

Diocese of Peoria

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## January 24, 2021

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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*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.*

#### 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

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

*For activities in the Quad Cities, go to:*  
<http://catholicquadcities.com>

# MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 25      Conversion of St. Paul

8:00 am Francis DeReu +

TUESDAY, January 26      Sts. Timothy & Titus

8:00 am Rachel VanMeenen +

WEDNESDAY, January 27      St. Thomas Aquinas

8:00 am Hayden DeDecker +  
9:00 am For the St. Malachy School Family

THURSDAY, January 28      Weekday

5:45 pm Pete Bottorff +

FRIDAY, January 29      Weekday

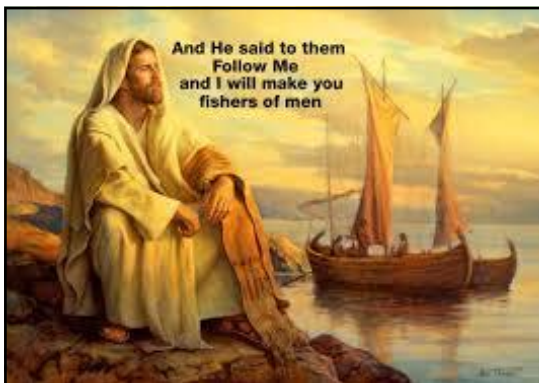
8:00 am Communion Service

SATURDAY, January 30      Vigil of the 4th Sunday

5:00 pm Louise Schroeder +      in ordinary time

SUNDAY, January 31      Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am Jonah Osborn  
10:30 am People of the Parish  
*The Rosary is recited after weekday morning Masses*



Wednesday Masses will be held again now that school is in person, but they will remain closed to the public. They will be live-streamed and available to view by going to the St. Malachy Catholic Church FaceBook page.

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

**St. Anthony**

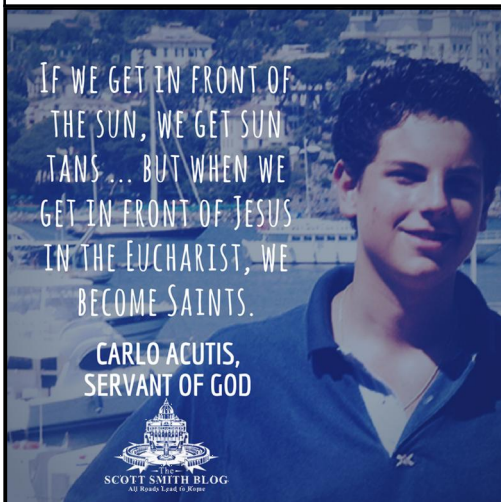
4:00 pm Saturday  
9:30 am Sunday

**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.*



## Eucharistic Adoration

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



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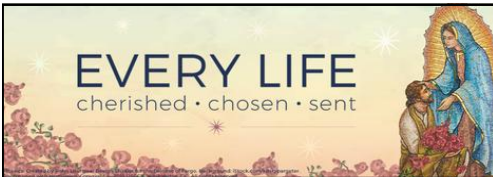
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## Baby Articles Collection

In honor of January's Respect Life month, St. Malachy's Respect Life Committee will be collecting money to purchase Heaven Sent Gift Cards to donate to Pregnancy Resource Center in Moline and the Women's Choice Center in Davenport. We are saddened that we can't accept gifts and donations as we have in the past due to the pandemic, but there are so many needs at this time we came up with this alternative. Please write your checks out to St. Malachy's and place in an envelope clearly marked "Respect Life". You may drop these envelopes in the collection baskets or take to the church office.

Thank you for your generosity!



# Lenten Reflections

Have you been looking for a way to grow deeper in your faith in the New Year? Are you interested in growing in sharing your faith in an open and unimposing format? We will again be compiling daily Lent reflections by parishioners for parishioners. Each day a short reflection is written focused on the daily readings. We are in need of volunteers of all ages to write a reflection for just one day. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have additional questions please contact Darci Dietrich 309-714-2405 or [dietrichdarci@gmail.com](mailto:dietrichdarci@gmail.com)

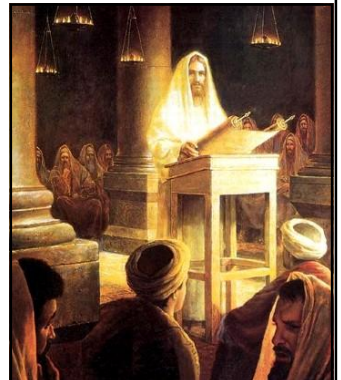
## READINGS FOR JANUARY 31, 2021

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 *Moses predicts the coming of a future prophet greater than himself*

Response: Psalm 94: " *If today, you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.*"

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 *Paul promotes celibacy, to focus one's undivided attention to the Lord."*

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 *When Jesus heals the man in Capernaum, people recognize the power of His message"*



January 24, 2021



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

*"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him..." Joseph most obedient and most prudent, pray for us! As promised last weekend, I am going to take some time to attempt to explain the situation regarding the morality of the COVID-19 vaccines. As I alluded to last week, we should not be altogether unconcerned with the morality of the process behind the development of vaccines in general. However, when we find ourselves in a situation like ours today, in which there are very real health concerns with only limited options available to promote our health against the threat of a pandemic, a very careful discernment is needed. In a recent document addressing the matter, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops clarified, "Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production." They do go onto acknowledge that "They are not completely free from any connection to abortion, however, as both Pfizer and Moderna made use of a tainted cell line for one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products. There is thus a connection, but it is relatively remote." This usage constitutes a significantly more remote connection than if the contaminated cell line were contained in the vaccine. Thus, the basis for the conclusion of many Catholic leaders that the use of these vaccines is morally permissible is a Catholic moral principle known as "remote material cooperation," which is distinct from "formal cooperation." The Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear that cooperation in the sins of others is something we can be morally responsible for when that cooperation is direct and voluntary (CCC 1868). This direct and voluntary cooperation is what is called formal cooperation, in which we are willfully and deliberately participating in that evil. Material cooperation, in which otherwise unrelated actions become entangled with the sins of others, due to the brokenness of the world, is a different matter. Our Lord Himself acknowledged this as a reality that is a part of living in this broken world and did not command us to refrain from any and all actions that have a remote connection that is outside of our control to the sins of others.*

At least twice, Our Lord Himself gives us guidance to help us recognize this. The first example is more spiritual, while the second is more direct. The first is found in the parable of the weeds and the wheat (Matthew 13:24-30) in which our Lord invites us to reflect upon how *the enemy causes our well-intended acts to become entangled with an evil that corrupts them, and He counsels us to allow the weeds to continue to grow, for the good of the wheat.* The second and more direct example can be found when Our Lord tells His disciples not to refrain from paying taxes to Rome, which would certainly have constituted a remote material cooperation with evil. Another example from Scripture can be found in Saint Paul (1 Cor. 8).

Many sincere, faithful and conscientious Catholics have been perhaps understandably concerned and even alarmed by the notion of remote material participation in evil being, in some cases, morally permissible. The concern seems to be rooted in a misunderstanding of this old and quite well-established moral principle as being a justification of evil. Catholic Moral Teaching *does rule out the understanding that the ends justify the means, as a way of condoning evil action. Evil means are not justified by a good end. The moral principle in question is something quite different. This principle of remote material cooperation does not at all imply that it is acceptable to support evil, but rather is meant to be a guide to help form people's consciences, as they might rightly ask the question, "Does my otherwise unrelated action support, promote or condone the evil actions of another, simply because it has a relatively remote connection to them, which is outside of my control?"* It is important to note that the question at hand is not simply how remote was the development of the vaccine to the evil of the abortion. The question is also how remotely (or closely) linked the person taking the vaccine is to that evil. Since taking a vaccine is not an intrinsic evil, it is right to start by distinguishing one act from another. The evil act is the abortion. The question is, if factors outside of my control cause my act of taking a vaccine to become entangled (however closely or remotely) with that separate evil, am I directly complicit in that evil? This moral principle does not in any way fail to acknowledge that evil actions are always evil. In fact, it begins with identifying and acknowledging the evil of these acts. It next goes on to acknowledge, however, that in this broken world, these evil acts become intertwined with various elements of ordinary living within society (like the weeds sown among the wheat). This is true to the extent that it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, for anyone to have any interaction with mainstream society & not have any connection to the evil actions of others.

*It is therefore perfectly valid and appropriate to ask the question, "At what point do I become complicit with the evil acts of others, simply because I have chosen to do something otherwise unrelated like shopping for groceries, using the internet or getting a vaccine?"*

Now, this is not to say that we should simply resign ourselves to the hopelessness of the cause and make no efforts to reduce even our remote material cooperation with evil. Careful discernment should be made as to what remote cooperation is necessary and/or appropriate "for the good of the wheat". One needs to respect the conscience of others in making these difficult decisions. And for this reason, I do not personally find it appropriate or necessary for me to give a definite directive regarding whether or not one "should" get the vaccine. However, I do think that a clearer understanding of both the facts concerning the vaccine and of the moral principle of remote material cooperation with evil (as opposed to misunderstanding it as somehow saying that evil acts are permissible under certain circumstances), supports the conclusion that rejecting them is not the only moral response to them. I think it is also worth noting that many of the things most of us do that do involve some remote cooperation with evil are often more closely linked to that evil and less clearly done "for the good of the wheat." Even in this, my longest bulletin letter yet, I don't pretend or imagine that it answers all questions or solves all difficulties, especially since it is very possible that I didn't explain myself well. I will try to share a link or two on our parish Facebook page that might guide further consideration. May we all strive, in all things, to know and live the truth with great prudence.

In Christ through Mary,

  
Fr. Daniel P. Gifford

St. Malachy, Pray for us



**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS WEEK 2021**  
January 31 - February 6

Sunday, Jan. 31 **Celebrating Our Parish**

St. Malachy School children will participate at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Monday, Feb. 1 – **Celebrating Our Community**

St. Malachy School families are encouraged to purchase Heaven Sent Scrip (local) business gift cards. Students are also asked to bring a monetary donation to benefit the Geneseo Food Pantry. Students may wear green to demonstrate community pride.

Tuesday, Feb. 2 – **Celebrating Our Students**

Team St. Malachy School! The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in our annual St. Malachy School Spelling Bee at 1 p.m. St. Malachy School students and staff may wear their favorite sports team t-shirt or jersey.

Wednesday, Feb. 3 - **Celebrating Our Nation**

There will be a special Catholic Schools Week School Mass at 9:00 a.m. Prayers for those serving in our military and for our President, Congress and Nation will be incorporated into the Mass. St. Malachy School students and staff are encouraged to wear red, white and blue clothing to school to demonstrate their patriotism. Students will sing a patriotic song at the conclusion of Mass.

Thursday, Feb. 4 - **Celebrating Vocations**

Teachers will discuss in their classrooms what it means to enter into a vocation. Students may dress in Holy Spirit wear, such as St. Malachy School spirit wear, a t-shirt with a Bible verse, or a shirt that represents a charity or even that is meaningful to them.

Friday, Feb. 5 - **Celebrating Our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers**

Students are encouraged to wear gold or yellow to as a way of saying thank you to our volunteers and to represent Christ's light shining on all.

Saturday, Feb. 6 - Students will participate in a virtual open house. Family and friends will have the opportunity to remotely view a student's school work, projects and/or activities. The open house will be available on the St. Malachy School website home page.

# GIFTS FOR GOD'S PURPOSES

January 17, 2021

Weekly Gifts	(Goal: \$13,000)	\$20,464
School Endow.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$1,049
Paraclete Fund	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$2,184
Capital Improve.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$2,474

Week 29	Budget	Actual	Avg	Variance
Weekly	\$377,000	\$433,885	\$14,962	\$56,885
School End.	\$21,750	\$17,946	\$619	(\$3,804)
Paraclete	\$21,750	\$18,691	\$645	(\$3,059)
Cap Improve.	\$21,750	\$18,005	\$621	(\$3,745)

## Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to Pregnancy Resource Center

**ADA 2020**

**Goal \$74,073.00**

**Pledged \$79,388.00**

**Contributed \$69,981.00**

**Number of Pledges: 200**



## DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these Seminarians:

*Nathan Hopper*

*Blake Miller*

*Patrick Deneen*

*Ryan Mann*

*Jacob Martini*

*Luke Olson*

*Jonathan Robinson*

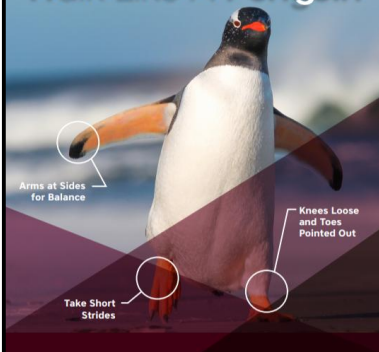


And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

Is the Lord GOD calling you to follow Him as a priest or

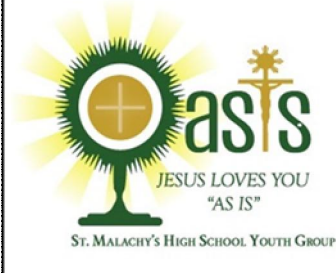
consecrated religious? If so, please contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink: 309-671-1550 or email him: fr\_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org

## On Ice? Walk Like A Penguin



UnitedHeartland.com/walksafe/ UnitedHeartland

Oasis will be meeting in a hybrid format this week. We will be meeting in person, with the option of still joining through zoom. The zoom link has been sent out on Remind. If you aren't a member of Remind Class or run into issues connecting, please contact Darci dietrichdarci@saintmalachy.org



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