

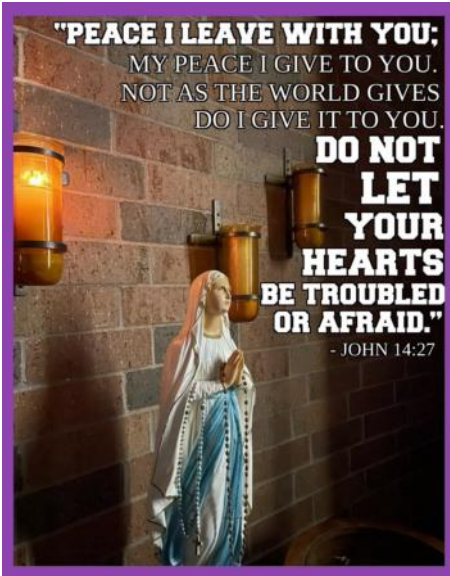
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**St. Malachy Church and School**

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Third Sunday  
 Of Advent  
 December 15, 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

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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 16

**Advent Weekday**

8:00 am Paul Garrity +

9:00 am John Fulcher, deceased members of the Fulcher & Siela families +

## TUESDAY, December 17

**Advent Weekday**

8:00 am Virginia Wachtel +

## WEDNESDAY, December 18

**Advent Weekday**

8:00 am Fr. John Mahoney, Margaret Mahoney +

## THURSDAY, December 19

**Advent Weekday**

8:00 am Kim Van Meenen, Kelly Holevoet +

## FRIDAY, December 20

**Advent Weekday**

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

## SATURDAY, December 21

**Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Advent**

5:00 pm People of the Parish

## SUNDAY, December 22

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:15 am Bob Lopez +

10:30 am Matilda Garza +

**Altar Servers: December 16-22**

**M-T-W:** Gus Osborn, Calvin Curnyn

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm: Camryn Hawkins, Elle Patterson

**Sunday:** 8:15 am: Remington Rahmus, Hayden Rahmus

**Sunday:** 10:30 am: Phoenix Sottos, Collin Griffith

**December - Children's Liturgy of the Word**

8:15 am - Stephanie Seals

10:30 am -



**Please note:** The School Mass is on Monday, and Reconciliation is cancelled for Monday.

Mass is at 8:00 am in the Parish Chapel Tuesday-Thursday.

No evening Adoration or Reconciliation on Thursday due to the School Christmas Program

The Friday Communion Service will also be in the Parish Chapel.

### 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, December 22, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

### 1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

*From you shall come forth the ruler of Israel.*

### Responsorial: Psalm 80

*R./: "Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved."*

### 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

*Behold, I come to do your will.*

### Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

*And how does this happen to me,  
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?*

The  
Fourth  
Sunday  
of  
Advent



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Monday, December 16

Mass 8:00 am

**Cancelled** - Reconciliation 8:45 am

School Mass 9:00 am

Advent Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

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

## Tuesday, December 17

Mass 8:00 am in the Parish Chapel

Reconciliation 8:45 am

Advent Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

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

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

OCIA 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Eucharist Part 1 CR

## Wednesday, December 18

Mass 8:00 am in the Parish Chapel

Advent Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

Circle 6 - 12:30 pm at Sweet Peas Restaurant

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

CCD Family Christmas Sing Along 4:30 pm Church

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

Oasis 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm YR

YMIPT Rosary 6:30 pm

## Thursday, December 19 (Mass will be in the Parish Chapel)

Mass 8:00 am Please note time change due to Christmas Program

Advent Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

School Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 12:15 pm - 1:45 pm

School Christmas Program 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

## Friday, December 20

Communion Service 8:00 am in the Parish Chapel

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

## Saturday, December 21

Reconciliation 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

## Sunday, December 22

Mass 8:15 am

Mass 10:30 am

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*

*Eilene Coleman*

*Sister of Bev Goethals*

*Emma Haddix*

*Sister of Ilene Hamer*



## Attention!!! Bulletin Deadline!

Due to Christmas Eve and Christmas Day falling on Tuesday and Wednesday, the deadline for Bulletin articles is **Friday, December 20th** for the *Sunday, December 29th* bulletin.



*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,

*“A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars”* (Revelation 12).

These words appeared in our First Reading earlier this week, as we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. While this reading is common for various feasts of Mary, it is especially fitting in this case, as the description of how she appeared to John in Revelation very closely resembles how she appeared to Juan Diego. While the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is not crowded with the stars, she is cloaked with them, as well as appearing “clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet,” But this image is not simply a painting, mosaic or any other natural form of religious art. Scientists have studied it and cannot find a natural explanation, because the image itself is truly miraculous.

*“¿No estoy yo aquí, que soy tu madre?”* (Am I not here, I who am your Mother?) This was the question that she asked Juan Diego on her fourth appearance to him, after he had tried to avoid her. She had appeared three separate times to ask him to request of the local bishop that a church be built there in her honor. The bishop had demanded a miraculous sign as evidence of the authenticity of the supposed appearances that Juan Diego was reporting. She had promised to provide one the next day. However, that next day, Juan Diego’s uncle fell gravely ill. Rather than going to see Our Lady, he had taken a different route to go and pursue a priest to visit his uncle. She met him along that alternate route and she asked that famous question, that has long been associated with

this beautiful apparition, which brought revival to the land of Mexico. She was beckoning him to see that by his lack of trust that God would care for his uncle if he was faithful to his promise to her, he was failing to understand her maternal love for him. Then, she provided the miracle that she promised, arranging roses in his tilma - Castilian roses which were already miraculous, as they were neither in season nor native to Mexico. When Juan Diego opened his tilma to reveal the roses, the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was seen printed there. Pilgrims continue to travel to Mexico to this day to see and honor this image.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe intercede for us, that our hearts may be open to receive the grace promised to us by Our Lord at the Last Supper: *“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).

**MARIAN CONSECRATION:** At the end of Mass last weekend, I extended an invitation to consider joining me in making a total consecration to Jesus through Mary (or “Marian consecration”). This is a beautiful experience that involves spending 33 days preparing your heart to consecrate your life totally to Jesus through Mary. This practice has been widely promoted by many great saints, such as Louis de Montfort, Maximillian Kolbe, John Paul II and Mother Teresa. A number of great books have been written to guide people through the process, such as the fairly recent and highly accessible *33 Days to Morning Glory* by Fr. Michael Gaitley (we have copies in the office, which can be claimed for a free will donation). And it can be adapted for all ages, so that it can be a beautiful experience for families to have together, as I have personally witnessed. We will begin the preparation on December 31, 2024 and conclude with

our consecration on the Feast of the Presentation, February 2, 2025. Please prayerfully consider joining us.

**NEW YOUNG PARISHIONERS:** This January, we are going to have the chance to celebrate with a handful of young people receiving Sacraments of Initiation. Each of them has their own unique stories and I won't try to detail them there, but simply to share the good news. On the Feast of Epiphany (January 5), Matthew Darnell (11th grade) will be confirmed and receive his First Communion at the 10:30 Mass. On

the Baptism of the Lord (January 12), Lena Kempher (5th grade) will receive her First Communion at the 10:30 Mass. Finally, on January 19, Conner Ford (8th grade) will receive his First Communion at the 8:15 Mass. What a blessing for our parish! Please keep these young people in your prayers in these final weeks of preparation.

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 baptistry. 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!

## Circle 6

Will host their Annual Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 18 at 12:30 pm at Sweet Peas. Hope to see all members present and filled with the *Spirit of Christmas!*



## Steubenville Trip!

This summer 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 and **we only have a few reserved spots left**. 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 if your teen would like to attend.

**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. If cost is a concern please let me know as we hope to provide some scholarships. We also 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)

## 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.

## Youth Ministry Intercessory Prayer Team

Join us as we lift up our youth in prayer! on Wednesdays, we will gather at 6:30 pm in the Parish Chapel (when available) to pray the Rosary for the intentions of our youth.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and pray.

**All are welcome** - whether you're a seasoned prayer warrior or new to the Rosary, your prayers make a difference.

Let's come together to support our youth and grow in faith!





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Managing God's Gifts To Us

**Parish Sacrificial Giving:**  
1% donated to:  
**Inspire Continuing Care**

Week 23 - December 8, 2024							Month of October 2024		ADA 2024 (As of November 30th)	
	Weekly Goal	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Goal	YTD Actual	Variance				
General Collection	\$ 14,731	\$ 35,965	21,234	\$ 338,813	\$ 299,160	(39,653)	Total Income	83,049	GOAL	\$ 102,404
School Endowment	\$ 577	\$ 477	(100)	\$ 13,271	\$ 8,809	(4,462)	Total Expenses	142,314	PLEDGED	\$ 62,868
Paraclete Fund	\$ 577	\$ 297	(280)	\$ 13,271	\$ 7,283	(5,988)	NET	(59,265)	VARIANCE	\$ (39,536)
Capital Improvement	\$ 577	\$ 524	(53)	\$ 13,271	\$ 9,222	(4,049)	<b>July - October 2024</b>		COLLECTED	\$ 53,985
<b>Special Collections</b>							Total Income	489,269	VARIANCE	\$ (48,419)
Bishop's Seminarian Appeal		\$ 100			\$ 1,420		Total Expenses	486,955	# of FAMILIES	128
Immaculate Conception		\$ 362			\$ 472		NET	2,314		
Religious Retirement		\$ 865			\$ 1,430					

  
**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**

*Blake Miller*                      *Luke Olson*  
*Brady DePoorter*                *Nate Deolin*  
*Gerard Remmes*                 *Angel Garcia*

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.

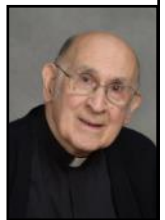
The theme for **December** is:

**"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.

December 26, 2024 - January 1, 2025

2:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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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  
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## Did you Know?

Your child can attend a Catholic School  
Financial Assistance Available



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 2025-2026 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 any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website [www.cdop.org](http://www.cdop.org) under **Catholic Schools** and then under **John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship**. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist at the bottom of the webpage for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must apply online at: [online.factsmgt.com/aid](http://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 2025-2026 school year must reapply.

**Deadline date** for the completed application is **April 25, 2025**. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2025.

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  - \* 1 night: Jul 26-27: Armagh City Hotel, Armagh
  - \* 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

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- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
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- Flight bag & Digital PDF confirmation of all travel documents

**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

Thank you from the Social Justice Committee.



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