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The Third Sunday
 Of Advent
 December 11, 2022



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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.

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:15 am and 10:30 am

Reconciliation:

Advent Reconciliation: Mon.-Thurs. 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Monday & Tuesday 8:45 am; Thursday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

For activities in the Quad Cities, go to:

<http://catholicquadcities.com>

Traveling? www.masstimes.org to find Masses

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, December 12

8:00 am Paul Garrity +

Our Lady of Guadalupe

TUESDAY, December 13

8:00 am Daniel & Phyllis Pogorzelski +

St. Lucy

WEDNESDAY, December 14

8:00 am Lee Kane +

St. John of the Cross

9:00 am School Rosary

THURSDAY, December 15

5:45 pm Delores Minnaert-Thomas +

Third Week of Advent

FRIDAY, December 16

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

Third Week of Advent

SATURDAY, December 17

5:00 pm Anthony & Mary Ellen Abell, Paul Abell, Linda Ole +

Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, December 18

8:15 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Matilda Garza +

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Altar Servers: December 12 - December 18

Daily M-T-W : Declan Gillespie, Colton Seals

Saturday, 5:00 pm: Trace Hager, Elle Patterson

Sunday, 8:15 am: Emily & Katy Wilson

Sunday, 10:30 am: Lucy Walck, Liam Osborn



Parish Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have made Yourself PRESENT
to us in every age, through the
Holy Eucharist.
Help us to make You more
widely KNOWN,
that You may be greatly LOVED.
Amen.

Weekend Mass Schedules:

St. Anthony/Atkinson

4:00 pm Saturday

9:30 am Sunday

Sacred Heart/Annawan

8:00 am Sunday

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Wednesday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm,
Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, Fridays 8:00 am -1:00 pm

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY - December 18, 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Behold, the virgin shall conceive.

Responsorial: Psalm 24

R./: "Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory."

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Jesus Christ, Descended from David, is the Son of God.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

*Jesus will be born of Mary, the
betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.*



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Come, let us Adore Him

Eucharistic Adoration



Monday 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Thursday 4:30 pm

(1st Fridays, & 1st Saturdays at 8:30 am)

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, December 13

Moms Bible Study 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm YR

Women's Support Group 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Rm C

RCIA 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Conference Room

Knights of Columbus 7:00 am - 8:00 pm Rm C

Wednesday, December 14

School Rosary 9:00 am

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

CCD 6-7 - 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Oasis 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm YR

Celebration Choir Practice 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Church

Thursday, December 15

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

Lectio: Philippians 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm CR

Saturday, December 17

Advent Caroling/Happy Birthday Jesus 1:00 - 4:00 pm Hall

Sunday, December 18

Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word 8:15 am

Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:30 am

Christmas Mass - Lay Minister Sign Up

Christmas Eve, Saturday:

4:00 pm, 7:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day, Sunday: 9:00 am

Can you help at our Christmas Masses?

We are in need of: EMHC, Lectors, Commentators, Ushers, Altar Servers, and Greeters.

Please call the office to sign up.



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Next Session:

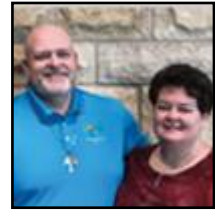
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Topic: Sacraments of Initiation:

Eucharist - Part I

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Dcn. Mike Sigwalt (309) 502-9243

NEW DEACON RECEPTION



Ordained: 12/03/2022

Please join us on

Sunday, December 11, 2022

to welcome

Dcn. Tom Mattan & Dcn. Bob Thoene

as Permanent Deacons
in the Diocese of Peoria

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A Note From the Pastor

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

Heavenly Father, ... Center us and feed us by the gift of the Eucharist that we may be strengthened for our mission. Amen.

For the past few weeks, we have been working our way through the Growing Disciples Prayer, one line at a time. As we find ourselves in the final weeks of Advent in this first year of the Eucharistic Revival, this is a good point in the prayer to pause and sit with this line for a few weeks until the end of the Christmas Season.

Come Let Us Adore Him! I began Advent by asking us all to embrace this refrain as an invitation extended first of all to ourselves and then to our neighbors, friends and family. So, let us indeed adore Him. Let us indeed allow Him to center and feed us by the gift of the Eucharist. Through Mass and Adoration, further nourished by personal prayer and Sacred Scripture, let us rediscover what it means to have Jesus Christ as the Center of our lives.

As Advent progresses and Christmas draws nearer, the busyness of our days tends to ramp up and we find that we have to fight for that quiet, stillness and simplicity, which is truly meant to characterize this holy season. Perhaps we are truly striving to allow Christ to be at the Center of our lives, but that Center is being crowded with many things, pushing us further and further from that Center. Perhaps we begin to feel a bit like Zacchaeus, who climbed a sycamore tree, in his determination just to see the Lord. When we find ourselves feeling like we are on the outside, the Holy Family

understands what that's like. Even before the infamous "no room in the inn" moment, they first had to set out away from their home in Nazareth, while they were awaiting the birth of their child, perhaps hoping they could do so in peace. And yet, I can't help but think that they probably expected things to be anything but easy with the gift of this child. Perhaps we should have the same attitude toward our preparation for Christmas in Advent. We hope to have the opportunity to do so in peace, but we should be prepared to have to work to get to that Center, where we find Christ.

May you find Christ and find JOY this week. Come, Let Us Adore Him. And abide in His Presence: Living from the Source, Striving for the Summit, Christ as our Center. *"I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer" (Luke 22:15).*

In Christ through Mary,



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



Children's Mass:

2nd Sunday of the Month 10:30 am
Stay and Play after the Children's Mass

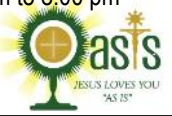
**Children's Liturgy
of the Word:**

During both Masses on all other Sundays,
depending on availability of volunteer lead-



Oasis - High School Youth Ministry

Oasis meets every Wednesday from 6:00 pm to 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.



Come Let us Adore Him

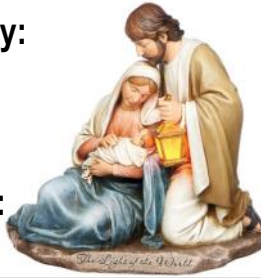
Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Saturday:

4:00 pm
7:00 pm Live Streamed
10:00 pm

Christmas Day, Sunday:

9:00 am Live Streamed



The Rock - Middle School Youth Ministry

Students in grades **6th-8th** are invited and
encouraged to attend The Rock Youth Ministry
on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm



Christmas Flowers:

If you would like to donate toward the cost of
Christmas flowers in honor of a loved one, please
provide their name(s) along with your donation.



Please clearly mark your donation,
"Christmas Flowers" and drop in the
basket or leave at the Office by
Sunday, December 18.

Gift Shop News

The Gift Shop has Advent and Christmas items for sale.
Come find a treasure that will enhance your
Christmas experience!

For special requests please call:
Judy Kanke at 309-269-6921

Circle 6



Our *Christmas Luncheon* will be
Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 12:30 pm
at the Sugar Maple Restaurant
Please join us!



To be counted in the
calendar year,
donations need to be to the
Church by **Christmas Day**.
We count the contributions
on Monday mornings.

**ADVENT CAROLING
&
HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY**

December 17, 2022
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

For the families of The Rock, Oasis, CCD,
and Confirmation Prep

RSVP to Kimberly Souba by: December 10

Meet in the Church Hall - come in through school doors.

Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall
Please bring a non-perishable item for the
Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry



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Parish Sacrificial Giving:
1% donated to **Rebuilding Henry County**

Week 23 - December 4, 2022

	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
General Collection	\$ 15,769	\$ 15,835	66	\$ 362,692	\$ 303,663	(59,029)
School Endowment	\$ 750	\$ 658	(92)	\$ 17,250	\$ 12,358	(4,892)
Paraclete Fund	\$ 750	\$ 310	(440)	\$ 17,250	\$ 10,879	(6,371)
Capital Improvement	\$ 750	\$ 625	(125)	\$ 17,250	\$ 16,537	(713)
Special Collections						
Immaculate Conception		\$ 115			\$ 160	
Christmas		\$ 150			\$ 185	
Religious Retirement		\$ 145			\$ 260	
Bishops Seminarian Appeal		\$ 285			\$ 1,170	
Camp. for Human Dev. (CHD)		\$ 25			\$ 507	

ADA 2022 (As of October 31st)	
GOAL	\$ 97,962
PLEGGED	\$ 60,895
VARIANCE	\$ (37,067)
COLLECTED	\$ 54,475
VARIANCE	\$ (43,487)
# of FAMILIES	122

MONDAY ADVENT SERIES
Preparing for Christmas with a Eucharistic Heart
6:30 pm - Talk by Fr. Peter Zorjan
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Holy Hour, Benediction, Rosary
7:00 pm - Last person - Confession
December 12: The Eucharistic Wisdom of the Holy Virgins: St. Therese, of Lisieux, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Faustina
December 19: The Eucharistic Wisdom of the Last 100 Years: St. Pius X, Pope St. John Paul II, St. Padre Pio, & St. Teresa of Calcuta
St. Patrick Catholic Church 201 1st St.. Colona, IL

St. Malachy Advent Giving Tree

The following is a list of requested items from the **Geneseo/Atkinson Food Pantry** and **Local Students in Need**. We will also be supporting the **New Life for Women Farm, Backpack Blessings, Christian Care in Rock Island, Humility Homes** and **Inspire Continuing Care** with cash and gift card donations.

Items for the Home: Pots and pans, baking dishes, cooking utensils, dish towels, toasters, pillows, king sized sheets, queen sized sheets, blankets, bath towels, washcloths, all purpose cleaner, toilet cleaner, garbage bags - large black or kitchen, gallon freezer bags, quart freezer bags, dish soap, laundry soap, bleach, dryer sheets, and protein packed snacks/granola.

Personal Care: Shaving cream, razors, toilet paper, Q-tips, cotton balls, mouthwash, denture adhesive, denture cleaner, pain relievers, antacid, cold medicine, Neosporin, Band Aids, tampons, Poise pads, Diapers, (especially size 4,5 and 6), baby wipes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, deodorant, hairbrushes, acne face wash, hair scrunchies, hair ties, hair bows, lip balm, journals, pens, and stuffed animals.

Clothing: Socks and underwear (kids & adults), tennis shoes (kids & adults), winter boots (kids & adults), hats, scarves, gloves Gift Cards: Gas, Walmart, Fareway, Target, and Marshall's. Please put your donation under the Advent Giving Tree by December 18th.

Financial donations are also appreciated.

Please put your donation in a marked envelope, and bring it to the church office.
Thank you from the Social Justice Committee.



DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these Seminarians:

- Isaac Sanders* *Ben Schoonmaker*
- Jonathan Puckett* *Francis Strong*
- Jack Swoik* *Thomas Williams*
- Jack Watt* *Jarod Raber*

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."



St. Malachy Parish Sound System Survey October 22-23 and October 29-30, 2022



Mass Times	5:00 PM	8:15 AM	10:30 AM	Total	%
I can hear and clearly understand the presenter	22	32	34	88	58
I can hear, but not understand the presenter	15	17	8	40	26
I cannot hear the presenter very well	10	10	2	22	14
I use the "Hearing Assist Receiver"	0	1	2	3	2
Total	47	60	46	153	100
Attendance October 22-23	130	154	183	467	
Attendance October 29-30	158	145	208	511	

- 153 Parishioners filled out the survey
- Approximately 30% of the parishioners who attended one or both of the weekend Masses responded.
- 81 Parishioners wrote comments

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the sound system survey. The information has helped our sound technician to better understand the areas to improve.

Currently we are making adjustments to our system as many of you have witnessed over the past three weeks. We have had mixed results, however we are making good progress in finding the settings that will best serve our needs. The fine tuning will continue for a couple of weeks. We are open to upgrading and adding to our current system if needed.

A complete report of the data, comments, the map of the church, chapel, and narthex showing where the parishioners recorded their experience is available in the narthex.

**Tired of crowds at the stores?
Stressing over “the hard to buy for” person on your list?
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Did you know that St. Malachy School and Parish carry a variety of different gift cards? For every gift card we sell, the parish and school receive a percentage of the total sale. You may buy them for gifts or use them yourself at the store when you are shopping. Gift cards may be purchased after every weekend Mass in the narthex or during the week in the parish office. Save yourself the time and headache of fighting the crowds & pick up your holiday gift cards at St. Malachy.

Ideas & Suggestions

Children & Young Adults:

Local Motive Aeropostale American Eagle Roblox Bath & Body Works
Gap/Old Navy Barnes & Nobles Target Amazon.com
Best Buy Gas Cards Regal & Rave Cinemas PetSmart
Dick’s Sporting Goods Walmart Disney

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Women:

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