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The Presentation Of the Lord February 2, 2025



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: <u>http://catholicquadcities.com</u> **Traveling?** <u>www.masstimes.org</u> to find Masses

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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, February 3 8:00 am Genevieve Heise +

TUESDAY, February 4

8:00 am Robin Reade +

WEDNESDAY, February 5 8:00 am Hattie Meade + 9:00 am Freda Mroz +

THURSDAY, February 6 5:45 pm Kim VanMeenen +

FRIDAY, February 7 8:00 am Virginia Wachtel +

SATURDAY, February 8 5:00 pm Glen Gustafson +

SUNDAY,February 98:15 amPeople of the Parish10:30 amClement Meade +

St. Blaise

Weekday

St. Agatha

St. Paul Miki & Companions

Weekday

Vigil of the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Liturgy of the Word February: 8:15 am - Kate Kies 10:30 am - Kaila Woods

Altar Servers: February 3-9 M-T-W: Shawn Pobanz, Brooke Murtha Saturday: 5:00 pm: Brooke Murtha, Trace Hager Sunday: 8:15 am: Garren Boelens, Leona Werner Sunday: 10:30 am: Kate Vorac, Anna Vorac



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, February 9, 2025 The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 Here I am! Send me. **Responsorial: Psalm 138** *R./: "In the sight of the angels*

I will sing your praises, Lord."

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

So we preached and so you believe. **Gospel: Luke 5:1-11** They left everything and followed Jesus.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, February 3 - Feast of St. Blaise Mass 8:00 am - Blessing of the Throats Reconciliation 8:45 am Adoration 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Chapel

Tuesday, February 4

Mass 8:00 am

Reconciliation 8:45 am Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CR Circle 14 - 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm YR Social Justice 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm YR Women's Support Group 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Rm C OCIA 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm CR

Wednesday, February 5

Mass 8:00 am School Mass 9:00 am K-5 CCD 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm Kid's Carnival FUNdraiser 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Parish Hall YM Intercessory Prayer Team Rosary 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm PC Adore 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 6

Adoration 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Reconciliation 5:00 pm Mass 5:45 pm

Friday, February 7

First Friday Mass & Devotions 8:00 am Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm YR **Saturday, February 8** - (Mother Theresa Collection after Masses) Reconciliation 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 9

Mass 8:15 am 6th Grade CCD 9:30 am - 10:20 am Confirmation Prep 9:30 am - 10:20 am Children's Mass 10:30 am

Welcome Committee Cinnamon Rolls & Coffee

Free - Free - Free

Join the Welcome Committee after both Masses Sunday, February 16 for FREE Cinnamon Rolls & Coffee.

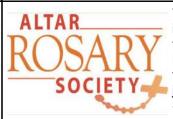


Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Next Session: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 6:00 pm in the Conference Room Topic: Sacrament at the Service of Communion: Holy Orders & Matrimony If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Dcn. Mike Sigwalt msigwalt23@gmail.com 309-502-9243

Parish Council Meeting Summary

Parish Council convened their first meeting of 2025 on Monday, January 27, 2025. Primary discussion included filling a council member vacancy and updates from Fr. Gifford on potential events for 2025. Parish Council also discussed what topics should be highlighted in future meetings throughout the rest of the year. Additional notes can be found on the website in the published meeting minutes.



The Altar and Rosary invites you to stop by the table in the narthex after Mass February 8-9, 2025, to talk to a member about joining a Circle at St. Malachy.

Do you know a female parishioner who you would like to nominate as volunteer of the year?

Nomination forms will be at the table in the narthex.

A Letter from the Pastor



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

"When a woman is in labor, she is in anguish because her hour has arrived; but when she has given birth to a child, she no longer remembers the pain

because of her joy that a child has been born into the world." (John 16:21). We have kept this theme verse with us until this Feast of the Presentation, which Dr. Mark Barber considers "the end of the Christmas cycle." Now, we come to a turning point. as we continue in Ordinary Time. Just over a month from now, we will enter the holy season of Lent. And so, these days might involve both some discernment of what Lenten disciplines the Lord may be inviting us to take up this year and also a life of genuine openness to what the Lord wants to do in our lives today, even in these "ordinary" days of our lives. The past month that we have spent with Mary can help us have that greater openness, since she is the Spouse of the Holy Spirit, who teaches us how to always be open to Him and led by Him.

Notice that we see this same witness in Simeon in our Gospel this weekend, as it mentions three times how he was led by the Holy Spirit. Let us ask Mary and all the saints to help us to always be open to the Holy Spirit, so that we may not only be led by Him, but even be united to Him, after the example of our Blessed Mother.

COLLEGE VISITS: Last Spring, I began a new custom of taking short times off (such as spring break) to visit some of our parishioners at their college campuses. Last year, I was able to host a Saint Malachy lunch and dinner at three different Illinois campuses. I am planning to continue this practice again this year, beginning with a lunch at

Western Illinois University on Monday, February 10. I have already connected with a few of our parishioners there, but if you know of anyone who may not be on my list and you are able to help connect them with us, please let me know so that they might be included. Additionally, I am planning another visit in March. Shannon Carroll had sent out a Flocknote asking for help building a contact list of our parishioners in college. She did receive a few responses, but we would love to have a more complete list, if you can help us fill in the blanks. Specifically, I am planning a visit to Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. And I could easily include a visit to the University of Iowa and/or **Iowa State University** on the way. Finally, I also hope to make a visit to Bradley University this spring. If you know of anyone at any of these campuses with whom you can help connect me, please let me know so that I can include them.

GOSPEL OF LUKE CHALLENGE: For the past two years, we have had hundreds of parishioners commit to doing their best to read one chapter a day of the gospel of the year during our gospel challenges. It has been a great way to grow together closer to the Lord by listening daily to His Holy Word. Our third annual gospel challenge will take place next month! On Saturday, March 1, we will begin the Gospel of Luke Challenge. Read Chapter One on the first day and finish with Chapter 24, just before the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25). Stay tuned for more information. But, mark your calendars, because I hope you can join us.

In Christ through Mary,

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

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 Ministry Intercessory Prayer Team

Join us as we lift up our youth in prayer! We are changing the schedule and will be gathering on the **first Wednesday of each month at 6:15 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

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

EMMAUS KNIGHTS FOR YOUNG MEN GRADES 7-12

February 9, March 9, April 13 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Join Fr. Chase for a Sunday night of faith, fraternity, and formation at the Emmaus House 2327 W Heading Ave, West Peoria

Emmaus Knights is an experience for young men who desire to grow in friendship and faith with some food and some fun.

Fathers, drop your sons off & stay for a time of fraternity.

Scan the code to let us know you are coming and to have your parent fill out a digital permission form!



If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze! -St. Catherine of Siena



Thanks to our very generous parishioners, the Knights of Columbus raised \$1,600 from last Sunday's Pancake Breakfast to support the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry. Thank you very much!

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 - 8:30 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.



Saint Malachy Kids' Carnival FUNdraiser

February 5th from 5:00-6:30 pm

Bring the whole family out for an evening of exciting games, fantastic prizes, and delicious treats. Sponsored by St. Malachy Youth Ministry and put on by our middle and high school students, this event offers unlimited play for a free-will donation. All proceeds benefit the Steubenville-Joliet Summer Youth Conference. Your support helps make this life-changing experience possible for our

teens— Your family's fun evening can send our high schoolers to an unforgettable faith-building experience.

Abide in Me Youth Retreat

February 15, 2025 from 9:30 am - 8:00 pm This day retreat for highschoolers will feature great speakers, praise and worship, spotlight on sacred vocations, opportunities for the sacraments, and much more that will culminate in Eucharistic Adoration. Event will be held at the Sacre-Coeur Retreat Center. Cost is \$35 per person but scholarships are available. Contact Sara Osborn, Director of Youth Ministry: <u>sosborn@stmalgeneseo.org</u> We are planning transportation from our parish if enough teens sign up.







Parish Sacrificial Giving: 1% donated to:

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Men's: February 20-23, 2025 Women's: March 13-16, 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)								
DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS Please Pray for these Seminarians					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.								
John AssafDcn. Ben SchoonmakerDaniel MillerBrennan O'KeeffeJared HernandezJohnPaul StedwillAre you feeling called to serve as a priest or other religious? If so, contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck:					The theme for February is: "House Cleaning Products" Donations needed: Paper towels, dish soap, window cleaner, bleach, mops, laundry detergent, toilet bowl cleaners Items can be placed on the shelves inside the front doors before entering the Narthex.								
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."				The current Food Pantry Newsletter can be found on the St. Malachy website, under the heading Parish Life then Social Justice.									



DISCIPLESHIP QUADS MEETING & SOCIAL Monday, February 17 in the Parish Hall Informational Meeting 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. Quad Social 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.

Please join us for an informational meeting about the Quad small groups that are forming at St. Malachy Church! These groups focus on strengthening our faith and learning how to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, while growing in friendship with one another. The Quads are for all teenage and adult parishioners, family, and friends!

After the informational meeting, we will have a social for everyone who is interested in a Quad or already in a Quad. The social will include a friendly game of trivia plus some light snacks.



Healing the pain of abortion - one weekend at a time

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 **March 14-16, 2025** 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.



February is Heart Month

Having strong friendships is significantly linked to good health. A three-year Swedish study of more than 13,600 men and women found that having few or no close friends increased the risk of having a first-time heart attack by about 50%. (Bethesdahealth.org). That is why being part of the church can have health benefits.

My heart is full. I want to thank Father Gifford and everyone for their support while I was on a leave of absence. Last year I got a new hip and 2 new knees. I am in working order again. My big concern is that I missed some health concerns of yours. I definitely want to support you. If I have missed something or can help you now, please don't hesitate to call.

Other things that can help you with heart health:

*Eat a healthy diet *Get enough physical exercise *Maintain a healthy weight *Check your blood pressure and cholesterol *Quit smoking *Reduce stress and improve sleep *Understand your risk factors *Keep track of your heart health goals *Tell your doctor how you are doing.



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.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.



The Social Justice Committee met in January to discuss furthering our relationship with the prison ministry, Companions Journeying Together, which includes the Aunt Mary's Storybook Project. We have decided to support them through fundraising and sending holiday cards. Anyone interested in learning more about this wonderful organization can view their story at <u>citinc.org</u>.

After a short hiatus, the New Life Farm for Women is up and running again. This Christian ministry, located just outside of Geneseo, houses and educates women who need a helping hand. Anyone from the parish interested in learning more about the Farm and how to help through donations, talent or volunteering, please contact the church office for more information.

Our committee had the pleasure of delivering Advent Giving Tree donations to Inspire Continuing Care, the Food Pantry, Local Students in Need, Christian Care, Humility Homes, Backpack Blessings and the New Life Farm. All were very appreciative to St. Malachy Church's generous parishioners!

> Our next Social Justice meeting is Tuesday, February 4th at 4:00 pm in the Youth Ministry Room. We'd love to have you join us!





A GLOBAL OUTREACH PROJECT



We are 4 women from the Quad Cities who have come together to form a stained-glass ministry to raise money for clean water projects in under-developed countries. Our goal is to raise \$2,500 each year by making stained-glass heart sun catchers. We are now starting our twelfth year and have raised over \$33,000 so far. We will be selling these hearts for \$10 each at St. Malachy Church on **Saturday, February 8**, and **Sunday, February 9**. We will be available after all Masses. All proceeds from our sale will be sent to Father Charles Niwagaba to be used for wells in his village of Buhinda in Uganda.

These hearts make great Valentine's gifts and gifts for any special occasion throughout the year. Your support of this worthwhile cause will be greatly appreciated. Hearts can also be ordered by contacting Therese Roman at (563) 271-5176. Thank you!



Therese Roman, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Silvis Linda Mitton, Christ The King, Moline Beth Ricke and Barb Brooks, St. Anne, East Moline

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