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The Fifth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time
 February 9, 2025



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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:

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, February 10 *St. Scholastica*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

TUESDAY, February 11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*

8:00 am Stoney & Gerry VanderBeke +

WEDNESDAY, February 12 *Weekday*

8:00 am Carol Heise +

9:00 am Don Beck +

THURSDAY, February 13 *Weekday*

5:45 pm Duzie Atwell +

FRIDAY, February 14 *Sts. Cyril and Methodius*

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

SATURDAY, February 15 *Vigil of the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm Dr Sharon Weiss

SUNDAY, February 16 *The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:15 am Eileen Coleman +

10:30 am People of the Parish

Please Note: Monday, February 10 will be a Communion Service and Reconciliation has been cancelled.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

February:

8:15 am - Kate Kies

10:30 am - Kaila Woods

Altar Servers: February 10-16

M-T-W: Hayden Rahmus, Tucker Seals

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Avery Emmerson, Charlee Cherry

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

Sunday: 10:30 am: Lincoln Anderson, Shawn Pobanz



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, February 16, 2025

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings;

blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.

Responsorial: Psalm 1

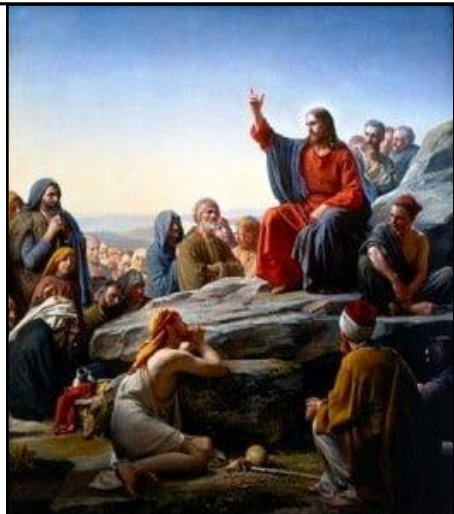
R./: "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord."

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Blessed are the poor. Woe to you who are rich.



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)



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, February 10

Communion Service 8:00 am

Cancelled - Reconciliation 8:45 am

Circle 4 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am YR

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

Parents Club 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Rm A

Tuesday, February 11

Mass 8:00 am

Reconciliation 8:45 am

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 CR

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

Wednesday, February 12

Mass 8:00 am

School Mass 9:00 am

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

Rescheduled: Kid's Carnival Fundraiser 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
in the Parish Hall

Thursday, February 13

Adoration 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Reconciliation 5:00 pm

Mass 5:45 pm

Friday, February 14

Communion Service 8:00 am

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

Saturday, February 15

Reconciliation 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 16

Mass 8:15 am - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Anointing of the Sick 9:15 am - 10:15 am Church

Welcome Committee FREE Cinnamon Rolls & Coffee
after both Masses in the Parish Hall

6th Grade CCD 9:30 am - 10:20 am

Confirmation Prep 9:30 am - 10:20 am

Mass 10:30 am - Children's Liturgy of the Word



OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Next Session: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

6:00 pm in the Conference Room

Topic: Catholic Social Teaching:
Social Justice

If you or someone you know is interested,
please contact Dcn. Mike Sigwalt
msigwalt23@gmail.com 309-502-9243

Christ willed to be thus offered as a sign of humility; so that by the merit of humility He might teach us to become worthy of Divine favor. - St. Thomas Aquinas



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

Welcome Committee Cinnamon Rolls & Coffee

Free - Free - Free

Join the
Welcome Committee
after both Masses
Sunday, February 16
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A Letter from the Pastor



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

"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). As

we continue through Ordinary Time, we return to our original theme verse for this Year of Eucharistic Spirituality. We recall how, at the Last Supper, Our Lord invited us all to remain in Him. The focus of this final year of the Eucharistic Revival has been focused on that final clause of the Saint Malachy Revival Prayer: *"that He may be greatly loved."* The Lord gave us the gift of the Holy Eucharist to unite us in love to Himself, to one another in Him and to the Holy Trinity.

Let us reflect on this mystery of the Holy Trinity. God Himself is a Union of Love. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are perfectly and eternally united in love. So perfect is their union that they share one substance: Three Persons, One God. At the climax of creation, the Triune God said, *"Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness"* (Genesis 1:26a). We are made in the image and likeness of the perfect Union of Love, made for relationship, made for love. We were made to be united in love with one another. Yet, the way that He made us is to first seek to remain united in love *with Him*. The God of Love made us to be united in love with Him and to trust that this is the path to being united in love with one another. When sin entered into the human heart, we began to be divided from the Lord and from one another, as we each began to seek our own interests.

Thankfully, this is not the end of the story. The Son became one of us, in order to bring His scattered children home to Him. Let us get to know Him, so that we can respond to His call to *Remain in Him*, and so satisfy the desire in the Heart of God. Today, He calls us to Himself, just as He does for Simon Peter in this weekend's Gospel. Yet, we too will be sent out like fishers of men to gather our scattered brothers and sisters into the net of God's Love. May we allow His Holy Spirit to bring about a miraculous catch, which unites many people in the net of His Love.

MORE ON THE GOSPEL OF LUKE CHALLENGE:

One of the best ways to get to know the Lord Jesus is by spending time immersed in the Gospel. Through the Gospel of Luke, we especially get to know His compassionate and merciful heart. I hope you can join us in this year's Gospel of Luke Challenge. All you have to do is commit to doing your best to read one chapter every day of the Gospel of Luke, beginning on March 1 and ending on March 24th, right before the Feast of the Annunciation. Next week, I will share more of the logistics of what this will look like. But, first let me offer a few brief comments on why we do this and why we do it as a challenge. First, we do it because one of the most important aspects of living a Christian life is that we listen to the Word of the Lord, by opening our Bibles and reading the Scriptures, especially the Gospels. Yet, we can so easily either exempt ourselves from that by saying that reading Scripture simply is not for us or we can fall out of the habit or even simply put off developing the habit in the first place. Too many of our Bibles stay on our shelves for too long! Let's work to change that, beginning with ourselves. But, let's not stop with ourselves. Let's encourage one another! And this is why we do this as a challenge, with a participation goal. I will share the goal and the details of the incentive next week. But, it is one of the hopes of this challenge, not only that we would get as many people participating as possible, but that those participating would *want* to reach our goal and so we would be inviting others to participate. We want to build a culture of both listening to God's Word and also encouraging one another to do so. This way we will have more people listening to His Word and getting to know the real Jesus by reading the Gospels. The more of us we have doing this, the more we will allow the Lord to unite us in love with one another by uniting us in love with Himself!

In Christ through Mary,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Daniel P. Gifford". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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 warrior or new to the Rosary, your prayers make a difference.



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.

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.

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!



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:

sosborn@stmalgeneseo.org

We are planning transportation from our parish if enough teens sign up.





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Week 31 - February 2, 2025							ADA 2024 (As of December 31st)		Month of December 2024		
	Weekly Goal	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Goal	YTD Actual	Variance	GOAL	\$	Total Income	151,647	
General Collection	\$ 14,731	\$ 11,954	(2,777)	\$ 456,661	\$ 432,190	(24,471)	PLEGDED	\$	73,793	Total Expenses	109,182
School Endowment	\$ 577	\$ 482	(95)	\$ 17,887	\$ 13,244	(4,643)	VARIANCE	\$	(28,611)	NET	42,465
Paraclete Fund	\$ 577	\$ 327	(250)	\$ 17,887	\$ 13,354	(4,533)	COLLECTED	\$	65,742	July - December 2024	
Capital Improvement	\$ 577	\$ 637	60	\$ 17,887	\$ 14,454	(3,433)	VARIANCE	\$	(36,662)	Total Income	754,788
							# of FAMILIES		154	Total Expenses	720,127
										NET	34,661


Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

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)

For information visit
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

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.

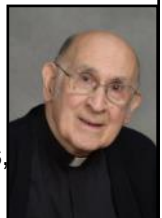
The theme for **February** is:

"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.

The current Food Pantry Newsletter can be found on the St. Malachy website, under the heading Parish Life then Social Justice.



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