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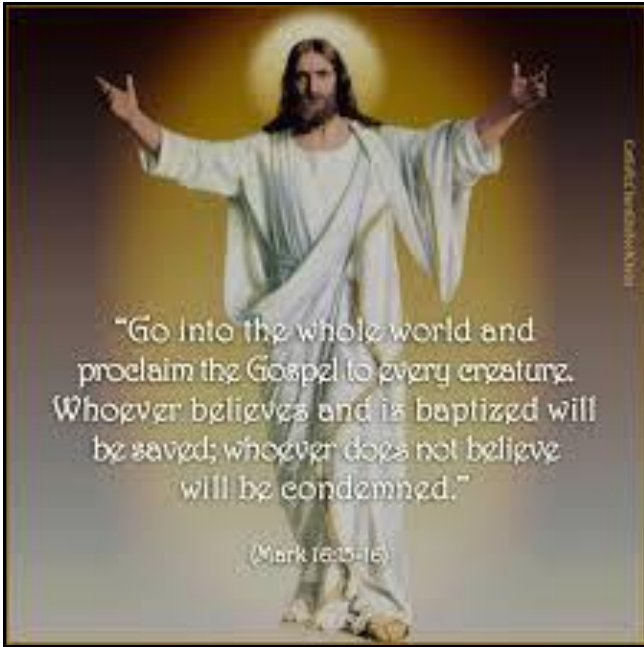
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The Ascension of the Lord
 May 16, 2021



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- Marriage:**..... Fr. Daniel Gifford
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- Pastoral Care:** Ed Kennitz
- 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.

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, May 17 Easter Weekday
8:00 am Chuck Snyder +

TUESDAY, May 18 Saint John I
8:00 am Lois Hull +

WEDNESDAY, May 19 Easter Weekday
8:00 am Mary Krause +
9:00 am Graduating Students of St. Malachy

THURSDAY, May 20 St. Bernardine
5:45 pm John Rowley +

FRIDAY, May 21 St. Christopher
8:00 am Communion Service

SATURDAY, May 22 Easter Weekday
5:00 pm Mike Rowlands + Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

SUNDAY, May 23 Pentecost Sunday
8:15 am People of the Parish
10:30 am Msgr. Richard Soseman +



Weekend Mass Schedules for Sacred Heart in
Annawan and St. Anthony's in Atkinson
St. Anthony Sacred Heart
4:00 pm Saturday 8:00 am Sunday
9:30 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 PENTECOST SUNDAY - May 23, 2021

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

The Disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit

Responsorial: from Psalm 104 R./: "Lord, send out
Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

2nd Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

The fruits of the Spirit will be with those who live by the Spirit

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Spirit"





Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 3 - 8 pm

Thurs 4:30 pm

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

“How sweet, the presence of Jesus to the longing, harassed soul! It is instant peace and balm to every wound.” St Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821).”

Monday, May 31st is Memorial Day

The regular 8:00 am Mass will be moved to 9:00 am on memorial Day, as Fr. Gifford has planned to do all Masses on a civic holiday at 9:00 am.

St. Malachy School has

two job openings:

1. Music Teacher

For the 2021-2022

School Year

Wednesdays (includes

leading music at

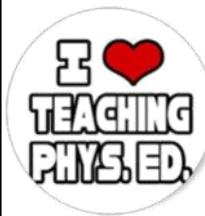
children’s Mass) and Fridays



**We have several
job openings at
St. Malachy Church.**

We are in need of applicants ASAP for

- 1. Parish Administrator;**
- 2. Church & School Business Manager**
- 3. Parish Secretary. Please go to our web page for details on these 3 jobs**



2. PE Teacher Opening

Beginning the 2021-2022

School Year

Mondays and Thursdays

Contact Heather Francque, Principal

hfrancque@stmalgeneseo.org

**Hats off to our
senior graduates!**

God be with you all!





Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

“Joseph... took (Mary) his wife into his home.” (Matthew 1:24b). Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Mother of God, Chaste Guardian of the Virgin, pray for us! Last weekend, I preached* on how Saint Joseph is praying for all of us to be able to take Mary into our homes, into our hearts, especially in this Month of Mary. In the process, I shared a bit of my own journey of growing to realize that I could trust that Mary would not take any focus away from Christ, but only wanted to lead me closer to Him. Since then, I have had a handful of interesting conversations with others who have shared that they have been on, or are still on, a similar journey of deepening trust in Our Lady, even to the point of growing to love her. But, how does one take steps along this journey? As I shared, it was when I began to *experience* this relationship with Mary leading me closer to Christ, that I began to believe that what I had heard - namely that devotion to Mary is truly centered on Jesus Christ. So, what might be some of the steps along the journey, which might help someone begin to experience this? I will identify five steps, which need not be taken in any particular order:

1. Begin praying the rosary regularly. Find a method that works for you. Some people find the rhythm of the prayers helpful in drawing them into prayer, like the gentle rocking of a boat, bringing a sailor into sync with the movement of the sea. Still, others find this rhythm difficult to enter into and are more easily drawn into the mysteries by praying one decade at a time, perhaps even focusing on one mystery at a time, for a given day or a given time of prayer. It is okay to spread out your rosary over five days, but I recommend finishing each one you start.
2. Read the Scriptures associated with each mystery of the Rosary. You might do this while praying the rosary, as one does when praying a “Scriptural Rosary.” But, you can also do this in your own time, either before or after praying the rosary. You can even make a twenty-day plan, spending some time praying with the Scriptures behind the mysteries from beginning to end, from the First Joyful Mystery (Annunciation) all the way to the Fifth Glorious Mystery (Coronation of Mary). Spending time praying with these Scriptures will enhance your experience, when you pray your rosary, of letting Mary take you by the hand & lead you into the mysteries of Christ’s Life, Death, & Resurrection.
3. Read spiritual reading from Catholic authors who share their own experience of coming to know the heart of Mary and to know her as a model of living in the love of the Lord. I mentioned one example last week, in Caryl Houselander’s *The Reed of God*. Other examples would be Ven. Fulton Sheen’s *The World’s First Love* and Fr. Michael Gaitely’s *33 Days to Morning Glory*.
4. Do some more informative Marian study, in order to understand how important is the role of Mary within God’s plan, as revealed in Scripture. Two examples of studies come to

mind that are very enlightening in showing just how Biblical true devotion to Mary really is! The first is *The Bible and the Blessed Virgin Mary*, which is a video study based on the book *Hail, Holy Queen* by Scott Hahn. The other is *Lectio: Mary*, which is another video study based on the book *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary* by Brant Pitre.

5. Lastly, learn about the four basic Marian Dogmas. Fill your toolbelt with a proper understanding of what the Church actually believes and teaches about Mary, so as to break through all of the confusion and wrong understandings. As you learn them, you will see how everything we believe about Mary hinges on a proper understanding of who Jesus is! For example, the Early Church Fathers understand that the only way to deny that Mary is the Mother of God would be to deny or distort the full and glorious mystery of the Incarnation of Jesus! A recommended source for this study, and many other questions, would be Catholic Answers, which does great work to help Catholics better understand our faith, even to the point of being able to explain and defend it to others.

*Remember, the homily can always be reviewed by clicking on the link in the Weekly Update email, which takes you to the homily video on YouTube.

In Christ through Mary,


Fr. Daniel P. Gifford



2021 CHURCH DIRECTORY

It's that time again! It has been five years since our 2016 directory for St. Malachy Church! A lot has happened in those five years especially this past year with the many changes in our church and school due to COVID-19. We have gained new members and have unfortunately lost some parishioners. Children who were not yet born at the time of our last photo session will soon be going to kindergarten while others have married or have moved on. Father Pakula, our pastor of twenty-five years, retired and was replaced by Father Daniel Gifford.

We certainly have had enough changes to merit a new directory. Our directories become family keepsakes, a record of our parish history and are an important reference source.

A new directory is possible only if we have a coordinator, someone who will work with other volunteers to be the "Directory Editor". We appeal to anyone who might be interested in being the coordinator to contact Deacon Robert O'Rourke at the church office for further information.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this important and rewarding endeavor.





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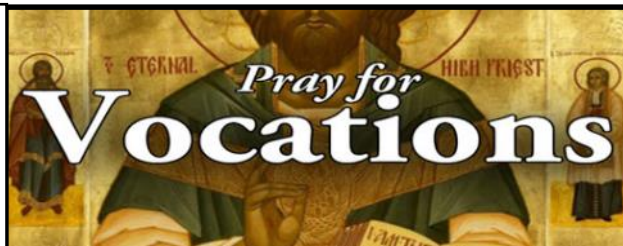
Managing God's Gifts To Us

GIFTS FOR GOD: May 9, 2021

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| Weekly Gifts | (Goal: \$13,000) | \$20,196 |
| School Endow. | (Goal: \$ 750) | \$570 |
| Paraclete Fund | (Goal: \$ 750) | \$3,598 |
| Capital Improve. | (Goal: \$ 750) | \$325 |

| Week 45 | Budget | Actual | Avg | Variance |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Weekly | \$585,000 | \$623,595 | \$13,858 | \$38,595 |
| School End. | \$33,750 | \$24,542 | \$545 | (\$9,209) |
| Paraclete | \$33,750 | \$27,287 | \$606 | (\$6,463) |
| Cap Improve. | \$33,750 | \$24,4759 | \$550 | (\$8,992) |

Parish Sacrificial Giving:
1% donated to Abilities Plus



DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these Seminarians:

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Nathan Hopper</i> | <i>Blake Miller</i> |
| <i>Patrick Deneen</i> | <i>Ryan Mann</i> |
| <i>Jacob Martini</i> | <i>Luke Olson</i> |
| <i>Jonathan Robinson</i> | |

Chosen by Jesus, abiding in love ~ John 15

Are you feeling chosen by Jesus to help others abide in His love as a priest or other religious? If so, contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink: 309-671-1550 or email him: fr_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org



ST MALACHY'S MISSION:

St Malachy Parish exists to praise God and to teach and serve all His people by living the Truth revealed in Jesus Christ and preserved in the Teaching and Tradition of the Roman Catholic Church.



We are looking for people willing to do readings at funerals when the family does not have a particular person to do that for them. Contact the church office if you are able to help.

COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC MAY 22, 2021



St. Malachy's Catholic Church is hosting Vorac Pharmacy for a 2-step Moderna Covid Vaccination clinic.

Go to the saintmalachy.org webpage to register for this clinic and for more details.

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