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Twenty-Fifth Sunday
 In Ordinary Time
 September 24, 2023



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OCIA:.....Deacon Mike Sigwalt

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:

<http://catholicquadcities.com>

Traveling? www.masstimes.org to find Masses

We warmly welcome new parishioners and invite 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, September 25
8:00 am Joshua Wilson +

Weekday

TUESDAY, September 26
8:00 am Hazel Pettit +

Sts. Cosmas and Damian

WEDNESDAY, September 27
8:00 am Carol Heise +
9:00 am Julian DePauw +

St. Vincent de Paul

THURSDAY, September 28
5:45 pm Brad Shoemaker +

St. Wenceslaus

FRIDAY, September 29
8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

SATURDAY, September 30
5:00 pm Scott Miller +

Vigil of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, October 1
8:15 am Deceased Members of the Francis Cathelyn family +
10:30 am People of the Parish

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Servers: September 25 - October 1

M-T-W: Connor Schaaf, Charlie Hone

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Avery Emmerson, Elle Patterson

Sunday: 8:15 am: Jaxson Seals, Garren Boelens

Sunday: 10:30 am: Fritz Bolme, Leila Bries

St. Malachy 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.

Area Church 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, October 1, 2023 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

*By turning from wickedness,
a wicked person shall preserve his life.*

Responsorial: Psalm 25

R./: "Remember your mercies O Lord."

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

*He changed his mind and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering the Kingdom of heaven before you.*



Which of the two did the will of his father?

Come, let us Adore Him

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Adore - Every 1st Wednesday 7:30 pm
Thursday 4:30 pm
(1st Fridays, & 1st Saturdays at 8:30 am)



Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 25

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Parish Council 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm CR

Tuesday, September 26

First Corinthians Bible Study 9:00 am CR
Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Rm A
Women's Support Group 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Rm C
OCIA Informational Night 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm YR

Wednesday, September 27

School Mass 9:00 am
Oasis 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Thursday, September 28

First Corinthians Bible Study 6:30 pm CR

Friday, September 29

Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Rm A

Sunday, October 1

Flu Shot Clinic 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Rm A
Mass 8:15 am & 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
Respect Life Sunday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm (Narthex at 2:00 pm)
8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Prep Class 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
6th Grade CCD 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

WOMEN AT THE WELL PRESENTS

ST. MALACHY CATHOLIC CHURCH, GENESEO

"GOD WANTS ME TO DO WHAT?!!"

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023



Jennifer Temple, owner of Harvest Bakery & More in Erie, IL, was living a very comfortable, normal life when God placed it on her heart to step out of that comfort zone and do something different. Navigating the challenges of starting a new business along with the upheaval of her family life were things she never saw coming—but God had a plan. He not only blessed her and her family, but also her community.

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS HER STORY OF GOD'S PLAN FOR HER LIFE, EVEN WHEN IT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE.

Reservations requested by October 2

GreggMarcia@gmail.com or 309/269-6897

\$8.00 donation at the door

MASS 5:00 PM - DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM - DINNER 6:30 PM



On October 1st from 8am-12pm

Saint Malachy Catholic Church

will host **Vorac Pharmacy's** Flu Shot Clinic

Free with Medicare - \$32 dollars for self pay

High Dose Vaccine Available

Paper forms are by the parish nurse bulletin board if you cannot make an appointment by computer.

Walk-ins Welcome!!!

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.



A Note From the Pastor



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

“As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways,” says the Lord (Isaiah 55). At our Kick-Off Event for this Mission Month, we reflected upon the call of this great prophet, Isaiah (6:1-9). He was given the gift of fear of the Lord, as he fell down in awe and wonder of the glory of God, who is so far above us... and yet He draws near us. As he also says this weekend, *“Seek the Lord while He may be found, call Him while He is near.”* How awesome that the great and glorious God, the Lord of the whole universe, draws near to us. Thus, wonder at the glory of God and the humility that comes with it progresses into a deep and profound gratitude to God, who so loves us! Just as the burning coal from the altar purified Isaiah, so that he could be sent out on mission (6:6-8), so the burning coal of the Eucharist empowers us for mission. In the words of Saint John of Damascus: *“Wherefore, in all fear and with a pure conscience and undoubting faith let us approach... let us receive the body of the Crucified One. With eyes, lips, and faces turned toward it, let us receive the divine burning coal, so that the fire of the coal may be added to the desire within us to consume our sins and enlighten our hearts, and so that by this communion of the divine fire we may be set afire.”*

As this Mission Month draws to a close, let us remember that this is truly only the beginning. The Mass takes its name from the words of its sending (in Latin, *Ita Missa Est*). So, the purpose of focusing on allowing the Lord to make Himself known to us, just as He did through the breaking of the bread for the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24), is not only to enter into a deeper personal relationship with the Lord, but also to be empowered to go and share this Good News with others. And don't forget that one great way to help make Him more widely known is by inviting someone to our **Informational Night for OCIA (formerly known as RCIA) this Thursday, October 26th at 6 PM**. This is a great opportunity either for someone who is planning to participate or someone who is not yet decided, but can come to get information and meet the team, in a welcoming environment without any commitment.

Next week, we will begin **Respect Life Month**. This is part of our mission, as when Jesus told us that part of our mission of making disciples includes, “teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Jesus teaches us the dignity of every human person, as when He said, “Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them,” but also in how His example gave witness to human dignity, from the moment that He and John the Baptist greeted one another in the womb (Luke 1:39-45) to the countless moments when He greeted the sick and suffering with compassion, hope and healing.

Next month will also involve the return of the **Works of Mercy Holy Hours**. We have three more remaining, in order to conclude 2023. More information about them will be coming later. That schedule is as follows:

- Monday, October 16: **Holy Hour for Life**, including a collection to benefit Pregnancy Resources and Women's Choice Center, 7 PM
- Monday, November 20: **Holy Hour for Grieving Parents**, including a collection for Tears Foundation, 7 PM
- Monday, December 18: **Holy Hour for the Hungry**, including a collection for the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry, 7 PM

May we rediscover His Love and seek to make Him more widely known! *“They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them...Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread”* (Luke 24:33,35).

HELP LET THE SECRET OUT: Having just finished our presentations and exhibit on Eucharistic Miracles, since they remain a kind of best-kept secret for many people, I would love for you to help me “let the secret out.” Of course, the most important way that this happens is person to person. But, I do have an additional idea. If you are willing and able to make a one-three minute video of yourself sharing a personal testimony of your experience, I would love for you to share it with me. Later on in the year, I hope to remind us all of the experience, in the form of an episode of Thursday Thoughts, which would compile these various short testimonies. They could focus on answering
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simple questions: "What is one thing that struck you as especially impactful about Eucharistic Miracles," "How did the exhibit and/or presentations help to deepen your faith in Christ and in the Eucharist," or "What is one thing you learned through them, which you wish more people knew?"

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Daniel P. Gifford



St. Malachy, Pray for us



Knights of Columbus *Respect Life Sunday*

October 1, from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm.

Volunteers are needed to give witness in support of life, by holding up pro-life signs on State Street from 2:30-3:30 p.m. We will meet at St. Malachy Church in the narthex at 2:00 pm for prayer and to hand out the signs, assemble on State Street to hold up the signs, then return to the church to return the signs. It's a powerful way to support babies, their mothers and fathers and the pro-life cause, and it requires less than two hours of your time. Refreshments will be available before and after the assembly."

OCTOBER LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

GREETERS

5:00 pm – Mary Ellen Cauwels, Leslie Hager (Front); Eric & Sue Gray (West)

8:15 am – Morry & Julie Atwell (Front); Colleen Reese, Julie Baumann (West)

10:30 am – Steve & Maggie Mroz (Front); Ginny Pettit, Julie Puentes (West)

USHERS

5:00 pm – Tom Heise, Mark Roberts, Arnie Schmid, Jason Snyder

8:15 am – Tom Curnyn, Mike Croegaert, Gerald VanDeWoestyne, Rich Bassier

10:30 am – Steve Egert, Jeff Hulsbrink, Dave Paxton, Monica Paxton

LECTOR/COMMENTATOR

5:00 pm – Karen Humbert (L); Vicki Rowlands (C)

8:15 am – Kathleen Repass (L); Christy Coleman (C)

10:30 am – Kyle Ganson (L); Michelle Ganson (C)

EMHCs

5:00 pm – A.J. Wolak (Chalice), Kathy O'Rourke (Chalice); Virgil Thurman, Pat Boelens

8:15 am – Shannon Carroll (Chalice), Lowell Gramling (Chalice); Gregg Swanson, Melanie Rice

10:30 am – Willis Andel (Chalice), Carol Roemer (Chalice); Shauna Thoene, Larry Vandersnick



OCTOBER ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 1 - 8:15 am Jaxson Seals, Garren Boelens **10:30 am** Fritz Bolme, Leila Bries

Saturday, October 7 - 5:00 pm Lincoln Anderson, Aidan Daly

Sunday, October 8 - 8:15 am Tucker & Colton Seals **10:30 am** Leila Bries, Clare Hulsbrink

Saturday, October 14 - 5:00 pm Avery Emmerson, Lucy Walck

Sunday, October 15 - 8:15 am Katy Wilson, Hayden Schaaf **10:30 am** Joey Thoene, Beth Mroz

Saturday, October 21 - 5:00 pm Declan & Gavin Gillespie

Sunday, October 22 - 8:15 am Reese & Connor Schaaf **10:30 am** Bryce & Kailyn Gillespie

Saturday, October 28 - 5:00 pm Elle Patterson, Samantha Minnaert

Sunday, October 29 - 8:15 am Kate Vorac, Remington Rahmus **10:30 am** Charlie Hone, Liam Osborn



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

Parish Sacrificial Giving:
1% donated to:
St. Malachy Social Justice

Week 12 - September 17, 2023

	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
General Collection	\$ 15,000	\$ 9,375	(5,625)	\$ 180,000	\$ 159,781	(20,219)
School Endowment	\$ 750	\$ 90	(660)	\$ 9,000	\$ 5,426	(3,574)
Paraclete Fund	\$ 750	\$ 205	(545)	\$ 9,000	\$ 5,778	(3,222)
Capital Improvement	\$ 750	\$ 260	(490)	\$ 9,000	\$ 6,363	(2,637)



Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Men's: October 19-22, 2023

Women's: November 16-19, 2023

Men's: February 22-25, 2024

Women's: March 21-24, 2024

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

Upcoming TEC Weekends



October 7-9, 2023 (Girls)

December 9-11, 2024 (Boys)

February 17-19, 2024 (Girls)

For information visit www.northwest-tec.com



DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these
Seminarians:

Peter Schoonmaker Blake Miller
Dcn. Jacob Martini Luke Olson

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."*

**Fr. Pakula Memorial
Food Pantry Collection**

In Memory of Father Pakula, St. Malachy Parish will
have a monthly theme to collect items for the
Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry.

The theme for **September** is:

"Breakfast Items"

Donations needed:

Cereal, Bread, Breakfast Bars,

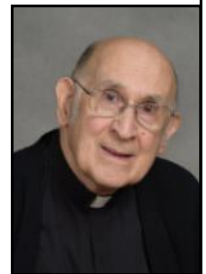
Oatmeal, Juice Boxes, Fruit Cups

Items can be placed on the shelves

inside the front doors before

entering the Narthex.

The current Food Pantry Newsletter can be found on the
St. Malachy website, under the heading Parish Life.



Ready to Bring the Love of Jesus

2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Did you know that ADA supports Evangelization?

In 22 parishes of our Diocese, over 1,600 young people were learning about their faith while having a lot of fun this summer. Totus Tuus summer program helped them to understand and grow in their faith in Jesus Christ through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship. This program, which is coordinated through the Office of Vocations, is made available to your parish with the support of ADA.

Give online at www.cdop.org/ada.



ROSARY RALLY #1

The National Rosary Coast to Coast rally will be held this year on **October 7th**, the actual Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. We are fortunate that this feast also falls on the First Saturday of the month. We can gather in prayer on the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary, as well as to help fulfill Our Lady of Fatima's request to offer our prayer in reparation on first Saturdays.

Please join us as we unite with the National Rosary Rally being held simultaneously at our nation's capitol.

Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 3:00 pm Central Time

Mary's Rosary Garden St Malachy's ~ Sponsored by St. Malachy's Rosary Makers

ROSARY RALLY #2

St. Malachy's Rosary Makers Annual Rosary Rally to honor Our Lady of Fatima's Miracle of the Sun.

Saturday, October 14, 2023, at noon.

This event takes place outdoors as we gather at the main entrance to St. Malachy's church, near the Ogden Street sidewalk.

Bring lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, the rosary will be prayed in the church.

For more information contact - Jolene , 309-269-8944.

RCIA OCIA



[~~Rite~~ Order of Christian Initiation of Adults]

Informational Night: **September 26 at 6:00 pm**

Sessions to begin October 3

Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

If you or someone you know is interested,
please contact Dcn. Mike Sigwalt
(msigwalt23@gmail.com) / (309) 502-9243)

7 Reasons Someone Might Participate in OCIA:

1. A non-Catholic who has decided to become Catholic or is considering doing so...
2. A non-Catholic who has not decided to become Catholic, but is interested in learning more about what the Catholic Church actually believes and teaches...
3. A non-Catholic who has married a Catholic and is interested in learning more about their spouse's faith, whether or not they have decided to become Catholic...
4. A non-Catholic parent(s) who has decided to send their child(ren) to a Catholic school and is interested in learning more about the faith about which their child(ren) is being taught...
5. A Catholic parent(s) who understands their role as first educator of their child(ren) in the faith, leading to a desire to renew or deepen their own faith formation...
6. A Catholic who has not yet received Confirmation and/ or First Communion...
7. A Catholic who is interested in renewing or deepening their faith formation for any reason, especially if their faith formation ended in middle school or high school at Confirmation...

WINTER COAT COLLECTION



- Does your family have lots of great coats that they don't wear anymore?
- Have your kids outgrown last years jackets and snowpants?
- Are you an excellent coat sale shopper?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, we have a suggestion for you.

The **St. Malachy Winter Coat Collection**
will be held

October 1 - 31

The new, and like new adult and kids coats collected will be donated to the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry. Look for the donation box in the Narthex. St. Malachy Social Justice Committee.

The Living Scripture Retreat



The wound of abortion is real.
So is healing.

The Living Scripture Retreat offers healing for those who struggle with the emotional and spiritual pain of a past abortion.

This retreat is for singles or married couples; mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings, or anyone impacted by an abortion experience. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from a past abortion, this retreat is for you.

Register for the **October 27-29 2023** retreat by:
309-264-1489 or rvrpeoria@gmail.com.

All communications are strictly confidential.

A Joyful Word

October 2023

Kimberly Souba, Director of Religious Education

Rescued Sheep Returns to the Ditch

In the last several weeks, I have come across children and teens telling jokes that have really made me laugh HARD. When I retell these jokes, others just shake their head or laugh not because the jokes are funny but because I'm laughing so hard.

Seeing the kids telling these jokes had me searching the social media for more because it brought me so much joy. As I was searching, I came across a video on YouTube of a young shepherd boy who had found one of his lost sheep in a ditch. (In YouTube, search "Rescued Sheep Jumps Back into Ditch.")

I imagine this occurs more frequently than we might think. Why? Because sheep aren't the brightest animals in the barn! They are unattractive creatures who are easily frightened and unclean by nature.

The punchline of the video is that as soon as the sheep is rescued, within seconds, it returns to the ditch. In one of the videos, after seeing the sheep return to the same ditch, one shepherd walks away as if to say, "you're on your own this time!"

This got me thinking. I'm so glad that God doesn't get frustrated with me to the point of walking away from me in disgust. Yet, the scriptures are clear that our God is the Good Shepherd. And as the Good Shepherd, He watches out for me and you. He protects us. He provides for us. And, yes, He even pulls us out of ditches of our own choosing.

Understanding the Lord as the Good Shepherd brought me to reading and reflecting on Psalm 23. It's a fitting picture of our Lord Jesus Christ – the Shepherd King who offers abundant life (John 10:10-15, 27) and guides his flock today (1 Peter 5:4; Hebrews 13:20).

As I was reflecting on this Psalm that most everyone has heard of and knows even if they have never opened a Bible, made me put myself in the place of the sheep caught in the ditch. As I gaze on the Good Shepherd through the eyes of a sheep, I find comfort in his provision, protection, and promises for eternity.

The Good Shepherd is always there caring for his sheep in all kinds of weather just like King David was as a boy caring for his sheep. He counted each by name as they wandered into the fold at night, and he slept by the door so that none would stray. He searched for any lost sheep and nursed the injured ones to health.

The school year is back in full swing. Let us not get so lost and our eyes unfocused that we can't see the Good Shepherd protecting us from the ditches of despair. Always keep your eyes fixed on him.



Rosary: A Powerful Weapon in Our Times

“The rosary is the weapon for these times.” These words spoken by Saint Padre Pio ring true in every age. The Rosary is a powerful weapon in our times just as it was in his. The simplicity and repetitiveness of the Rosary do not take away the power it contains. When Our Lady of Fatima appeared to the three shepherd children on May 13, 1917, her message was clear, “Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world.” Her message reaches into our times as well, and serves as a

valuable reminder. The Rosary begins with the Apostles’ Creed, followed by an Our Father, three Hail Marys (offered for an increase in Faith, Hope, and Charity), and a Glory Be.



*O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.
Amen.*

Our Lady of the Rosary October 7



The month of October is a powerful time to draw close to Our Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary. She loves it when we draw near to her in trust. Praying the Rosary is similar to small children reaching up to hold the

hand of their mother in complete trust. During her lifetime, Mother Teresa always carried a rosary in her hand. In this way, she said, she was holding Mary’s hand. May she draw us ever nearer to her Immaculate Heart and to that of her beloved Son. Our Lady of the Rosary, Our Lady of Victory – Pray for us!

Important Dates

- Oct. 1 - Children’s Liturgy of the Word; CCD 6th Grade; Confirmation Prep
- Oct. 4 - CCD K-5 Grades; Oasis; Adore
- Oct. 5 - The Rock Scavenger Hunt
- Oct. 5 - Children’s Mass
- Oct. 9 - No School - Columbus Day
- Oct. 10 - St. Malachy School Pictures
- Oct. 11 - CCD K-5 Grades; Oasis
- Oct. 12 - The Rock Bonfire; Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 15 - Children’s Liturgy of the Word ;CCD 6th Grade; Confirmation Prep (Women’s Choice Center Presentation)
- Oct. 18 - CCD K-5 Grades; Oasis
- Oct. 17 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (St. Malachy School Dismissal 2:08 pm)
- Oct. 19 - The Rock
- Oct. 20 - No School - Teacher Institute
- Oct. 22 - Children’s Liturgy of the Word; CCD 6th Grade; Confirmation Prep
- Oct. 25 - CCD K-5 Grades; Oasis
- Oct. 26 - The Rock
- Oct. 29 - Children’s Liturgy of the Word; CCD 6th Grade; Confirmation Prep

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