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The Nativity of the Lord  
 Christmas Day  
 December 25, 2022



**Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:15 am and 10:30 am

**Reconciliation:**

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

Saturdays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

For activities in the Quad Cities, go to:

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**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 26** *St. Stephen*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

**TUESDAY, December 27** *St. John*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

**WEDNESDAY, December 28** *The Holy Innocents*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

**THURSDAY, December 29** *St. Thomas Beckett*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

**FRIDAY, December 30** *Feast of the Holy Family*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

**SATURDAY, December 31** *Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary*

5:00 pm People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, January 1** *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

8:15 am Bob Reade +

10:30 am Living & deceased members of the Altar & Rosary Society

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

All of the regular Liturgical Services will be 8:00 am Communion Services

**Altar Servers: December 31 - January 1**

**Saturday: 5:00 pm:** Samantha Minnaert

**Sunday: 8:15 am:** Jaxon & Colton Seals

**Sunday: 10:30 am:** Lincoln & Elana Anderson



### 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** **Sacred Heart/Annawan**

4:00 pm Saturday

9:30 am Sunday

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 - January 1, 2023

### 1st Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

*They shall invoke my name upon the Israelites,  
and I will bless them.*

### Responsorial: Psalm 67

*R./: "May God bless us in his mercy."*

### 2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

*God sent his Son, born of a woman.*

### Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

*They found Mary and Joseph and the infant.*

*When the eight days were completed, he was named Jesus.*



# 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 26

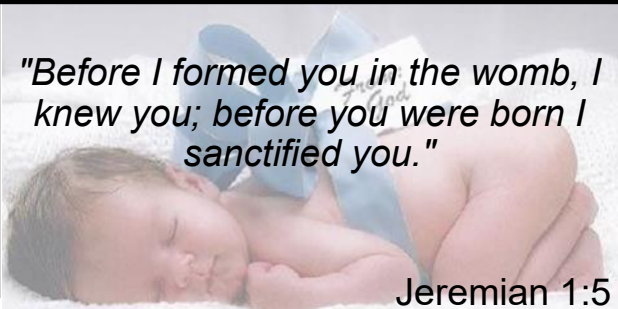
Parish Council 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm CR

### Tuesday, December 27

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

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

*"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you."*



Jeremiah 1:5



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



### Annual Diocesan Appeal

To be counted in the calendar year, donations need to be to the Diocese of Peoria before the end of the year.

**There are a couple of ways to accomplish this:**

**Online:** [cdop.org/ADA](http://cdop.org/ADA) Click on the green bar at the top.

**By mail:** Annual Diocesan Appeal  
419 NE Madison Ave  
Peoria, IL 61603



*O Sacrament most Holy,  
O Sacrament Divine,  
All praise and all thanksgiving,  
Be every moment Thine.*



## *A Note From the Pastor*

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

“Lord, ... Center us and feed us by the gift of the Eucharist that we may be strengthened for our mission. Amen.” One of my fondest memories growing up was helping to set up the nativity scene. Besides my brothers and I getting into trouble putting the animals on the roof, the other aspect of this memory that stands out is the location of the nativity. It was always right at the base of the Christmas tree, in the center of an often overcrowded assortment of presents. Amidst a clutter of material gifts that occupied my interest more than I'd like to admit, *right there in the center* was the greatest gift of all: Jesus Christ, the Son of God born for us on Christmas Day, in a crowded little town of Bethlehem.

As I consider the memory of this experience, I begin to see how this persistent awareness that Christ is indeed truly at the center of Christmas, and thus should be at the center of our lives, was gradually drawing my heart away from the materialism that it sadly learned at an early age, in a dramatically commercialized society. It also prompts me to recognize how the overflowing assortment of gifts for those in need at the base of our Giving Tree has been a sign of Christ at the center of our community. That's what this Year of Presence has been about: not simply renewing and deepening our appreciation of why we come to Mass, but experiencing how living a life of discipleship flowing from the Sunday Eucharist, as our Source, Summit and Center becomes what Saint Malachy himself knew discipleship to be: Imitation of Christ. And yet, this imitation can only be genuine if it flows from that primary call of the Christian life: the call to communion with the Lord and with one another in Him. So, let's turn our focus together toward responding to the call of the Lord...

***Come, Let Us Adore Him.***

These words are more than the refrain of a Christmas classic. They are the echo of the People of God, crying out to a world still desperately seeking its Savior, perhaps unaware that He is waiting to meet them... at the manger... at the cross... and at the altar. With this in mind, I'd like to share a few examples of how 2023 will find us both answering and issuing this call to come and adore Him, as this Eucharistic Revival continues:

- Our annual **Christmas Gift for all:** *Becoming Eucharistic People: The Hope and Promise of Parish Life* by Timothy P. O'Malley
- **Adoration** every Monday (3-8 PM) and Wednesday (4:30-5:30 PM)
- **Extra Adoration times at the beginning of every month:** First Friday & First Saturday (8:30-9), as well as Adore (7:30-8 on the First Wednesday, featuring engaging music, readings and other prayers). **Join us for the Christmas Adore on January 4, 2023!**
- **Special Monthly Holy Hours of Eucharistic Adoration for specific needs**, based on the Works of Mercy, including a chance to give to support those needs.
- **A Gospel of Matthew Challenge in February**, in order to encourage one another to prepare for the Liturgy of the Word, by reading and praying with the Gospel we will be hearing at Mass most of this year! **Even more** opportunities are coming in Lent and beyond!

***Have a very Merry Christmas!***

And remember: Abide in God's 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

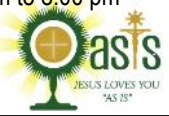
**Children's Liturgy (Not Christmas Day  
of the Word: or New Years Day)**

During both Masses on all other Sundays,  
depending on availability of volunteer leaders.



**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.



**The Rock & Oasis**

will be holding an  
**Epiphany Party**

on Thursday, January 12th.

Please bring a gift between \$5.00 - \$10.00.



**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



**CCD & Confirmation Prep**

begin again in the new year!

**CCD:**

will begin classes on Wednesday, January 11.

**Confirmation Prep:**

classes will begin on Sunday January 8.

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 Resources

Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry

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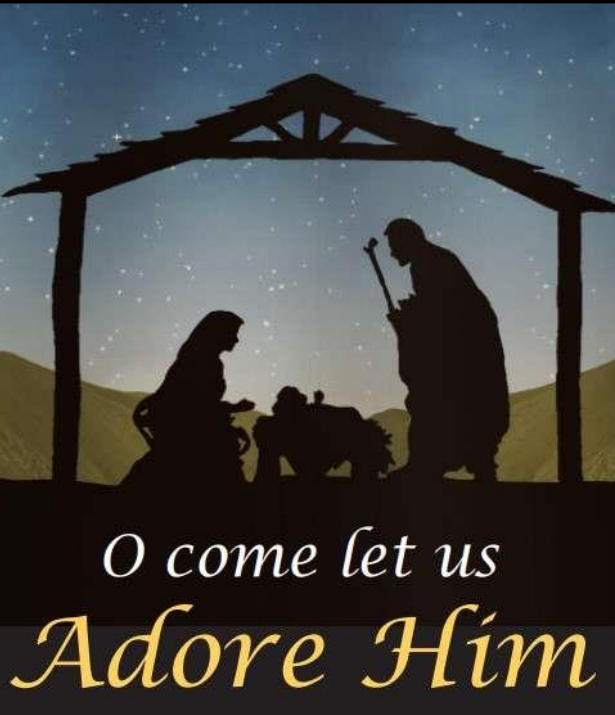
**The Rock - Middle School Youth Ministry**

will not meet until January 12, 2023.

**Merry Christmas!**

**This day He Who Is, is born; and He  
Who Is becomes what He was not.**

~St. John Chrysostom~



**Job Openings**

**Director of Youth & Young Adult Discipleship**  
(Full-Time Position)

and

**Custodian**

(Part-Time Position)

For more information about either position, please go to the  
St. Malachy Parish website [www.saintmalachy.org](http://www.saintmalachy.org)  
Under the Home tab click on Job Opportunities



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**Week 25 - December 18, 2022**

	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
General Collection	\$ 15,769	\$ 44,850	29,081	\$ 394,231	\$ 374,347	(19,884)
School Endowment	\$ 750	\$ 1,285	535	\$ 18,750	\$ 13,823	(4,927)
Paraclete Fund	\$ 750	\$ 760	10	\$ 18,750	\$ 11,907	(6,843)
Capital Improvement	\$ 750	\$ 765	15	\$ 18,750	\$ 17,922	(828)
<b>Special Collections</b>						
Bishops Seminarian Appeal		\$ 25			\$ 1,200	
Immaculate Conception		\$ 75			\$ 512	
Religious Retirement		\$ 415			\$ 1,350	
Christmas		\$ 2,145			\$ 2,505	

<b>ADA 2022</b>	
<b>(As of November 30th)</b>	
<b>GOAL</b>	\$ 97,962
<b>PLEGDED</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  
Seminarists:

*Dcn. Nathan Hopper Blake Miller*

*Ryan Mann Luke Olson*

*Peter Schoonmaker Jacob Martini*

*John Assaf Andrew Belgri*

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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## THE NEXT BIBLE STUDY

### METANOIA: A Journey With Christ Into Conversion

#### On FORMED

Classes will be:

Tuesday mornings at 9:00

Thursday evenings at 6:30

and will start the second week of January

*Metanoia* contains 10, half hour episodes shot in locations all throughout the Holy Land. The audience will be able to encounter the Lord in the settings of some of the holiest sights in the world. *Metanoia* is a spiritual journey through the places where Jesus physically taught His Church the meaning and the way of metanoia.

Metanoia is a transformation of the heart, a spiritual conversion, which comes about through repentance. This conversion may be in how we see Jesus, the Father, our self, and others. This eleven part follow-up series to *The Wild Goose* focuses on eight different areas that invite us to a deeper metanoia of who Jesus is and how He desires us to know Him. When one views this series, the viewer will have a much broader understanding of Jesus' message.

Please contact the office if you would like to participate. 309-944-5393



# Christmas Flowers - 2022

The flowers and other decorations used on the altar and in the sanctuary this Christmas Season were provided by Parish Families as a gift or memorial to their loved ones. We thank them for their contribution to the beauty of the season. The Flower Fund is a continuous project of the Liturgy Committee, we welcome your continued support throughout the year.

## In Memory Of:

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Leo & Marge Egan	(Jacob & Julie Steffes)	Dorothy & Clarence Verschoore	
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Alfred, Martha & Kathleen Verplaetse	(Janet Verplaetse)	Harley & Mary Chaffee	(Denise & Chris Welch)
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	(Don & Vera Beck)	Brenda VanMeenen	(Family)
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Francis & Rachel VanMeenen	(Morry & Julie Atwell)	Arden & Norberta Hoogerwerf	(Chuck & Judy Kibler)
Duzie & Betty Atwell	(Morry & Julie Atwell)	Dick Kintigh	(Mary Kintigh)
Doris Jean Atwell	(Morry & Julie Atwell)	Dan & Marion Martin	(Mary Kintigh)
Terry Henson	(Sheila Henson & family)	Bea Martin	(Mary Kintigh)
Carl Cochran	(Arlene & Sue Cochran)	Patty McDonnell	(Mary Kintigh)
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	(Tom Heise)	Loved ones of Rod & Dorothy Remme	
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Donald M Barnes	(Mary & Jerry Frimml)	Deceased members of the Carroll & Mariman families	
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