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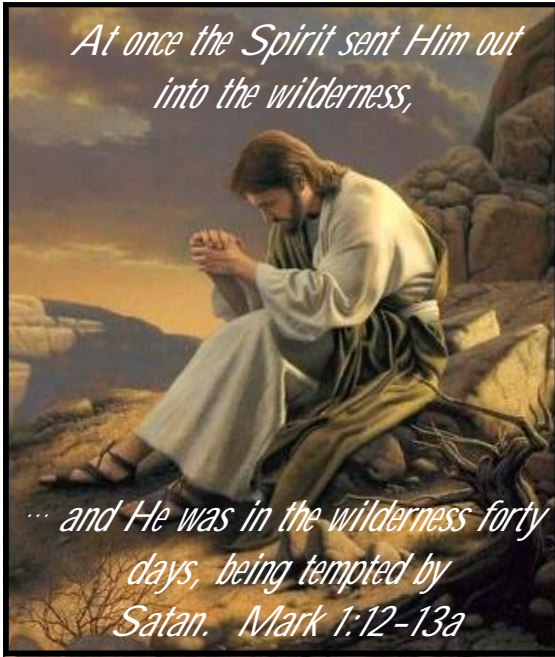
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February 21, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Monday - Thursday 12:00 Noon during Lent

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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

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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.



MONDAY, February 22 The Chair of St. Peter
8:00 am Charles Webb +

TUESDAY, February 23 Lenten Weekday
8:00 am Robert Henderson +

WEDNESDAY, February 24 Lenten Weekday
8:00 am Jane & Bill Miller +
9:00 am No Mass today, Rosary only

THURSDAY, February 25 Lenten Weekday
5:45 pm Frank Casentino +

FRIDAY, February 26 Lenten Weekday
8:00 am Communion Service

SATURDAY, February 27 Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, February 28 Second Sunday of Lent
8:15 am Mary Ann Green +
10:30 am Connie Pond +

The Rosary is recited after weekday morning Masses



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

St. Anthony

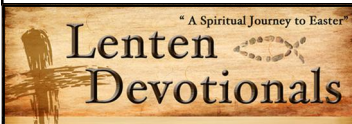
4:00 pm Saturday
9:30 am Sunday

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.*



We have been sending Word on Fire Catholic Ministries Lenten Devotionals and the "He is Risen" Bible Study guide through emails. We hope that you have been enjoying them.

Word on Fire Catholic Ministries exists to draw people into the body of Christ, which is the Church, and thereby give them access to all the gifts that Jesus wants his people to enjoy. To be most effective in this mission, Word on Fire places an emphasis and urgency on the use of contemporary forms of media and innovative communication technologies.

St. Malachy's has enrolled in Word on Fire 30 day trial.

This gives everyone free access to all of their materials. Simply open up one of the 'Engage Lenten Reflections' emails that we sent and go to the video link at the bottom and you will be able to see what is available. **Bishop Robert Barron's "The Mass" study series would be a great one to begin watching first!**



READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2021

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

The "Binding of Isaac" shows Abraham's complete obedience to God

Response: Psalm 116

R.:/ I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living

2nd Reading: Romans 8:31-34

The Father's love for us is shown by letting his Son die for our sake

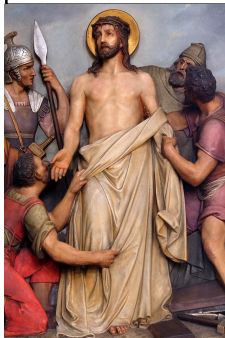
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

The apostles glimpse Christ's glory, to sustain them through His imminent passion



Unlike Isaac, Jesus was aware of what lay ahead. "The Son of Man must suffer," He had said. Shortly before the Transfiguration, when He first told the disciples what He was to suffer, Peter prayed that God would not allow such a thing to happen. The Lord's response was instant and severe, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as humans do" (Mk 8:33). In dealing with God we must have faith and trust.

On the cellar wall of a bombed-out house in Cologne an unknown fugitive, obviously Jewish, left a testimony of trust that only came to light when the rubble was being cleared away after World War II. It read: "I believe in the sun even when it is not shining. I believe in love even when I do not feel it. I believe in God even when He is silent." That is the faith of Abraham, and is the kind of faith we should seek as well.



The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete. Stations of the Cross are prayed on Fridays during Lent 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 3 - 8 pm

Thurs 4:30 pm

(8:30 am on the 1st Fridays
& 1st Saturdays)



"How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament! Are you in trouble? Come and throw yourself at His feet."

- St. John Vianney

"And behold, I am with you always..."

- Mathew 28:20

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. Now that we have entered the desert with the Lord, let us consider what it means to draw nearer to the One who draws so very near to us. In these first three weeks of Lent, I would like to focus my bulletin letter on a different one of the three basic Lenten disciplines each week: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Since these disciplines cannot be just a matter of going through the motions, but are meant to be our response to the invitation to be with the Lord in the desert, there is no better place to begin than with prayer.

Personal Prayer: Let’s start with our personal prayer, because it’s just that: personal. It is about our relationship with the Lord. Any relationship we might have with another person is going to be weak if we never talk to them, never listen to them, or never spend time with them. So, we must strive to do these three things. Speak to Him, honestly from the heart, about your day and about your thoughts, feelings, and desires. Start with the basic “Please and Thank you,” but then keep opening your heart more and more to Him. Listen to Him, both by not being afraid of the silence and by reading Sacred Scripture (maybe start with the Gospel reading for Mass each day or for the upcoming Sunday). And finally, spend time with Him. Remember, if we want to *find* the time, we usually have to *make* the time. Carve out some time in your day each day, even if it’s only 10-15 minutes, to be doing nothing besides being with the Lord. As I mentioned a few weeks ago in my homily, I invite everyone to consider stopping in for Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays (3-8 PM) or Thursdays (4:30-5:30 PM). I also will be commenting on Prayer in each Thursday Thoughts throughout Lent.

Understanding the Mass: Our personal prayer flows out of and back to the greatest prayer we have, the Mass, which is truly our participation in the offering of Christ to the Father for our salvation. Not only is Christ interceding for us, He is taking us with Him as He goes before the Father. One way of being able to enter into the mystery of the Mass more effectively, so that it can be more of an experience of prayer for you, is by learning about what is really happening and why. Why do we do this or not do that? One thing I have heard numerous times from various parishioners and groups of parishioners in these past five months with you all has been this desire to learn more about this greatest prayer we have, sometimes expressed in a desire for what is often called an “Explanatory Mass” or “Teaching Mass.” This is something I am hoping to do with you once a time comes when we can allow it to be a little more of a community event. Until then, I have two suggestions to tide you over. First, I am currently five weeks into the “Understanding the Mass Preaching Series” at the children’s school Masses, which are live-streamed. You can find a playlist of the series on my parish YouTube channel, which will continue to be updated as the new homilies are delivered. Second, you also might consider taking some time this Lent to go through a series on the Mass, either individually or with a group of friends or family. A few great examples are Ed Sri’s “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass,” *Bishop Robert Barron’s “The Mass,” and Ascension Press’ “Altaration” (which is designed for youth). If you are looking to plan gatherings with a group to discuss these series as you go, remember our parish has a Zoom account, which the parish office can help you access.

In Christ through Mary,



Fr. Daniel P. Gifford

***Bishop Barron’s “The Mass” study series is free now through Word On Fire (see pg. 2)**

Holy Week Schedule



HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 1

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 2

Stations of the Cross: 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 pm

Easter Schedule

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil Mass

April 3, 8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4

8:15 & 10:30 am



There is a sign-up sheet in the parish office for individuals wishing to serve as lectors, commentators, communion ministers, and ushers for Holy Thursday, the Good Friday Passion and the Easter Vigil. Please call if you are able to serve in any way.



2021 Lenten Mission Statement

Every day of our lives, we are called to make the choice to be a servant of God and to serve others. Let us return to the God who never forgets what has been promised. Repent, and believe in the covenant God has made with us.

Henry County Right to Life is announcing its 2021 scholarship contest for area high school and college students.

Applications are now available to qualified students to submit an essay on the theme – *“Why men should care about the pro-life movement and define the responsibilities of being a pro-life male.”* Entries must reflect the general theme.

The student with the winning essay will be awarded a \$500 scholarship which will be forwarded to their intended college in the student's name.

Students may print a copy of the application and complete rules and regulations by going to the Henry Co Right to Life's website at <http://henrycountyr21.wixsite.com/life>.

Scholarship applications must be received or postmarked no later than April 2, 2021.

For more information contact Henry County Right to Life President, Peggy Emmert, at 309-231-2657

Entries should be mailed to HENRY COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE, P.O. BOX 121, GENESEO, IL 61254.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

February 14, 2021

Weekly Gifts	(Goal: \$13,000)	\$18,266
School Endow.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$542
Paraclete Fund	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$332
Capital Improve.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$8,336

Week 33	Budget	Actual	Avg	Variance
Weekly	\$429,000	\$460,088	\$13,942	\$31,088
School End.	\$24,750	\$19,443	\$589	(\$5,307)
Paraclete	\$24,750	\$19,743	\$598	(\$5,007)
Cap Improve.	\$24,750	\$27,308	\$828	\$2,558

GIFTS FOR GOD'S PURPOSES

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to Humility of Mary Shelter

ADA 2020

Goal \$74,073.00

Pledged \$81,428.00

Contributed \$77,203.00

Number of Pledges: 209



DAILY
PRAYERS FOR
VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these Seminarians:

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Paul Rupert</i> | <i>Ben Schoonmaker</i> |
| <i>Chase Stevens</i> | <i>Francis Strong</i> |
| <i>Jonathan Swoik</i> | <i>Thomas Williams</i> |
| <i>Dcn Nicholas Wilson</i> | <i>Jack Watt</i> |



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.



St. Malachy's Lenten Reflection Booklets are written by our own parishioners. They can be found in the Narthex and digital copies are also available. To receive a digital copy, please email: DietrichDarci@gmail.com



SPRING CLEAN UP AT ST. MARY'S CEMETERY
MARCH 15, 2021

We will begin removing winter decorations
March 15, 2021

Can You Help? Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held Mondays from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. We are in need of one person to cover the 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. hour. If you can help, please call Rita Nelson at 944-6300.



Help is needed ...

Are you looking for a way to spend some quiet time with the Lord and offer a

service to your parish at the same time?

If you also love God's plants, here is the perfect opportunity for you!!

Our plant care team needs 2 or 3 additional volunteers each willing to commit to nurturing the indoor plants for 1 month a year.

Questions/details? contact Marilyn at 309-944-8700 or email her at marilynboardman@hotmail.com Thank-you.



Eden Reforestation Projects

Planting Trees for Haiti

Lenten Alms-giving Opportunity:

Through the support of our donors and partners, including St. Malachy, the Eden Projects in Haiti has been able to produce tens of thousands of trees for famers in Haiti. Please consider donating to Eden Reforestation Projects this Lent. By doing so, we can improve lives in Haiti immediately (by providing jobs, gathering seeds, planting and protecting the trees) and in the future (by increasing food supply and improving the quality of the soil, air and water).

EDEN PROJECTS is committed to alleviating extreme poverty and restoring healthy forests.

- For every FIFTEEN CENTS we donate, one tree will be planted in Haiti.
- For every \$5.00 we donate, THIRTY THREE trees will be planted.
- You may place donations in the collection box by the tree displayed in the Narthex, at the parish office, or in the Sunday collection (Clearly mark envelopes & checks "Trees for Haiti")
- Make A SEPARATE check payable to St. Malachy Church with "Trees for Haiti" in the memo line. (Do not combine with weekly donation check, please.) Each ribbon on the display tree will represent \$5.00, or THIRTY THREE TREES!



The Knights of Columbus are chartered to provide an opportunity for Catholic men to meet, socialize and promote our faith through service to others. One of our main focuses will be to re-establish

our breakfast and dinners to support our parish Right-to-Life and youth groups. Last year and into this year, the Covid-19 restrictions have nearly eliminated all of those opportunities. But we'll be ready when life returns to normal.

If you are interested in joining the Knights and/or contributing to our cause, please contact Steve Mroz at (309) 441-6321 or stephos@mchsi.com.

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Did you Know? Your child can attend a Catholic School!

Financial Assistance is Available

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2021-2022 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under Catholic Education and then under Financial Assistance. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must apply online at: online.factsmgt.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2021-2022 school year must reapply.

Deadline date for the completed application is April 30, 2021.

Notification of grant awards will be made by the end of June 2021.

Another funding opportunity is also available due to the Invest in Kids Act legislation in Illinois. Students may be eligible for up to 100% of tuition and fees under a new program for tax credit scholarships (TCS). Details on how to apply and who qualifies are available on the Empower Illinois website at www.empowerillinois.org.

Students who receive a TCS are ineligible to receive a Spalding award.

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