

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

### Isaiah 62: 1-5, 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11, John 2:1-11

Today's readings reveal the transformative effect God has upon the world. Isaiah prophesies that God will transform the Israelites and their land from "forsaken" to "espoused," as a suitor rejoices in his bride. Paul extols the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which transform each person differently, but all to serve the same Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus transforms water into wine at a wedding in Cana, revealing his glory and inspiring his disciples to believe in him. Listening to God's word, let us consider how God transforms us and our world.

### HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 16th Mass in Church & Live Streamed 9:30 am @ St. Bernard Hispanic Mass & Live Streamed 11:00 am @ St. Damian Church Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 7:45 @ St. Damian-NO SCHOOL **Prayer Service** Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 7:45 am @ St. Bernard **Prayer Service** 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm @ St. Damian **Eucharistic Adoration** Wednesday, January 19th 7:45 am @ St. Damian w/Coffee to follow Mass at St. Damian Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 7:45 am @ St. Bernard Mass at St. Bernard Friday, January 21st No Mass or Service Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> Mass in Church -4:00 pm @ St. Damian Sunday, January 23rd Mass in Church & Live Streamed 9:30 am @ St. Bernard Hispanic Mass & Live Streamed 11:00 am @ St. Damian Church \*\*\*\*\*

#### MASSES are live streamed at:

## PROCLAIM HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS TO ALL THE NATIONS.

#### ST. DAMIAN AND ST. BERNARD DONATION STATEMENTS!!

Please note that this year we will be changing the way we do the donation statements. We will only be sending if you request one. If you would like your donation statement, please contact Angie via email, text or phone call and she can send your statement either by email, text, or mail. Thank you!

#### **DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE: MASS FOR LIFE**

Please join Bishop Michael McGovern for Holy Mass on Sunday, January 16, at 10:30am at Holy Trinity Church, 505 Fountains Parkway, Fairview Heights, IL. We are especially mindful in the month of January of the tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Together we need the power of prayer and God's grace to build a culture where every human life is cherished and respected from conception until natural death. All are invited to draw strength from the power of Christ's holy word and the gift of the Holy Eucharist. For more information, contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722-5003 or by e-mail at jhoffmann@diobelle.org.

#### The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do... -John 14:12

At Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School – the only remaining Catholic elementary school in East St. Louis – 100% of the students graduate from high school and 95% enroll in colleges and universities, trade schools and the military! **Your support** of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps to make this possible. If you have not already done so, please consider making a gift today. The youngsters at Sister Thea Bowman are counting on you.

# ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: January 8th**

Loose: \$14.00 + Envelopes: \$1,265.00	)	
+ Mass in Spanish: \$262.39		
+ Christmas Envelope: \$470.00	\$2,011.39	
Budget for week:	\$2,923.00	
Fiscal year-to-date collected:	\$87,659.95	
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$78,921.00	
Over (under) year-to-date budget:	\$8,738.95	
Fiscal year (7/21-6/22) budget:	\$ 152,000.00	
( <b>Reminder</b> : The fiscal year budget <u>does not</u> include		
the \$34,200.00 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 FOR JANUARY 22nd

Mass Servers: Reid Toennies, Kennedy Toennies Lector: Denise Luitjohan Organist: Geri Varel Cantor: Lindsey Mitchell Ushers: Delmar Santel, Stanley Heimann Eucharistic Minister: Marilyn Jansen Coll. Counters: Kristy Richter, Kathleen Hodges Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

**<u>COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP</u>** will follow the Mass on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at St. Damian Rectory.

## **QUILT RAFFLE WINNER RECAP FOR 2021.**

Congratulations to the following winners for 2021: **Ruth Pingsterhaus** Jerome Koerkenmeier

**Ruthie Sterkis** Barb Wobbe

# ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: January 9th		
Loose: \$20.00 + Envelopes: \$900.00		
+ PayPal (\$40–\$1.89 fee): \$38.11		
+ Christmas Envelopes: \$100.00	\$1,058.11	
Budget for week:	\$3,095.00	
Fiscal year-to-date collected:	\$96,054.10	
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$83,565.00	
Over (under) year-to-date budget:	\$12,489.10	
Fiscal year (7/21-6/22) budget:	\$160,950.00	
(Reminder: The fiscal year budget does not include		
the \$47,000.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies		
Sodality, & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which		
is needed in order to balance the budget.)		
Thank you for your faithful and generous support!		

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE – JANUARY 23rd

Servers: Kellen Hubert, Garrett Winkler, Adelyn Wuebbels Lector: Jackie Farrar Cantor: Shelly Schuetz Greeters: John & Linda Majchrzak Eucharistic Minister: Tina Wuebbels Coll. Counters: Keith Richter, Janel Zurliene Thanks for being ministers of St. Bernard!

THANK YOU to Ed Wuebbels and Kris Anne Becker on serving with the St. Bernard Parish Council. Since there terms were up, we welcome Liz Nussbaumer and Ray Gill on accepting the nomination to serve on the council. Thank you to all for serving your parish.

Make the Messenger a part of your New Year's Resolution! The Messenger brings you the stories of real people quietly living their faith through compassion and good works. Inspirational stories that show our Catholic faith is alive and well in southern Illinois.

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all, we turn to you today as the one who said "Yes" to Life. "You will conceive and bear a son," the angel told you. Despite the surprise and the uncertainty about how this could be, you said yes. "Be it done unto me according to your word. "Mary, we pray today for all mothers who are afraid to be mothers. We pray for those who feel threatened and overwhelmed by their pregnancy. Intercede for them, that God may give them the grace to say "Yes" and the courage to go on. May they have the grace to reject the false solution of abortion. May they say with you, "Be it done unto me according to your word." May they experience the help of Christian people, and know the peace that comes from doing God's will. Amen

**St. Rose Youth League Sausage & Pancake Breakfast**, Sunday, January 16, 2022 from 7:30 am to 11:30 am at St. Rose Park. We will be doing a drive-thru. Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00. Proceeds to benefit St. Rose Youth League activities.

ALBERS LEGION CHICKEN DINNER: January 16th, 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Fried chicken, mash potatoes &/or gravy, green beans, slaw, and dessert. Adults \$12, Kids (5-12) \$5, under 5 Free. Bingo Players will receive \$2 off their meal. Adult Carry outs Available.

<u>CLIN-CLAIR FIRE DEPT</u> invites you to a fun night out to support the Fire Dept. at our Dinner, Mouse Races, Cash Drawing, on Saturday, January 29. The evening includes a chicken and pork roast dinner with open bar until 7 PM, mouse races, mouse roulette, and a cash drawing. All proceeds will be used to purchase bunker gear and water rescue equipment. Tickets are \$40 and can purchased by calling Cole at (618) 210-6721 or Brian at 618-410-0428.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The North Central Vicariate (NCV) Hispanic Ministry Coalition is seeking a **part-time** (maximum 24 hours per week) Hispanic Minister for our Hispanic community. This position will have a responsibility to love and care for the Hispanic community while leading them to evangelize and encourage their full participation in the life of local parishes and the larger Catholic community. This position has flexible hours with evenings and weekends required. Essential qualifications include a bachelor's degree or higher, but practical experience may substitute; understanding of the Catholic faith; pastoral outreach; bilingual in Spanish and Basic immigration knowledge. For more information on position, please visit <a href="https://www.stfrancisav.org/documents/hispanic-minister">https://www.stfrancisav.org/documents/hispanic-minister</a>. To apply send cover letter with resume to: Fr. Dan Friedman, c/o NCV Hispanic Ministry Coalition, P.O. Box 93, Aviston, Illinois 6226 or email to pastor@stfrancisav.org. Application deadline is January 31, 2022.

#### A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land

Co-Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville and The Messenger

November 28 to December 9, 2022

### Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Steve Beatty

This pilgrimage will include important sites in Jesus' life as well as visits to places in the Holy Land where CRS is carrying on the work of Jesus today. Pricing, complete itinerary, and registration will be available after Feb. 28, 2022. To be placed on the priority mailing list to receive a full itinerary and registration information, contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Animator for the Diocese of Belleville at <u>crsdiobelle@gmail.com</u> or 618-624-2838.

**ATTENTION FAMILIES THAT NEED ASSISTANCE!** Anyone who needs assistance, St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry, 602 Church Street, Germantown, IL, will be open on Mondays from 10:30-1:00. Please call Shirley at 523-4260 or John at 363-6588 if you need help.

### JustFaith Catholic Program Offered Virtually *Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response* 8 Consecutive Weeks Starting January 14 at 1pm

**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. The program will be offered virtually on Zoom for any interested adults in our diocese. For a short introductory video go to <u>youtube.com/watch?v=CRWqV\_KhwLQ</u>. For more information go to <u>https://justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-jfc/</u>. The program is sponsored through a local grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at <u>cchddiobelle@gmail.com</u> or 618-624-2838.