

DAMIEN

*A one-man play
by Aldyth Morris starring*

Wayne Messmer

as St. Damien, servant to the Leper Colony
of the Island of Molokai in the late 1800's.



Friday, February 12, 8:00 pm

in St. Isidore's Main Church, Bloomingdale
(use Gary Avenue entrance north of Army Trail Road)

Tickets for this live performance are \$20.

Ticket purchase information

- www.damienplay.com/stisidoreparish
- www.stisidoreparish.org
- Purchase at parish office, 9am-7:30pm weekdays, 9am-3pm Saturdays (427 W. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale) or
- Purchase by phone (888)736-7552

About St. Damien...

Throughout recorded history, there are times when ordinary men and women step forward and devote their life in an extraordinary way to relieve the suffering of those who cannot help themselves. In 1864, Father Damien de Veuster was such a man.

Canonized in October 2009, Father Damien devoted his life to relieving the suffering of those stricken leprosy. While leprosy is no longer the problem it was, there are modern day 'leprosy' that afflict us. Father Damien's work is a testament to all who labor to make the world a better place. For those who suffer, Damien's compassion is a reminder that there is always a way through the most troubling of times and an encouragement that we do not have to find our way alone.

DAMIEN, by Aldyth Morris, is a powerful story told in a compelling one-man play where the true meaning of love for our fellow man is unveiled through the portrayal of this amazing man.

About the Actor...

Wayne Messmer has played dozens of leading characters of the American musical theatre, but none so significant as Damien. In November of 2008, Wayne and his wife Kathleen took a personal pilgrimage to the Hawaiian Island of Molokai where they walked the actual steps where Father Damien lived and served his beloved flock. "The mere opportunity to portray this man of intense courage, strength and conviction for just a couple of hours on stage, is a life-lifting experience." says Messmer.

Often simply referred to as, "the guy who sings the Anthem," Messmer has become the voice most associated with the National Anthem in Chicago, having served 25 years with the Cubs. He is a founding partner of the Chicago Wolves Professional Hockey team and formerly, for 13 seasons, he was the celebrated soloist with the Blackhawks at old Chicago Stadium. His voice has also been heard with the Chicago Bears, Bulls, White Sox, Fire and countless major sports, civic and corporate events in Chicago over the past 30 years. He spent 18 years on the air as a radio announcer in Chicago and his voice is still frequently heard on commercials.