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The Second Sunday  
 Of Advent  
 December 5, 2021



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**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

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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, December 6**      *St. Nicholas*

8:00 am Hayden & Brian DeDecker+

**TUESDAY, December 7**      *St. Ambrose*

8:00 am Marvin Scranton+

**WEDNESDAY, December 8**      *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 am Jeanette Homb+

9:00 am Don Minnaert+

5:45 pm Justine Chavez+

**THURSDAY, December 9**      *St. Juan Diego*

5:45 pm Msgr. Richard Soseman+

**FRIDAY, December 10**      *Our Lady of Loreto*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

**SATURDAY, December 11**      *Vigil Mass 3rd Sunday of Advent*

5:00 pm People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, December 12**      *Third Sunday of Advent*

8:15 am Mary Hughes+

10:30 am Terry Henson+

**Advent Reconciliation Schedule**

Monday - Thursday 12:00 pm-12:30 pm  
Monday, November 29 through December 23.  
All are invited, and strongly encouraged to receive God's Mercy through this glorious Sacrament.



**Weekend Mass Schedules:**

**St. Anthony/Atkinson**

4:00 pm Saturday

9:30 am Sunday

**Sacred Heart/Annawan**

8:00 am Sunday

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**Mon. - Wed. 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, Thurs.. 8 - 3 Fridays 8 - 1**

*Bulletin articles **MUST** be submitted no later than Noon on Tuesdays.*

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY - December 12, 2021

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

*The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness.*

Responsorial: Psalm 12

*R./: "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."*

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

*The Lord is near.*

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

*What should we do?*



# Weekly Calendar

## Tuesday, December 7

Circle 14 Christmas Luncheon 11:30 am - meeting to follow  
Women's Support Group 6:00 pm Room C

## Wednesday, December 8

School Mass 9:00 am  
K-5 CCD 3:30 pm-4:45 pm  
Mass - Immaculate Conception 5:45 pm  
Oasis 6:30 pm-8:00 pm  
6th & 7th Grade CCD 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

## Thursday, December 9

The Bible and the Virgin Mary Study 6:30 pm CR  
The Rock 7th & 8th Grade 6:30 pm-8:00 pm YR  
Parents Club 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Hall

## Sunday, December 12

Third Sunday of Advent  
Outdoor Communion 9:45 am-10:00 am  
Confirmation 8th Grade 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

## Christmas Mass - Lay Minister Sign Up

### Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve, Friday  
4:00 pm, 7:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day, Saturday  
9:00 am

Can you help at our Christmas Masses?

**We are in need of:** EMHC, Lectors, Commentators, Ushers,  
Greeters and Altar Servers Please call the office to sign up.



## CHRISTMAS Luncheon

### Circle 14

Our Christmas luncheon will be at Sweet Peas on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 11:30 am. Following shortly after lunch, we will hold our meeting in the Youth Room at Church. Saint learnings, dessert, games and some surprises will happen!

## Christmas LUNCHEON

### Circle 6

Will have their annual Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 15 at 12:30 pm at Sweet Peas. All members are cordially welcome.



## Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 3:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursday 4:30 pm

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

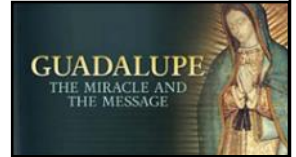


*"The Blessed Sacrament is that Presence which makes a Catholic Church different from every other place in the world; which makes it, as no other place can be, holy."- Cardinal Newman*

# FORMED

## WATCH:

Guadalupe:  
The Miracle and the Message



**LEARN:** Formed Now! Do we make too much of Mary?

## LISTEN:

Marian Dogmas  
With Matt Fradd & Brant Pitre

MARIAN DOGMAS  
WITH BRANT PITRE



**PICK OF THE WEEK** December 5, 2021

## REMINDER

Unfortunately there are scammers out there that will commonly use a priest name to elicit funds from people. If you have received a message from "Fr. Gifford" asking for funds in any way, it is a scam. Please note that the real Fr. Gifford will never ask for money or gift cards through email, text message or Facebook Messenger.

# A Note From the Pastor

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners

## Advent 2021:

### A Time of Safe Refuge to Remember the Faithfulness of God

“... Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Messiah... behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David...’” (Matthew 1:16,20). Saint Joseph, Noble Offspring of David, Light of Patriarchs, pray for us! Like looking back with gratitude and wonder on how God has worked throughout salvation history, while reading the genealogy of Christ, it is a fitting moment to look back in the same way on all He has done throughout this Year of Saint Joseph, on this final Sunday before it concludes. When I first introduced it to the parish in the homily for the Feast of the Holy Family, I shared my belief that it was a gift from the Holy Spirit, which Pope Francis was inspired to initiate. Just as God sent His people to the earlier Joseph (also a son of Jacob) during a time of famine, it seems as if He has continued to commend us to Saint Joseph in times of great need, echoing the words of that old story from Genesis: *Go to Joseph*. The monthly theme verses, reflected upon in the bulletin and at least one homily per month, have been an attempt to heed those words.

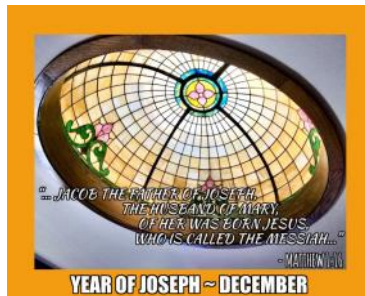
We especially went to Joseph during the novenas for his two feast days last spring. Many married couples took this as an opportunity to prepare to renew their vows on the Feast of Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary. That novena was aided by the nine testimonial videos from married couples in our parish. That same aspect of testimonial videos was again a part of the Novena for the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, as nine different parishioners represented various professions in which they have the opportunity to carry Christ into different sectors of society. All of these testimonies were a part of a “season of testimony,” including parishioner testimonies at Mass every other Sunday of the Easter Season, as well as a Parish Mission focused on Saint Peter’s call to always be ready to share our testimony to Christ with others. Have you shared your testimony to Christ with others recently?

As we began the “last leg” of the Year of Saint Joseph this fall, we shifted our focus toward how he and Mary both bring us into touch with the Christ Child, thus inspiring the spiritual theme for the 2021-2022 academic year: *Follow Jesus with the Faith of a Child*. Fittingly, many of our adult parishioners then began a bible study on the Scriptural foundations for Catholic devotion to Mary. Meanwhile, this theme became a brilliant opportunity to focus with our children on what it means to be a disciple - to follow Jesus. He invites us all to follow Him. Once we have accepted the invitation to become a disciple, He

will begin to reveal our unique vocation to us over time. Thus, the lessons on discipleship have been woven together with lessons on vocation, beginning with the vocation to marriage, thanks to the example of... you guessed it: Mary and Joseph! This emphasis on discipleship also renewed our focus on our mission for the whole parish, as we explored in the Thursday Thoughts series “Let’s Make Disciples!”

Finally, the conclusion of the Year of Joseph led us beautifully into Advent, as Joseph’s journey of leading the Holy Family into safe refuge in Egypt inspired us to begin Advent with a focus on embracing it as *A Time of Safe Refuge to Remember the Faithfulness of God*. It seems that remembering this Year of Joseph has been such an opportunity to remember God’s faithfulness, as it has inspired us to turn to Jesus, follow Him more closely and embrace our own vocations more fully. God is good.

**OUR FINAL MONTHLY PICTURE:** Some may be wondering why the picture of the stained glass dome over the baptismal font was chosen as the backdrop for the December theme verse picture. As you may know, this unique and beautiful piece is one of the elements from the old Saint Malachy Church that was preserved and brought over to the new building when it was built. In this way, it stands as a little reminder of the abiding presence and guidance of the Lord, through many generations of our parish. In this way, it is striking that it overhangs the baptismal font. As a new generation is baptized into the Body of Christ, they might even be looking up from within the arms of their parents or godparents, and seeing a reminder of the long history of the parish into which they are being welcomed, though they certainly don’t understand this. The children baptized in the font represent the hope of both the present and the future, while the dome above represents the faithfulness of God, which has guided us through to this day. Just the same, Joseph stands with Christ and Mary, in the genealogy, which attests to the faithfulness of God, through many generations. There is still one more tribute and summary coming for the close of the Year of Saint Joseph, so stay tuned to our Parish YouTube Channel.



In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Daniel P. Gifford  
St. Malachy, Pray for us



Ladies, you are invited to join **St. Malachy Women's Support Group**. We meet Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in meeting room C, at the end of the staff hallway. We discuss how God blessed us this week, what we struggled with this week, and things we want to work on with God's help during the next week. There is a short lesson, and time for prayer intentions and prayer. It's a time for women to support each other. You don't have to call ahead, just come join us. If you have any questions you can contact Jennifer Ulam or Cathie Stinson.

**The Rock - 7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry**

Meets every Thursday from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Youth Room. Please pray for the students as they grow closer to Christ in fellowship and service, seeking the patronage of St. Patrick & St. Teresa of Calcutta



**Oasis - High School Youth Ministry**

Oasis meets every Wednesday from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Youth Room. We strive to nourish our mind, body, and soul. Growing in community as we walk together to come to know Jesus.



All High School teens are invited to the **Oasis Liturgical New Year Party!** We will be having a game night, so bring your favorite game! In celebration of the new liturgical year and Advent, we will be wearing purple!  
**When:** December 1st, 6:30–8:00 pm **Where:** Youth Room



**Liturgy Leanings - December: Advent/Christmas Cycle C Readings**

The Liturgical year begins with Advent, November 28. Both joyful and repentant, the season prepares us for the coming of Christ as a babe and as a judge at the end of the world. We are asked to prepare, watch, and be ready, a difficult task in this uncertain time.

**November 28: First Sunday of Advent:** We lift our souls to the Lord.

**December 3:** St. Francis Xavier: Jesuit and missionary to Asia, patron of missions.

**December 5: Second Sunday of Advent:** *...all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.*

**December 6:** St. Nicholas, fourth century bishop remembered for his acts of charity, patron of sailors and children.

**December 8:** The Immaculate Conception is the patron of the U.S. It is a holy day of Obligation.

**December 9:** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, who saw Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**December 12: Third Sunday of Advent:** Gaudete Sunday is a time of rejoicing, of bearing witness to the coming of our salvation.

**December 13:** St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, whose name means "light" and is celebrated by Scandinavians as a feast of light in the dark winter.

**December 14:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Mystic and poet.

**December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent:** As we gather closer to the Nativity, the time of waiting is coming to a close. *...let us see Your face, and we shall be saved.*

**December 25: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord** Christmas, a new liturgical season, finally arrives. The scriptures may differ depending which Mass is attended, but the message is the same: In the mystery of the Incarnation our God became human, and the message of his birth was shared with the world. We, too, must carry the light of Christ to all. "Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord."

**December 26: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph:** "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways."

**December 27:** St. John the Apostle and Evangelist

**December 28:** Feast of the Holy Innocents, remembering those innocent children killed by Herod.

**A Feast Day that is commonly celebrated but lands on a Sunday this year:**

**December 12:** Our Lady of Guadalupe where Our Lady appears as a mestizo young woman to Juan Diego in 1531. She is the Patron of the Americas.



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	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
General Collection	\$ 13,000	\$ 9,683	\$ (3,317)	\$ 286,000	\$ 261,374	\$ (24,626)
School Endowment	\$ 750	\$ 277	\$ (473)	\$ 16,500	\$ 15,826	\$ (674)
Paraclete Fund	\$ 750	\$ 452	\$ (298)	\$ 16,500	\$ 10,575	\$ (5,925)
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**Upcoming Cursillo Weekends**

October & November weekends postponed due to Covid

New Date, Men's: February 24-27, 2022

New Date, Women's: March 24-27, 2022

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April 2-4, 2022 (Boys)

June 25-27, 2022 (Girls)



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**DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

Please Pray for these  
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Ignacio Cardenas Moran Jacob Hopper  
JohnPaul Stedwill Nicholas Conner*

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

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



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## St. Malachy Advent Giving Tree

St. Malachy Social Justice Committee is once again sponsoring our Advent Giving Tree. Our Giving Tree will be in the same format as last year. Instead of asking for household item donations as in years past, this year we are again asking for financial donations only. These can be in the form of cash, checks, or gift cards. Keep in mind, purchasing your gift card from Heaven Sent Scrip would also benefit our parish and school.

There are so many people in our area in need. Your donations will benefit: The Food Pantry, Humility Homes and Services, Local Students in Need, The New Life Farm, and Backpack Blessings, Inspire Continuing Care.



The Giving Tree will be set up near the church office the first weekend of Advent (Nov. 27-28) and donations will be accepted until the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19. Donation envelopes can be found near the tree. Mark your envelope with your donation preference and return to the church office.  
Thank you.

“For it is in giving that we receive.”  
St. Francis of Assisi

# Giving Tree





## Holiday Giving Program

**Help us make the Holidays bright for all of our participants!**

**Children:** You can sign up to sponsor one or more children. A wish list will be emailed to you as soon as a list is available. Wrapping supplies are welcome and appreciated, but please bring the gifts unwrapped so that we can keep track of the gifts.

**Adults:** For the adults in all of our supportive housing and veterans' programs and those staying in the emergency shelter and the emergency winter shelter, we are asking for \$20 gift cards from Walmart. By our estimates we will need approximately 425 gift cards. We can provide you with information to do it online if you want to avoid a trip to the store. You could even purchase two \$10 gift cards from St. Malachy, Heaven Sent.

**Can you help us spread the joy?**

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