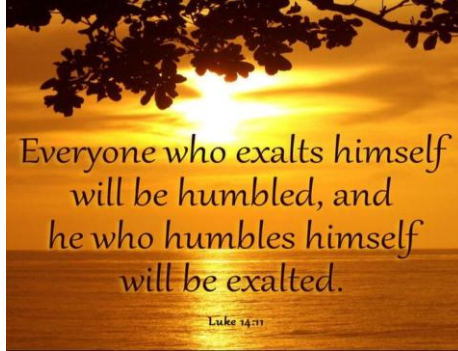
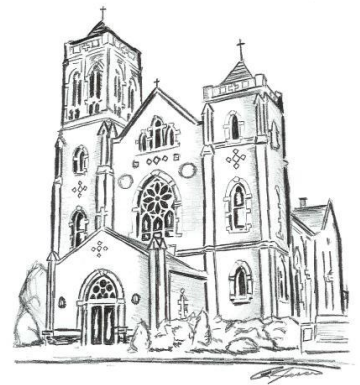




Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31st, 2025



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MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st-LABOR DAY
NO MASS/SERVICE/SCHOOL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd
Prayer Service
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd
Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian
For all Parishioners
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th
Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
Increased Devotions to the Catholic Faith
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th
NO MASS/SERVICE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th
Mass in Church
4:00 pm @ St. Damian
Ralph Brandmeyer Family
Edward & Marie Eilering
Robert, Ellarine & Ed Santel
Delmond "Dellie" Kloeckner
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th
Mass in Church
9:30 am @ St. Bernard
Robert Horry
Robert Engelmann
Hispanic Mass in Church
11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sirach 3:17–18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18–19, 22–24a; Luke 14:1, 7–14

The virtue of humility is extolled throughout today's readings. Sirach teaches, "Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God" (Sirach 3:18). The psalmist writes that God makes a home for the poor, orphans, widows, prisoners, and the forsaken. Though not directly mentioning humility, the author of Hebrews alludes to the signs of the old and new covenants, which leave us humbled. Finally, Jesus teaches the Pharisees that God exalts those who humble themselves. May God's word inspires us to embrace humility.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, August 31st - MASS @ PARK

Mass AT ALBERS PARK

9:30 am

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, September 1st

LABOR DAY-NO MASS/SERVICE

Tuesday, September 2nd

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

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, September 3rd

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Thursday, September 4th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, September 5th

NO MASS/NO SERVICES

Saturday, September 6th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, September 7th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

***"GOD, IN YOUR GOODNESS, YOU HAVE
MADE A HOME FOR THE POOR."***

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)

St. Bernard's Children's Liturgy of the Word

will be returning on Sunday, September 7th 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 5th and will follow the same guidelines as St. Bernard.

ST. BERNARD WURSTMARKT

INFORMATION: The Holy Name Wurstmart will be held on Sunday, September 28. Raffle tickets will be distributed. Be on the lookout for workers list.

FEAST OF ST. BERNARD DRAWING WINNERS: \$5,000-Ken Luitjohan, \$1,000 winners-Dan Haas, Dan Holtmann & Dale Huegen. Thank you for all those that purchased tickets in support of St. Bernard's Parish. We are truly blessed.

TODAY!! ALBERS HOOTENANNY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST. **Get your 2025 ALBERS HOOTENANNY RAFFLE TICKETS!!!** 1st Prize - \$1,000, 2nd Prize - \$500, 3rd Prize - \$250. \$500 Attendance Prize. Get your tix TODAY! Donation \$20/Ticket. Venmo Brenda at @Brenda-Morris-67. See you at our 2025 ALBERS HOOTENANNY Sunday, August 31! <https://www.facebook.com/AlbersHootenanny>. Please note Mass will be at 9:30 am at Albers Jaycee Park Pavilion.

CHICKEN DINNER: St. Felicitas Church, Beaver Prairie, 13322 Church Road, Carlyle, IL, Sunday, Sept. 21. 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Drive-thru only. \$15.

SAVE THE DATE-ST. BERNARD'S ANNUAL WURSTMARKT, Sunday, September 28th, 10:30-5:30 at St. Bernard Parish Center. Pork Sausage, Pork Roast, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes/gravy, green beans, applesauce, and dessert. Drive thru & walk up carry-outs available. Small dine-in area in parish center available to sit and eat your carryout.

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

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 Hogebe, Executive Director, 618-394-0126 or 618-799-8505.

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

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: "God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"

Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal. Do you remember your or your children's or, perhaps, your grandchildren's first time away from home attending college? While greatly anticipated, it can also be a challenging, sometimes overwhelming experience. Today hundreds of young adults find a comfortable, secure, faith-based home during their college years as a "family" member of the Newman Catholic Student Center at Southern Illinois University. Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps makes this experience possible. Partner with Newman's students and staff by making your gift to The Appeal today!

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