



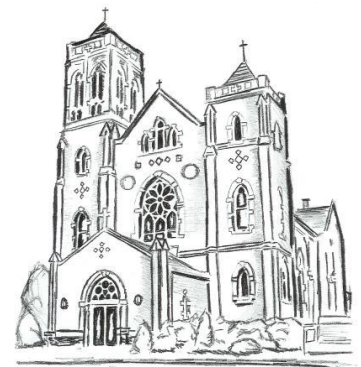
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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 26th, 2021



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27th
NO PRAYER SERVICE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28th
NO PRAYER SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29th
7:45 AM Mass @ St. Damian
For All Parishioners

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30th
7:45 AM Mass @ St. Bernard
For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31st
4:00 PM Mass @ St. Bernard
Edgar Netemeyer

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st
Mass in Church
4:00 PM Mass @ St. Damian
Cliff & Jane Kolb

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2nd
Mass in Church & Live Streamed
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Linus & Bernadine Meier

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2: 41-52

We are treated to some poignant words about families in today's readings. Sirach speaks to an adult child taking care of an aging parent whose mind may be failing. Paul asks us to "put on" kindness and patience so that we may bear with one another and forgive each other. No doubt the Blessed Mother was quite anxious when Jesus stayed behind in this "Father's House," but she treasured this memory in her heart. May the words we hear today help us appreciate our own family relationships.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, December 26th – Holy Family

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 am @ St. Damian

Hispanic Mass & Live Streamed

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, December 27th

NO PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, December 28th

NO PRAYER SERVICE

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, December 29th

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Mass at St. Damian

Thursday, December 30th

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Mass at St. Bernard

Friday, December 31st - New Year's Eve

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

Mass at St. Bernard

Saturday, January 1st - New Year's Day

Mass in Church –

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, January 2nd - Epiphany

Mass in Church & Live Streamed

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass & Live Streamed

11:00 am @ 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.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD AND WALK IN HIS WAYS.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are looking for volunteers to visit Aviston Countryside Manor Nursing Home on the 4th Tuesday of the month. We have two sets of 3 people that go and play bingo/games with the residents from 1:00-3:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marcie Hacker at (618) 248-52521. Thank you!

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:

Friday, December 31 – 4:00 Mass at St. Bernard

Saturday, January 1 – 4:00 PM Mass at St. Damian

Sunday, January 2 – 9:30 AM Mass at St. Bernard

Sunday, January 2 – 11:00 AM Hispanic Mass at St. Damian

SPECIAL THANKS to all the organists, choir directors, choir members, and all involved with the beautiful music provided for our Christmas Celebrations. Also thank you to all of those involved with decorating our churches for Christmas. St. Bernard and St. Damian Churches are both decorated beautifully.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE WINNERS:

Nov.-Pat Reinhardt - \$400, Toennies Svc. Co. and Rex Schomaker \$50 ea.

Dec-Angie Toennies-\$400, Brent Rickhoff and Chris Albers \$50 ea. Thanks for your support and Merry Christmas!

Thank You to everyone who sent gifts, cards, and greetings during this special time of year when we celebrate the birth of our Savior. God's blessings on you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!!
-- Fr. Steven Beatty, Sr. Ellen Orf, Deacon Glenn Netemeyer, Deacon Kevin Templin & Angie Toennies.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our winners of the 2021 Holiday Lights Contest and THANK YOU to everyone for beautifully decorating your homes for the holidays!

1st Place - Scott & Lynette Huegen

2nd Place - Tom & Diane Winkeler

3rd Place - John & Kim Wieter

4th Place - Kurt & Mindi Rickhoff

5th Place - Sheryl Plocher

Keep Christ in Christmas Award - Scott & Lynette Huegen

Mayor's Choice Award - Omar & Irene Avalos

Merry Christmas from the Albers Commercial Club, Village of Albers and Knights of Columbus Council #9768!

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 19th

Loose: \$91.00 + Envelopes: \$2,260.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$1,038.00
+ Christmas Envelopes: \$220.00
+ ACH for December 16th: \$545.00 \$4,154.00
Budget for week: \$2,923.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$69,006.56
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$70,782.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$1,775.44)**
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 JANUARY 1st

Mass Servers: Reid & Lyla Koch
Lector: Roseann Horstmann
Organist: Geri Varel
Cantor: Jackie Toennies
Ushers: Ed & Sandy Kramer
Eucharistic Minister: Chris Brandmeyer
Coll. Counters: Sandy Kramer, Kathy Gonsalves
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WILL BE
TAKEN DOWN** at 7:00 am at St. Damian's on
Saturday, January 8th. All help is appreciated.

THANKS SO MUCH to all who hung items on this year's "Community Giving Tree"! The items were brought to BCMW for their annual Christmas distribution. Your kindness and generosity helped to make Christmas a little warmer for many families who need our help during the Christmas season. Jesus is the Reason for the Season! Geri Varel

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: December 18th

Loose: \$52.00 + Envelopes: \$2,580.00
+ PayPal (\$40-\$1.89 fee): \$38.11
+ Christmas Envelopes: \$700.00
+ Thanksgiving Env: \$100.00
+ ACH for December 16th: \$2,525.00 \$5,995.11
Budget for week: \$3,095.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$75,886.77
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$74,280.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$1,606.77
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 2nd

Servers: Jack & Sam Reynolds, Chloe Engelmann
Lector: Sean Kennedy
Cantor: See Schedule
Greeters: John & Linda Majchrzak
Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Wuebbels
Coll. Counters: KrisAnne Becker, Janel Zurliene
Thanks for being ministers of St. Bernard!

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WILL BE
TAKEN DOWN** after the 9:30 Mass at St.
Bernard's on Sunday, January 9th. All help is appreciated.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated to the St. Bernard Giving Tree Project! Your generosity helped many families have a little more joy this Christmas season. Thanks to Dave and Sue Broeckling for taking all the items to the Daystar program in Cairo. Merry Christmas and God bless all of you!
Melissa Netemeyer & Marilyn Venhaus

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, I think of the words St. John wrote in one of his epistles: "we have come to know and believe in the love God has for us." My sincere prayer for the people of our diocese is that as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, each of us comes to know and believe more deeply in the love God has for us. May this Christmas be filled with a spirit of kindness and compassion, and may you, your families and loved ones be filled with the peace of Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ, *Bishop Michael McGovern*

POSITION AVAILABLE 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: December 31, 2021.**

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 be 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.

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!

**MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED,
HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2022**

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS):

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