

Diocese of Peoria
St. Malachy Church and School

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021



"I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep."

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:
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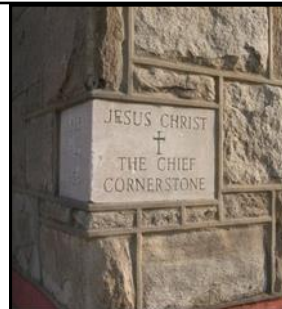
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Prayer Chain: Parish Office
Divorced Ministry: Deacon Ries

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, April 26 Easter Weekday
8:00 am Brenda VanMeenen +

TUESDAY, April 27 Easter Weekday
8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the McAvoy Family

WEDNESDAY, April 28 St. Peter Chanel
8:00 am Margie Fitzgerald +
9:00 am For the Families & Special Guests of
our St. Malachy Students

THURSDAY, April 29 St. Catherine of Siena
5:45 pm Robert 'Bob' Henderson +

FRIDAY, April 30 Easter Weekday
8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service


SATURDAY, May 1

8:00 am Judy Shepherd + St. Joseph the Worker
5:00 pm Lucille, Sharon and Vern Cathelyn + Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, May 2 5th Sunday of Easter

8:15 am People of the Parish
10:30 am Brock Swanson +

The Rosary is recited after weekday morning Masses and before weekend Masses during May



Eucharistic Adoration
Mondays 3 - 8 pm
Thurs 4:30 pm
(8:30 am on the 1st Fridays
& 1st Saturdays)

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.*

READINGS FOR SUNDAY - May 2, 2021

1st Reading: Acts 9:26 - 31

The Church was built up ... with the help of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Responsorial: from Psalm 22

R./: I will praise You, Lord, in the assembly of Your people.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

We should believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, & love one another as He commanded us.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in Me & I in him will bear much fruit"





We have several job openings at St. Malachy Church. We are still in need of people to help clean the school. This is a part time position. Call Theresa at 309-944-5393 for details. Please see insert or Web Page for details on 2 other job openings.

FOR ALL WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY:

There will be a women’s gathering, ‘Blessed Is She Night’, on Friday, May 7th from 7:00pm-9:00pm at St. Mary’s in Rock Island, IL, in Schroeder Hall. These monthly nights are a way for women - no matter their state in life, their vocation, their calling - to make space for prayer, one another and our Catholic faith. There will be a social, talk on Healing with the Father, group discussion, and time for personal prayer. Please reach out to Courtney Bernhardt at (815) 295-3821 or cmbonty@gmail.com with any questions or to sign up. You can also sign up on-line: <https://forms.gle/qX3wXXqq9v5gWEoW8>

Shifting Gears – The Drive – 2021



Please look for your envelope in the mail for an opportunity to donate to St Malachy School. Car Party will not be taking place this year due to restrictions on in-person events but Parents Club is still driving for fundraising dollars. We hope to purchase additional Chrome Books and update our Math Curriculum. Please check the Church web page, your mailbox, St. Malachy Parents Club Facebook page for more details. Keep in mind that if you make at least a \$150 donation before April 26th your name goes in the drawing for a VIP Table at Car Party 2022 or \$500 Visa Gift Card. We appreciate your support and look forward to next year when we can host Car Party 2022.

MAY LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

GREETERS

- 5:00 pm** -Jill & Brian Chemin (Front); Rick & Kelly Preston (West)
- 8:15 am** – Clint & Roseann Warren (Front); Larry & Cindy Hopkey (West)
- 10:30 am** – Sally Howard & Julie Puentes (Front); Paul & Alisande Rapps (West)

USHERS

- 5:00 pm**- Mark Roberts (HU), Jason Snyder, Dave Wolak & Arnie Schmid
- 8:15 am** – Mike Croegaert (HU), Gerald VanDeWoestyne & Rich Bassier
- 10:30 am** – Jeff Hulsbrink HU, Steve Egert, Mike Roemer & Joe Garrity

LECTOR/COMMENTATOR

- 5:00 pm** – Mark Kane (L) Mary DeBord (C)
- 8:15 am** – Cynthia Wells (L) Christy Coleman (C)
- 10:30 am** – Jennifer Ulam (L) Winnie Kane(C)

EMHCs

- 5:00 pm** –Chris & Pat Boelens
- 8:15 am** – Gregg Swanson and Melanie Rice
- 10:30 am** – John Kemmis and Carol Roemer





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). St. Joseph, Foster-father of the Son of God, pray for us! Before we conclude the month of April, I would like to reflect on our chosen title for Saint Joseph for this month. Perhaps some of you may have guessed that there was a bit of irony in the choice of this title to accompany Luke 2:48. Naturally, it was chosen because the fatherhood of Saint Joseph is quite important to this verse. With a fatherly heart, filled with concern for his Son, Joseph was in solidarity with his wife, as they sought Jesus together with anxiety. However, when you look at the words used in the Scriptures themselves here, the irony might quickly become apparent. You may recall my saying back when I introduced the Year of Saint Joseph, that I have always felt that this title "foster-father" seems like "short change" which perhaps doesn't adequately do justice to the nature of Joseph's fatherhood. As I said in that introductory homily, adoptive fathers tend to understand this point readily because they are living it: just because one is not the biological father does not mean he cannot be a true father to the child. This bit taken from human experience can make the case clearly enough. But, perhaps it can be made even more simply by opening to Luke 2:48. If the Scriptures themselves do not hesitate to call Joseph the "father" of Our Lord, why should we! One might think the word "father" is chosen here, simply as a way of keeping up the charade. But, the fatherhood of Saint Joseph is NOT simply a charade! He truly loved and cared for the Lord with a genuinely fatherly heart. Neither Our Lord nor the Immaculately Conceived Virgin Mary were either deceiving or being deceived when they treated Joseph as a true father to Jesus, or even addressed him that way. The same Jesus, who later stirred up the ire of the Sanhedrin by referring to God Almighty as His Father, looked to Joseph and would have addressed him as father, or papa or even daddy. And when He did so, He meant it. Likewise, when the Blessed Virgin Mary referred to him as "your father" she meant it. His fatherhood is real, even though it is not biological! I have also heard it pointed out, by Christopher West in his teaching on John Paul II's Theology of the Body, that "the mission of all authentic human fatherhood is to point to God the Father... so, by the very fact that Joseph is not the (biological) father, Joseph more perfectly points to Who the real father is" (roughly quoted, I heard it many years ago and it's always stuck with me). Notice, God the Father is not the biological father - there simply is not one. But, God the Father is certainly the Father of Jesus in the absolute truest sense of the word. Still, the fatherhood of Joseph can rightly be described as *authentic human fatherhood*.

Alas, this title cannot be found in the Litany of Saint Joseph or used often in sacred tradition. Perhaps that will change one day. Until then, when I repeat the title "Foster-father of the Son of God," taken from the Litany of Saint Joseph, what I have in mind is "Authentic Human Father to the Son of God." May we continue to wonder at this incredible gift and responsibility, given to Good Saint Joseph, of being a father to the Son of God! May this mystery empower us to come to know him as a true father in the faith to us, as well.

THANK YOU: As we continue our Novena for Saint Joseph the Worker, which concludes our Parish Mission, I want to thank everyone who participated in any way. In particular, I am grateful to our speakers, our musicians each night, and the parishioners who submitted video testimonies for the novena.

Also, I would like to acknowledge a few people who worked hard behind the scenes: Elizabeth Hulsbrink, who recruited and coordinated the musicians for each night, Jennifer Ulam, who coordinated all of the video testimonies for the novena, Ali Rapps, who made the beautiful poster for the narthex, and Sheila Henson and Darci Dietrich, who collaborated in the planning of the social following Mass on Thursday. Thank you to all!

In Christ through Mary,


Fr. Daniel P. Gifford

St. Malachy, Pray for us!



Laying down our lives

The Good Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep. This theme is found also in the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) On the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, a man fell in with robbers. A priest and a Levite came by, but did not stop to help.

Despite their knowledge of the Law and Prophets, they walked right by. Why?

One of the reasons may be that they were afraid. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho is a dangerous road. Because of its numerous steep curves, it lends itself to attacks by robbers who can easily hide not too far from their victims. Perhaps the priests and Levites who passed by that man asked themselves, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me? Maybe the robbers who attacked him are still here. Maybe they're hiding just around the bend. This is a dangerous road. I better keep going."

Sometimes we ask the same question. If, for example, I speak up too loudly about the victims of abortion, what will happen to me? Will I face persecution, will I encounter opposition, will I lose popularity if I get involved in a cause like this?

And then the Good Samaritan came along, and he reversed the question. He didn't ask, "If I help this man, what will happen to me?" The Good Samaritan asked, "If I do not help this man, what will happen to him?" And that's the question for us. If I do not address this evil, what will happen to the unborn? If I do not get involved, what will happen to those who are vulnerable, to those who are marginalized in our society, to those who are oppressed, to those who have no one to speak for them?



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GIFTS FOR GOD: April 18, 2021

Weekly Gifts	(Goal: \$13,000)	\$13,880
School Endow.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$517
Paraclete Fund	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$337
Capital Improve.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$277

Week 42	Budget	Actual	Avg	Variance
Weekly	\$546,000	\$586,999	\$13,976	\$40,999
School End.	\$31,500	\$23,392	\$557	(\$8,109)
Paraclete	\$31,500	\$23,044	\$549	(\$8,456)
Cap Improve.	\$31,500	\$23,734	\$565	(\$7,767)
<u>Special Collections</u>		<u>This Week:</u>	<u>Total:</u>	
	Easter	\$440	\$5,483	
	Holy Land	\$260	\$575	

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to St. Malachy Social Justice

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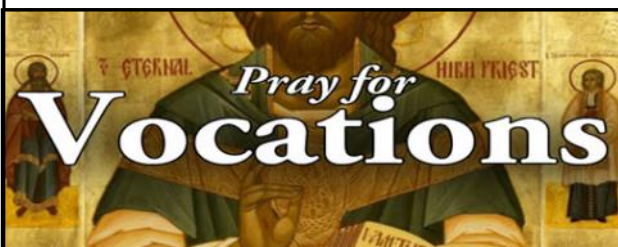
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SCHOLARSHIPS

AVAILABLE:



High School Seniors, there are three scholarship opportunities provided by Parents Club, Knights of Columbus, and Youth Ministry. Applications can be picked up from the Parish Office, Youth Room, or found on the Parish Web site in the *Seniors* section of the Youth Ministry Page. Applications due May 1.



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> |

"I am the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11

Are you feeling called to follow the Good Shepherd and lay down you life to lead others to God as a priest or other religious? If so, contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink: 309-671-1550 or email him: fr_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org



PARISH WORKDAY Saturday May 1 (8:00 am - 12:00 Noon)

Workday plans for ALL Parishioners have been updated! Since Saturday is the feast day of St. Joseph, the Worker, join us for 8:00 1st Saturday Mass before helping outside.

Work clothes are acceptable for Mass.

Otherwise, meet at the Mahoney Shelter Around 8:45 am. Please bring tools for gardening type of work: rakes, shovels, weed eaters and hand trimmers. For more information , call Deacon Robert O'Rourke at 309-502-1269. Thanks for your help!

**Job Opening #1
Saint Malachy Church
Parish Administrator**

St. Malachy Church has a full time job opportunity for a Parish Administrator.

Essential Responsibilities:

The Parish Administrator will provide support, guidance and leadership to the Parish staff, which enables each staff member to thrive in their positions and contribute to the mission of Saint Malachy Parish. The Parish Administrator will assist the Pastor in managing the day to day operations of the parish that arise.

Qualifications:

Professing and practicing the Catholic Faith, or otherwise manifest a supportive attitude toward the faith.

Commitment to living as a role model of the moral life, consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Faith.

Business Administration Degree or related degree and 3-5 years of administrative experience.

Possess planning, organizational, collaborative, and communication skills

Proficient in current technology and software.

Compensation:

Benefits that include: health insurance, 401k, vacation, paid holidays, and PTO

Salary range \$45,000-\$50,000

If interested please send a cover letter and resume to Fr. Gifford at giffordfrdaniel@saintmalachy.org. Please respond by May 15, 2021.

Job Opening #2 Saint Malachy Church and School Business Manager

St. Malachy Church and School have a full time job opportunity for a Business Manager.

Essential Responsibilities:

The Business Manager will be responsible for the accounting and financial functions including accounts payable, payroll processing and tax reporting, general ledger accounting, and financial report preparation for the church and school.

Qualifications:

Professing and practicing the Catholic Faith, or otherwise manifest a supportive attitude toward the faith.

Commitment to living as a role model of the moral life, consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Faith.

Degree in accounting with 3-5 years of experience

Possess planning, organizational, collaborative, and communication skills

Proficient in current technology and software

Compensation:

Benefits that include: health insurance, 401k, vacation, and PTO

Salary range \$35,000-\$40,000

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LITURGY LEANINGS – MAY 2021

The month of May is dedicated to the **Blessed Virgin Mary**. The first 23 days fall within the season of **Easter**, which is represented by the color white-the color of light, and a symbol of joy, purity, and innocence. The remainder of the month beginning after Pentecost returns to **Ordinary Time** which is represented by the color of green and is the symbol of sprouting seed and arouses the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven and our resurrection.

Ascension of the Lord recognizes the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven forty days after Easter and this year is observed on Thursday, May 13th. It is often celebrated on the Sunday after and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**

Pentecost Sunday falls on May 23rd and is the birthday of the Church and the recognizes the descent of the **Holy Spirit**.

This Christian holiday commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the Apostles on the fiftieth day after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Apostles began to speak in many languages and received other spiritual gifts.



Trinity Sunday-May 30th, is the first Sunday after Pentecost to honor and give emphasis to the Trinity (the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)

FEAST DAYS

Pope Francis declared the entire year 2021, the year of St. Joseph. **May 1st is a Feast Day for St. Joseph the Worker**. He is the patron saint of carpenters and fathers. St. Joseph is honored and remembered for his care and protection given to Mary and Jesus.

The entire month of every year is devoted to Mary, mother of Jesus. Several Feast Days for the Blessed Virgin Mary are observed during May. **May 13th is Our Lady of Fatima; May 24th honors Mary, Mother of the Church and May 31st is The Visitation** which commemorates the visit of Mary to her Cousin Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist.

In our farming community we must not overlook the **Feast of St Isidore the Farmer**. He was a Spanish farmworker and proclaimed for his pity towards the poor and animals. His death on **May 15th**, 1130 coincides with the date of his annual Feast Day.

During May, three apostles are recognized with Feast Days. **On May 3rd St Phillip and James share their Feast Day**. History through the gospels tells of their fervent testimony to Jesus' resurrection and how they helped establish the church.

May 14th is the Feast Day of the apostle St. Matthias., According to the Acts of the Apostles, he was chosen by the apostles to replace Judas Iscariot following the latter's betrayal of Jesus and his subsequent death.

We, the members of Christ's Mystical Body, are the present-day disciples sent by the Holy Spirit to bring Christ to the world. May we go forth as did Mary and the Apostles to proclaim the greatness of the Lord Who has done great things for us-for His mercy endures forever.



Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry May 2021 Newsletter

From May 1 through May 31, Geneseo Super Wash, 810 W. Main St., will be donating 50 cents to the Food Pantry for every fully paid automatic car wash. They will also donate \$2.00 for every set of tokens purchased, 5 for \$32.00 (each token is a \$7 value).

At Geneseo QuikLube, for every oil change in May, \$1 will be donated to the Food Pantry.

We would like to thank Scouts, leaders, parents, volunteers, and all who donated 1,363 food items during the 2020 "Scouting for Food" drive. We appreciate your continued support!

Thank you to the Geneseo Girl Scouts, parents and volunteers for donating baskets with ingredients for an Easter dinner and Easter baskets for children. You helped many families have a blessed Easter! Thank you for your generosity.

We are grateful to First Lutheran Church for organizing a cleaning supplies and personal care items collection for the Food Pantry. Many volunteers and donors made this collection a success, and we offer a big thanks to all of you!

If you are planting a garden this year, please consider planting a row for the hungry. Our clients appreciate having fresh fruits and vegetables to choose from during the summer months. They are also grateful for any fresh eggs, meat and dairy products donated by our community!

The Food Pantry is accepting food, clothing and household item donations during business hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00, and Fridays 9:00-12:00.

We have a red donation box for food donations in the vestibule at Fareway for your convenience.

Are you interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry? Call 944-3165 or email geneseopantry@gmail.com.

The Food Pantry will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

Our food needs for May are:

Mayonnaise, tortillas, canned mushrooms, pork and beans, and baked beans.

Our non-food needs for May are:

Liquid toilet cleaner, garbage bags, freezer bags, and denture care items

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