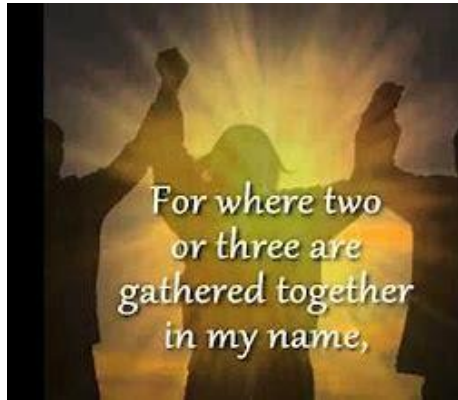




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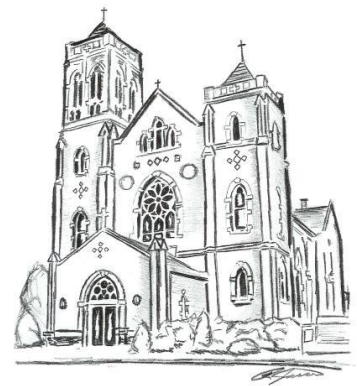
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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

7:45 AM @ St. Damian
Prayer Service

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th

7:45 AM @ St. Bernard
Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
Florence Horstmann

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
For the People

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
Albert & Catherine Jansen
Clarence & Rita Netemeyer
Pat, Randy & Mark Toennies

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Clarence & Isabelle Holtmann
Norman & Rosie Endres
Doris Kloeckner
Kimberly Dull
Bob, Irene, Don, Gett & Alicia Strieker

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Ezekial 33: 7-9; Romans 13: 8-10; Matthew 18: 15-20

Today's readings call us to take responsibility for our neighbor. Ezekiel tells us that the LORD holds him personally responsible for turning others away from evil. Paul instructs the Romans that when we love our neighbor, we fulfill God's law. Jesus teaches his disciples that they must reach out to sinners and seek their repentance. May God's word strengthen us to reach out to our neighbor with love, to reconcile with our sisters and brothers.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, September 10th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Edge Ministry Kick Off & Open House

10:30 am @ St. Damian Rectory

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, September 11th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, September 12th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 @ St. Damian

Wednesday, September 13th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, September 14th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Pro-Life Hour of Prayer

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Friday, September 15th

NO MASS/SERVICE

Saturday, September 16th

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

LADY OF GUADALUPE 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.

St. Bernard's Children's Liturgy of the Word will be returning today, Sunday, September 10th 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 8th and will follow the same guidelines as St. Bernard.

Angie will be out of town from September 13-18. If you need anything, please send an email and I will take care of it when I get back. I will be in area of little to no cell phone reception. In case of emergency, contact Deacon Glenn.

TODAY!! NEW Junior High Edge Youth Ministry Program

Join us for an Open House to kick off the new St. Bernard & St. Damian's Edge Youth Ministry program after Mass until Noon on Sunday, September 10 at St. Damian's Rectory. Edge Ministry is a Catholic middle school (5th - 8th grade) youth ministry program. It provides a safe, fun place for youth to find a solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Edge Ministry is a time where we, as youth leaders, are given the opportunity to provide guidance, reassurance, and Jesus' love to a group of people who have so many options and choices before them. Everyone is welcome! Light refreshments & attendance prizes provided.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 2nd

Loose: \$28.00 + Envelopes: (32) \$1,600.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,188.00
+ ACH For September 2nd: 1,230.00 \$4,046.00
Budget for week: \$3,121.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$27,347.55
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$31,210.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$3,862.45)**
Fiscal year (7/23-6/24) budget: \$162,300.00

(Reminder: The fiscal year budget does not include the \$71,350.00 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 – September 16th

Euch. Ministers: Mech Toennies, Florence Jansen, Denise Luitjohan
Ushers: Brad & Kristy Richter
Servers: Charlotte Cleeton, Nolan Hemker, Reid Toennies
Lector: Rosann Horstmann
Cantor: Lauren Cleeton
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Collection Counters: Dave Kassen, Anita Rakers
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

Show Your Gratitude to Our Priests

Retired Diocesan Priests Collection September 9-10

On both ordinary and extraordinary days, our priests have been there for us.... at baptisms, weddings, First Communion and Confirmation, at times of sickness and sorrow...dedicating their lives to bring us closer to Christ. Now it is our turn to be there for them during their retirement years through a gift to the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection. All funds will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescription medications. *Note: Our diocesan priests do not receive any funding from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection which is held in December. Show your appreciation with a generous gift. Thank you.*



★ **PATRIOT DAY** ★
WE WILL NEVER FORGET

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 3rd

Loose: \$110.00 + Envelopes: (32) \$1,585.00
+ ACH For September 2nd: \$2,370.00 \$4,065.00
Budget for week: \$3,502.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$30,021.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$35,020.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$4,999.00)**
Fiscal year (7/22-6/23) budget: \$182,100.00

(Reminder: The fiscal year budget does not include the \$35,300.00 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 17th

Euch. Minister: Lynette Huegen, Dan & Lee Love
Reader: Dana Lake
Ushers: Cory & Andra Goestenkors
Servers: Kayle Reinhardt, Jack & Sam Reynolds
Coll. Counters: Tina Wuebbels, Keith Richter, Lynn Athmer
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

- ❖ **WURSTMARKT INFORMATION:** *Carry-Out/Drive Thru Wurstmart* will be held on **Sunday, September 24th** from 10:30 am-5:30 pm. Carryout only in Parish Center.
- ❖ Drive thru option available. Please call 618-267-1181. Whole Hog Sausage and Roast Pork Dinner. \$14.00 each. **Pork sausage links** will be available for \$2.00 a link.
- ❖ **Steer Raffle Tickets** have been delivered and can be returned by: ❶ dropping in the collection basket; ❷ mailing to the rectory; or ❸ dropping in the lockbox. If you did not receive tickets or need additional tickets, please contact Rich Albers at 248-6116.
- ❖ **Cake Donations are being accepted to cover the cost of the cakes.** You can give it to Chris Toennies, drop in collection basket or drop box at rectory. Please be sure to write "Cake Donation" on the envelopes.

We are also Seeking Donations: Since the start of the Wurstmart, 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE

WINNERS: \$400- Margaux Ayroles
\$60-Angie Toennies, \$60-Max Toennies

ALBERS LEGION CHICKEN DINNER: Sunday, September 10th, 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Fried chicken, mash potatoes & gravy, green beans, slaw, and dessert. Adults \$13, Kids (5-12) \$6, under 5 Free. Bingo Players will receive \$2 off their meal. Adult Carryout Available

Bishop Michael McGovern invites all families that home school children to celebrate Mass together on Wednesday, September 13, at 11:00 AM at St. Clare Church, 1411 Cross Street, O'Fallon, IL. Lunch will be available afterward.

Friday, September 15th at 6pm, Clinton County Just Faith invites you to a **Welcome Neighbor STL Supper Club** to support immigrant and refugee families in St. Louis. Enjoy food, conversation, and catching up with friends – old and new. From cultural exchange to just plain fun, look forward to a great evening. These meals present an opportunity for immigrant and refugee families to share knowledge and skills unique to them. It is also an opportunity for us to get a glimpse into their culture. These fundraising efforts can set them on a path of greater independence and confidence in their lives in the USA. The event will be held at Robin's Venue at 280 North Main in Breese, IL. This is the link to make reservations. <https://welcomeneighborstl.org/events/african-dinner-at-clinton-county-just-faith/>

OPEN HOUSE --AT THE HINCKE-SENSE RESIDENCE FOR PRIESTS. Sunday, September 17 from 2 PM to 4 PM. Please come to the park-like setting of the former St. John's Orphanage (2620 Lebanon Avenue) and see the residence of your retired priests, who will be happy to greet you. All are welcome!

MATER DEI CHEERLEADERS ARE HOSTING A DATE NIGHT FUNDRAISER at Applebee's in Breese on Tuesday, September 19th, from 4-8 pm. Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting the MDHS Competition Cheer Squad.

St. Cecilia, Bartelso, Fall Quilt Bingo. Thursday, September 21, 2023. 7:30 pm (Doors Open at 6:30 pm). Refreshments Available. St. Cecilia Parish Center, 306 South Washington St., Bartelso, IL 62218

KINGS HOUSE RETREAT. Come share the Good News with happy hearts on a quiet retreat at King's House with its beautiful surroundings, a prayerful environment, delicious food, comfortable rooms and top-notch presenters. Join others from our parish on a retreat weekend for women on September 19-21 at the Kings House at the Shrine. The theme is *I Want to See You*. Contact Pat Brandmeyer at 618-541-7772 for further information and to register. Visit our website at Snows.org.

CHICKEN DINNER: St. Felicitas Church, Beaver Prairie, 13322 Church Road, Carlyle, IL, Sunday, September 17, 2023. 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Drive-thru only. (Look for signs on New Rt. 50 west of Carlyle and on Rt. 127 six miles north of Carlyle.)

ST. BERNARD WURSTMARKT! Sunday, September 24th at Albers School. Pork Sausage, Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Sauerkraut and Cake. Individual links of pork sausage will also be available. Please watch for weekly updates in the bulletin under St. Bernard's Parish.

Bishop McGovern will offer a Mass of the Holy Spirit for the Synod at the Cathedral of St. Peter on Tuesday, September 26, at 6:30 PM. Pope Francis is convening clergy and laity from around the world for this Synod in October in Rome. Please join us in praying for the Holy Spirit's help for Pope Francis and all participating in the Synod. More details are available on the diocesan website at: www:diobelle.org.

All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the Diocesan Fall Blessing of the Harvest, which will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 1:00 P.M. at the Lavern and Terry Thole Farm. The Thole Farm is located at 8606 Tank Road; New Baden, IL 62265. One heads EAST out of New Baden on IL-161 approximately 2 miles (past IL-160) and turns left (North) onto Tank Road; go 1 mile and farm will be on your right. The "Farm Blessing" signs will guide you, too. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit and vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. *You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!*

ALS Golf Scramble – 3rd Annual Tee'd Off with ALS Golf Scramble, Saturday, Oct 7 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, raffle tickets, any monetary donation and this year a reverse drawing for a Week End Get-a-Way including 4 KS Chiefs tickets for Oct 22 game, 2 nights stay at the Drury Inn, and a private tour of the Boulevard Brewery – only 204 tickets sold for this drawing. For more information go to FB page **Tee'd Off with ALS** or contact Melissa Netemeyer @ 618-691-9413.

The Belleville Diocese Council of Catholic Women Annual Convention will be held on Wednesday October 11, 2023 at St. James Parish in Millstadt, IL. The theme this year is Growing our Eucharistic Faith. Please join fellow Catholic women for fellowship and a day of spiritual enrichment. Registration forms are available in your parish office or call Helen Essenpreis at 618-980-1875. The theme is "Growing in Our Eucharistic Faith". Registration forms can be found in the back of church. Please turn your forms in to the address provided on the form by Sep 27 in order to get the early registration fee of \$20.00. Please join the ladies of the diocese for a faith-filled day!" Registration forms will be on the bulletin boards in both parishes.

2023 DIAPER DRIVE HOSTED BY METRO-EAST DIAPER BANK. Being accepted at Albers Village Hall Sept. 1-30. They can be brought to St. Bernard Church also and set on table designated in the entryway. Diapers/Pull-Ups may be shipped to 206 W. Dwight Street, P O Box 132, Albers, IL 62215. Cash donations also appreciated.

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