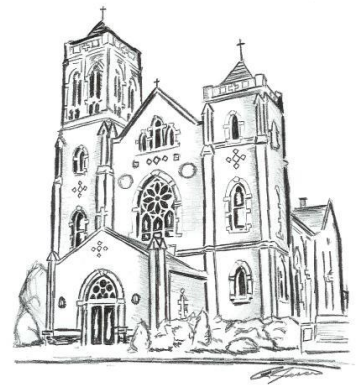




TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 8th, 2024



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th
Prayer Service in Church
7:45 am @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th
Mass in Church
7:45 AM @ St. Damian
For All Parishioners

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th
Mass in Church
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard
For All the Catholic Extension Donors
7:00 PM @ St. Bernard
Pro-Life Hour of Prayer

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th
NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
Bones Toennies
Marian Eversgerd
Anita Wellen
Judy Florczyk

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Kim Dull
Doris Kloeckner
Leo, Pat & Glenn Litteken & Len Shields

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Isaiah 35: 4-7a; James 2: 1-5; Mark 7: 31-37

Today we hear the story of a miracle in which Jesus performs a healing in a very intimate way. He draws a deaf and mute man away from the crowd, puts his fingers in his ears and, having spat on them, touches his tongue as well. Jesus is here with us in an intimate way as well. He has been just as close to us since we were baptized, when the priest or deacon touched our ears and mouth as well. He is with us as we gather in his name, in his very Body and Blood in the Eucharist we consume, and in each other. Listening to the readings today, let us realize that the One who healed in such a way is intimately close with us too, wherever we are.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, September 8th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, September 9th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Tuesday, September 10th

Prayer Service in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Wednesday, September 11th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, September 12th

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Pro-Life Hour of Prayer

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Friday, September 13th

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 14th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, September 15th-Catechetical Sunday

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

PRAISE THE LORD MY SOUL!

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!

Attention Residents of The Clin-Clair Fire District

In appreciation of all the support over the years for your Volunteer Fire Department, Clin-Clair will be hosting a family day on September 8, 2024 at the Albers Lehrter Park from 11:30 am - 4:30 pm. There will be demonstrations along with fun activities for the kids. Bring your families to the park for some food and drinks for a fun-filled day with the members of the Clin-Clair Fire Department.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARQUEE FUNDRAISER! The

Albers Elementary Booster Club wants to help you celebrate your child's birthday by having his/her name posted on the marquee in front of school! The celebrate your child's birthday just fill out the attached form and send it back to school with a \$10 donation/child. ****EVERYONE is invited to join in our FUN- RAISER DONATIONS ACCEPTED** from anyone in our community who'd like to help!** Cash and/or Check (*Made payable to Albers Booster Club*) Contact Albers Elementary School at 618-248-5146 with questions. Thank you for supporting our school!

Catechetical Sunday is Sunday, September 15, 2024

We will acknowledge our Faith Formation teachers and assistants at the weekend Masses September 14 & 15th at both St. Damian and St. Bernard. We are so blessed to have wonderful teachers and assistants at both of our parishes. May God Bless each and every one of you.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 1st

Loose: \$144.25+ Envelopes: (18) \$965.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$591.00
+ ACH for Sept. 2: \$1,310.00 \$3,010.25
Budget for week: \$3,212.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$25,519.61
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$28,908.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (3,388.39)
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 14th

Minister: Kevin Toennies, Arlene Korte, Ruth Jansen
Ushers: Brad Richter, Norm Horstmann
Servers: Lincoln & Connor Arentsen, Miranda Richter
Lector: Kathleen Hodges
Cantor: Kristy Richter
Organist: Jan Hitch
Coll. Counters: Pete Toennies, Kathleen Hodges
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

DAMIANSVILLE SCHOOL NEWS!

PAWSitively GLOWing Neon Night 5K/2K- Fri, Sept 20 @ Damiansville Park

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.

PLEASE HAVE ALL BULLETIN ITEMS turned into Angie no later than noon on Tuesdays. Thank you in advance.

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.

Respect Life Bulletin Corner. “We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity.”

USCCB, “Prayer to Heal Racial Division” <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-heal-racial-division>

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: September 1st

Loose: \$80.75 +Envelopes: (34) \$1,805.00
+ ACH for Sept. 2nd: \$2,495.00 \$4,380.75
Budget for week: \$3,385.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$27,057.75
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$30,465.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$3,407.25)
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 15th

Ministers: Lynette Huegen, Dan & Lee Love
Lector: Dana Lake
Ushers: Cory & Andra Goestenkers
Servers: Kayle Reinhardt, Jack & Sam Reynolds
Coll. Counters: Tina Wuebbels, Keith Richter, Lynn Athmer
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
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.

Suicide Prevention Training and “We Remember You” Candlelight Vigil for Those Lost to Suicide. Presented by The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows and the St. Clair County Suicide Prevention Alliance Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Training at 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Shrine Visitors Center. “We Remember You” Candlelight Vigil at 7:00 pm at the Shrine’s Lourdes Grotto. If you are concerned about a loved one or dealing with the loss of a loved one to suicide, please join us for our Suicide Prevention Training and Candlelight Vigil to honor those we have lost to suicide. For more information, call 618-394-6281 or visit our website at <https://snows.org>. **Also, MASS OF REMEMBRANCE for people who have died by Suicide,** Sunday, September 15 at 2:00 at St. Mary’s Church, Belleville to commemorate National Suicide Prevention Week.

ALBERS AMERICAN LEGION CHICKEN DINNER, Sunday, September 15, from 4:30-7:00. Adult \$14, \$6 kids ages 5-12. Dine-in or carry outs available. ½ chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, slaw & dessert. Bingo Players get \$2 off meal.

PAWSitively GLOWing Neon Night 5K/2K- Friday, Sept 20 @ Damiansville Park.

Pre-Cana Date: September 14, 2024. Where: St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Church (Fellowship room): 1550 Main Street, Mt. Vernon IL. 62864. Registration: 9:15 – 9:45. Start: 9:45. Close with 5:00 Mass. Cost: \$75.00 per couple. The cost includes materials, lunch and pizza (optional) after 5:00 Mass. To register: Contact Deacon Mark Kabat 618-316-8027

ALBERS/DAMIANSVILLE VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALES! Mark your calendar for Saturday, Sept 14, 7am-2pm. All residents are welcome to participate. Set up in your own garages and driveways. Feel free to open your sales for more than one day and set your own hours. Make your own signs and advertise. No maps will be printed. If you would like to list your address and hours, feel free to post your info on the Village of Albers and Damiansville, IL Facebook pages.

CHICKEN DINNER: St. Felicitas Church, Beaver Prairie, 13322 Church Road, Carlyle, IL, Sunday, September 15, 2024. 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Drive-thru only. \$15. (Look for signs on New Rt. 50 west of Carlyle and on Rt. 127 six miles north of Carlyle.)

We are pleased to invite you to an informative session on Estate Planning and Elder Law hosted by Clinton County Home & Community Education. This event is an excellent opportunity to learn how to secure your future and navigate the complexities of legal and financial planning. Our speaker, Brent Rickhoff, an experienced Estate Planning Attorney, will guide you through the essential aspects of estate planning and elder law, providing valuable insights to help you make informed decisions. This event will be on Tuesday, September 17 at the Breese Senior Center located at 480 S. 4th St starting at 6 p.m. and is open to the public. Don’t miss this important opportunity to gain knowledge on an important topic. We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Cecilia, Bartelso, Fall Quilt Bingo, Thursday, September 19, 2024 @ 7:30 pm, doors open at 6:30 pm. St. Cecilia Parish Center, Bartelso, IL

SAVE THE DATE FOR ST. BERNARD AN. NUAL 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.

THE FINAL CELEBRATION OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PRIESTS. A Gathering Honoring Supporters and Friends. September 29, 2024. Corpus Christi Parish, Shiloh. Liturgy at 2 p.m. followed by a gathering, dinner and program. Contact Tom: ksftom10@gmail.com for information and to make reservations. DEADLINE September 6, 2024

Chakota Therapeutic Riding Center is in need of volunteers to assist with riding sessions. Due to many of our volunteers returning to school, we are facing challenges in adequately staffing these sessions. The riding sessions take place Monday thru Thursday at 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00 p.m. If you are uncertain about your interest, we invite you to observe a session to gain insight into our activities. Our location is 6248 Wesclin Rd, Germantown, IL. Alternatively, you may contact us at 618-224-4236 and leave a message to schedule a visit. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old to assist with sessions, and no prior horse experience is necessary. We encourage you to consider joining us in our mission to provide equine therapy to individuals with disabilities.

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 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

ALS Golf Scramble –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>