

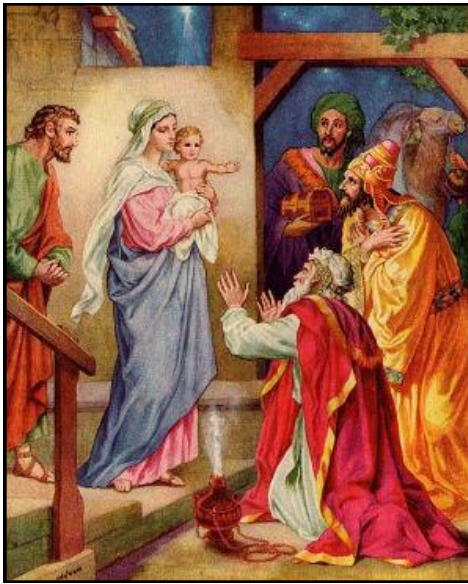
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 Of the Lord
 January 2, 2022



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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

For activities in the Quad Cities, go to:

<http://catholicquadcities.com>

Traveling? www.masstimes.org to find Masses

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, January 3 *Most Holy Name of Jesus*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

TUESDAY, January 4 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, January 5 *St. John Nwumann*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

THURSDAY, January 6 *St. André Bessette*

5:45 pm Winnie Stocks+

FRIDAY, January 7 *St. Raymond of Penyafort*

9:00 am Bill Miller+

SATURDAY, January 9 *Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord*

5:00 pm Richard & Marjorie Engels+

SUNDAY, January 9 *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*

8:15 am Patricia Donaldson+

10:30 am People of the Parish

Father Gifford will be away Monday—Thursday of this week. He will be back for Thursday evening Mass.



Weekend Mass Schedules:

St. Anthony/Atkinson

4:00 pm Saturday

9:30 am Sunday

Sacred Heart/Annawan

8:00 am Sunday

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY - January 9, 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all people shall see it.

Responsorial: Psalm 104

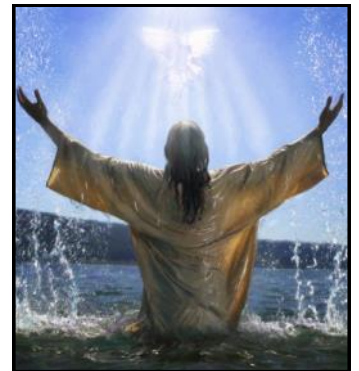
R./: "O bless the Lord, my soul."

2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Jesus Christ saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

When Jesus had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened.



Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, January 4

Circle 14 - 1:30 pm in the YR
Women's Support Group 6:00 pm Room C

Wednesday, January 5

Oasis Epiphany Party 6:30 pm-8:00 pm in the YR

Thursday, January 6

The Rock Epiphany Party 6:30 pm-8:00 pm in the YR

Friday, January 7

First Friday Mass 8:00 am

Sunday, January 9

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Outdoor Communion 9:45 am-10:00 am
Children's Mass 10:30 am
Confirmation 8th Grade 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Confirmation 9th Grade 6:00 pm-8:00 pm **Reports Due!**



Circle 14 News

Our first meeting for the year is Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 1:30 pm in the Youth Room. Hope to see you there.



St. Malachy Car Party

will be on

Saturday, April 23, 2022

At this time the plan is to have an in person Car Party!

Interested in helping?

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4DACAC2EA5FA7-2022>



Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 3:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursday 4:30 pm

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

Upcoming events:

Children's Mass every 2nd Sunday of the Month 10:30 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word on all other Sundays

Coffee & Doughnuts January, 17

Sanctuary Study January 13-March 3

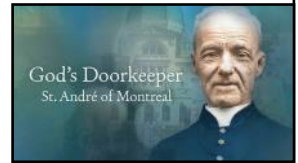
Youth Ministry Retreat February 18-19



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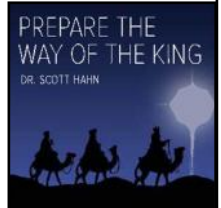


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How to Pray

LISTEN:

Prepare the Way of the Lord
By Dr. Scott Hahn



PICK OF THE WEEK January 2, 2022



The Sanctuary Course for Catholics will start at 6:30, Thursday evenings in the Conference Room from January 13 to March 3, and will be co-lead by Cathie Stinson and Fr. Gifford. The Sanctuary Course for Catholics is an eight-part course for small groups designed to raise awareness and start conversations in local parishes regarding mental health. It was created in collaboration with Catholic mental health professionals, theologians, and clergy, and offers faith communities the opportunity to learn about mental health and grow in their ability to support members living with mental health challenges.

Topics covered include: mental health and mental illness, stigma, recovery, companionship, self-care, and community. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists. The course is available to download as a PDF, or as an audiobook if you'd prefer to listen rather than read. There is no homework, but it's recommended that you read/listen to the sessions in advance of meeting.

If interested, please contact Cathie Stinson cstinson@stmalgeneseo.org or let the Parish Office know.

A Note From the Pastor

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners

*O Star of wonder, star of night;
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding;
Guide us to Thy perfect light*

As we celebrate the Epiphany, I'd like to reflect on the image of the Star of Bethlehem, the beacon sent by God to guide the Magi to the birthplace of the King of kings. First, we should consider the description Saint John uses of God being born into the world as a little baby, which we read in one of our Gospel readings for Christmas Day: *the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it*. The True Light which enlightens all things had taken on flesh and dawned upon the world in a whole new way. Let me say that again: the True Light which enlightens all things... meaning that He is the Light for all, not just for one group of people, which is why the New Covenant is open to all. Thus, His Gospel must be shared with everyone, so that everyone may be invited to come to Jesus Christ, receive Him in faith and become His disciples.

This is part of the significance of the arrival of the Magi. They are the first representatives of the nations coming to Christ. And it makes sense that the first ones to come would be "wise men," those who are seeking Truth. Yet, they are first drawn by Beauty, a light rising in the darkness. In our world today, there is an unfortunate trend that has gained much momentum which discourages people from seeking Truth, because it does not believe that Truth exists. Instead, as this philosophy would suggest, each person has their own truth and must seek simply to live their own truth. This belief would suggest that for someone to believe that something is objectively True would be to impose one's own truth on others and therefore is inappropriate. In this way, this philosophy renders people unable to believe in the Truth of the Gospel, because to have this faith means *to believe that it's True*. Thus, we can see how it becomes a very subtle, but often very aggressive, form of tyranny, as it makes religious liberty impossible, which is why it has been termed "the dictatorship of relativism." Sadly, this has a grip

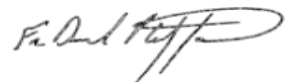
on the minds of many, making a genuine search for Truth very difficult. Yet, this longing in the heart and mind of humankind is natural and thus still persists.

Even if one is not able to set out on a quest that is consciously understood as a quest for Truth, still countless hearts are drawn by Beauty, as the Beauty of the Star of the Bethlehem drew the Magi. Thus, even though it is hard to arrive at Faith, which assents to belief in the Truth, Hope still rises within the hearts of many and stirs within them a holy discontent with the thinking of the world, which would seek to discredit their quest. Surely you have noticed how the Joy of Christmas has a way of drawing the hearts of countless people who do not yet know the King of kings, for whom the season exists. The dictators of relativism will slip into the picture to redirect the quest of such seeking hearts drawn by the beauty of Christmas, by simply asking "What does Christmas mean to you?" Then, all manner of alternative explanations, which would prevent these seekers from ever reaching Bethlehem, will be embraced and celebrated. Nonetheless, Hope still stirs in many hearts who recognize that there must be something more. This Beauty sent as a Light rising to scatter the darkness must be leading somewhere.








It is these brave seekers who will reach Bethlehem, driven by the same question that drove Charlie Brown: "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?" Notice that this question is asking the Truth, not just collecting opinions alone. And it led to the Truth, if you know the story of that classic animated Christmas special. It led to Bethlehem, to the manger bed of the Good King, the Beloved Son of the Good Father. Truth, Goodness and Beauty are one and they point to the One who is the Source of all. Don't let the world redirect your quest in seeking the Source. Our hearts were built for this quest and as the old slogan goes: wise men (and women) still seek Him.

Merry Christmas!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Daniel P. Gifford



St. Malachy, Pray for us

<p>St. Katharine Drexel Social Justice Committee</p>  <p>Thank you to all who donated to the Social Justice Giving Tree. Over \$14,000.00 was donated!</p>		<p>St. Malachy Women's Support Group will resume meeting this Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm in Meeting Room C, at the end of the staff hallway. All women are invited.</p>
<p>The Rock - 7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry</p> <p>Next meeting is January 6 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Youth Room. We will be having a White Elephant Gift Exchange at our January 6 Epiphany Party Night!</p> 	<p>Oasis - High School Youth Ministry</p> <p>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.</p> 	
<p>Oh, what Fun!</p> <p>All high school teens are invited to our Oasis Epiphany Party!</p> <p>Date: January 5th, 6:30 – 8:00 PM Where: Youth Room Bring a gift for a White Elephant gift exchange! Wear your BEST Christmas sweater!</p>  		<p>Altar & Rosary Circle 2 will be hosting Coffee & Doughnuts after both Masses on Sunday, January 16. All Parishioners are invited to attend.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">January Liturgy Leanings Cycle C</p> <p>The Christmas cycle doesn't end on Christmas Day but continues into January. We also begin the Ordinary Time readings in January. The Baptism of Christ and the call of the disciples help us to reflect on our own calling.</p> <p>January 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God: "...Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart". May we also reflect on the goodness of God.</p> <p>January 2: Epiphany of the Lord: We celebrate the gift of God, Jesus, a gift offered to ALL people. January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: First Native-born American saint and founder of schools. January 5: St. John Neumann, Bishop</p> <p>January 9: The Baptism of the Lord: Isn't it marvelous that we, like Christ, are beloved by God?</p> <p>January 16: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: May we, like the servers at Cana, do whatever God tells us. January 20: St. Fabian, bishop and martyr and St. Sebastian, martyr, patron of soldiers and athletes. January 21: St. Agnes, virgin and martyr, patron of young girls. January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: On this day let us remember that all life is sacred.</p> <p>January 23: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: We are all many parts of the one body. January 24: St. Francis De Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, patron of the Catholic Press January 25: Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle. January 26: Sts. Timothy, and Titus, bishops, followers of St. Paul. St. Titus is the patron saint of the United States Army Chaplain Corps January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church and patron of students and universities.</p> <p>January 30: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Before we were born, God knew us. The greatest is Love. January 31: St. John Bosco, patron of schoolchildren</p>		



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School Endowment	\$ 750	\$ 120	\$ (630)	\$ 19,500	\$ 16,746	\$ (2,754)	
Paraclete Fund	\$ 750	\$ 220	\$ (530)	\$ 19,500	\$ 11,862	\$ (7,638)	
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Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

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

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

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

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Feb. 19-21, 2022 (Girls)

April 2-4, 2022 (Boys)

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DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

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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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When: Saturday, March 5 - Sunday, March 6

Where: Believers Together Center at Christ the King: 3209 60th
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Questions: Mike Wilshusen (309) 269-7686 or email

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House Blessing on the Epiphany of the Lord January 2, 2022 (Traditionally January 6)

Chalk that has been blessed will be available near the doors of the Narthex the weekend of January 1st and 2nd. You may also use your own chalk if you are unable to attend church at this time. Read the following prayer, and then mark the doorframe of the front door to your house with the initials of the legendary names of the three Magi, along with the current year, as follows:
20 + C(aspar) + M(elchior) + B(althazar) + 22 (See Picture)



Prayer:

“Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation: by the guidance of a star You led the Magi to your Son, and by the light of faith You bring us to know Him as Lord, the Messiah You have sent. Bless us as we use this chalk to mark our door in Your honor. May the homes where this prayer is prayed be dwelling places of goodness, humility, self-control, mutual respect for one another, hospitality toward strangers, and loving obedience to Your word.

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus Christ who is Lord forever and ever. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Christmas Flowers



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