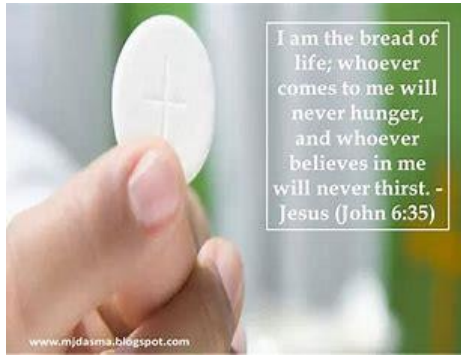
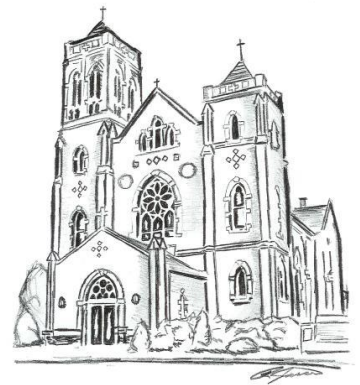




**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 4, 2024**



I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. - Jesus (John 6:35)



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00 AM @ St. Damian**  
Kevin Gagen  
Bob Innes

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
**8:00 AM @ St. Bernard**  
For All Parishioners

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
**4:00 PM @ St. Bernard**  
Bob & Clara Kohrman  
Marian Eversgerd

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mass in Church*  
**9:30 AM @ St. Damian**  
Margaret Kniepmann  
Edward & Marie Eilering  
Deceased Members of the  
Lindy & Florence Horstmann Family  
Deceased Members of the  
Robert & Dorothy Kalmer Family

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

**Exodus 16:2–4, 12–15; Ephesians 4:17, 20–24; John 6:24–35**

In Moses' time, the LORD God sent bread from heaven in the form of manna, which sustained the Chosen People on their lengthy and difficult journey across the desert. Centuries later, God sent the Son, the Bread of Life, who nourishes us now on our journey to God's kingdom. On our journeys, may we keep in mind that we are called to leave behind our old corrupted, sinful self and "put on the new self," as Saint Paul wrote, our true self that is founded in Jesus.

### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Damian

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

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

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

*Eucharistic Adoration*

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

*St. Bernard Parish Council Meeting*

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory

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

*Mass in Church*

8:00 am @ St. Damian

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

*Mass in Church*

8:00 am @ St. Bernard

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

**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

*Legion of Mary*

5:00 in English @ St. Damian

6:00 in Spanish @ St. Damian

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

*Mass in Church*

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

**Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Damian

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

### **THE LORD GAVE THEM BREAD FROM HEAVEN!**

#### **JOINT-PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE!**

Thanks to all who completed their photo appointments at the Albers JC Building on July 17-18-19. The July 16 date had to be cancelled due to heavy rains. Those folks have been rescheduled and an additional date has been added on Tuesday August 6 at the Albers JC Building. Upcoming dates at the Damiansville Village Hall are Wed, July 31 through Saturday Aug 3. All appointments in Damiansville are currently filled; however, there are some appointments still available on the rescheduled date in Albers on Tues Aug 6. For available times, please contact Emily Schirmer 618-978-5806, Beth Brandmeyer 618-973-8476, Geri Varel 618-444-5073, Deb Schomaker 618-806-5191 or Kathy Engelmann 618-660-5974. All those with upcoming appointments will receive a reminder email or a phone call or both approximately 2-3 days before your appointment. If none of the dates worked out for your family to get a photo taken, you are HIGHLY encouraged to SUBMIT a photo before August 5. Submitted photos can be sent in a variety of simple ways...Portrait-style digital photos 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 or scanned and sent via email to [stevedebscho@charter.net](mailto:stevedebscho@charter.net) or [emilytoennies@gmail.com](mailto: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. Please ask Geri about sending payment via Venmo. Each family who submits a photo will receive a new directory book. If you would like to be on a wait-list to fill any cancellations that may come up, please contact one of the reps above. Your participation in the new directory is very much appreciated!

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 16<sup>th</sup> of the month. Donations can be split between general fund donation, sister parish and/or building fund.

#### **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).

## ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

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

Loose: \$50.00+ Envelopes: (17) \$1,145.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$381.00 \$1,576.00  
Budget for week: \$3,212.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$11,041.11  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$12,848.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(1,806.89)**  
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 11<sup>th</sup>

Minister: Florence Jansen, Monica Koch, Arlene Korte  
Ushers: Brent Goebel, Garry Kalmer  
Servers: Tessa Siverly, Brant & Paislyn Horstmann  
Lector: Mary Innes  
Cantor: Rosann Horstmann  
Organist: Jan Hitch  
Coll. Counters: Pete Toennies, Kristy Richter  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### DAMIANSVILLE SCHOOL NEWS!

- Open House- Mon, Aug 12 @ 6 pm in gym.
- First Day of School- Wed, Aug 14.
- PAWSitively GLOWing Neon Night 5K/2K- Fri, Sept 20 @ Damiansville Park- Register by Aug 8<sup>th</sup>.

**THE FINAL PICNIC TOTALS WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKS BULLETIN.** We have just a few small bills that will be here next week so will be ready then or as soon as I receive them.

## ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

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

Loose: \$100.00+Envelopes: (27) \$1,603.00  
\$1,703.00  
Budget for week: \$3,385.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$11,531.00  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$13,540.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$2,009.00)**  
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 10<sup>th</sup>

Minister: Coryn Toennies, Melissa Netemeyer, Deb Schomaker  
Lector: Ken Nussbaumer  
Ushers: Kent & Katie Schwierjohn  
Servers: Quinten & Kailey Engelman, Adrienne Rakers  
Coll. Counters: Sean Kennedy, Phyllis Albers, Dana Lake

**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 17, 2024. Thank you in advance for purchasing and selling these tickets. Please return all tickets by August 6<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 or any finance or parish council member.

### **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](mailto:deaconglen36@gmail.com).
- **First Day of School will be August 14<sup>th</sup>.**
- **First Day of PSR will be Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**MUSIC in PARK.** See you at MUSIC in the PARK at Albers Lehrter/JC Park Stage! Enjoy LIVE MUSIC 7p.m. - 9p.m. EVERY THURSDAY THIS SUMMER! \*\*FREE FAMILY NIGHT\*\* Pack your coolers and bring lawn chairs!

**St. Francis, Aviston, Church Picnic, Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Fried Chicken Dinner 3:30-6:30. Carryout's available 3-7. Mass is at 4:00 PM. Cheers Band 8-midnight. Quilt Bingo begins at 6:30. All the usual picnic attractions.

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

**Mater Dei Marching Knights will be hosting their 2nd Annual Mattress Fundraiser on Saturday,** August 10th from 10am-5pm @ MD High School Gymnasium. This is a one-day mattress sale with over 25 different styles of name brand mattresses on display. Items are made to order and financing and delivery are available. Every purchase benefits the MD Band Program.

Contact [cfsstlouis@cfsbeds.com](mailto:cfsstlouis@cfsbeds.com) or call 314-305-0262 for more information. Thank you for your support!

**St. George Parish Picnic, New Baden, Saturday, August 10.** Chicken Dinner, Mass at 4:00 with the Prairie Travelers, Quilt & Gift Card Bingo. Kids attractions, food & beverages.

**Breese Knights of Columbus will be hosting a breakfast** for All Saints Academy on Aug 11th at the Breese KC Hall from 8-11. Come out and support All Saints Academy.

**Catholic Speed Dating.** The Diocese of Belleville is hosting Catholic Speed Dating for young adults ages 21-33 on Thursday, Aug 22nd at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Fairview Heights, IL. Check-in begins at 6:30pm and the event starts at 7. There is a \$10 admission fee and registration are required. Hors d'oeuvres & drinks will be provided. For questions or more information, please visit <https://www.diobelle.org/faith-formation/young-adults> or contact [mksorch@diobelle.org](mailto:mksorch@diobelle.org).

**ALBERS HOOP'ENANNY September 1st:** Get your 3v3 Basketball teams signed up for the first Hoop'enanny for grades 1st-4th grade as of fall 2024 (Boys and Girls). There a limited spots! Contact Brad today at 618-806-7944! See the Albers Commercial Club Facebook page for additional information on this year's Hootenanny!

**Marriage on Tap STL.** Join us on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 6:00 pm for an evening of dinner and marriage enrichment at Syberg's on Dorsett in Maryland Heights, Missouri. Our guest speaker will be Father Chris Martin and his presentation is entitled, "Marriage and the Mission of the Domestic Church." The evening is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Dinner is \$66 per couple/\$33 per person. Cash bar will be available. Advanced registration is required and must be postmarked by August 23, 2024. For more info, check out Marriage on Tap STL on Facebook or email [marriageontapstl@gmail.com](mailto:marriageontapstl@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](mailto: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

**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.

**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>