

Diocese of Peoria  
**St. Malachy Church and School**

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First Sunday  
 Of Lent  
 March 6, 2022

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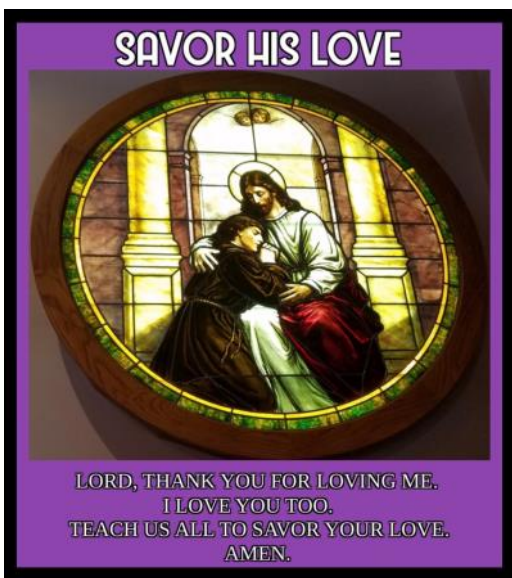
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**Prayer Chain:**.....Parish Office  
**Divorced Ministry:**.....Deacon Art Ries  
**RCIA:**.....Deacon Mike Sigwalt



**Weekend Mass Schedule:**  
 Saturday: 5:00 pm  
 Sunday: 8:15 am and 10:30 a.  
**Outdoor Communion Sundays:** 9:45 - 10:00 am  
**Reconciliation:**  
 Monday & Tuesday 8:45 am; Thursday 5:00 pm  
 Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm  
**Lenten Reconciliation:**  
 Monday-Wednesday 12:00 - 12:30 pm

*For activities in the Quad Cities, go to:*  
<http://catholicquadcities.com>  
**Traveling?** [www.masstimes.org](http://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, March 7**  
8:00 am Billy Boone+

**Sts. Perpetua & Felicity**

**TUESDAY, March 8**  
8:00 am Bernice Beiermann+

**St. John of God**

**WEDNESDAY, March 9**  
8:00 am Stoney & Geraldine "Gerry" Vanderbecke+  
9:00 am Fidelis Heise+

**St. Frances of Rome**

**THURSDAY, March 10**  
8:00 am Kim VanMeenen+ Evening Mass & Adoration Cancelled

**First Week of Lent**

**FRIDAY, March 11**  
8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

**First Week of Lent**

**SATURDAY, March 12**  
5:00 pm People of the Parish

**Vigil Mass 2nd Sunday of Lent**

**SUNDAY, March 13**  
8:15 am Francis VanMeenen+  
10:30 am Hazel Pettit+

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Altar Servers:** March 7 - March 13  
Daily M-T-W: Aiden Daly & Trace Hager  
Saturday, 5:00: Trace Hager & Avery Emmerson  
Sunday, 8:15: Hayden & Reese Schaff  
Sunday, 10:30: Jenna & Jonathan Freadhoff



## 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 - March 13, 2022

### 1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

### Responsorial: Psalm 27

*R./: "The Lord is my light and my salvation."*

### 2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

*Christ will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.*

### Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

*While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.*



# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, March 7

Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

## Tuesday, March 8

Into His Likeness Study 9:00 am - 10:00 am YR

Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

Women's Support Group 6:00 pm Room C

Knights of Columbus 7:00 pm in the Room C

## Wednesday, March 9

School Mass 9:00 am

Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

K-5 CCD 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

6th & 7th Grade CCD 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

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

## Thursday, March 10

Circle 2 - 9:00 am in the YR

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

Into His Likeness Study 6:30 Conference Room

## Friday, March 11

Stations of the Cross 12:00 pm

Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

## Sunday, March 13

Into His Likeness Study following the 8:15 am Mass YR

Outdoor Communion 9:45 am - 10:00 am

Children's Mass 10:30 am

Confirmation 8th & 9th Grade 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



## Job Opening

### School Custodian

Part time position

Evening hours: 3-4 hours/day

If interested please call

Deacon Robert O'Rourke  
at 309-502-1269



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You can find your Rice Bowls in the Narthex.

There is a calendar of activities and recipes to make and share with your family .



## Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 3:00 - 8:00 pm Parish Chapel

Thursday 4:30 pm

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



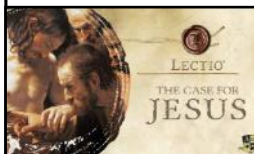
The Altar & Rosary Society will be collecting new underwear (of all sizes) to be donated to the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry. The collection will take place the weekends of March 12/13 and March 19/20. There will be a

box marked "Undies Sundays" in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Tessie Fredericks - (309) 944-8483.

# FORMED

## WATCH:

Everyday Heroes



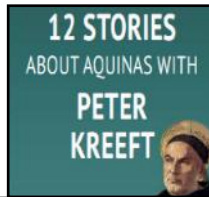
## LEARN:

Lectio: The Case for Jesus

## LISTEN:

12 Stories about Aquinas  
With Peter Kreeft

PICK OF THE WEEK March 6, 2022



Lent is a time of prayer and preparation; a time to recognize the graces we have been lavishly given by a merciful God. May we allow that grace to flow upon us and spill out into the world. *Lord, This time, change our hearts.* ~ Lenten Reflection from the Lent Committee

# PRAYER

The fundamental building block on which all other Lenten disciplines are built is prayer. It is the Lord who invites us into the desert, not simply to suffer the hunger and thirst, but to be there WITH HIM. Make time to spend with Him each day in prayer. Learn to Savor His Love in your quiet time of prayer each day, even if it's only a few minutes!

# *A Note From the Pastor*

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners

Recently, I shared in greater detail about the retirement of Bishop Jenky and mentioned that he had called the priests to Peoria for a final event together, which was rescheduled due to weather. That final gathering took place last week and I wanted to share a bit about his final address to the priests.

By now, if you've read my bulletin articles and heard enough of my homilies, you are familiar with what I have come to term "The Five Things to Say to Jesus Every Day." It struck me that Bishop Jenky's simple words could be summarized by those five words or phrases. In hindsight, it does not seem surprising that he chose to keep this final address brief, simple and sincere. During a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, he simply stood up in his pew (significant, considering how seldom his health allows him to stand or walk anymore), turned around and began to speak with no microphone. Then, he sat back down, leaving us most of the time to enjoy quiet prayer together with the Lord and with one another. Apparently, his desire was simply to pray together with his brothers and spiritual sons.

This was how he began, simply commenting on his own desire to savor this time. This is one way of describing what is meant by the prayer, "I love You too, Lord." We receive His love and savor it, hoping to rest in that love in a way that becomes a sharing and even a mutual, even if not equal, exchange of love. Still, he continued, "There are some things I need to say." Those words put us at the edge of our seats to hear what he had such a need to say.

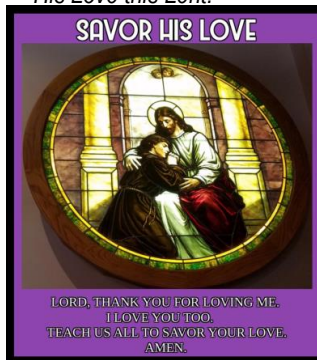
The first thing he wanted to say: "I'm sorry." It wasn't the first time that I have seen his sincere, humble awareness of his humanity, including even his failings. It also wasn't the first time I have seen that he genuinely cares. Next, he offered some equally sincere comments about how he appreciates us and is grateful for his time with all of us in the Diocese of Peoria. Naturally, I think of that all-important prayer: Thank You.

Coming back to his original point of savoring our time with the Lord and one another, he next took the sentiment a step further and reminded us, "We need this."

In these words, we could hear an implicit plea to us to (Please) continue to prioritize and not neglect both our prayer and our fraternity. Indeed, we all need prayer, and we need community, friendship, human interaction. We must prioritize these things, lest we neglect them.

So far, whether implicitly or explicitly, we had heard "I love You too, Lord" (Savor His Love), "Thank you," "I'm Sorry" and "Please." Perhaps the most interesting aspect was how he bore witness to his "Yes" at this stage of life. He had spoken recently to us about his beginning to let go and embrace the rest into which the Lord was inviting him in this stage of life, as he hands the reins onto Bishop Lou. This time, he spoke a bit more specifically about his process of "easing his way back into religious life." As you may know, Bishop Jenky is a religious priest of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, based out of Notre Dame University in Indiana. His plans for retirement involve returning to his religious community, although it will not be easy to leave the diocese, he has called home for the past twenty years. Later on, in conversation, he elaborated even further about how this involves returning to his life of obedience to the superiors of the order, from which he is technically dispensed as a bishop, but which he is still embracing. There is something powerful about hearing the man to whom you promised obedience before God, on the day of your ordination, talk about embracing a life of obedience himself again! This is the essence of the "Yes" prayer: embracing obedience to whatever the Lord is calling us into, at each moment of life.


It is true that those same five words, which we ought to strive to say to Jesus each day, we must also say to one another from time to time. I am grateful that Bishop Jenky left us with this example in his final address. *Follow Jesus... with the Faith of a Child! And don't forget to savor His Love this Lent.*




In Christ through Mary,  
Fr. Daniel P. Gifford

St. Malachy, Pray for us

**The Rock - 7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry**  
 Meets every Thursday from 6:30 pm-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.



**FEARLESS** Steubenville Mid-America 2022  
**Date:** July 15-17, 2022  
**Who:** Current 8th-12th Grade Students  
**What:** Steubenville is an annual youth conference allowing high school teens from across the nation to come to know Jesus. This year we will be in Springfield Missouri. The cost will be dependent on the total group size attending, (so be sure to bring a friend). Cost will be in the range of \$325-\$395 per person. We will ride together and stay on campus for the weekend!  
**Contact Darci for more information:** dharrison@stmalgeneseo.org

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

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:**  
 During both Masses on all other Sundays, depending on availability of volunteer leaders.



**March Liturgy Leanings**  
 Violet is on the altar for all Sundays in March.

**March 2 Ash Wednesday** - Ashes remind us we are sinners. Fasting, giving up something to focus on Christ's sacrifice on the cross for us. Prayer, to deepen our relationship with God, and almsgiving, to recognize the needs of others and to help them.

**March 3** St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin, founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, that built schools for African and Native American populations across the US and established St. Xavier University to train teachers for these schools.

**March 4** St. Casimir, born a prince of Poland, but lived a life of chastity, simplicity, and good works until his death in his mid twenties. He is the patron saint of all youth.

**March 6 1st Sunday of Lent.** A time to strengthen our attachment to God and a period of conversion and change of heart so we make God the center of our lives.

**March 7** St. Perpetua, Noblewoman, and St. Felicity, Slave, both martyrs. They were both thrown to beasts in the Colosseum in 203 and died. They were friends, sisters, new mothers, and fellow martyrs.

**March 8** St. John of God, Religious. Portuguese friar became a leading religious figure, distributed religious books using the Gutenberg printing press, cared for the mentally ill, and founded the Brothers Hospitallers of St. John of God.

**March 9** St. Frances of Rome, Religious, although an arranged marriage initially prevented her from pursuing a call to a religious life. Her zeal for good works attracted a community of like-minded women who became the Oblates of Mary. The desire for her was finally fulfilled when her husband's death freed her to become its religious superior.

**March 13 2nd Sunday of Lent.** Changing to be more spiritual, that is, closer to God.

**March 17** St. Patrick, Bishop. After escaping slavery in Ireland, this saint spent 22 years acquiring education and skills to return to Ireland as a missionary to God, converting thousands, and building church's and monasteries across Ireland.

**March 18** St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Frequently embroiled in the conflicts over Arianism (simply teaches that Jesus was not God) and was exiled 3 times for his defenses of orthodoxy. His love for Jesus made him a natural preacher and teacher.

**March 19** St. Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary. Joseph was a just man who observed and revered the law. He was a humble carpenter and patron saint of workers. He had a deep faith and trust in God. He was a dutiful husband and protector of Mary and took care of Jesus.

**March 20 3rd Sunday of Lent.** In this week's gospel, Luke focuses on the need for human cooperation with a saving God, in the form of repentance.

**March 23** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop 16th century advocate and defender against mistreatment of the people of Peru at the hands of the Spanish conquerors.

**March 27 4th Sunday of Lent.** In the gospel of Luke this week, we learn about Jesus' mercy, The Prodigal Son.



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**Parish Sacrificial Giving:**  
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Victory Center Ministries

**Week 35 - February 28, 2022**

	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
General Collection	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,505	505	\$ 455,000	\$ 497,791	42,791
School Endowment	\$ 750	\$ 359	(391)	\$ 26,250	\$ 28,992	2,742
Paraclete Fund	\$ 750	\$ 739	(11)	\$ 26,250	\$ 20,632	(5,618)
Capital Improvement	\$ 750	\$ 304	(446)	\$ 26,250	\$ 22,097	(4,153)

**ADA**

GOAL	PLEGDED	VARIANCE	COLLECTED	VARIANCE	GOAL	# FAMILIES	VARIANCE
\$ 85,185	\$ 90,029	\$ 4,844	\$ 85,315	\$ 130	233	190	(43)



**Upcoming Cursillo Weekends**

Men's: New Date: June 9-12, 2022

Women's: New Date: July 7-10, 2022

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

**Upcoming TEC Weekends**



April 2-4, 2022 (Boys)  
June 25-27, 2022 (Girls)  
August 6-8 (Boys)  
December 3-5 (Girls)



For more info, visit [www.northwest-tec.com](http://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](mailto:fr_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org)

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

**LENTEBIBLE STUDY**

Session times are as follows:

**Sunday mornings** beginning February 27 immediately following the 8:15 AM Mass

**Tuesday mornings** beginning March 8th at 9 am

**Thursday evenings** beginning March 10th following the 5:45 pm Mass

Please call the Parish (944-5393) office to register for the session time you desire to attend. To order the participant study guide (price is \$7.00) please let the office know. Limited quantities available.



**Knights of Columbus** Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast last Sunday.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$1200 for the Pregnancy Resources Center. We look forward to seeing you at our **Fish Fry on Friday, April 8.**

# **JOB OPENING**

## **Maintenance Supervisor**

St. Malachy Parish and School has a full-time job opportunity for a Maintenance Supervisor.

### **Essential Responsibilities:**

- Recruit, supervise and train part-time custodians.
- Prepare weekly maintenance, and cleaning schedules.
- Inspect facilities to determine problems and necessary maintenance.
- Work as a team member to clean the facility.
- Inspect and maintain building systems, (heating, cooling, and ventilation, fire alarms, extinguishers.) Determine problems and necessary maintenance.

### **Qualifications:**

- Proven experience as maintenance supervisor or similar role.
- Familiar with building systems.
- Knowledge of health and safety practices and regulations
- Planning, organizing, collaborative, and communication skills.
- Competency with computers

### **Compensation:**

- Benefits include: health insurance, 401k, vacation, paid holidays, and PTO.
- Salary: based on experience, talents, and skills.
- Hours: 8 hours/day, Monday-Friday, 7:00 am-4:00 pm. (with one hour lunch)

If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Deacon Robert O'Rourke at [rorourke@stmalgeneseo.org](mailto:rorourke@stmalgeneseo.org)

**Please respond by March 5, 2022.**

A copy of the job description will be given upon request.



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Thank you in advance,  
The 2022 Car Party Committee

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[carpartytickets@gmail.com](mailto:carpartytickets@gmail.com) or call Leslee Hager at (319) 230-1298, Heidi Vorac at [Heidi-vorac@hotmail.com](mailto:Heidi-vorac@hotmail.com) or Wendy Boone [wendybdh@yahoo.com](mailto:wendybdh@yahoo.com)



March 6, 2022

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**April 3, 4, 5**

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
SILVIS, IL

**6:00 pm Doors**  
**6:30 pm Rosary**  
**7:00 pm Talk, Q&A**

**April 6 ,7**

ST. MARY  
MOLINE, IL

**6:00 pm Doors**  
**7:00 pm Talk, Q&A**  
**en español**

*Jesse will have his books and more for sale!*

**THESE EVENTS ARE FREE**

However, donations are greatly appreciated and a free will offering will be taken up.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
800 17th Street, Silvis, IL 61282

**St. Mary Catholic Church**  
412 10th St. Moline, IL. 61265

## TREES FOR HAITI

As you might know, Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and one of the poorest countries in the developing world. But you might not know that mass deforestation plays a role in continuing this extreme poverty. Deforestation has led to erosion and flooding, poor soil quality, a depletion of farmland, air pollution and a lack of water.

We have partnered with **Eden Reforestation Projects** to help improve this situation. Every single one of us can make a difference!

**During Lent**, Eden will plant one tree in Haiti for every 15 cents that we donate.

**That means for just over a dollar, 7 trees will be planted and a \$15 donation buys 100 trees!**

This is a great opportunity for Lenten Almsgiving!

Not only will we be supporting tree planting, but we will also be providing employment for the people of Haiti who will gather seeds, plant, and protect the trees. In this way, **Eden Reforestation Projects** empowers those who are suffering from the effects of deforestation to be part of the solution.

**Planting trees promotes long term rehabilitation, not just short term relief.**

You can donate any time during Lent at the display in the Narthex or place a check, made out to St. Malachy, in the offering basket with “Trees for Haiti” written in the memo line. A ribbon will be placed on the display tree for each \$15 donated—each ribbon represents 100 trees!

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