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February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent



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

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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, March 1 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am James E Higgins, Jr. +

TUESDAY, March 2 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Carol Gustafson +

WEDNESDAY, March 3 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Michael DeCicco

9:00 am Matilda Garza +

THURSDAY, March 4 Lenten Weekday

5:45 pm Janet Vargo +

FRIDAY, March 5 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am JoAnn Emmendorfer +

SATURDAY, March 6 Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Bernard Francque +

5:00 pm Marion Teerlinck +

SUNDAY, March 7 Third Sunday of Lent

8:15 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Mike Teerlinck +

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.

READINGS FOR MARCH 7, 2021

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7 *The Israelites were grumbling to Moses in their thirst for water. God had Moses strike a rock with his staff and water flowed for the people to drink.*

Response: Psalm 95:1-2,6-7,8-9 *"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts."*

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2,5-8 *"And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us."*

Gospel: John 4:5-42 *"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*



MARCH LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

GREETERS:

5:00 pm – Mary Anne Peterson, Karen Humbert (Front), Mark Kane, Tom Heise (West)
8:15 am – Larry & Cindy Hopkey (Front), Julie Atwell, Ilene Hamer (West)
10:30 am – Jennifer Ulam, Julie Puentes (Front), Julie Bauman, Sally Howard (West)

USHERS:

5:00 pm – Jason Snyder H U, Mark Roberts, Arnie Schmid, David Wolak
8:15 am – Morry Atwell HU, Mike Croegaert, Gerald VanDeWoestyne, Rich Bassier
10:30 am – Dave & Monica Paxton HU, Kevin & Marie Lillis

LECTOR/COMMENTATOR:

5:00 pm – Vicki Rowlands (L) Virgil Thurman (C)
8:15 am – Kathleen Repass (L) Charlene Glynn (C)
10:30 am – Isabel Anderson (L) Winnie Kane C

EMHC:

5:00 pm – Kathy Daly
8:15 am – Ryan Wilson
10:30 am – Jim Luikart



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)



“In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ.”

- Pope John Paul II



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. In this last weekend in February, recall the context of this month’s theme verse: The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. Another little detail of this story tells us they offered a pair of two turtledoves (and it wasn’t even the second day of Christmas!) or two young pigeons. If we were to open to Leviticus for the specifics of this ritual, we would learn that the option of the two turtledoves or pigeons was the option for the poor who could not afford a lamb. With this little detail, Saint Luke is subtly reminding us that Our Lord was born into a poor family. Even though the primary focus of choosing “Lover of Poverty” as the title in focus for this month was primarily a reference to poverty of spirit, still Saint Joseph identified with material poverty as well. Have you ever encountered someone living in such poverty and noticed that they have an incredible trust in God to provide for them what they need and also a corresponding gratitude for what they have? In his poverty, Saint Joseph learned to trust in the Lord. When we enter into the desert with him, through our Lenten discipline, we are invited to learn this incredible trust that would have sustained Joseph and Mary and fortified their hearts, as they stole away in the night to trade their humble, temporary dwelling for a life as exiles in Egypt. Part of the beauty of our Lenten desert experience is that we are invited to truly *hunger* with Christ and *thirst* with Him. We are invited to learn to rely upon the Lord and to long for Him, never taking Him for granted.

Last week, I began focusing on a different one of the Lenten disciplines (Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving) each week. As we focus on fasting, let us recognize how awesome is this call to fast, which may have seemed a bit like another “motion” to go through at another point in life. As someone who has learned to anticipate h’anger (hungry-anger) and factor it into my planning for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, I understood well that most of us don’t necessarily *look forward* to fasting, thanks to our fallen human condition and its weakness. And I admit that I have caught myself spending time on these fasting days daydreaming about the meals of tomorrow. It’s not exactly fun. Yet, the freedom that we allow to grow within us, when we let go and loosen our grip on the things that we allow to fill up our lives, is worth it all. Not to mention, it is a small token of gratitude for all that the Lord suffered for us. Today, we use the term ‘fasting’ to apply much more broadly to eating very, very little or even to various other sacrifices of things we choose to give up. These sacrifices seem so little compared to our Lord’s forty days of actual and total fasting in the desert, which prepared Him for a mission that would culminate in His suffering upon the cross for our salvation. We know that we will never “outdo” Our Lord and to try would completely miss the point, which is not to attempt to match His suffering with our own, but rather to choose to make an offering of love and gratitude. When we feel that rumble in our stomachs (literally or figuratively) and we see that dessert or burger or beer or remote control or whatever it may be and hear that voice in our heads say, “Why not?,” the only answer we need is to lift our hearts to the Lord and say, “Simply because I love You more, Lord.” This is always the first and most important reason for any of our sacrifices: we wish to make an offering of love to the Lord.

When we recognize that these offerings also are good for us, that they help us grow in interior freedom by detaching from things that perhaps we have allowed to have some hold on us, this is not to be our primary motivation. Rather, this benefit that it has for us is an expression of *His Love for us*. Thus, when we make such an offering simply because we love the Lord and wish to express it (in a manner that we notice throughout our day and makes a difference in our lives) and then we notice that He is expressing His Love for us by allowing us to experience personal growth by this offering, it becomes beautiful shared experience of the love between us. It becomes an experience of intimacy.

This is the goal of the desert experience: intimacy with the Lord. The Holy Family experienced such intimacy in those years of exile, as they together relied upon their Heavenly Father. Saint Joseph, Lover of Poverty, please pray that our Lenten desert experience may lead us to deeper intimacy with Christ.

In Christ through Mary,



Fr. Daniel P. Gifford



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.

**Repent and believe God's
promises.**



St. Malachy School Registration for the 2021-2022 school year
will open on Tuesday, March 16th for returning students and
Kindergarteners.

Due to Covid guidelines we are unable to have our traditional
Kindergarten Round-Up. Families can contact Mrs. Francque
(hfrancque@stmalgeneso.org) with questions about
St. Malachy's and admission.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

February 21, 2021

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| Weekly Gifts | (Goal: \$13,000) | \$12,333 |
| School Endow. | (Goal: \$ 750) | \$80 |
| Paraclete Fund | (Goal: \$ 750) | \$125 |
| Capital Improve. | (Goal: \$ 750) | (\$6,875) |

| Week 34 | Budget | Actual | Avg | Variance |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Weekly | \$442,000 | \$472,421 | \$13,895 | \$30,421 |
| School End. | \$25,500 | \$19,523 | \$574 | (\$5,977) |
| Paraclete | \$25,500 | \$19,868 | \$584 | (\$5,632) |
| Cap Improve. | \$25,500 | \$20,433 | \$601 | (\$5,067) |

GIFTS FOR GOD'S PURPOSES

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to Victory Center Ministries

ADA 2020

Goal \$74,073.00

Pledged \$81753.00

Contributed \$78,003.00

Number of Pledges: 211



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

Novena for Marriage Renewal

For the Feast of Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary (Booklets are available in the Narthex)

This Novena can be prayed and appreciated by anyone, especially those who want to better understand and appreciate how God's plan for marriage comes to be enfolded in ordinary human lives, or even those who want to pray for a married couple near and dear to them. But, it is designed for married couples seeking renewal in their marriage. Its primary intended use is to prayerfully prepare for the renewal of your wedding vows, to be celebrated with other couples in the parish community at a special Mass at 5:45 pm on Friday, March 19, the Feast of Saint Joseph, which focuses on his role and identity as husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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



March 2021 Newsletter

The Food Pantry is accepting food and personal care item donations on Mondays from 9:00-noon and 1:00-4:00. Donations may be placed in carts outside the building. We also have a red donation drop box in the vestibule at Fareway for your convenience.

Our clothing room is closed until further notice, so we are not accepting clothing/household item donations at this time.

Monetary donations may be mailed to: PO Box 324, Geneseo, IL 61254. You may also donate on our

website. Go to www.geneseofoodpantry.org and click the "Donate" button. Did you know the Food Pantry provides emergency rent assistance? If you are interested in helping someone pay rent, please write, "For rent assistance" in the memo of your check.

Our clients are grateful for the farm fresh eggs some local farmers donate throughout the year. Donations of fresh and frozen meats also help our clients stretch their food budget.

Are you starting to plan your garden? Please consider planting an extra row for those who cannot always afford to purchase fresh produce. Our clients truly appreciate the fresh fruits and vegetables donated from gardens in our community.

Food drives and continued donations from the community help us feed our clients well into the summer months. If your group or organization is interested in having a food drive for the Food Pantry, please contact us at 944-3165.

Food needs for this month are: Chunky soups, baked beans, canned potatoes, canned carrots, and peanut butter

Non-food needs are: Shampoo, conditioner, men's deodorant, mouthwash, and dish soap

AREA WIDE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION - SATURDAY, APRIL 10 - 9:00 am - 12:00 FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH PARKING LOT, GENESEO

CLEANING SUPPLIES NEEDED: Window cleaner, laundry detergent, oven cleaner, garbage bags, paper towels, bleach and disinfectant wipes.

PERSONAL ITEMS NEEDED: Feminine products, hair products, toothpaste, soap, razors, deodorant, Kleenex and diapers.



LITURGY LEANINGS MARCH 2021



For March, violet is on the altar for the first 3 Sundays, then red for the last, which is Palm Sunday.

March 3rd-St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin - founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, an order that built elementary and high schools for African and Native American populations across the US. and established St. Xavier Univ. to train teachers for those schools.

March 4th-St. Casimir - born a prince of Poland, he lived a life of chastity, simplicity, and good works until his early death in his mid twenties.

March 7th-Third Sunday of Lent - In this weeks scriptures, we learn all of Gods people are called to a life that is moral, upright, holy and caring of others. Also love, faithfulness, and gratitude toward God ought to be our motivation to obey the Ten Commandments.

March 8th- St. John of God, Religious - cared for those with mental illness and founded what is now known as The Brothers Hospitallers of St. John of God.

March 9th-St. Frances of Rome, Religious - although an arranged marriage initially prevented her from pursuing a call to a religious life, her zeal for good works attracted a community of like-minded women who became the Oblates of Mary and the desire for her was finally fulfilled when her husbands death freed her to become its religious superior.

March 14th- 4th Sunday of Lent - In this weeks scripture, we learn we are called to be children of Christ's light; we are redeemed in him and through his grace and not by our own accord.

March 17th-St. Patrick, Bishop - after escaping slavery in Ireland, this saint spent 22 years acquiring education and skills to return to Ireland as a missionary to God, converting thousands and building church's and monasteries across Ireland.

March 18th-St. Cyril of Jerusalem - Bishop and Doctor of the Church- his love for the church made him a natural preacher and teacher.

March 19th-St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Joseph was a just man, who observed and revered the law. When he found out Mary was pregnant, he responded to God in faith, grace and love. He embraced God's request, loving and caring for his family. It is not a genetic line, but we are the family of God through adoption in Christ.

March 21st- 5th Sunday - One of the insights of this weeks scriptures is checking boxes and not breaking rules isn't the point of Catholic life; we are called to submit our hearts and minds to the Father, in imitation of Jesus.

March 23rd- St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop - was a Spanish noble who became a missionary archbishop of Lima, whose responsibility was to bring Christ to the people of Peru.

March 25th-The Annunciation of the Lord - this day highlights the very human role in Jesus' birth and upbringing. We are reminded to keep looking for ways God is at work in our lives

March 28th Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord - the day begins with songs of triumph and quickly shifts into the Lords passion. As we enter into this holiest of weeks with Christ, may our participation in each solemn liturgy draw us into deeper union with him and one another.

March 29th- Monday of Holy Week -the servant of the Lord is gentle yet powerful. He is "the victory of justice" and "a light to the nations."

March 30th-Tuesday of Holy Week- The people of Israel were by no means a powerful faction or well- organized country, yet God chose them and used them, like a hidden weapon to be a "light to the nations" and the beginning of the salvation of the world.

March 31st- Wednesday of Holy Week- On this day, the disciples were "deeply distressed", but Jesus carried on, knowing Judas would betray him, he went on with his Last Supper.

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