



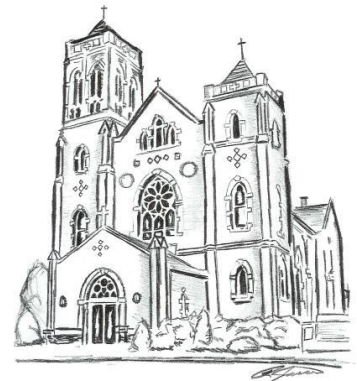
St. Damian Parish

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**St. Bernard and St. Damian
Catholic Churches**

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th
7:45 AM @ St. Damian
Prayer Service

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard
Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th
7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian
For the People

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th
7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard
Dawn Schomaker
Dennis Behrmann

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th
NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
Bill & Rosie Athmer
Daryl Athmer
Pat, Randy & Mark Toennies

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Jack McKeon

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Isaiah 55: 6-9; Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20: 1-16a

The Lord may surprise us and even confound us, but that is because God's ways are so far above our own. Nevertheless, Isaiah tells us, we can depend upon God for mercy. Paul trusts that Christ is with him, in life as well as in death. Jesus tells his disciples that God is more generous than what we would consider sensible. Listening to God's word today, let us take comfort in God's unfathomable generosity and mercy

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, September 24th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, September 25th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Liturgy Committee Meeting

6:00 pm @ St. Damian Rectory Meeting Room

Tuesday, September 26th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 @ St. Damian

Wednesday, September 27th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, September 28th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, September 29th

NO MASS/SERVICE

Saturday, September 30th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

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THE LORD IS NEAR TO ALL WHO CALL UPON HIM!

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 Gimenez. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING:

There will be a joint liturgy committee meeting for both St. Bernard and St. Damian on Monday, September 25th at 6:00 pm.

36th National Life Chain, Sunday, October 1, 2-3 pm. The 36th National Life Chain, a National Hour of Prayer, a visual, prayerful public statement against abortion will be held in approximately 2000 cities and towns nationwide along major highways. In solidarity, Clinton County Life Chain will be observed at all exits along the New Rt. 50 on Sunday, October 1st, 2-3pm. **LIFE CHAIN is a time for prayerful self-analysis, repentance, and serious commitment to helping end abortion in our nation. Accordingly, LIFE CHAIN is not chiefly a demonstration, and its witness is not intended for the viewing public only. Instead, its first goal is to minister to its own participants – to those who call Christ their Lord and hold pro-life messages that declare abortion a grave evil that defames the name and holiness of God (Leviticus 18:21). Water will be provided, and lawn chairs and umbrellas are suggested for some. Posters and prayer cards are available at site. Life Chain welcomes all defenders of nascent human life and we especially invite pastors and their congregations, youth groups, families and friends to join us as your prayer, support and presence are welcomed and needed. I was in my Mother's womb and you . . . prayed for me, supported me, and rescued me. Thank you. Connie Robben, President, Clinton County Citizens for Life**

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 16th

Loose: \$86.00 + Envelopes: (23) \$1,830.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$801.57 \$2,717.57
Budget for week: \$3,121.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$32,276.19
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$37,452.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$5,175.81)**
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 30th

Euch. Ministers: Diana Jansen, Virgil & Marilyn Jansen
Ushers: Brad & Kristy Richter
Servers: Kennedy Toennies, Lyla Koch, Charlie Sauer
Lector: Simon Toennies
Cantor: Chris Brandmeyer
Organist: Jan Hitch
Collection Counters: Mech Toennies, Kristy Richter
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

WE WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY TATE JUDD KALMER, son of Alex & Marie Kalmer, who will be baptized on Saturday, September 23rd. May the good Lord bless him & keep him in His ever-loving care.

ST. DAMIAN ADULT CHOIR INFORMATION:

The St. Damian Adult Choir will begin practicing on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 pm. We are in need of volunteers to keep this musical ministry thriving in our parish. Anyone high school age or older is invited to join. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 618-792-2676.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER.

“Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’”

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 17th

Loose: \$187.00+Envelopes: (30) \$1,590.00 \$1,777.00
Budget for week: \$3,502.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$36,561.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$42,024.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$5,463.00)**
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 – October 1st

Euch. Minister: Kati Schwierjohn, Jackie Farrar, Lynn Athmer
Reader: Sean Kennedy
Ushers: John & Linda Majchrzak
Servers: Kellan & Jaxson Hubert, Lilly Behrmann
Coll. Counters: James Williams, Tina Wuebbels, Janel Zurliene

- ❖ **WURSTMARKT INFORMATION:** *Carry-Out/Drive Thru Wurstmarkt* will be TODAY, **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.
- ❖ ***Cake Donations are being accepted to cover the cost of the cakes.*** Return to Chris Toennies TODAY!

Bluegrass Mass today at 9:30 with Music by the Nine 88 to start the day.

Thank you to all who have already donated for the steer raffle, cakes, and purchasing raffle tickets. Your support to St. Bernard's is amazing!

ST. BERNARD'S CHOIR INFORMATION! **SING!! MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!!**

If you have ever thought of joining the choir, now is the time. We are looking for new members to join us in this important ministry for our church - come to rehearsal - give it a chance! Questions? Just contact Joni or any of the choir members for more information!

CHOIR DIRECTOR FOR ST. BERNARD. St. Bernard Parish is looking for a choir director. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Joni Kloeckner or Deacon Glenn.

ST. BERNARD WURSTMARKT! TODAY!! Sunday, September 24th 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. 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.*

Damiansville Que & Brew at Damiansville Park. Sunday, October 1. Youth Soccer and basketball from 11-5, Pumpkin Chuckin and Children's Inflatables from 1-5, Public tasting 1:30-5, Craft beer 2-5, Bangolicious Playing 2-6. Rain or Shine

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.

QUILT & CASH BINGO, Sunday, October 8, at 1:00 pm at the KC Hall in Dubois. Sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Church.

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.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center, Jewish and Christian Views on the Stories of Creation and the First Sin. Presenter: Maharat Rori Picker Neiss and Mark Etling, PhD. Sunday, October 22, 2023, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The stories of creation and the first sin in the Book of Genesis are core to how we understand the world and our role in it. But is there more than one way to interpret them? For centuries Jewish and Christian communities have read these stories very differently, and that has led to fundamental differences in theology and worldview. Join us as we explore these texts through Jewish and Christian lenses and uncover how our views on the start of our world impacts our attitudes and behavior today. Cost: \$20 per person. For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at snows.org/Jewish-and-christian-views.

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>