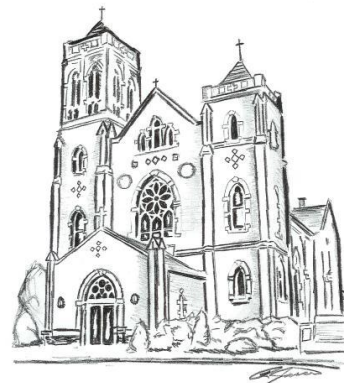


*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 10th, 2025*



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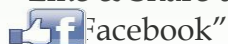
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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, AUGUST 11th
NO MASS/NO SERVICE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12th
NO MASS/NO SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13th

Mass in Church
8:00 am @ St. Damian
MaryLou Bowman

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14th

Mass in Church
8:00 am @ St. Bernard
For all Parishioners

Vigil Mass for Feast of the Assumption

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard
For the Parishioners

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15th

Feast of the Assumption
8:00 AM Mass in Church
@ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16th

Mass in Church-Youth Mass
Feast of St. Bernard Drawing after Mass
4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Vince & Leona Eilering
Edwin & Eileen Bietelspacher

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th

Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Damian
Albin Toennies
Alvin Toennies & Tom Reis
Janice Mank
Hispanic Mass in Church
11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Wisdom 18:6–9; Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19; Luke 12:32–48

Today's selections from scripture celebrate our forebears for their faith. Abraham's faith was so strong that he was willing to sacrifice his beloved son. Centuries later, the Chosen People have faith sufficient to courageously make their escape from bondage. Jesus asks his disciples to have faith in his return, for which they should always be prepared. May today's readings remind us to ask ourselves what we need to do to prepare ourselves for that day.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, August 10th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, August 11th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Tuesday, August 12th

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, August 13th

Mass in Church

8:00 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Thursday, August 14th

Mass in Church

8:00 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, August 15th

NO MASS/NO SERVICES

Saturday, August 16th

Mass in Church – Youth Mass & Raffle

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, August 17th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

***BLESSED THE PEOPLE THE LORD HAS
CHOSEN TO BE HIS OWN.***

MASS TIME CHANGES FOR AUGUST 30 & 31st

St. Damian will have 4:00 pm on Saturday, August 30
St. Bernard will have 9:30 am on Sunday, August 31
at the Jaycee Park Pavilion.

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)

FEAST OF ST. BERNARD RAFFLE TICKETS have been mailed. **THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD NEXT SATURDAY, AUGUST 16th**. The prize package is one \$5,000 grand prize and three \$1,000 prizes. 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.

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 2023-24 (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 deaconglen36@gmail.com.
- **First Day of School** will be August 13th.
- **First Day of PSR** will be Monday, August 18th.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: August 3rd

Loose: \$75.00+ Envelopes: (26): \$1,276.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$689.10
+ ACH For August 2nd: \$1,310.00 \$3,350.10
Budget for week: \$3,536.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$12,314.10
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$17,980.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$5,665.90)
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
Thank you for your continued support!**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – August 17th

Ministers: Sharon Kalmer, Deb Santel, Pete Toennies
Ushers: Bud Jansen & Garry Kalmer
Servers: Paislyn Horstmann, Bryn & Reed Wuebbels
Reader: Denise Luitjohan
Cantor: Jackie Toennies
Organist: Jan Hitch
Coll. Counters: Anita Rakers, Gwen Toennies

VOCATION CORNER. “I grew up loving two things: our family farm and sports. There was a basketball hoop in the haymow of our barn, and during breaks from working with the cattle, I would play pickup games with my brothers and cousins. I grew to love football, too, and was even blessed to play quarterback at the collegiate level for a year. But over time, another love quietly grew in my heart: a love for Christ and his Church. My parents instilled in me a strong work ethic and an unswerving trust in the Lord. My parish priest provided an example of real eucharistic amazement, an intense prayer life and filial devotion to our Blessed Mother. Through their influence, I discovered that the greatest joy of my life was when I could draw others closer to our Savior. To all those discerning their vocations: Let His love conquer!”

CSMA. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove’s Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make **your gift** to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: August 2nd

Loose: \$252.00+Envelopes: (26) \$715.00
+ ACH For August 2nd: \$2,495.00 \$3,462.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$15,218.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$16,925.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$1,707.00)
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: \$6330 Pledged (16) of \$10,446 Goal
Thank you for your continued support!**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – August 16th

Ministers: Kathy Engelmann, Ken & Liz Nussbaumer
Reader: Kathy Friederich
Ushers: Brian & Janel Zurliene
Servers: Madison Athmer, Cole Huegen, Liam Jung
Coll. Counters: James Williams, Tina Wuebbels, Janel Zurliene

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 are getting close to making this a reality so prayers for continued support of this project! Our target date to reach our goal is October 1!

We ask for those who have yet to do so, please consider your donation and return your Letter of Intent as soon as possible For those who have sent checks, they will not be cashed until we have the funding to be able to go forward with the renovations. For those who wish to do monthly auto ACH payments, we will also set those up when we are sure that we have the donations to go ahead with the project. 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.

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.

Clerical Assistant Wanted. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council is seeking a person to join their dedicated staff: **Position:** Outreach Clerk. **Work Schedule:** Part-time -- Monday through Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (four (4) hours daily). **Work Requirements:** self-directed person who likes working with files and telephone calls. For additional information please contact Patricia Hogrebe, Executive Director, 618-394-0126 or 618-799-8505.

St. George, New Baden, Church Picnic, Saturday, August 9th from 3-Midnight. Chicken Dinner from 3-6, Carryout from 3-7. Mass at 4:00 with the Prairie Travelers. Quilt & Gift Card Bingo. Texas poker, beer, wine & Soda, Basket, raffle & Sandwich stands.

Nine88 (the band) is playing at Pete's in Albers on August 10, from 5-9:30. The band plans to donate tips from this event to the upcoming renovations at St. Bernard's Parish. They noted "The parish has been very kind to us over the years, and we'd like to return the favor." Please support the band at Pete's to help towards our church renovation donations. Thank you in advance.

Mid-life Singles: Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Pallottine Renewal Center, Florissant, MO (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on August 15-17, 2025. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$290 including meals. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

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>

Young Adults presents Bible & Brews, Wednesday, August 13, from 6:30-8:30 at Eckert's Cider Shed, 951 S. Green Mount Road, Belleville. For Ages 21-35.

Cathedral of St. Peter Parish Rummage Sale August 21-23rd. McCormick Center – Gym, 301 S 1st Street Belleville. Sale Hours: Thursday, August 21st, 6 - 8pm; \$5 entrance fee per family. Friday, August 22nd, 8am - 6pm. Saturday, August 23rd, 8 am – Noon. \$5 per plastic grocery bag & 1/2 off larger items

ALS Golf Scramble – 5th Annual Tee'd Off with ALS Golf Scramble, Saturday, Oct 4 at Roland Barkau Memorial Golf Course, Okawville, IL. All proceeds go to the Tim Miller Research Lab, Washington University to find a cure. Ways to support this cause include golfing, sponsors, monetary donation, or a memorial sign with mum in the memorial garden. Also, this year the reverse drawing is a cash raffle with 7 chances to win! Last ticket picked wins \$5000 and other winners are 4 - \$1000 and 2- \$500. Tickets are \$100 each. For more information go to FB page Tee'd Off with ALS or contact Melissa Netemeyer @ 618-691-9413

We're seeking volunteers to create beautiful, handcrafted wreaths for our silent auction to benefit the Way of Lights and the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Your time and talent in making wreaths would directly support The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Would you be interested in donating your time to create a wreath for this event? November 21 - December 17, 2025. snows.org/wreaths. Your name and wreath designs will be viewed by over 160,000 people! Silent auction open to the public. You may enter more than one wreath. Photos of your wreath(s) will be posted on the Shrine website: snows.org/wreaths. Each entry is tax-deductible. Please note we cannot accept live wreaths or wreaths over 36" in diameter. If you have questions, please contact Gina or Beth at 618-397-6700 or at wreaths@snows.org or visit snows.org/wreaths.

The new quiet retreat of King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows delves into Pope Francis' latest encyclical, *Dilexit Nos* (meaning "He loved us"), a beautiful meditation on the human and divine love of Christ. Using the heart as a symbol of the core of the person, this retreat will explore the Holy Father's description of Sacred Heart devotion, focusing on how we can find healing, comfort, inspiration and community in our contemplation of the love emanating from the Heart of Jesus. For the 2025-2026 schedule, contact us at 618-397-0584 or kh.snows.org

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