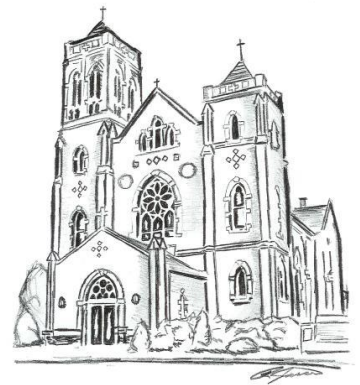




**TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 15th, 2024**

But Jesus said to her, Let
the children first be filled:
for it is not meet to take
the children's bread, and
to cast it to the dogs.

—Mark 7:27



St. Damian Parish

Founded 1861

One West Main Street

Damiansville, Illinois 62215

Phone: (618) 248-5134

St. Bernard Parish

Founded 1908

202 N. Broadway – Box 10

Albers, Illinois 62215

Phone: (618) 248-5112

WEBSITE:

www.stbernardandstdamian.org

BISHOP OF BELLEVILLE:

Most Rev. Michael McGovern

PASTOR:

Father Matthew Elie

Office Phone: (618) 248-5112

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE & DRE:

Deacon Glenn Netemeyer

Email: deaconglen36@gmail.com

Cell Phone: 618-772-9343

Office at St. Damian

PERMANENT DEACON:

Deacon Kevin Templin

Email: deaconkevin18@gmail.com

Cell Phone: 314-660-3976

SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER:

Angie Toennies

Hours: Mon-Thursday 8:00-4:00

Office Location Varies-Call and Leave a Message

Email: stdamian1861@gmail.com

Email: st.bernard@charter.net

St. Bernard 248-5112 or St. Damian 248-5134

HISPANIC MINISTER

Maria Gimenez

Cell Phone: (618) 708-1487

Email: hispanicministrymg@gmail.com

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTER:

Michelle "Shelly" Schuetz

Email: maschuetz@hotmail.com

Cell Phone: 618-401-6007



"Like & Share us on
Facebook"

St. Bernard and St. Damian

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

Mass in Church w/ refreshments after in Rectory

7:45 AM @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th

Mass in Church

7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

Mass in Church

4:00 PM @ St. Damian

Edward & Marie Eilering

Edwin & Mary Hitpas

Alvin Toennies

Bob Innes & All ALS Sufferers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd

Mass in Church

9:30 AM @ St. Bernard

Clarence & Isabel Holtmann

Norman & Rosie Endres

Bob Engelmann

Emma Musenbrock

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Isaiah 50: 4c-9a; James 2: 14-18; Mark 8: 27-35

Isaiah, attacked and rejected for speaking out, assuredly had a difficult cross to bear. But today we hear him insisting that he is willing to face all his opponents, for he trusts in GOD. James writes that faith must be put into action, which may lead to carrying a difficult cross. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the crowd that each person must take up his or her cross if they wish to save their life. As we listen to the readings, let us ponder which crosses we are reluctant to carry and pray for the strength and resolve to shoulder them.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, September 15th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, September 16th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, September 17th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

St. Damian Finance Council Meeting

6:00 pm @ St. Damian Rectory Meeting Room

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Joint Liturgy Committee Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Damian Rectory

Wednesday, September 18th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, September 19th - Deacon Kevin Birthday

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Knights of Columbus Meeting

7:30 pm @ Albers Jaycee Building

Friday, September 20th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Legion of Mary

5:00 in English @ St. Damian

5:00-8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 in Spanish @ St. Damian

Saturday, September 21st

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, September 22nd

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**I WILL WALK BEFORE THE LORD
IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING!**

JOINT-PARISH DIRECTORY INFO: If there are any issues with your photo order, please contact Universal Church Directories at 419-522-5011. Office hours are 8am - 4:30pm EST. We will keep you posted regarding delivery of the new directory books!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
DEACON KEVIN TEMPLIN
ON SEPTEMBER 19TH.**

So thankful for Deacon Kevin and all he does for our parishes. May the Good Lord Bless You on your special day and every day!

**ST. DAMIAN & BERNARD'S LITURGY
COMMITTEE MEETING** is Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 pm at St. Damian's Parish Rectory.

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. If you would like to be a leader or helper, please contact Gwen Toennies at (618) 420-3445.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 7th

Loose: \$93.00+ Envelopes: (21) \$2,700.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$2,017.00 \$4,810.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$30,329.61
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$32,120.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(1,790.39)**
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 – September 21st

Minister: Rosann Horstmann, Julie Langenhorst,
Monica Koch
Ushers: Dave Albers, Roger Toennies
Servers: Nolan Hemker, Jacob Oros, Charlie Sauer
Lector: Mary Innes
Cantor: Chris Brandmeyer
Organist: Jan Hitch
Coll. Counters: Dave Kassen, Kristy Richter

DAMIANSVILLE SCHOOL NEWS!

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

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.

BISHOP MCGOVERN HAS APPOINTED ADAM

FUEHNE as the new trustee at St. Damian's Parish after Virgil Jansen ask to step down. We want to thank Virgil for all of his years of service and commitment to St. Damian's Parish. It is truly appreciated. We also welcome Adam as our new trustee and thank him for stepping into this role at St. Damian's Parish.

BULLETIN INFO. Please have all bulletin information to Angie by Tuesday at noon. Thank you!

2024 Fall DIAPER DRIVE ~ September 01–30. Hosted by the Metro-East Diaper Bank. Diapers/Pull-Ups are being accepted at American Legion Post #1026 and St. Bernard Church. [Check out my list on Amazon.](#) Diapers/Pull-Ups may be shipped directly to Metro-East Diaper Bank via Amazon wish list! *Or Diapers/Pull Ups may be shipped via Walmart, Target, Amazon, etc. to Albers Village Hall, 206 W. Dwight Street, PO Box 132, Albers, IL 62215-0132.* Cash donations also greatly appreciated! [Venmo @Brenda-Morris-67](#) OR [Checks](#) to 'Metro East Diaper Bank' may be taken to Albers Village Hall drop-box or mailed.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 8th

Loose: \$119.00 +Envelopes: (32) \$1,268.00 \$1,387.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$28,444.75
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$33,850.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$5,405.25)**
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 22nd

Ministers: Robbin Netemeyer, Tina Wuebbels,
Kristen Templin
Lector: Lynette Huegen
Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake
Servers: Oliver Varel, Brody Schulte, Sawyer Winkeler
Coll. Counters: Sean Kennedy, Phyllis Albers, Janel Zurliene

WURSTMARKT INFORMATION: The Holy Name Wurstmarkt will be held on Sunday, September 29. Raffle tickets have been distributed. Price of dinners will be \$15.00. **NEW THIS YEAR...** You can preorder fried pork sausage links for \$2.00 a link. Please call or text Lyn Kloeckner at (618)789-8801 to place your preorder
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.

ANNUAL BLUEGRASS MASS will be held in coincidence with the St. Bernard Wurstmarkt. The 9:30 Mass on Sunday, September 29th will be a bluegrass Mass with Music by the Nine88 (Jeff Ripperda) from the Murphysboro Knights of Columbus. Donations will be taken up at Mass that day and all proceeds benefit charities in Southern Illinois. We appreciate the Nine88 for providing music and celebrating our Mass with us.

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.

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.)

We are pleased to invite you to an informative session on Estate Planning and Elder Law hosted by Clinton County Home & Community Education. This event is an excellent opportunity to learn how to secure your future and navigate the complexities of legal and financial planning. Our speaker, Brent Rickhoff, an experienced Estate Planning Attorney, will guide you through the essential aspects of estate planning and elder law, providing valuable insights to help you make informed decisions. This event will be on Tuesday, September 17 at the Breese Senior Center located at 480 S. 4th St starting at 6 p.m. and is open to the public. Don't miss this important opportunity to gain knowledge on an important topic. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mater Dei Business Manager Position Available. Mater Dei is seeking candidates for the position of business manager with an immediate start date. Candidates must hold a Bachelor of Science in accounting or a related field; and experience in accounting, finance, and human relations is preferred. For additional details, visit Mater Dei's website (www.materdeiknights.org/employment-opportunities) or contact Principal Dennis Litteken (618-526-7216 or dlitteken@materdeiknights.org).

St. Cecilia, Bartelso, Fall Quilt Bingo, Thursday, September 19, 2024 @ 7:30 pm, doors open at 6:30 pm. St. Cecilia Parish Center, Bartelso.

BARTELSONIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DRIVE THRU ONLY BREAKFAST, Sunday, September 22, from 8-11:30. Entrance for the drive thru line is by the bowling alley and behind church. Sausage, Pancakes, Fried Potatoes, and Eggs.

All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the Harvest Blessing, which will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. at Four Beck Dairy, 9500 Bartelso Road, Bartelso, IL. "Fam Blessing" signs will guide you along the way. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit, 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. Everyone welcome to attend!

ST. BERNARD ANNUAL WURSTMARKT, Sunday, September 29, at Albers Parish Center. Pork Sausage, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cake. \$15.00 per meal. You can preorder fried pork sausage links for \$2.00 a link. Please call or text Lyn Kloeckner at (618)789-8801 to place your preorder.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARQUEE FUNDRAISER! The Albers Elementary Booster Club wants to help you celebrate your child's birthday by having his/her name posted on the marquee in front of school! To celebrate your child's birthday just fill out the attached form and send it back to school with a \$10 donation/child. ****EVERYONE is invited to join in our FUN- RAISER DONATIONS ACCEPTED from anyone in our community who'd like to help!**** Cash and/or Check (*Made payable to Albers Booster Club*) Contact Albers Elementary School at 618-248-5146 with questions. Thank you for supporting our school!

Just Faith 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 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

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

DAMIANSVILLE QUE & BREW, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th at Damiansville Park. Youth soccer and 3 on 3 Basketball tournament, 1-5 Pumpkin Chuckin, 11-5 Children's Inflatables, 1:30-5 BBQ Championship-Public Tasting, 2-5 Craft Beer, 2-6 Bangolicious.

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