on YOU. Please visit [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) today!

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: July 8<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$403.00+ Envelopes: (13) \$915.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$347.00 \$1,665.00  
Budget for week: \$3,121.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$4,765.00  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$6,242.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$1,477.00)**  
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 FOR July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Eucharistic Ministers: Virgil Jansen & 2 Volunteers  
Ushers: Brad & Kristy Richter  
Servers: Reid Toennies, Charlotte Cleeton,  
Nolan Hemker  
  
Lector: Anita Rakers  
Cantor: Kathy Gonsalves  
Organist: Geri Varel  
Collection Counters: Kristy Richter, Pete Toennies  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

**"HUGE THANKS"** to all who helped in any way to make this year's St. Damian Church Picnic a big success. Special thanks to the committee members who organized the event, those who prepared the gym & grounds, set-up the stands, spent many hours preparing the food, served customers, showed up to work their shifts and those who came to clean up the grounds and gym the next day. We also give thanks to God for blessing us with beautiful weather! The annual picnic is more than a fundraiser ...it is our small community's way of building fellowship & comradery, working together and supporting each other as a team. Your hard work and dedication are definitely noticed and appreciated! Great job! If you have any suggestions, please send them via email to [stdamian1861@gmail.com](mailto:stdamian1861@gmail.com) and they will be passed along to the committee.

### **GROSS RESULTS for 2023**

Bar	\$14,429.00
Bingo	\$16,500.00
Candy/Ice Cream	750.00
Card Game	\$ 2,556.50
Corn	\$ 547.00
Country Store	\$ 983.02
Kitchen Sales	\$ 1,420.00
Margarita	\$ 4,121.00
Raffle	\$14,110.00
Sandwich	\$ 3,769.00
Soda	\$ 1,462.00
Rides/Games	\$ 6,713.00
Donations	\$ 610.00
Supper	\$26,908.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$94,878.52</b>

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: July 9<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$10.00 +Envelopes: (40) \$1955.00 \$1,965.00  
Budget for week: \$3,502.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$5,977.00  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$7,004.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$1,027.00)**  
Fiscal year (7/22-6/23) budget: \$182,100.00  
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$26,800.00** 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 – July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Euch. Minister: Tina Wuebbels + 2 Volunteers  
Reader: Sean Kennedy  
Ushers: Cory & Andra Goestenkers  
Servers: Lilly Behrman, Oliver Varel,  
Kayla Boeckmann  
Coll. Counters: Keith Richter, Sean Kennedy,  
Janel Zurliene  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### **FEAST OF ST. BERNARD RAFFLE TICKETS**

are now available in the back of church. The prize package is one \$5,000 grand prize and three \$1,000 prizes and the drawing will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2023. Thank you in advance for purchasing and selling these tickets. Please return all tickets by August 8<sup>th</sup>, 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) 322-6096.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY PURCHASED OR SOLD YOUR TICKETS!**

### **CHOIR DIRECTOR FOR ST. BERNARD.** St.

Bernard Parish is looking for a choir director. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Joni Kloeckner or Deacon Glenn.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER.** "O God our Creator ... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, ringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society."



**St. Damian Quilt raffle winner.** Twyla Ripperda, Lebanon, IL and Sean & Sheila Honer, Mascoutah, IL.

**Damiansville Elementary** is looking to fill a cook & substitute bus driver position for the upcoming school year. If you are interested, please contact the school (248-5188) or email Erin [ekorte@dville62.com](mailto:ekorte@dville62.com).

**Mid-life Singles:** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at La Salle Retreat Center, Wildwood, MO (35 min from downtown St. Louis), on July 21-23, 2023. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Early bird cost is \$240 (\$250 after July 7th) including meals and a single room. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.stlouis@gmail.com), or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

**ST. BONIFACE CHURCH PICNIC IS BACK!** Save the date for Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Chicken dinner starts at 3:30, quilt & cash bingo starts at 6:30, burgers, raffle, soda and beer stand and much more.

**ST. FRANCIS, AVISTON, CHURCH PICNIC,** Saturday, August 5. Fried chicken dinner, quilt Bingo at 6:30, Mass at 4:00 pm.

**ST. ANTHONY CHURCH, LIVELY GROVE, PARISH PICNIC.** Saturday, August 5. Polka Mass by the Polka Connection beginning at 4:00. Dinner served from 4-8 pm carry-out style in air-conditioned hall. Quilt & Cash Bingo starting at 6:30 pm.

**ST. GEORGE, NEW BADEN, PARISH PICNIC, SATURDAY,** August 12, 3-Midnight. Fried chicken dinner from 3-7, Mass at 4:00 pm, Quilt & Gift Card Bingo starting at 5:45. Children's Bounce houses 7-11 plus all the usual picnic attractions.

**ST. AUGUSTINE, HECKER, IL** annual Kirchenfest Picnic, Saturday, August 19. Fried chicken & Pork Sausage Dinner Family Style Buffet from 3:00-7:00. Mass at 3:00 pm. Quilt Bingo starts at 6:30.

**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](mailto:christine.gebke@hshs.org).

**The Serra Club of St. County** is an organization of Catholic men and women dedicated to foster and affirm vocations to the Priesthood and vowed religious life. Our purpose is to pray for vocations and inform our community the need for vocations. We provide many social events for our Priests, Deacons and Nuns. We sponsor occasional visits to the Seminaries for our grade and high students guided by a priest or a seminarian. Our group meets every first and third Friday of the month at Corpus Christi Parish Hall 206 Rasp St. Shiloh, IL 62269. We begin Mass at 11:00 am, follow by lunch and a brief meeting, and a prominent speaker. Additional information please call Marvin Winkeler (402 214-1155 or Mel Lucash 618-531-4244. Serra has a new web page: [serrastclair.org](http://serrastclair.org). PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

**The Quest Retreat program designed for Freshman and Sophomores in High School.** The first weekend will take place on November 4 and 5 at Sacred Heart Parish in Duquoin, and the second weekend will take place on March 2 and 3 at St. Dominic's Parish in Breese. Please place this info in your bulletins and share them with your youth ministry groups. Nov. 4-5, Duquoin, IL, March 2-3, Breese, IL. You can find Quester applications and Team applications at this link: <https://bellevilletec.org/applications/>.

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