

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

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The Fourth Sunday  
 Of Advent  
 December 18, 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](http://www.masstimes.org) to find Masses

# Mass Intentions

## MONDAY, December 19

*Late Advent Weekday*

8:00 am Kim VanMeenen, Kelly Holevoet +  
9:00 am Bob Cauwels +

## TUESDAY, December 20

*Late Advent Weekday*

8:00 am Edward & Agnes DeSplinter + (In the Parish Chapel)

## WEDNESDAY, December 21

*St. Peter Canisius*

8:00 am Mark Wyffels + (In the Parish Chapel)

## THURSDAY, December 22

*Late Advent Weekday*

5:45 pm Carol Heise +

## FRIDAY, December 23

*St. John of Kanty*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

## SATURDAY, December 24

*Vigil of Nativity of the Lord*

4:00 pm John Fulcher +  
7:00 pm Mark Vandemore and daughter Brenda +  
10:00 pm Harley & Mary Chaffee +

## SUNDAY, December 25

*Nativity of the Lord*

9:00 am People of the Parish

**Please Note:** The Office will be closed December 23, 26, 30 & January 2

**Altar Servers: December 19 - December 25**

**Daily M-T-W :** Justin Roemer, Elouise Hulsbrink

**Saturday: 4:00 pm:** Reese & Connor Schaaf

**Saturday: 7:00 pm:** Brenna Dykstra, Gus Osborn

**Saturday: 10:00 pm:** Lucy Walck

**Sunday: 9:00 am:** Emma & Hannah Stone



### 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 - December 24 & 25, 2022

**Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord Mass** 4:00 pm readings

**1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5**

*The Lord delights in you.*

**Responsorial: Psalm 89**

*R./: "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."*

**2nd Reading: Acts 13:16-17, 22-25**

*Paul bears witness to Christ, the Son of David.*

**Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25**

*Mary will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus.*

Please be aware that there are different readings for the Masses

**Nativity of the Lord Mass** 9:00 am readings

**1st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10**

*All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.*

**Responsorial: Psalm 98**

*R./: "All the ends of the earth have seen  
the saving power of God."*

**2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6**

*God has spoken to us through the Son.*

**Gospel: John 1:1-5, 9-14**

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.*



# 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

### Monday, December 19

School Mass 9:00 am

### Tuesday, December 20

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

### Wednesday, December 21

Oasis 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm YR

School Christmas Program 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Church

### Saturday, December 24

Final Advent Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

Mass 4:00 pm Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Mass 7:00 pm The Nativity of the Lord (During the night)

Mass 10:00 pm The Nativity of the Lord (During the night)

### Sunday, December 25

Mass 9:00 am Nativity of the Lord

To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement.

St. Augustine

### 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.



## Circle 6



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

## RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

**Next Session:**

**Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm**

**Topic: Sacraments of Initiation:  
Eucharist - Part II**

If you or someone you know is interested,  
please contact:

Dcn. Mike Sigwalt (309) 502-9243



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

## *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.* This portion of the Growing Disciples Prayer will remain with us in these final days of Advent, through the Christmas Season. What is the center of our lives? What is the center of this season? It is Jesus Christ. He is truly "the reason for the season" as they say. In the final days before Christmas, let us keep our eyes and our hearts fixed on Him.

We have a special blessing this year, as we have a full week of the Fourth Week of Advent, due to Christmas Day falling on a Sunday. This can be kind of a strange experience, because it's only the 18th of December, with 7 days still until Christmas Day, but we already have all four candles of our wreath lit and have finished our Advent cycle of Sunday readings. What does this mean for us? Extra days to shop, plan meals and decorate? Perhaps. Hopefully, it also means extra time to enter into the silence with the Lord. Extra time to allow patience and faith to nourish that seed of hope in our hearts, so that it can blossom and bear fruit in peace and joy. Extra time to push our way through to the center, where we meet Christ and find the One our hearts love.

For those who will be traveling to meet up with other family members and spending Christmas weekend elsewhere, please have a very Merry Christmas. May we meet together in the Holy Eucharist. Part of the mystery of our faith is that the Eucharist is not just the Center of our lives in an isolated, individualistic sense. It is the Center, where the whole Body of Christ in heaven and earth meets in Christ and goes as One Body before the throne of the Father. This is why it is so important, but also so

meaningful, to always find a Catholic parish wherever we are, when we are traveling. We meet together in the Mass, with one another and with the whole Body of Christ. Like the shepherds and the magi, all journeying to Bethlehem, as if drawn along by the sound of that refrain, "Come, let us adore Him," so the Messiah draws all hearts to Himself at the altar. I recently heard it pointed out that we often love to repeat "Keep Christ in Christmas," and with good reason, but forget the other half of the word, "Christ-mas." Let's also remember to keep the Mass in Christmas, so that we can come together and adore Him, wherever we are and whatever we are doing.

Let us cherish these final Advent days and ready ourselves to celebrate the whole Christmas Season, which will be only beginning next Sunday. Never forget that the One whom we await is also awaiting us. 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..." (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

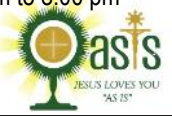
**Children's Liturgy  
of the Word:**

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



**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.



**Giving  
Tree**

Please put your donation in a  
marked envelope, and bring it to the  
church office.

**Thank you from the Social Justice Committee.**

**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.**



In this

**Season of Giving**

please remember these worthwhile  
organizations:



**Ukraine Solidarity Fund**

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/charity/ukraine.html>

**Women's Choice Center**

**Pregnancy Resource Center**

**Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry**

**Humility Home Services**

"He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will  
rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in  
the sight of the Lord." Luke 1:14-15



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

**Week 24 - December 11, 2022**

	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
General Collection	\$ 15,769	\$ 25,834	10,065	\$ 378,462	\$ 329,497	(48,965)
School Endowment	\$ 750	\$ 180	(570)	\$ 18,000	\$ 12,538	(5,462)
Paraclete Fund	\$ 750	\$ 268	(482)	\$ 18,000	\$ 11,147	(6,853)
Capital Improvement	\$ 750	\$ 620	(130)	\$ 18,000	\$ 17,157	(843)
<b>Special Collections</b>						
Camp. for Human Dev. (CHD)		\$ 115			\$ 622	
Bishops Seminarian Appeal		\$ 5			\$ 1,175	
Immaculate Conception		\$ 277			\$ 437	
Religious Retirement		\$ 675			\$ 935	
Christmas		\$ 175			\$ 360	

<b>ADA 2022</b>	
<b>(As of November 30th)</b>	
<b>GOAL</b>	\$ 97,962
<b>PLEGGED</b>	\$ 70,955
<b>VARIANCE</b>	\$ (27,007)
<b>COLLECTED</b>	\$ 65,315
<b>VARIANCE</b>	\$ (32,647)
<b># of FAMILIES</b>	153



**Upcoming Cursillo Weekends**

Men's: February 23-26, 2023  
 Women's: March 23-26, 2023  
 Men's: October 19-22, 2023  
 Women's: November 16-19, 2023

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

**Upcoming TEC Weekends**



February 11-13, 2023 (Girls)  
 April 21-24, 2023 (Boys)  
 June 23-26, 2023 (Girls)

For more info, visit [www.northwest-tec.com](http://www.northwest-tec.com)



**DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

Please Pray for these  
Seminarians:

*Dcn. Patrick Wille Nicholas Conner*  
*Dcn. Daniel Dionesotes*  
*Dcn. Ignacio Cardenas Moran*  
*JohnPaul Stedwill Justin Ramza*

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."*



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*O come let us*  
*Adore Him*

**Celebrate the birth of our Lord  
at St. Malachy Catholic Church**

*595 E. Ogden Avenue Geneseo, IL*

**Christmas Mass Schedule: 4 p.m., 7 p.m. (Live streamed) & 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24  
9 a.m. (Live streamed) Sunday, Dec. 25**

# Luck of the Draw Winners November 2022



**November 3 Feast of St. Malachy** (\$300) Syd Link

**Last Day of the Month** (\$100) Mary Jo Weber

**All other Days** \$25:

Xavier Ries

Jason Carton

Parents Club

Justin Roemer

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Cynthia Bassier

Joy Dwyer

Cathy Rothschild

Emily Marckese

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Bruce Boardman

Kristen Boelens

Beckett Clendenin

Nora Steffes

Cynthia Miller

Steffanie Cotton

Rose Henderson

Jennifer Higgins

Congratulations to our monthly winners and thank you all for participating.

You can still buy, sell, and turn in raffle tickets all throughout the year.

Tickets are available in the Narthex, or in the Church Office during the week.

Good luck on future drawings!

Thank you,

Fr. Gifford and the St. Malachy Parents Club







## 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>100</b>
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.

## January 2023 Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry Newsletter



Happy New Year! The Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry is open: Mondays 9:00 am to 7:00 pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; and Fridays 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Food is distributed, and donations are gratefully accepted during business hours. We also have collection boxes in the vestibule at Fareway and at Inspire Continuing Care for donations.

The Clothing room is open to all residents of Geneseo and Atkinson on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. The Food Pantry will be closed on December 23-26, and December 30-January 2 for the holidays, and January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Because of the community's generous support, the Food Pantry provided food and emergency assistance to 115 households in November. In addition to our regular food distribution, we had provided 132 families with Thanksgiving baskets. Combined food distributions in November were equivalent to 11,820 meals. Thanks to the many donors who make all this possible!

The Food Pantry partners with Unity Point to provide two Foot Care Clinics to the public each month. Nurses soak feet, trim and file toenails, help with ingrown toenails, and give a light foot massage with lotion. Please call 309-944-3165 or email [geneseopantry1@gmail.com](mailto:geneseopantry1@gmail.com) to make an appointment. Cost is \$32 but Food Pantry guests are given a voucher.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Geneseo Communications and Atkinson Fire Department toy drives, and those who dropped off new toys at the Food Pantry. These toy drives ensured that guests were able to choose free gifts for their children, and they are thankful for the donations!

Forty-seven families received Christmas gifts from donors through the Food Pantry's Holiday Gifts Program. The joy of giving was seen on the faces of the donors, and grateful smiles on the faces of the families picking up their gifts. Thank you to all who made this possible!

The Food Pantry provided food baskets for Christmas dinner to 125 guests! More families and individuals are struggling this year due to rising costs, so the food baskets provided relief to their stretched holiday budgets. Thank you to all who contributed food for the Christmas baskets.

Thank you to the Geneseo Police Department and everyone who contributed to the IMPACT Food Drive in December. 644 pounds of food was contributed, which is equivalent to 536 meals!

Many thanks to members of area churches who blessed the Food Pantry with Angel Tree gifts! Many needed items were donated along with monetary donations. Many generous donors make it possible for the Food Pantry to help those in need.

Dietitians from Hammond-Henry Hospital taught a free "Healthy Holiday Eating" class in the Matthew 25 Center at the Food Pantry. The guests tasted a delicious sugar free strawberry cheesecake and received recipes to try and information on how to take care of their health during the holidays. The Dietitians will be back to teach a "New Year New Me" cooking class on January 17 at 10:00, and the public is invited. Call the Food Pantry at 309-944-3165 to reserve your spot.

**Food needs:** Coffee, juice, tortillas, sugar, and tea.

**Non-food needs:** Diapers size 4, 5, 6; denture adhesive, denture cleaner, band aids, and dish soap.

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