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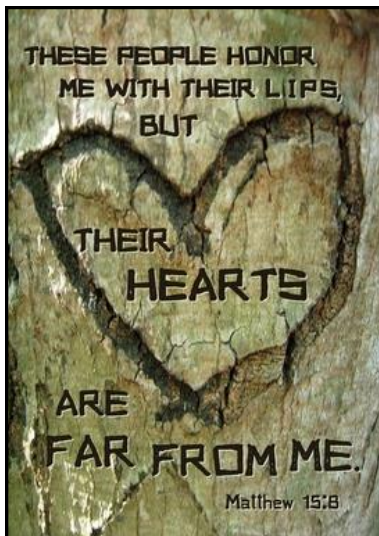
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The Twenty-second Sunday
of Ordinary Time
August 29, 2021



Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Outdoor Communion Sundays: 9:45 - 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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We warmly welcome new parishioners and ask them to register at the Parish Office. Individuals interested in becoming Catholic may contact Fr. Daniel Gifford or call the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, August 30

8:00 am Dennis Thoene+

Weekday

TUESDAY, August 31

8:00 am Mary Hughes+

Weekday

WEDNESDAY, September 1

8:00 am Vernon Sherbeyn+

9:00 am Phyllis Pogorzelski+

Weekday

THURSDAY, September 2

5:45 pm Mr. & Mrs. Charles VerHeecke+

Weekday

FRIDAY, September 3

8:00 am Mary Hughes+

St. Gregory the Great

SATURDAY, September 4

8:00 am Gwen DePauw

5:00 pm Jim Wyffles+

Weekday

Vigil Mass 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, August September 5 Twenty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:15 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Bernice Beierman



Weekend Mass Schedules:

St. Anthony/Atkinson

4:00 pm Saturday

9:30 am Sunday

Sacred Heart/Annawan

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 - September 5, 2021

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

*The ears of those who are deaf will be cleared:
and the tongue of those who are mute will sing.*

Responsorial: Psalm 15

R./: "Praise the Lord, my soul!"

2nd Reading: James 2:1-5

Did not God choose the poor to be heirs of the kingdom?

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 29

Outdoor Communion 9:45 am-10:00 am
Confirmation:
Registration /Parent Meeting 11:30 am
CCD Registration 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Friday, September 3

First Friday Mass 8:00 am

Saturday, September 4

First Saturday Mass 8:00 am

Sunday, September 5

Outdoor Communion 9:45 am-10:00 am



Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 3 :00 - 8:00 pm
Thursday 4:30 pm
(8:30 am on the 1st Fridays & 1st Saturdays)



"This is the wonderful truth,
my dear friends: the Word,
which became flesh
two thousand years
ago, is present today
in the Eucharist"

- Bl. John Paul II

September Liturgy Leanings

Our faith must be accompanied by works of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience; these attributes are the characteristics of those who follow Christ's teaching. We are called to engage with our families and communities in light of His teaching and in imitation of Him. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, but does our faith have an impact on how we live in the world?

Feast Days in September:

9/3 - St Gregory the Great - He led the church through plagues and invasions, using his talent for organization and leadership in service of both political peace and spreading of Christianity.

9/8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - The first of many holy events for the daughter of Israel through whom God chose to carry out the plan of salvation through Mary.

9/14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross - The universal symbol of Christian faith, the cross represents Christ's victory over death.

9/15 - Our Lady of Sorrows - Commemorates the seven great sorrows which Mary lived in relation to her son: 1) prophecy of Simeon, 2) flight into Egypt, 3) loss of Jesus in the Temple, 4) meeting Jesus on Via Dolorosa, 5) crucifixion of Jesus, 6) taken down from Cross, and 7) burial of Jesus.

9/21 - St Matthew Apostle/Evangelist - Author of 1st gospel and presented evidence reconciling the Old Testament prophecies with the life of Jesus showing that Jesus was the Messiah.

9/27 - St Vincent De Paul - Recognized for his charity and compassion for the poor. He established a society of priests dedicated to preaching to peasants and providing for the physical needs of the poor.

8/29 - Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael the Archangels - These are only angels named in scripture and have held special roles in salvation history as agents of God who minister to human beings.

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

A Note From the Pastor

Last weekend, as I acknowledged in the homily, there was one rather significant topic that I did not discuss in the interest of time, namely that of a proper interpretation of Ephesians 5. Particularly in light of some interactions I had with parishioners afterward, I decided to address it in this next bulletin. In order to refresh your memory, this is the teaching in which Saint Paul applies his moral exhortations specifically to husbands and wives, including a line which is often ripped out of context and seriously misunderstood, in which he exhorts wives to be “subordinate” to their husbands in everything. First, let me say, I understood why this passage makes people (particularly women) uncomfortable and even upset. Next, let me reassure you that Saint Paul is NOT saying what it sounds like, when we read it at surface level, often out of context and also often with our 21st Century lens. I want to address a few points here, which might help. I ask all reading this to do so with an open mind and a patient spirit of faith seeking understanding. Let’s see if we can make some progress toward a better understanding in five basic steps:

1. “Be subordinate to one another.” Notice he only gives the startling exhortation that wives must “be subordinate,” AFTER he said clearly that they BOTH must be subordinate *to one another*. He is not asking anything of the wives that he does not ask of the husbands. We should begin, then, by realizing that a right interpretation of Paul acknowledges both equality and complementarity. The husband and wife are equal in dignity, value and importance; thus, they begin on the same footing, both called to be subordinate to the other. But, their roles are complementarity. This concept is stamped into our nature. Men and women are equal in dignity; one is not better than the other. But, they are not the same, but complementary to one another.

2. Paul speaks to the wives first. The importance of this simple detail is difficult for us to appreciate within our 21st Century lens. In fact, it wasn’t until I heard this pointed out by a female scripture scholar, that I became aware. But, to the women reading it, they would have recognized that he was honoring them by this very deliberate choice. And some of the men would likely have had their feathers ruffled. Not only does he speak to the wives first, he speaks to them directly as free agents who have a choice. He does not tell the men, “your wives need to listen to you.” He speaks to the women directly, because it is their free choice and they are not to be forced or coerced. Both have already been told to be subordinate to one another. Next, he speaks to the women directly and urges them to do their part in living this out. Admittedly, since there is a complementarity to their roles, the way they live this out does not look identical (the next point elaborates on this difference a little more). And so, the fact that he addresses them directly and asks them to make this choice indicates that he understands he is asking them to make a sacrifice.

3. Behind every great man, there is a great woman. You’ve heard the saying. It’s very true. Such women are humble - not quiet, submissive and weak, but with the kind of humility that makes one strong and bold. What does this have to do with Ephesians 5? The shocking part to our postmodern sensibilities is that it is clear that the complementary roles of husband and wife include a unique call for the men to lead and for the women to allow themselves to be led. The fifth point will elaborate on how this is more by way of emphasis, not meant to indicate that the woman only allows herself to be led; she leads in powerful ways as well. But, it is important and should not be avoided or ignored that Saint Paul is calling men - and we should add that GOD IS CALLING MEN, through Saint Paul - to be true spiritual leaders in the family! Men easily find themselves caught up in worldly things (even when they know they are providing for their family), such that the temptation is very common to pass off the MOST IMPORTANT things, like raising the children and specifically raising them in the faith, to the wife, viewing it as “women’s work.” Children need their fathers. They need their fathers to be active, attentive and present in their life and they especially need them to be models for them of what it looks like to live the faith. Studies continue to show the incredible effect that the engagement of fathers in their faith has on whether or not their children will grow up to live the faith. *Men, your family needs you and they need you to be men of faith, who lead them to heaven.* It will become even more clear in the next point that Saint Paul is calling married men to **step up!** In order for this to happen, they need the support of their wives. They need their wives to *not* let them off the hook and simply take over the leadership of the family.

This doesn't mean, for example, that mothers don't lead their children and form them in the faith, and perhaps even more so if the father is absent or is unengaged in the faith. No, mothers do lead children to faith in very powerful ways too. But, as we strive for God's plan, we begin to see how those same women expect their husbands to lead and allow them to do so, whenever they have the opportunity. And when they embrace this vision and seek to support their husbands in his mission, they can have incredible power to help him become the man he was made to be and the man his family needs. How do they do it? Good question. I don't know how they do it. But, I've seen the feminine genius at work in so many families, in which good women, who are truly both humble and strong, help their husbands become the best version of themselves.

4. Paul puts the more shocking expectation on the men. As I said, we cannot miss that Paul is truly calling the men to step up and be men of God who lead their families to heaven. The temptation to get hung up on those words about the wives being subordinate tragically often prevents many people from really noticing what he calls the men to do. He calls them to lay down their lives, to be crucified with Christ for their wives and thus also for their

families! Even before we get to this line, if we recognize that he is calling men to be leaders within marriage and the family, we should realize this can ONLY be rightly understood when considering the Christian view of leadership. Christian leaders are called to selfless, sacrificial service, never to lording it over those they are called to lead. This is the essence of leadership and so it is the essence of being a husband or father. Husbands, God is calling you, through Saint Paul, to *serve* your wives and family. In fact, he is calling you to stop at nothing, to give everything, so that your wife and family may taste the joys of eternal life. Your model is Jesus Christ crucified. This is what Saint Paul asks of the men. It is certainly not less than what he asks of the women.

5. We can't miss the rich theology of marriage that Paul is proposing. Lastly, let us not let those words to the wives that we easily misunderstand cause us to miss the bigger theological vision of marriage that Paul is proposing here. God made marriage a beautiful symbol used throughout salvation history of how much He loves us. Paul's words indicate that vision, reaching from Genesis, through Christ the Bridegroom laying down His life for His bride, all the way to the wedding feast of the Lamb in heaven. The reference to Genesis should give us a hint that, like Adam and Eve, the husband and wife are to be helpmates to one another, helping one another get to heaven. In this way, they truly do lead one another, but in different ways. All of that is why I suggest that the best way to understand Ephesians 5 is to understand more fully the depths and riches of God's vision for marriage, especially if you have been called to marriage. Thus, my specific recommendation for further study on FORMED is not a talk specifically on Ephesians 5, but any of the many teachings on marriage, sexuality and the family. You may find these under the subject grouping "marriage" or you may even take up the series *Beloved*, meant for preparation for matrimony, in the Sacraments section.

May Mary and Joseph continue to be our intercessors and guides. *"Each year His parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover..." (Luke 2:41). Saint Joseph, Most Faithful, pray for us!*

ADA Weekend: In last week's bulletin, I planted a little seed indicating that I was going to elaborate on the topic of stewardship. I will put that off another week. But I do want to bring to your attention the information in this bulletin about the launch of the Annual Diocesan Appeal, coming up on September 11-12.



In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Daniel P. Gifford

St. Malachy, Pray for us

Luck of the Draw 2021-2022 Kick Off is Here!

In past years Luck of the Draw has raised over \$12,000 and was split evenly between the church and school. A HUGE THANK YOU to all of those who bought tickets! A big thank you to Vandemore Funeral Home for again donating the raffle tickets.

Tickets will be \$20 per ticket. There are 365 chances to win – at the end of the month we draw a winner for every day and your ticket goes back into the drawing.

Easter Sunday \$1000 winner

Christmas Day \$500 winner

Feast of St Theresa, Feast of St Malachy, Feast of St John Bosco,

Feast of St Joseph the Worker, and Assumption each \$300 winner

Last day of Month \$100 winner

\$25 winner all other days of the year

Consider supporting our church and school thru this fundraiser. Buy a ticket for yourself, your child and or grandchildren, neighbor or nice person doing good things. Anyone can sign up and everyone COULD win!



LOVE IN ACTION

-Save the Date-

**Tuesday,
September 28, 2021**

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon

or

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dinner

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PRAYERFUL PILGRIMAGE TO SUPPORT VOCATIONS

Explore France with Father Timothy Hepner September 24 – October 4, 2022 with an optional pre-tour to Lourdes September 21-25, 2022.

Please contact group coordinator and co-host Bonnie Newman at (309) 737-0059 or bonnie@bluehorizon.net if you plan to attend or would like more information.

Proceeds will go to the Monsignor Carton Scholarship Fund to help finance the seminarians in the Diocese of Peoria.





Sunday, September 12, from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm
in the **City Park**.

In order to make this happen, we need a little help in the following areas:

Pies: Pies and ice cream will be available for a free will donation. Each of the 4 churches is asked to provide 8 to 10 pies (2 of which will be auctioned during the event). If you would be willing to bake and donate a pie, or two, please contact the number below. (Proceeds will go to local charity: "New Life".)

Servers: We also need people to help serve the pies and ice cream. First Lutheran is managing the pavilion, but needs workers. If you are able to help, please contact the number below.

John Puentes, at 309-269-8617, or the parish office.

LAY MINISTERS NEEDED

We are in need of lay ministers for October & November. Please call the office if you would like to join the team.

If you are already participating, please check your email to sign up.
309-944-5393

Art Teacher Wish List

Theresa Walck is looking for a few, (non-computerized) sewing machines in good working order for her classroom, to be used in a few art projects this year. She is also searching for one or two irons in good working condition.

Please contact Theresa at twalck@stmalgeneseo.org or the School Office 309-944-3230



Oasis is in need of a couple of volunteers for the school year. For more information or if interested, please contact Darci Dietrich at dietrichdarci@gmail.com or leave a message at the parish office.

7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry



We will begin meeting on Thursday, September 9 from 6:30-8:00 PM.

SEPTEMBER LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

GREETERS

5:00 pm - Karen Humbert & Mary Ann Peterson (Front);
Mary Ellen Doherty (West)

8:15 am - Dick & Joyce Mattan (Front); Larry & Cindy Hopkey (West)

10:30 am - David & Shirley Heitzler/Julie Puentes (Front);
Larry & Chris Ward (West)

USHERS

5:00 pm - Arnie Schmid, Mark Holevoet & Jason Snyder

8:15 am - Morry Atwell, Rich Bassier, Brice Maertens

10:30 am - Joe Garrity, Mike Roemer, Jeff Hulsbrink

LECTOR/COMMENTATOR

5:00 pm - Vicki Rowlands (L); Shauna Thoene (C)

8:15 am - Mark Kane (L); Christy Coleman (C)

10:30 am - Bob Thoene (L) Winnie Kane (C)

EMHC

5:00 pm - Michelle Ganson & A.J. Wolak

8:15 am - Mike Croegaert & Anita Kennitz

10:30 am - Shannon Carroll & Sue Ford

New Altar Server Training



There will be a training for new altar servers, open to those in grades 4 and up, beginning on Saturday, September 25th and continued on Saturday, October 2.



Those to be trained should plan to attend both sessions. Each one begins at 10:30 AM and should not last more than an hour.



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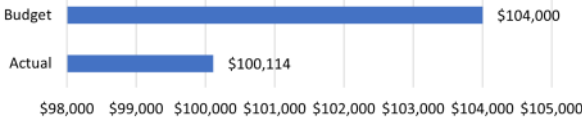
Managing God's Gifts To Us

General Collection At A Glance

Week 8 - August 22, 2021



Year-To-Date



Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to
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Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Men's: October 21-24, 2021
Women's: November 18-21, 2021

Upcoming TEC Weekends



Oct. 9-11, 2021 (Girls)
Dec. 4-6, 2021 (Boys)
Feb. 19-21, 2022 (Girls)
April 2-4, 2022 (Boys)
June 25-27, 2022 (Girls)



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DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these
Seminarians:

Nathan Hopper
Ryan Mann
Jacob Martini

Blake Miller
Peter Schoonmaker
Luke Olson

Are you feeling called to serve as a
priest or other religious?

If so, contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink:

309-671-1550 or email him: fr_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org

*He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said,
"Take it; this is my body."*

Job Opening

We are currently accepting applications for a Financial
Manager. 15-20 hour per week, training
available. If interested, and for more information please send
your resume to **Sacred Heart Parish**,
1608 13th Street, Moline, IL 61265 or contact
Fr. Mark DeSutter at 309-762-2362

JP II Co-Ed Retreat



Are you looking for a fun and faith filled overnight retreat for an
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about living a life that follows Jesus.
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What: John Paul II Co-Ed Retreat

Who: Boys and Girls, 8th-10th grade.

When: Sat. Nov. 6th - Sun. Nov. 7th

Where: Believers Together Center at Christ the King:
3209 60th St., Moline.

Cost: \$30

Registration Now open on the www.olgsilvis.com

Questions: Mike Wilshusen (309) 269-7686 or email

STJPEXP@gmail.com



2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

September 11-12, 2021

Goal: \$85,185.00

In two weeks our parish will be participating in the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) for the Diocese of Peoria.

As followers of Christ, we are called to respond to God's grace in our lives and to serve one another.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an opportunity to respond to His grace by sharing our gifts and so transform lives throughout the diocese.

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