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St. Malachy Church and School

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday
 In Ordinary Time
 October 1, 2023



Which of the two did the will of his father?

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.

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Bereavement:.....Deacon Art Ries

Prayer Chain:.....Parish Office

Divorced Ministry:.....Deacon Art Ries

OICA:.....Deacon Mike Sigwalt

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, October 2

8:00 am Mark Wyffels +

The Holy Guardian Angels

Altar Servers: October 2 - October 8

M-T-W: Declan Gillespie, Justin Roemer

TUESDAY, October 3

8:00 am Jacob Biamonte +

Weekday

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Lincoln Anderson, Aidan Daly

Sunday: 8:15 am: Tucker & Colton Seals

WEDNESDAY, October 4

8:00 am Marilyn McGaughy +

St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday: 10:30 am: Clare Hulsbrink, Leila Bries

9:00 am Hunt & Mascara Families

THURSDAY, October 5

5:00 pm Francis & Rachel VanMeenen +

St. Francis Xavier Seelos

FRIDAY, October 6

8:00 am Harley & Mary Chaffee +

St. Bruno

SATURDAY, October 7

8:00 am Dorothy DePauw +

Vigil of the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SUNDAY, October 8

8:15 am People of the Parish

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am Mike Goethals +

Please Note: Time changes for Thursday, October 5: Adoration 4:00 pm, Reconciliation 4:30, Mass 5:00 pm due to Woman at the Well.

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 8, 2023 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.

Responsorial: Psalm 80

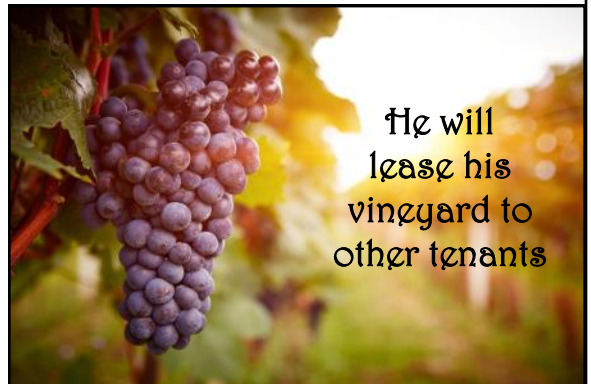
R./: "The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel."

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Do these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

He will lease his vineyard to other tenants.



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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, October 2

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, October 3

First Corinthians Bible Study 9:00 am CR

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

Circle 14 - 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm YR

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

OCIA 6:00 pm YR

First Corinthians Bible Study 6:30 pm CR

Wednesday, October 4

School Mass 9:00 am

Pet Blessing 3:15 pm Mahoney Shelter

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

Oasis 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Adore 7:30 pm Church

Thursday, October 5

Women at the Well 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Hall

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

Friday, October 6

First Friday Mass & Devotions 8:00 am

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

Saturday, October 7

First Saturday Mass & Devotions 8:00 am

Altar Server Training 10:00 - 11:00 am

National Rosary Rally 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Rosary Garden

Sunday, October 8

Children's Mass 10:30 am



Circle 14 will meet on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 1:30 pm in the Youth Room. Bring a friend and join us for prayer, and fun.

~Altar & Rosary Board Members~

Mark your calendar for Monday, October 16, 2023, at 1:30 pm. An important meeting will be held in the Conference Room to plan event details. Your talents and ideas are needed.

SHOE BOXES NEEDED

We are in need of shoe boxes to create care packages for our college students. If you are interested in helping with donations for the care packages, please contact Kimberly in the parish office. Boxes can be dropped off at the parish office.



St. Francis Pet Blessing



When: 3:15 PM on Wednesday, October 4th
(The Feast of Saint Francis)

Where: Mahoney Shelter

How: Just bring your pet to the shelter!



Luck of the Draw

Remember to turn in your money and tickets by **October 1st** to be entered in the **Early Bird Drawing** worth \$100 for the winner.

A Note From the Pastor



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

“Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing” (Phil 2). These words from our second reading this weekend resonate well with the theme for this year’s Respect Life Month: *Radical Solidarity*.

The Lord is inviting us to be united in heart and mind about the dignity of every human life, to stand together with one another in standing together with women and their children. In the words of Bishop Burbidge: “While ending legalized abortion remains our preeminent priority, the most immediate way to save babies and mothers from abortion is to thoroughly surround mothers in need with life-giving support and personal accompaniment. This is radical solidarity. St. John Paul II first defined “radical solidarity” in this way: *“In firmly rejecting ‘pro-choice’ it is necessary to become courageously ‘pro woman,’ promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women... The only honest stance, in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman. It is not right to leave her alone.”* Being in radical solidarity with women who are pregnant or raising children in difficult circumstances means putting our love for them into action and putting their needs before our own... Radical solidarity can be lived out in countless ways, including volunteering at your local pregnancy center; helping an expectant mother find stable housing; babysitting so a mom can work or take classes; providing encouragement and a listening ear to a mom without a support system; or speaking to your pastor about beginning *Walking with Moms in Need* at your parish.” You can read more in the insert in this bulletin.

In the prayer proposed for this year by the Respect Life office for United States Council of Catholic Bishops, the relevance of the current Eucharistic Revival to this theme is drawn out. *“Blessed Mother... In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to*

Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid. May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen.”

Much like Our Lady carried Christ within her, when she went to offer assistance to Elizabeth in her pregnancy, on the day when the preborn John recognized His presence, so also when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we carry Him out into the world. Let us be ready to ask, “To whom, Lord, do you wish me to carry You?”

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).

THANK YOU: With Mission Month behind us, I want to extend some words of gratitude. Thank you to Brian Werner, Mark Roberts, Monica Sottos, and Mary Gillespie, for being willing to share a testimony of their own faith before all three weekend Masses. Thank you to Tom Heise, Adam Nelson and the Eucharistic Revival for all of their work in promoting and arranging the Eucharistic Miracle exhibit, as well as the transportation of the Diocesan Traveling Monstrance. Finally, thank you to everyone who gave their time and gifts toward the exhibit in the form of preparing refreshments, welcoming visitors and helping with set-up and tear-down. I am so thankful that we have such a generous parish!

In Christ through Mary,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Daniel P. Gifford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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

Works of Mercy Holy Hours

- Monday, October 16: **Holy Hour for Life**, including a collection to benefit Pregnancy Resources and Women's Choice Center, 7:00 PM
- Monday, November 20: **Holy Hour for Grieving Parents**, including a collection for Tears Foundation, 7:00 PM
- Monday, December 18: **Holy Hour for the Hungry**, including a collection for the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry, 7:00 PM

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.



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



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.



Have you made a pledge or donation for the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal? A gift to the ADA, large or small, can go a long way. Consider a one-time gift or a monthly pledge for eight months.

There are brochures and pledge cards available in the Narthex. Thanks for your generosity.

Parish Directory

Please Note: Woodridge has an Assisted Living Facility and a Senior Commons. Unfortunately the directory doesn't reflect the differences in the facilities.

6th Grade CCD/Confirmation Prep News!

There will not be Confirmation Prep or 6th Grade CCD Classes on Sunday, October. 8.

EMMAUS KNIGHTS

CALLING ALL 7th-12th GRADE MEN

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Diaper Collection

The Confirmation Prep students will be collecting diapers and wipes for the **Women's Choice Center** until October 15. All donations can be dropped off in the Youth Room.



All families with students in Grades 6-8 are invited to a **Bonfire/Hotdog & Marshmallow Roast**



Thursday, October. 12.
6:30 pm near the Mahoney Shelter
Please **RSVP** to Kimberly by Thursday, October. 5 in order to plan for food.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to:

Standing Rock Indian Mission

Week 13 - September 24, 2023

	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
General Collection	\$ 15,000	\$ 9,338	(5,662)	\$ 195,000	\$ 169,119	(25,881)
School Endowment	\$ 750	\$ 2,417	1,667	\$ 9,750	\$ 7,843	(1,907)
Paraclete Fund	\$ 750	\$ 3,312	2,562	\$ 9,750	\$ 9,090	(660)
Capital Improvement	\$ 750	\$ 2,502	1,752	\$ 9,750	\$ 8,865	(885)
Special Collections						
Mission Sunday		\$ 30			\$ 30	
All Saints Day		\$ 20			\$ 20	



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:

John Assaf Ben Schoonmaker
Andrew Belgri Dcn. Nicholas Conner
Justin Ramza JohnPaul Stedwill

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 **October** is:

"Ethnic"

Donations needed:

Pasta, pasta sauce, flour tortillas,
salsa, Chinese ingredients

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 Discipleship?

Do you worry about our young people losing their faith in college? Newman Centers are places where they can get to know Jesus on a deeper level and accept His invitation to become His disciples. Among our priests and religious are many who found their vocation while at



a Newman Center. Other students experience Catholic Faith for the first time in one of our five Newman Centers and decide to become Catholic. Your ADA gift has no small impact – it helps shape our future generations.

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.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT

Living Radical Solidarity

OCTOBER 2023

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities



Since 1973, the year the Supreme Court legalized abortion nationwide in *Roe v. Wade*, the month of October has been set aside by the U.S. bishops as a time to focus on protecting God's precious gift of human life. While we thank God that the terrible reign of *Roe* has ended, we also recognize that abortion still continues in most states and is aggressively promoted at the federal level. A great many prayers, sacrifices, and good works are still desperately needed to transform a culture of death into a culture of life. Our public witness, our marching, and our advocacy must continue, yet laws alone will not end the tragedy of abortion.

While ending legalized abortion remains our preeminent priority, the most immediate way to save babies and mothers from abortion is to thoroughly surround mothers in need with life-giving support and personal accompaniment. This is radical solidarity.

St. John Paul II first defined "radical solidarity" in this way: *"In firmly rejecting 'pro-choice' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. ... The only honest stance, in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman. It is not right to leave her alone."*¹

Being in radical solidarity with women who are pregnant or raising children in difficult circumstances means putting our love for them into action and putting their needs before our own. Pope Francis reminds us that solidarity "refers to something more than a few sporadic acts

of generosity. It presumes the creation of a *new mindset*," a transformation within our own hearts.²

This new mindset requires that we come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It means addressing the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her.

This includes collective efforts within our dioceses, parishes, schools and local communities, engagement in the public square, and pursuit of policies that help support both women and their preborn babies. It all the more so requires our individual, personal commitment to helping mothers in our own communities secure material, emotional, and spiritual support for embracing the gift of life. Radical solidarity means moving beyond the status quo and out of our comfort zones.

Our parish-based and nationwide initiative, [*Walking with Moms in Need*](#), for example, provides easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions to help transform our parishes into places of welcome, support, and assistance for pregnant and parenting mothers facing difficulties. Melissa, a [*North Carolina mom*](#)³ with young children and a busy

job, attended a parish informational session for *Walking with Moms in Need*, thinking she might help out here and there. But she felt the Lord's call and "by the end of the session she had volunteered to be the ministry's coordinator." Her parish now holds "Hand Up Days" once a month during which families can "shop" free of charge for baby and toddler items they need that have been donated by parishioners.

Melissa shared some powerful words of encouragement: "I think for too long we have been comfortable leaving the work of accompanying women in crisis situations – pregnant or parenting – to others in the nonprofit and government sectors. It is very clear in the Gospel that this is our job — all of us! A woman in a pregnancy center once told me that most women considering abortion are wrestling with a financial matter less than \$250 and that has really stuck with me. If we can lighten the burden just a little, what a difference we can make — it is literally life or death."

God has given each of us particular gifts, and with those gifts He entrusts us with a role and duty within the Body of Christ. Embracing an attitude of radical solidarity calls us to honestly reflect on some challenging questions and to consider specific actions we can take to foster an authentic culture of life. Some questions we might ask ourselves could include: *Do I know what efforts are happening in my area to help women who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances? What are the needs? What are my gifts and talents? How can I adjust my schedule or budget to assist efforts to help moms in need and their children?* Radical solidarity can be lived out in countless ways, including volunteering at your local pregnancy center;



helping an expectant mother find stable housing; babysitting so a mom can work or take classes; providing encouragement and a listening ear to a mom without a support system; or speaking to your pastor about beginning *Walking with Moms in Need* at your parish.

In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our *own* hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own.

And so, this October, I invite all Catholics to think about building a culture of life in terms of radical solidarity. We are the Church. Our prayers, witness, sacrifices, advocacy, and good works are needed now, more than ever. We are the hands and feet of Christ in the world today and we each have a personal responsibility to care for one another.

For more information on how to celebrate Respect Life Month and stand in radical solidarity with moms in need, please visit respectlife.org/celebrate.

1 Pope John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, p. 207.

2 Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*, no. 188.

3 Elizabeth Ascik, "One of the Best Ways to Walk with Moms in Need," *Aleteia*, March 23, 2023, <https://aleteia.org/2023/03/22/one-of-the-best-ways-to-walk-with-moms-in-need/>.

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NOVEMBER 3RD-5TH
BEGINS 5:00 FRIDAY EVENING,
ENDS SUNDAY AT NOON
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HERE:**



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-BL. CARLO ACUTIS



WOMEN AT THE WELL PRESENTS "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.

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

MEN - If you are interested in helping in the kitchen or with serving dinner, please sign up in the Narthex (separate sign-up sheet at the table) or contact Shannon Carroll flamingal97@gmail.com or 309.945.8607.

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.

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