



### **St. Damian Parish**

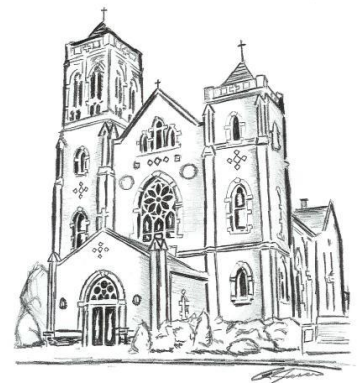
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## **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**



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[www.stbernardandstdamian.org](http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org)



### **St. Bernard Parish**

Founded 1908  
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### **BISHOP OF BELLEVILLE:**

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### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

#### **MONDAY, JULY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 4<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 5<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am Mass @ St. Damian**

For Favorable Weather for Our Church Picnic

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 6<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard**

For the People

#### **FRIDAY, JULY 7<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass in Church-Church Picnic**

**4:00 PM @ St. Damian**

Jerry Toennies

Bob Innes & All ALS Sufferers

Pat Toennies

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass in Church**

**9:30 AM @ St. Bernard**

Herman & Vivian Jansen

**Hispanic Mass in Church**

**11:00 AM @ St. Damian**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

**2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10: 37-42**

Three times in today's Gospel Jesus explains how someone can receive a reward. Sounds great, right? In the first reading, a kind and generous woman receives an awesome reward from God for her hospitality to the prophet Elisha. The psalmist sings of the goodness of the Lord. Our greatest reward, though, has already been given to us. As Paul tells the Romans, when we are baptized into Christ, we are baptized into both his death and his new life. Let us listen for what Jesus asks us to do for his sake to receive our reward.

## HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*No Mass/Service*

**Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – INDEPENDENCE DAY**

*No Mass/Service*

*Eucharistic Adoration*

7:00-8:00 @ St. Damian

**Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

8:00 am @ St. Damian

**Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

8:00 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> – St. Damian Church Picnic**

*Mass in Church*

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

**Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

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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

**ST. BERNARD PARISH** is looking to hire a choir director. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Deacon Glenn or Joni Kloeckner.  
**ST. DAMIAN'S PARISH** is looking for a volunteer to represent St. Damian on the Mater Dei School Board. Please contact the Parish if you are interested.

**FOR EVERY I WILL SING  
THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD!**

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION:

*Registration forms* have been emailed. If you did not receive the information, 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. "With confidence in the Lord, I am turning to you today asking for your support of this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. My hope is that your generous response will help our ministries grow and the compassion of Jesus will be experienced more profoundly in our communities." - Bishop Michael McGovern. Please consider making your gift today!



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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: June 25<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$117.00 + Envelopes: (23) \$1,580.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$169.00 \$1,866.00  
Budget for week: \$3,102.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$154,034.42  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$158,202.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$4,167.58)**  
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 July 8<sup>th</sup>**

Eucharistic Ministers: Denise Luitjohan & 2 Volunteers  
Ushers: Delmar Santel and 2 Volunteers  
Servers: Randy, Ryan & Edwin Oros, Charlie Sauer  
Lector: Beth Brandmeyer  
Cantor: Roseann Horstmann  
Organist: Jan Hitch  
Collection Counters: Dave Kassen, Melvin Toennies  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

## **ST. DAMIAN PICNIC NEWS:**

- **PICNIC - WAYS YOU CAN HELP**
- July 5 Wednesday, 6:00 pm in Gym - Bread Cutting - Bring a knife and a non-wooden cutting board
- July 6, Thursday, 8:00 am, Gym - Noodle Making - Bring a rolling pin
- July 6, Thursday, 6:00 pm, Church Grounds-Gym/Picnic Grounds Set-Up
- July 7, Friday, 1:00 pm – Gym, Finalize Dining Room Set-Up
- July 8, Saturday, 6:00 am – noon, Gym - Food Prep - Dressing, sauerbraten, breakfast
- July 8, Saturday, 3:30 pm PICNIC! (see workers list)
- July 9, Sunday, 8:00 am - Cleanup - Clean gym and kitchen, break down stands, clean up grounds

### **DONATIONS:**

- 1 -2 CAKES per family for the supper (please indicate if it contains nuts)
- Country Store: Home-made wine, pecans/nuts, home-grown vegetables and fruits, baked goods (cookies, bread, etc.), crafts, plants. This list is not inclusive if you have other items to donate that are not on the list. Please list suggested sell price and if baked item has nuts.
- Raffle tickets are available for pickup and will be available in the back of church on weekends and in the entryway of rectory during the week.

## **PICNIC NEWS CONTINUED**

- Game Stand (NEW THIS YEAR): Small items, trinkets or gift cards (no more than \$5) appealing to children. Cash donations are ideal so items can be purchased in bulk. Direct cash donations to Jan Hitch (618- 540-9974) or Kristy Richter or place in envelope labeled Picnic Games and place in the collection basket.
- Donate or Lend: Highchairs, booster seats, plastic ice cream containers, smaller food grade containers, and/or fans to be used in kitchen area.

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

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: June 24<sup>th</sup>**

Loose: \$41.00 +Envelopes: (35) \$1,780.00  
\$1,821.00  
Budget for week: \$3,264.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$177,227.49  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$166,464.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$10,763.49  
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 – July 9<sup>th</sup>**

Euch. Minister: Lynnette Huegen + 2 Volunteers  
Reader: Dana Lake  
Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake  
Servers: Chloe Engelmann, Jack & Sam Reynolds  
Coll. Counters: Sean Kennedy, Phyllis Albers, Lynn Athmer  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

**Our BLAST-OFF FIREWORKS!** is a long-standing tradition in Albers, bringing in many visitors and showing the best of our town! To ensure this great tradition continues, funding for our fireworks show is needed! ALL residents are asked to make a small donation of \$10-\$20 per household. Businesses and organizations are also asked to help support this event! A bigger, better show is being planned for this year's BLAST-OFF FIREWORKS! costing approximately \$7,000! Your help is greatly needed to meet this goal and your generosity will ensure this fun; family-friendly event continues well into the future. Donations may be mailed to Albers Village Hall, ATTN: Fireworks, 206 West Dwight Street, PO Box 132, Albers, IL 62215-0132, dropped in the box at the Village Hall rear parking lot, or Venmo @Albers-Fireworks (QR code below). Checks made payable to "Albers Commercial Club Contact Albers Village Hall (618-248-5154 / [villageofalbers@yahoo.com](mailto:villageofalbers@yahoo.com)) to enter our parade! Thank you in advance for supporting our BLAST-OFF FIREWORKS!



**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).

**20th Annual St. Louis Cardinals Blood Drive-Breese Community Blood Drive**, Knights of Columbus 480 North Walnut, Breese. Wednesday, July 5, 2023, 12:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Breese to schedule an appointment. All presenting donors will receive a free commemorative St. Louis Cardinals Blood Drive T-shirt while supplies last!

**ST. DAMIAN CHURCH PICNIC** will be held on Saturday, July 8. Dinner begins at 3:30 with Sauerbraten & homemade noodles, fried chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, corn, and dessert. Quilt Bingo, games, drinks, burgers, poker, raffle, and much more. Save the date.

**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, quilt & cash bingo, burgers, raffle, soda and beer stand.

**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/>.

**WE WELCOME FATHER MATTHEW ELIE AS  
OUR NEW PASTOR AT  
ST. BERNARD AND ST. DAMIAN PARISHES.  
MAY THE LORD GUIDE HIM AS HE  
SHEPHERDS OUR PARISH FAMILILES.**

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