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The First Sunday
 Of Advent
 December 3, 2023



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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:15 am and 10:30 am

Reconciliation:

Advent Reconciliation: Mon.-Thurs. 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

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, December 4
8:00 am Mark Wyffels +

TUESDAY, December 5
8:00 am Albert Hudders +

WEDNESDAY, December 6
8:00 am Dan Cassel +

THURSDAY, December 7
5:45 pm Dorothy DePauw +

FRIDAY, December 8
8:00 am James E. Higgins Jr. +
9:15 am Pam Ochs +

SATURDAY, December 9
5:00 pm Increase in Vocations for the priesthood and religious life

SUNDAY, December 10
8:15 am Dorothy Remme +
10:30 am People of the Parish

St. John Damascene

First Week of Advent

St. Nicholas

Vigil of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent

Second Sunday of Advent

Altar Servers: December 4 - 10

M-T-F: Shawn Pobanz, Declan Gillespie

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Samantha Minnaert, Camryn Hawkins

Sunday: 8:15 am: Remington Rahmus, Natalie Reisner

Sunday: 10:30 am: Kate Vorac, Phoenix Sottos

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.

Please Note: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation.

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, December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Responsorial: Psalm 80

*R./: "Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation."*

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

We await new heavens and a new earth.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.



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, December 4

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, December 5

Eternal Rest Study 9:00 am CR

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

Circle 14 - 11:15 am (Sugar Maple Golf Course) then YR

Social Justice 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm YR

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

OCIA 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm CR

Wednesday, December 6

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

Oasis 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm YR

Surviving Divorce 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm CR

Adore 7:30 pm

Thursday, December 7 - Vigil of the Immaculate Conception

Vigil Mass 5:45 pm

Eternal Rest Study 6:30 pm CR

The Rock 6:30 - 8:00 pm YR

Friday, December 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Mass 8:00 am

School Mass 9:15 am

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

Sunday, December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

Children's Mass 10:30 am

Rite of Invitation during the 10:30 Mass

8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Prep 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

O.C.I.A.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Next Session -Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Topic: Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism & Confirmation

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

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Janet DeGerengel
Of our parish



Circle 14 Will meet at 11:15 for our **Christmas Luncheon** at the Sugar Maple Golf course. We will return to the Youth Room at Church for a short meeting, games, and dessert. Come for fun, laughs, and learn about St. Philip.



Joy to the World

Nativity Display

Over 250 Nativities will be on display in the St. Malachy Parish Hall.

December 26, 2023 - January 1, 2024
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Fee will donations will be accepted
Handicap Accessible

Sponsored by St. Malachy Altar & Rosary

A Note From the Pastor



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

The Lord *makes Himself known to us in the breaking of the bread* (Luke 24:33,35). As I said last week, this will be our focus in this second-half of the Year of Missionary Discipleship, beginning now as a new Church Year commences with the start of Advent. When we look to the Easter story in the Gospel of Luke, where our theme verse for the year is found, we might notice something. Just as the Liturgy of the Word prepares us for the moment when we encounter Him in the breaking of the bread, in the Liturgy of the Eucharist at Mass, so also the disciples on the road were similarly prepared by a revelation of how the Lord had already made Himself known in the Scriptures:

“Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures” (Luke 24:27).

This will be a special theme verse for this Advent, as we explore how He has made Himself known in the Old Testament Scriptures, as God’s people were being prepared for the coming of the Messiah. In these first three weeks of Advent, I will focus on a different aspect of God’s Self-revelation in the Old Testament, beginning this week with the prophets, followed by the Psalms (next week) and ending with the story of Salvation History (Gaudete Sunday).

The prophets offer us a glimpse into the Heart of God and their words come to us an echo of His beating, and at times breaking. People often make the mistake of defining prophecy as being primarily a matter of predicting the future. This is not the essence of prophecy and is not always found in every word of prophecy. In fact, often the future spoken of is something that the prophet is hoping to change, if only the people would heed his words and turn back to God. The essence of prophecy is hearing the voice of the Lord, who offers a word meant to be passed onto His people.

The prophet that we hear from the most in

Advent is Isaiah. The famous 20th Century Jewish scholar Abraham J. Heschel offers us some beautiful reflections on how Isaiah appears to us in the first (approximately) half of his book. *“In the period in which he begins his activity, there is prosperity in the land. The king is astute, the priests are proud, and the market place is busy... People buy, sell, celebrate, rejoice, but Isaiah is consumed with distress... What is the issue that haunts the prophet’s soul? ... How marvelous is the world that God has created! And how horrible is the world that man has made! The essence of blasphemy is confusion, and in the eyes of the prophet confusion is raging in the world”* (“The Prophets,” pgs. 97-98). Does not something in these words ring almost hauntingly true? With so much brokenness in our world, the temptation is incredibly alluring to allow the external trappings of the “Christmas season” (which we confuse with the Advent Season) to become an escape... into a busy market place, which plunges us into this world and often makes it harder and harder to hear the voice of God, which is the one thing needful in Advent. In the first half of Isaiah (sometimes called “The Book of Woe”), the prophet is calling Judah, both the king and the people, not to turn toward worldly solutions to our problems, but to turn back to God. This is the call of Advent, as we prepare for the Second Coming and for the celebration of the First Coming during the Christmas Season.

Heschel also writes, *“The prophet pleads with us to understand the plight of a Father whom His children have abandoned... There is sorrow in God’s anger. It is an instrument of purification, and its exercise will not last forever... Anger is not His disposition, but a state He waits to overcome.”* Often, we fail to understand how even the ‘woeful’ words of the prophets, (not to mention of Our Lord Jesus!) reveal the great love of God, a Father whose Heart has been broken.

Sadly, Judah did not sufficiently heed the words of Isaiah and were sent into exile by Babylon. After years of exile, the voice of Isaiah reemerges with a very different tone. Heschel is somewhat famous for describing the prophet as one who “comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable.” While the “Book of Woe” seemed more like the second part of that description,

when Isaiah returns to speak to the exiles, he is so focused on the first part that the second part, beginning with Chapter 39, is often called the "Book of Consolation." All of our Sunday Lectionary readings from Isaiah this Advent will come from the Book of Consolation. The Lord wishes to offer comfort to our hearts, just as much as He wishes to shake us from complacency, which often keeps us lukewarm in our faith. And ultimately, the words of comfort that we hear from Isaiah are so fitting for Advent because the hope of which they speak is not simply that of returning to the promised land, but the promise of the Messiah, Who is coming to bring us home for the first time to the Promised Land of Heaven.

"You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever" (Isaiah 63, this weekend's First Reading).

In Christ through Mary,

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

So, let us thank God for the gift of the prophets, through whom the Lord offers us a glimpse of His Heart.



The Social Justice committee is collecting Christmas and all-occasion cards for local assisted living and nursing care homes.

Please drop off card donations in the marked box in the narthex through December 10th.



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.



Christmas Mass - Lay Minister Sign Up

Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve, Sunday

4:00 pm, & 7:00 pm

Christmas Day, Monday

9:00 am

Can you help at our Christmas Masses?

We are in need of: EMHC, Lector, Commentator, Ushers, Greeters and Altar Servers Please call the office to sign up.



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.



Christmas Flowers:

If you would like to donate toward the cost of Christmas flowers in honor of a loved one, please provide their name(s) along with your donation.

Please clearly mark your donation, "Christmas Flowers" and drop in the basket or leave at the Parish Office



Needed: Saint Malachy School Secretary

7:30 am - 3:30 pm on all school days and other days as needed over the summer break.

For more information please email:

Tim Smith, Principal

tsmith@stmalgeneseo.org





STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

Parish Sacrificial Giving:
1% donated to:
Geneseo/Atkinson Food Pantry

Week 22 - November 26, 2023

ADA 2023

(As of October 31st)

	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance		
General Collection	\$ 15,000	\$ 8,730	(6,270)	\$ 330,000	\$ 280,818	(49,182)	GOAL	\$ 105,467
School Endowment	\$ 750	\$ 162	(588)	\$ 16,500	\$ 13,427	(3,073)	PLEGGED	\$ 64,685
Paraclete Fund	\$ 750	\$ 52	(698)	\$ 16,500	\$ 11,217	(5,283)	VARIANCE	\$ (40,782)
Capital Improvement	\$ 750	\$ 282	(468)	\$ 16,500	\$ 12,244	(4,256)	COLLECTED	\$ 52,368
Special Collections							VARIANCE	\$ (53,099)
Bishop's Seminarian Appeal		\$ 600			\$ 925		# of FAMILIES	134



Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

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, 2023 (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
Brady DePoorter Nate Devlin
Jared Hernandez Robert Pitts

Are you feeling called to serve as a priest or other religious?

If so, contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck:

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 **December** is:

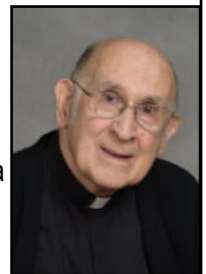
"Meal Items"

Donations needed:

Side dishes, potato mixes, rice, pasta
Hamburger Helper, canned vegetables, creamed soup

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.



St Malachy Memories

Mary Thompson:

I started St. Malachy School in 1946-Grades 1-8 with the Dominican Nuns. There was no kindergarten-two grades in each room. We would start with Morning Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Religion was with the Baltimore Catechism. All Masses were in Latin. Boys could be Altar servers (No girls at that time). The 7th-8th grade girls were in the choir. First Friday was a special day as we had hot cocoa and rolls after Mass.

Recess was on the playground with some of the boys playing ball or marbles and the girls playing jump rope or jacks. For lunch we would bring sack lunch or, if close to school, we could go home for lunch. We also had programs in church hall and special movies in the lunchroom and even learned square dancing).

I graduated from the 8th grade in 1954 and Geneseo High School in 1958, and married in 1959. My four children (Chris, Cindy, Carla, and Craig) went to St. Malachy School. When my youngest was there, they started Grandparents' Day (What a great event). They also started the Lasagna Supper. I also had the privilege of five of my grandsons going to St. Malachy School (Jared, Nathan, Reed, Noah, and Keaton). I became Lunch Lady in 2000 till 2018, I loved every minute of it and would be there now if I could!!! I still love to go to the CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS!!! Thank you St. Malachy School for all the memories!!!

Mary Anne Peterson:

Following are a few of the memories I have from St. Malachy School.

Hot cocoa and large cinnamon rolls were served for First Friday Breakfast in the school basement for all students by Mother's Club.

Sister Marie Dorothy, 3rd and 4th grade teacher, was my favorite teacher.

We always wore dresses - no slacks or jeans back then.

The whole school riding in big dump trucks went to an all school picnic at Connie's Grove at the end of the school year.

Father Ross read our report cards out loud in front of the class which made you work hard for good grades.

We went with Sister Mary Margaret over to church after school each day to lay out the Priest's vestments for Mass the next morning and took care of anything that needed to be done on the altar, such as candle replacement etc.

In first grade, I had to sit with an 8th grader for Music to learn the Latin

Mass. We had to stand and sing alone to prove we knew the words and still do until this day.

We had to sing at morning Mass everyday. Town kids were mandatory and bus kids had to come and sing whenever they arrived.

I was a Diploma bearer for Dorothy Bolte DeReu at 8th grade graduation. A 1st grader was asked by each graduate to carry a diploma in a procession in front of the graduate and hand it to Father who later presented it to each of them during the Mass and ceremony.

From the Geneseo Republic



St Malachy's eighth graders shown in 1953 photo

Betty Gildersleeve submitted this photo of the 1953 eighth-grade graduating class at St. Malachy's Grade School in Geneseo. Pictured are, front row, from left: Betty (Mariman) Gildersleeve, Frances (Vermost) Tanner, Thomas Richter, Donald Egan, Gerald Vermost, Marlene (DeSutter) DePauw and Carol (Adams) Morgan. Second row, from left: Francis McAvoy, Gerald Vermeulen, Richard Morrissey, Daniel Oberle, Walter Henry, Michael Cherry and Stephen Bernier. Third row, from left: Ruth (Williams) Fleming, Janice (Clark) Baird, Mary Anne (Humbert) Peterson, Barbara (DeBlicek) Olson, Dolores (Girten) Nanninga, Mary Jo (Smolenski) Tertipes and Judith (Gritman) Ellis. Back row, from left: Kenneth Specht, Gerald Wathier, Father Sheen, Paul Garrity and William Rink.

Meet St. Malachy Parish Council!

Julie Atwell, St. Malachy Trustee, serves Parish Council as an ad hoc member. She and her husband, Morry, have been members of St. Malachy Parish for over 35 years, and her two children attended St. Malachy School. Since retiring, Julie has become more involved in parish life, including Bible Studies, Altar and Rosary, Parish Council, Finance Committee, Wedding Committee, and Building and Grounds. Julie enjoys traveling, and stays busy with long, daily walks, learning to play pickleball, relearning how to golf, and skiing.



Erik Brown has been a part of St. Malachy since his family moved to Geneseo over nine years ago. He and his wife, Carrie, have four daughters ranging in age from 4-15. Erik is a Moline Firefighter, and started a CPR and First Aid business that he runs with his family. He loves the outdoors from fishing to hunting and trying to stay healthy with exercising.

Jenna Freadhoff is serving her second year as one of the youth members of Parish Council. Jenna is seventeen and a Senior at Geneseo High School. She enjoys playing clarinet in band and orchestra. Jenna attends Oasis youth group every Wednesday and Adore on the first Wednesday of every month.



Kathy Hanford has been a member of St. Malachy for 33 years. She and her husband, Bill, have raised two children. St. Malachy Parish is home to Kathy, and she has many beautiful memories as her children received the Sacraments here. Kathy was a CCD teacher for seven years, and has been on the Building and Grounds Committee for four years. She is also a member of the Northwest Area Cursillo. Kathy is excited to be a new member of Parish Council, and welcomes ideas and thoughts from St. Malachy parishioners to present to the council.

Kevin Lillis is a St. Malachy Trustee, serving Parish Council as an ad hoc member. Kevin and his wife, Marie, moved their family to Geneseo in 1993. The church and parish have felt like a second home ever since. Our involvement with the church and school has nurtured our faith lives and fostered many friendships. We look forward to being active in the parish for many years to come.



Brad Maas Brad Maas has been on Parish Council since 2022. Brad and his wife, Valerie, became St. Malachy parishioners and Brad got confirmed Catholic in Spring 2022. Brad and Valerie have been married for 6 years and have a 5-year old German Shepherd Dog. They enjoy hiking, gardening, playing tennis, and just spending time outdoors.

Brice Maertens has been a member of Parish Council since 2022. He and his wife, Angela, have been members of St. Malachy since 2001. Their two children attended St. Malachy School. Over the years, Brice's church involvement has included Car Party Committees, Lasagna Supper, Knights of Columbus, Usher for 8:15 Mass, Cursillo and Reunion groups, and serving as a Table leader for Confirmation. Brice enjoys attending his kids' sporting events, hobby farming, snowmobiling, hiking and watching St. Louis Cardinals baseball.



Christina Pustejovsky is a new youth member of the Parish Council. Christina enjoys singing in the choir at the 8:15 a.m. Mass every Sunday. She is a growing artist whose goal is to have her own animation art studio. Birds are her favorite animals, and drawing is her favorite pastime. She comes from a family of eleven, and she has two pets including a big boxer mixed dog named Bonnie, as well as a little cockatiel named Pico. Christina also enjoys playing piano with her siblings and praying the rosary with her family every night at seven.

Brian Sebastian has been part of St. Malachy parish on and off since 1977, having moved around the country after college for work for 24 years before moving back to Geneseo. He has been married to Mary for 34 years, and they have eight children and two grandchildren. An interesting fact is that the Sebastians have had children born in 4 different states, but no one in the family born in Illinois besides Brian and Mary. However, seven of their eight kids will graduate from Geneseo High School.



Theresa Walck is rather new to the parish as her family moved to Geneseo in the fall of 2020. She has been married to her husband, JD, for eighteen years, and they have three kids, two of whom are currently attending St. Malachy School. Theresa is currently serving her third year term on Parish Council, and teaches Art and STEM at St. Malachy School.

Rebecca Werner has lived with my husband, Brent, and three daughters outside of town since 2013. Rebecca and Brent became parishioners of St. Malachy church the year when we moved back to Geneseo. Born and raised in Papillion-Lavista, Nebraska, she met her husband during college in Lincoln, Nebraska. She received a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife wanting to be a zookeeper. She joined Brent when he decided to move back to his hometown Geneseo to help run the family business. Rebecca is currently a stay at home mom homeschooling her girls as they love to travel and vacation as a family.



Kristin Wilson is new to Parish Council. She and her husband, Ryan, joined the parish when they moved to Geneseo in 2003. They have three daughters who attended St. Malachy School. Kristin began teaching Spanish at St. Malachy in 2009, later adding Computers and marketing before moving to fifth grade in 2020. She has also taught ninth grade Confirmation, and is active in the TEC and Cursillo communities. She enjoys being a spectator at all of her kids' activities, as well as golf and travel.

Additional ex officio members: Fr. Daniel P. Gifford and Deacon Robert O'Rourke

ADVENT

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
LECTIONARY 5

Gospel - Mark 13:33-37



Jesus said to his disciples:
"Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: "Watch!"



We belong to God, our Father, who sent his only Son Jesus for our salvation. In the preparation for this Christmas season, Mary gives us the first example of discipleship in her radical "yes" to the Angel, Gabriel. This Advent season, we give thanks for the legacy of faith that has formed us, while we prayerfully envision the future vibrancy of our parishes, schools and ministries.

"In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things..."

- 1 Hebrews 1:1-2



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Parish Bake Sale



Once again St. Malachy Parish outdid themselves.

The Bake Sale raised \$1,209!

The variety in the selection of foods was spectacular and delicious. Thank you for your support and hopefully others were also pleased in their tasting of the goodies.

Remember to get Scrip!

St. Malachy Scrip Program

makes your Christmas Shopping easier.

Children & Young Adults: Local Motive, Aeropostale, American Eagle, Roblox, Bath & Body Works, Gap/Old Navy, Barnes & Nobles, Target, Amazon.com, Best Buy, Gas Cards, Pet Smart, Dick's Sporting Goods, Walmart, Disney

Men: Farm & Fleet, Geneseo Super Wash, Lowes, Menards, The Home Depot, Scheels, Cabella's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Bass Pro Shop, REI, Dunham Sports

Women: Kohls, JC Penney, CJ Nails, L.L. Bean, Lands End, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Dillards, T.J. Maxx, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Visa, NOSH, Airline/Hotels

Restaurants/Grocery: Fareway, Cellar, Sweet Peas, Arby's, Culver's, Dairy Queen, Applebee's, Dunkin, Panera, Wendy's, Outback Steak House, Cracker Barrel, TGI Fridays, Texas Roadhouse, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Pizza Hut, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chili's, IHOP, Happy Joe's, Starbucks, Subway



Keeping Christ in Christmas



The season of Advent helps us to ready our hearts for the Christ Child. The Holy Family shows us how to say yes. Make saying yes a habit by taking a

bag of straw home, to help your child to make a small manger .

During Advent your child places a piece of straw in the manger when they are caught saying “yes” to doing a good deed. At Christmas, they can take a baby Jesus to the filled manger.

ST. MALACHY SCHOOL, GENESEO IL 100 YEAR CELEBRATION

The 100 year School Celebration is coming soon. Our committee needs names and addresses of school alumni.

Help us by submitting those names/addresses by:

Email: schooloffice@stmalgenseo.org
Subject line “100 Years”

Drop box: located at the Church & School offices.

Mail: St. Malachy School
100 years

595 E Ogden Ave
Geneseo, IL 61254

Please submit your names/addresses by
January 18, 2024

St. Malachy Advent Giving Tree

The following is a list of requested items from the **Geneseo/Atkinson Food Pantry** and **Local Students in Need**.

We will also be supporting the **New Life for Women Farm, Backpack Blessings, Christian Care in Rock Island, Humility Homes** and **Inspire Continuing Care** with cash and gift card donations.

Items for the Home: Pots and pans, baking dishes, cooking utensils, dish towels, toasters, pillows, king sized sheets, queen sized sheets, blankets, bath towels, washcloths, all purpose cleaner, toilet cleaner, garbage bags - large black or kitchen, gallon freezer bags, quart freezer bags, dish soap, laundry soap, bleach, dryer sheets, and protein packed snacks/granola, individually wrapped snacks, (goldfish, animal crackers, cookies, fruit snacks)

Personal Care: Shaving cream, razors, toilet paper, Q-tips, cotton balls, mouthwash, denture adhesive, denture cleaner, pain relievers, antacid, cold medicine, Neosporin, Band Aids, tampons, Poise pads, teen size pads/panty liners, Diapers (especially size 4,5 and 6), baby wipes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, deodorant, hairbrushes, acne face wash, hair scrunchies, hair ties, hair bows, lip balm, journals, pens, stuffed animals, headphones, reusable water bottles, cough drops, Life Saver Mints

Clothing: Youth Sweatpants, Socks and underwear (kids & adults), tennis shoes (kids & adults), winter boots (kids & adults), hats, scarves, gloves

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