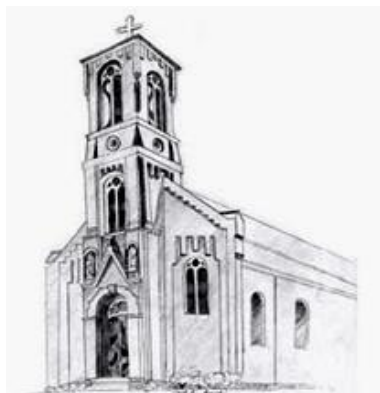


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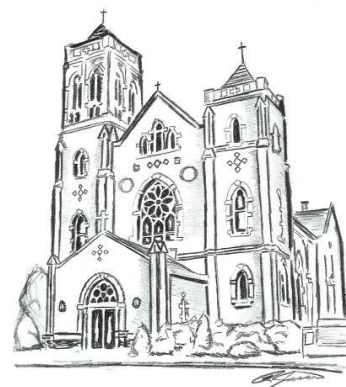
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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

Prayer Service

7:45 @ St. Damian

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

Prayer Service

7:45 @ St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1st

7:45 AM Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

7:45 AM Mass @ St. Bernard

George & Rita Zollner

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

NO MASS OR SERVICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Gary Tripp Kharibian

Catherine, Herman & Harold Albers

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 AM @ St. Damian

Roberty "Smitty" Santel

Edward Santel

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Jeremiah 33: 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36.

Today's readings focus on two comings of Jesus: as the fulfillment of God's promise to the Chosen People and as judge at the end of time. The prophet Jeremiah and the apostle Paul offer words of hope and encouragement to their people as they anticipate these events. In the meantime, Paul advises the Thessalonians, they should act even more out of love for one another. May these words serve to prepare us as well during this holy season of expectation.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, November 28th

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass & Live Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, November 29th

7:45 @ St. Damian

Prayer Service

Tuesday, November 30th

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Prayer Service

Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 – 7:30 pm @ St. Damian

Wednesday, December 1st

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Mass at St. Damian

Thursday, December 2nd

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Mass at St. Bernard

Friday, December 3rd

NO MASS OR SERVICE

Saturday, December 4th

Mass in Church –

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, December 5th

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 am @ St. Damian -Bake Sale after Mass

Hispanic Mass & Live Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church – Bake Sale
After Mass

Penance Service at St. Damian

1:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

MASSSES 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.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE.

Mark your calendar for reconciliation service December 5 at 1:00 PM at St. Damian Church.

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT MY SOUL.

ST. DAMIAN & ST. BERNARD COMMUNITY GIVING TREE:

St. Damian Church will be the collection point for hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks & house slippers for children, teens, women and men. The items will be donated to the BCMW Organization in Breese and distributed as Christmas presents to local families. BCMW serves Bond, Clinton, Marion & Washington Counties. Items can be brought to St. Damian Church and hung on the giving tree in the Gathering space from Nov. 20 – Dec. 12th. Your generous donations will help make the holidays a little warmer for those in need. Any questions, please contact Geri at 248-5223. Thanks in advance for your generous support.

St. Bernard Church This year all donated items through the St. Bernard Giving Tree event will be donated to the Daystar program in Cairo Illinois. The tree is located in the back of church filled with Christmas Cards listing the item/s to purchase. We ask that each family take a card/s, purchase the requested items with the card and yarn attached, unwrapped, under the tree no later than December 12th. Please place the Gift Bags for Seniors in the bin located near the tree. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of those less fortunate. May God Bless you! Any questions, contact Melissa Netemeyer at (618) 248-5602 or Marilyn Venhaus.

FAITH FORMATION BAKE SALE. The 7/8 grade Faith Formation Class will host a bake sale on Sunday, December 5, after the 9:30 & 11:00 Masses at St. Damian. Proceeds will go to adopt a family for Christmas (BCMWS). Please help some children's Christmas to be a little brighter.

THE LIVE NATIVITY will be held on Sunday, December 19th. Please keep your calendars open to attend this beautiful Advent event.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 20th

Loose: \$130.00 + Envelopes: \$1,725.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,000.00
+ Thanksgiving Donation: \$195.00
+ ACH for November 16th: \$545.00 \$3,595.00
Budget for week: \$2,923.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$54,910.56
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$59,090.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$4,179.44)**
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 DECEMBER 5TH

Mass Servers: Natalie & Lauren Lynch, Chase Jansen
Lector: Susan Lynch
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer
Cantor: Kathleen Hodges
Ushers: Bill Jansen, Gary Tonnies
Eucharistic Minister: Julie Langenhorst
Coll. Counters: Kathy Gonsalves, Pete Toennies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

JOINT HOLY NAME & DAMIANVILLE

DEVELOPMENT CLUB Quarter 4 meeting and Christmas Party will be held in the Gym on Friday, December 10 at 6:00 PM.

ST. DAMIAN YOUTH CHOIR NEWS!

Youth Choir practices are happening on Sunday mornings at 8:30am (before mass). We are practicing for Christmas Eve (Dec 24, 4pm). All youth in grades 4-12, college age and young adults are welcome to participate and "Make a Joyful Noise! If kids or parents have any questions, please call Jackie at 335-9562 or Geri at 248-5223.

GYM USE: If any Damiansville residents would like to use the gym for upcoming events, please contact the school office at 248-5188 to fill out the paper work.

The church has found 9 30x96 wood folding tables that they no longer have use for. The tables are free of charge if anybody wants them. Please contact Adam Fuehne (618) 520-3637 or Al Varel (618) 973-8527.

WE WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY

Waylon James Foppe, son of Nick Foppe & Hannah Korte, who was baptized on November 20th at St. Damian's Church. May God Bless him and guide him on his journey of life.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 21st

Loose: \$45.00 + Envelopes: \$1595.00
+ PayPal (\$40-\$1.89 fee): \$38.11
+ ACH for November 16th: \$2,525.00
+ Thanksgiving Envelopes: \$300.00 \$4,503.11
Budget for week: \$3,095.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$61,806.33
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$61,900.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$93.67)**
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 – DECEMBER 4TH

Servers: Landon & Mason Schroeder,
Adrienne Rakers
Lector: Shannon Netemeyer
Cantor: Jenny Mondt
Greeters: Nick & Kathy Friederich
Eucharistic Minister: Deb Schomaker
Coll. Counters: James Williams, Janel Zurliene
Thanks for being ministers of St. Bernard!

ST. BERNARD & ST. DAMIAN'S **"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"**

The Knights of Columbus will again sponsor the ***Poster Contest for 2021***. Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to participate. Parents, please encourage your children to express the true meaning of Christmas in artwork on 11 x 17 paper using pencil or crayon, ***no marker***. 1st & 2nd place winners in each parish group will be given monetary awards. Parish groups are: 1) Kindergarten; 2) 1st & 2nd Grade; 3) 3rd & 4th Grade; 4) 5th & 6th Grade; 5) 7th & 8th Grade. **Deadline to return artwork to Faith Formation teachers is Friday, December 3rd.** Winners must be at Pete's on December 12th.

ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS AND SPOUSES are invited to pick the winning poster @ St. Bernard Parish Hall on December 5th, from 10:30-11:00.

DAYSTAR would like to thank the St. Damian & St. Bernard Communities for the many wonderful items donated to fill their food pantry. They are currently preparing food bags for the holidays for those in need. God Bless you all for your donations! Daystar.

Holidays are quickly approaching and this year the **DDC** has decided to host a **Hometown Holiday Stroll** at the DDC park to kick off the Christmas season! Mark your calendars and bundle up to stroll the park Sunday, November 28 from 5-7pm. All are welcome for an evening of lights and fun! Similar to our traditional celebration, we'll have photos with Santa, letters to Santa, a Christmas craft, Christmas treats, and face painting as well as s'mores and hot chocolate to enjoy while we celebrate the evening! Christmas caroling will be encouraged, so bring the kids and let's hear everyone's favorites. If you're up for the challenge, channel your inner Clark Griswold to participate in the lighted wagon/stroller contest for a chance to take home a gift certificate! The event is free of charge, and we hope you all will join in the festivities to celebrate our hometown! Note we will have a roaster of chili while supplies lasts, but feel free to bring your own drinks.

AVISTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be hosting a dine-in breakfast November 28th, 2021 at Aviston Legion serving from 7:30 until 11:30. We will be serving sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuits & gravy.

Concert of "Thanksgiving and Hope" Nov. 28, 2021. A free community concert of "Thanksgiving and Hope" will celebrate the "heroes" of the pandemic and pay tribute to all who lost their lives due to COVID-19. The Bach Society of St. Louis will present the concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28 at St. Clare of Assisi Church in O'Fallon, IL. The Most Reverend Michael McGovern, Bishop of Belleville, Kim and Jim Sabella of Wolfersberger Funeral Home, O'Fallon, IL, and St. Clare Parish are sponsoring this free concert as a gift to area communities. Advanced registration for the free tickets is needed due to limited seating capacity. Please visit bachsociety.org/community21 for the free tickets. Seating is general admission, and doors open at 2:30 p.m. The church is wheelchair accessible.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION, Sunday, December 12 beginning at 9:30 AM at St. Bernard, walk/drive to St. Damian for Mass at 11:00. Order your t-shirts today by contacting Irene Avalos. Informational flyers are hanging in both parishes with information.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, BCMW COMMUNITY SERVICE! Three ways you can participate are to request to adopt, buy, and wrap gifts for selected families and deliver them to BCMW by Dec. 2, make a financial donation for a family, and volunteer shoppers will purchase gifts, or donate new toys. Recommended allotment of \$50-75 per child which usually consists of a warm outfit and a couple toys. Please consider this to provide a Merry Christmas to as many children as possible. Call (618) 526-7123.

CEDARHURST IN BREESE is looking for donations of old undecorated Christmas trees and graduation gowns that are no longer needed for their annual Christmas show. Please drop off at Cedarhurst no later the December 15th or contact Eric at 618-526-9600.

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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God, you have called us through Baptism to discipleship, believing in your Son, Jesus Christ, who has sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to the world. We pray to you, asking that you grant us more priests and religious who will help us build up your Church in the Diocese of Belleville and the world. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many of our youth. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves in service to our Lord Jesus and his people. May a new generation of priests, deacons, sisters and brothers be a sign of your presence among us. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen!

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Please pray this prayer daily as Pope Francis has proclaimed 2021 *The Year of St. Joseph*.

Hail Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen!

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS):

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