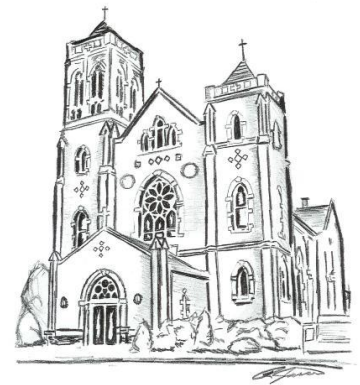




*Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Priesthood Sunday
September 28th, 2025*



St. Damian Parish

Founded 1861
One West Main Street
Damiansville, Illinois 62215
Phone: (618) 248-5134

THE
RICH
MAN
AND
LAZARUS

LUKE 16:19-31



WEBSITE:

www.stbernardandstdamian.org

St. Bernard Parish

Founded 1908
202 N. Broadway – Box 10
Albers, Illinois 62215
Phone: (618) 248-5112

BISHOP OF BELLEVILLE:

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
Cell Phone: 618-401-6007 Email:
mshuetz@hotmail.com
St. Bernard and St. Damian

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th

Prayer Service
7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

Prayer Service
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1st

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2nd

Mass in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard
Intention of the Catholic Extension Donors

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th

Mass in Church
4:00 pm @ St. Bernard
Barney & Margie Pollmann

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th

Mass in Church
9:30 am @ St. Damian
Frank, Minnie & Ralph Heimann
Millie Frey & Family
Albert & Catherine Jansen

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Amos 6: 1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6: 11-16; Luke 16: 19-31

For the second Sunday in a row, we hear the prophet Amos deliver a harsh condemnation of the callous rich. Also once again, we hear Jesus tell a story to teach the proper attitude toward material wealth. Here, the rich man and Lazarus find their states completely reversed after they die. Let us heed the lessons Amos and Jesus teach us and pray that we never become blind and uncaring to those in desperate need.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, September 28th - Priesthood Sunday

Mass in Church-Music by the Nine 88

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Baptism of Aubrey Claire Voss

9:30 am @ St. Damian with Deacon Glenn

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

St. Bernard Wurstmart 10:30-5:30 pm

Monday, September 29th

Prayer Service

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, September 30th

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, October 1st

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Thursday, October 2nd

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, October 3rd

NO MASS/NO SERVICES

Saturday, October 4th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, October 5th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

"PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL!"

REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED:

With the feasts of *All Saints* and *All Souls* approaching on Nov. 1st & 2nd our parishes will be remembering the faithful who have gone before us: ✠ A **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** is displayed in the entrances of church for anyone to write the names of deceased loved ones. ✠ A **CANDLE RITUAL** will be held for *All Souls Day* at the following Masses:
4:00 pm @ St. Damian on November 1st
9:30 am @ St. Bernard on November 2nd honoring those parishioners who have passed to eternal life since last Nov. 1st.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 20th

Loose: \$100.00+ Envelope (15): \$1,234.00

+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,318.00 \$2,652.00

Budget for week: \$3,536.00

Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$33,979.10

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$42,432.00

Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$8,452.90)

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

Thank you for your continued support!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – October 5th

Ministers: Ken Mank, Sharon Kalmer, Erin Korte

Ushers: Norm Horstmann, Brad Richter

Servers: Paislyn, Collins & Delaney Horstmann

Reader: Rosann Horstmann

Cantor: Lauren Cleeton

Organist: Chris Brandmeyer

Coll. Counters: Kristy Richter, Kathy Gonsalves

St. Damian's Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin on Sunday, October 5th and will follow the same guidelines as St. Bernard.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC

Let us walk with you on your journey. Classes begin Monday, Septe. 22 and meet every Monday evening from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Dominic Annex in Breese. For more info, 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.

PRO-LIFE HOUR OF PRAYER AT ST. DAMIAN CHURCH ON OCTOBER 9 AT 7:00 pm.

Please come and pray with us for the protection of unborn babies.

The St. Damian Adult Choir will begin practicing for Christmas on Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. in church. Practices will be held each Tuesday and last about 1 hour. If you have some time to give, we would love to see you there. We are always looking for new members to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 618-792-2676.

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 21st

Loose: \$56.00+Envelopes: (32) \$2,405.00
\$2,461.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$34,191.52
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$40,620.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$6,428.48)
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.)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – October 4th

Ministers: Ken & Liz Nussbaumer, Tina Haas
Reader: Steve Schomaker
Ushers: Ed Broeckling, Ryan Wuebbels
Servers: Westin, Levi & Tucker Schwierjohn
Coll. Count: James Williams, Tina Wuebbels, Lynn Athmer

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.

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. There are also some available in the entryway of church. 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. Please consider what you would be willing to donate/pledge over the next 3 years to maintain our beautiful church. It has been over 40 years since our last renovation.

TODAY!! 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. Music by the Nine 88 at the 9:30 Mass at St. Bernard.

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! Come out to Damiansville Park on Sunday, October 5. Many events going with the Que & Brew. 3 on 3 basketball and soccer tournaments, food, beverages, craft beer.

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

Annual Life Chain Sunday will be held on Sunday, October 5, from 2-3 pm along new Highway 50. Prayerful hour of silence supporting the dignity of and the right to life.

KC Monthly Drawing Winners, \$400 Roger Fuehne-Bartelso, \$60 Tom Athmer and Bob Heimann

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: "Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)."

VOCATION CORNER. "This Sunday is Priesthood Sunday – a day set aside to celebrate Priesthood and all those who have accepted it as their life's work. When praying the rosary today, offer the first decade for the priest who baptized you, the second for the priest who gave you first Communion, the third for the bishop who confirmed you, the fourth for the priest who witnessed your marriage or the bishop who ordained you (or will do so in the future), and the fifth decade for the priest who will anoint you at your death. These are the priests who have been with you in your life. **Prayer For Priest. Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priest to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who live and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.**

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.

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a full-time Controller responsible for all aspects of financial management, including accounting, tax filing, and regulatory and financial reporting and auditing, budget and forecast preparation, as well as development of internal control policies and procedures. The role also includes oversight of the priest retirement fund and high school accounting, as well as the diocesan computer network in conjunction with outsourced IT firm and provides first level of IT support. Manages the accounting, fundraising database, e-mail functions and acts as the administrator for cloud-based applications. Candidates should have a bachelor's degree in accounting or an advanced equivalent, with at least five years of experience as a Controller or a combination of Controller and public accounting, preferably holding a CPA or CMA certification. Skills required include knowledge of GAAP, multi-entity non-profit environment, strong communication, and experience with Sage Intacct or similar cloud-based software is a plus. Supervisory experience and IT proficiency are also valued. Visit <https://www.diobelle.org/temporal-affairs/human-resources/employment-opportunities> for the full advertisement. **Deadline: September 30, 2025.**