

Diocese of Peoria
St. Malachy Church and School

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The Twenty-Seventh Sunday
 In Ordinary Time
 October 6, 2024



*Therefore
 what God has
 joined
 together, let no
 human being
 separate.*

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:15 am and 10:30 am

Reconciliation:

Monday & Tuesday 8:45 am; Thursday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

For activities in the Quad Cities, go to:

<http://catholicquadcities.com>

Traveling? www.masstimes.org to find Masses

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Divorced Ministry:Shannon Carroll

OCIA:Dcn. Mike Sigwalt

We warmly welcome new parishioners and invite them to register at the Parish Office. Individuals interested in becoming Catholic may contact Fr. Daniel Gifford or call the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, October 7
8:00 am Mary Manning +

Our Lady of the Rosary

TUESDAY, October 8
8:00 am Monica Blegen +

Weekday

WEDNESDAY, October 9
8:00 am Edward & Dorothy VanMeenen +
9:00 am Larry Honzel +

St. Denis & Companions

THURSDAY, October 10
5:45 pm Ed Coleman +

Weekday

FRIDAY, October 11
8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

St. John XXIII

SATURDAY, October 12
5:00 pm People of the Parish

Vigil of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, October 13
8:15 am Bob Lopez +
10:30 am Mark Sottos +

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Servers: October 7-13

M-T-W: Connor Schaaf, Shawn Pobanz

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Aiden Daly, Camryn Hawkins

Sunday: 8:15 am: Leona Werner, Tucker Seals

Sunday: 10:30 am: Reese Schaaf, Connor Schaaf

October - Children's Liturgy of the Word:

8:15 am - Becky Werner

10:30 am - Kaila Woods



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, October 13, 2024 The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

I deemed riches nothing in comparison to wisdom.

Responsorial: Psalm 90

R./: "Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!"

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God discerns reflections and thoughts of the heart.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Sell what you have and follow me.



Come, let us Adore Him

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Adore - Every 1st Wednesday 7:30 pm

Thursday 4:30 pm

(1st Fridays, & 1st Saturdays at 8:30 am)



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, October 7

Mass 8:00 am

Reconciliation 8:45 am

Adoration 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Chapel

Tuesday, October 8

Mass 8:00 am

Reconciliation 8:45 am

Psalms: The School of Prayer Bible Study 9:00 am - 10:30 am CR

Chair Soul Core 1:00 - 2:00 pm CR

Women's Support Group 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Rm C

OCIA - Topic: Introduction/Church 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm CR

Knights of Columbus 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Rm C

Wednesday, October 9

Mass 8:00 am

School Mass 9:00 am

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

Family Book Fair Night 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

The Rock 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm YR

Oasis 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm YR

Thursday, October 10

Circle 2 - 9:00 am - 10:30 am YR

Adoration 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Parish Chapel

Reconciliation 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Mass 5:45 pm

Psalms: The School of Prayer Bible Study 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm CR

Friday, October 11

Communion Service 8:00 am

Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CR

Saturday, October 12

Rosary Rally 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Sidewalk on Ogden Avenue

Reconciliation 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 13

Mass 8:15 am

Children's Mass 10:30 am

Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God that guarantees the future of humanity. ~ Pope Francis


Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Helen Beuseling

of our parish


Rex Rogers

of our Parish

October - Respect Life Month

Please pick up a baby bottle in the Narthex and remember to fill it with a monetary donation to be returned to the parish office by the end of October. To benefit: Pregnancy Resources & Women's Choice Center



Circle 2

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 10, 2024. **Just a reminder** to all members that dues for Circle 2 are due by December 1, 2024.

Volunteers are Needed
for the

Welcome Committee

Information can be found in the Welcome Committee folder in the Narthex or by calling:
Chuck & Mary LoGiudice 563-505-3320

Flooring Project Status Update:

The Flooring Subcommittee has begun meeting and has begun the Discernment Phase. This phase consists of evaluating parishioner input and guidance from the Finance Council, Building and Grounds Committee, and Liturgy Committee to determine whether or not to move forward with the *sanctuary flooring project at this time, or simply focus on repairing what is damaged. This decision should be reached by the end of November.*

A Letter from the Pastor



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

"Let the children come to Me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Mark 10). In my homily last weekend, I mentioned my recent experience attending a fundraiser for Women's Choice

Center (one of the beneficiaries of our Baby Bottle Campaign). One of the speakers at that event made a comment stating, "I would love to have the chance to visit with each one of you to hear your story... why you are so passionate about supporting babies and their mothers." This passing comment got me thinking: What is my story? What is my *why*? Personally, my passion for life became really personal around the time that I was privileged to be assigned for one year in seminary to participate in a Post-Abortion Healing ministry local to the Columbus area called Bethesda (here in the Diocese of Peoria, we are blessed to have Rachel's Vineyard). This first experience of walking with women and men who were on a journey of healing after an experience with abortion truly changed my life and my perspective going forward. I was so encouraged by these witnesses of the healing power of God's merciful love. Three basic facts that I had already accepted as truthful became so vividly *real* for me.

First, the life in the womb is a real person, a son or a daughter, whose loss is grieved whatever the cause of death and who can intercede for his or her loved ones from heaven. Journeying with mothers naming their aborted children, grieving their loss and being reconciled with them through the Mercy of God solidified my outlook on this fact. I already knew the life in the womb was a baby. While supporters of abortion love to debate when human life begins, in fact, we know the answer. We know it from science, as most scientists agree on this fact, especially since the child possesses unique DNA. We know it intuitively, as any parent who wants to keep their child knows plainly as they prepare for the birth. And as Christians, we know it from Scripture, as we read of Saint John the Baptist leaping in the womb of his mother (Luke 1:39-45). But, the personhood of the child in the womb became real and personal for me, as I journeyed with these grieving mothers and others. Around that same time, one of my sisters

in law lost an unborn child for whom we all had been anxiously waiting. Already having had the experience of loving my four elder nieces and nephews, this news crushed me in a way I cannot put into words. I simply remember spending time in the chapel weeping bitterly and later having the chance to listen and hear the pain of my sister in law's experience.

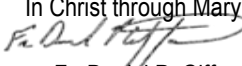
Second, abortion hurts mothers, as well as killing children and can have reverberating effects on other members of the family. I can understand why it is appealing to think that an exception should be made which would allow for abortion in cases of rape and incest and I once thought that way myself. After hearing the experience of so many suffering mothers, I can no longer go back to thinking that abortion is anything other than a violent and traumatizing act against both baby and mother. I can never believe the lie that abortion is a form of healthcare. When a woman, or worse yet a young girl, has already experienced a horrifically violent and traumatizing act, why would I want her to experience another? How could I possibly believe that this would be a genuine solution for her? I cannot. Furthermore, I can also almost understand how some can be persuaded that keeping abortion legal keeps it safe. But, I cannot believe this, because I cannot accept the lie that there is such a thing as a safe abortion. The facts are quite different: abortion kills children and hurts women.

The final fact that became real and personal for me is that there is real healing and mercy in the infinite love of Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for that child, that mother and all other members of the family. I cannot put into words how beautiful it is to see lives changed, as hurting souls are healed and begin living in a deeper freedom. These women and men become such powerful instruments of healing for others. I have continued to see this throughout my priesthood. In the confessional, when someone finally brings the painful truth of their abortion to the light to be forgiven and healed, usually after years or even decades of suffering alone in the dark, not knowing that healing was available to them... all of heaven rejoices as a shackled soul begins to be set free. If you or someone you know is suffering from an abortion experience, please know that you don't have to suffer alone in the dark. There is healing available for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And that is just the beginning. I have been blessed to know some of the priests and laity who work directly with Rachel's Vineyard, our local Post-Abortion

Healing ministry, including some who are healing from their own experience with abortion. They are incredibly compassionate instruments of God's healing, who share with others the healing they have known. The next retreat is October 25-27 and information can be found in this bulletin. Perhaps you or someone you know might benefit from this.

In these three basic truths, we see the Paschal Mystery: life, death and resurrection. On this Respect Life Sunday, let us pray that more who are suffering may experience the healing power of Resurrection. And let us pray that all

Christians, and all men and women of goodwill, would be united in the support of life from conception to natural death. May we be united in love with the Lord and with one another in Him. *"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me"* (John 15:4).

In Christ through Mary,

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

Youth Ministry Intercessory Prayer Team!

October is the month of the Rosary, a time for us to deepen our devotion to this powerful prayer. As we reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary, we are reminded of the importance of praying for our youth, asking Our Lady to guide and protect them in their faith journey. Through the Rosary, we can entrust them to her loving care, seeking her intercession for their growth in virtue, wisdom, and courage.

In addition to the Rosary, we are blessed with many ways to deepen our prayer life and bring our concerns for the youth before God. Consider engaging in Lectio Divina, where we meditate on Scripture, or Imaginative Prayer, where we place ourselves in the Gospel scenes. Gratitude prayer helps us reflect on the blessings we receive, while the Examen invites us to review our day in God's presence.

Sacred forms of prayer such as sacred music, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Psalms and Liturgy of the Hours, and participation in the Mass allow us to unite our hearts with the Church's universal prayer. Praying novenas like the Surrender Novena and devotions such as the Litany of Humility help us cultivate trust and humility before God. We can also invoke the

Holy Spirit with the simple but powerful prayer, "Come Holy Spirit," and entrust ourselves and our youth to God's divine will. In this month dedicated to Our Lady, may we faithfully turn to the Rosary and other forms of prayer as we lift up our youth to the Lord.

Contact Shannon Carroll: scarroll@stmalgeneseo.org for any questions or prayer requests.

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.



Youth Groups News

The Rock and Oasis are welcoming spaces where you can hang out with friends, explore your faith, and grow closer to Jesus

The Rock Youth Group (Middle School)

The Rock Youth Group is open to all middle schoolers and will meet every **Wednesday 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm**. There will be lots of fun games, creative activities, and lessons in living the Catholic faith in your everyday life. We will start the evening with fun in the youth room and end with a yummy dinner and treats! You'll make new friends, learn about God's love for you, and grow in your walk with Jesus.

Oasis Youth Group (High School)

Oasis Youth Group is for all high schoolers and will meet every **Wednesday 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**. Oasis starts in the cafeteria with a delicious dinner. Each week will be a little different, but you can look forward to lots of fun games and activities, along with some awesome speakers, discussions, and amazing worship music. You'll connect with friends and make some new ones, deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith, and be challenged to live out God's call for you in your everyday life.

Youth Ministry Survey

Parishioners, Parents, Teens, and Pre-Teens, we would love your input on what you find valuable for youth ministry.

Parishioners, we want to find out what experiences you have found impactful in your own faith journey, particularly as a young person.

Parents, teens, and pre-teens, we want to find out what you would love to be a part of at St. Malachy.

Visit stmalachyyouth.org to complete the survey or pick up a paper copy in the Narthex.



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Week 13 - September 29, 2024							ADA 2023 (Final Report - August 31st)	
	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance	GOAL	\$ 105,467
General Collection	\$ 14,731	\$ 5,586	(9,145)	\$ 191,503	\$ 160,178	(31,325)	PLEGGED	\$ 89,623
School Endowment	\$ 577	\$ 185	(392)	\$ 7,501	\$ 6,262	(1,239)	VARIANCE	\$ (15,844)
Paraclete Fund	\$ 577	\$ 110	(467)	\$ 7,501	\$ 4,896	(2,605)	COLLECTED	\$ 89,398
Capital Improvement	\$ 577	\$ 180	(397)	\$ 7,501	\$ 6,030	(1,471)	VARIANCE	\$ (16,069)
							# of FAMILIES	200
							SHORTFALL TO BE PAID OUT OF ADA RESERVE FUND = \$16,069.33	



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

December 7-9, 2024 (Boys)

March 1-3, 2025 (Girls)

April 5-7, 2025 (Boys)

June 14-16, 2025 (Girls)

August 9-11, 2025 (Boys)

October 4-6, 2025 (Girls)

For information visit

www.northwest-tec.com



DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these Seminarians

John Assaf

Daniel Miller

Jared Hernandez

Dcn. Ben Schoonmaker

Brennan O'Keeffe

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

He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body."

Fr. Pakula Memorial Food Pantry Collection

In Memory of Father Pakula, St. Malachy Parish will have a monthly theme to collect items for the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry.

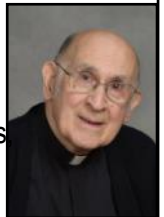
The theme for **October** is:

"Ethnic Foods"

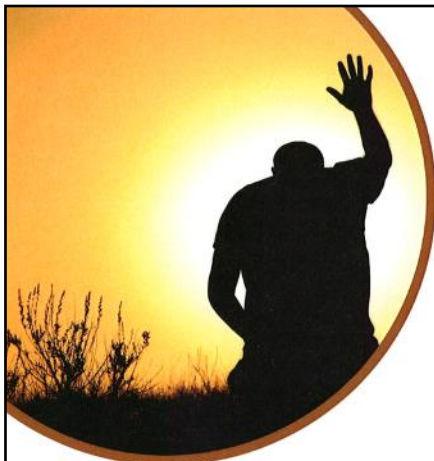
Donations needed: Pasta, pasta sauce, flour tortillas, refried beans, spice packets, salsa, Chinese spice packets, Ramen

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 then Social Justice.



October 6, 2024



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Sunday, November 3 -

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

6:30-8:30 p.m.

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<https://bit.ly/stmalachypm2024>

**"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by
name: you are mine." Isaiah 43:1**

Altar & Rosary Society Breakfast

Sunday, October 20
after both Masses in the Parish Hall

Sponsored by:
Altar & Rosary Society
with Guest Speaker Michael Warneke



FIELDS of DREAMS UGANDA

Michael Warneke, Executive Director of Fields of Dreams Uganda, and former St. Malachy School student will visit our parish on October 19 and 20. He looks forward to greeting you after each Mass that week-end, as St. Malachy is where his dream was nurtured into reality.

FIELDS of DREAMS UGANDA MARKET



Michael will bring items from Uganda that will be available for purchase after Mass on
Saturday, October 19
and after both Masses on Sunday, October 20.

Please stop by Room A to browse and hopefully support Fields of Dreams Uganda.



Respect Life Sunday Life Chain

October 6, from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm.

Volunteers are needed to give witness in support of life, by holding up pro-life signs on State Street from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

We will meet at St. Malachy Church in the narthex at 2:00 pm for prayer and to hand out the signs, assemble on State Street to hold up the signs, then return to the church to return the signs. It's a powerful way to support babies, their mothers and fathers and the pro-life cause, and it requires less than two hours of your time. Refreshments will be available before and after the assembly.

Deaf Catholic Workshop Making Our Lives Holy for God

Saturday, November 23, 2024

Renowned Fr. Joe Mulcrone, will be leading a day-long spiritual workshop for the deaf at St. Patrick Catholic Church (Urbana, IL). The Conference, Confession (3:00 pm), and Mass (4:00 pm) will be in **American Sign Language** as well as spoken.

If you are interested, please contact:
Minette minetteministry@gmail.com

Additional information:

- Bring your Bible
- Cost is \$20
- Breakfast bagels and lunch are included
- November 23 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm 4 p.m. Mass in ASL and English)
- Location: 708 W. Main St. Urbana, IL 61801

RSVP by November 15



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:

The wound of abortion is real. So is healing. Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers healing for those who struggle with the emotional and spiritual pain of a past abortion. This retreat is for those single or married; mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings, or anyone who has been impacted by an abortion experience. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from a past abortion, this retreat is for you. Register for the October 25-27, 2024 retreat by calling 309-264-1489 or e-mailing rvrpeoria@gmail.com. All communications are strictly confidential.

For more information:

www.cdop.org/rachels-vineyard
www.rachelsvineyard.org

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Are you looking to serve Christ,
 and our Parish
 but you're not sure how?
 We are looking for people willing
 to serve in several Lay Ministry roles:

Ushers - All Masses

Altar Servers - Especially 5:00 pm & 8:15 am

Greeters - Especially 5:00 pm & 10:30 am

Lectors

Commentators

If you are interested in serving in any of these ministries, please let the office know.

St. Malachy Catholic Church *Women at the Well*

Presents:

A Journey from Africa to America

Thursday, October 17, 2024



Denise Slogohun, member of Christ the King Catholic Church, will share her journey from Togo, Africa to America. She will speak about her life in Togo and what brought her to the United States.

Please join us in hearing about Denise's faith journey and how our donations impact the lives of African communities.

Reservations requested by October 13

GreggMarcia@gmail.com
 309-269-6897

\$8.00 donation at the door

Communion Service at 5:00 pm
Doors open 5:45 pm
Dinner 6:15 pm

WINTER COAT COLLECTION



- Does your family have lots of great coats that they don't wear anymore?
- Have your kids outgrown last year's jackets and snowpants?
- Are you an excellent coat sale shopper?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, we have a suggestion for you.

The **St. Malachy Winter Coat Collection** will be held
October 1 - 31

The new and like new adult and kids coats collected will be donated to the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry. Look for the donation box in the Narthex.

Thank you from the St. Malachy Social Justice Committee.

Rosary Makers

Rosary Makers will be sponsoring the

America Needs Fatima Annual Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 12th at Noon

We will meet on the sidewalk on Ogden Avenue to pray simultaneously with 20,000 other groups around the country.

For more information: please contact: Jolene Thompson 309-269-8944.



Job Opening Saint Malachy Parish

Maintenance Supervisor

Full-time Position, with benefits & paid leave

Essential Responsibilities:

- Recruit, supervise and train part-time custodial staff
- Prepare weekly/monthly/quarterly maintenance and cleaning schedules
- Inspect and maintain building systems
- Work as a team member to clean the facility

Please send a cover letter and resume to Deacon Robert O'Rourke at rorourke@stmalgeneseo.org

The full job description is available at:

<https://www.saintmalachy.org/> (Hover over the Home tab, then click on Employment Opportunities.)

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