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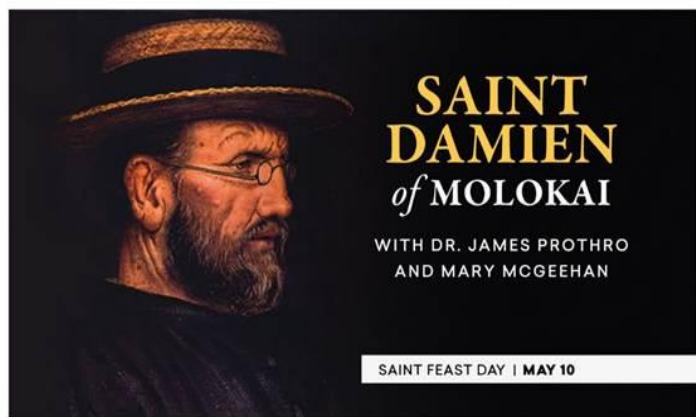
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3rd Sunday of Easter Sunday May 04, 2025



“This Week on Formed”

St. Damien of Molokai | Catholic Saints



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St. Damien was born in Belgium but spent most of his life ministering to lepers in Molokai, Hawaii. An incredible example of holiness, he dedicated his whole life to spreading the Gospel. Sit down with Dr. James Prothro and Mary McGeehan as they discuss the life and witness of this great saint.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.
Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.





Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

The Knights of Columbus next meeting will be on Monday, May 12th, 2025, @ 7 pm in the Parish conference center. For more information, please get in touch with Chris Rubley at 563-594-9851 or Clemente Escalante at 563-554- 0787.



Mary's Angels Meeting will be
MONDAY MAY 05, 2025 at 6:00pm



**We will be Cooking and Serving the
Churches United Meal
On Friday, May 9th. Sign up sheets are in
the Gathering Area for Food and Workers.
Thank you for your help!!**



**The next St. Andrew Church Ladies' Lunch will be at
ALL-AMERICAN DINER
2300 PARK AVENUE MUSCATINE IA
on Monday, May 12th.**

We will meet at 11:30. All ladies of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend. We hope you will be able to join us.



**Grounds Work Session, Saturday, May 10, 9am-11:30am,
with lunch provided afterwards. All are welcome to help!**

Bring gloves.

Thanks. Ed

From the Desk of Deacon Matt

The Sea of Galilee, by our standards, is really a lake, but to ancient fishermen it was a Sea. It is a beautiful body of water nestled by hills and mountains on three sides. It also was a source of survival for most of the people who lived in that region. It is not a surprise to see Peter out on the sea fishing. He was, after all, a fisherman. Without Jesus to lead him, Peter returns to his old vocation. It is also unsurprising to see him fishing at night. From the middle of the sea, he won't be able to hear the rooster crowing at dawn, that daily reminder of his betrayal on that fateful morning. Finally, it was inevitable that their labor produce nothing; the same thing happened before they encountered Jesus the first time. Symbolically, the contrast between their catch without Jesus (zero) and with Jesus (one hundred fifty-three, thought to represent all the known species) cannot be more different. The fact that Jesus Himself is directing where to place their nets seems spiritual, but from where Jesus would have been standing on the shoreline, the Lord would have seen the glimmering of fish underneath the surface of the water. Maybe our Lord does have that advantage of seeing what we don't often see, but our willingness to listen and then follow the direction of our Lord is what Jesus wants from us. At last, Peter realizes that his true vocation is to "catch" disciples from every place on earth. It should not be lost on us to remember that after Jesus had been arrested and taken away, Peter stood by a charcoal fire to warm himself when he was accused three times of being one of Jesus' disciples. Now, after Jesus has died and risen and returned to reveal himself to his disciples, he and Peter are again surrounding a charcoal fire when Jesus asks him three times if he loves him. Jesus had known that Peter would deny him three times. Now he gives him the opportunity to reconcile with him three times. By allowing Peter to make amends, Jesus forgives him. Though we do not hear the cock crow at all, we are told all this happens after dawn. With dawn, a new day for Peter and all the disciples arises. Today, my Sisters and Brothers we are offered a new dawn, a new day to recognize the love, mercy and forgiveness offered to us by our heavenly Father. And then, to be love, mercy and forgiveness to each other.

Shalom Shalom

Phyllis will be distributing GLUTEN FREE communion at Sunday Mass. Please step to her side of the Altar if you wish to receive the gluten free consecrated host.

St. Andrew Calendar:

- **Sunday May 04th** **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary @ 10:00am

- **NO RE CLASSES**

- *Mass Intention – Tom Lowder*

❖ **BICYCLE RODEO 12:00PM (NOON) – 1:30pm**

- **Sunday May 11th** **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary @ 10:00am

- **NO RE CLASSES**

- *Mass Intention – Judy Arnold*

- **Sunday May 18th** **MASS at 10:30am with Bishop Walsh.**

Rosary @ 10:00am

**8th Grade Confirmation and a Potluck following Mass
EVERYONE WELCOME...Please bring a dish to share!!**

- **NO RE CLASSES**

- *Mass Intention – Sandy Remley*

- **Sunday May 25th** **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary @ 10:00am

- **NO RE CLASSES**

- *Mass Intention – John Krebs*



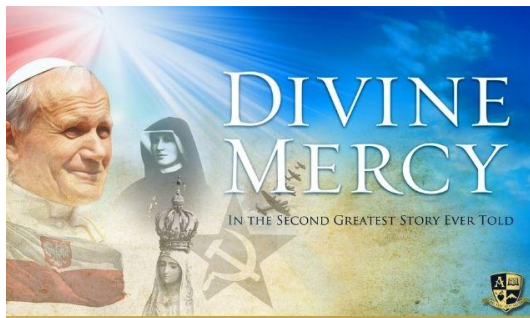
**EASTER LILIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE
FOR PICK-UP AFTER MASS TODAY.
AGAIN, THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
DONATED!! AND THANK YOU, BONNIE,
FOR THE BEAUTIFUL ALTAR.**

	MAY 04th	MAY 11th
<i>Cross Bearer</i>	Anakin Lance	Anakin Lance
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Megan Kocal, Tina Gipple	Shirley Schmidt, Mary Nelson
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Bob Brus & Wendy Schnack	Chris & Lynn Rubley
<i>Hospitality</i>	Teresa Manning, Linda Daufeldt, Kelly Friede (cookies)	Jenny Stohl, Michelle Manternach, Connie Ewers (cookies)
<i>Lectors</i>	Pat Becker, Mary Nelson	Sara Ehrecke, Tina Gipple
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Ella Herbers, Carter Lucas, Phyllis Avesing	Ella Herbers Phyllis Avesing, Matt Carlson
<i>Cantor/Song Leader</i>	Kamrin Varela	Ray Harre
<i>Ushers</i>	Caldwell Family	Stephanie Migawa, Tina Gipple
<i>Greeters</i>	Jim & Teresa Manning	Pat Becker, Shirley Schmidt
<i>Sacristans</i>	Phyllis Avesing	Shirley Schmidt
<i>10:00AM Monday Money Counters</i>	Deb Ehrecke, Debi Herbers	Bonnie Strong, Steve Geering
<i>Homebound</i>	05-08 Lynn Rubley	05-15 Deb Ehrecke



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY QUAD CITIES

Our Baby Bottle Donations totaled \$756 and will be used to provide basic infant clothing, diapers, and care items for clients in need at Women's Choice Center and local birth centers. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations!!!



Small Group Series: Divine Mercy

The Second Greatest Story Ever Told

Come experience the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. Featuring the brilliant cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute's film studio, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.

Join us after Mass for a Small Group Study on Divine Mercy this Lent!

Starting on **Sunday, March 9th** after **Mass**, we will meet every Sunday of Lent in the Parish Center to watch the *Divine Mercy Series* and discuss it's meaning and how we might live it out in our own lives.

Lunch, Water & Coffee provided! No homework required. Just a comfy and casual way to build community, learn something new and grow in your faith! Come snack and learn with us!

Please shoot a quick text, email or call to Kelly Wernke at (563) 340-4838 or kflenker@gmail.com if you plan on joining us! (We want to make sure there's plenty of food.) Hope to see you there!

Join us this Lent!

When: Sundays after Mass

Where: Parish Hall

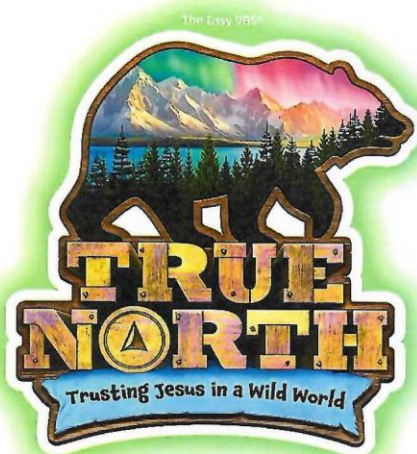
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VBS 2025 JUNE 23-27

Pointing kids to JESUS:
a faithful Friend we can always TRUST!



\$20 if signed up
Before June 1

\$25 if signed up
June 1 or after



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