

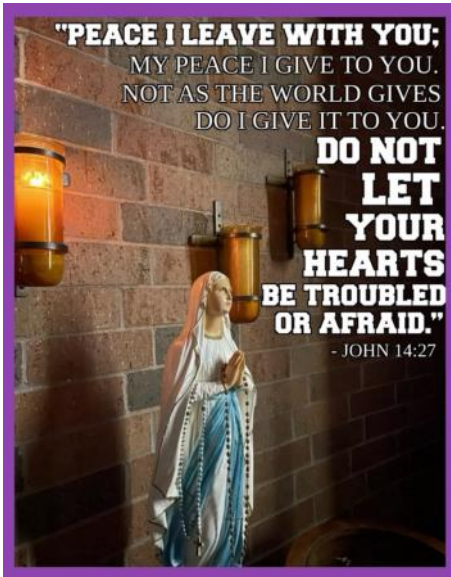
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**St. Malachy Church and School**

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Second Sunday  
 Of Advent  
 December 8, 2024



**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:

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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 9**

***Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

8:00 am Magisterium of our Church

9:15 am Don Beck +

**Altar Servers: December 9-15**

**M-T-W:** Everett Haars, Charlee Cherry

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm: Samantha Minnaert, Natalie Minnaert

**Sunday:** 8:15 am: Tucker Seals, Colton Seals

**Sunday:** 10:30 am: Kate Vorac, Anna Vorac

**TUESDAY, December 10**

***Our Lady of Loreto***

8:00 am Pat Wigant+

**WEDNESDAY, December 11**

***St. Damasus***

8:00 am Virginia Wachtel +

**THURSDAY, December 12**

***Our Lady of Guadalupe***

5:45 pm James E. Higgins Jr. +

**FRIDAY, December 13**

***St. Lucy***

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

**SATURDAY, December 14**

***Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Advent***

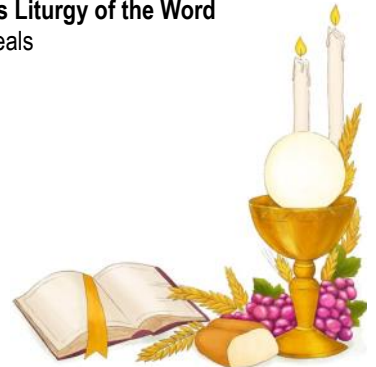
5:00 pm Lee Kane +

**SUNDAY, December 15**

***The Third Sunday of Advent***

8:15 am Dolores Minnaert Thomas +

10:30 am People of the Parish



**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 15, 2024**

**The Third Sunday of Advent**

**1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a**

*The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness.*

**Responsorial: Psalm 12**

*R./: "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy one of Israel."*

**2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7**

*The Lord is near.*

**Gospel: Luke 3:10-18**

*What should we do?*



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Monday, December 9

Mass 8:00 am  
 Reconciliation 8:45 am  
 School Mass 9:15 am  
 Circle 4 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am YR  
 Advent Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm  
 Adoration 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Chapel  
 Parents Club 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Rm A

## Tuesday, December 10

Mass 8:00 am  
 Reconciliation 8:45 am  
 Advent Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm  
 Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CR  
 Women's Support Group 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Rm C  
 OCIA 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Baptism & Confirmation CR  
 Knights of Columbus 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Rm C

## Wednesday, December 11

Mass 8:00 am  
 Advent Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm  
 K-5 CCD 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm  
 CCD Pizza Potluck/Family Christmas Movie Night  
 4:45 pm - 7:30 pm Hall  
 Oasis Shopping Trip/Dinner 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm YR  
 Celebration Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

## Thursday, December 12

Advent Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm  
 Adoration 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
 Reconciliation 5:00 pm  
 Mass 5:45 pm  
 Building & Grounds 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CR

## Friday, December 13

Communion Service 8:00 am  
 Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CR  
 Parents Club Christmas Caroling & Pizza Party 5:15 pm - 6:45 pm

## Saturday, December 14

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

## Sunday, December 15

Children's Liturgy of the Word 8:15 am  
 6th Grade CCD 9:30 am - 10:20 am  
 7-8 Confirmation Prep 9:30 am - 10:20 am  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:30 am  
 Youth Ministry Cookie Decorating Contest 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**Volunteers are Needed**

## Welcome Committee

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



*Come, let us Adore Him*  
*Eucharistic Adoration*

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

## Christmas Flowers:

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

Please clearly mark your donation,

**“Christmas Flowers”**

and drop in the collection basket or leave at the Parish Office



## Christmas Mass Lay Ministry Sign Up

### Mass Schedule:

**Christmas Eve, Tuesday**  
 4:00 pm, & 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm  
**Christmas Day, Wednesday**  
 9:00 am

Can you help at our Christmas Masses?

### We are in need of:

EMHC, Lectors, Commentators, Ushers,  
 Greeters and Altar Servers  
 Please call the office to sign up.

**Please Note:** Some ministries may already be taken.



## Come Let us Adore Him

### Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve, Tuesday:

4:00 pm  
 7:00 pm *Live Streamed*  
 10:00 pm

### Christmas Day, Wednesday:

9:00 am



## *A Letter from the Pastor*



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid”* (John 14:27). Last week, I introduced this verse as our theme verse

for this Advent. The Lord is the source of our peace. He made this promise of peace at the Last Supper, which has been the source of our theme verses for this third and final year of the Eucharistic Revival. Thanks to Saint John (Chapters 13-17), we have an elaborate account of much that He did, taught and prayed at the Last Supper, beyond the basic story of instituting the Eucharist and the priesthood, recounted in the other gospels. We will have a chance to feature different elements of this account of the First Mass, throughout the various seasons of the remainder of this Year of Eucharistic Spirituality.

As we ask for the peace that the Lord wants to give us, our hearts and minds turn to Our Lady, who is a model of having one’s heart fully open to receive all that the Lord wants to give us. In particular, we wonder at the unique gift which made her so perfectly open: the Immaculate Conception. As we celebrate this mystery with the Holy Day this week, it is a fitting time to remember that this has not only been taught by the church, infallibly declared (1854) and indicated in Scripture (Luke 1:28), but it also has been confirmed by Our Lady herself to a young girl in 19th Century France.

In Lourdes, France young Bernadette was given a great gift. After getting separated from her friends while collecting firewood, she had a vision of a beautiful lady, dressed in blue and white. Although she did not immediately know for certain that it was Mary, the lady would later identify herself by saying, “I am the Immaculate Conception.” She instructed Bernadette to pray the rosary and they prayed it together. This was the first of many such visions and word began to spread.

Some were inspired by her, while others thought she was not well. People began to observe her during her daily visits to the grotto, where Our Lady appeared to her. Many bystanders were present to see a very strange thing that happened one day. She began digging in the ground like an animal. Now more than ever, people were concerned about her mental state. Nonetheless, she dug until she found a little trickle and began to scrape the ground, cupping her hand to raise what little water she could find to her mouth. The Lady had told her to drink from the stream, even though no stream to speak of was yet found. The next day, that little trickle had begun to grow into a substantial stream. Over the years, many have come and bathed in that stream, resulting in countless miracles of healing. Let us ask Our Lady of Lourdes to pray for us, that we may seek the healing waters of the Lord’s grace and mercy.

**STAINED GLASS UPDATE:** The deep thirst in our hearts to drink from the stream of God’s grace and mercy will be depicted in the stained glass windows being prepared for our church. As you may know, they



will display a beautiful image of Psalm 42: ***“As the deer longs for the running waters, so my soul longs for You, my God.”*** I provided a bulletin update in September, after a group from the parish visited Daprato Rigali

Studios in August, to observe the progress and learn more about the process. A more recent picture of that progress can be seen here. And you will notice that the deer look almost like an outline at this stage. The reason for this is because the deer are one of the elements which will be painted, resulting in a greater level of detail, as we see in the stained glass windows from the old church, which we have mounted on the wall. For the



whole window to be painted in this fashion would be far out of our already high price range. Since debuting the design last November, we have remained in frequent communication with the studio and have worked with them to make sure that we are getting the highest quality product. That process has been as exciting and educational, as it has been involved. I am really looking forward to us receiving a beautiful final product. Currently, the exact installation date is still uncertain, but we anticipate them arriving this spring or possibly summer. I am very thankful to all who have supported this project, as well as all who have voiced their thoughts

through the various outlets we have provided, in order to help us to grow evermore united in love in the mission of making the Lord Jesus more widely known that He may be greatly loved.

In Christ through Mary,  
Fr. Daniel P. Gifford



St. Malachy, Pray for us

### Flooring Project Status Update:

The Flooring Subcommittee has concluded its work for the time being, as we now move into the phase of implementing the plan to repair the broken tile, resulting in new flooring for the entrance to the nave, at the edge of the baptistery. We anticipate a two -day project of installation of new carpet at the beginning of January 2025. We hope to return to the project of upgrading the flooring in both the sanctuary and the nave in 3-5 years, as funds and other circumstances allow.

A big thank you to all members of the Flooring Subcommittee!

### Exciting News!

We are excited to announce that we will be attending the **Steubenville Youth Conference** in Joliet, Illinois with **Father Mike Schmitz! June 27th-29th**. This particular conference is selling out fast! In order to reserve your teen's spot for this amazing weekend a \$50 deposit is required. It is urgent that you send your deposit in as soon as possible to reserve your teen's spot.



**What is a Steubenville Conference and who is invited?** All high schoolers, including incoming freshmen, are invited to join us. The Steubenville Youth Conferences are for teens looking to deepen their faith, grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and have fun. It's a weekend packed with powerful worship, inspiring speakers, and opportunities to connect with other teens from all over. We also included a stop at Six Flags after the conference to keep the fun going! Parents are invited to join us as chaperones and experience this powerful conference with their teen. Anticipated cost per person is \$475-\$625 depending on transportation availability. We plan to conduct fundraisers to assist with the cost of this weekend. For more information, registration link, or to make a donation to sponsor a student, please email [sosborn@stmalgeneseo.org](mailto:sosborn@stmalgeneseo.org)

### 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

#### Middle School Youth Group (The Rock)

meets on Wednesdays from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

#### High School Youth Group (Oasis)

meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

Each week features a delicious meal, fun games/activities and the opportunity to grow in your walk with Jesus.

All are welcome and feel free to bring a friend.

### Cookie Decorating Challenge!

6th-12th Youth Ministry!

Sunday, December 15 from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm



Join us for the most delicious competition of the season.

Let your creativity shine as you transform plain cookies into edible works of art. Bring a friend! RSVP is preferred so we can plan our baking accordingly.

Contact [sosborn@stmalgeneseo.org](mailto:sosborn@stmalgeneseo.org)

Event held in St. Malachy Parish Hall



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Week 22 - December 1, 2024							Month of		ADA 2024	
	Weekly Goal	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Goal	YTD Actual	Variance	September 2024		(As of October 31st)	
General Collection	\$ 14,731	\$ 7,972	(6,759)	\$ 324,082	\$ 263,195	(60,887)	Total Income	182,297	GOAL	\$ 102,404
School Endowment	\$ 577	\$ 232	(345)	\$ 12,694	\$ 8,332	(4,362)	Total Expenses	122,035	PLEGGED	\$ 53,415
Paraclete Fund	\$ 577	\$ 117	(460)	\$ 12,694	\$ 6,986	(5,708)	NET	60,262	VARIANCE	\$ (48,989)
Capital Improvement	\$ 577	\$ 362	(215)	\$ 12,694	\$ 8,698	(3,996)	<b>July - September 2024</b>		COLLECTED	\$ 44,331
<b>Special Collections</b>							Total Income	406,220	VARIANCE	\$ (58,073)
Bishop's Seminarian Appeal		\$ 170			\$ 1,320		Total Expenses	344,408	# of FAMILIES 111	
Immaculate Conception		\$ 110			\$ 110		NET	61,812		
Religious Retirement		\$ 235			\$ 565					

  
**Upcoming Cursillo Weekends**

Men's: February 20-23, 2025  
Women's: March 21-24, 2025  
Men's: October 16-19 2025

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



**Upcoming TEC Weekends**

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



**DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**  
**Please Pray for these Seminarians**

*John Assaf*      *Dcn. Ben Schoonmaker*  
*Daniel Miller*    *Brennan O'Keeffe*  
*Jared Hernandez*   *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.

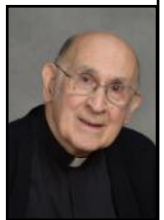
The theme for **December** is:

**"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 then Social Justice.





# Joy to the World Nativity Display

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

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## ADVENT TALK SERIES

### Preparing for Christmas

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MONDAY  
December 2  
**FAITH**

6:00 pm  
Doors Open

MONDAY  
December 9  
**HOPE**

6:30 pm  
Talk with Fr. Peter Zorjan

MONDAY  
December 16  
**CHARITY**

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Holy Hour, Benediction,  
Rosary

MONDAY  
December 23  
**JOY**

7:00 pm - Last Person  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
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person on your list?

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### Ideas & Suggestions:

#### Children & Young Adults:

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Bath & Body Works Gap/Old Navy Barnes & Nobles  
Target Amazon.com Best Buy Gas Cards  
PetSmart AMC Theatre Ulta Beauty Walmart  
Dick's Sporting Goods

#### Men:

Farm & Fleet Geneseo Super Wash Lowes  
Menards The Home Depot Scheels Cabella's  
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Dunham Sports

#### Women:

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#### Restaurants/Grocery:

Fareway Cellar Sweet Peas Culver's Dairy Queen  
Applebee's Dunkin Outback Steak House Cracker  
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Local Motive Panera Red Lobster  
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  - \* 1 night: July 27-28: Castlecourt Hotel, Knock
  - \* 1 night: July 28-29: Clayton hotel Galway, Galway
  - \* 2 nights: July 29-31: The Morgan Hotel, Dublin

- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Wine with dinners
- Transfers as per itinerary
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- Wireless headsets where needed
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**Itinerary subject to change.**

**Copies of the full itinerary will be in the Narthex.**

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## 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

Please put donations under the Advent Giving Tree by Sunday, December 22.

**Financial donations are appreciated.**

Please put your donation in a marked envelope and bring it to the church office.



Giving Tree

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