

*Third Sunday of Advent
December 12th, 2021*



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St. Bernard and St. Damian
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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13th

7:45 @ St. Damian
Prayer Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14th

7:45 am @ St. Bernard
Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15th

7:45 AM Mass @ St. Damian
Deceased Members of the Eilering Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16th

7:45 AM Mass @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17th

NO MASS OR SERVICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th

Mass in Church
4:00 pm @ St. Bernard
Delmond & Eleanor Huegen
Alphonse & Josephine Wellen

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th

Mass in Church & Live Streamed
9:30 AM @ St. Damian
Jerry Toennies

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Zephaniah 3: 14-18a; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 10-18.

Today we have the opportunity to hear John the Baptist's counsel to the crowds of people filled with expectation of the imminent coming of the long-awaited Messiah. Three times in today's Gospel they ask John, "What should we do?" Let us heed John's responses, for who better to prepare us for his coming into our world than the one who first prepared the world for his coming?

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

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

Monday, December 13th

7:45 @ St. Damian

Prayer Service

Tuesday, December 14th

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Prayer Service

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, December 15th

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Mass at St. Damian

Thursday, December 16th

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Mass at St. Bernard

Friday, December 17th

No Mass or Service

Saturday, December 18th

Mass in Church –

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Sunday, December 19th

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass & Live Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

La Posada

6:30 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.

**CRY OUT WITH JOY AND GLADNESS:
FOR AMONG YOU IS THE GREAT AND
HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL.**

ST. DAMIAN & ST. BERNARD COMMUNITY GIVING TREE: TODAY IS THE LAST DAY!

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. If you would like to donate for Christmas Flowers, please put envelope in collection basket or drop in drop box at the rectory. Please include name of those who the donation is in memory of.

HOPE IS BORN! A LIVE NATIVITY will be held on Sunday, December 19th from 5:30-7:00 PM outdoors at St Bernard Parish. Please come out and enjoy the true meaning of Christmas.

**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: December 5th

Loose: \$47.00.00 + Envelopes: \$1,440.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$262.00
+ Thanksgiving Donation: \$330.00
+ ACH for Dec. 2nd: \$1,125.00 \$3,204.00
Budget for week: \$2,923.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$62,166.56
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$64,936.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$2,769.44)**
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 19th

Mass Servers: Nolan Goebel, Aliya Henss, Hunter Toennies
Lector: Anita Rakers
Organist: Jan Hitch
Cantor: Beth Brandmeyer
Ushers: Butch Toennies, Pete Toennies
Eucharistic Minister: Deb Santel
Coll. Counters: Kathleen Hodges, Mech Toennies
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

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.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 4th

Loose: \$80.00 + Envelopes: \$1,204.00
+ PayPal (\$40-\$1.89 fee): \$38.11
+ Thanksgiving Envelopes: \$920.00
+ ACH for December 2nd: \$2,320.00 \$4,562.11
Budget for week: \$3,095.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$68,564.55
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$68,090.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$474.55
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 18th

Servers: Corrine Warnecke, Alex & Emree Athmer
Lector: Nettie Broeckling
Cantor: Robbin Netemeyer
Greeters: Steve & Deb Schomaker
Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Engelmann
Coll. Counters: Keith Richter, Lynn Athmer
Thanks for being ministers of St. Bernard!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

December 24th: 4:00 St. Damian
6:00 St. Bernard
7:00 Hispanic @ St. Damian
December 25th: 9:00 AM @ St. Bernard
December 26th: 9:30 AM @ St. Damian
11:00 AM @ St. Damian Hispanic

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

Congratulations to the following who won 1st and 2nd place in the parish. **Thanks** to the *Knights of Columbus* for sponsoring this annual event. **Special thanks** to *Deacon Glenn Netemeyer* for coordinating this project and to *all religion teachers* involved. Below are the winners for 2021. Many thanks to all who participated. The winners received \$5.00 for First Place, \$3.00 for Second Place, and \$10.00 each to those selected for further Diocesan Competition.

St. Bernard (First/Second Place)

Afton Boeckmann/Claire Loepker
Aldo Avalos/Harper Strubhart
Lydia Wuebbels/Ava Short
Brody Schulte/Aubrey Winterbottom
Cole Huegen/Kailey Engelmann
Alejandra Avalos/Adrienne Rakers
Justin McDonald/Chloe Engelmann
Corinne Warnecke/Carson Richter

Grade

Kindergarten
First
Second
Third
Fourth
Fifth
Sixth
Seventh
Eighth

St. Damian (First/Second Place)

Abrielle Horstmann/Delaney Fox
Levi Skelton/Silas Arentsen
Miranda Richter/Eli Skelton
Delaney Horstmann/Collins Horstmann
Ava Jansen/Charlotte Cleeton
Kate Mitchell/Lincoln Arentsen
Randy Oros/Grace Deiters
Edwin Oros
Kennedy Toennies/Lucero Herrera

Congratulations to the following whose posters were selected for further Diocesan Competition.

Gr. K – Abrielle Horstmann; **Gr. 1 & 2** – Miranda Richter; **Gr. 3 & 4** – Aubrey Winterbottom

Gr. 5 & 6 – Cole Huegen; **Gr. 7 & 8** – Corrine Warnecke

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.

LAS POSADAS. The Las Posadas is the Mexican Christmas tradition that represents the search of Mary & Joseph for room at the inn. You are invited to join in. Dec. 16 at 1112 Elaine St in St. Libory, Dec. 17 & 18 at St. Dominic's in Breese, December 19 at St. Damian, Dec. 20 at 303 S. Main Street, Breese. Each evening begins with the rosary at 6:30 PM. For more information, contact Sr. Ellen at 636-293-8253.

BLOOD DRIVE FOR ALBERS/DAMIANSVILLE COMMUNITY at Albers Jaycee Building on Thursday, December 23, from 10-2 sponsored by the Albers Jaycees. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter AlbersDamiansville to schedule an appointment.

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.

The 2022 Black Tie and Talent Show sponsored by The Aviston Sons of American Legion 2022 will be on **Sat. Jan. 8, 2022** @ 5:00 pm at the Hidden Lake Winery. This formal event is a talent and glamour contest where we give away over \$9000 in scholarships to (8) college bound contestants. We are selling tickets for the event at \$50.00 each. Ticket includes: happy hour, 4-course meal, talent contest, and late-night entertainment. Interested contestants can tryout at a **down select** competition at Aviston Legion at 6:00 pm on **Friday, Dec, 17th**. A 3-minute speech on a topic of contestant's choice and a talent demonstration are required. Any Clinton County residents who will attend college or trade school in 2022 can enter contest. For tickets or entry info call: Jim Kues 228-7008 or Craig Timmermann 830-7737.

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.

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!

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS):

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