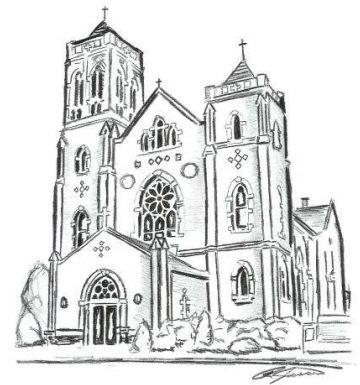
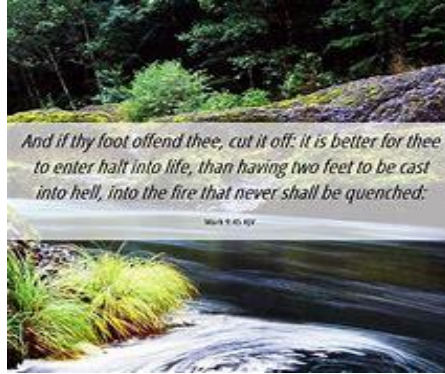




TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN
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SEPTEMBER 29th, 2024



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MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1st
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3rd
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4th
NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th
Mass in Church

4:00 PM @ St. Bernard
Barney & Margie Pollmann

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Damian
Albert & Catherine Jansen
Norbert Jansen
David Sudholt Family

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Numbers 11:25–29; James 5:1–6; Mark 9:38–43, 45, 47–48

Moses' loyal lieutenant Joshua and Jesus' beloved disciple John each protest that seemingly undeserving people are acting in the Lord's name. Moses and Jesus both respond by basically saying that the spirit blows where it will and we humans cannot bottle it in. We also hear both James and Jesus warn us of the consequences of sin. May we heed their warnings as we take comfort in the Holy Spirit's presence within us, guiding us in the right ways.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, September 29th – St. Bernard Wurstmarkt

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 Wurstmarkt

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

Monday, September 30th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, October 1st

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

St. Bernard Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Wednesday, October 2nd

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

St. Bernard Choir Practice

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

Thursday, October 3rd

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, October 4th

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, October 5th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Harper Reinneck Baptism

5:15 pm @ St. Damian w/ Deacon Glenn

Sunday, October 6th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

THE PRECEPTS OF THE LORD GIVE JOY TO THE HEART!

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. 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.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH. We have many events coming up for *Respect Life Month*, in October. As we take this month 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, Sunday, Sun. Oct. 6th, New Route 50 at all exits from Trenton to Carlyle 2-3 pm.

- Pro-Life Hour of Prayer, Thursday, October 10, from 7:00-8:00 pm at St. Damian Church

- Respect Life Mass, Wed. Oct. 16th, Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbia, IL

- Diocese of Belleville Respect Life Conference, Fri. Oct. 18th, Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville



“Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers”

PRO-LIFE HOUR OF PRAYER will be held on Thursday, October 10, from 7:00-8:00 pm at St. Damian Church. Please join us in praying for the rights of the unborn.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 21st

Loose: \$98.00+ Envelopes: (22) \$1,055.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$472.00 \$1,625.00
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$34,186.61
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$38,544.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$4,357.39)**
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 – October 6th

Minister: Erin Korte, Florence Jansen, Chris Brandmeyer
Ushers: Brent Goebel, Garry Kalmer
Servers: Collins, Delaney & Paislyn Horstmann
Lector: Denise Luitjohan
Cantor: Rosann Horstmann
Organist: Geri Varel
Coll. Counters: Gwen Toennies, Tina Tonnie
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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.

WE'RE EXCITED! IT'S ALMOST YOUTH

CHOIR TIME! Youth Choir practices will begin at church on Sunday Oct 27 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 every Sunday morning beginning Sunday Oct 27 at 8:30am!

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. Bernard on October 26th

9:30 am @ St. Damian on October 27th (PSR children will be singing at Mass) honoring those parishioners who have passed to eternal life since last Nov. 1st.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 22nd

Loose: \$107.00+ Envelopes: (26) \$1,685.00 \$1,792.00
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$34,917.75
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$40,620.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$5,702.25)**
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 – October 5th

Ministers: Kathy Engelmann, Melissa Netemeyer, Deb Schomaker
Lector: Janel Zurliene
Ushers: Ed Broeckling, Ryan Wuebbels
Servers: Quinten & Kailey Engelmann, Adrienne Rakers
Coll. Counters: Keith Richter, Sean Kennedy, Lynn Athmer
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

WURSTMARKT

The Holy Name Wurstmarkt will be held TODAY! 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.

We continue 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WINNERS

August - \$400-Brooke Zurliene, \$60-Keith Richter and Michelle Kuhl
September-\$400-Mark Rickhoff, \$60-Carl Huels and Glenn Holtmann

ST. BERNARD'S CHOIR PRACTICE will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm at Church. New members are welcome to join us in making beautiful music for our parish.

TODAY!!! ST. BERNARD ANNUAL WURSTMARKT,

Sunday, September 29, at Albers Parish Center. Pork Sausage, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cake. \$15.00
Preorder fried pork sausage links for \$2.00 a link. Please call or text Lyn Kloeckner at (618)789-8801 to place your preorder.

ALL SOULS DAY TRIBUTE IN THE MESSENGER. If you would like to honor your loved one, please contact the Messenger at 618-722-5047 or email advertising@bellevillemessenger.org to submit a person's name. The cost is \$20 per name.

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.

JustFaith Catholic Program Offered for Adults. Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response. 8 Consecutive Weeks Starting Thursday, October 3, 7-9 p.m. Mater Dei High School, 900 Mater Dei Dr., Breese, IL. Facilitators: Helen Essenpreis and Deacon John Hemen. How do I respond to poverty and injustice? What tools does my Catholic faith have to offer? *Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response* is an 8-week program that explores God's call to respond to poverty in our local communities, equipping participants to take action in effective and sustainable ways. Meaningful prayer experiences in the context of a small faith community are an essential part of each session. For a short introductory video go to youtube.com/watch?v=CRWqV_KhwLQ. For more information go to justfaith.org/courses/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-catholic/ To register go to justfaith.org/product/faith-poverty-a-biblical-response-catholic-version-in-person-group-at-mater-dei-high-school/ or contact Helen Essenpreis at essenpreis@charter.net or Deacon John Hemen at deaconjohn1952@gmail.com

King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center. *The Spirituality of the Twelve Steps for Everyone* – Four-part Series. Facilitator: Mark Dean, OMI. Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2024 from 10:00 am – 12 Noon
Deeply rooted in Christian tradition, the 12-step program blends the best of spirituality with the best of modern psychology. Addiction recovery is only one manifestation of its value. Under the guidance of Fr. Anthony Ciorra, you will come to see how the 12 steps apply to areas of your life you would never have thought of. Cost: \$20 for series; \$5 per session. For more information, call 618-397-0584 or Register online at <https://kh.snows.org/events/2024fallvs/>

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.

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 D-Ville 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.

The Belleville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will host its annual convention on October 9 at St. Mary's Parish, Carlyle. Join us for a day of reflection and fellowship as we gather for our annual convention with the theme, "Encounter Jesus." Our keynote speaker, Sr. Joyce Shanabarger, O.S.F., will lead us in spiritual reflection. Breakout sessions in the afternoon will focus on enhancing your prayer life. Registration begins at 8 am. Bishop Michael McGovern will join us and celebrate Mass at 11:00 am. Adoration and Reconciliation will be available at the conference. Cost is \$20 if paid by Sept. 27 or \$25 after Sept. 27 and at the door. Walk-ins are welcome. Cost of the lunch is included. Registrations form are available from your Sodality president or parish secretary. Complete the registration form and mail to Joan Derringer, 7781 Oakdale Road, Ellis Grove, IL 62241. Questions call 618-534-6697.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:

The **Annual Food Drive for St. Damian and St. Bernard** will be collecting non-perishable food items and household supplies for the food pantries. The bags will be dropped off **Saturday, October 26th** and picked up on **Saturday, Nov. 2nd beginning at 8:00 am. NO GLASS OR EXPIRED ITEMS PLEASE!** IF YOU HAVE A LONG LANE ROAD, WE ARE ASKING IF YOU COULD PLEASE SET THE BAGS AT THE END OF YOUR LANE ROAD FOR PICKUP. We would truly appreciate it. All items will be taken to St. Bernard Parish Center for sorting and will be brought to the Daystar Program in Cairo. Bags can be dropped off at St. Bernard's Church, St. Damian's Church or Albers Village Hall also. ***Thank you very much for your generosity!***

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