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**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection
of the Lord - April 4, 2021**



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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>*



MONDAY, April 5 Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

TUESDAY, April 6 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, April 7 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

9:00 am Marie Higgins +

THURSDAY, April 8 Thursday within the Octave of Easter

5:45 pm Virginia Humbert +

FRIDAY, April 9 Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

SATURDAY, April 10 Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, April 11 2nd Sunday of Easter (Also Sunday

8:15 am Margie Fitzgerald + of Divine Mercy)

10:30 am Leonard Loftus +



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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY - April 11, 2021

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Total sharing, among the first Christians.

Response: Responsorial: from Psalm 118

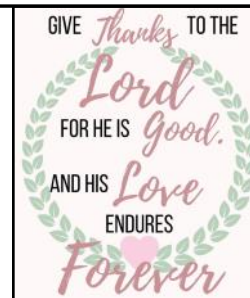
R./: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love is everlasting.

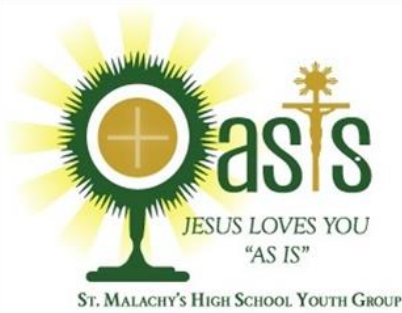
2nd Reading: 2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

By this we know that we love the children of God, by loving God and obeying His commands.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The presence of the risen Jesus banishes fear and brings peace to His friends.





He is Risen! He is Risen, Alleluia! Oasis will be having an Easter Celebration!

Who: All 9th-12th graders

When: Wednesday, April 7th 6:30-8:00PM

Where: Youth Room Bring a friend!

Looking forward:

April 14: No Oasis

April 21: Oasis Meeting



Food Pantry April 2021 Newsletter

Beginning April 5, the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00-noon and 1:00-4:00, and Fridays from 9:00-noon. Clothing and household item donations will be accepted after April 5. The clothing room will be open for shopping on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays beginning April 5. Food is distributed every Tuesday from 9:00-11:30. The following volunteer clothing room positions will be open beginning the week of April 5: Sorting/Hanging - these volunteers will sort clothing and household item donations by type and sizes and display them on racks and shelves. Four shifts are open: Tuesdays from 9-12 and 1-4, Thursdays from 9-12 and 1-4. Front Desk Clothing Room - these volunteers will greet shoppers, help them sign in, inform shoppers of clothing room rules, and give them shopping bags. Five shifts are open: Mondays from 9-12, Tuesdays from 9-12 and 1-4, Thursdays from 9-12 and 1-4. Typically volunteers work one shift per week. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Jolynn at 309-944-3165 or geneseopantry@gmail.com.



First Lutheran Church will collect cleaning supplies and personal care items on Saturday, April 10, from 9:00 am - 12 pm at the First Lutheran Church parking lot, 114 E Main St., Geneseo. Donations can also be dropped off before April 10 in the collection box in the Fellowship Room at the Church.

Thank you to all who contributed to the "Scouting for Food" drive, and to the Scouts who collected and delivered donations to the Food Pantry! Food drives like this one help keep the shelves stocked during the summer months when donations typically decrease. If you are planting a garden this year, please consider planting a row for the Food Pantry. Our clients love having fresh produce to choose from, and some try vegetables they've never eaten before if we have them available. We are happy to accept fresh eggs, dairy and meat as well! You may visit our website at www.geneseofoodpantry.org or like our Facebook page for updates on current Food Pantry needs, food drives, and other events. Our food needs for April are: Peanut butter, Pickles, pudding, single serve oatmeal, and tuna helper Our non-food needs are: Household cleaners, paper towels, shampoo, and dish detergent.



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

"When His parents saw Him, they were astonished and His mother said... 'Your father and I have been looking for You with anxiety.'" (Luke 2:48). These words represent a moment in which Good Saint Joseph, along with Our Blessed Mother, stood in the midst of a subtle, yet profound prefiguration of the Resurrection of Our Lord. As we continue through the Easter Season in this month of April, it is good that we allow this to be our "theme verse" for this month of the Year of Joseph, so that we can keep before us this memory of the moment in which these holy parents suffered three days of anxiety and loss, only to be reunited with the Lord on the third day. As we live in the hope and newness of being reunited with Christ in His glorious Resurrection, after entering into His Passion in Holy Week, may Good Saint Joseph, often called "Foster-father of the Son of God" (more on that another time, but this will be the title we'll focus on in the month of April), pray for us. With the help of Joseph's prayers, may we keep seeking the Risen Christ, like he and Mary diligently and even anxiously sought Him for those three days, because He is seeking us. The Risen Christ truly wants to meet us personally. Remember, that the Easter Octave does not conclude until we read the story, next weekend, of an Apostle (Saint Thomas) who had not yet personally encountered the Risen Christ. That holy apostle would want us to learn from his mistake and not wait until this encounter before we choose to believe and trust the Lord, but he would also want us to notice the importance of our need to personally meet the Risen Christ. Take some time for prayer, in the midst of everything else that these days hold, to be with the Lord. Allow Him to speak to your heart and speak to Him from yours. Like Mary and Joseph, speak to Him of the anxiety that has been on your heart as you have sought Him and had difficulty finding Him. Then, notice that He is pointing you toward the Father - just as He did for Mary and Joseph on the third day (*Did you not know I must be in My Father's house?*) AND as He did for Mary Magdalene on a different third day (*I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God*). Ask Jesus to take you to the Father's Heart, that you may rediscover His Love for you.

As Jesus comes forth from the tomb... I will be going forth from Geneseo. But, don't worry, I'll be back by the end of the week. As I told the children, their spring break happens to be my busiest week of the year, so I am taking my own spring break the next week. The first three days, I will be away on a short vacation with some priest friends, while the last couple of days, I will be relaxing in Geneseo. Thus, I will still offer the Thursday evening Holy Hour, Confessions and Mass. However, this will be the ONLY Confession time that week. I am grateful to our good deacons for providing Communion Services during the regular Mass times on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, as well as to Fr. Duane Jack for celebrating the "Easter Wednesday" Mass for our school children. My official return will be for the 3:30 Confessions on Saturday.

Have a most happy, blessed and safe beginning to this Glorious Easter Season!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Daniel P. Gifford

St. Malachy, Pray for us



Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations

April 11, 2021

St. John the Baptist Church

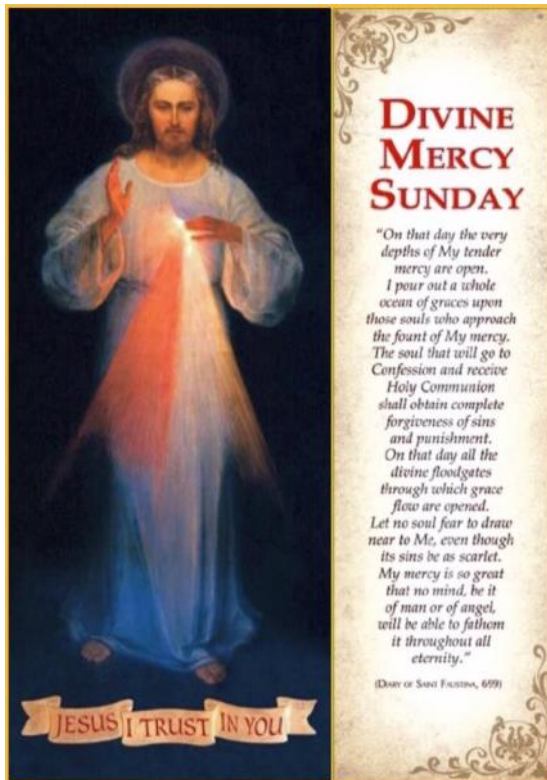
1416 Third Ave., Rapids City, IL

- 1:00 pm Exposition begins
- 1:30 - 3:00 Reconciliation
- 2:00 pm Rosary
- 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Hour:
 - Divine Mercy Chaplet
 - Veneration of Image
 - Evening Prayer
 - Benediction

St. Pius X Catholic Church

2502 29th Ave, Rock Island, IL

- 2:00 pm Reconciliation
- 3:00 pm Prayer of Divine Mercy
- Included in the Celebration:
 - Divine Mercy Chaplet
 - Reconciliation
 - Homily
 - Songs of Praise



Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 3 - 8 pm

Thurs 4:30 pm

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

"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now," - Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Faith Brings us Together

**Circle 14 Meeting
Tues April 6th 1:30 pm**



Mark your calendars and come join us in the Youth Room! A memorial service will be held for the 10 members lost during the Covid-19 lockdown. No refreshments will be served, but smiles and friendship will be given out generously. Masks are required.



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Managing God's Gifts To Us

GIFTS FOR GOD: March 28 2021

Weekly Gifts	(Goal: \$13,000)	\$6,366
School Endow.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$240
Paraclete Fund	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$305
Capital Improve.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$340

Week 39	Budget	Actual	Avg	Variance
Weekly	\$507,000	\$531,165	\$13,810	\$24,165
School End.	\$29,250	\$21,456	\$550	(\$7,798)
Paraclete	\$29,250	\$21,637	\$555	(\$7,613)
Cap Improve.	\$29,250	\$22,292	\$572	(\$6,958)
<u>Special Collections</u>		<u>This Week:</u>	<u>Total:</u>	
	Rice Bowl		\$635	\$1,800
	Catholic Relief Services		\$120	\$1,283
	Eastern Europe Fund		\$310	\$955
	Easter		\$1,015	\$1,015
	Holy Land		\$115	\$115

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to United Stand Family Center

PLEASE NOTE: We no longer use the Rectory mailbox at 551 E. Ogden Ave. Please send all correspondence for Fr. Gifford and the church to 595 E. Ogden Ave.

Thanks!



HELP WANTED

Now that we have access to hymnals, we are looking for volunteers to hand out hymnals at all Masses. If you or your family attend a Mass regularly, and would be willing to hand out the hymnals before Mass and pick them up after Mass, we could sure use you! If you can help, please contact Jeanne Anderson at 309-269-3369 or jmkanderson3@gmail.com

WE NEED GREETERS AND USHERS!

It takes 4 greeters and 4 ushers per Mass and we don't want to overwork anyone by having the same people fill those roles week after week. Please contact Lori at the office to volunteer! Thank you!



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> |

Are you feeling called to share your love of the Lord with others in the religious life? If so, contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink: 309-671-1550 or email him: fr_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org

Please keep our 9th Grade Confirmation Students in your prayers as they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, April 14th at 7:00 pm (The Mass will be live-streamed)



Braden Boone
Emma DeBaene
Connor Dillie
Kelsey Dillie
Noah Disterhott
Tyson Duda
Addison Dykstra
Jenna Freadhoff
Nolan Griffith
Buddy Henderson

Ethan Herstedt
Caiya Holke
April Kelley
Kylie Maertens
Kay McAvoy
Celina Peña
Ella Pettit
Reed Preston
Jake Rapps
Elizabeth Ramp

Jake Rapps
Jackson Reade
Leah Roemer
Bryce Sanders
Grace Schilling
Madison Simms
Belle Stroud
Mia Vandemore
Joe VanDeWoestyne

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:



Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen

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THAT IS
WITHIN
YOU
SHARING THE
GOOD NEWS
OF THE
RESURRECTION**



APRIL 19-22, 2021

Living our Catholic Identity

Fr. Daniel P. Gifford

Monday, April 19, 5:45 PM

Intentional Friendship

Fr. Luke Spannagel

Tuesday, April 20, 5:45 PM

By The Word of Their Testimony...

Courtney Bernhardt

Wednesday, April 21, 5:45 PM

It's Missa Est (Go, You Are Sent)

**Holy Hour (4:30) & Mass (5:45), followed by a
lite social (details t.b.d.)**

Thursday, April 22

**Christ at Work in the World: A Saint Joseph
the Worker Novena**

**Thursday, April 22- Friday, April 30 (prayed
individually)**

LITURGY LEANINGS APRIL 2021

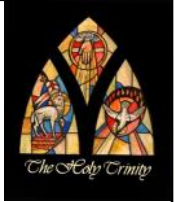


The month of April is filled with Feast Days, Celebrations and Observances

The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit...

The Holy Spirit is one of the Persons of the Holy Trinity.

“With the Father and the Son, He is worshiped and glorified.”



Thursday, April 1st is the beginning of The Triduum: The three days before Easter that recognize the great events of salvation worked by Christ.

The Easter Triduum is the Center of Christian Faith

Holy Thursday commemorates “The Last Supper” when Jesus shared His last meal with His Apostles.

After the meal Jesus showed a powerful example of serving others by getting down to the dirt to wash the Apostles feet. Holy Thursday is sometimes referred to as Maundy Thursday; meaning “a new mandate” “Love one another as I have loved you” John 13:34.

At the end of Mass, the Sanctuary is stripped clean in preparation for Good Friday.

Good Friday is a somber remembrance of Jesus crucifixion and death on the cross. The altar remains stripped of ornamentation from the Holy Thursday and the tabernacle left open and empty.

Good Friday is not a Mass; Concentration prayers are omitted and Holy Communion that is given out has been consecrated on Holy Thursday.

Veneration of the Cross is a time for the faithful to ponder the enormity of Christ’s sacrifice.

Easter Vigil on Saturday begins in darkness followed by lighting of the Paschal candle that reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world who has conquered all darkness and death. The Paschal candle will remain in the church throughout the year as a sign of Christ death and resurrection. The Paschal candle is later used in baptisms and funerals.

Easter Sunday is the day we celebrate Christ’s resurrection. It is the single most important feast day of the Church. Easters on this earth will lead us to that blessed day which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.

He is Risen! Alleluia Alleluia!

Divine Mercy Sunday was designated by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000 to be observed on the Sunday after Easter to focus on the sacrifice of Jesus and that we encounter His mercy and His forgiveness of our sins.

Easter Season continues until the seventh Sunday after Easter Sunday which is Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles

Bits and Pieces:

Easter Sunday falls on the Sunday after the full moon following March 21st.

Easter lilies represent the beauty and glory of Christ.

Easter baskets filled with jellybeans and candy were originally a way to celebrate the end of Lenten penance.

Easter eggs became a symbol of the rock sealing the tomb out of which Our Lord gloriously emerged to the new life of His Resurrection.

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