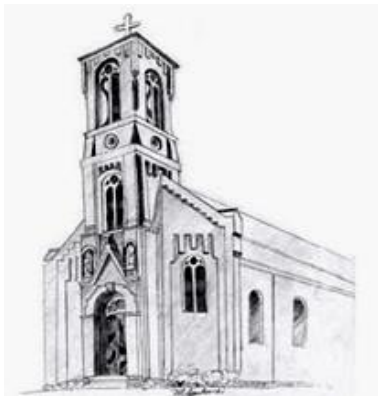


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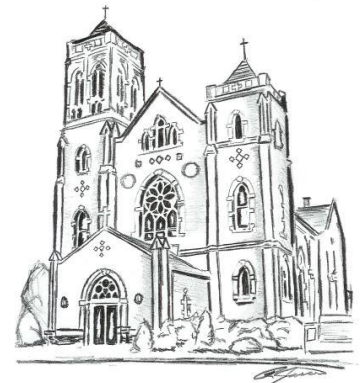
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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6th

7:45 @ St. Damian

Prayer Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7th

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Faith Formation Reconciliation Services

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Vigil for Immaculate Conception

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8th

7:45 AM Mass @ St. Damian

Immaculate Conception

Diane Meyer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9th

7:45 AM Mass @ St. Bernard

For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10th

7:45 AM @ St. Damian

Faith Formation Reconciliation Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Virgil Heimann

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12th

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 AM @ St. Damian

Dec'd Members of the Henry & Lucille

Albers Family

Irene, Don, Gary & Alicia Strieker

Hispanic Mass in Church & Live Streamed

11:00 AM @ St. Damian

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Baruch 5: 1-9; Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11; Luke 3: 1-6.

We hear from both Baruch and Isaiah today, the latter through Luke's description of John the Baptist's work, challenging and comforting the people of Israel. Baruch calls the people back to Jerusalem, where they will be "wrapped in the cloak of justice." Isaiah promises that when the Lord comes, "all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Let us prepare for the Lord's coming, assured that justice and salvation are nigh.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

Monday, December 6th

7:45 @ St. Damian

Prayer Service

Tuesday, December 7th

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Faith Formation Reconciliation Service

7:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 8th-Immaculate Conception

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Mass at St. Damian

Thursday, December 9th

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Mass at St. Bernard

Friday, December 10th

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Faith Formation Reconciliation Service

Saturday, December 11th

Mass in Church –

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Mananitas (Serenade & Rosary)

11:00 pm @ St. Damian Church

Sunday, December 12th

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass & Live Streamed

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

9:30 am Procession from St. Bernard

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Fiesta following Mass

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.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE.

December 5 at 1:00 PM at St. Damian Church.

THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US; WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY.

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 (BCMW). 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.

VILLAGE OF ALBERS 2021 HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST. Top 5 entries PLUS Mayor's Choice will be awarded. Also, **THE KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS AWARD**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council#9768 will be recognizing one home each in Albers & Damiansville best displaying "Keep Christ in Christmas"! \$25 prize to one home in each town. Judging will be Sunday, December 19, from 6-9 PM.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 27th

Loose: \$38.00 + Envelopes: \$1,685.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$307.00
+ Thanksgiving Donation: \$25.00
+ Thanksgiving Day: \$1,997.00 \$4,052.00
Budget for week: \$2,923.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$58,962.56
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$62,013.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$3,050.44)**
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 12th

Mass Servers: Ethan & Simon Toennies, Brandt Horstmann

Lector: Joe Cleeton

Organist: Geri Varel

Cantor: Kristy Richter

Ushers: Dave Albers, Kevin Toennies

Eucharistic Minister: Ruth Jansen

Coll. Counters: Kristy Richter, Tina Tonnie

Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

MINISTRY SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS MASS IS AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH.

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.

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. All members and their spouses are invited and a meal will be served.

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.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 28th

Loose: \$128.00 + Envelopes: \$1,760.00
+ PayPal (\$40-\$1.89 fee): \$38.11
+ Thanksgiving Envelopes: \$270.00 \$2,196.11
Budget for week: \$3,095.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$64,002.44
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$64,995.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$992.56)**
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 11th

Servers: Quinten & Kailey Engelmann,
Clayton Jansen

Lector: Ken Nussbaumer

Cantor: Stephanie Rickhoff

Greeters: Kent & Kati Schwierjohn

Eucharistic Minister:

Coll. Counters: Tim Schroeder,
Ryan & Tina Wuebbels

Thanks for being ministers of St. Bernard!

MINISTRY SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH. PLEASE SIGN UP. THANKS!

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.

Saint Anthony Ladies Sodality, Beckemeyer, is hosting a BUNCO & Dessert Party -Monday, December 13th at 1 p.m. at the St. Anthony's Parish Center. Cost is \$5. Please come join the fun and bring a friend.

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.

The Catholic Diocese of Belleville will sponsor the annual Diocesan Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25, at 12 noon in the Monsignor Bernard Voss Parish Center of St. Henry Parish, 5303 West Main Street, Belleville (masks will be required when not eating). Meals can also be delivered to those who are disabled/homebound (three meals maximum for delivery). If you or someone you know lives alone and would like to attend the dinner or needs a meal delivered, please call 618-722-5024 no later than December 15.

CLIN-CLAIR FIRE DEPT 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.

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.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitor Center. The Christmas Stories in Matthew and Luke: Two - part Series Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD. Tuesdays, Dec 7 & 14, 10 am – 12 Noon. **The story of Christmas in our time is filled with joy and wonderment about the birth of Jesus.**

Mary and Joseph are visited by angels; the birth of the Child is announced to shepherds by the heavenly choirs; astrologers from the East come to worship Jesus because they have seen his star; his life is threatened by the treachery of King Herod. Yet in their original context the Christmas stories are risky, even dangerous tales of treason against the Roman Empire, and the beginning of the restoration of God's sovereignty in Israel. In this two-part series we will explore the dramatic stories of Jesus' birth as told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Cost: \$20 for series; \$10 per session, For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>.

The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do... -John 14:12

The ministries and programs that rely on The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal ensure the healing, teaching and redemptive presence of Jesus Christ for the people of our Belleville Diocese. **Yet, their work cannot continue without YOUR help and support.** We ask for your continued prayers for the success of The Appeal and, if you are able, please consider making a gift. **No amount is too large or small and donations are accepted throughout the year.** Thank you and God bless!

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>.