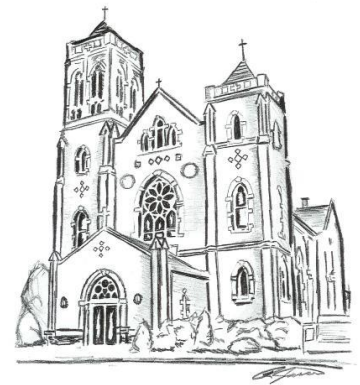




SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
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JULY 28, 2024



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, JULY 29<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**TUESDAY, JULY 30<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31<sup>st</sup>**

**8:00 AM @ St. Damian**

For All Parishioners

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

**8:00 AM @ St. Bernard**

For All Parishioners

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

**4:00 PM @ St. Bernard**

Darlene Billhartz

Dennis Rickhoff

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

**9:30 AM @ St. Damian**

William & Cecilia Jansen

William & Clara Korte

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

**11:00 AM @ St. Damian**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

**2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15**

The first reading today foreshadows what Jesus will so memorably do centuries later. Elisha insists that twenty small barley loaves, given as an offering to God, would feed a hundred people with some left over. Jesus tells his disciples the same thing when all they could offer to the thousands of pilgrims who gather to see him are five barley loaves and two fish. God nourishes and sustains us always, no matter how impossible it seems.

**HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:**

**Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Bernard

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

**Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS/SERVICE**

*Eucharistic Adoration*

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

**Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> - St Damian Pictures**

*Mass in Church*

8:00 am @ St. Damian

**Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> - St. Damian Pictures**

*Mass in Church*

8:00 am @ St. Bernard

**Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> - St. Damian Pictures**

**NO MASS/NO SERVICE**

*Legion of Mary*

5:00 in English @ St. Damian

6:00 in Spanish @ St. Damian

**Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> - St. Damian Pictures**

*Mass in Church*

4:00 pm @ St. Bernard

**Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass in Church*

9:30 am @ St. Damian

*Hispanic Mass in Church*

11:00 am @ St. Damian Church

**THE HAND OF THE LORD FEEDS US;  
HE ANSWERS ALL OUR NEEDS!**

**JOINT-PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE!**

Thanks to all who completed their photo appointments at the Albers JC Building on July 17-18-19. The July 16 date had to be cancelled due to heavy rains. Those folks have been rescheduled and an additional date has been added on Tuesday August 6 at the Albers JC Building. Upcoming dates at the Damiansville Village Hall are Wed, July 31 through Saturday Aug 3. All appointments in Damiansville are currently filled; however, there are some appointments still available on the rescheduled date in Albers on Tues Aug 6. For available times, please contact Emily Schirmer 618-978-5806, Beth Brandmeyer 618-973-8476, Geri Varel 618-444-5073, Deb Schomaker 618-806-5191 or Kathy Engelmann 618-660-5974. All those with upcoming appointments will receive a reminder email or a phone call or both approximately 2-3 days before your appointment. If none of the dates worked out for your family to get a photo taken, you are HIGHLY encouraged to SUBMIT a photo before August 5. Submitted photos can be sent in a variety of simple ways...Portrait-style digital photos can be sent via text to one of the reps above. Portrait-style 4x6 photos printed on photo paper or a 4x6 photo taken by another photographer can be hand-carried to any of the reps or scanned and sent via email to [stevedebscho@charter.net](mailto:stevedebscho@charter.net) or [emilytoennies@gmail.com](mailto:emilytoennies@gmail.com). All submitted photos will be returned to the owner. Please include a \$15 fee for submitted photos payable to St. Damian or St. Bernard Parish. Please ask Geri about sending payment via Venmo. Each family who submits a photo will receive a new directory book. If you would like to be on a wait-list to fill any cancellations that may come up, please contact one of the reps above. Your participation in the new directory is very much 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. All online donations are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 16<sup>th</sup> of the month. Donations can be split between general fund donation, sister parish and/or building fund.

**ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION**

will be held TODAY, July 27<sup>th</sup> at Mass.

## ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: July 20<sup>th</sup>

Loose: \$29.00+ Envelopes: (25) \$1,622.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$731.00 \$2,382.00  
Budget for week: \$3,212.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$9,465.11  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$9,636.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (170.89)  
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$167,000.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$70,875.00** 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 – August 4<sup>th</sup>

Minister: Virgil & Marilyn Jansen, Pete Toennies  
Ushers: Jerry Arentsen, Norm Horstmann  
Servers: Kate Mitchell, Dylann Netemeyer, Isaiah  
Lector: Denise Luitjohan  
Cantor: Lyndsey Mitchell, Shannon Sanders  
Organist: Chris Brandmeyer  
Coll. Counters: Mech Toennies, Kathy Gonsalves  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### ST. DAMIAN PICNIC FINAL RESULTS REPORT

should be ready within the next several weeks. We are still waiting on several of the larger bills and credits from our vendors.

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal-Serve the Lord with gladness-Psalm 100. YOU have the opportunity to support the three men who have answered to God's call to serve in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ in our Belleville Diocese. The annual cost for each of our seminarians is over \$50,000. Funding from The CSMA helps support the expenses of our seminarians and Vocation Office; your pledge or one-time gift is truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in southern Illinois. Please continue to pray for vocations and consider making your gift today!

## ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:

### CHURCH SUPPORT: July 21<sup>st</sup>

Loose: \$115.00+Envelopes: (31) \$1,698.00  
\$1,813.00  
Budget for week: \$3,385.00  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$9,828.00  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$10,155.00  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: (\$327.00)  
Fiscal year (7/24-6/25) budget: \$176,000.00

(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the **\$49,525.00** 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 – August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Minister: Steve Schomaker, Ken & Liz Nussbaumer  
Lector: Kelly Jansen  
Ushers: Ed Broeckling & Ryan Wuebbels  
Servers: Brynley & Brice Albers, Aubrey Winterbottom  
Coll. Counters: Tina Wuebbels, Keith Richter, Lynn Athmer  
Thank you for being ministers of your parish!

### FEAST OF ST. BERNARD RAFFLE TICKETS

have been mailed. The prize package is one \$5,000 grand prize and three \$1,000 prizes and the drawing will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2024. Thank you in advance for purchasing and selling these tickets. Please return all tickets by August 8<sup>th</sup>, whether sold or unsold, to the parish office via the collection basket, mail or dropped in the secure lock box on the front porch of the rectory or call any parish or finance council member and they will pick them up. Thanks so much for supporting St. Bernard's Parish. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please call Angie at (618) 248-5112 or any finance or parish council member.

### FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION: ONE TEACHER NEEDED AT ST. BERNARD!!

**Registration forms** have been emailed. If you did not receive them, please contact the parish office.

- **Students already in the Faith Formation program:** parents/guardians & students are asked to read the policy handbook and sign the **Commitment Form**. Parents/guardians and students must sign the form. Signing the commitment form will ensure that your child/children is/are enrolled in Faith Formation for 2023-24 (one form per family).
- **New families, or students** please fill out the **New Student Registration Form**, (one form per student).
- **Send** payment along with the registration form. If you have more than one child in the program, you may send one check.
- **Return** the commitment/registration form and payment to the parish office as soon as possible.
- **Questions:** Contact Deacon Glenn by phone at 772-9343 or email [deaconglen36@gmail.com](mailto:deaconglen36@gmail.com).
- **First Day of School will be August 14<sup>th</sup>.**
- **First Day of PSR will be Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**MUSIC in PARK.** See you at MUSIC in the PARK at Albers Lehrter/JC Park Stage! Enjoy LIVE MUSIC 7p.m. - 9p.m. EVERY THURSDAY THIS SUMMER! **\*\*FREE FAMILY NIGHT\*\*** Pack your coolers and bring lawn chairs!

**ST BONIFACE, GERMANTOWN CHURCH PICNIC** will be on Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Fried chicken dinner starts at 3:30PM, with an option for dining in the school gymnasium. Handmade quilt and cash bingo starts at 6:30PM. There will be inflatables for the kids, a sandwich stand, popcorn and candy, Picnic Poker, Over/Under and Big 6. Come join us under the church steeple for the most fun you will ever have on a Tuesday night!

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows 81st Annual Novena to Our Lady of the Snows Sunday, July 28, through Monday, August 5**. Mass 7:30 p.m. nightly. "Pondering the Word of God with Mary!" - During our 81<sup>st</sup> Healing and Hope Novena to Our Lady of the Snows, we will embark on a reflective journey exploring Mary's role in the Gospels through various events in her life. This journey begins at the Annunciation, delving into the pivotal moments where the Word of God directed her Spirit and Life! Each evening of the Novena includes Mass, special music, prayers, Scripture reflections and praying the rosary. Bilingual Celebrations on Wednesday, July 31, and Saturday, August 3. Anointing of the Sick on August 3. For more information, call 618.394.6276. [www.snows.org](http://www.snows.org)

**Relay For Life is at Central HS August 2, 2024.** Survivor Dinner 5-6pm, Survivor Lap 7pm, Luminaria Ceremony at 8:30pm. Food & drink trucks will be at Relay. Contact Michele Maue for more information 618-954-8459 or go to Relay For Life of Clinton County website for more information and to donate.

**St. Francis, Aviston, Church Picnic, Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Fried Chicken Dinner 3:30-6:30. Carryout's available 3-7. Mass is at 4:00 PM. Cheers Band 8-midnight. Quilt Bingo begins at 6:30. All the usual picnic attractions.

**Mater Dei Marching Knights will be hosting their 2nd Annual Mattress Fundraiser on Saturday,** August 10th from 10am-5pm @ MD High School Gymnasium. This is a one-day mattress sale with over 25 different styles of name brand mattresses on display. Items are made to order and financing and delivery are available. Every purchase benefits the MD Band Program. Contact [cfsstlouis@cfsbeds.com](mailto:cfsstlouis@cfsbeds.com) or call 314-305-0262 for more information. Thank you for your support!

**St. George Parish Picnic, New Baden, Saturday, August 10.** Chicken Dinner, Mass at 4:00 with the Prairie Travelers, Quilt & Gift Card Bingo. Kids attractions, food & beverages.

**Catholic Speed Dating.** The Diocese of Belleville is hosting Catholic Speed Dating for young adults ages 21-33 on Thursday, Aug 22nd at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Fairview Heights, IL. Check-in begins at 6:30pm and the event starts at 7. There is a \$10 admission fee and registration are required. Hors d'oeuvres & drinks will be provided. For questions or more information, please visit <https://www.diobelle.org/faith-formation/young-adults> or contact [mksorch@diobelle.org](mailto:mksorch@diobelle.org).

**ALBERS HOOP'ENANNY September 1st:** Get your 3v3 Basketball teams signed up for the first Hoop'enanny for grades 1st-4th grade as of fall 2024 (Boys and Girls). There a limited spots! Contact Brad today at 618-806-7944! See the Albers Commercial Club Facebook page for additional information on this year's Hootenanny!

**Marriage on Tap STL.** Join us on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 6:00 pm for an evening of dinner and marriage enrichment at Syberg's on Dorsett in Maryland Heights, Missouri. Our guest speaker will be Father Chris Martin and his presentation is entitled, "Marriage and the Mission of the Domestic Church." The evening is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Dinner is \$66 per couple/\$33 per person. Cash bar will be available. Advanced registration is required and must be postmarked by August 23, 2024. For more info, check out Marriage on Tap STL on Facebook or email [marriageontapstl@gmail.com](mailto:marriageontapstl@gmail.com).

**Village of Albers Promotes 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Link Buddy Walk.** Michelle Peters with supporters of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Link Buddy Walk were in attendance at the Village of Albers Board of Trustees meeting Monday, July 08, 2024. Michelle, Community Link representative and Albers resident, accepted the donation given by Village President Steve Schomaker on behalf of all Albers residents. The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Link Buddy Walk is Saturday, September 14 at Northside Park in Breese, IL. Michelle, captain of 'Michelle's Mashers', invites everyone to the event that supports clients and families served by the great work of Community Link. Proceeds from the Buddy Walk support Community Link and raise awareness for individuals with Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities. Please contact Michelle Delfel at [MichelleD@commlink.org](mailto:MichelleD@commlink.org) or 618-526-3989 for more information or sponsorship opportunities.

**ALS Golf Scramble** -4th Annual Tee'd Off with ALS Golf Scramble, Saturday, Oct 5 at Okawville golf course. All proceeds go to the Wash U Tim Miller Research Lab to find a cure. Ways to support include golfing, sponsors, and newly added a memorial sign and mum. Reverse drawing including 4 Chicago Bulls tickets for a mutually agreed upon date with a \$1000 allowance for hotel stay and \$200 spending cash. For more information go to FB page **Tee'd Off with ALS** or contact Melissa Netemeyer @ 618-691-9413

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