

Diocese of Peoria

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December, 6 2020

## The Second Sunday of Advent



### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Outdoor Communion Sundays:** 9:30 - 10:00 am

### Reconciliation:

Monday & Tuesday 8:45 am; Thursday 5:00 pm

Extra During Advent: Mon - Th 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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**Anointing of the Sick** .....Parish Office

**Pastoral Care:** ..... Sue Ford

**Bereavement:** .....Deacon Ries

**Just Faith:** .....Deacon O'Rourke

**Prayer Chain:** .....Parish Office

**Divorced Ministry:** .....Deacon Ries

*We warmly welcome new parishioners & ask them to register at the Parish Office. Individuals interested in becoming Catholic may contact Fr. Daniel Gifford or call the Parish Office.*

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MONDAY, December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop & Dr.

8:00 am Hayden & Brian DeDecker +

TUESDAY, December 8 Immaculate Conception

8:00 am Margaret Mahoney +

5:45 pm Bill Oschwald +

WEDNESDAY, December 9 Advent Weekday

8:00 am Karen Miller +

9:00 am No Mass this Wednesday

THURSDAY, December 10 Advent Weekday

5:45 pm Charles Webb +

FRIDAY, December 11 Advent Weekday

8:00 am Communion service

SATURDAY, December 12 Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent

8:15 am Joel Vandemore +

10:30 am Dick Kintigh +

*The Rosary is recited after weekday morning Masses*

**REGARDING SCHOOL MASSES:**

First, I want to share that the 8 AM Mass for the Immaculate Conception (Tues, Dec 8) will double as a Parish Mass & School Mass. It will be live-streamed, so that parishioners & school families alike can participate remotely. But, since it is also a Parish Mass, both parishioners and school families may choose to attend in person. The following week, the School Mass returns to 9 AM Wednesday and is live-streamed only.

During this period when school is remote, the 9 AM Mass will still be closed to the public.

Thanks for your understanding.

Fr. Daniel Gifford

Weekend Mass Schedules for Sacred Heart in Annawan and St. Anthony's in Atkinson

**St. Anthony**

4:00 pm Saturday

9:30 am Sunday

**Sacred Heart**

8:00 am Sunday

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**Mon - Thurs 8 am - 3 pm; Fridays 8 -1.**

*Bulletin articles **MUST** be submitted no later than 12:00 noon on Tuesdays. Thank you.*

**READINGS FOR DEC. 13, 2020 - 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11** "The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God."

**Responsorial Psalm, Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54** " My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior "

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24** "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**John 1:6-8, 19-28** "John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands One whom you do not know, the One who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of His sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing."



**GIFTS FOR GOD'S PURPOSES**

**November 29, 2020**

Weekly Gifts	(Goal: \$13,000)	\$11,986
School Endow.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$499
Paraclete Fund	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$395
Capital Improve.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$629

Week 22	Budget	Actual	Avg	Variance
Weekly	\$286,000	\$270,609	\$12,300	(\$15,391)
School End.	\$16,500	\$11,071	\$503	(\$5,429)
Paraclete	\$16,500	\$12,332	\$561	(\$4,168)
Cap Improve.	\$16,500	\$11,680	\$531	(\$4,820)

<u>Special Collections:</u>	This Week:	Total:
Bishops - Seminarian	\$490	\$1,230
All Saints	\$10	\$492
Catholic Campaign Human Develop.	\$220	\$697

**Parish Sacrificial Giving:**  
 1% donated to United Stand Family Center  
**ADA 2020**  
**Goal \$74,073.00**  
**Pledged \$74,418.00**  
**Contributed \$56,319.00**  
**Number of Pledges: 189**

**Happy New Year!**

All High School teens are invited to a New Year's Party to help us ring in the new Liturgical year! Celebration activities include: A 'Dad Joke Showdown', 'Among Us', and more!

**When:** Wednesday  
December 9, 6:30 – 8 PM

**Where:** Zoom  
 Check 'Remind' for the link or email Darci at dietrichdarci@gmail.com



**DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

Please Pray for these Seminarians:

*Patrick Wille      Dcn Austin Bosse*  
*Nicholas Conner   Daniel Dionesotes*  
*Jacob Hopper      JohnPaul Stedwill*  
*Ignacio Cardenas Moran*

**"A voice cries out in the desert prepare the way of the LORD!"**

Is God calling you to serve Him and prepare the way for Him as a priest or consecrated religious? If so, please contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink: 309-671-1550 or fr\_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org



**Eucharistic Adoration**

Mondays 3 - 8 pm  
Thursdays 4:30 pm  
(8:30 am First Fridays and Saturdays)

*"Whoever really takes [the Eucharist] as his daily bread, experiences EACH DAY the mystery of Christmas, the Word made flesh." -St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

**ADVENT CANDLES ARE AVAILABLE**

Please call the office to set up a time to shop in our Gift Shop

**Christmas Flowers:**



If you would like to donate towards the cost of Christmas flowers in honor of a loved one, please provide their name(s) along with your donation, clearly mark your envelope "Christmas Flowers" and drop in the basket or leave at the office.



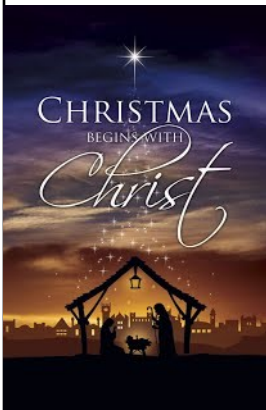
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Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,  
Keep Christ in Advent!

Last weekend, in both the homily and the bulletin, I introduced the importance of this concept. If we want to Keep Christ in Christmas, as the slogan fittingly calls us to do, the first step is to keep Him in Advent. This is a practical way of understanding the call that John the Baptist gives to us this weekend: Prepare the way of the Lord. This could include even the recommendation I offered last weekend about gradual decorating. So, if you haven't put up decorations, fear not! You're not behind! In fact, you may have been given an opportunity to experience a beautiful way to enter into Advent. Regardless of how we go about these external preparations, the more important preparation is done within our hearts. How was your time of prayer with the Lord this week? Did you fail to make time to be alone and still with the Lord? Do not worry or become discouraged. Simply resolve to do so today, tomorrow and the day after. Also, remember that part of our spiritual preparation is found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition to the special times at noon Monday through Thursdays, we also have Reconciliation available right after each of the weekend Masses next weekend. I even called in help to make this happen. Fr. Matthew Hoelscher (Chaplain at Alleman High School) will be with us to help hear confessions, give absolution and celebrate the 10:30 Mass. Let's make it worth his drive!

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:** As we prepare for our annual celebration of Christmas Masses, please be prepared for the difficulty that we could have making room for everyone, given our limited capacity due to the regulations in this time of pandemic. At this point, we are still hopeful to be able to remain in-person for worship by Christmas, although we must remain constantly prepared for all possibilities. Since the 4:00 Mass will pose the greatest challenge regarding space, we anticipate both live-streaming this Mass and opening the overflow seating in the hall. We will not have a sign-up. Regardless, please understand that there does exist the possibility of not having sufficient space at this Mass for everyone who may arrive. Please plan accordingly. Also, please remember that this is only the *first* option.



*IN ADDITION TO LAST YEAR'S SCHEDULE, I am offering a final option on Christmas Eve, with the addition of a Mass for this year, at 10:00 PM. This will be what is commonly called the "Midnight Mass." It is very much my hope that our three Mass times on Christmas Eve (4pm, 7pm, and 10pm) and one on Christmas Day (9am) will be able to accommodate all who wish to worship with us in person. Thank you in advance for your flexibility, patience and understanding.*

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Daniel P. Gifford

St. Malachy, Pray for us



December 6, 2020

## LITURGY LEANINGS DECEMBER 2020



The Liturgical year begins with Advent. Both joyful and repentant, the season prepares us for the coming of Christ as a babe and as a judge at the end of the world. We are asked to prepare, watch, and be ready, a difficult task in this uncertain time. The images of darkness and light parallel the darkening days of December.

November 29: First Sunday of Advent:

December 3: St. Francis Xavier: Jesuit and missionary to Asia, patron of missions.

December 6: Second Sunday of Advent: The voices of Isaiah, St. Peter, and St. Mark call for all of us to prepare for the coming of the Lord!

December 8: The Immaculate Conception is the patron of the U.S. It is a holy day of Obligation.

December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe where Our Lady appears as a mestizo young woman to Juan Diego in 1531. She is the Patron of the Americas.

December 13: Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday is a time of rejoicing, of bearing witness to the coming of our salvation.

December 14: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Mystic and poet.

December 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent: As we gather closer to the Nativity, the time of waiting is coming to a close. God's promises made to David in the first reading are fulfilled in the beautiful acceptance of the Blessed Mother told in the Gospel. We are blessed.

December 25: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Christmas, a new liturgical season, finally arrives. The scriptures may differ depending which mass is attended, but the message is the same: In the mystery of the Incarnation our God became human, and the message of his birth was shared with the world. We, too, must carry the light of Christ to all. "Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord."

December 26: St. Stephen, First Martyr, and patron of Deacons and altar servers.

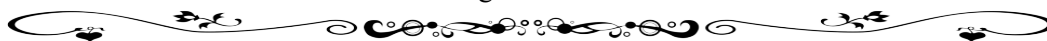
December 27: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph: "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways."

December 28: Feast of the Holy Innocents, remembering those innocent children killed by Herod.

There are two Feast days that are commonly celebrated that land on a Sunday this year:

December 6: St. Nicholas, fourth century bishop remembered for his acts of charity, patron of sailors and children.

December 13: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, whose name means "light" and is celebrated by Scandinavians as a feast of light in the dark winter.



**THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO VIEW OUR MASSES ONLINE - PLEASE JOIN US!**

Thanks goes out to Dave Wolak who worked with Keith Kennett of Geneseo Channel 50 so that our Sunday Live Streams are back on Geneseo Channel 50! Now there are three options for viewing our Sunday Mass. Without the hard work and dedication Dave puts into all of our live streams, many people would miss out on our Masses entirely. Thanks, Dave!

**1. Live Stream of Mass** – “Live viewing of Mass” Sunday, 8:15am via our web page: <http://saintmalachy.org> (click the link called “...celebrate Mass with us online”) OR on Facebook at: <https://facebook.com/150yearsingeneseo/live>



**2. Videos of previously recorded Masses:** Click on “Previous Mass recordings” on our web page: <http://saintmalachy.org> (click “Home” and then click “Masses Online”; (click the Mass you want to view) OR look on Facebook page: <https://facebook.com/150yearsingeneseo/videos> (Click the Mass you want to view)

**3. Mediacom Channel 50** – Geneseo will be showing the previous Sunday Mass. Scheduled times are: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday; 11:00am, 1:00pm & 2:00pm



RCIA 2020 - 2021 will be held virtually this year and is just beginning so there is

still time to join. For more information, please email Dcn Mike Sigwalt at [msigwalt23@gmail.com](mailto:msigwalt23@gmail.com)



Don't forget to purchase Heaven Sent Scrip gift cards for all of your shopping needs and gifts! You will be helping raise money for the church and school! Contact Mary at the church office.



**IRA Charitable Donation Opportunity**

There is good news if you have reached age 70 1/2 and you would like to help our parish or school. If you have an IRA, the government requires you to take out a certain amount each year and be subject to federal tax. **Qualified Charitable Distributions** can be used to satisfy all or part of a donor's required minimum distribution if one is due. The law allows you to donate this amount directly to our parish or school during 2020 and have it distributed free of federal income tax! What a wonderful opportunity for those 70 1/2 to help our parish and school. Please contact the person that handles your retirement plan or your tax advisor if you are interested in making such a donation.

Advent Ideas for Families



go to our web page at [saintmalachy.org](http://saintmalachy.org) and click on the photo like the one shown here

To view ideas for families to do during Advent,



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