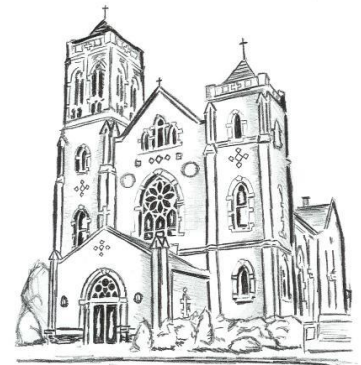
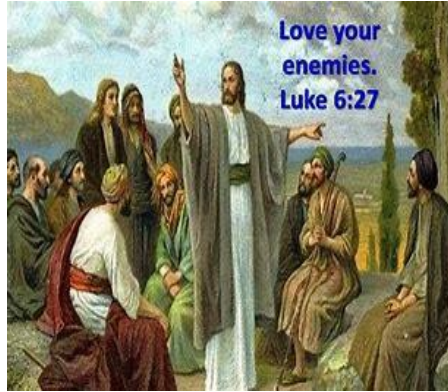




7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 20, 2022



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

7:45 AM @ St. Damian

Prayer Service

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd

7:45 AM @ St. Bernard

Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd

7:45 AM Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24th

7:45 AM Mass @ St. Bernard

George & Rita Zollner

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25th

NO MASS/NO PRAYER SERVICE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

Mass in Church

4:00 PM Mass @ St. Bernard

Eileen Toennies & Kathy Ripperda

Doris Kloeckner

Living & Deceased of Lewis & Agnes

Huegen Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27th

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 AM @ St. Damian

Deceased Members of the Henry & Lucille

Albers Family

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9; 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49; Luke 6: 27-38

Before Jesus taught his disciples the importance of showing mercy, David put such a lesson into action when threatened by Saul. He and his comrades could have killed the king or taken him prisoner, but David ordered that his life be spared. Listening to today's readings, let us listen for ways in which we can show mercy to those in need.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, February 20th

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass & Live Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Hispanic Food Sales to Follow after Mass at the Parish Rectory Garage

Monday, February 21st

7:45 @ St. Damian

Prayer Service

Tuesday, February 22nd

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Prayer Service

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, February 23rd

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Mass at St. Damian

Thursday, February 24th

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Mass at St. Bernard

Friday, February 25th

No Mass or Service

Saturday, February 26th

Mass in Church –

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, February 27th

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 am @ St. Damian

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MASSES are live streamed at:

www.facebook.com/stbernardandstdamian. You can also find Masses on the television at EWTN or through St. Bernard & St. Damian website at www.stbernardandstdamian.org.

THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL!

Mater Dei Class of 2026 Registration: February 26

Mater Dei will begin registration for the Class of 2026 on Saturday, February 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (The format is "first come first served," as multiple registration tables are available.) Families who are unable to attend on this date may contact Director of Enrollment Mrs. Maria Zurliene (526-7216 or mzurliene@materdeiknights.org). (Registration packets will be mailed soon, as the recent snow days resulted in a delay in preparations.)

2022 DIAPER DRIVE Hosted by the Metro-East

Diaper Bank! DIAPERS are being accepted at Albers Village Hall TODAY through Monday, February 28! DIAPER sizes 4, 5 and 6 are most needed! DIAPERS may be shipped to Albers Village Hall 206 W. Dwight Street, PO Box 132, Albers, IL 62215-0132 via Walmart, Target, Amazon, etc.! Cash donations also appreciated! Checks made payable to 'Metro East Diaper Bank'. The Metro-East Diaper Bank is a non-profit organization providing diapers to local 501(3)c organization partners in the metro-east and southern Illinois. Metro-East Diaper Bank - metroeastdiaperbank.org / www.facebook.com/metroeastdb Helping babies from the bottom up! Contact Brenda with questions at (618) 248-5154 / villageofalbers@yahoo.com.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND AMERICAN

LEGION will be having a spaghetti dinner on Thursday, February 24th, from 4:00-6:30 at Albers Legion. Please try to support these two organizations for the benefit of our community. All members are asked to bring 1 dessert to the Legion before 3:00 the day of the dinner. If you have any question, please call Steve at (618) 973-8860 or Deb at (618) 593-2100.

THE BISHOP SENT NOTICE THAT MASKS ARE STILL REQUIRED IN CHURCH AS THE CHANGE ONLY APPLIED TO SCHOOLS. PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR MASK TO MASS!

ST. DAMIAN & ST. BERNARD OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT DAYSTAR!

- Hardees Mardi Gras Family Night at the Breese Location from 5-8 March 1st. 20% of all sales from dine-in, carryout, and drive-thru will be donated to our Needy Funds and Daystar Community Programs.
- Donations of canned and/or packaged meats, poultry and/or fish that DO NOT REQUIRE REFRIGERATION are being collected;
- Checks and cash donations (checks payable to Needy Fund or Daystar)

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 13th

Loose: \$47.00 + Envelopes: \$1,980.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$565.00 \$2,592.00
Budget for week: \$2,923.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$99,527.95
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$90,613.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$8,914.95
Fiscal year (7/21-6/22) budget: \$152,000.00
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** 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 FEBRUARY 27th

Servers: Reid Innes, Trent & Julia Korte
Lector: Anita Rakars
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Cantor: Kathleen Hodges
Ushers: Cole & Jared Horstmann
Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Kalmer
Coll. Counters: Pete Toennies, Kristy Richter
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

YOUTH CHOIR NEWS! Mark your calendar for Sunday Feb 27! The St. Damian Youth Choir will begin rehearsals for the Easter season at 8:30am on Feb 27 before the 9:30 mass. The Youth Choir will sing on Palm Sunday (April 10) and Easter Sunday (April 17). All boys & girls in grades 4-12 and young adults are invited to participate in the Youth Choir and to share their singing talents. Contact Jackie Toennies at 335-9562 or Geri Varel at 444-5073 if you have any questions or if a child needs a ride to/from practice. We look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces on Feb 27 AT 8:30am!

The St. Damian Adult Choir will begin practices for Holy Thursday on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. in church. All are invited to share your musical talents! If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brandmeyer at 618-792-2676.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: February 12th

Loose: \$68.00 + Envelopes: \$2,744.00
+ Paypal (\$40-1.89) \$38.11 \$2,850.11
Budget for week: \$3,095.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$110,689.45
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$99,040.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$11,649.45
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 – FEBRUARY 26th

Servers: Quinten & Kailey Engelmann, Clayton Jansen
Lector: Ken Nussbaumer
Cantor: Robbin Netemeyer
Greeters: Steve & Deb Schomaker
Eucharistic Minister: Liz Nussbaumer
Coll. Counters: James Williams & Janel Zurliene
Thanks for being ministers of St. Bernard!

OUR PRO-LIFE MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

From March 2 through April 10th, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life-40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. During the 40-Day vigil, Christians stand outside abortion clinics and peacefully pray. St. Bernard and St. Damian's Catholic Churches have adopted a half day to peacefully pray outside the Planned Parenthood at 331 Salem Place in Fairview Heights, IL, on Saturday, April 2 from 7 am – 1 pm. Members of the Parishes are asked to please sign up to pray at the Planned Parenthood for at least one hour that day. You can sign-up at the back of Church after Mass, or call/text Kati Schwierjohn at 618.954.8169. Help us be a vital partner in offering prayers for life and helping bring an end to abortion. You can also sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48aba82aa5f94-stbernardst>

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES: The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant for the Office of Human Resources which is part of the Department of Temporal Affairs. The Administrative Assistant supports the administrative and clerical needs of the Office of Human Resources with regular interaction with parish, school, and agency personnel. Applicant must have a steady work ethic and proficient understanding of HRIS, database management and benefit claim support. Applicant must have strong written and oral communication skills; be highly organized, detailed and flexible; exercise problem-solving, discretion and interpersonal skills, and must maintain confidentiality. Essential qualifications include a minimum of a high school diploma, Associate's Degree preferred, or equivalent experience; 1-3 years' experience in human resources and benefits/claim support, plus knowledge of Microsoft Office including Publisher and other computer programs/applications. Practicing Catholic preferred with thorough knowledge and understanding of Catholic teachings, practices, and organizational structure. To apply send cover letter with resume to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 S. 3rd St., Belleville, IL. 62220. FAX to 618-722-5020; email to humanresources@diobelle.org. Application deadline: Monday, March 7, 2022.

The Knights of Columbus is seeking Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their financial program in the local area. We offer a complete benefits package (health, dental, disability and life insurance, retirement pension program), expense allowance and professional training with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact, Jeff Niemeyer FICF, LUTCF, General Agent, at (618) 526-7991 ext. 301 or via email at Jeff.Niemeyer@kofc.org. Website: www.NiemeyerAgency.org

STUKENBERG-EILERMANN AMERICAN LEGION POST 1026 SCHOLARSHIP. The Legion and its Auxiliary are each awarding a \$750 scholarship. Applicant must be a **high school graduate**, the son, daughter, grandchild, or great-grandchild whose Parent, Grandparent, or Great-grandparent or legal guardian (living or deceased) is or was a member of Stukenberg-Eilermann Post 1026 Legion or Auxiliary or Post 1026 Vet Club. Applications may be picked up at the Legion Home Monday – Friday from 9-11 and Sundays from 1-5 or by calling Scholarship Chairman Bud Jansen at 248-5359. Submit completed applications to the Legion or Scholarship Chairman by April 1, 2022.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP: The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant for the Office of Worship which is part of the Department of Pastoral Services. This position provides administrative support and assists with all liturgical celebrations, events, and programs. Basic knowledge and understanding of bookkeeping practices are required. Applicant must have excellent organizational skills; strong written and oral communication skills; exercise problem-solving, discretion and interpersonal skills; must be detailed and flexible; and must maintain confidentiality. Proficiency with Microsoft Publisher and familiarity with website maintenance. Essential qualifications include a minimum of a high school diploma, Associate's Degree preferred, or equivalent experience; 3+ years in a related role of providing administrative/clerical support, plus knowledge in Microsoft Publisher, website maintenance and other computer programs/applications. Practicing Catholic preferred with thorough knowledge and understanding of Catholic teachings, practices, and organizational structure.

TO APPLY: Send cover letter, résumé, and references to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 S. 3rd St., Belleville, IL. 62220 or email humanresources@diobelle.org. **Application deadline: March 15, 2022**

MEXICAN FOOD CARRYOUT ONLY on Sunday, February 20, after the 11:00 Mass at St. Damian Rectory Garage. \$5.00 a plate with a variety of foods including flan and pozole and many other items. Since there is no Mexican Fish Fry, this is your chance to get your tamales. Proceeds benefit the Rosie Baez family of Breese who is a cancer patient. Sponsored by the Hispanic Community.

BARTELSON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DRIVE THRU ONLY CHICKEN DINNER is Sunday, February 20 starting at 11:00. Chicken, mashed potatoes, dressing, green beans, slaw & dessert.

BREESE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN DINNER to support All Saints Academy is Sunday, February 20, from 3-6 pm. Carryout only. Includes chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans and slaw.

ALBERS/DAMIANSVILLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPAGHETTI DINNER, Thursday, February 24th, at Albers Legion, from 4-6:30. Spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert.

AVISTON LEGION AUXILIARY RUMMAGE SALE and Bake sale will be Thursday, February 24 from 9AM – 8 PM, Friday the 25th from 9 AM – 8 PM-half price, and Saturday from 9-12 (\$3 & \$5 brown bag). Quilt raffle also.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT, Saturday, February 26, from 7-8:30. Gather your friends and family to compete in a Zoom breakout room trivia night. To register, please go to forms.gle/T5BTT2BCyYZUELdz7 or contact Cheryl Sommer at (618)624-2838.

BREESE AMERICAN LEGION DRIVE THRU OR CARRYOUT CHICKEN DINNER is Sunday, February 27, from 11-6. All dinners are \$12.

FRIENDS OF THE COUGARS FISH FRY: Beginning Ash Wednesday (March 2) and every Friday in Lent (3/4-4/15) at the Albers Legion from 4:30-7:00 pm. Dine in or carryout available. Cod, catfish, shrimp, chicken strips, hush puppies, sides, fries, and desserts.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS):

Find the latest information at <http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org/catholic-youth-ministry.html>.