

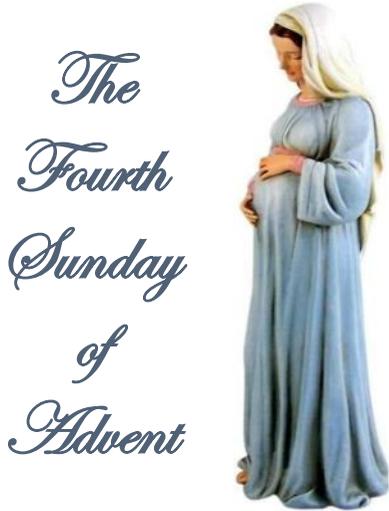
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Fourth Sunday
Of Advent
December 22, 2024



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Prayer Chain:Parish Office

Divorced Ministry:Shannon Carroll

OCIA:Dcn. Mike Sigwalt

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:

<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.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, December 23

8:00 am Don Beck +

Advent Weekday

Children's Liturgy of the Word

December:

8:15 am - No Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:30 am - No Children's Liturgy of the Word

TUESDAY, December 24

4:00 pm Mark Vandemore
& Daughter Brenda +

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

January:

8:15 am -

7:00 pm Carl Cochran +

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

10:30 am - Elizabeth Hulsbrink

10:00 pm Edward &
Agnes DeSplinter +

The Nativity of the Lord During the Night

Altar Servers: December 28-29

M-T-W:

WEDNESDAY, December 25

9:00 am Bob Reade +

The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Aidan Daly, Grady DeWolfe

THURSDAY, December 26

12:00 pm Dcn. Harley & Mary Chaffee +

St. Stephen the first Martyr

Sunday: 8:15 am: Leona Werner, Jake Turner

Sunday: 10:30 am: Shawn Pobanz, Calvin Curnyn

FRIDAY, December 27

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

St. John the Apostle and Evangelist

SATURDAY, December 28

5:00 pm Anthony & Mary Ellen Abell, Paul Abell, Linda Ole +

Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

SUNDAY, December 29

8:15 am People of the Parish

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

10:30 am Fr. Duane Jack +

Please Note: No Thursday evening Adoration or Reconciliation

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 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Samuel, as long as he lives, shall be dedicated to the Lord.

Responsorial: Psalm 84

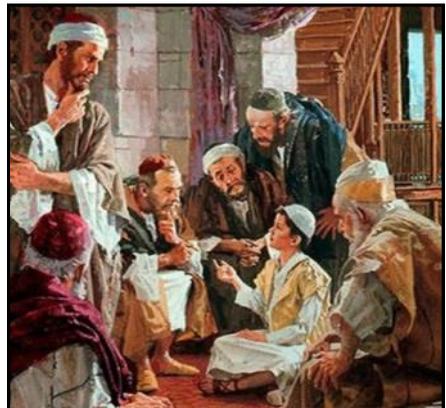
R./: "Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord."

2nd Reading: Hebrews 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

We are called the children of God. And so we are.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

His parents found Jesus sitting in the midst of the teachers.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, December 23

Mass 8:00 am
Reconciliation 8:45 am
Advent Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Adoration 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Chapel

Tuesday, December 24

Cancelled - Reconciliation 8:45 am
Mass - Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord 4:00 pm
Mass - Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord 7:00 pm
Mass - The Nativity of the Lord (During the Night) 10:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25

Mass - The Nativity of the Lord 9:00 am

Thursday, December 26

Mass 12:00 pm
Nativity Display 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Hall

Friday, December 27

Communion Service 8:00 am in the Parish Chapel
Nativity Display 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Hall

Saturday, December 28

Nativity Display 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Hall
Reconciliation 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 29

Mass 8:15 am
Mass 10:30 am
Nativity Display 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Hall

Attention!!! Bulletin Deadline!

Due to New Year's Day falling on Wednesday, the deadline for Bulletin articles is **Monday, December 30th** for the *Sunday, January 5th* bulletin.

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!



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)

"This day He Who Is, is born; and He Who Is becomes what He was not." ~ St. John Chrysostom



FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY

Please join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Fifth Sunday Rosary on Sunday, December 29 at 10:00 am

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,

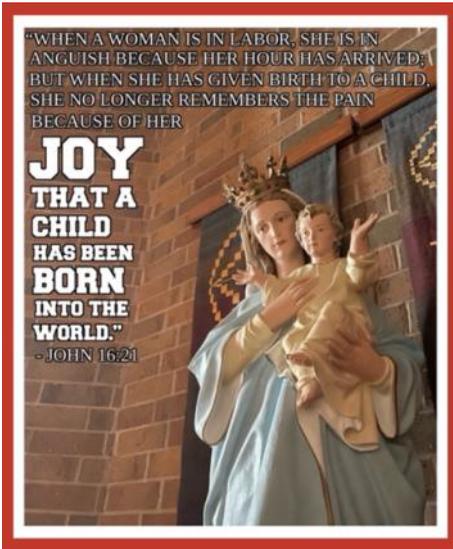
"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid" (John 14:27). When I introduced

this verse as our theme verse for this Advent, at the same time, we began exploring stories of appearances of Our Lady, who helps us open our hearts to receive His peace. We have one more story to consider.

Imagine the sun dancing in the sky, displaying magnificent colors and beginning to appear to fall toward the earth. As amazing and terrifying as this sounds, it is exactly how the incredible events in Fatima, Portugal reached their dramatic climax. In 1917, Mary first

appeared to three children named Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. She asked them to pray for the rosary for peace and offer themselves to God, even when life was

difficult. The children returned to the place where she appeared on the thirteenth of every month, although the anti-Catholic civil authorities did imprison them, in order to prevent their attendance to one of the monthly apparitions. Similar to Lourdes, as word spread, a mix of



reactions came from the people. Regardless, these reactions were enough to draw a rather large audience on the day of the final apparition on May 13, when the great Miracle of the Sun was accompanied by healings and other miraculous phenomena. May Our Lady of Lourdes prompt us all to pray for the rosary for peace and offer ourselves to God, even when life is difficult.

By now, Our Lady has accompanied us throughout Advent, to find hope, even in dark times. Let us now follow the Lord's light, like the Magi following the star, in order to meet her, not in Ireland, France, Mexico or Portugal, but in a little town called Bethlehem. It is there that she gave us the greatest gift she should ever give. Dare I say, it was there that she gave JOY TO THE WORLD. And yet, she was only able to give this gift because it was first given to her. Let us thank the Lord for giving us the greatest gift of all: the Gift of His Only Begotten Son!

May the Joy of Jesus Christ, the true Joy of Christmas, fill your heart and home in this new Christmas Season beginning this week.

Merry Christmas!!!

CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM THE PARISH: As usual, we are distributing books to all who are able to join us for Christmas Masses. A handful of options of discount books were presented to the Parish Council and put to vote. This year, we have selected *The Fountain of Youth, Confession: The Only Key to Living Forever* by Dave Durand. May it be a blessing to you in this new year.

In Christ through Mary,

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

JANUARY LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

GREETERS:

5:00 pm – Kathy O'Rourke, Brendan O'Rourke (**Front**); Sheryl Driessens, Mary Ann Vandersnick (**West**)

8:15 am – Marjorie Martin, Larry Hopkey (**Front**); Anita & Ed Kemnitz (**West**)

10:30 am – Julie Puentes, Ginny Pettit (**Front**); Kathryn Pobanz, Shawn Pobanz (**West**)

USHERS:

5:00 pm – Mark Holevoet, Dave Wolak, Arnie Schmid

8:15 am – Morry Atwell, Lowell Gramling, Brice Maertens, Joseph Pustejovsky

10:30 am – Willis Andel, Tim Laleman, Ted McAvoy, Dick Taets

LECTOR/ COMMENTATOR

5:00 pm – Vicki Rowlands (**L**); Tom Heise (**C**)

8:15 am – Natalie Reisner (**L**); Bill Hanford (**C**)

10:30 am – Winnie Kane (**L**); Mark Kane (**C**)

EMHCs

5:00 pm – Chuck LoGiudice (**Chalice**); Mary LoGiudice (**Chalice**); Pat Boelens, Chris Boelens

8:15 am – Debbie Mattan (**Chalice**); Margaret Chavez (**Chalice**); Julie Atwell, Mike Croegaert

10:30 am – Steve Mroz (**Chalice**); Shauna Thoene (**Chalice**); John Kemmis, Carol Roemer

Children's Liturgy of the Word January:

8:15 am -

10:30 am - Elizabeth Hulsbrink

JANUARY ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 4 - 5:00 pm Declan Gillespie, Calvin Curnyn

Sunday, January 5 - 8:15 am Garren Boelens, Jake Turner **10:30 am** Ivan Hone, Camryn Hawkins

Saturday, January 11 - 5:00 pm Aidan Daly, Roger Winkleman

Sunday, January 12 - 8:15 am Lincoln Anderson, Leona Werner **10:30 am** Lenna Bolme, Hazel Gillespie

Saturday, January 18- 5:00 pm Elle Patterson, Blake Vandersnick

Sunday, January 19 - 8:15 am Remington Rahmus, Hayden Rahmus **10:30 am** Shawn Pobanz, Delilah Hulsbrink

Saturday, January 25 - 5:00 pm Samantha Minnaert, Charlee Cherry

Sunday, January 26 - 8:15 am Tucker Seals, Colton Seals **10:30 am** Phoenix Sottos, Brooke Murtha

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!



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, email sosborn@stmalgeneseo.org



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

Parish Sacrificial Giving:
1% donated to:
Humility Homes

Week 24 - December 15, 2024							Month of October 2024		ADA 2024 (As of November 30th)	
	Weekly Goal	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Goal	YTD Actual	Variance			GOAL	
General Collection	\$ 14,731	\$ 7,241	(7,490)	\$ 353,544	\$ 306,401	(47,143)	Total Income	83,049		\$ 102,404
School Endowment	\$ 577	\$ 10	(567)	\$ 13,848	\$ 8,819	(5,029)	Total Expenses	142,314		\$ 62,868
Paraclete Fund	\$ 577	\$ -	(577)	\$ 13,848	\$ 7,283	(6,565)	NET	(59,265)		\$ (39,536)
Capital Improvement	\$ 577	\$ 150	(427)	\$ 13,848	\$ 9,372	(4,476)	July - October 2024			
Special Collections							Total Income	489,269		\$ 53,985
Bishop's Seminarian Appeal		\$ 10			\$ 1,430		Total Expenses	486,955		\$ (48,419)
Immaculate Conception		\$ -			\$ 472		NET	2,314		# of FAMILIES 128
Religious Retirement		\$ 50			\$ 1,480					


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



DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS
Please Pray for these Seminarians

Jonathan Puckett Dcn. Francis Strong
Jarod Raber Mateo Pascual
Dcn. Jack Watt Anthony Willi

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.

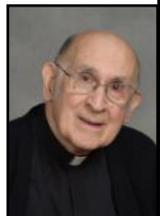
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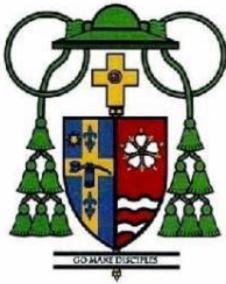
"Meal Items"

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.





Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Diocese of Peoria
Office of the Bishop

December 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas!

We once again celebrate with great joy the birth of Jesus Christ, the long-awaited Messiah. And as we do each year, we have spent the past several weeks preparing our hearts and our homes. The season of Advent beckoned us to prepare for the Lord's coming, especially through our prayer, reflection, works of charity, and the celebration of the Sacraments. We have decorated our homes, purchased gifts, and prepared meals - and it may have left us exhausted. I hope we have prepared our heart and soul as well. Yes, preparing our home and preparing our heart require focused attention on our part. Yet, as important as all our efforts have been to prepare for Christmas, the reality of Jesus' birth into our life as the Savior is just the beginning - there will be much more work to come!

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen said:

"The Christmas message is not that peace will come automatically, because Christ is born in Bethlehem; that birth in Bethlehem was the prelude to His birth in our hearts by grace and faith and love.

Peace belongs only to those who will to have it.

If there is no peace in the world today, it is not because Christ did not come; it is because we did not let Him in."

Archbishop Sheen is reminding us of the work we must yet do. Christmas both *celebrates* Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and *invites* us to receive him into our hearts today. If we have welcomed Him, if we have "let Him in," then we must allow ourselves to be transformed by the encounter with Jesus - which in turn compels us to share our faith with the people whom God has placed in our life. As a disciple, "by grace and faith and love," we are to be a

witness of how we have received God's greatest gift to us - Jesus Christ. By what we say and do, we are to sow the seeds of peace in our families, our workplaces, and in our communities. We live in a world that longs for God's peace. May we be people who have been transformed by the birth of Jesus into our world and into our hearts - and as a result, become instruments of God's peace.

It is my great hope that each of you may encounter the birth of Jesus into your heart this Christmas. And I pray that this overwhelming gift of God's love will indeed strengthen each of us that we may not grow weary of the mission we have received - but allow this to be a moment to be energized, to be renewed, and to be filled with God's grace for we have "let Him in."

God Love you!

Peace and Prayers,



✦ Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Bishop of Peoria



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Behold Your Mother

An Invitation to
Total Consecration
To Jesus through Mary

What Is It: A special prayer, giving your life to Jesus through Mary, as your spiritual mother, who can lead you closer to her Son, typically made after a 33 Day preparation period.

Who Is It For: Great for individuals or for parents to do with their children or for spouses or friends to do together.

When: Preparation Begins December 31, 2024.
Consecration on the Feast of the Presentation
(February 2, 2025).

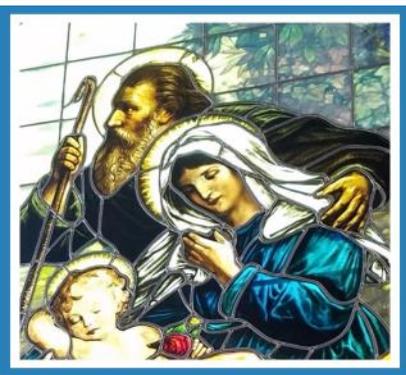
What Can Adults Read: A great book for adults and teens is *33 Days to Morning Glory* by Fr. Michael Gaitley

How Can Children Prepare: Parents can guide them through either the “All Ages Consecration Plan” or the book *Marian Consecration for Children* by Carrie Gress.

Will We Pray Together: An optional group prayer service will be offered every Saturday morning at 9 AM in the church, during the preparation period.

Are There Videos We Can Watch: On FORMED, you can view a supplemental video series also called *33 Days to Morning Glory*.





All Ages Consecration Plan

Simply focus on a different story each day, using the mysteries of the rosary, the seven sorrows of Mary and Marian apparitions.

Part One: Joyful Mysteries

Day 1: The Annunciation

Day 2: The Visitation

Day 3: Nativity of Our Lord

Day 4: The Presentation of the Lord

Day 5: Finding in the Temple

Part Two: Luminous Mysteries

Day 6: Baptism of the Lord

Day 7: Wedding Feast of Cana

Day 8: Proclamation of the Gospel

Day 9: The Transfiguration

Day 10: Institution of the Eucharist (Last Supper)

Part Three: Sorrowful Mysteries

Day 11: Agony in the Garden

Day 12: Scourging at the Pillar

Day 13: Crowning with Thorns

Day 14: Carrying of the Cross

Day 15: The Crucifixion

Part Four: Seven Sorrows of Mary

(Holy Saturday Memories)

Day 16: The Prophecy of Simeon

Day 17: The Flight Into Egypt

Day 18: Jesus Lost for Three Days (In the Temple)

Day 19: The Way of the Cross

Day 20: The Crucifixion

Day 21: Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

Day 22: The Burial of Jesus

Part Five: Glorious Mysteries

Day 23: The Resurrection

Day 24: Ascension of Our Lord

Day 25: Pentecost

Day 26: The Assumption of Our Lady

Day 27: The Coronation

Part Six: Appearances of the Queen

Day 28: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Day 29: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Day 30: Our Lady of Lourdes

Day 31: Our Lady of Knock

Day 32: *Our Lady of Fatima*

Day 33: Our Lady of Kibeho

"Each day we discussed a different mystery of the rosary (or other story of Mary) and I told them the story. After that, I searched Google images and allowed the kids to choose the image that resonated with them. We printed it and placed it in their consecration binder. After this we prayed a Hail Mary... Keeping it short and simple is what helped the kids stay interested. Also, allowing them to choose the image daily made it their own prayer binder."

- Rachel Bystry, mother of two children who used this plan between the ages of 5 and 9.

In the Footsteps of Saint Patrick:
Pilgrimage to

IRELAND

& Northern Ireland
with Fr. Daniel Gifford & Fr. Tom Gardner



New Date: July 23 - 31, 2025

\$5,578 per person
From Moline (MLI)

*All pricing based on double occupancy.
Pricing available from any airport
www.206tours.com/airport

Book Now:

www.206tours.com/frgifford
Booking Code: DG072125

Your pilgrimage includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport taxes & fuel surcharges
- 7 nights accommodation at centrally located first class hotels as follows: (or similar)
 - * 2 nights: Jul 24-26: Voco Belfast, Belfast
 - * 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

- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Wine with dinners
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Wireless headsets where needed
- Assistance of a professional local Catholic Guide
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- 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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Luck of the Draw Winners November 2024



Feast of St. Malachy (\$300) Vern & Pat Mariman
Last Day of the Month (\$100) Amy Roberts
All other Days \$25

Miranda Roemer
Leah Curnyn
Katrina Jensen
Mary Kintigh
Max Winders
Cole McCarville
Majorie Martin
Brendan O'Rourke
Janette Dwyer
Alyx Dykema
Kay Mighell
Kate Ong
Syd Link
Joy Dwyer
Kyle Reade

Marjorie Martin
Roland Croegaert
Norman Sheehan
Elaine Humphrey
Mary Kintigh
Ellen Scranton
Shelly Buckwalter
Teresa Lynch
Rhett Boelens
Kelsey Havel
Henry Payne
Helen Fitzgerald
Teddy Croegaert

Congratulations to our monthly winners and thank you all for participating. You can still buy, sell, and turn in raffle tickets all throughout the year. Tickets are available in the Narthex, or in the Church Office during the week.

Good luck on future drawings!
Thank you,
Fr. Gifford and the St. Malachy Parents Club





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

Free will donations will be accepted

Handicap Accessible

Sponsored by: St. Malachy Altar & Rosary

ADVENT TALK SERIES

Preparing for Christmas

WITH A

Virtuous Heart

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
Offered



St. Patrick Catholic Church
201 1st St, Colona, IL 61241

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 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.factsmgmt.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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