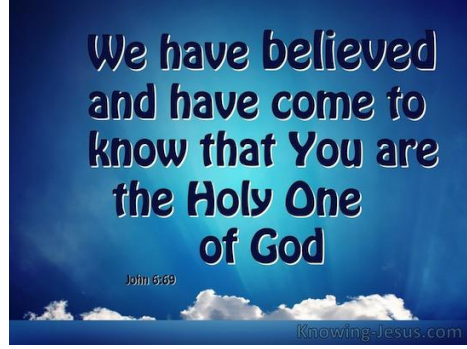
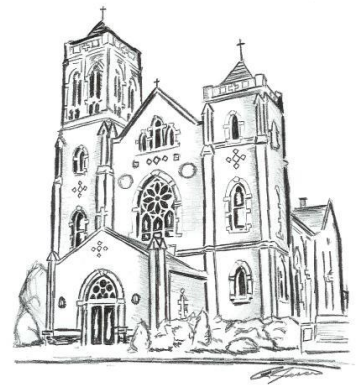




**TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN
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AUGUST 25, 2024**



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MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY, AUGUST 26th
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27th
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28th
Mass in Church
7:45 AM @ St. Damian
For All Parishioners

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29th
Mass in Church
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard
Steve Mueth

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30th
NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31st
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. DAMIAN
Bob Innes
All ALS Sufferers
Living & Deceased Members of David Sudholt Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st
MASS AT THE JAYCEE PARK-Hootenanny
9:30 AM @ Albers
For All the Parishioners of St. Bernard’s Parish

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5: 21-32; John 6: 60-69

For the Chosen People and Jesus' disciples, this is the moment of truth. They must make a choice: serve the Lord or leave. Joshua, in addressing this question to all the people, gets one response, while Jesus, in addressing all his disciples, receives a different one. Saint Paul tells the Ephesians that we, the Church, are members of Christ's body and that Christ loves the Church as a husband loves his wife. As we hear God's word, let us insert ourselves in each reading and make our choice.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, August 25th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, August 26th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, August 27th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Wednesday, August 28th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, August 29th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, August 30th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Legion of Mary

5:00 in English @ St. Damian

6:00 in Spanish @ St. Damian

Saturday, August 31st

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ ST. DAMIAN

Sunday, September 1st

Mass at Albers Jaycee Park for the Hootenanny

9:30 am @ Albers Park

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

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.

TASTE AND SEE

THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD!

JOINT-PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE!

We would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to all those who made the new Parish Directory a reality. We know it was a lot of work and it took a lot of time to set up appointments, reschedule appointments after the flooding and so much more. This would not be happening without all of your commitment to our parishes. Again, thank you ladies for everything!!

St. Bernard's Children's Liturgy of the Word will be returning on Sunday, September 8th and will continue during the Sunday masses through May. Children in grades pre-k -4th grade are encouraged to participate. Father will gather the children in the front of the altar after the opening prayer. The children and leader will proceed to the church library. Children will listen to the First Reading, Psalm, and Gospel proclaimed from the Children's Lectionary. An age-appropriate reflection on the Word is shared by the adult leader. Children are encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas. Children will pray their Prayers of Intercession and will proceed back to their family at the Presentation of Gifts. If you would like to be a leader or helper, please contact Karen Schroeder (618-691-9038). **St. Damian's Children's Liturgy of the Word** will begin on Sunday, October 6th and will follow the same guidelines as St. Bernard.

Attention Residents of The Clin-Clair Fire District

In appreciation of all the support over the years for your Volunteer Fire Department, Clin-Clair will be hosting a family day on September 8, 2024 at the Albers Lehrter Park from 11:30 am - 4:30 pm. There will be demonstrations along with fun activities for the kids. Bring your families to the park for some food and drinks for a fun-filled day with the members of the Clin-Clair Fire Department.

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 18th

Loose: \$199.00+ Envelopes: (18) \$1,325.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,180.00
+ ACH For August 16th: \$550.00 \$3,254.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$20,248.36
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$22,484.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(2,235.64)**
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.)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – August 31st

Minister: Pete Toennies, Florence Jansen, Mech Toennies
Ushers: Brad & Kristy Richter
Servers: Charlotte & Evelyn Cleeton, Tessa Siverly
Lector: Jackie Toennies
Cantor: Lauren Cleeton
Organist: Geri Varel
Coll. Counters: Sandy Kramer, Gwen Toennies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

DAMIANSVILLE SCHOOL NEWS!

PAWSitively GLOWing Neon Night 5K/2K- Fri, Sept 20 @ Damiansville Park

WE WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY through the saving waters of Baptism ***Matthew Allan Schirmer***, the son of Jeffrey & Emily (Toennies) Schirmer who was baptized at St. Damian's on Saturday, August 17th. May the good Lord bless him and keep him safe through his life journey.

WE WELCOME BEN BOOK as our newest Parish Council Member at St. Damian. Thank you to the other nominees who were willing to step up also. We appreciate the dedication to St. Damian Parish.

LADY OF GUADELUPE RAFFLE. Maria is asking if anyone is interested in donating prizes for a raffle to raise funds for the Lady of Guadalupe. If you would like to donate a gift basket or gift card to be put on the raffle, please contact Maria Giminez. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respect Life Bulletin Corner. "Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope... While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people's lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to 'remain' at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross."

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: August 17th

Loose: \$54.00+Envelopes: (40) \$2,125.00
+ACH For August 16th: \$2,730.00 \$4,909.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$21,848.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$23,695.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$1,847.00)**
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 – September 1st

Minister: Robbin Netemeyer, Tina Wuebbels, Kristen Templin
Lector: Jackie Farrar
Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake
Servers: Cole Huegen, Liam Jung, Cayden Loepker
Coll. Counters: Keith Richter, Sean Kennedy, Janel Zurliene
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

FEAST OF ST. BERNARD RAFFLE WINNERS!

Congratulations to all the winners! And God Bless each and every one for your support of the Feast of St. Bernard's Raffle. There were 324 tickets sold!
\$5,000-Ryan & Kelly Jansen
\$1,000-Ed Netemeyer
\$1,000-Kerry & Peggy Fehrmann
\$1,000-Brenda Kassen

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.

ALBERS HOOTENANNY: Sunday, September 1, 2024. Get your 3v3 basketball teams signed up for the first Hoop'ennany for grades 1st-4th grade as of fall 2024 (Boys and Girls). There a limited spots! Contact Brad today at 618-806-7944! Mass on the stage at 9:30AM. Concessions open at 11:00am. 7 inflatables open all day. Pre-sale wristbands available at Village Hall for \$15. Day of will be \$20. The Jorrells will be on stage from 1:00-5:00 PM and The Cheers Band from 6:00-10:00 PM! \$20 raffle tickets available. Contact Kelsie Kharibian at 618-972-6459. Visit our Facebook page for additional information: Albers Commercial Club

Suicide Prevention Training and "We Remember You" Candlelight Vigil for Those Lost to Suicide. Presented by The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows and the St. Clair County Suicide Prevention Alliance Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Training at 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Shrine Visitors Center
"We Remember You" Candlelight Vigil at 7:00 pm at the Shrine's Lourdes Grotto. If you are concerned about a loved one or dealing with the loss of a loved one to suicide, please join us for our Suicide Prevention Training and Candlelight Vigil to honor those we have lost to suicide. For more information, call 618-394-6281 or visit our website at <https://snows.org>

ALBERS AMERICAN LEGION CHICKEN DINNER, Sunday, September 15, from 4:30-7:00. Adult \$14, \$6 kids ages 5-12. Dine-in or carry outs available. ½ chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, slaw & dessert. Bingo Players get \$2 off meal.

PAWSitively GLOWing Neon Night 5K/2K- Friday, Sept 20 @ Damiansville Park.

Pre-Cana Date: September 14, 2024. Where: St. Mary Immaculate 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.

CHICKEN DINNER: St. Felicitas Church, Beaver Prairie, 13322 Church Road, Carlyle, IL, Sunday, September 15, 2024. 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Drive-thru only. \$15. (Look for signs on New Rt. 50 west of Carlyle and on Rt. 127 six miles north of Carlyle.)

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. Pork Sausage, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cake.

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.

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/](http://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

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>