

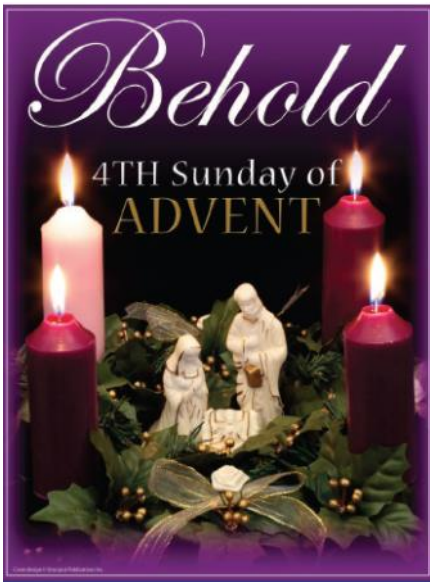
Diocese of Peoria
St. Malachy Church and School

595 E. Ogden Avenue, Geneseo, Illinois 61254

Parish, 309-944-5393 School, 309-944-3230 Fax, 309-944-5319

E-mail: church@stmalgeneseo.org Website: www.saintmalachy.org

The Fourth Sunday
 Of Advent
 December 19, 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:

<http://catholicquadcities.com>

Traveling? www.masstimes.org to find Masses

Pastor: Fr. Daniel Gifford.....309-944-5393

frdgifford@stmalgeneseo.org

Deacons:309-944-5393

Larry Honzel

Robert O'Rourke

Art Ries (SS)

Tom Wachtel

Mike Sigwalt

School Principal:

Tim Smith.....309-944-3230

tsmith@stmalgeneseo.org

Administrative Assistant:

Robert O'Rourke.....309-944-5393

rorourke@stmalgeneseo.org

Office Manager:

Mary Sebastian.....309-944-5393

msebastian@stmalgeneseo.org

Secretary:

Debbie Mattan.....309-944-5393

dmattan@stmalgeneseo.org

Business Manager:

Jennifer Higgins.....309-944-5393

jhiggins@stmalgeneseo.org

HS Youth Ministry Coordinator:.....309-944-5393

Darci Harrison

dharrison@stmalgeneseo.org or dietrichdarci@gmail.com

Confirmation/Jr. High/ Youth Ministry Coordinator

Kimberly Souba.....309-944-5393

ksouba@stmalgeneseo.org

CCD Coordinator:

Michael Roemer.....309-945-4088

mroemer@stmalgeneseo.org

Parish Nurse:

Cathie Stinson, B.S.N.....309-944-5393

cstinson@stmalgeneseo.org

Ministry Contacts:

Baptism:.....Parish Office

Marriage:Fr. Daniel Gifford

Hospital Visits:.....Parish Office

Anointing of the Sick:.....Emergency phone: **309-944-0422**

Pastoral Care:.....Ed Kennitz, Tom Mattan

Bereavement:.....Deacon Art Ries

Prayer Chain:.....Parish Office

Divorced Ministry:.....Deacon Art Ries

RCIA:.....Deacon Mike Sigwalt

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 20
8:00 am Matilda Garza+

Advent Weekday

Last Days for Advent Reconciliation
Monday, December 20 - Thursday, December 23.
12:00 pm-12:30 pm

TUESDAY, December 21
8:00 am Neil Simon+

Advent Weekday

All are invited, and strongly encouraged to receive
God's Mercy through this glorious Sacrament.

WEDNESDAY, December 22
8:00 am Phyllis Pogorzelski+

Advent Weekday

THURSDAY, December 23
5:45 pm Christina Guide-Allen+

Advent Weekday

FRIDAY, December 24 **Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**

4:00 pm John Fulcher+
7:00 pm Phyllis Haars+
10:00 pm Edward & Agnes DeSplinter, Roger & Pat Brummett+

SATURDAY, December 25 **Nativity of the Lord**
9:00 am People of the Parish

SUNDAY, December 26 **Feast of the Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**
8:15 am Don Minnaert+
10:30 am Meg Miller+



Weekend Mass Schedules:

St. Anthony/Atkinson **Sacred Heart/Annawan**
4:00 pm Saturday 8:00 am Sunday
9:30 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 26, 2021

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Samuel, as long as he lives, shall be dedicated to the Lord.

Responsorial: Psalm 84

R./: "Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord."

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

We are called children of God. And so we are.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

His parents found Jesus sitting in the midst of the teachers.



Weekly Calendar

Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Mass 4:00 pm
Mass 7:00 pm
Mass 10:00 pm

Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day

Mass 9:00 am

Sunday, December 26

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)



Just a friendly reminder...

Circle 6 Dues is due!

Ladies, please drop off your \$5.00 dues at the Church Office in a marked envelope

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, Commentator for 7:00 pm, Ushers, Greeters and Altar Servers Please call the office to sign up.



FORMED

WATCH:

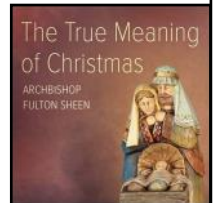
Christmas In Rome:
A Celebration of the Nativity



LEARN: The Story of the Nativity:
The Truth of Christmas

LISTEN:

The True Meaning of Christmas
By Fulton Sheen



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.

PICK OF THE WEEK December 19, 2021



Bennet House Retreat Center

Silent Directed Retreat: John Testifies About Jesus, The Wedding at Cana.

Register now for this popular retreat. The Scriptural focus is based on Jesus at the Wedding at Cana. Participants will receive daily personal time with a Spiritual Director. In addition to daily Eucharist, there will be opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist, Centering Prayer, and Liturgy of the Hours.

Sunday, January 16 (Arrival: 4 pm; Vespers: 5:00 pm; Dinner: 5:30 pm; Conference: 7:00 pm)-Wednesday, January 19, 4:00pm. Spiritual Directors: Sr. Mary Schmidt, OSB; Toni Petersen, SMM Oblate; Fr. Mark DeSutter.

Fee: \$375 (private room, all meals and spiritual direction sessions).

Phone: 309-283-2108 Email: retreats@smmsisters.org Web: www.smmsisters.org/retreats

St. Mary Monastery, 2200 88th Ave W, Rock Island, IL 61201

A Note From the Pastor

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners

Advent 2021: A Time of Safe Refuge to Remember the Faithfulness of God

We now conclude our Advent journey and by the end of the week, we will be celebrating Christmas! Have you taken refuge in the Lord during these Advent days? There is still time! So often, the last week before Christmas is filled with last minute shopping, decorating, meal planning, etc. Some of that may still need to happen. Some of it may not - we often can place unnecessary expectations on ourselves with some of those things. Regardless, take some time each day, even if it is just fifteen minutes, to rest in the presence of Christ. Maybe you take the Scriptures, a devotional reading or your rosary with you. But, if you do, don't let these things fill up the silence. Slow down, embrace the time to be with Christ. Speak to him in response to what you are reading or reflecting upon. Sit quietly, listen, rest and breathe. Be. With. Him.

Have you ever been on a vacation with someone who plans out every waking moment of the day with activities? Or maybe you're that one who likes to thoroughly plan things out. Well, some of those activities can be nice. But, sometimes we need to just throw our schedules to the wind and just be! Enjoy the company of those you are with. That is why you are there. You might say, "We could have done that at home! We came here to see X, Y and Z." To that, I would answer, "True, you could have done that at home, *but how often do you?*" And there it is. Sure, on a vacation, it is nice to see X, Y or Z (and maybe even all three). And you might regret not doing so, after coming all that way. But, how much more will you regret not focusing on simply spending time with those you are with?!

Now, apply that to prayer. Devotions,

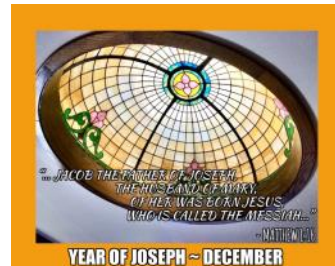
readings, and written prayers are nice. You might use some of them, each time you go to pray. And if you never take them up, you might be missing out on something that can help you grow in your walk with the Lord. But, how much more will you miss out on growing closer to the Lord and being able to walk more closely with Him if you rush through one reading after another or rattle off your rosary like a machine gun, rather than stopping to simply be with Him, speak to Him and listen to Him? True, the Lord is with us all day long and we can speak to Him in quick moments of crying out, "Thank you, Lord, for X," or "Help me, Lord, with Y," or "I'm sorry for Z, Lord; Help me to do better." But, how often do we? And how often do we remain with Him in the silence long enough to receive a response or simply even to remember that He is indeed with us? We will remember His faithfulness throughout the day and be able to remain in His presence the more that we make our time of prayer about being with Him and spending time with Him. So, let us indeed take refuge in the Lord in these final days of Advent and remember His faithfulness. This way, we will prepare our hearts to recognize the concrete reality of our lives as the dusty stable into which He is born. Then, we will indeed... have a... very....

Merry Christmas!

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.

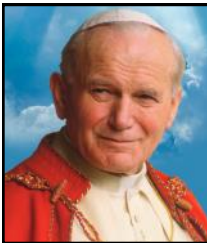


Christmas Flowers:



If you would like to donate towards the cost of Christmas flowers in honor of a loved one, please provide their name/names along with your donation, clearly marked "Christmas Flowers" and drop in the basket or leave at the Parish Office by Sunday, December 19.

Are you looking for a fun and faith filled overnight retreat for an 8th -10th grader? We have a great opportunity for teens to learn about living a life that follows Jesus. Come experience friendship, fun, and faith!



What: John Paul II Co-Ed Retreat
Who: Boys and Girls, 8th-10th grade.
When: Saturday, March 5 - Sunday, March 6
Where: Believers Together Center at Christ the King: 3209 60th St., Moline.
Cost: \$40
Registration: www.olgsilvis.com Registration open now
Questions: Mike Wilshusen (309) 269-7686 or email STJP2EXP@gmail.com

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 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





STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to
Rebuilding Henry County

Week 24 - December 12, 2021

	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
General Collection	\$ 13,000	\$ 23,469	\$ 10,469	\$ 312,000	\$ 312,497	\$ 497
School Endowment	\$ 750	\$ 162	\$ (588)	\$ 18,000	\$ 16,626	\$ (1,374)
Paraclete Fund	\$ 750	\$ 574	\$ (176)	\$ 18,000	\$ 11,642	\$ (6,358)
Capital Improvement	\$ 750	\$ 642	\$ (108)	\$ 18,000	\$ 14,535	\$ (3,465)

ADA

GOAL	PLEGGED	VARIANCE	COLLECTED	VARIANCE	GOAL	# FAMILIES	VARIANCE
\$ 85,185	\$ 87,375	\$ 2,190	\$ 72,025	\$ (13,160)	233	178	(55)



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

For more information visit: <https://nwcursillo.com>

Upcoming TEC Weekends



Feb. 19-21, 2022 (Girls)

April 2-4, 2022 (Boys)

June 25-27, 2022 (Girls)



For more info, visit www.northwest-tec.com



DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these
Seminarians:

Paul Rupert Ben Schoonmaker
Jonathan Puckett Francis Strong
Jonathan Swoik Thomas Williams
Jack Watt

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."



Free Catholic Apps

- Laudate
- Truth & Life
- Mary
- Hallow
- Divine Mercy
- Pray As You Go
- Amen
- Reimagining the Examen
- FORMED
- Relevant Radio
- FOCUS Equip
- Magnificat
- iBreviary
- Mass Times for Travel
- iPieta
- Pray
- CatholicTV
- Discerning Hearts
- EWTN
- Mea Culpa
- Vatican.va

January LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

GREETERS

5:00 pm - Joyce Webb (Front); Jen Ulam & Mary Ellen Doherty (West)

8:15 am - Maurice & Julie Atwell (Front); Julie Puentes, Clint & Roseann Warren (West)

10:30 am - Chris & Larry Ward (Front); Jennifer Higgins & Jan Seei (West)

USHERS

5:00 pm - Rich Bassier, Dave Wolak, Mark Roberts

8:15 am - Bob Wachtel, Brice Maertens

10:30 am - Tim Laleman, Willis Andel, Ted McAvoy, & Dick Taets

LECTOR/COMMENTATOR

5:00 pm - Cynthia Wells (L); Mary DeBord (C)

8:15 am - Molly Lensing (L); Mark Kane (C)

10:30 am - Steve Mroz, Maggie Mroz (L/C)

EMHCs

5:00 pm - Pat & Chris Boelens

8:15 am - Mike Croegaert & Ryan Wilson

10:30 am - Shannon Carroll & John Kemmis

January ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 1 - 5:00 Henry Vondra, & Jackson Reade

Sunday, January 2 - 8:15 Savannah & Joselyn Reisner **10:30** Tim & Emma Sebastian

Saturday, January 8 - 5:00 Henry Vondra & Aiden Daly

Sunday, January 9 - 8:15 Emily & Katy Wilson **10:30** Gavin & Declan Gillespie

Saturday, January 15 - 5:00 Elle Patterson, Avery Emmerson

Sunday, January 16 - 8:15 Fritz Bolme & Jaxson Seals **10:30** Jenna & Jonathan Freadhoff

Saturday, January 22 - 5:00 Tatum Eiselstein & Jackson Reade

Sunday, January 23 - 8:15 Noah & Keira Disterhoft **10:30** Hayden & Reese Schaaf

Saturday, January 29 - 5:00 Trace Hager & Charlie Vandersnick

Sunday, January 30 - 8:15 Colin & Justin Roemer **10:30** Gavin & Declan Gillespie



Congratulations St. Malachy Parish!!

St. Malachy Parish has exceeded it's pledge goal of \$85,185.00 for ADA 2021. All monies received over our Appeal Goal are returned to the Parish.

Last year we received a rebate of \$14,216.00.

This year one of our goals is to increase the number of donors that participate in ADA. We hope each family will offer a gift to the Appeal to support the work of the Church. Please consider a gift of any size. Pledge Forms are available in the Narthex and the Parish Office.

Thanks for your generosity!

At Wisdom Financial there is nothing more important to us than families achieving their dreams through the discovery of financial Freedom, Truth & Wisdom.

309-944-1117



WATKINS

Living Naturally since 1868

Kathy VerCautren
944-5006
509 W. Wells St.
Geneseo, IL

*Organic Gourmet Flavors *Organic Body Care
*Natural Plant-based Home Care



Nathan Vorac Pharm D
Angelica Disterhoff Pharm D

Phone 309-944-2166 114 South State St
Nathan@voracpharmacy.com Geneseo IL

GENESEO MEMORIALS & BRONZE

Emma Vandemore, owner
309-945-4747
Call Anytime!
Finest Quality Memorials

2 & 92 TRUCK PARTS, INC.

New, Used & Rebuilt Parts
Used Trucks
Rts. 5 & 92 North of Silvis
Phone (309) 792-9211



Dr. Ryan Wilson

**112 South Center Street
Geneseo, IL 61254
309-944-5303**



Mary Kay®

Shauna M. Thoene



Independent Beauty Consultant **Enriching Women's Lives**
Text or call anytime 309-314-3030

Shop 24/7 @ marykay.com/sthoene thoene79@gmail.com



820 S. CHICAGO ST.
GENESEO, IL 61254

309 **944-2660**

B&B LAWN EQUIPMENT @ YOUR SERVICE

bblawneq.com

NASH BEAN FORD & BROWN, LLP

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW



Estate Planning: Wills & Living Trusts
Trust Administration & Probate | Real Estate
Elder Law & Medicaid Services
Asset Protection | Incapacity Planning

PRESERVE YOUR LEGACY

Offices in Geneseo and Moline
(309) 944-2188 | (309) 762-9368 | 800-644-5345
www.nashbeanford.com



& Collectors Hall

937-1444 ~ 944-3808
www.stenzelauction.com



VANDEMORE FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY

Honoring Memories & Celebrating Lives

214 S. State Street (309) 944-1415 580 E. Ogden Ave
Atkinson, IL info@vandemorefuneralhome.com Geneseo, IL

*Advertising space available.
Please contact the Parish Office at 309-944-5393*

Mike Chavez Auto Detailing
 "CAR DIRTY DONT GET MAD GET SURLY"
 309-945-7999
 facebook.com/SurlySanchez
 604 N. Aldrich St.
 Geneseo, IL 61254



Our Crafty Life - A LOCAL QUILT SHOP
 Open Tues. - Sat. from 9-4
 Email: ourcraftylife365@gmail.com
 FB search: ourcraftylife365
 Website: https://ourcraftylife365
 12721 Wolf Road, Geneseo, IL
 309-944-3883 Owner, Sara Guerrero



Family Owned
 Since 1971
 www.hazelwoodhomes.com
 309-441-5184



RIVER VALLEY TURF
 RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT
 Paul Seyller Store Owner-Manager
 Sales - Rental - Parts - Service
 2108 Scott Park Road Davenport, IA 52807
 1660 John Deere Road Silvis, IL 52807
 Davenport: 563-386-1432 Silvis: 309-796-1600
 www.rivervalleyturf.com - paul@rivervalleyturf.com



Maple Grove Framing & Gallery
 Linda Gillet
 309-944-5228
 Celebrating 24 years in 2022
 118 W.2nd St. Geneseo, IL
 Heaven Sent Participant



PABCO INC. OF GENESEO
 Patrick Boelens (309) 944-3485
LANDSCAPE DESIGN • INSTALLATION • MAINTENANCE

FIBRENEW
 The Experts in Plastic & Leather Restoration
 Steve Egert
 309-981-0549 309-314-1861
 quadcities@fibrenew.com

GENESEO SUPER WASH & STORAGE
 Help St. Malachy School Buy Car Washes from Heaven Sent.
 810 W. Main Street
 309-269-1490



WERNER **DKI**
 MEMBER COMPANY
FIRE WATER STORM
 309-949-2393
 One Call Restores It All!
 24 Hour Service
 www.WernerRestorationInc.com
 WE CONNECT, WE INNOVATE, WE RESTORE



CATHELYN CONSTRUCTION, INC.
 General Contractor
 637 E. North St.
 309-944-3607

WYFFELS HYBRIDS.
 More than a number.
 Wyffels.com • 309-944-8334



Edward Jones
 MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING
 Paul Rapps Financial Advisor 204 S. State St. 309-944-5375
 Doug Curran Financial Advisor 105 S. Chicago St. 309-944-9401
 Tom Taylor Financial Advisor 1325 Oakwood Ave. Suite 3 309-489-0221

TRY US ONE TIME!
turpin's OF GENESEO
 1024 South Chicago St. • Next to Farm & Fleet • turpincars.com
 CHRYSLER TOLL FREE 1-800-426-9437 LOCAL 944-6454 | GM TOLL FREE 1-800-542-1178 LOCAL 944-2173



In-A-Godda-Da-Vida Music
 309.944.5855 john61254@gmail.com
 302 S. State St. Geneseo, IL
 John Puentes Owner
 Guitars • Amps • Accessories
 Sales • Consignment • Lessons • Repairs & Setup



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 Contact Steve Mroz at (309) 441-6321 or stephos@mchsi.com



Virgil Thurman Attorneys at Law
 137 S. State Street / P.O Box 27
 Geneseo, IL 61254

The world would be a better place if everyone played.
 Learning something neweveryday.

