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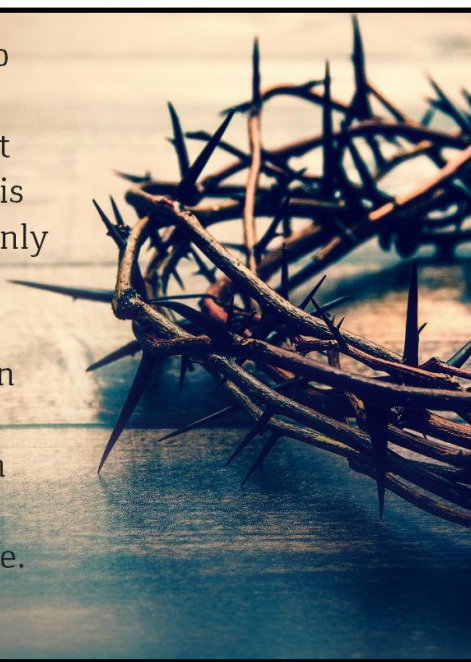
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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2021

For God so
 loved the
 world that
 he gave his
 one and only
 Son, that
 whoever
 believes in
 him shall
 not perish
 but have
 eternal life.



John 3:16

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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 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, March 15 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Chuck Snyder +

TUESDAY, March 16 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Michael DeCicco

WEDNESDAY, March 17 St. Patrick

8:00 am Bill, Jane & Scott Miller +

9:00 am Hazel Pettit +

THURSDAY, March 18 Lenten Weekday

5:45 pm John Rowley +

FRIDAY, March 19 St. Joseph

8:00 am Communion Service

5:45 pm For all couples participating in the
St. Joseph Novena

SATURDAY, March 20 Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Lent

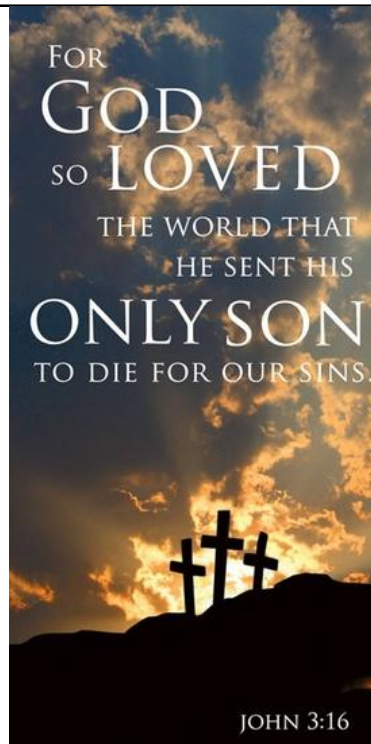
5:00 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, March 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:15 am Lois Hull +

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.*

READINGS FOR MARCH 21, 2021

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The new covenant, written on the human heart

Response: Psalm 51

Response: "Create a clean heart in me, O God."

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-10

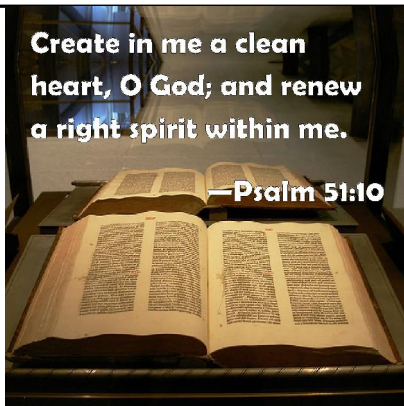
The anguish of Jesus, faced with his passion

Gospel: John 12:20-30

By losing their life, the followers of Jesus will find it in a new way

**Create in me a clean
heart, O God; and renew
a right spirit within me.**

—Psalm 51:10





FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus are having a Fish Fry on Friday, March 26 from 5-7 p.m. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a limited menu of fried fish, steak fries and coleslaw will be available by drive-thru only at the St. Malachy west parking lot (playground side) for a freewill donation. Please contact Steve Mroz at (309) 441-6321 or stephos@mchsi.com if you have any questions.

Volunteers are needed!

Are you looking for a way to serve our parish & are here on Sundays? How about helping sanitize after 10:30 Mass?! Training is provided. Many hands make light work! Please contact Elizabeth Hulsbrink at 281-507-0197 Or eboardman@hotmail.com



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



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.



Eden Reforestation Projects

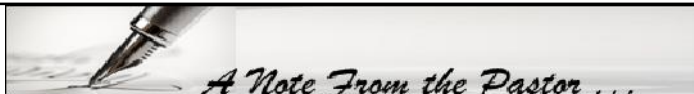
Planting Trees for Haiti

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 farmers 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! WE HAVE ALMOST \$1,500 DONATED SO FAR - SO 9,990 TREES!



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

“When the days were completed for their purification... (Mary and Joseph) took Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord...” (Luke 2:22). This time of purification we are in is quite different from the one referred to at the beginning of this story of the Presentation, but it is no less aimed at preparing us to make a journey to Jerusalem with the Lord, where He will be offered to the Father for our salvation. This time of purification is called Lent and we have spent the past three weeks, in these bulletin articles, discussing the main disciplines by which this season is often characterized: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This week, it is time to “turn our eyes toward Jerusalem” by discussing the real purpose of these disciplines and of having a whole season set aside to focus on them: *conversion of heart*. These disciplines bring about a time of purification, by prompting us to turn away from the things that lead us away from the Lord and to turn our hearts back toward Him. They are steps we take back toward Jerusalem, toward the crosses that we flee from carrying with the Lord. We need to be there with Him at the foot of the cross. We need to hear Him pray “*Father, forgive them for they know not what they do,*” and know He is praying for us. We need to plead to Him for this Mercy, by asking Him, “Remember Me when you come into Your kingdom,” and to look eyes with Him as He responds to us, “*This day, you will be with Me in paradise.*” We need to hear Him say, “*Behold your Mother,*” and respond obediently by asking her to pray that we may have the courage to remain with Him. We need to hear Him cry, “*I Thirst,*” and recognize that His thirst is for our love. We need to hear Him take up the words of the psalm, “*My God, my God, why have You abandoned Me,*” and recognize that all of the times we have felt alone and distant from God, even abandoned by Him, He understands and has been right there with us in that pain. And thus, all of the ways we sought to cope with that pain ourselves were superfluous diversions, at best, and self-destructive habits at worst. If only we knew that we are not alone in our pain, but that He draws nearer to us there than at the most gleefully happy moments that we may prefer to spend with Him! We need to be there, at the cross. We need to hear Him cry again to His Father, “*Into Your hands I commend My spirit,*” and recognize how totally He has given Himself for us. We need to hear the words escape from His lips, along with His last breath, “*It is finished,*” and finally stop trying to earn the Love He gives freely, as we realize that He has just accomplished our salvation. Our hope has never been more alive than in the moment we recognize these things. Our hope was never lost, but it may have been misplaced. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us to turn away from the things we have placed our hope in, so that we can rediscover the true hope that is only found in Him. Once this hope has been reawakened in our hearts, we can hardly stop from crying out in jubilant praise. Thus, we thank God for this Laetare Sunday, this Sunday of Praise, and we cry out to Him with deep gratitude for opening our eyes to finally recognize Him. We see who He is, now that He has opened our eyes. He is the One who has made His promise of Mercy to us and has not forgotten. He is our God and to Him belongs all of our praise. May all of our hearts return to Him in these days.

In Christ through Mary,

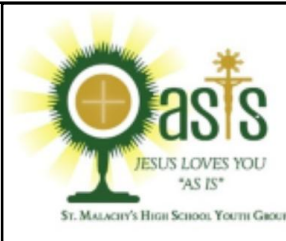


HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Oasis and TEC are co-hosting a special event for ALL high school students: "Did Jesus quarantine?"

- ◆ Did Jesus remain present in our lives during the pandemic?
- ◆ Or was He put into quarantine?
- ◆ And do we have a plan from here?

Join us on Sunday, March 21, 6:00-7:30pm in the St Malachy's youth room (or in the Mahoney Shelter, weather permitting) for an evening of reflection, sharing, discussion, Whitey's Shakes and other snacks. Come and bring a friend.



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.

PLEASE READ: Please be aware that while school is in session, individuals are not permitted to drive through the parking lot area on the west side of the school building near the playground. Also, please be aware that while school is in session, only school staff is permitted to walk through the parking lot area on the west side of the school building near the playground. Thank you for your consideration and helping us keep our children safe.

SCHOOL SAFETY:
A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY



St. Malachy Catholic School

TO REGISTER OR CHECK OUT ST. MALACHY SCHOOL:

Go to our church webpage (saintmalachy.org). Towards the top right on the tool bar, find and click on the 'SCHOOL K-6' link.

Next click on '2021-2022 Kindergarten Registration'.

From there you will be able to access a virtual tour of the school; welcome messages from our Pastor, Fr. Gifford, our Principal, Mrs. Francque; our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Boone; parent testimonials and more!



STEWARDSHIP
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GIFTS FOR GOD: March 7, 2021

Weekly Gifts	(Goal: \$13,000)	\$11,674
School Endow.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$435
Paraclete Fund	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$575
Capital Improve.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$720

Week 36	Budget	Actual	Avg	Variance
Weekly	\$468,000	\$507,547	\$14,071	\$38,547
School End.	\$27,000	\$20,475	\$569	(\$6,525)
Paraclete	\$27,000	\$20,970	\$583	(\$6,030)
Cap Improve.	\$27,000	\$21,530	\$598	(\$5,470)

Special Collections	This Week:	Total:
Rice Bowl	\$200	\$455
Eastern Europe	\$20	\$645
Catholic Relief Services	\$560	\$600

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to Catholic Near East Welfare Assoc.

ADA 2020

Goal \$74,073.00

Pledged \$81,803.00

Contributed \$78,153.00



Stations of the Cross are prayed on Fridays during Lent
12:00 noon and 7:00 pm.



DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these Seminarians:

Paul Rupert Ben Schoonmaker
Chase Stevens Francis Strong
Jonathan Swoik Thomas Williams
Dcn Nicholas Wilson Jack Watt



Do you feel called to help others on their walk with God? If so, contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink: 309-671-1550 or email him: fr_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org



Is there anything "new" under the sun?

We live in trying times, but other times have also had their challenges.

Just consider the following:

"You say, 'the times are troublesome, the times are burdensome, the times are miserable.' Live rightly and you will change the times. The times never hurt anyone. Those who are hurt are human beings; those by whom they are hurt are also human beings. So, change human beings and the times will be changed."

The writer is St. Augustine, in the early 400's.



MARRIAGE RENEWAL NOVENA FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

**+ MARCH 10-18: NOVENA PRAYERS
WITH DAILY READINGS FOR COUPLES
AND INTERVIEWS WITH COUPLES
POSTED DAILY**

**+ MARCH 19: MARRIAGE RENEWAL MASS
WITH RENEWAL OF VOWS
5:45 PM**

Marriage Novena Booklets are available in the Narthex & on our webpage. This Novena can be prayed and appreciated by anyone, but it is designed for married couples seeking renewal in their marriage to prepare for our marriage renewal Mass scheduled for Friday, March-19,-2021 at 5:45 pm.



Free Marriage Enrichment Seminar:

In honor of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and as a Lenten resource, the Marriage in Christ At Home seminar is free for couples who sign up by March 31, 2021.

Once registered, access is free through May 31, 2021.

A great idea for couples to do together - from your home and your own pace.

MarriageinChrist.com is an easy to use online program with video presentations, a downloadable workbook, discussion starters, etc. It is simple, practical and fun! Just 5 sessions.

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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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