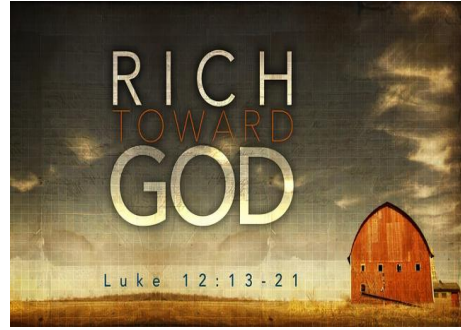
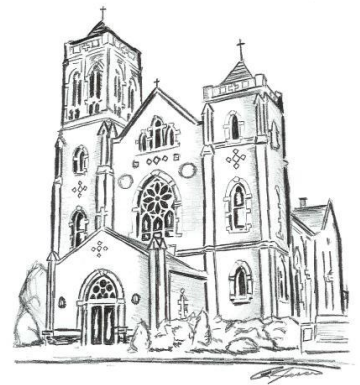




*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025*



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
8:00 am @ St. Bernard  
Ben & Honey Brueggemann

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
4:00 pm @ St. Bernard  
Virgil Heimann  
Darlene Billhartz

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
9:30 AM @ St. Damian  
Florence & Lindy Horstmann Family  
Aloys & Estella Heimann  
Robert & Ellarine Santel  
Melvin Toennies

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21–23; Colossians 3:1–5, 9–11; Luke 12:13–21**

our inclination to labor and obsess over the many material goods we have or hope to accumulate. In the Gospel, Jesus invites us to listen to a parable that addresses this pointless avarice. We get to hear the surprise awaiting the rich man whose harvest was so huge his barns couldn't hold it. In between, we hear Saint Paul's advice to the Colossians: "seek what is above." It's too late for the rich man in Jesus' parable, but it's always timely advice for us

### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

9:30 am @ St. Damian

***Hispanic Mass in Church***

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

***NO MASS/NO SERVICE***

**Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

***NO MASS/NO SERVICE***

***St. Bernard Parish Council Meeting***

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory

***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 6<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

8:00 am @ St. Damian

***Eucharistic Adoration***

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

**Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

8:00 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

***NO MASS/NO SERVICES***

**Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

**Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

9:30 am @ St. Damian

***Hispanic Mass in Church***

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

***IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,  
HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.***

### ONLINE DONATIONS AND GIVING

- On line giving is available for both St. Damian and St. Bernard Parishes.
- Donations can be made on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> 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 prize package is one \$5,000 grand prize and three \$1,000 prizes and the drawing will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2025. Thank you in advance for purchasing and selling these tickets. Please return all tickets by August 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:deaconglen36@gmail.com).
- **First Day of School will be August 13<sup>th</sup>.**
- **First Day of PSR will be Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.**

## ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: July 27<sup>th</sup>

Loose: \$245.00+ Envelopes: (18): \$922.00  
 + Mass in Spanish: \$435.00 \$1,602.00  
 Budget for week: \$3,536.00  
 Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$8,964.00  
 Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$14,144.00  
 Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$5,180.00)  
 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 10<sup>th</sup>

Ministers: Ruth Jansen, Kevin Toennies, Pete Toennies  
 Ushers: Cole & Jared Horstmann  
 Servers: Charlotte & Evelyn Cleeton, Carter Voss  
 Reader: Kathleen Hodges  
 Cantor: Laurene Cleeton  
 Organist: Geri Varel  
 Coll. Counters: Dave Kassen, Tina Tonnie  
 Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

## ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: July 28<sup>th</sup>

Loose: \$208.00+Envelopes: (35) \$1,975.00 \$2,183.00  
 Budget for week: \$3,385.00  
 Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$11,756.00  
 Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$13,540.00  
 Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$1,784.00)  
 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 9<sup>th</sup>

Ministers: Coryn Toennies, Steve & Deb Schomaker  
 Reader: Steve Schomaker  
 Ushers: Kent & Kati Schwierjohn  
 Servers: Kyler & Elyse VonBokel, Owen Gauch  
 Coll. Counters: Sean Kennedy, Phyllis Albers, Lynn Athmer

### 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!*

*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.*

*We ask for those who have yet to do so, please consider your donation and return your Letter of Intent as soon as possible. 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.*

*Within the next several weeks, 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. Letters & commitment forms have been mailed.*

Bar	\$ 11,826.00	\$ 4,616.00	\$ 7,210.00
Bingo	\$ 18,611.99	\$ 911.95	\$ 17,327.05
Candy/Popcorn/Ice Cream	\$ 650.00	\$ 258.11	\$ 391.89
Country Store	\$ 1,537.51	\$ 170.00	\$ 1,367.51
Games/Playland	\$ 5,359.00	\$ 3,818.99	\$ 1,540.01
Hispanic Corn on the Cob/Fruit	\$ 349.00	\$ 78.92	\$ 270.08
Kitchen Sales	\$ 1,084.50	\$ -	\$ 1,084.50
Margaritas/Nachos	\$ 3,244.00	\$ 526.95	\$ 2,717.05
Poker Stand	\$ 991.00	\$ -	\$ 991.00
Raffle	\$ 11,425.00	\$ -	\$ 11,425.00
Sandwich Stand	\$ 3,983.00	\$ 1,499.40	\$ 2,483.60
Soda	\$ 1,366.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 856.00
Supper	\$ 24,570.00	\$ 11,551.10	\$ 13,018.90
Tents	\$ -	\$ 650.00	\$ (650.00)
Johnny-on-the-Spot	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dumpster-NO CHARGE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Ice	\$ -	\$ (447.00)	\$ (447.00)
Advertising	\$ -	\$ (256.80)	\$ (256.80)
Misc.	\$ -	\$ (936.97)	\$ (936.97)
Human Slot	\$1,136.00	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 86,133.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,040.76</b>	<b>\$ 59,527.82</b>

PICNIC TOTAL 2025. We are still awaiting the dumpster bill but otherwise this should be it.

**MUSIC in the PARK at Lehrter/JC Park Stage EVERY THURSDAY this summer!** Live, local bands EVERY THURSDAY!  
FREE family night. \*Bring your coolers. \*Bring your lawn chairs

**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. (EV 86). Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

**St. Francis, Aviston Church Picnic,** Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chicken dinner, quilt bingo, usual picnic attractions.

**St. Anthony's, Lively Grove Parish Picnic,** Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Parish Grounds. Chicken Dinner 4-8, Polka Mass at 4:00, Quilt & Cash Bingo starting at 6:30. Concessions, novelties, prizes & music.

**St. James Summer Festival** Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, St. James Parish Grounds, 405 W. Madison St. Millstadt, IL  
Mass at 3pm. Fried Chicken Dinner, 4-6pm (Carryout after 6pm). Cash Bingo, 7-10pm (Indoors), Sandwich Stand, Cornhole Tournament, 50/50 Raffle, Cake Stand, Barrel of Booze Raffle, Poker Stand, Basket Boutique, Kids corner, Ice Cream stand & MORE!

**Let's celebrate. "Germanfest" in Albers on Thursday, August 7.** Join us at Lehrter park for great food, music, fun & fellowship. German dinner 4-7 pm. Bratwurst, Knockwurst, w. sauerkraut, German potato salad & baked beans for \$10. Enjoy ice cream social with Prairie Farms Ice Cream. Live Music by The Sour Krauts from 7-9. Bring your lawn chairs, dancing shoes and come our and enjoy. PROST!!

**St. George, New Baden, Church Picnic,** Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**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

**VOCATION CORNER.** "My family taught me the value of sacrifice. As I grew up, watching Mom give of herself to raise us boys and Dad lay down his life to provide for our needs, I observed that true love is sacrificial love. When I left home at 18 to work, I chose to continue to practice my Catholic faith. In addition to attending Sunday Mass, I decided to read sacred Scripture and pray the rosary regularly. Eventually, this led to the discipline of going to daily Mass. That was when I started to fall in love with Jesus in the Eucharist. Over the next several years, my heart began to revolve around Our Lord. Though I desired to be married and raise a family, I wanted more than anything to fulfill the Father's will. The stage was thus set for the call to the priesthood I received at the age of 28. Though the sacrifice of leaving human ambitions behind was tough, I responded out of love." Fr. Bryce Lungren; Diocese of Cheyenne; Columbia Magazine March 2025

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