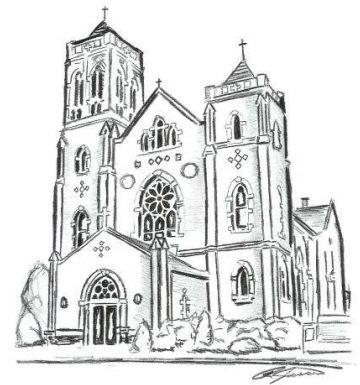
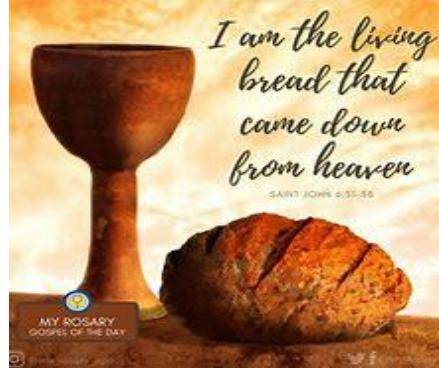




**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN
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AUGUST 18, 2024**



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MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY, AUGUST 19th
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20th
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21st
Mass in Church
7:45 AM @ St. Damian w/ refreshments after Mass
For All Cancer Patients

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22nd
Mass in Church
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard
For the People

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23rd
NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Bernard
Delmond, Eleanor & Cynthia Huegen & Marcel Korte
Living & Deceased of the Lewis & Agnes Huegen Family
Doris Kloeckner
Jack & Bernice Corbett

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Damian
Bill & Cecilia Jansen
Ralph Heimann

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Proverbs 9: 1-6; Ephesians 5: 15-20; John 6: 51-58

“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord,” we sing in the psalm today, an invitation to the sumptuous banquet God lays out for us. Wisdom provides one of her own in the first reading, presenting knowledge and understanding as a meal we’re all invited to eat. Calling himself the living bread come down from heaven, Jesus invites us all to eat his flesh and drink his blood, as we do in the Eucharist. As Paul advises the Ephesians, we give thanks always for this meal in which we physically taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, August 18th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, August 19th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, August 20th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Bernard

St. Damian Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Rectory Meeting Room

Wednesday, August 21st

Mass in Church w/ Refreshments to follow

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Post Picnic Meeting

6:30 pm @ St. Damian Rectory Meeting Room

Thursday, August 22nd

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, August 23rd

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Legion of Mary

5:00 in English @ St. Damian

6:00 in Spanish @ St. Damian

Saturday, August 24th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, August 25th

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ST. BERNARD & ST. DAMIAN PARISHIONERS

If you are currently not donating on-line but wish to do so, please contact Angie at (618) 248-5112 and she will help you get set up for this. All online donations are on the 2nd and/or 16th of the month. Donations can be split between general fund donation, sister parish and/or building fund.

TASTE AND SEE

THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD!

JOINT-PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE!

JOINT-PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE! Thanks to all who had their photos taken for the new joint-parish directory! If none of the dates worked out for your family to get a photo taken, you are **HIGHLY** encouraged to **SUBMIT** a portrait-style photo before August 18. Submitted photos can be sent in a variety of simple ways.... A portrait-style digital photo can be sent via text to one of the reps above. Portrait-style 4x6 photos printed on photo paper or a 4x6 photo taken by another photographer can be hand-carried to any of the reps to be scanned or you can send a photo via email to stevedeboscho@charter.net or emilytoennies@gmail.com. All submitted photos will be returned to the owner. Please include a \$15 fee for submitted photos payable to St. Damian or St. Bernard Parish. Payment can also be sent via Venmo....Please contact Geri Varel about paying with Venmo. Each family who submits a photo by August 18th will receive a new directory book. We will keep you posted regarding delivery of the new books! Your participation in the new directory is very much appreciated! If there are any issues with your photo order, please contact Universal Church Directories at 419-522-5011. Office hours are 8am - 4:30pm EST. They will be happy to assist you.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MASS TIMES:

Mass times on the weekend of August 31 and September 1 are as follows due to the Hootenanny.
-Saturday, August 31-4:00 pm at St. Damian
-Sunday, September 1-9:30 at the Jaycee Park Pavilion
Thanks for understanding the switch as the Hootenanny Mass is always held at the park on that Sunday.

PLEASE HAVE ALL BULLETIN ITEMS turned into Angie no later than noon on Tuesdays. Thank you in advance.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: August 11th

Loose: \$131.00+ Envelopes: (32) \$1,894.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$948.25 \$2,973.25
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$16,994.36
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$19,272.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(2,277.64)**
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$167,000.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$70,875.00** 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 – August 25th

Minister: Deb Santel, Sharon Kalmer, Kevin Toennies
Ushers: Bud Jansen & Ron Horstmann
Servers: Randy & Ryan Oros, Gracie Deiters
Lector: Kathleen Hodges
Cantor: Chris Brandmeyer
Organist: Geri Varel
Coll. Counters: Anita Rakers & Tina Tonnies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

DAMIANSVILLE SCHOOL NEWS!

- PAWSitively GLOWing Neon Night 5K/2K- Fri, Sept 20 @ Damiansville Park- Register by Aug 8th.

ST. DAMIAN POST PICNIC MEETING will be held on August 21 at 6:30 pm. The final report has been sent via email, hard copies are in church or it is also available on the parish website.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY DRAWING WINNERS

\$400 Madi and Colten Wuebbels
\$60 Doug Kuhl and John Majchrzak

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: August 10th

Loose: \$40.00+Envelopes: (16) \$920.00 \$960.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$16,939.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$20,310.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$3,371.00)**
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$176,000.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$49,525.00** 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 24th

Minister: Kathy Engelmann, Melissa Netemeyer, Deb Schomaker
Lector: Liz Nussbaumer
Ushers: Nick & Kathy Friederick
Servers: Kara Markus, Cameron Warnecke, Gavin Wellen
Coll. Counters: Keith Richter, Sean Kennedy, Tim Schroeder

FEAST OF ST. BERNARD RAFFLE

DRAWING WAS HELD AUGUST 17th. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket in support of this drawing. Winners will be posted next week.

WURSTMARKT INFORMATION: The Holy Name Wurstmarkt will be held on Sunday, September 29. Raffle tickets will be distributed in the upcoming weeks. **We are also Seeking Donations:** Since the start of the Wurstmarkt, a steer was donated for the raffle until this year. Therefore, we are asking for donations to help cover the cost for the steer. Please mark all donations as "Steer Donation" and put in the collection basket or Venmo payment to @StBernardChurch.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION: ONE TEACHER NEEDED AT ST. BERNARD!!

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 PSR will be Monday, August 19th. Weekday Mass Times will go back to 7:45 AM.**

PAWSitively GLOWing Neon Night 5K/2K- Friday, Sept 20 @ Damiansville Park. Register by August 8th.

Bible Class: Bible class resumes on Wednesday, Aug 14, and continues each Wednesday through Sep 18, from 7pm until 8:30pm each night. The class is in the St. Francis of Assisi parish hall. Cost is free for members of the St. Francis/St. Rose/St. Felicitas partnership. We ask all others to pay \$10 for the booklet being used. Topic is a continuation of the Gospel of John, chapters 15 through 21. All ages and parishes are welcome. If you have not attended previously, please RSVP to Deacon Steve at steveaub49@gmail.com or (618) 593-8742.

ALBERS HOOP'ENANNY: Our annual Albers Hootenanny is quickly approaching. Committee members will be going around town selling \$20 raffle tickets for several chances to win various cash prizes. We welcome you to join us at the Albers Hootenanny on Sunday, September 1st at Albers Lehrter/Jaycees Park, for a day filled with of music, inflatables, 3 on 3 basketball, food and fun. As always, we appreciate your support!

JustFaith Catholic Program Offered for Adults, Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response. 8 Consecutive Weeks Starting Thursday, October 3, 7-9 p.m. Mater Dei High School, 900 Mater Dei Dr., Breese, IL. Facilitators: Helen Essenpreis and Deacon John Hempen. How do I respond to poverty and injustice? What tools does my Catholic faith have to offer? *Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response* is an 8-week program that explores God's call to respond to poverty in our local communities, equipping participants to take action in effective and sustainable ways. Meaningful prayer experiences in the context of a small faith community are an essential part of each session. For a short introductory video go to youtube.com/watch?v=CRWqV_KhwLQ. For more information go to justfaith.org/courses/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-catholic/ justfaith.org/courses/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-catholic/ To register go to justfaith.org/product/faith-poverty-a-biblical-response-catholic-version-in-person-group-at-mater-dei-high-school/ or contact Helen Essenpreis at essenpreis@charter.net or Deacon John Hempen at deaconjohn1952@gmail.com

Catholic Single Moms Faith & Sharing, Sunday, September 8, from 2-4 at St. Clare Parish in O'Fallon, IL. Babysitting provided. Bringing single Catholic Moms together.

Home School Mass with Bishop McGovern, Tuesday, September 10 t 11:00 am at St. Clare Church in O'Fallon, IL. Backpack blessing, Mass, and Lunch Reception. RSVP by Sept 9 to mksorch@diobelle.org.

Pre-Cana Date: September 14, 2024. Where: St. Mary Immacualte Catholic Church (Fellowship room): 1550 Main Street, Mt. Vernon IL. 62864. Registration: 9:15 – 9:45. Start: 9:45. Close with 5:00 Mass. Cost: \$75.00 per couple. The cost includes materials, lunch and pizza (optional) after 5:00 Mass. To register: Contact Deacon Mark Kabat 618-316-8027

ALBERS/DAMIANSVILLE VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALES! Mark your calendar for Saturday, Sept 14, 7am-2pm. All residents are welcome to participate. Set up in your own garages and driveways. Feel free to open your sales for more than one day and set your own hours. Make your own signs and advertise. No maps will be printed. If you would like to list your address and hours, feel free to post your info on the Village of Albers and Damiansville, IL Facebook pages.

COMMUNICATION-A Step in the Right Direction. A date night for Married couples to be held Saturday, September 21, from 5:30-9:00 pm at St. Nicholas Parish Hall in O'Fallon. Sharpen communications skills and take swing lessons. Includes appetizers, lesson, soda, wine and babysitting. BYOB. \$30 per couple.

SAVE THE DATE FOR ST. BERNARD ANNUAL WURSTMARKT, Sunday, September 29, at Albers Parish Center.

THE FINAL CELEBRATION OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PRIESTS. A Gathering Honoring Supporters and Friends. September 29, 2024. Corpus Christi Parish, Shiloh. Liturgy at 2 p.m. followed by a gathering, dinner and program. Contact Tom: ksftom10@gmail.com for information and to make reservations. DEADLINE September 6, 2024

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekends experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are our remaining 2024 experiences. Sign up as space is limited. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. 9/27/24-9/29-24 in St. Peters, MO, 10/11-10/13/24 in Springfield, IL, and 12/6-12/8/24 at St. Peters, Mo.

ALS Golf Scramble –4th Annual Tee'd Off with ALS Golf Scramble, Saturday, Oct 5 at Okawville golf course. All proceeds go to the Wash U Tim Miller Research Lab to find a cure. Ways to support include golfing, sponsors, and newly added a memorial sign and mum. Reverse drawing including 4 Chicago Bulls tickets for a mutually agreed upon date with a \$1000 allowance for hotel stay and \$200 spending cash. For more information go to FB page **Tee'd Off with ALS** or contact Melissa Netemeyer @ 618-691-9413

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