

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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**ST. DAMIEN WAS BORN IN BELGIUM IN 1840. HE HAD TO QUIT SCHOOL AT 13 TO WORK ON THE FARM. EVERY DAY HE PRAYED IN FRONT OF A PICTURE OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PATRON OF MISSIONARIES.**

**HE JOINED A RELIGIOUS ORDER AND WHEN HIS BROTHER GOT SICK, HE TOOK HIS PLACE ON A MISSION TO HAWAII.**

**DAMIEN WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST IN HONOLULU AT THE AGE OF 24.**

**DAMIEN VOLUNTEERED TO GO THERE, EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW HE MIGHT CATCH THE DISEASE.** Father, I will go.

**AT THAT TIME PEOPLE WITH LEPROSY WERE QUARANTINED ON THE ISLAND OF MOLOKAI.**

**HE CARED FOR THE PEOPLE AND BUILT CHURCHES AND HOSPITALS. HE MADE LIFE MUCH BETTER FOR THEM.**

**FATHER DAMIEN GOT LEPROSY HIMSELF WHEN HE WAS 45. HE CONTINUED TO WORK WITH THE PEOPLE AS LONG AS HE COULD. HE DIED AT AGE 49 AND WAS BURIED ON THE ISLAND.** I'll come out this afternoon if I can.

*ST. DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 4, 2025

### Saturday, May 3

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*  
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*  
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*  
5:00 p.m. Parish Family  
6:00 p.m. *Rosary/Novena for Pope Francis*

### Sunday, May 4

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Fabiola Conteras DeLeon  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Raymond & Rose Mary Helm +  
6:00 p.m. *Rosary/Novena for Pope Francis*

### Monday, May 5

No Public Mass

### Tuesday, May 6

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
8:00 a.m. College of Cardinals and the  
Papal Conclave  
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

### Wednesday, May 7

6:00-7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Holy Hour  
6-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Phyllis Makowski +

### Thursday, May 8

8:00 a.m. Dennis R. Jackson +

### Friday, May 9

8:30 a.m. Mary Porrata-Doria +

### Saturday, May 10

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*  
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*  
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*  
5:00 p.m. Janis Lindzy +

### Sunday, May 11

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Carly Scott +



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., May 5 - Easter Weekday [3]** - Acts

6:8-15 / Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 / Jn

6:22-29

**Tues., May 6 - Easter Weekday [3]** - Acts

7:51—8:1a / Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17,

21ab / Jn 6:30-35

**Wed., May 7 - Easter Weekday [3]** - St.

**Pius V, Pope** - Acts 8:1b-8 / Ps 66:1-3a, 4-

7a / Jn 6:35-40

**Thurs., May 8 - Easter Weekday [3]** -

Acts 8:26-40 / Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 / Jn

6:44-51

**Fri., May 9 - Easter Weekday [3]** - Acts

9:1-20 / Ps 117:1b-2 / Jn 6:52-59

**Sat., May 10 - Easter Weekday [3]** - St.

**John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the**

**Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest** -

Acts 9:31-42 / Ps 116:12-17 / Jn 6:60-69

**Sun., May 11 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

- Acts 13:14, 43-52 / Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 / Rv

7:9, 14b-17 / Jn 10:27-30

This weekend (May 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Third Sunday of Easter**. Having moved beyond the **Easter Octave**, the remainder of this wonderful season is known simply as **Eastertide**. During this time, we continue to reflect on the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, a joy which spreads forth like the light of the dawning sun banishing the darkness of night. This season concludes on **Pentecost** with the sending forth of the Holy Spirit.

In addition to our **Eastertide** celebrations, we also are excited to celebrate First Holy Communion at our 10 AM Mass this weekend for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders. We are thankful not only for these our children, but also for their parents, families, and our religious education catechists. Each has played a vital role in helping to cultivate the love of Christ and a firm belief in His real presence in the Eucharist into the hearts of these children.

There is nothing that gladdens the heart like seeing a child radiant with joy at receiving our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. May their joy spread like a flame and enkindle our own hearts to recognize the very Lord that they and we receive today in the Most Holy Eucharist. This same Lord has given us His very self as nourishment for our earthly journey so that the union we experience with Him now may be enjoyed for all eternity.

Entering into the month of May, our First Holy Communicants will also assist for our annual May Crowning. Though devotion to the Blessed Mother is traced back to the very roots of the Church, the practice of dedicating the month of May to her is more recent, dating back only three hundred years. This devotion, connected to the six Marian feast days that fall in May, was bolstered by several Marian apparitions throughout the 19th Century.

Described by Pope St. John Paul II, crowning Mary as queen is done “because she was a perfect follower of Christ and is the absolute ‘crown’ of creation. She is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King.” Scripturally, it is from the description of the Blessed Mother from Revelation 12. Practically, it reminds us to keep the Blessed Mother as a model of faithful discipleship and central in our lives to help nurture devotion to Jesus.

One of the ways that we can deepen our devotion to the Blessed Mother throughout this month is by praying the Holy Rosary daily. This prayer, meditating upon the life of Jesus, serves as a powerful weapon in our spiritual lives. Pray it everyday, either by yourself, with your family, or with a group. In the words of St. Josemaría Escrivá: “The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you’ll be amazed at the results.”

## WHITE SMOKE - THE JOURNEY TO ELECTING A NEW POPE

With the conclusion of the Novemdiales this evening, our focus now shifts to the papal conclave and the election of a new pope. Following last Monday’s gathering of the College of Cardinals, the conclave is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, May 7. Traditionally, an initial vote is held on the first day, followed by three to four votes each day until a new pope is chosen.

As always, the eyes of the world are on Rome during this historic moment. If you’re interested in learning more about the conclave and what leads up to the appearance of white smoke and the announcement of “*Habemus papam!*”, join us on **Tuesday, May 6th, at 5:30 PM in the Large Meeting Room at the Wells County Public Library**. We’ll explore the fascinating process of electing a new pope in a fun and informative evening open to all.

As the conclave draws near, let us continue to pray for the Cardinal Electors and for the entire Church, placing our trust in God’s providence. The election of the Bishop of Rome carries profound significance for the whole world. As revealed in Matthew 16, the Pope is entrusted by our Lord Jesus Christ to lead His Church—His Body on earth—in His name. In this role, the pope bears a spiritual authority and pastoral care that extends to all corners of the world.

Faithfully in the Risen Christ, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, and Richard Payne.

# WHITE SMOKE

## THE JOURNEY TO ELECTING A NEW POPE

Join us for an informational session that explores the sacred process of electing a new pope.



Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Large Meeting Room

Wells County Public Library



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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—MAY MEETING

Tuesday, May 6, 2025



*Pray the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church, and meet in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 PM.*

**All men in the Parish are welcome!**

### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., May 3** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 4** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / **May Crowning/ First Holy Communion Mass-10:00 a.m.**
- **Sun., May 4** - *Novena, Ninth Day in Memory of Pope Francis- 6:00 p.m. in Church.*
- **Tues., May 6** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., May 6** - *White Smoke: A Journey To Electing A New Pope* - Wells County Public Library - Large Meeting Room from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Tues., May 6** - Knights of Columbus Meeting - Pray the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church, and meet in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 PM.
- **Wed., May 7** - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., May 7** - Parish Council Meeting after 7:00 p.m. Mass in the Parish Conference Room
- **Thurs., May 8** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., May 9** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 10** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 10** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 11** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., May 13** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., May 14** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., May 15** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., May 16** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 17** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 17** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 18** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., May 20** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.

Weekend of May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>



5:00 p.m. Mike Morrissey  
7:30 a.m. Donna Geisel  
10:00 a.m. Jay Crisp



5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus  
7:30 a.m. Ben Wagner  
10:00 a.m. Jacque Johnson



5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus  
7:30 a.m. Twilla Herr  
10:00 a.m. Kevin Seago, Larisa Sudhoff, Tammi Helm



5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus  
7:30 a.m. Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr  
10:00 a.m. Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Adult Envelopes- \$3,781.00  
Loose- \$281.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$605.00  
Easter Offering- \$80.00  
Easter Flowers- \$10.00  
Paper Gator- \$15.96  
General Bequests- \$350.00  
**Total- \$5,122.96**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are \$2,066.83 ahead of our budget for the month of April 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$270.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated. Thank you!*

To set up **Online Giving** through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit:  
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### FORMED.ORG - Our Parish Code: 7N68MY



## TOTUS TUUS Summer Youth Program

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade: July 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade: July 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>



Called to *Serve*  
Lectors

### NEW LECTOR TRAINING

If you are interested in becoming a Lector and Proclaim the Word of God at Mass, we will be having Lector training on **Monday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.** Please meet in the narthex. Call the Parish Office at 260-824-1380 to learn more!

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 Saturday's: Noon-8pm  
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Before you speak...  
**THINK!**  
 T - is it true?  
 h - is it helpful?  
 i - is it inspiring?  
 n - is it necessary?  
 k - is it kind?

"Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."  
 - St. John Paul II

