

Diocese of Peoria
St. Malachy Church and School

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The First Sunday
 Of Lent
 February 18, 2024



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

Lenten Reconciliation:

Monday-Thursday 12:00 pm - 12:30 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:.....Shannon Carroll

OICA:.....Deacon Mike Sigwalt

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 19 *First Week of Lent*

8:00 am Patricia DePauw +

TUESDAY, February 20 *First Week of Lent*

8:00 am Deceased members of the Vandemore Family +

WEDNESDAY, February 21 *St. Peter Damian*

8:00 am Duke Tyler +

THURSDAY, February 22 *Chair of St. Peter*

5:45 pm Eugene Thiessen +

FRIDAY, February 23 *St. Polycarp*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

SATURDAY, February 24 *Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Lent*

5:00 pm Willard & Jane Miller +

SUNDAY, February 25 *The Second Sunday of Lent*

8:15 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Grace Loftus +

Altar Servers: February 19-25

M-T-W: Leona Werner, Charlie Hone

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Declan & Gavin Gillespie

Sunday: 8:15 am: Garren Boelens, Natalie Reisner

Sunday: 10:30 am: Liam & Gus Osborn

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, February 25, 2024

The Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Responsorial: Psalm 116

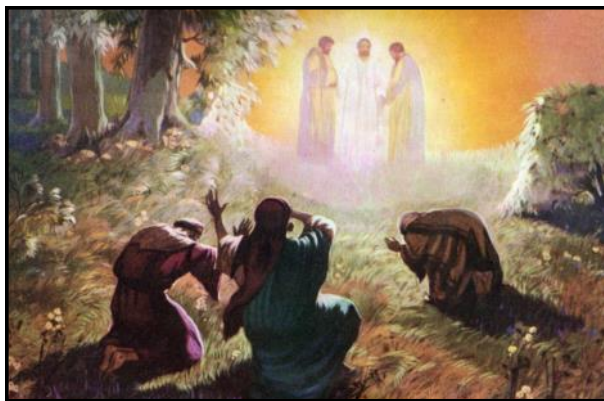
R./: "I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living."

2nd Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

God did not spare his own Son.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

This is my beloved Son.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, February 19

Lenten Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Adoration 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Chapel

Tuesday, February 20

Lectio Eucharist 9:00 am - 11:00 am CR
Lenten Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
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
Rosary Makers 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Rm A

Wednesday, February 21

Mass 8:00 am
School Rosary 9:00 am
Lenten Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Circle 6 - 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm YR
K-5 CCD 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm
Buildings & Grounds 4:00 pm CR
Oasis 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm YR

Thursday, February 22

Lenten Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Adoration 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Mass 5:45 pm
Lectio Eucharist 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CR
The Rock 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm YR
Holy Hour with Reconciliation 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, February 23

Stations of the Cross 12:00 pm
Altar & Rosary Soup Luncheon 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm YR
Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Rm A
Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Church

Saturday, February 24

Reconciliation 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 25

Mass 8:15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
Mass 10:30 am
Living Stations Rehearsal 3:00 pm - 5:15 pm Church
6th Grade CCD 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Confirmation Prep 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



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

EUCCHARISTIC
Adoration

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Next Session:

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 - 6:00 pm

Topic:

Prayer & Lent

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

Bottomless Soup Bowl Cafe



February 23, March 1, 8, 15, & 22, 2024

after the Friday - Noon Stations of the Cross
The Altar & Rosary Society will be sponsoring
meatless, bottomless bowls of soup in the Youth Room.
For a donation you can enjoy the soup until it is gone as
well as the fellowship of others.

We look forward to seeing you there!

THE WELCOME COMMITTEE

Invites all parishioners to
CINNAMON ROLLS, DONUTS, & COFFEE!

Sunday February 18, 2024

After the 8:15 am & 10:30 am Masses
ABSOLUTELY FREE

To welcome
NEW MEMBERS
and get reacquainted with old friends.
Come, sit, chat, & get acquainted



WELCOME
TO OUR PARISH!



Save the Date

Totus Tuus
July 7-12, 2024

A Note From the Pastor



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

“Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” (Luke 24:26).

In this Year of Missionary Discipleship, we have been exploring all angles of this story from Easter Sunday, which invites us to discover the “breaking of the bread” as a place of encounter with the Lord, which sends us out to share His Good News. As we begin the desert season of Lent, let us begin to consider this important line, as our seasonal theme verse.

The Lord invites the two disciples on the road, and likewise invites us to consider the necessity of suffering and sacrifice in God’s plan, in order to enter into glory. As it is sometimes said, you have to go through Good Friday, in order to get to Easter Sunday. Our Lord certainly did. And yet, we recognize that a longer road still led Him to Good Friday. In particular, let us consider how He prepared for the whole of His three year ministry, which would culminate with His Cross and Resurrection. It was His forty days of fasting and prayer in the desert, which prepared Him. Likewise, we prepare to go to the cross with Our Lord in Holy Week, in order to enter into His glory in Easter, by this forty day season of entering into the desert. Our prayer, fasting and almsgiving are meant to help us to come to the altar *hungry* on Holy Thursday, when we begin the Sacred Triduum, which draws us into His Passion, Death and Resurrection, especially through the Holy Eucharist. In fact, every Eucharistic celebration invites us into communion with His death and resurrection.

This theme verse helps us to understand how all of Lent is oriented in this direction. By our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we are preparing to go to the

cross at Holy Week, to “*suffer these things*” with the Messiah and so “*enter into His glory.*” Likewise, our theme for this year, **A Three Step Journey**, also helps us understand this. First, we accept the Lord’s invitation to “Repent and believe in the Gospel” (Mark 1), like we hear in the Gospel this weekend. Second, we will “Dive into the Good News,” especially through the Gospel of Mark Challenge. Third and finally, these previous steps will have prepared us to “Embrace the Cross” with Christ Our Lord.

Like any other journey, let us take this one step at a time. So, let’s consider Our Lord’s invitation to “Repent and Believe in the Gospel.” The word “repent” simply calls us to turn back to the Lord, which usually involves some kind of change of heart and mind. The catechism gives us a deeper understanding of the meaning of the word “believe.” Among other things (CCC 222-227), “It means trusting God in every circumstance, even in adversity. A prayer of St. Teresa of Jesus wonderfully expresses this trust: *Let nothing trouble you, Let nothing frighten you, Everything passes, God never changes, Patience Obtains all, Whoever has God, Wants for nothing, God alone is enough.*” Finally the word “Gospel” reminds us that this is all Good News!

In this first step, we are encouraging our parishioners to make a good confession and receive the grace of this sacrament early in Lent (February 14 -29). Don’t wait. The sacrament will remain available after this point, but I encourage you to celebrate it early if you can. As Jesus entered the desert right after His baptism, so let us enter by being restored to the grace of our baptism. This year, we are again doubling the Confession times for Lent: 12-12:30 on Monday-Thursday, in addition to the year round times on Monday (8:45 AM), Tuesday (8:45 AM), Thursday (5 PM) and Saturday (3:30 PM). We will also have a ***Holy Hour with Confessions at 7 PM on Thursday, February 22nd.***

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Let us all return to the Lord with our whole hearts.

NEW STAFF MEMBER: Today, I am sharing good news that we have recently added a new member to our parish and school staff. **Katrina Jensen**, has accepted a position as our new school secretary, as well as a part-time position for the parish, serving as a member of our parish Discipleship Team. In addition to her work with the school, Katrina also brings a lot of passion and talent for Faith Formation, which will really help us to better serve our parishioners and our mission of making disciples. For

example, she will be helping behind the scenes with the Gospel of Mark Challenge. Last Pentecost, we welcomed Katrina into full communion with the Catholic Church and into our parish family. Please join me now in welcoming her onto our parish and school staff.

In Christ through Mary,



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

Please Note: The Youth Ministry Retreat that was originally scheduled February 16-17, 2024 has been postponed. Details will be forthcoming when a new date is scheduled.

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



Parish Mission Save the Date!

November 3-5, 2024

If you can help with: Discipleship Quads, Marketing, Personal Invitation, Registration & Greeting, Audio-Visual, Liturgy, Hospitality, and Merchandise please contact:

Kevin Lillis - kevinlillis61@gmail.com or

Julie Atwell - atwell11@mchsi.com by Monday, February 26

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.



LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

HOLY HOUR WITH RECONCILIATION

Thursday, February 22, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Noon Stations:

February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22

7:00 pm Stations:

February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 24 - 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**MEN'S
LENTEN BREAKFASTS**

Saturday, February 24

First Congregational host
with First Presbyterian
319 S State St

Saturday, March 2

Grace United Methodist
318 N Center St

*** Saturday, March 9**

St. Malachy
595 E Ogden Ave

Speaker: Lance Carroll

Saturday, March 16

Geneseo First Methodist
302 N State St

All men in the community are invited to come enjoy a delicious breakfast at 7:00 am on the Saturday mornings listed above.

A free will donation will be collected at each breakfast.





STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

Parish Sacrificial Giving:
1% donated to:
Family Resource Center

Week 33 - February 11, 2024							ADA 2023 (As of January 31st)	
	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance		
General Collection	\$ 15,000	\$ 28,620	13,620	\$ 495,000	\$ 525,546	30,546	GOAL	\$ 105,467
School Endowment	\$ 750	\$ 1,158	408	\$ 24,750	\$ 21,274	(3,476)	PLEGDED	\$ 80,860
Paraclete Fund	\$ 750	\$ 1,706	956	\$ 24,750	\$ 17,015	(7,735)	VARIANCE	\$ (24,607)
Capital Improvement	\$ 750	\$ 919	169	\$ 24,750	\$ 20,891	(3,859)	COLLECTED	\$ 77,925
Special Collections							VARIANCE	\$ (27,542)
Solemnity of Mary		\$ 10			\$ 990			
Eastern Europe		\$ 75			\$ 202		# of FAMILIES	174



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

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 **February** is:

"Household Cleaning Products"

Donations needed:

Household Cleaning Products (Toilet Bowl Cleaners, Mops, cleaning supplies, etc.)

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.



WOMEN AT THE WELL PRESENTS



THE GRAY MATTERS COLLECTIVE
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

**THE
GRAY
MATTERS
COLLECTIVE**

Haley DeGreve, co-founder of the The Gray Matters Collective will share how they are empowering students, working with adults and others to have the tools and knowledge to be mental health advocates: How to help others and how to talk about the topic. The Gray Matters is a mental health awareness and suicide prevention movement.

“Mental health is important and we need to see change”

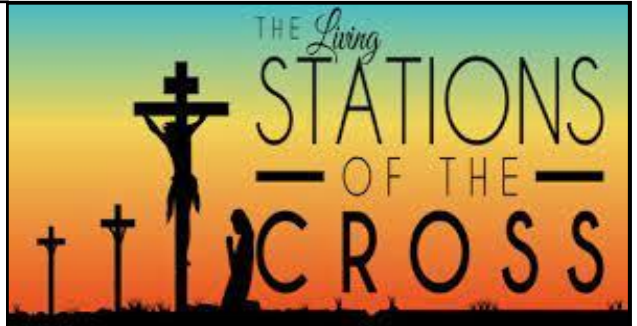
**WE NEED YOUR HELP! LET’S WORK TOGETHER TO
CREATE A WORLD WITHOUT SUICIDE!**

Mass at 5:00 pm
Doors open 5:45 pm - Dinner 6:15 pm
\$8.00 donation at the door
St. Malachy Parish Hall

Reservations requested by April 7, 2024
GreggMarcia@gmail.com or 309-269-6897

MEN OF THE PARISH:

If you would like to help with serving, kitchen duties, clean up, please contact Shannon Carroll:
flamingal97@gmail.com or 309/945-8607



As part of our Lenten Traditions, please join us in a very moving and reverent presentation of

“The Passion of Christ”

Presented by:
St. Malachy High School Youth Group
Oasis

Led by: Dcn. Bob Thoene,
Lance Carroll, Elizabeth Hulsbrink,
& Victor Angelo

Sunday, March 24 at 8:00 pm
St. Malachy Church

Lights go out at 8:00 pm

****It will be dark if you enter after the program begins****

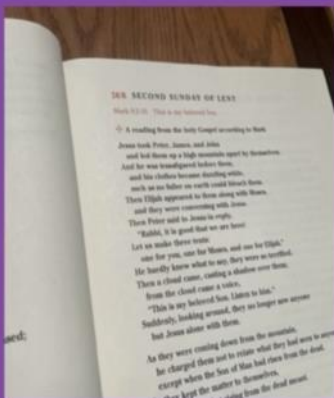
Questions? Contact Bob Thoene at
563-529-0529



LENT 2024: A THREE STEP JOURNEY

STEP ONE:

**"REPENT
& BELIEVE
IN THE
GOSPEL."**



STEP TWO:

**DIVE
INTO THE
GOOD
NEWS!**

STEP THREE:

**EMBRACE
THE CROSS!**



THE YEAR OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM
(Please note the new date)

Please RSVP by February 23, 2024
to the Church Office

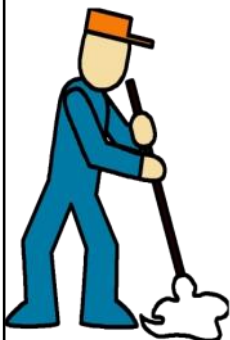
Even if you called in your RSVP the first time

We would like to invite any and all of our parishioners who volunteer in any way to our first

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, March 9 at 6:30 pm.

We encourage you to mark your calendars, your RSVP's can be sent into the parish office. This will enable us to plan the evening meal and entertainment. We hope you can join us. And even now, let us say thank you for all that you do.

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



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Part-time position
Evening hours: 3-4 hours/day
For more information call:
Dcn Robert O'Rourke at
309-502-1269
If interested please submit
your resume to:
church@stmalgeneseo.org

JP II Experience Co-Ed Retreat

Are you looking for a fun and faith filled overnight retreat for an 8th -10th grader? We have a great opportunity for teens to learn about living a life that follows Jesus.

Come experience friendship, fun, and faith!

What: John Paul II Co-Ed Retreat

Who: Boys and Girls, 8th-10th grade.

When: Saturday, April 27, 9:00 am to
Sunday, April 28, 4:00 pm

Where: Believers Together Center
Christ the King:
3209 60th St., Moline.

Cost: \$50

Registration Now Open!

Registration Deadline April 12, 2024

www.olgsilvis.com Click on the tab
"JP II Experience"

Only 40 spots available.

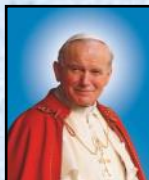
If you have already made one weekend you
are welcome to make another!

Questions: Mike Wilshusen (309) 269-7686

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6PM DINNER

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Did you Know?

Your child can attend a Catholic School
Financial Assistance Available



John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Fund Grants Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2024-2025 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under the heading Catholic Education and then under Financial Assistance. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award. Parents must apply at: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2024-2025 school year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is April 26, 2024. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2024.

Another funding opportunity is also available due to the Invest in Kids Act legislation in Illinois. Students may be eligible for up to 100% of tuition and fees under a new program for tax credit scholarships (TCS). Details on how to apply and who qualifies are available on the Empower Illinois website at www.empowerillinois.org. Students who receive a TCS are ineligible to receive a Spalding award.




Friday, March 15
5:00-7:00 pm

MENU: Fish fillet (fried or baked), baked potato, coleslaw, grilled cheese sandwiches, tater tots and dessert will be served. Dine-in or take-out will be available for a free will donation. Proceeds will be used to provide college scholarships for St. Malachy high school students.



FIELDS of DREAMS UGANDA SPORTS DRIVE

 Several decades ago, Mike Warneke and Ina Shoemaker were students at St. Malachy School. In 2009 they formed the non-profit Fields of Dreams Uganda. <https://www.fieldsofdreamsuganda.org>

Their mission is to "provide hope, empowerment and a future for the vulnerable children of Uganda through the vehicles of soccer and education."

Bruce and Marilyn Boardman became involved with FoDU and will be traveling to Uganda the first of March to visit the Partner Schools, staff and students. As part of that travel we will be trying to fill our two allowed, fifty pound checked bags with soccer equipment. We have reached our goal for sports bras.

Would you help fill Marilyn and Bruce's bags? Do you know of someone else or an organization who might want to participate? Would you like to join us in Uganda? www.fieldsofdreamsuganda.org/travel

For more information /delivery instructions please contact Marilyn Boardman 309-944-8700

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