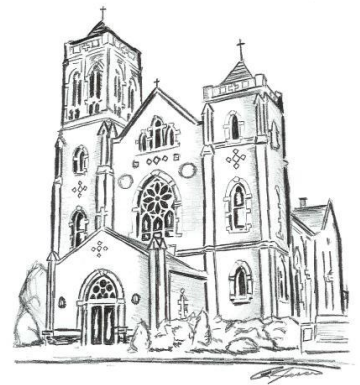


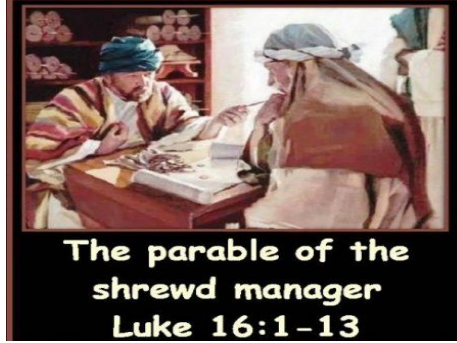


*Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 21st, 2025*



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shrewd manager
Luke 16:1-13**

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St. Bernard and St. Damian

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd

Prayer Service
7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd

Prayer Service
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th

Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian
Jeffery Morrison

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
For all Parishioners

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th

NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

Mass in Church
4:00 pm @ St. Damian
Tracy Kaukapp
Edwin & Mary Hitpas
William & Emma Pingsterhaus family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

Mass in Church
9:30 am @ St. Bernard
Dawn Schomaker

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Amos 8: 4-7; 1 Timothy 2: 1-8; Luke 16: 1-13

Today's first reading, responsorial psalm, and Gospel speak to the pursuit and use of wealth. Amos decries the merchants who cheat the poor, promising that God will not overlook their selfishness. The psalmist promises that the Lord will lift up the poor and lowly. Jesus teaches his disciples to be trustworthy in handling worldly wealth so that they can be trusted with the true wealth that comes from God. Listening to today's selections from Scripture, let us consider our relationship to material wealth.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, September 21st

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, September 22nd

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, September 23rd

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 24th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Thursday, September 25th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, September 26th

NO MASS/NO SERVICES

Saturday, September 27th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, September 28th - Priesthood Sunday

Mass in Church with music by The Nine 88

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

St. Bernard Wurstmarkt from 10:30-5:30 pm

Baptism of Aubrey Claire Voss

9:30 am @ St. Damian with Deacon Glenn

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

PRAISE THE LORD WHO LIFTS UP THE POOR!

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

began 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. 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. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 13th

Loose: \$115.00+ Envelopes: (22): \$1865.00

+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,196.00

+ ACH For Sept 16: \$550.00 \$3,726.00

Budget for week: \$3,536.00

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$31,327.10

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$38,896.00

Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$7,568.90)

Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$183,900.00

(Reminder: The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$80,000.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

CSMA RESULTS: \$5,051 Pledged (23) of \$9,133 Goal

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC

Let us walk with you on your journey. Classes begin Monday, Sept. 22 and meet every Monday evening from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Dominic Annex in Breese. For more information, contact Deacon Kevin at deaconkevin18@gmail.com or Kristen Templin at kmtemplin@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO DELIVER

GROCERIES from the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry on Monday mornings. Currently includes picking up at the SVDP Food Pantry in Germantown and delivering to 3 households in Albers. If you are interested, please contact Brenda at Albers Village Hall.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH IS SEEKING

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL. We are in need of 3 persons for St. Damian Parish Council. Nomination slips and box are located in the back of church. Please write in nominations and we will contact that person to see if they are interested. Elections will be mid October.

THANK YOU TO THE ST. DAMIAN HOLY

NAME for covering the bill from Warnecke for slate replacement on the main church roof and repairs to gutters and downspouts using funds from the Wurstmarkt. Thank you!! Thank you!!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – September 27th

Ministers: Kristy Richter, Denise Luitjohan, Ruth Jansen
Ushers: Dave Albers & Roger Toennies
Servers: Connor, Lincoln & Silas Arentsen
Reader: Lauren Cleeton
Cantor: Kathy Gonsalves
Organist: Jan Hitch
Coll. Counters: Sandy Kramer, Mech Toennies

WE'RE EXCITED! IT'S YOUTH CHOIR TIME!

The first Youth Choir practice for the Advent and Christmas season will be at St. Damian church on Sunday, Oct 12 at 8:30am. All youth in Grades 3-12 and college-age students are welcome to participate and "Make a Joyful Noise!" If kids or parents have any questions, please call Jackie at 618-335-9562 or Geri at 618-444-5073. We are looking forward to seeing lots of smiling faces on Sunday mornings beginning Sunday Oct 12 at 8:30am!

Attention St. Damian Faith Formation Students!

All St. Damian Faith Formation students are invited to come sing in the church balcony at the 9:30am mass at St. Damian on Sunday Oct 12!

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 14th

Loose: \$110.00+Envelopes: (30) \$940.00
+ ACH For Sept 16th: \$2,830.00
+Paypal Donate(\$100-3.48 fee) \$96.52 \$3,976.52
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$31,730.52
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$37,235.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$5,504.48)
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$176,000.00
(Reminder: The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$52,929.00 transferred from: Men's Club & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

CSMA RESULTS: \$6330 Pledged (16) of \$10,446 Goal

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – September 28th

Ministers: Robbin Netemeyer, Tina Wuebbels, Kristen Templin
Reader: Lynette Huegen
Ushers: Ken & Dana Lake
Servers: Oliver Varel, Brody Schulte, Sawyer Winkeler
Coll. Count: Sean Kennedy, Phyllis Albers, Janel Zurliene
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

ST. BERNARD WURSTMARKT INFO: The Holy Name Wurstmart will be held TODAY! on Sunday, September 28. Raffle tickets have been distributed. Price of dinners will be \$16.00. 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 Wurstmart committee is accepting donations to help cover the cost of the pork. If you are interested in donating, you can Venmo, drop the donation in the collection basket or drop box at rectory labeled Meat Donation, or give to a committee member. We are also accepting donations to cover the cost of the cakes. Please mark those envelopes "Cake Donation".

ANNUAL BLUEGRASS MASS will be held in coincidence with the St. Bernard Wurstmart. The 9:30 Mass on Sunday, September 28th 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.

ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH IS CONSIDERING THE MUCH-NEEDED RENOVATIONS FOR OUR CHURCH.

Thank you to all who have already returned their Letters of Intent. It is truly appreciated! We are getting close to making this a reality so prayers for continued support of this project! We recently mailed a follow up letter for those who haven't had to opportunity to give. We are still receiving several Letters of Intentions a week so we thank you! Our target date to reach our goal is October 1! We ask for those who have yet to do so, please consider your donation and return your Letter of Intent as soon as possible. For those who have sent checks, they will not be cashed until we have the funding to be able to go forward with the renovations. For those who wish to do monthly auto ACH payments, we will also set those up when we are sure that we have the donations to go ahead with the project. Please know that all donors & donation amounts will remain anonymous and confidential. When we do the donation plaque at the end of the project, we will only list your name or who your donation was in memory of. There will never be an amount shown.

We will be talking about the much-needed renovations of our Church at the Masses. We will have renderings of the proposed renovations available in the back of church.

Wanted: St. Bernard Church decorators. St. Bernard is in need of volunteers to help decorate the church. This is a great opportunity to help behind the scenes in your church. If interested, please call Peggy Fehrmann @ 618-910-9101, Penny Angeli @ 785 -375-7895, Jamie Jung @ 618-401-2436, or Rachel Varel @ 618-541-0407.

Chicken Dinner @ Albers Legion, September 21st, 4:30 to 7:00. 1/2 chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, slaw, bread & butter and dessert. Come play bingo and get \$2.00 off your meal. \$14.00 adult, Kids \$6.00 5-12, under 5 free. adult carryout available.

DDC Que & Brew, Oct 5! If anyone is interested in purchasing a \$20 ticket for the drawing happening at the event, contact Al Varel 618-973-8527. Prizes are \$1,000, \$300 & \$100. Only 200 tickets available!

YOU ARE INVITED. parishioners, families, young and old to OPEN HOUSE at HINCKE-SENSE RESIDENCE FOR RETIRED PRIESTS Sunday, September 21 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Please join us for a tour and refreshments and visit with your retired priests. 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, IL 62221.

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

8th Annual Mental Health Awareness & Memorial Walk In Memory of Sydney Irizarry, Friday, September 26, 2025 @ Lehrter/JC Park. Proceeds benefit 'Swing for Sydney Foundation'. SIGN UP TODAY at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Albers/MentalHealthAwarenessandMemorialWalk>. \$25 Early Registration until Friday, September 19 @ 11:59p.m. / \$30 On Site Registration

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

Honor your Loved Ones on All Souls Day with Your Personalized Tribute in The Messenger. Tributes will appear in our October 23rd publication. Please Print the name(s) of your deceased loved one(s) and send to All Souls Day Tributes to e Messenger (222 S. Third St. Belleville, IL 62220) by October 6, 2025. If you have any questions, please call 618-722-5047 or email advertising@bellevillemessenger.org.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights Performer Request. Friday, November 21 – Saturday, December 31, 2025 You are invited to share your wonderful talents at The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows' annual Way of Lights. We need musicians to perform each evening between 6:00 and 9:00 pm for our many guests. A great way to promote your ensemble and share the Christmas spirit! If you would like to perform, please call 618-397-6700 or email perform@snows.org.

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreats for 2025/2026. The Belleville Diocese is providing 2 TEC retreat weekends for the 2025/2026 academic school year. TEC is a 3-day Catholic retreat weekend designed for young adults, juniors and seniors (or older) in high school, who are looking for an opportunity to develop a stronger relationship with God and/or their fellow Christians. If you, or someone you know, are looking for an opportunity to enhance your relationship with Jesus Christ or experience your Catholic faith in a dynamic and fun-filled setting, then a TEC retreat may be just what you are looking for. The TEC weekends are scheduled for October 11-13 at Mater Dei High School in Breese and January 17-19 at Immaculate Conception School in Columbia. To learn more, or attend a TEC weekend, please visit our website at bellevilletec.org. If you've attended a TEC weekend in the past and would like to attend one of the reunions, please visit bellevilletec.org.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: “We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity.” USCCB, “Prayer to Heal Racial Division”

VOCATION CORNER. “There can be no promotion of vocations or Christian mission apart from constant contemplative prayer. The Christian life needs to be nourished by attentive listening to God’s word and, above all, by the cultivation of a personal relationship with the Lord in Eucharistic adoration, the privileged “place” for our encounter with God...Mary Most Holy, the Mother of our Savior, had the courage to embrace this ideal, placing her youth and her enthusiasm in God’s hands. Through her intercession, may we be granted that same openness of heart, that same readiness to respond, “Here I am”, to the Lord’s call, and that same joy in setting out (cf. Lk 1:39), like her, to proclaim Him to the whole world.”– Pope Francis

Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal. A most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to the 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there’s still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at www.diobelle.org (click on “Giving to the Diocese”). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year’s appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

JustFaith Program – Faith & Poverty: A Solidarity Response. Join us for this small-group series from the JustFaith program, which explores local poverty and provides participants with practical tools and insights to respond with compassion and action. This 8-week course will meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00–9:00 PM, beginning September 14, in the Mater Dei High School Library. The sessions will be facilitated by Deacon Jay Fowler (618-973-3162) and Helen Essenpreis (618-980-1875). Please contact them if you are interested in participating.

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