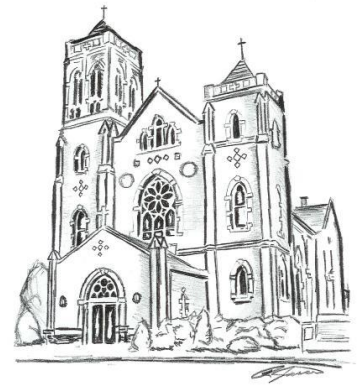




**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
JULY 23rd, 2023**



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**St. Bernard and St. Damian
Catholic Churches**

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, JULY 24th

NO MASS/SERVICE

TUESDAY, JULY 25th

NO MASS/SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26th

8:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

For the People

THURSDAY, JULY 27th

8:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For the People

FRIDAY, JULY 28th

NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, JULY 29th

Mass in Church

4:00 PM @ St. Damian

For the Intention of Our Catholic Extension

Donors

SUNDAY, JULY 30th

Mass in Church

9:30 AM @ St. Bernard

Kimberly Dull

Bernard, Bernadine & Brian Frankovich

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

Today's first reading reminds us that God is both just and merciful: judging with clemency, governing with lenience. The farmer in Jesus' parable does the same, allowing weeds to grow alongside the wheat, waiting until harvesttime to separate the two. God's justice is always tempered by mercy. Indeed, God sent the Son into the world, where he was put to death by unjust authorities, to bring mercy to all who seek forgiveness. Let us feel confident in placing our trust in our just and merciful God as we carry on in this imperfect world.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, July 23rd

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, July 24th

No Mass/Service

Faith Formation Teacher Meeting

6:00 pm @ St. Damian in Rectory Office

Tuesday, July 25th

No Mass/Service

Faith Formation Teacher Meeting

6:00 pm @ St. Bernard in School Meeting Room

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 @ St. Damian

Wednesday, July 26th

Mass in Church

8:00 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, July 27th

Mass in Church

8:00 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, July 28th

NO MASS/SERVICE

Saturday, July 29th

Quinceañera for Cristina Reyes & Esmerelda Ramirez

11:00 am @ St. Damian

Mass in Church

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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

LORD, YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING!

FAITH FORMATION TEACHER MEETING!

Faith Formation Initial Meeting for Teachers will be held on Monday, July 24th, at 6:00 PM for St. Damian Teachers in the rectory office and on Tuesday, July 25th, at 6:00 pm in the School Meeting Room.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION:

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.

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. **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 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 today!

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: July 15th

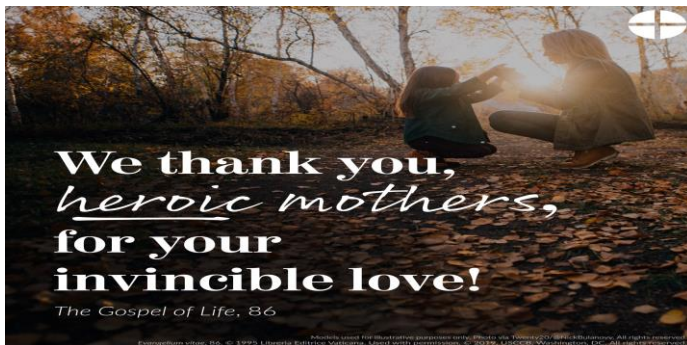
Loose: \$26.00+ Envelopes: (18) \$880.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$609.00
+ ACH For July 16th: (8) \$550.00 \$2,065.00
Budget for week: \$3,121.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$6,830.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$9,363.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$2,533.00)**
Fiscal year (7/23-6/24) budget: \$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.)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR July 29th

Eucharistic Ministers: Marilyn Jansen & 2 Volunteers
Ushers: Delmar Santel & Volunteer
Servers: Kennedy Toennies,
Lincoln & Connor Arentsen
Lector: Mary Innes
Cantor: Chris Brandmeyer
Organist: Jan Hitch
Collection Counters: Tina Tonnies, Kathy Gonsalves
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life.” Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana



PICNIC FINAL REPORT will be available either next weekend or the following as we still have a few outstanding bills that we haven't received. Thank you for your patience.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: July 16th

Loose: \$149.00 + Envelopes: (35) \$2,300.00
+ ACH For July 16th: (22) \$2,535.00 \$4,984.00
Budget for week: \$3,502.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$10,961.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$10,506.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: 455.00
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 30th

Euch. Minister: Meg Schiefer + 2 Volunteers
Reader: Jamie Jung
Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake
Servers: Kellan & Jaxson Hubert, Austin Hemker
Coll. Counters: Phyllis Albers, James Williams,
Tim Schroeder
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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 19, 2023. 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) 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.

THANK YOU TO NICK & KAREN

SCHROEDER FAMILY for taking the time to pull weeds and clean up the landscaping at the church and rectory. Your commitment to the parish does not go unnoticed. Thank you so much!

DAMIANSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL open house (K-8) will be held on Monday, Aug 14 @ 6:00. First Day of school (K-8) is Wednesday, Aug 16.

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

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, 80th Annual Novena to Our Lady of the Snows. Friday, July 28 through Saturday, August 5 Mass begins at 7:30 p.m. "Mary the Dawn, Christ the Perfect Day!" - Each evening of the Novena includes Mass, special music, and prayers, Scripture reflections and praying the rosary. For more information, call 618.394.6276. snows.org/novena.

Saturday, August 5, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Aviston, IL invites all to their annual parish picnic. Fried chicken dinner with roast beef, homemade dressing, and all the trimmings served from 3:30 – 6:30. Quilt bingo starts at 6:30 with every game played for a beautiful quilt. Shotgun Creek Band will play from 8 – midnight. Inflatables will entertain the kids this year. All the usual picnic attractions. More information is available at Stfrancisav.org or call 618 228-7219.

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.

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 Quister applications and Team applications at this link: <https://bellevilletec.org/applications/>.

Gatorade and Bottled Water Needed! During the intense heat of summer, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council desperately needs bottled water and Gatorade (or similar drinks) for the homeless who visit the soup kitchen, thrift store and OverNite Center every day. And...no matter what the weather...individually packaged food items (cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup) are also needed! If you are able to help, 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. or **SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen**, 3718 State Street, East St. Louis, Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon. For additional information contact Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126. If you are unable to donate items, we humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients. Thank you and God bless you for enabling St. Vincent de Paul's ministry to the poorest among us.

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