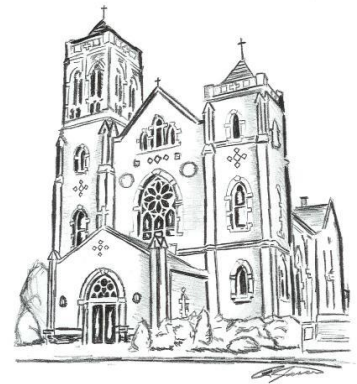




**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
JULY 30th, 2023**



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

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, JULY 31st
NO MASS/SERVICE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1st
NO MASS/SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2nd
8:00 am Mass @ St. Damian
Living & Deceased Members of the
Joseph & Mathilda Diekemper Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3rd
8:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard
For the People

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4th
NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5th
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Bernard
Delmond, Eleanor & Cynthia Huegen
Marcel Korte
Darlene Billhartz

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Damian
Alvin Toennies
Tom Reis
Margaret Kneipmann

Hispanic Mass in Church

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

What do we treasure? Material success, good health, a comfortable life? Today's readings offer a different perspective. In the first reading, we hear what Solomon asks for when God gives him the opportunity to ask for anything at all. Hint: it's not health or wealth. Saint Paul tells the Romans how blessed we all are to have been called by God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that the kingdom of heaven is like buried treasure or a priceless pearl, worth more than all we have. May the examples we hear today teach and inspire us.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, July 30th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, July 31st

No Mass/Service

Tuesday, August 1st

No Mass/Service

St. Bernard Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm @ Parish Meeting Room

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 @ St. Bernard

Wednesday, August 2nd

Mass in Church

8:00 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, August 3rd

Mass in Church

8:00 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, August 4th

NO MASS/SERVICE

Saturday, August 5th

Quinceañera

11:00 am @ St. Damian

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, August 6th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

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, I LOVE YOUR COMMANDS!

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.
- **First Day of School will be August 16th.**
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FAITH FORMATION TEACHER 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 22nd

Loose: \$72.00+ Envelopes: (27) \$3,030.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$751.75
+Easter (1) \$50.00 \$3,903.75
Budget for week: \$3,121.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$10,733.75
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$12,484.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$1,750.25)**
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 August 6th

Eucharistic Ministers: Kristy Richter & 2 Volunteers
Ushers: Jerry Arentsen & Norm Horstmann
Servers: Simon Toennies, Reece & Grace Deiters
Lector: Rosann Horstmann
Cantor: Jackie Toennies
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counters: Dave Kassen, Sandy Kramer
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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 23rd

Loose: \$53.00 +Envelopes: (30) \$1,286.00
\$1,339.00
Budget for week: \$3,502.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$12,300.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$14,008.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(1,708.00)**
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 – August 5th

Euch. Minister: Ken Nussbaumer + 2 Volunteers
Reader: Kelly Jansen
Ushers: Ed Broeckling & Ryan Wuebbels
Servers: Quinten & Kailey Engelmann,
Adrienne Rakers
Coll. Counters: Tina Wuebbels, Keith Richter,
Lynn Athmer
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!

Sing! Make A Joyful Sound! If you have ever thought of joining the choir, now is the time! The choir will have a short practice on Wednesday, August 16 at 7 p.m. to prepare for the Feast of St. Bernard Mass on Saturday, August 19. We would love to see you there! We are looking for new members to join us in this important ministry for our church - come to rehearsal - give it a chance! We would love to pack the choir for this very special feast day! Questions? Just contact Joni or any of the choir members for more information!

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.

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.

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.

FAMILY EVENT! THE MAGICAL WIZARD WORLD IS COMING TO TOWN AUGUST 3-6! Children, teens, parents, grandparents will all enjoy this hilarious adventure through the world of wizards and magic! It's a parody based on the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, but familiar characters from other family-favorite films pop in and out, so it's fun for everyone! 52 talented performers, an orchestra and an optional audience costume contest! *H.P. and the Deathly Halloween*. Aug. 3-5 at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 6 at 2:00 p.m., Belleville East H.S. Performing Arts Center. Admission only \$10 for adults, \$8 for children (age 4 and under-free!) Tickets at the door or order in advance for best seats: www.takeabowshowcase.org or 618-409-0015.

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/>.

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>