

Diocese of Peoria
St. Malachy Church and School

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday
 In Ordinary Time
 October 15, 2023



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- Prayer Chain:**.....Parish Office
- Divorced Ministry:**.....Shannon Carroll
- 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, October 16

8:00 am Francis & Rachel VanMeenen +

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Altar Servers: October 16 - October 22

M-T-W: Trace Hager, Gus Osborn

TUESDAY, October 17

7:30 am Dcn. Larry Honzel +

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Declan & Gavin Gillespie

Sunday: 8:15 am: Colton & Tucker Seals

Sunday: 10:30 am: Bryce & Kailyn Gillespie

WEDNESDAY, October 18

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

St. Luke

THURSDAY, October 19

5:45 pm Morris Deul +

Sts. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions

FRIDAY, October 20

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

St. Paul of the Cross

SATURDAY, October 21

5:00 pm People of the Parish

Vigil of the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, October 22

8:15 am Joan Ricketts +

10:30 am Kenneth Pakula +

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Note: On Tuesday, October 17 Mass will be at 7:30 am - Reconciliation cancelled
Wednesday, October 18 will be a Communion Service

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 22, 2023

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

*I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus
to subdue the nations before him.*

Responsorial: Psalm 96

R./: "Give the Lord glory and honor."

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Calling to mind faith, love, and hope.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

*Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God.*



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 16

Altar & Rosary Society 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm CR
Eucharistic Adoration 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Holy Hour for Life 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, October 17

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 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm YR
Rosary Makers 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm YR

Wednesday, October 18

School Rosary 9:00 am - 9:45 am
Circle 6 - 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm YR
K-5 CCD 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm
Oasis 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Thursday, October 19

Liturgy Committee 10:00 am - 12:00 pm CR
The Rock 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm YR
First Corinthians Bible Study 6:30 pm CR

Friday, October 20

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

Sunday, October 22

Mass 8:15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
Parent's Club Coffee & Donuts 9:15 am - 12:00 pm Hall
Mass 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Prep 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
6th Grade CCD 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows. ~ St. Francis of Assisi

*"How sweet, the presence of Jesus
to the longing and harassed soul!
He is instant peace and balm to every wound."
~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*



Circle Officers

The special calendar day has come! Monday, October 16, 2023 at 1:30 pm in the Conference Room. Information about the Feast Day Breakfast, Bake Sale and Nativity Display. Just for a special treat. See you there



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Next Session

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

6:00 pm

Topic: God's Plan for Salvation/The Ten Commandments

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

PEORIA DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Leading the women of the Peoria Diocese in Spirituality, Leadership and Service through connecting, women, parishes and vicariates in Friendship, Faith and Community.

Join us as a church affiliate or individual member in our mission to lead and connect the women of the Peoria diocese.

Please let us know how we can serve you or your parish as an arm of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Contact: Mary Ann Hughes for more information 217-597-1021.

A Note From the Pastor



**EVERY HEART THIRSTS...
BECAUSE HE THIRSTS FOR
EVERY HEART**

Week Two: Thirsty Souls

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

“As the deer longs for the running waters, so my soul longs for You, my God.” (Psalm 42). Last week, we began a three-week series on these words, which inspired the design of our upcoming stained glass windows. This week, we continue with a reflection on thirsty souls. As we have already established, each one of us has within us a deep desire. We are all seeking something, longing for something. That something is God, who placed this desire within us, because He first desires us. He thirsts for us and our thirst is a reflection of His. Therefore, only God will satisfy that thirst. Yet, we know that sin entered the world when our hunger led us to forbidden fruit, longing for that which appeared good for food and satisfying the desire for wisdom, neither of which we trusted the Lord to satisfy, even though He desired to feed us from the Tree of Life. So, we must ask ourselves: do we trust the Lord to satisfy our thirst?

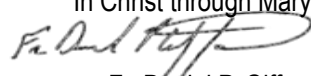
When we think of our historic failure to trust the Lord to satisfy our thirst, our minds go right away to the story of God’s people grumbling against God and against Moses in the wilderness. Even after being delivered from slavery in Egypt, they found themselves in the desert. They were thirsty: *“Give us water to drink”* (Exodus 17). In His Mercy, rather than striking them down, the Lord God answered their demand. He commanded Moses, *“Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink.”* This moment was crucial in the history of Israel, as they were often challenged to remember their lack of faith that day. Yet, it also pointed to the Mercy of God. Saint Paul certainly understood this, when he reminded the Corinthian Christians of the story: *“All*

drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ...” (1 Corinthians 10).

So, let us consider Christ the Rock. Long before He would be struck, so that the saving stream could flow for us, we find Him making a very similar request as the people in the desert that day: *“Give me a drink”* (John 4). This humble request becomes the beginning of a beautiful dialogue with a Samaritan woman at the well. Thirst draws one to a well. And this is not the first time in which a well has been a place of encounter in a story of love (see Genesis 24). Yet, the conversation that begins with the thirst of Jesus leads to the uncovering of the thirst of the woman, when He reveals the promise of living waters: *“Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”* By the time the dialogue reaches its end, the woman *“left her water jar”* (a sign of no longer seeking the waters that do not satisfy), to share the Good News of the One she has just met.

Yet, when the time comes for the living waters promised to be given, for the Rock to be struck, we again hear of Our Lord’s thirst. *“After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I thirst.” There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, “It is finished.” And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.”* As countless saints have recognized through the years, the thirst of which He spoke was His thirst for our souls, for our love. Now, it is time for the Rock to be struck that the living waters promised may be given. *“One soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.”* Next week, we will talk more about that saving stream.

In Christ through Mary,



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.

EMMAUS KNIGHTS

CALLING ALL 7th-12th GRADE MEN
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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.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Mowing Coordinator

Duties include:

- Recruiting, training, & directing volunteers to trim and mow the parish grounds.
- Coordinating mowing times with the church & school.
- Buying gasoline for the mowers.
- Coordinating the maintenance and repairs of the mowers with B&B Equipment

* Training will be provided.



Please contact Dcn. Robert O'Rourke for more information at 309-944-5393

Coffee & Doughnuts

Sunday, October 22
after both Masses

Sponsored by:
St. Malachy Parents Club





STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to:

Women's Choice Center

Week 15 - October 8, 2023

	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
General Collection	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,937	937	\$ 225,000	\$ 194,385	(30,615)
School Endowment	\$ 750	\$ 767	17	\$ 11,250	\$ 8,922	(2,328)
Paraclete Fund	\$ 750	\$ 362	(388)	\$ 11,250	\$ 9,662	(1,588)
Capital Improvement	\$ 750	\$ 542	(208)	\$ 11,250	\$ 9,889	(1,361)



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

December 9-11, 2024 (Boys)

February 17-19, 2024 (Girls)

April 20-22, 2024 (Boys)

June 22-24, 2024 (Girls)

August 3-5, 2024 (Boys)

October 5-7, 2024 (Girls)

December 7-9, 2024 (Boys)

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 **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.





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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the Catholic bishops of Illinois, write with a sense of urgency. Unless the General Assembly acts to renew the Invest in Kids scholarship program, more than 9,000 children currently relying on this program to attend a non-public school may have their educational path disrupted. Without an extension of the program in Illinois law now, no scholarships will be awarded for the school year that will begin in September 2024. Most of these children will have to leave the school their families determined was their best chance to receive a high-quality education in a safe and wholesome learning environment. This is an injustice that should and can be avoided, but only if the General Assembly acts when it reconvenes on October 24, 2023.

Invest in Kids has proven to be a beacon of hope for thousands of Illinois students and their families. Children receiving Invest in Kids scholarships come from lower-income families who could not otherwise afford tuition at the Catholic or another non-public school that is the best fit for their child. Childhood is a limited time in the life of a human being and primary and secondary education is not something that can be put off to some future date when it is convenient for adults. This is our one chance to offer these Illinois children a good start. Please help keep education options available and a brighter future possible by contacting your state senator and state representative and telling them to continue the Invest in Kids Program.

Since its inception six years ago, Invest in Kids has generated overwhelmingly positive results. Nearly 40,000 scholarships have been awarded to students attending non-public schools across Illinois. Demand for scholarships is very high - for every scholarship granted, three students are turned down due to lack of funds. Contrary to what you may have heard, this is not a voucher program, nor does it take state funds away from the public schools. These scholarships are funded through contributions from donors who receive a tax credit for their donation on their Illinois state income tax.

What can you do to help? Please contact your state senator and state representative to let them know of your support for extending the Invest in Kids tax credit scholarship program in Illinois. We also encourage you to urge your fellow parishioners to do the same. Our collective voice is vital to the continued help for Illinois families. Please visit the Catholic Conference of Illinois website at www.ilcatholic.org or call the Springfield office at (217) 528-9200 for further information on how to locate your elected officials, request sample wording for a message to your legislator, or for information about how to donate to this program.

+ Blaise J. Cupich

His Eminence Cardinal Blaise J. Cupich
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+ Louis Tylka

Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Bishop of Peoria

October 15, 2023

ST. MALACHY SCHOOL, GENESEO IL



~LET'S CELEBRATE~

St. Malachy School is 100 years old!

If you would like to help with preparations for the celebration to be held as part of Catholic Schools Week on February 3-4, 2024 please contact the school office at 309-944-3230.

Ready to Bring the Love of Jesus

2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Did you know that ADA supports Vocations?

Your son, grandson or nephew may have attended Emmaus Days this year. Or maybe you have a newly ordained priest or transitional deacon in your parish. Did you know that ADA helps with vocation discernment programs like Emmaus Days and with education of our future priests?

Please consider giving to ADA in gratitude for all the graces received through the hands of your parish priests throughout the years.

Give online at www.cdop.org/ada.

2023 Lasagna Take and Bake

Hosted by St Malachy School



Our famous Take and Bake Lasagna is back! We are selling Pre-Ordered/Pre-Paid Pans of Lasagna. Original recipe – made in disposable pans with lids which allows you to bake now or freeze for a later date. (Thanksgiving & Christmas are just around the corner!) Baking instructions included. Please turn in this order form & your check made out to St Malachy Parents Club to the Church office by Monday, October 23rd, 2023.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

8 X 8 - \$25 each Quantity: _____ Subtotal \$ _____

9 X 13 - \$40 each Quantity: _____ Subtotal \$ _____

Total pans: _____ Total \$ _____

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Please keep this bottom portion for your records.

8X8 QTY: _____

9X13 QTY: _____

Total \$ _____

Check # _____

Pick Up Times Are:

Saturday, November 4th from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, and 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Sunday November 5th 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Mahoney Shelter, St. Malachy's Church

595 E Ogden Ave, Geneseo

Questions? Please contact Sheri Saskowski at (309)721-6591 or Margo Hone at (309)721-9440.

Thank you for supporting St. Malachy's School!

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Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing.

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- Find personal healing and hope.
- Discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you.
- Gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences
- Navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances.

Dates/Times/Location

Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8pm
from November 1, 2023 -
January 31, 2024 (no class
November 22 or December 27)

St Malachy Catholic Church

Registration 309.945.8607 (call or text) or
divorceministystemalachy@gmail.org

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For more information

Contact Shannon Carroll at:
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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

YOU ARE INVITED TO SING WITH US!

Sunday, November 19 at the Geneseo High School

The choir will rehearse in the HS choir room at 3:00 pm. The service is at 4:00 pm. The choir will sing, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (that we sang this summer) and "Amazing Grace". If we have enough people we can sing the "Amazing Grace" arrangement that we sang this summer. Otherwise, we may sing a mix of this summer's arrangement and the hymn book arrangement. It will not be hard to put together, so invite your singing friends to join us!

We had a great turn out last Thanksgiving.
Come join us!



Please respond to
Pam Edwards
by Friday, October 20.
singplay53@gmail.com

The Living Scripture Retreat



The wound of abortion is real.
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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
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