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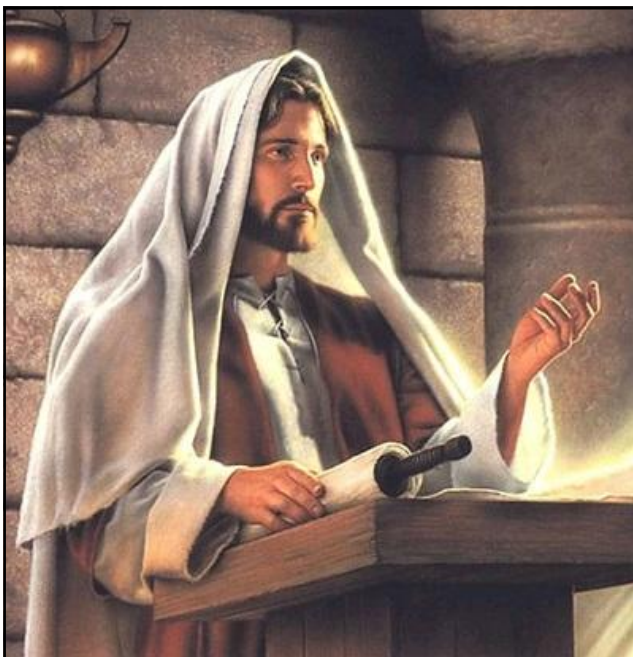
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February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Prayer Chain: Parish Office
Divorced Ministry: Deacon Ries

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>

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.



MONDAY, February 8 St. Josephine Bakhita

8:00 am Bernadette Meade +

TUESDAY, February 9 Weekday

8:00 am Mark Wyffels +

WEDNESDAY, February 10 St. Scholastica

8:00 am Madeline Garrity +

9:00 am Jeanetter DePauw +

THURSDAY, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

5:45 pm Duzie Atwell +

FRIDAY, February 12 Weekday

8:00 am Communion Service

SATURDAY, February 13 Vigil of the 6th Sunday

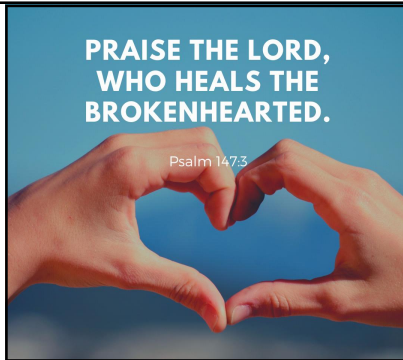
5:00 pm Margaret & August Sherbeyn + in ordinary time

SUNDAY, February 14 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am Marion Teerlinck +

10:30 am Dean Teerlinck +

The Rosary is recited after weekday morning Masses



Ash Wednesday Services:

8:00 am Mass & Distribution

9:00 am School Mass (School only)

4:00 pm Distribution of Ashes only
(No Mass)

7:00 pm Mass & Distribution

Due to the Pandemic, ashes will be sprinkled on your head instead of actually putting them on your forehead.

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 1st Fridays & 1st Saturdays)

"The best, the surest and the most effective way of establishing PEACE on the face of the earth is through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament."

- Pope John Paul II



"From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others"

Bl. John Paul II

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2021

1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Lepers had to live apart. Only if a priest pronounced a leper cured could he or she come back into normal life

Response: Psalm 32

R./: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation

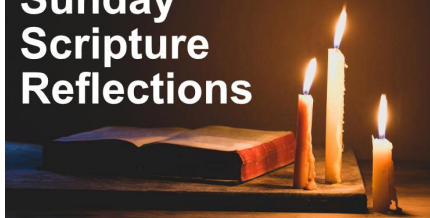
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Instead of offending people, we must aim to please them if we can

Gospel: Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Jesus cures a leper by the healing touch of his hand

**Sunday
Scripture
Reflections**



Leprosy of the soul

By referring to leprosy in two of the three readings today, clearly the Church wants to direct our attention to something deeper than a purely physical disease. This is confirmed in the Responsorial Psalm, celebrating the joy of those who confess their sins before God, and experience his forgiveness. We might regard sin as a kind of leprosy of the soul. Turn to God - repent and receive healing for your soul.



February 2021 Newsletter

Thank you to all who continue to support the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry with food, personal care items and monetary donations. We are blessed to operate the Food Pantry in a community that cares! Our clothing and household room is currently closed due to the number of COVID-19 cases in the area. Our main

concern is the safety of our volunteers, clients, & staff. Therefore, we are not currently accepting clothing and household donations. We will continue to take food donations on Mondays from 9-12 and 1-4. We ask you to leave only food donations in the carts located outside both our front and back doors. Monetary donations may be made at geneseofoodpantry.org or mailed to: PO Box 324, Geneseo. We will re-evaluate our policies when the COVID-19 numbers in Henry County decrease. We will continue to offer curbside food pick up every Tuesday from 9-11:30 am to our clients. If you or your family need assistance please reach out to us at 944-3165.

If you have joined Facebook, please look up Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry and "like" our Facebook page. You will see updates on what is going on at the Food Pantry, and what our current needs are. We also have a website at www.geneseofoodpantry.org.

The Food Pantry will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of President's Day.

Food needs for February are: taco shells, cereal, pancake mix, soda crackers, and jelly

Non-food needs are: lotion, laundry detergent, toothpaste, and mouthwash

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,



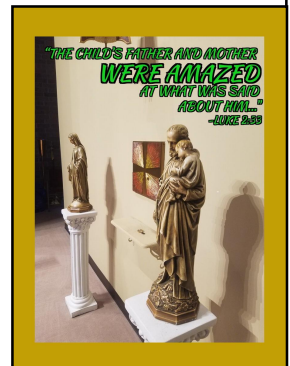
“The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about Him...” (Luke 2:33). St. Joseph, Lover of Poverty, pray for us. Last month, we kept Matthew 1:24a before our eyes, as we emerged from the Christmas Season back into Ordinary Time in this new Year of Saint Joseph. This enabled us to reflect on Joseph’s ready obedience to the Lord’s call on his own life, as we read about the similarly ready obedience of the first disciples of Christ. As we asked God for the Holy Spirit’s gift of counsel, to give guidance to our own exercise of the virtue of prudence, we remembered that our spiritual father, Good Saint Joseph, has been greeted in the Litany of Joseph with the titles of Joseph Most Obedient and Most Prudent. Thus, we began this new Year of Saint Joseph confident that he can help us to say yes to the Lord, even when what He is asking us to do is not immediately clear.

This was just the beginning! I would like to announce a new theme verse and title from the Litany of Joseph, for us to focus on for the month of February. Luke 2:33 (above) is taken from the Presentation of the Lord, which we celebrated this past week, at the beginning of the month. These simple words invite us to stand with Joseph and Mary, **amazed in childlike wonder** as His glorious plan for our lives continues to unfold in our midst. *The poverty that I have in mind in choosing the title ‘Lover of Poverty’ for this month is the same poverty of spirit that Our Lord promised would be blessed, when He began His famous Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes. Consider how the chosen father and protector of the Holy Family was humbled time and time again, by the work of God, not only in the Blessed Virgin, but more importantly in the Child that he was chosen to raise as his own son, yet who was truly the Eternal Son of God! I imagine every day with Our Lord was for Joseph a new lesson in this poverty of spirit.*

This is so often the case, when the Lord blesses our lives with the presence of children. Thus, it is a most fitting thought with which to wrap up Catholic Schools Week! We have so much to be thankful for, as we look back, not only on this week, but also on 98 years of Saint Malachy School. This blessed gift to our parish and to our community has given us countless opportunities, not only to introduce our children to Jesus Christ and to the beauty of a life of discipleship with Him in the heart of His Church, but also to relearn from them the gift of wonder, so alive and on fire in their eyes. This gift of childlike wonder is something that all of our parish children can share with us, without a doubt! But, the gift of our school, which gives us such a great opportunity to help lay so firm a foundation in the lives of these children, who come to know even our very buildings and grounds as a second home, is truly a blessing, not to be taken for granted. Let us remember our children, our families, our teachers and staff, our alumni and the whole Saint Malachy School community in our prayers of both gratitude and petition. May they continue to know, and to teach us, that true blessedness found in the poverty of spirit that continues to be humbled, by the constant unfolding of the Lord’s plan for our lives!

In Christ through Mary,


Fr. Daniel P. Gifford





ST MALACHY'S MISSION:

St Malachy Parish exists to praise God and to teach and serve all His people by living the Truth revealed in Jesus Christ and preserved in the Teaching and Tradition of the Roman Catholic Church.



TRANSFORMING LIVES

8th Annual Have a Heart for the Homeless



Christian Care
@christiancareqc - Nonprofit Organization

Approximately 500 people have no place to go at night in the QC area. Christian Care of the QC sponsors a yearly event to help raise money for this project.

Heart for the Homeless campaign is in full swing now. This year it is a virtual event.

Join us on Facebook from February 1-14, 2021 for fun and giveaways. Pledge your support today!

DONATE: It is not too late to become a sponsor. All "The Improver" level sponsors will receive a customized wine glass tumbler.

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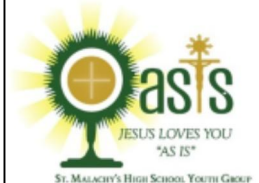


Fat Wednesday Party!

All High School teens are invited to a Fat Wednesday Party! Join us as we celebrate Fat Tuesday early!

When: Wednesday February 10, 6:30 – 8 PM

Where: Youth Room (Zoom link will still be available)





STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

January 31, 2021

Weekly Gifts	(Goal: \$13,000)	\$11,029
School Endow.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$199
Paraclete Fund	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$189
Capital Improve.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$318

Week 31	Budget	Actual	Avg	Variance
Weekly	\$403,000	\$432,476	\$13,951	\$29,476
School End.	\$23,250	\$18,495	\$597	(\$4,755)
Paraclete	\$23,250	\$19,145	\$618	(\$4,105)
Cap Improve.	\$23,250	\$18,625	\$601	(\$4,625)

GIFTS FOR GOD'S PURPOSES

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to Pregnancy Resource Center

ADA 2020

Goal \$74,073.00

Pledged \$79,388.00

Contributed \$74,581.00

Number of Pledges: 200



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



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



Rice Bowl

Once again, during another Lent, we are invited to participate in the Rice Bowl experience which invites Funds to help families around the world to meet the challenges of hunger and poor nutrition. A long standing Rice Bowl tradition is to encourage families to have one sacrificial meal per week during Lent and to contribute the money not spent for that meal to Rice Bowl. Contributions can be put into the Sunday collection basket or left at the Parish Office any time although we will make a specific request for Rice Bowl donations on Palm Sunday. Rice bowls can be picked up near the doors of the Narthex . Due to Covid-19, we ask that you return your donation in the form of a check to St. Malachy's.



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To the Clergy, Religious, and Laity of the Diocese of Peoria:

When we finally emerge from this time of contagion, it is my hope that our diocese comes out like roaring lions - renewed and ready in new ways to win central Illinois and indeed the whole world for Jesus Christ and His Holy Catholic Church.

It will be an exciting time. The Holy Spirit and the People of God will be active. And our excellent diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Post, is ready to share the stories and images of this year of renewal via all kinds of media.

The Catholic Post is launching its 2021 'Delivering Unity Campaign' with a very appropriate theme of "RENEW: Hope, Faith, Unity." I sternly urge your support and readership. This campaign funds both print and digital outreaches to share The Catholic Posts' essential information as widely and rapidly as possible. Details about how to subscribe are printed below.

Thank you for choosing to be an informed Catholic united with our family of faith across our great diocese. With prayers for you health and for your own personal renewal in 2021, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.

Bishop of Peoria

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SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

The worldwide coronavirus outbreak restricted nonessential travel across the globe. Stay-at-home orders, physical distancing, and quarantine practices implemented to mitigate the spread of the disease revealed great and urgent needs, especially in those countries of Eastern Europe still in turbulent transition stages. There, weak economics were made more vulnerable, and those affected included the elderly as well as doctors, nurses, and medical chaplains. In Ukraine, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) came to the assistance of homebound senior citizens in many cities, using Church facilities to organize the work and engaging both local volunteers and assistance from abroad. In addition, the UGCC mobilized its network of about 120 hospital chaplains and collected and distributed badly needed protective clothing, masks, sanitizer and other necessities to ensure their safety as they ministered to the sick throughout the country.

Please be generous to the collection, because your support helps foster nurturing communities in which Catholics can share and grow in faith. For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

+ Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.

Bishop of Peoria

LITURGY LEANINGS FEBRUARY Green is on the altar the **first** 2 Sundays then purple/violet the second 2 Sundays.

Feb. 2nd The Presentation of the Lord - Today's feast is an echo of the past Christmas season and the completion of the mystery.

Feb. 3rd St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr - involved against illnesses of the throat.

Feb. 5th St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr - accepted martyrdom rather than abandon her faith.

Feb. 6th St. Paul Miki and Companions - along with 26 others endured a 600 mile march to his crucifixion in Nagasaki, Japan. His crucifixion was to deter Christianity in Japan, but missionaries found secret Christian communities that endured isolation for 3 centuries after.

Feb. 7th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - In this weeks readings our Lord speaks his commands and illness is cured and unclean spirits are driven away. Jesus' command over nature and the supernatural clearly illustrates his identity.

Feb. 8th St. Jerome Emilliani - founded hospitals, orphanages, and hostels in Venice, Italy. St. Josephine Bakhtaran, Virgin - kidnapped from her childhood home in Darfur under a series of cruel owners. Eventually claimed her freedom as a Canossian sister in Italy. Her holiness and kindness as porter endeared her to the local community.

Feb. 10th St. Scholastica, Virgin - Knowing that she would die soon, she prayed up a literal storm to extend a visit with her brother, St. Benedict, by another night.

Feb. 11th Our Lady of Lourdes - On this day, the church recognizes the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin to St. Bernadette Soubirous, although not known for great intellect, was able to articulate the Virgin as "The Immaculate Conception."

Feb. 14th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - We are called to live in imitation of our Lord.

Feb. 17th Ash Wednesday - As intensely personal as Lent is, with its core disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, it is a time of preparing a people worthy of the Lords special care. As much as we must work on our individual hearts, Lent is also a time when we must work on the heart of the community calling it to a change of life.

Feb. 18th Thursday After Ash Wednesday - Following God leads us to life. Without God, we perish.

Feb. 19th Friday After Ash Wednesday - Don't just avoid food and finer things—share them with those who really need them.

Feb. 20th Saturday After Ash Wednesday - The Lord, through Isaiah, is telling us to quit lying and spreading meanness. He is telling us to share our food, to help the afflicted, and to free all those who are in chains.

Feb. 21st First Sunday in Lent - As Lent begins, we are reminded these forty days are a time to repent of sin, return to the Gospel, and recommit ourselves to our baptismal promises.

Feb. 22nd The Chair Of St. Peter The Apostle - This feast celebrates Peters pastoral authority over the Church continued through the ministry of the bishop of Rome. The chair, symbolizes authority. Catholics celebrate the unity of faith that the pope both symbolizes and works to secure.

Feb. 23rd St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr, c.69-c.155. Martyred by beheading. He is one of the earliest Christians whose writings we still have.

Feb. 28th Second Sunday in Lent - In today's scripture insights we are called to a steadfast faith in God. Our Lord did not spare his only son from the suffering of his life and death. Like Abraham, we are called to faithfully trust in God. As Abraham was faithful to God, God is faithful to us.

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