



St. Damian Parish

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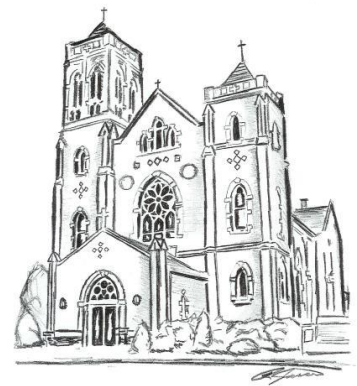
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**St. Bernard and St. Damian
Catholic Churches**

MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

Labor Day-No Mass/Service

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

Steve Mueth

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

For the People

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

NO MASS/SERVICE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

Mass in Church

4:00 PM @ St. Damian

Edward & Marie Eilering

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th

Mass in Church

9:30 AM @ St. Bernard

Robert Horry

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 AM @ St. Damian

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Jeremiah 20: 7-9; Romans 12: 1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

Jeremiah lashes out at God in today's first reading for the misery he must endure as a prophet. Saint Paul, who knew well what it was like to be persecuted, urges the Romans to sacrifice their will to God's. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that they must deny themselves and take up their crosses. Suffering is a part of life and is a necessary part of our calling as the Lord's disciples. May God's word strengthen us so that we may better endure suffering on our journey

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, September 3rd

Mass at the Jaycee Park

9:30 am @ Albers Park

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, September 4th

LABOR DAY- NO MASS/SERVICE

Tuesday, September 5th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

St. Bernard Finance Council Meeting

6:15 pm @ St. Bernard Rectory Meeting Room

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 @ St. Damian

Wednesday, September 6th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, September 7th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, September 8th

NO MASS/SERVICE

Wedding Ceremony: Norrenberns & Joest

5:00 pm @ St. Bernard w/ Deacon Kevin

Saturday, September 9th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, September 10th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Edge Ministry Kick Off & Open House

10:30 am @ St. Damian Rectory

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**MY SOUL IS THIRSTING FOR YOU;
OH LORD MY GOD!**

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.

St. Bernard's Children's Liturgy of the Word will be returning on 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.

**THE BULLETIN WILL BE BACK IN LARGE
PRINT AS SOON AS I RECEIVE THE
LEDGER PAPER ORDER.
SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.**

NEW Junior High Edge Youth Ministry Program

Join us for an Open House to kick off the new St. Bernard & St. Damian's Edge Youth Ministry program after Mass until Noon on Sunday, September 10 at St. Damian's Rectory. Edge Ministry is a Catholic middle school (5th - 8th grade) youth ministry program. It provides a safe, fun place for youth to find a solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Edge Ministry is a time where we, as youth leaders, are given the opportunity to provide guidance, reassurance, and Jesus' love to a group of people who have so many options and choices before them. Everyone is welcome! Light refreshments & attendance prizes provided.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: August 27th

Loose: \$88.00 + Envelopes: (18) \$825.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,002.00 \$1,915.00
Budget for week: \$3,121.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$23,301.55
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$28,089.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$4,787.45)**
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 9th

Euch. Ministers: Virgil & Marilyn Jansen,
Diana Jansen

Ushers: Jerry Innes, Roger Toennies

Servers: Randy, Ryan & Edwin Oros

Lector: Mary Innes

Cantor: Kathy Gonsalves

Organist: Jan Hitch

Collection Counters: Pete Toennies, Kathy Gonsalves

Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

Show Your Gratitude to Our Priests

Retired Diocesan Priests Collection September 9-10

On both ordinary and extraordinary days, our priests have been there for us.... at baptisms, weddings, First Communion and Confirmation, at times of sickness and sorrow...dedicating their lives to bring us closer to Christ. Now it is our turn to be there for them during their retirement years through a gift to the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection. All funds will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescription medications. *Note: Our diocesan priests do not receive any funding from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection which is held in December.* Show your appreciation with a generous gift next weekend -- September 9-10. Thank you so much!

The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15. Do you remember your or your children's or, perhaps, your grandchildren's first time away from home attending college? While greatly anticipated, it can also be a challenging, sometimes overwhelming experience. Today hundreds of young adults find a comfortable, secure, faith-based home during their college years as a "family" member of the Newman Catholic Student Center at Southern Illinois University. Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps makes this experience possible. Partner with Newman's students and staff by making your gift to The Appeal today!

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: August 26th

Loose: \$36.00 + Envelopes: (26) \$930.00 \$966.00
Budget for week: \$3,502.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$25,956.00
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$31,518.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$5,562.00)**
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 – September 10th

Euch. Minister: Kati Schwierjohn, Jackie Farrar,
Lynn Athmer

Reader: Ray Gill

Ushers: John & Linda Majchrzak

Servers: Riley, Gabrielle & Kelsie Rolves

Coll. Counters: Phyllis Albers, James Williams,

Tim Schroeder

Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

WURSTMARKT INFORMATION: The Holy Name Wurstmarkt will be held on Sunday, September 24. Raffle tickets will be distributed in the upcoming weeks.

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.

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.

**DON'T FORGET THAT MASS WILL BE
HELD AT LEHRTER PARK ON THE STAGE
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd, AT 9:30 TO
COINCIDE WITH THE HOOTENANY.
DON'T FORGET YOUR LAWNCHAIRS**

TODAY!!!! The Albers HOOTENANNY will be Sunday, September 03, 2023, at Albers Lehrter/JC Park! Kick it off with Mass in the Park at 9:30 on the stage and donuts for sale afterwards. We will have live music all day, kickball tourney, vendor fair, concessions stands and inflatables. Wristbands will be \$20.

ALBERS/DAMIANSVILLE JOINT-COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES! Sat, Sept 9, 7am-2pm. All residents are welcome to participate. Set up in your own garages & driveways. Feel free to open your sales for more than one day and set your own hours. No maps will be printed, but if you would like to list your address and hours, feel free to post your info on the Village of Albers Facebook page.

St. Mary Parish in Centralia, IL, for our annual Autumn Fest on the parish grounds on Saturday, September 9, 2023. Dive into a delicious buffet-style chicken dinner in the school cafeteria from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The festivities include musical entertainment, a cake walk, a basket raffle, fun games for kids, beer poker, and so much more. Don't miss our Mass at 4:00 p.m. For more details, please call the St. Mary Parish Office at 618-532-6291. See you there!

ALBERS LEGION CHICKEN DINNER: Sunday, September 10th, 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Fried chicken, mash potatoes &/or gravy, green beans, slaw, and dessert. Adults \$13, Kids (5-12) \$6, under 5 Free. Bingo Players will receive \$2 off their meal. Adult Carry outs Available

Young Adults Invited: Bishop Michael McGovern invites young Catholic adults, ages 18-35, to join him at a Reception on Sunday, Sep 10, at 6:00 PM, in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL. All are invited to attend the regularly scheduled 5:00 PM Mass in the Cathedral church. For more information, contact Clara Basola in the Office of Faith Formation at cbasola@diobelle.org or (618) 722-5047.

Bishop Michael McGovern invites all families that home school children to celebrate Mass together on Wednesday, September 13, at 11:00 AM at St. Clare Church, 1411 Cross Street, O'Fallon, IL. Lunch will be available afterward.

KINGS HOUSE RETREAT. Are you overdue to a relaxing midweek of peace, quiet, great food and spiritual renewal? Take some time away for the women's retreat September 19-21 at the Kings House at the Shrine. Contact Pat Brandmeyer at 618-541-7772 for further information and to register.

CHICKEN DINNER: St. Felicitas Church, Beaver Prairie, 13322 Church Road, Carlyle, IL, Sunday, September 17, 2023. 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Drive-thru only. (Look for signs on New Rt. 50 west of Carlyle and on Rt. 127 six miles north)

MATER DEI CHEERLEADERS ARE HOSTING A DATE NIGHT FUNDRAISER at Applebee's in Breese on Tuesday, September 19th, from 4-8 pm. Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting the MDHS Competition Cheer Squad.

SAVE THE DATE FOR ST. BERNARD WURSTMARKT! Sunday, September 24th at Albers School. Please watch for weekly updates in the bulletin under St. Bernard's Parish.

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).

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.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: "The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Abortion" respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion. [Walking with Moms in Need \(diobelle.org\)](http://Walking with Moms in Need (diobelle.org))

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.

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