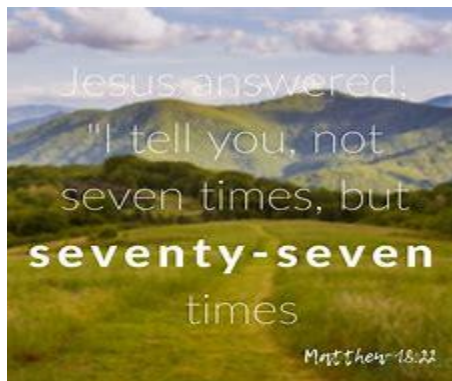




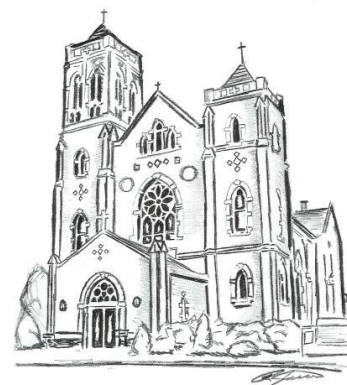
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### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM @ St. Damian  
Prayer Service

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM @ St. Bernard  
Prayer Service

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard  
Intentions of the Catholic Extension Donors

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>** **NO MASS/SERVICE**

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
4:00 PM @ St. Damian  
Louis Korte  
Edwin & Mary Hitpas  
Jan Mank  
Dennis Behrmann

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*  
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard  
Bob Engelmann  
Dennis Toennies  
Delmond, Eleanor & Cynthia Huegen  
Marcel Korte

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

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

**Sirach 2:30-28;7; Romans 14: 7-9; Matthew 18: 21-35**

The reading from Sirach sets the theme today, counseling us to forgive our neighbor as we pray that our own sins may be forgiven. We sing in the responsorial psalm of the Lord's kindness and mercy. Paul preaches that in life and death we are the Lord's. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable of a king who was moved with compassion to forgive a great debt. May today's readings inspire us to forgive others as we seek forgiveness ourselves.

### **HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:**

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

***Hispanic Mass in Church***

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

***Prayer Service in Church***

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

***Prayer Service in Church***

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

***Finance Council Meeting***

6:15 pm @ St. Damian

***Eucharistic Adoration***

7:00-8:00 @ St. Damian

**Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

***Mass in Church w/Refreshments to follow in Rectory***

7:45 am @ St. Damian

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

***Mass in Church***

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

***Knights of Columbus Meeting***

7:30 pm @ St. Damian Rectory Meeting Room

**Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

***NO MASS/SERVICE***

**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

***Mass in Church w/Tate Kalmer Baptism after Mass***

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

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***Mass in Church***

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**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** began Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and will continue during the Sunday masses through May. Children in grades pre-k -4<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING:** There will be a joint liturgy committee meeting for both St. Bernard and St. Damian on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

***The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15*** The Messenger, our diocesan newspaper, brings local, national and international news of our Catholic faith right into your home through its print and online editions. Your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps to support The Messenger. If you haven't done so, subscribe to The Messenger today and also make your gift to The Appeal!

Thank you for your generosity





**St. Augustine (Breese) Bingo** - Sunday, September 17. Luncheon begins at 11:30am & Bingo 2pm. Operating under Bingo License B-03577.

**St. Anthony Bunko and Dessert Party** is Monday, September 18 at 1:00 pm in the St. Anthony's Parish Center. Cost is \$5 per person. Be sure to join them in the fun! 451 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Beckemeyer, IL 62219.

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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

**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 24<sup>th</sup> at Albers School. Pork Sausage, Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Sauerkraut and Cake for \$14.00. Individual links of pork sausage will also be available for \$2.00. Please watch for weekly updates in the bulletin under St. Bernard's Parish. Bluegrass Mass to start the day at 9:30. Music provided by the Nine 88.

**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](http://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.*

**St. Dominic, Breese, Carry out only Chicken Dinner,** Sunday, October 1, from 11-5 at St. Dominic Parish Center. Half fried chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Green Beans, Slaw & Dessert for \$15.00.

**St. Mary's Parish Rummage and Bake Sale** October 4, 5, and 6 at 325 S. Jefferson St., Trenton, IL. Hours for the sale are Wednesday, October 4, 6:00 pm-8:30 pm; Thursday, October 5, 8:30 am – 3:0 pm and 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm (1/2 price) and Friday, October 6, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm (\$3 bag day).

**CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR** at St. George Catholic Church on October 7 from 10-2. Food trucks, clothing boutiques, handmade items, baked goods, music, jewelry, home décor, produce. Fundraiser for middle school youth program.

**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.

**St. Dominic, Breese, Rummage Sale,** Thursday, October 26 from 5-9, Friday from 9-8, Saturday 9-3, and Sunday 9-12.

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