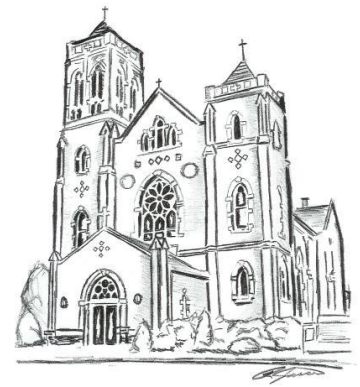




**TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2024**



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St. Bernard and St. Damian

MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd

Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th

Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

Mass in Church
7:45 AM @ St. Damian
Steve Mueth

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th

Mass in Church
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
Chuck & Dot Goestenkors
Tracy Haukapp

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th

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

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Wisdom 2:12, 17–20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30–37

Each of today's readings show the terrible consequences of self-centeredness. Confronted by a just person, the selfish lawbreakers in the first reading plan to torture and kill him. James warns his readers that jealousy and selfishness bring conflict and even war. Jesus contrasts the contentiousness of the disciples, who were arguing about which of them were the greatest, with the innocence of a child, who does not know ambition. Let us note the self-centered tendencies in our own character and look for the antidote in today's readings

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, September 22nd

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, September 23rd

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, September 24th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Wednesday, September 25th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, September 26th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, September 27th

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 28th

Foppe Baptism w/ Deacon Glenn

10:00 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Baptism w/ Deacon Glenn

1:00 pm @ St. Damian

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, September 29th – St. Bernard Wurstmart

Mass in Church-Bluegrass Mass with Nine 88

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

St. Bernard Wurstmart

10:30-5:30 @ St. Bernard Parish Center

THE LORD UPHOLDS MY LIFE!

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!

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

began 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.

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

On behalf of Bishop Michael McGovern and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to the 2024 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.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 14th

Loose: \$157.00+ Envelopes: (16) \$1,004.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$521.00
+ ACH for Sept. 16th: (8) \$550.00 \$2,232.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$32,561.61
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$35,332.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$2,770.39)**
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 28th

Minister: Pete Toennies, Kristy Richter, Beth Brandmeyer
Ushers: Norm Horstmann, Brad Richter
Servers: Kate Mitchell, Randy & Ryan Oros
Lector: Joe Cleeton
Cantor: Shannon Sanders & Lindsey Mitchell
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Coll. Counters: Anita Rakers, Sandy Kramer
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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.

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.

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

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me”

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 15th

Loose: \$106.00+Envelopes: (34) \$1,845.00
+ ACH For Sept. 16th: (23) \$2,730.00 \$4,681.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$33,125.75
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$37,235.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$4,109.25)**
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 29th

Ministers: Kati Schwierjohn, Jackie Farrar, Lynn Athmer
Lector: Sean Kennedy
Ushers: John & Linda Majchrzak
Servers: Kellan & Jaxson Hubert, Kennedy Porterfield
Coll. Counters: James Williams, Tina Wuebbels, Dana Lake
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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.

Worker's list have been emailed and is available on the parish website and the back of church.

Please be sure to work your assigned time or find a replacement to assure we have enough workers for each shift. Thank you!

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.

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.

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).

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. "Farm 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.

Mark your calendars! St. Mary Ladies Sodality, Trenton is hosting their annual Fall Rummage & Bake Sale on October 2, 3, and 4 in the parish center (325 S Jefferson). Clothing, furniture, housewares and many miscellaneous items to be sold. Hours for the sale are Wednesday, October 2, 6pm-8:30pm; Thursday, October 3, 8:30am-3pm and 6pm-8:30pm (1/2 price); and Friday, October 4, 8:30am-5pm (\$3 bag day). Please call the parish office (618) 224-9335 with any questions.

September 28 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Cathedral, Belleville. Join The Bach Society of Saint Louis at the Cathedral of St. Peter and embark on a profound journey of light and hope with Rachmaninoff's Vespers. Immerse yourself in the sublime harmonies and soaring voices of The Bach Society Chorus under the direction of Music Director and Conductor A. Dennis Sparger. The concert features soloist's mezzosoprano Kelly Beckman and tenor Freddie Rice. This is a free event sponsored by the Diocese of Belleville.

Respect Life Month events which the Church in the US celebrates every October. During this time, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. We hope you can share these events help to promote a culture of life! - 40 Days for Life, Sept. 25th- Nov. 3rd, Fairview Heights. - Life Chain Sunday, Sun. Oct. 6th, Fairview Heights. - Diocese of Belleville Respect Life Conference, Fri. Oct. 18th, Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville

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>