

Diocese of Peoria
St. Malachy Church and School

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The Second Sunday
 Of Advent
 December 10, 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 11
8:00 am Kenneth Pakula +

TUESDAY, December 12
8:00 am Carol Heise +

WEDNESDAY, December 13
8:00 am Paul Garrity +

THURSDAY, December 14
5:45 pm Lee Kane +

FRIDAY, December 15
8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

SATURDAY, December 16
5:00 pm Delores Minnaert Thomas +

SUNDAY, December 17
8:15 am People of the Parish
10:30 am Matilda Garza +

St. Damasus I

Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. Lucy

St. John of the Cross

Second Week of Advent

Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent

Third Sunday of Advent

Altar Servers: December 11 - 17

M-T-W: Henry Walck, Avery Emmerson

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Elle & Easton Patterson

Sunday: 8:15 am: Garren Boelens, Camryn Hawkins

Sunday: 10:30 am: Joey Thoene, Kain Stroud

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, December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

I rejoice heartily in the Lord.

Responsorial: Luke 1

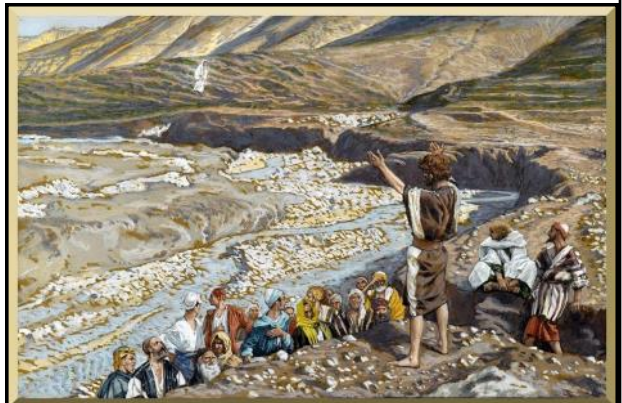
R.:/: "My soul rejoices in my God."

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

May you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

There is one among you whom you do not recognize.



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 11

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Parents Club 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Rm A

Tuesday, December 12

Circle 4 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am YR
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 CR
Knights of Columbus 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Rm C

Wednesday, December 13

School Rosary 9:00 am
K-5 CCD 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm
Oasis 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm YR
Celebration Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Surviving Divorce 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm CR

Thursday, December 14

The Rock 6:30 - 8:00 pm YR

Friday, December 15

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

Sunday, December 17

Mass 8:15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
Mass 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Prep 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Come Let us Adore Him

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Sunday:

4:00 pm
7:00 pm Live Streamed

Christmas Day, Monday:

9:00 am Live Streamed



Thank you to all that gave shoeboxes, or made donations towards our college students care packages. The students were grateful and appreciative at being remembered by the parish. 27 Advent boxes were sent to our college students filled with goodies to help them through finals, a book, and Advent materials. Our next shipment will be during Lent.

We need shoeboxes, donations for scrip cards, candy, snacks, and postage.

Please contact Kimberly in the parish office to help.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Next Session

Tuesday, December 12, 2023
6:00 pm

Topic: Sacrament of Initiation: Eucharist - Part 1

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



Joy to the World

Nativity Display

Over 250 Nativities will be on display in the 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

ADVENT

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
LECTIONARY 5

Gospel - Mark 1:2-4, 7-8



As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way.* A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins...this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



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



CCD,
CONFIRMATION
PREP, & YOUTH
MINISTRY
INVITES ALL
FAMILIES TO
JOIN US FOR

ADVENT caroling

Sat. Dec. 16, 1PM - 4PM

Meet in Parish Hall at 12:45 PM

Parents will drive own child/ren.

All families invited.

Confirmation students will earn service hours.

Community Christmas Dinner



First Lutheran Church will host a free
Community Christmas Dinner
Christmas Day from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
114 E Main St, Geneseo

Our mission is to bring our neighbors and friends together to celebrate Christ's birth and to extend this meal as a free gift to our community. We welcome you to join us for this warm Christmas dinner including:

turkey, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, salads, and special Christmas cookies.

Home delivery will be provided for to those in Geneseo/Atkinson/Cambridge communities who are unable to leave their home. Home or curbside deliveries can be scheduled by calling the church office at 309-944-3196 by December 23 to reserve meals to be delivered on December 25.

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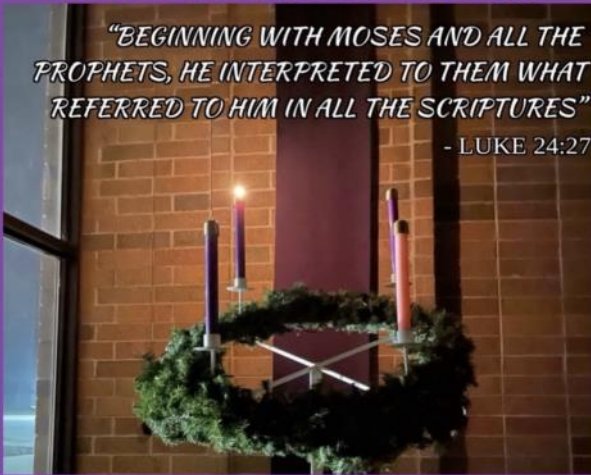


SPALDING PASTORAL CENTER
419 NE MADISON AVENUE, PEORIA, IL 61603
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**THIS IS HOW IT BEGINS:
THE LORD MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN**

*"BEGINNING WITH MOSES AND ALL THE
PROPHETS, HE INTERPRETED TO THEM WHAT
REFERRED TO HIM IN ALL THE SCRIPTURES"*

- LUKE 24:27



ADVENT 2023: THE YEAR OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

**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@stmalgeneseo.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 December 31, 2023

Circle 6 will have their
Annual Christmas Luncheon
12:30 pm
Wednesday, December 20th
at Sugar Maple.
All members are
cordially welcome to attend.



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) 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:
Inspire Continuing Care

Week 23 - December 3, 2023

	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
General Collection	\$ 15,000	\$ 26,882	11,882	\$ 345,000	\$ 307,700	(37,300)
School Endowment	\$ 750	\$ 327	(423)	\$ 17,250	\$ 13,754	(3,496)
Paraclete Fund	\$ 750	\$ 257	(493)	\$ 17,250	\$ 11,474	(5,776)
Capital Improvement	\$ 750	\$ 503	(247)	\$ 17,250	\$ 12,747	(4,503)
Special Collections						
Bishop's Seminarian Appeal		\$ 400			\$ 1,325	
Immaculate Conception		\$ 35			\$ 57	
Religious Retirement		\$ 50			\$ 100	
Christmas		\$ 90			\$ 290	

Luck of the Draw

Christmas time is here.
Luck of the Draw tickets make great Christmas gifts!
They are the gift that can keep on giving!



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.

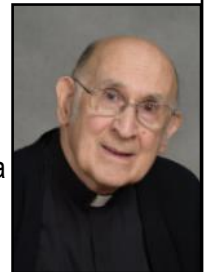
The theme for **December** is:

"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.



A Note From the Pastor



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

“Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures” (Luke 24:27). We continue the journey of exploring how God prepares us to encounter Him in the breaking of the bread, by revealing Himself to us in the Scriptures, beginning in the Old Testament. Last week, we focused on the prophets. As promised, we will focus on the Psalms this week, followed by the story of Salvation History next week. The Psalms have often been considered to be a kind of Biblical School of Prayer. As the first disciples of Our Lord recognized when they asked Him to teach them how to pray, so we all need the Lord to teach us how to pray. He has done this through the ages in the psalms. Like all of Sacred Scriptures, they are the inspired Word of God, which means that God Himself is speaking to us, making Himself known to us. At the same time, they also represent and give us a language for our response to God, who has spoken and made Himself known to us.

Essentially, they are *prayers*, though they come to us in lyrical form, as poetry or songs. They are designed to be sung, but most importantly, they are designed to be *prayed*. Prayer is our response to God, yet it is also a gift from Him, as He is always the One who initiates the relationship of prayer. It is a dialogue, in which our relationship with God grows. Sometimes, the psalms even appear as a dialogue. Psalm 85, which contains this weekend's Responsorial Psalm, is a great example of this. First, the Psalmist acknowledges how God has already made Himself known: “You once favored, LORD, your land... You forgave the guilt of your people, pardoned all their sins... You withdrew all your wrath...” Next, the Psalmist begs the Lord, “Restore us, God of our salvation... Show us, LORD, your mercy; grant us your salvation.” Then, after speaking, the

Psalmist returns to the mode of listening and receiving the revelation of God: “I will listen for what God, the LORD, has to say; surely he will speak of peace To his people and to his faithful... Near indeed is his salvation for those who fear him...”

In this Biblical School of Prayer, we are given language that unites us within the covenant, as one people crying out to the God who has made us one. These prayers were designed to be a part of the liturgical and ritual life, often prayed within the Temple, or in some cases as a kind of “playlist” (or rather pray-list) for the pilgrimage thereto. Yet, they also are deeply personal, meant to be prayed by faithful Jews throughout the day, as Our Lord Himself would have done and as the Church still practices in the Liturgy of the Hours. And this is fitting, because they also provide a language to express our deepest thoughts, feelings and desires to the God who loves us and desires us to open our hearts to Him. This is expressed with special richness in those psalms that express our thirst (or longing, desire and need) for God. In Session Six of the “Psalms: The School of Prayer” part of the Great Adventure Bible Study, Dr. Tim Gray notes this theme of *thirst* as being central to the entire Book of Psalms. Of course, a great example of this can be found in Psalm 42: ***“As the deer longs for the running waters, so my soul longs for You, O God.”*** As you probably know by now, this verse is the inspiration behind our upcoming **STAINED GLASS WINDOWS**. On the next page, you can read more about that.

In Christ through Mary,



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

Follow-Up About the Stained Glass Window Project

Ever since debuting the larger final rendering and beginning the process of raising the additional funds for the project, I have heard a great deal of feedback. I am truly grateful for all the input I have received. I've made mistakes and I am doing my best to learn from them. The fact that so many parishioners are so deeply invested in their parish home is one of our great strengths and I am grateful for the input that helps me consider how better to honor this fact. I will attempt to summarize briefly the feedback I have received:

- I have heard some feedback from those who have questions and concerns about the process that led us here. Some have mentioned that it would have been appreciated if we had offered an opportunity for more widespread parishioner input earlier on in the process, such as in the form of a parish meeting, a survey or a series thereof. I am grateful for this feedback, as I can see how this would be a positive thing and find it worthy of consideration for future endeavors. This time, my mode of communication was through bulletins, announcements after Mass and discussion at Parish Council and Finance Council. While the feedback I was already receiving from these avenues was influencing the process moving forward, it was perhaps insufficient for everyone to have a sense of inclusion and ownership and for that I sincerely apologize. Again, this feedback is helpful for the future. In the near future, I will elaborate on that process in *Thursday Thoughts*.
- I have heard from some who simply do not like the design or do not think it fits well in the Church. It is a cause of genuine sadness that the end product could not be agreeable to everyone. While it is intentional that the scene would look familiar, as it resembles our own landscape, the focal point of the window is to visually represent that central theme of the Psalms, the desire for God at the core of our being, although we can easily bury it deep. This desire points us toward the altar, where it is fulfilled, just as the source of the stream is the altar itself. This is the reason that one of the adjustments that we sought from the previous rendering (shared in October) to the final was to request that the words of the psalm be made more clearly readable.
- I have heard from some who are opposed to spending money on stained glass windows, in principle. This is a matter that will not find universal agreement. Through the centuries, Christians have seen the value of investing in something beautiful meant to honor the Lord and inspire others and this has borne abundant spiritual fruit. I am hopeful that the words of this psalm, along with the visual representation, will prompt parishioners and visitors alike to remember the desire at the deepest level of their hearts and to consider how it leads them to the altar and the cross of Jesus Christ.
- I have heard from others who are concerned about the timing of this project. Again, I am grateful for this feedback. The process of evaluating our expenses and seeking to be prudent stewards of our resources is ongoing. Meanwhile, this project which falls outside of the realm of ordinary expenses and ordinary income, has been underway since 2021 (after being on hold for decades, after the fund was first established).
- Finally, I have also heard from those who are enthusiastic and supportive of the project. I am grateful to be affirmed in the knowledge that there are many who see its benefit, as both providing inspiration for deeper prayer and also helping to reduce the sun in people's eyes. I am very grateful for the support of so many parishioners, especially those who have already responded to the fundraising opportunity, today totaling \$193,409.

I want to also offer a word of thanks to our committee: Bruce and Marilyn Boardman, Faith DeDecker, Sue Ford, Jennifer Higgins, Adam Nelson and Dcn. Robert O'Rourke. This group was carefully discerned and chosen to represent a diversity of demographics and perspectives and they have worked very hard to bring us to where we are today. I hope you will join me in expressing thanks to them. I also hope that those who do not appreciate these windows can come to appreciate them in time, even if they weren't their first choice. And I will continue to offer occasional teaching and reflections to help with that. Still, I remain grateful that we are able to move forward with the support of so many parishioners for this project, which I truly believe has potential to help us all enroll in the Biblical School of Prayer (the Psalms) and so rekindle the deepest desire of our hearts for the Lord.

St Malachy Memories

Ellen Scranton:

During the fall of 1949 excitement was in the air for me. I was finally able to join my four older siblings at St. Malachy School on East Park Street. Looking forward to that first day of school, which seemed forever to a six-year-old, I was ready to learn and proudly walked into my classroom. The school consisted of four large classrooms which held two classes with approximately 25 students in each class. We were taught by the Dominican nuns. Over my eight years, I had four teachers: Sr. Charlotte, Sr. Marie Dorothy, Sr. Marie Ellen, and Sr. Dominicana. My favorite teacher was Sr. Marie Ellen who I had in the fourth and fifth grades. I enjoyed staying after school to help her with small chores.

One of the most important and happiest day of my life was making my First Communion in the third grade. Students made their First Communion when they were seven years old. Part of our class was able to receive communion in first grade and the rest had to wait until second grade. The rule changed to eight years when we were in the second grade. We had to wait again until the third grade to receive our First Communion. On October 28, 1951, on the Feast of Christ the King, I received the Holy Eucharist. What a beautiful moment for me that I will always cherish in my heart. Also at that time, the Bishop would only come to St. Malachy Church for Confirmation every four years. Therefore, our class received Confirmation the following year in the fourth grade. I received Confirmation along with three of my older siblings: Kathryn, 5th grade, Mary, 7th grade, and Paul, 8th grade. I still have my red beanie we wore.

Memories:

- *Walking to and from school in all kinds of weather: sun, rain, sleet, and snow.
- *Listening throughout the day to the ringing of the church bells.
- *It was always a treat to return to school after First Friday Mass to enjoy donuts and hot chocolate. Church members fasted from midnight before receiving communion.

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*During 8th grade we would walk or ride bikes unescorted to the junior high school for home economics and shop classes. The junior high building later became the high school.

*In May there was a procession of all school girls, singing of songs, and crowning of the Blessed Mother with flowers.

*Games we played at recess included: baseball, jacks, marbles, jump rope, red rover, fox and geese, Simon says, and red light - green light.

*We had a lunchroom, (no hot lunch) students brought their lunch from home. Town students usually walked home for lunch except on very cold days we would bring our lunch.

*Chili suppers, square dancing, Christmas plays, school choir, walking to the theater to watch special movies.

*Eighth Grade Graduation in May 1957.

*A sad time I remember was: The death of Father Ross who was killed in a car accident when I was in the 1st grade and all school classes attended his funeral.

Memories of attending St. Malachy School and guidance from the priests and Dominican nuns helped form the person I am today. We received a good academic education and most importantly religious and spiritual values. I pray that St. Malachy School will continue to give our children the opportunities that all past students have experienced in the last 100 years.

Ilene Hamer

I worked at St. Malachy Church and School. I cleaned, mowed grass, shoveled snow, and did lunchroom duty. It was a lovely job. I never got tired, and it was always different. I worked a schedule, so I could keep it all done. Some priests were Fr. Naab, Fr. Brajkovich, Fr. Kevin, Fr. Mahoney, Fr. Pakula, also Br. Ken and Mr. Redington. Along with Barry and Jerry, we all worked together. I enjoyed the kids and even played football with them at noon recess! Now I help with CCD first grade. I help walk kids in all types of weather.



ST. MALACHY SCHOOL CELEBRATING 100 YEARS



ADULTS



**DARK
HEATHER GRAY**

**HEATHER
FOREST GREEN**



KIDS



MUSTARD

PRICES

- YOUTH T-SHIRT - \$15
- ADULT T-SHIRT - \$20
- ADULT LONG SLEEVE - \$25

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SHIRTS WILL BE DELIVERED PRIOR TO THE FEBRUARY 4TH CELEBRATION

~\$10+ PER SHIRT SOLD WILL GO BACK TO THE SCHOOL

Save the Date

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Lectors and Commentators	Ushers and Greeters
Communion Ministers	Altar Servers
Musicians and Choir	Livestream and recording
Parish Council	Finance Council
Welcome Committee	Liturgy Committee
Social Justice Committee	Building & Grounds Committee
Wellness Committee	Parish Directory
Knights of Columbus	Altar and Rosary
Parents Club	School volunteers
SummerFest	100 Year School Anniversary
Coffee and Donuts	Children's Liturgy of the Word
Facilitators of Adult Studies	Support Group Facilitators
Facilitators of Adoration	Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplets
CCD Teachers and Helpers	Youth Ministry
Funeral Luncheons	Pastoral Care
Lawn Care	Gift Shop
Women at the Well	OCIA
Seven Sisters	Rosary Makers
and so much more...	

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, Bath & Body Works, Dillard's, 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, Pizza Hut, Cracker Barrel, TGI Fridays, Texas Roadhouse, Olive Garden, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chili's, IHOP, Happy Joe's, Starbucks, Subway



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

Gift Cards: Casey's, Walmart, Fareway, Target, Marshall's, Farm & Fleet, McDonalds, and Walgreens

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