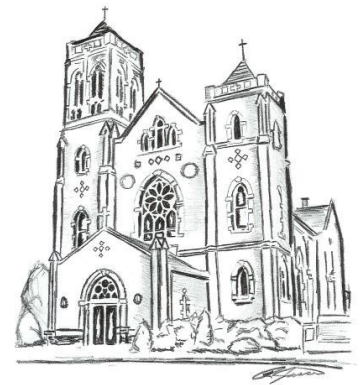




**PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 19th, 2024**



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MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY, MAY 20th
NO MASS/SERVICE

TUESDAY, MAY 21st
NO MASS/SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22nd
7:45 AM @ St. Damian
Intention of the Catholic Extension Donors

THURSDAY, MAY 23rd
Mass in Church
7:45 AM @ St. Bernard
For The People

FRIDAY, MAY 24th
NO MASS/NO SERVICE

SATURDAY, MAY 25th
Mass in Church
4:00 PM @ St. Damian
Louis Korte
Eugene Schneider
Herman & Vivian Jansen
Pat, Randy & Mark Toennies
Bones Toennies

SUNDAY, MAY 26th
Mass in Church
9:30 AM @ St. Bernard
Steve Mueth

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Acts 2:1–11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12-13; John 15:26–27, 16: 12-15

Today we hear two different versions of how the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles. One takes place after Jesus has ascended to the Father. The Holy Spirit appears as tongues of fire, leading them to proclaim God’s mighty acts in different tongues. In the other, Jesus himself breathes upon the apostles, gently releasing the Holy Spirit upon them. Listening to God’s word, may we be reminded that the Holy Spirit comes to us and our neighbor in different ways and at different times.

HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

Sunday, May 19th – Blessing of Graduates

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

Monday, May 20th

NO MASS/SERVICE

Parish Directory Meeting

3:45 pm @ St. Damian Rectory

Tuesday, May 21st

NO MASS/SERVICE

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 pm @ St. Damian

Wednesday, May 22nd

7:45 am @ St. Damian

Thursday, May 23rd

Mass in Church

7:45 am @ St. Bernard

Friday, May 24th

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Saturday, May 25th

Mass in Church

4:00 pm @ St. Damian

Sunday, May 26th

Mass in Church

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

Hispanic Mass in Church

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT, AND
RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH!**

EMMAUS DAYS!! Bishop Michael McGovern and the Diocese of Belleville invite you to

Emmaus Days. Come encounter Jesus, the Bread of Life, as the Diocese of Belleville celebrates the Eucharistic Revival. **Sunday, July 7** – National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, **Monday, July 8** – Cathedral of St. Peter. Eucharistic Pilgrimage. We will greet the Eucharistic Delegation at St. Augustine in East St. Louis the afternoon of July 7 for an adoration service. We will then move to the Shrine where we will host a major event. At 6:00 pm we will begin our solemn Eucharistic Procession through the Stations of the Cross and hold an adoration service and conclude with a candlelight procession. Sacrament of reconciliation will be available throughout the day. On Monday, the 8th, we will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral at 10:00 with a brief procession to follow. Next, we will proceed to SS Peter & Paul in Collinsville. At 1:00 pm, Bishop McGovern will pass the Blessed Sacrament on to Bishop Paprocki of the Diocese of Springfield. There we will have adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This is a Diocesan Event. Please make plans to join us.

CHURCH DIRECTORY HELP NEEDED.

St. Damian & St. Bernard Parishes are looking to arrange a church directory. The parish is looking for volunteers to help with the organizing and planning of the directory. If you are interested in helping with any role, please contact Emily Schirmer (618) 978-5806 or Beth Brandmeyer (618) 973-8476. All help is greatly appreciated.

ST. BERNARD & ST. DAMIAN PARISHIONERS

If you are currently not donating on-line but wish to do so, please contact Angie at (618) 248-5112 and she will help you get set up for this. Thank you!

Respect Life Bulletin Corner. ““Without a foundational, practical formation, it is difficult for our consciences to guide us well in concrete situations. As Catholics, we have the immense gift of the teaching authority of the Catholic Church and can turn to it for help forming our consciences. For example, learning about Christian moral principles, reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church, or researching what the Church says about a challenging teaching will help us grow in knowledge of the truth.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Understanding Conscience”

ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: May 11th

Loose: \$28.00+ Envelopes: (17) \$874.00
+ Mass in Spanish: \$351.00 \$1,253.00
Budget for week: \$3,121.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$152,051.75
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$143,566.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$8,485.75
Fiscal year (7/23-6/24) budget: \$162,300.00
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$71,350.00** 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 – May 25th

Ministers: Florence Jansen, Denise Luitjohan, Julie Langenhorst

Ushers: Norm Horstmann, Volunteer

Servers: Collins & Delaney Horstmann,
Kennedy Toennies

Lector: Lori Jansen

Cantor: Lauren Cleeton

Organist: Chris Brandmeyer

Collection Counter: Tina Tonnie, Mech Toennies

Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

PICNIC INFORMATION!

- **PICNIC MEETING:** June 5 at 6:30 pm in rectory meeting room
- **GYM CLEANING:** June 26 at 1:00 & 6:00
- **We are still in need of ONE woman committee member**
- If you have any ideas or questions, please contact Phyllis Kassen (618) 806-7495, Kay Toennies (618) 973-2498, Barb Wobbe (618) 578-0176, Al Toennies (618) 973-2235, Roger Toennies (618) 792-5364, Kevin Kalmer (618) 210-0393, or Bender Wobbe (618) 334-2470.

ST. DAMIAN PARISH WORKDAY has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 15, 2024, at 7:00 AM. Any and all help appreciated.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

CHURCH SUPPORT: May 12th

Loose: \$170.00+Envelopes: (30) \$1,722.00
\$1,892.00
Budget for week: \$3,502.00
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$154,887.03
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$161,092.00
Over (under) year-to-date budget: **(\$6,204.97)**
Fiscal year (7/22-6/23) budget: \$182,100.00
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$35,300.00** transferred from: Men's Club & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

Thank you for your faithful and generous support

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – May 26th

Minister: Kristen Templin, Kati Schwierjohn,
Jackie Farrar

Lector: Dana Lake

Ushers: Cory & Andra Goestenkers

Servers: Cole Huegen, Liam Jung, Cayden Loepker
Coll. Counters: Tina Wuebbels, Keith Richter, Janel Zurliene

Get your WINNING Albers Hootenanny Raffle

Ticket TODAY! Stop by Village of Albers or Venmo @Brenda-Morris-67 for your tix!
1st Prize - \$1,000 / 2nd Prize - \$500 / 3rd Prize - \$250. \$500 Attendance Drawing PLUS \$100 Monthly Drawing April – August. **SAVE THE DATE:** See you at our Albers Hootenanny at Lehrter/JC Park, Sunday, September 01, 2024!
Sponsored by Albers Commercial Club

BLESSING OF GRADUATES will be held the weekend of May 18 & 19. We invite all graduates to attend Mass this weekend for a special blessing.

THANK YOU TO OUR CATECHISTS
for your commitment to the Faith Formation program. It is not always easy being available on a daily basis so **THANK YOU** for your extra efforts so that the students can continue their faith formation program. Without each and every one of you, our program would not be able to continue.

THANK YOU!!!!

FAITH FORMATION 2024-25 REGISTRATION.

Commitment forms have been sent via email. Please be sure to return these via the collection basket or rectory drop box if you haven't already done so. IF you did not receive one, please contact Angie or Deacon Glenn and they will get it to you. Thanks so much!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

VBS will be held June 10-14 at St. Damian's. Vacation Bible School is in the planning stages and all help is appreciated. Please contact Denise Luitjohan at denise_luitjohan@yahoo.com with questions. Registration is underway and there are forms in the back of both Parishes and will also be available on the parish website.

DRIVERS NEEDED to deliver meals to seniors in Albers and Damiansville! Our seniors are depending on these meals and we're asking YOU to help! ****We have an URGENT NEED for FRIDAY drivers! **** Please call Western Clinton Senior Services (WCCSS) TODAY at 618-224-9913 to volunteer!

Could you use \$20,000??? **Mater Dei is once again holding their Mega raffle** in coordination with their annual golf tournament which is scheduled for June 1st, 2024. Details of the raffle: Grand prize is \$10,000, plus (2) \$2,500, (3) \$1,000, and (20) \$100 prizes. The price is \$100 per ticket. If interested, contact Brent Goebel at 248-5416 or bgoebel5@yahoo.com. Payments can be in form of cash, check, or Venmo (@Brent-Goebel-1.) Or you can contact Steve Schomaker at (618) 973-8860. On behalf of Mater Dei, THANK YOU for your continued support and good luck!

Getting ready for parish picnics? St. Anthony, Beckemeyer is having a quilt sale. Please call Rosemary at 618-444-1942, Florence at 618-526-4466, or Betsy at 618-978-2058 for quilt availability & pricing.

ALSO... Need a quilt for the church picnic? The Auxiliary at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese has full-size and baby quilts in a variety of colors available for purchase. For details, contact Volunteer Services at (618) 526-5351 or christine.gebke@hshs.org.

King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center. Summer Directed Retreats. July 8 through July 15, 2024. The 7-day summer Directed II Retreat is a primary way to hear the voice of God through the people and events of daily experiences. The goal of the directed retreat is to allow you to go deeper into your relationship with God while savoring what is happening in your life. The retreat includes daily meetings with your own Spiritual Director and a period of personal prayer, using scripture. Also available are optional periods for group Centering Prayer experiences, Eucharist, and Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please visit kh.snows.org/events/directed-2-2024, or for more information, call 618-397-0584.

Do you have a spiritual calling for the Catholic ministry and a commitment to live faith through charitable work? Our partner The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville, IL Council is hiring an ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. This is the career opportunity of a lifetime! Send resume and cover letter to svdphr@svdpsouthil.net. You may also view the job description here: <https://svdpsouthil.org/job-opportunity>

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Serve the Lord with gladness-Psalm 100

Did you know YOUR GIFT to The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese's website at www.diobelle.org and click on "Giving". It's that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting on YOU. Please visit www.diobelle.org today!

INVITATION TO BISHOP BRAXTON'S CELEBRATION JULY 14

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D., Bishop Emeritus of Belleville, invites you to join him for a Mass of Thanksgiving, on Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 5:00 PM O'clock in the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 West Harrison Street, Belleville, Illinois commemorating the 54th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood the 29th Anniversary of his Consecration to the Episcopacy and the 80th Anniversary of his birth. The Intention of this Mass will be Prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese. You are invited to greet the Bishop and enjoy Refreshments at a Reception immediately after the Mass in the Undercroft of the Cathedral. RSVP by Friday June 14 to Mary Fleming, Chief of Staff, mfleming@diobelle.org 618-722-5031. **Please Note: Your prompt response is extremely important in order for us to prepare the refreshments for the Reception.**

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS): Find the latest information at <http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org/catholic-youth-ministry.html>