

Diocese of Peoria
St. Malachy Church and School

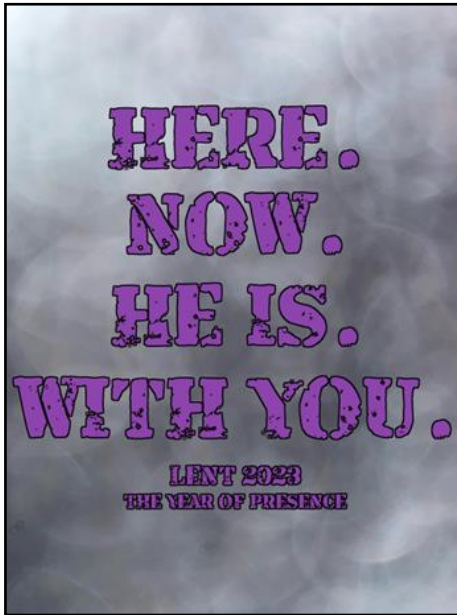
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First Sunday
of Lent

February 26, 2023



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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Traveling? www.masstimes.org to find Masses

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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, February 27

8:00 am Ryan Periset +

Lenten Weekday

TUESDAY, February 28

8:00 am James E. Higgins Jr +

Lenten Weekday

WEDNESDAY, March 1

8:00 am Bob Wescoe +

Lenten Weekday

9:00 am James & Marie Higgins +

THURSDAY, March 2

5:45 pm Peter, Phillip, & Jacob Biamonte +

Lenten Weekday

FRIDAY, March 3

8:00 am Kenneth Pakula +

First Friday

SATURDAY, March 4

8:00 am Carmen Gonzales +

First Saturday

5:00 pm People of the Parish

Vigil Mass Second Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY, March 5

8:15 am Ron Wheeler +

Second Sunday of Lent

10:30 am Kim Ricketts +

Please Note: The Wednesday, March 1, Noon Lenten Reconciliation is cancelled.

Altar Servers: February 27-March 5

Daily M-T-W: Trace Hager, Samantha Minnaert

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Elle Patterson Aidan Daley

Sunday: 8:15 am: Katy & Emily Wilson

Sunday: 10:30 am: Charlie Hone, Lucy Walck

Parish Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,

You have made Yourself PRESENT

to us in every age, through the

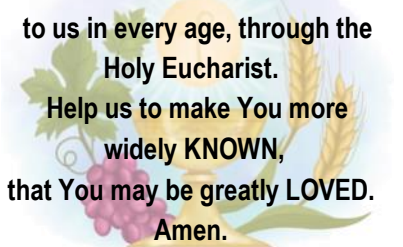
Holy Eucharist.

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 - March 5, 2023

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Responsorial: Psalm 33

*R.:/ "Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you."*

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

God saved us and called us to be holy.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus' face shone like the sun.



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, February 27

Adoration 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Church
Lenten Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Parish Chapel
Parish Council 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm CR

Tuesday, February 28

Metanoia Study 9:00 am CR
Lenten Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Parish Chapel
Women's Support Group 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Rm C
RCIA 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm CR

Wednesday, March 1

Women's Bible Study (Childcare provided) 8:00 am - 9:00 am YR
School Mass 9:00 am
All School Adoration 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
CCD K-5 - 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm
Oasis 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
CCD 6th-7th - 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Thursday, March 2

Lenten Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Parish Chapel
Metanoia Study 6:30 pm CR
The Rock 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, March 3

First Friday Mass & Devotions 8:00 am
Stations of the Cross 12:00 pm Church
Altar & Rosary Lenten Soup Lunch 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm YR
Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Church

Saturday, March 4

Men's Lenten Breakfast - First Methodist Church 7:00 am
First Saturday Mass & Devotions 8:00 am
Parish Social Screen Free Family Game Night 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sunday, March 5

Mass 8:15 am - Children's Liturgy of the Word
Presence 9:30 am - 10:30 am Hall
Mass 10:30 am - Children's Liturgy of the Word
Living Stations Practice 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
8th & 9th Confirmation Prep 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

If you are interested in having a text copy of the weekend Homily, it is usually available. Please contact the office to request one.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Waynetta Anderson ~

Mother of Deb Wirth

Marilyn McGaughy ~

Mother of Ron Nelson

Dorothy Remme of our parish



Bottomless Soup Bowl Cafe



Friday, March 3, and March 17,, 2023

after the Noon Stations of the Cross
The Altar & Rosary Society will be sponsoring meatless, bottomless bowls of soup in the Youth Room.

For a donation you can enjoy the soup until it is gone as well as the fellowship of others.

We look forward to seeing you there!

A Note From the Pastor

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

HERE. NOW. HE IS. WITH YOU. Consider these words. The Eternal God has entered into time... into the present moment... to be with you... and to lead you to eternity with Him. As we enter into the Desert Season of Lent, in this Year of Presence, the first year of this three-year Eucharistic Revival, let us turn our attention to this mystery. Here. Now. In the present. The One who is, who is the Eternal Source of all being, who revealed Himself to Moses with the words, I Am Who Am, and with whom Christ identified Himself every time He spoke the words *I AM*... that same Eternal God comes to be with us in the present moment. We will reflect on a different element of this theme each week in this bulletin, throughout Lent, until Palm Sunday. Let us strive to enter into each moment, with the God who has entered into this moment to be with us... even in the desert.

The desert is often not our preferred place to meet Him. We might wonder or be tempted to ask, can't we meet on an island resort somewhere? But, He invites us to meet Him in the desert. How often does the present moment feel like that desert that we would so much prefer to avoid? Is not the fasting and abstinence that we intentionally take up during Lent, as well as on Fridays throughout the year, meant to train us to be able to gracefully embrace the crosses which we do *not* choose, but simply are brought to us by life? Very often, we find ourselves wishing that these crosses would simply go away, rather than asking God for the serenity to accept the things we cannot change. One of the benefits of willfully embracing sacrifice with love is that we train our wills to recognize that, however much we may prefer that the crosses of the present moment would simply be lifted from us, we **CAN** carry them. We can carry them because we do not carry them alone, but are invited to carry them *with Christ*. So, let us embrace this Lent as a time to rediscover what it means to meet Christ

in the present moment, even in a desert.

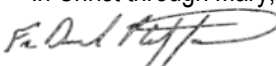
Part of the beauty of focusing on being with the Lord in the present moment is that it becomes a way of rediscovering each moment as a new beginning. Right now, today, we have the power to choose to live and love with conviction and faith, regardless of the struggles or failures of last week, yesterday or ten minutes ago. But, this new beginning that nature always offers by the power of free will is meant to be fortified by grace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which restores us to the grace of our baptism. This sacrament is a very important part of the Lenten experience. So as usual, we will have increased opportunities. Lenten Reconciliation times include 12-12:30 PM on Monday-Thursday during Lent, as well as during the March ADORE, which will double as our Lenten Holy Hour with Confessions, which you may recall we offered last year. This is in addition to the usual times on Monday (8:45 AM), Tuesday (8:45 AM), Thursday (5 PM) and Saturday (3:30 PM). Of course, schedule conflicts will necessitate the occasional cancellation and the lines will get longer the closer we come to Easter. So, the sooner you plan to celebrate the sacrament the better. Embrace the chance to *really* begin again!

Opportunities to Come, Adore Him in the coming weeks:

- Every Monday (3-8 PM) and Thursday (4:30-5:30 PM)
- March ADORE: Wednesday, March 1, 7:00 PM (including Reconciliation)
- First Friday Mass, Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet: March 3, 8 AM
- First Saturday Mass, Adoration and Rosary: March 4, 8 AM
- Saturday, March 18- Sunday, March 19th - **Explanatory Eucharistic Adoration**, after each weekend Mass

- Monday, March 20: **Holy Hour for the Homeless**, including a collection for Humility Homes, 7 PM
- Monday, April 17: **Holy Hour for the Hungry**, including a collection for the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry, 7 PM

Come, Let Us Adore Him: Our Source, Summit & 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

**HERE.
 NOW.
 HE IS.
 WITH YOU.**

LENT 2023
 THE YEAR OF PRESENCE

FASTING

Fasting and abstinence are the practice of giving up something in order to offer a sacrifice of love to God who gave Himself for us, to turn away from sin and draw closer to him. The thing we give up might be good in itself, but we relinquish it in order to focus on the greater good...God. Fasting is not only a form of penance, but a spiritual discipline.

Here are a few ideas of fasting:

Quiet it down: Monks practice silence in order to better hear God. Your family can to, by turning off radios and music players, eating a meal in silence (or while listening to some sacred reading), practicing Thirty Seconds of Silence, or even having a day of silence.

Be one with the poor...sleep on the floor: One of the purposes of fasting is to practice solidarity with the poor. Your kids can emphasize this by giving up something that is symbolic of a basic necessity that other people lack. For example: Sleep on the floor, not in bed, in solidarity with the homeless, Drink nothing but water in solidarity with those who lack safe drinking water, Do not purchase anything except essentials in solidarity with those who live on less than \$2 a day



Thanks to the support of our generous parishioners, the Knights of Columbus raised \$1,850 from the Pancake Breakfast for Pregnancy Resources in Moline!



Living Stations

Practices for Living Stations will be Sunday, February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2
 There are spots available if you are interested in participating.

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 volunteers.



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RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Next Session: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 6:00 pm
Topic: Prayer & Lent

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



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Parish Sacrificial Giving:
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Week 34 - February 19, 2023							ADA 2022 (As of January 31st)	
	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance	GOAL	\$
General Collection	\$ 15,769	\$ 14,422	(1,347)	\$ 536,154	\$ 490,661	(45,493)	PLEGDED	\$ 79,450
School Endowment	\$ 750	\$ 336	(414)	\$ 25,500	\$ 17,424	(8,076)	VARIANCE	\$ (18,512)
Paraclete Fund	\$ 750	\$ 336	(414)	\$ 25,500	\$ 15,248	(10,252)		
Capital Improvement	\$ 750	\$ 363	(387)	\$ 25,500	\$ 22,902	(2,598)		
Special Collections							COLLECTED	\$ 77,750
Eastern Europe		\$ 25			\$ 190		VARIANCE	\$ (20,212)
							# of FAMILIES	172

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

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>



DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these
Seminarians:

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

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

The Health and Wellness Committee
is happy to announce the introduction of a new exciting
wellness program at St. Malachy called Soul Core.



What is Soul Core?

Souls Core is a fitness program that combines dynamic movement with meditation techniques, promoting both physical and mental wellbeing. Soul Core incorporates the Rosary, into the workout routine. The program aims to help participants connect their physical movement with spiritual reflection, as they meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary. This provides a holistic approach to fitness and spiritual practice, promoting both physical and spiritual growth.

The program is intended for adults interested in improving or maintaining joint mobility. We will pilot this program initially once per week and plan to increase availability based on interest. All are welcome!!!

Beginning program:

Chair Soul Core - Movements while sitting

March 7th at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Cost is: Free

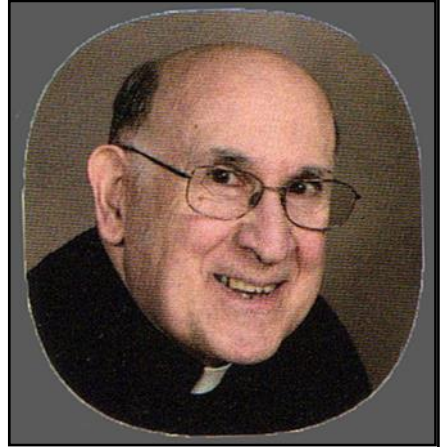
For both men and women

Please fill out a form to participate. Forms are available in the office, by the parish nurse bulletin board in the narthex, and by contacting Cathie Stinson.

February 21, 2023

Dear Members and Friends of Saint Malachy Church and School,

It is with great sadness that I share with you the news of the passing of Father Michael Pakula. Father Mike served the People of God and the Geneseo community faithfully and tirelessly. Over half of his priesthood (twenty-five of almost fifty years since ordination) were spent as the Pastor of Saint Malachy.



Countless members of this community and passers through were fed with the Bread of Life from the hands of this kind and generous priest of Jesus Christ. He forgave your sins. He baptized many of you and your children. He presided at your weddings. He buried your loved ones. He visited you or your loved ones when they were ill. He preached the Gospel to you. He labored strenuously to lead this parish and school in a manner that promoted and facilitated the active engagement of its members. He promoted justice, kindness and charity within the Geneseo community, especially through his work with the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry and Geneseo Ministerial Association. Even during his short time in "senior status" (the priestly equivalent of retirement), he still served generously, by remaining very active in his support of the Food Pantry, assisting frequently with Reconciliation at Saint Malachy and blessing people with his gentle, warm and cheerful presence in the community. Most recently, he had served our young children and their families, by assisting with First Reconciliation, just over a week ago.

It goes without saying that I know we will all turn to the Lord with great gratitude for this good and faithful servant of God, this priest who spent his life for us. As we turn to the Lord with gratitude, let us pray for his family, friends and for one another within this community, as we find ourselves together mourning a great loss. And let us also remember to repay his kindness by praying for his peaceful repose: *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Details regarding funeral arrangements will be forthcoming.

With gratitude and prayer
In the Lord Jesus Christ,

Fr. Daniel P Gifford

St. Malachy Screen Free Game Night

Saturday, March 4th
After the 5:00 pm Mass - 8:00 pm



Please bring a snack, and a game (church appropriate) to share.



HERE. NOW. HE IS. WITH YOU. LENT 2023

Lent in the Year of Presence

PRAY FAST GIVE

PRESENCE STUDY

- Time: 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 26
- Sunday, March 5
- Sunday, March 12

EXPLANATORY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- After each weekend Mass
- Saturday, March 18 (No incense)
- Sunday, March 19

WORKS OF MERCY

- Holy Hour for the Homeless
- 7 p.m. Monday, March 20: Includes a collection for Humility Homes



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MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFASTS

Saturday, Feb. 25
St. Malachy Parish, Geneseo

Saturday, March 4
First United Methodist Church, Geneseo

Saturday, March 11
(no breakfast scheduled)

Saturday, March 18
First Presbyterian Church, Geneseo
Hosted with First Congregational Church

Saturday, March 25
First Lutheran Church, Geneseo

Breakfast begins at 7am; a free will donation will be collected to cover costs. All men are welcome.

MARCH ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

- Saturday, March 4 - 5:00 pm** Samantha Minnaert,
Charlie Vandersnick
- Sunday, March 5 - 8:15 am** Joselyn & Natalie Reisner
10:30 am Jenna & Jonathan Freadhoff
- Saturday, March 11 - 5:00 pm** Brenna Dykstra,
Lucy Walck
- Sunday, March 12 - 8:15 am** Jaxson & Tucker Seals
10:30 am Elana & Lincoln Anderson
- Saturday, March 18 - 5:00 pm** Declan & Gavin Gillespie
- Sunday, March 19 - 8:15 am** Reese & Connor Schaaf
10:30 am Micah & Joey Thoene
- Saturday, March 25 - 5:00 pm** Aidan Daly,
Avery Emmerson
- Sunday, March 26 - 8:15 am** Hayden Schaaf, Katie Vorac
10:30 am Lincoln & Elena Anderson

MARCH LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

GREETERS

- 5:00 pm** – Karen Humbert, Mary Anne Peterson (Front); Jan Seei, Mary Ann Vandersnick (West)
- 8:15 am** – Ed & Anita Kemnitz (Front); Ilene Hamer, Ellen Scranton (West)
- 10:30 am** – Larry & Chris Ward (Front); M & L Sebastian/B & M Sebastian (West)

USHERS

- 5:00 pm** – Mark Roberts, Dave Wolak, Gene Dodd, Barry Hager
- 8:15 am** – Lowell Gramling, Joseph Pustejovsky, Gerald VanDeWoestyne, Brice Maertens
- 10:30 am** – Willis Andel, Tim Laleman, Ted McAvoy, Dick Taets

LECTOR/COMMENTATOR

- 5:00 pm** – Chuck LoGiudice (L); Mary LoGiudice (C)
- 8:15 am** – Mark Kane (L); John Bean (C)
- 10:30 am** – Steve Mroz (L) Maggie Mroz (C)

EMHCs

- 5:00 pm** – Pat Boelens (C), Mike Gawrysiak (C); Chris Boelens, Tom Heise
- 8:15 am** – Melanie Rice (C), Kathy Hanford (C); Judy Kanke, Gregg Swanson
- 10:30 am** – Jim Luikart (C), Kathy O'Rourke (C); Shauna Thoene, Carol Roemer



The poster features a central illustration of St. Malachy, a bearded man in a red and white mitre and a green and white robe, holding a red crozier. The background is dark green with a pattern of light green shamrocks and vines. A yellow banner at the top reads "IRISH FEST". Below the illustration, two yellow circles contain ticket and timing information. At the bottom, there are icons for a beer and a woman in a dress, and a QR code for ticket purchase.

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