

Diocese of Peoria  
**St. Malachy Church and School**

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Fifth Sunday of Easter  
 April 28, 2024



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**Prayer Chain:**.....Parish Office  
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**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](http://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, April 29

*St. Catherine of Siena*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

## TUESDAY, April 30

*St. Pius V*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

## WEDNESDAY, May 1

*St. Joseph the Worker*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

## THURSDAY, May 2

*St. Athanasius*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

## FRIDAY, May 3

*St. Philip & St. James*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

10:30 am Geraldine "Gerry" & Stoney VanderBeke +

## SATURDAY, May 4

*Vigil of 6th Sunday of Easter*

8:00 am Dan Miller +

5:00 pm Kim VanMeenen +

## SUNDAY, May 5

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

8:15 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Meg Miller +

**Please Note:** Father Gifford will be away this week. Please check times for Mass and or Communion Services. Reconciliation is also cancelled Monday-Friday.

**Altar Servers: April 29-May 5**

**M-T-W:** Connor Schaaf, Justin Roemer

**Saturday: 8:00 pm:** Brenna Dykstra, Elle Patterson

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

**Sunday: 10:30 am:** Jenna & Jonathan Freadhoff

### Parish 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**

**Sacred Heart/Annawan**

4:00 pm Saturday

8:00 am Sunday

9:30 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, May 5, 2024

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

### 1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also.*

### Responsorial: Psalm 98

*R./: "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power."*

### 2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

*God is love.*

### Gospel: John 15:9-17

*No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friend.*



*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, April 29**

Communion Service 8:00 am  
Adoration 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Chapel

**Tuesday, April 30**

Communion Service 8:00 am  
Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CR  
Women's Support Group 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Rm C

**Wednesday, May 1**

Communion Service 8:00 am  
K-5 CCD - 3:30 pm - 3:45 pm May Crowning  
Oasis 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm YR  
Adore 7:30 pm Church

**Thursday, May 2**

Communion Service 8:00 am  
The Rock 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm YR

**Friday, May 3**

Communion Service 8:00 am & First Friday Devotions  
Special Guest Day Mass 10:30 am  
Special Guest Day - after Mass until - 12:30 pm  
Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CR

**Saturday, May 4**

First Saturday Mass & Devotions 8:00 am  
First Communion Practice 9:15 am - 10:30 am  
Reconciliation 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Mass 5:00 pm

**Sunday, May 5**

Mass 8:15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Mass 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
First Communion 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm  
Confirmation Prep 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
6th Grade CCD 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**CHURCH WORKDAY**

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**



Beginning  
after the 8:00 am Mass until 11:30 am  
Please bring: gloves, rakes, & shovels  
to complete the work to be done.  
Many hands make light work!

**Lest We Forget**



Dear, parish member,  
As we approach the remembrance event of Memorial Day, I invite you to send a photo of a loved one who has served in the US Armed forces who is no longer with us. Please also send the years served in service to our country. A slideshow will then be created and presented in the Narthex to honor those who served. It will be displayed on Memorial Day weekend at all Masses. Please share your family's history with us so that your loved one's service and sacrifice will not be forgotten.  
Send photos and information to:  
[iranderson2002@gmail.com](mailto:iranderson2002@gmail.com)

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*

*Mike Minnaert*

*Of our parish*



# A Note From the Pastor



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

He is Risen. Alleluia! *“After this He appeared in another form to two of them walking along on their way to the country. They returned and told the others; but they did not believe them either”* (Mark 16:12-13). As we continue this Easter season, we come to the end of the month of April. Later this week, we will begin the Month of May. This means we can look forward to First Communion, Confirmation, Graduate Mass and May Crownings! May is a time to remember that our Mother Mary is a faithful mother to us, present to us in those landmark moments of life and in the ordinary events of daily life. Just as she embraced her vocation to be the Mother of God when she received the message of the angel, so also she embraced her vocation to be *our* Mother at the foot of the cross. Let us ask her to pray for our parish through the years, guiding us to grow closer to her Son, as individual believers and as a united parish community.

If we let her, she can help us to say yes to the Lord and be guided by the Holy Spirit. She will be there with us when we are in times of suffering and grief, just as she was with her Son at the cross. And she will be there with us in times of victory, just as she was with the disciples at Pentecost, when they received the Holy Spirit and the church burst forth into life.

And so, she certainly celebrates with us in times of great rejoicing, as we will experience soon in First Communion, Confirmation and Graduate Mass. But, we do not need to wait until next month to let her celebrate with us. As I mentioned recently, this weekend we are happy to celebrate with Brooke and Richard Ferkel as they celebrate their Confirmation, as well as Richard’s Baptism and First Holy Communion. It is always a blessing to welcome new members more fully into our parish family. Let us come together gratefully as we pray for them and pray that *all* of our parishioners may be evermore open to the good things that God

wants to do in all of our lives. His mercies are new every day.

We have great reason to gather around the altar with grateful hearts. May we approach the Eucharist ready to ENCOUNTER the Risen Christ, so that we may GROW in His grace and truth and GO share the Good News with the world.

**INITIAL SURVEY RESPONSE:** I wanted to share a brief initial response to the optional surveys, which were recently offered in relation to the stained glass windows. I am thankful to everyone who shared their thoughts, concerns and questions with us through this and other avenues. It is a positive step when our parishioners are willing to share their thoughts and concerns with me, so that we can work to be more united in the mission of making the Lord Jesus more widely known that He may be greatly loved. A number of matters were referenced through the surveys, beyond the window project itself and I am thankful to be able to begin a conversation about these things. What is important to our parishioners matters to me. I am deeply sorry if any of my past actions have been hurtful to anyone as none of this was my intention and I look forward to working with others to help improve the experience of all of our parishioners and guests. Members of Parish Council have formed a subcommittee, who will assist me with reviewing the surveys and I look forward to their insight and guidance, as we discern together what future action can help us to move forward and grow as a community united in trust of the Lord and one another.



In Christ through Mary,  
*Fr. Daniel P. Gifford*  
Fr. Daniel P. Gifford  
St. Malachy, Pray for us



## Scholarship Applications for Senior High School Students

This year there are 4 scholarship applications available: **Youth Ministry Scholarship, Parents Club Scholarship, Knights of Columbus Scholarship** and the **JoAnn Turner Memorial Scholarship**. The scholarship forms are online or on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please fill out & return to Dcn. Bob Thoene or the church office.

All applications are due by **May 1, 2024.**

May you lean on the Lord for your discernments outside of high school!



### 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.



TOTUS TUUS  
**TOTALLY YOURS**

Totus Tuus "Totally Yours" is a unique summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel. The mission of Totus Tuus is to bring young people into a relationship with Christ and His Church for lifelong discipleship. Emphasis is placed on dynamic sharing of the faith, the sacraments, and a whole lot of joyful fun.

All students entering grades 1-12 are welcome.

Totus Tuus will be from:

**9:00 am - 2:30 pm beginning July 8 for students entering grades 1-6.**

**6:30 pm - 8:15 pm beginning July 7 for students entering grades 7-12.**

**Cost is \$40 per student and includes a t-shirt.**

**Registrations due: June 14 to guarantee a t-shirt.**

Teen and adult volunteers are needed as well as other donations. Please contact Kimberly at [ksouba@stmalgeneseo.org](mailto:ksouba@stmalgeneseo.org) or by calling the parish office to see how you can help.

## EMMAUS DAYS 2024

### Session I:

College and Young Adult Men  
June 7-9, 2024

St. John's Catholic Newman Center, Champaign, IL

### Session II:

Juniors and Seniors in High School  
June 21-24, 2024

St. John's Catholic Newman Center, Champaign, IL

### Session III:

Freshman & Sophomores in High  
July 7-10, 2024

Peoria Notre Dame High School, Peoria, IL

### Session IV:

School 7th and 8th Grade  
July 10-12, 2024

Peoria Notre Dame High School, Peoria, IL

### To Register:

<https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/3629e5b1-c111-4ff1-9e85-639e5c1beb7a>

*"Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are."*

*-St. Pope John Paul II*



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**Parish Sacrificial Giving:**  
 1% donated to:  
**St. Teresa of Kolkata Church (Glenmary)**

**Week 43 - April 21, 2024**

	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
General Collection	\$ 15,000	\$ 9,526	(5,474)	\$ 645,000	\$ 642,715	(2,285)
School Endowment	\$ 750	\$ 315	(435)	\$ 32,250	\$ 24,442	(7,808)
Paraclete Fund	\$ 750	\$ 310	(440)	\$ 32,250	\$ 19,623	(12,627)
Capital Improvement	\$ 750	\$ 240	(510)	\$ 32,250	\$ 25,223	(7,027)



**Upcoming Cursillo Weekends**

Men's: October 17-20, 2024

Women's: November 14-17, 2024

For more information visit: <https://nwcursillo.com>



**Upcoming TEC Weekends**

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](http://www.northwest-tec.com)



**DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

**Please Pray for these Seminarians**

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

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](mailto: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 **April** is:

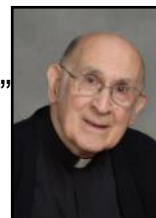
**"Paper Products & Plastic Bags"**

**Donations needed:**

Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Zip-Lock Bags...

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.



## **Buildings and Grounds Update**

April 19, 2024

I would like to offer a more current review of our Current Projects and Actual or Possible Future Projects at our Parish.

### **Current Projects:**

**St. Malachy Rectory:** The Rectory update is completed and the results are better than expectations due to the contractors and volunteers that worked on the project. The work included remodeling the master bedroom and bath, and the guest bedroom and bath. Repurposing some of the space allowed for the Rectory to have a small Chapel. New flooring, lighting, and a new coat of paint finished out the project. Thanks again to the contractors, suppliers, and volunteers for their time and skills. We are still awaiting final numbers, but estimate \$50,000.

**Stained Glass Windows:** Currently our contractor Daprato Rigali Inc. of Chicago is laying out the windows to specific measurements and much of the glass has been purchased. The fundraising has gone well with 146 donations, and \$241,568 pledged toward the goal of \$257,300.00. The installation will be completed by December 1, 2024.

**Window Replacement School/Library/Youth Room/Teachers Lounge:** The project will be completed during summer vacation 2024. Estimated cost \$180,000.00

### **Actual or Possible Future Projects:**

**Sanctuary Tile:** Buildings and Grounds is gathering some ideas and projected costs for this possible project. The cost is being proposed for next year's budget

**Brick and mortar evaluation:** A restoration contractor will be visiting our site to evaluate all the brick and mortar to look for cracks in the mortar and deteriorating brick that need replaced.

**Work Day-Saturday, May 4, 2024:** Our work day for the Parish grounds will be Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 8:00 AM-11:30 AM.

Grace and Peace, Deacon Robert O'Rourke

*Come enjoy a night of fellowship in a comfortable, relaxed, temperature-controlled environment and plenty of seating while enjoying a beverage of your choice & sharing your faith.*

## COME TO THE HALL

**Where:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall  
800 17th St., Silvis

**When:** Every 3rd Thursday (except August is 4th Thursday)

**Time:** 6:15 pm for light dinner & social time  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Speaker

**Cost:** \$10 per person for light dinner, **MUST RSVP**

Call Katrina in the office during regular business hours to RSVP for dinner no later than the Friday prior to the event so we have enough food. 309-793867, ext. 3

May 16 Fr. Peter Zorjan Marian Apparitions of our Lady

June 20 Sr. Subha Clare Is Your Relationship with God Interactive?

July 18 Fr. Peter Zorjan Spiritual Warfare: Demons, Angels, New Age, Manifestations...

Aug. 22 Fr. Charles Kamut Lord of the Rings, Part 2



## St. Malachy Catholic School

### PRINCIPAL SEARCH

St. Malachy School is seeking applications for the position of principal of its parish elementary school starting with the 2024-2025 school year. The school has grades K-6 with an enrollment of 123.

A principal application package outlining qualifications and procedures is available at

[https://www.applitrack.com/cdop/onlineapp/default.aspx?AppliTrackPostingSearch=location:%22St.+Malachy+School+\(Geneseo\)%22](https://www.applitrack.com/cdop/onlineapp/default.aspx?AppliTrackPostingSearch=location:%22St.+Malachy+School+(Geneseo)%22)

or by calling the Office of Catholic Schools at 309-671-1550.

A review of applications will start in early May.

Visit the school website at [www.saintmalachy.org](http://www.saintmalachy.org).

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### SPRING LUNCHEON

May 1, 2024  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Salad, Sandwich, Beverage, and  
Dessert

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# EVANGELIZATION 101

How to share  
the message  
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Friday, May 3      Talk 1: Our Mission: What is Evangelization?  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm      Talk 2: Our Motive: Why do we Evangelize?

Saturday, May 4      Gathering, Coffee, & Social  
9:00 am - 11:30 am      Talk 3: Our Message: What is the Good  
News?

11:30 am - 1:00 pm      Lunch\*  
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm      Talk 4: Our Method: How do we talk to  
others about God?

## THIS IS A FREE EVENT!

Our seminar and training will include small group discussions.

Participants are asked to bring their Bibles, a writing pad and pen.

\*Lunch will be offered at the parish hall on Saturday, but we do ask for an advanced notice if you plan to eat lunch with us. Please contact our office at [olgsilvissec@gmail.com](mailto:olgsilvissec@gmail.com) or 309-792-3867 to RSVP.

Hector is a Catholic lay evangelist, bible-teacher, pilgrimage leader, podcaster, and founder/director of Upper Room Studios. For over three decades he has traveled the world proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church

Hector is the former staff apologist of Catholic Answers, and CEO of Casting Nets Ministries. He currently produces high-quality, evangelistic, and faith-building content with Upper Room Studios that inspires, and equips Catholics to better know, live, and share the faith.



Parish Hall at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
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# Birdies for Charity

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The **2024 Birdies For Charity** campaign has begun! Birdies is a community charity offered every year through the John Deere Classic golf tournament held in July. **Women's Choice Center receives 100% of your gift plus a minimum 5% bonus** will be added to our total at the end of the campaign. This campaign raises over \$40K each year for our Center!

- Give Online: <https://birdiesforcharity.com> OUR Birdies charity number is 873. Or you can use the camera on your phone to scan the QR code below, touch the link that shows on your screen, click donate and you should see Women's Choice Center (Life & Family), charity #873.
- Donate by Mail (Pay Now): Print Birdies Pledge Form, follow instructions on form. Click [here](#) for form. Please write : Women's Choice Center on first line and our charity #873.
- Pledge by Mail (Pay Later): Print and complete pledge card. Birdies will bill you after the golf tournament concludes in July.

Pledge payments are due to Birdies before September 8 to be eligible for the bonus. Click [here](#) for pledge form. Please write Women's Choice Center on first line and our charity #873.

On behalf of the women and families we serve, THANK YOU for supporting Women's Choice Center in our annual Birdies For Charity campaign!

Christie Schilling - Center Director of Life & Family Educational Trust



## SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENT

You are invited to attend the next St. Malachy Social Justice Meeting. Our guests will be the Chicago Area founder and executive director of Aunt Mary's Storybook Project, and Companions Journeying Together. St. Malachy Church has been a long time supporter of the Aunt Mary's Storybook Project, a Prison Ministry Program that records imprisoned parents reading books to their children and sends the recording and book to the child. Their goal is to make a special connection between parent and child that might not happen otherwise. Currently, they work with inmates at 17 Illinois Prisons.

Please join us on May 7, 2024 at 4:30 pm in the Youth Room



Aunt Mary's  
Storybook  
Project

**COMPANIONS**  
journeying together

## DAY OF RECOLLECTION

*Do Whatever  
He Tells You*

Self Knowledge  
Self Possession  
Self Gift

Saturday, May 4, 2024

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Farrell Hall

(St/Pius X, Rock Island)

2502 29th Avenue

Rock Island, Illinois

### *Presenters:*

Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George

### **Optional Prayer Opportunities:**

Rosary: 8:00 am

Mass: 8:30 am

A Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.

**RSVP to** Mary Anne Dockery-Jackson by April 30,  
2024 at: [doceryjacksonm@gmail.com](mailto:doceryjacksonm@gmail.com)  
or by calling/texting 309-738-4679

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