## Diocese of Peoria St. Malachy Church and School

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The Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 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, May 5 8:00 am Kim VanMeenen +	Easter Weekday	Altar Servers: May 5-11 M-T-W: Charlie Hone, Delilah Hulsbrink
TUESDAY, May 6 8:00 am John McGuire +	Easter Weekday	Saturday: 5:00 pm: Deliliah Hulsbrink, Avery Emmerson Sunday: 8:15 am: Garren Boelens, Leona Werner
WEDNESDAY, May 7 8:00 am Kelly Holevoet + 9:00 am Meg Miller +	Easter Weekday	Sunday: 10:30 am: Kate Vorac, Anna Vorac
<b>THURSDAY, May 8</b> 5:45 pm Joan Claerhout +	Easter Weekday	
FRIDAY, May 9 8:00 am No Mass - Communio		
SATURDAY, May 10 5:00 pm Stoney & Gerry Vanc	Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Ea lerBeke +	ster
SUNDAY, May 11 8:15 am Mark Weise + 10:30 am People of the Parish	The Fourth Sunday of Easter	Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. Pope Francis Our Pontiff
Please Note: The Rosary will be praduring the month of May. Please arr		Ray Hanson Brother of Chris Ward
Area Church Weeken St. Anthony/Atkinson 4:00 pm Saturday 9:30 am Sunday	d Mass Schedules: 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.
	nday, May 11, 2025 unday of Easter	
<b>1st Reading: Acts 13:14,</b> <i>We now turn to the Gentiles.</i> <b>Responsorial: Psalm 100</b> <i>R./: "We are his people, the she</i> <b>2nd Reading: Revelation</b> <i>The Lamb will shepherd them</i> <i>and lead them to springs of life</i> <b>Gospel: John 10:27-30</b> <i>I give my sheep eternal life.</i>	eep of his flock." <b>7:9, 14b-17</b>	

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Monday, May 5

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

## Tuesday, May 6

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

### Wednesday, May 7

Mass 8:00 am School Mass 9:00 am CCD Celebration 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm Mahoney Shelter, Ball Field The Rock 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm YR YM Intercessory Prayer Team 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm Parish Chapel Oasis 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm YR ADORE 7:00 pm

## Thursday, May 8

Liturgy Committee 10:00 am - 12:00 pm CR Adoration 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Reconciliation 5:00 pm Mass 5:45 pm

### Friday, May 9

Communion Service 8:00 am Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm YR Confirmation at St. Pius, Rock Island 5:30 pm

### Saturday, May 10

Confirmation at the Cathedral in Peoria 3:15 pm Reconciliation 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Mass 5:00 pm

### Sunday, May 11

Mass 8:15 am Mass 10:30 am May Crowning

### St. Malachy Rosary Makers the Eddie DePauw Memorial Guild

The St. Malachy Rosary Makers are taking orders for handmade rosaries for First Communion and Confirmation. Money raised is for shipping to African and Asian countries. For ordering/information: Jolene Thompson 309-269-8944



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m th}$  Bishop Louis Tylka will be at St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Kewanee, IL on Diocese of Peoria Tuesday, August 12th for a Mass to

celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Peoria, for our vicariate at 5:30 pm with a reception to follow.

# Lest We Forget



As we approach the remembrance event of Memorial Day, I invite you to send a photo of a loved one who has served in the US Armed forces who is no longer with us. Please also send the years served in service to our country. A slideshow will then be created and presented in the Narthex to honor those who served. It will be displayed on Memorial Day weekend at all Masses. Please share your family's history with us so that your loved one's service and sacrifice will not be forgotten.

Send photos and information by May 16 to: iranderson2002@gmail.com



NATIONAL **Eucharistic** Pilgrimage

Last year, a group of parishioners from St. Malachy Parish attended the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN, it was breathtaking! This year, we are invited again to another incredible event - the Eucharistic Pilgrimage - that is coming through Peoria, (May 20), Davenport, (May 21), and Dubuque, (May 23) (as well as numerous towns in between)!

Registration is open! Go to the website below, register, and choose the events you would like to attend.

https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/

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## A Letter from the Pastor

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Dear St. Malachy Parishioners, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified and God has been glorified in Him" (John 13:31b). As we continue the Easter Season, we will continue to read the final

Easter homily of Pope Francis,

segments:

"We must look for (Jesus) without ceasing. Because if He has risen from the dead, then He is present everywhere, He dwells among us, He hides Himself and reveals Himself even today in the sisters and brothers we meet along the way, in the most ordinary and unpredictable situations of our lives. He is alive and is with us always, shedding the tears of those who suffer and adding to the beauty of life through the small acts of love carried out by each of us.

For this reason, our Easter faith, which opens us to the encounter with the risen Lord and prepares us to welcome Him into our lives, is anything but a complacent settling into some sort of "religious reassurance." On the contrary, Easter spurs us to action, to run like Mary Magdalene and the disciples; it invites us to have eyes that can "see beyond," to perceive Jesus, the one who lives, as the God who reveals Himself and makes Himself present even today, who speaks to us, goes before us, surprises us. Like Mary Magdalene, every day we can experience losing the Lord, but every day we can also run to look for Him again, with the certainty that He will allow Himself to be found and will fill us with the light of His resurrection."

May we run to look for Jesus, so that He can fill us with the light of His Resurrection.

VICARIATE MASS: As I mentioned after Masses last weekend, there will be a special Mass for our vicariate to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the

Diocese of Peoria on Tuesday, August 12th at Saint John Paul II Parish in Kewanee, IL. If you are interested in being a part of a committee to help plan the event, please contact the parish office and they can connect you with the appropriate person.

**DEACON APPRECIATION:** I often thank God for our "small army" of deacons. They are good men who give so much of themselves to serve our parish. If you would like to express appreciation for any or all of our beloved deacons, we will have cards and envelopes ready at the information table in the narthex throughout the month of May. You can write a note to one of them or directed to all of them. And you can also make a donation to cover the cost of the new vestments which the Bishop has designed for them, in order to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our diocese.

SIXTH GRADE CONVERSATION: Last weekend. I shared with you news about Saint Malachy School not offering 6th grade for the 2025-2026 school year and asking for feedback regarding discernment about the future. We are thankful for the input of everyone who has reached out or plans to do so. This input is valuable in aiding the prayerful discernment of a final decision. In this bulletin, you can also find а follow-up communication, which was previously shared with current school parents, in response to some of the questions that have come up. You can also find a letter from Mrs. Devon Schaaf, inviting you to an upcoming meeting. Thank you for your involvement in this process and for your patience.

In Christ through Mary,

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



## 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.

## Youth Ministry Intercessory Prayer Team

Join us as we lift up our youth in prayer! We 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.

# TOTUS TUUS RETURNS





## STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

## Parish Sacrificial Giving: 1% donated to:

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DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS Please Pray for these Seminarians					lr h	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 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         He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body."					C P It ir T	The theme for May is: Diaper Supplies Donations needed: Diapers, baby wipes pullups, diaper rash ointments 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.									

## April 17, 2025

Dear St. Malachy Families,

Based on feedback we have received regarding the future of 6th grade, questions of expanding St. Malachy School through 8th grade or beyond have resurfaced. As an initial response, I would like to take this opportunity to offer a summary to remind you of the findings from the Expansion Committee in 2021.

Summary of findings from the St. Malachy School Expansion Committee which began meeting in the Fall of 2021:

• Through the years, St. Malachy School has shown a low level of student retention through sixth grade, resulting in especially small sixth grade classes. While each individual student is certainly worth the effort, a higher enrollment is necessary to maintain a fiscally solvent school.

• The current rate of tuition generates revenue that is below the level recommended by the Office of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Peoria. Due to these factors, the school currently provides for significantly less than the appropriate portion of its own expenses.

 $\diamond$  St. Malachy parish provides for a higher portion of the school expenses than is recommended by the diocese.

◊ A gradual increase in tuition will already be necessary in the coming years to sustain current operations.
 ◊ In addition to financial costs, we also already experience difficulty in retaining the number of faculty and staff needed even for a K-6 school.

◊ Capital improvements and construction would be necessary in order for an expansion to move forward, however, the costs of sustainability are far greater.

- Additional salaries, building materials, curriculum, supplies and technology would continue to result in ongoing expenses that are far greater than our current revenue would support.
- In order to meet these new expenses, the necessary increase in the rate of tuition would have to be so high that it could threaten our current enrollment and put even greater strain on our budget.

In short, we already have significant needs in order to continue to sustain the level of quality Catholic education at our school. This means we are not able to move forward with pursuing an expansion at this time. If the school experiences substantial enrollment growth in the years ahead and is able to reduce its dependence on parish subsidy, the question of expansion may be revisited at a future date by the pastor, school administration and the Education Commission.

This summary is being offered in order to clarify why the question of expansion is not being revisited at this time. But, I wish to also offer the clarification that the decision regarding 6th grade for the upcoming year is not motivated by finances. Let us remain united in love and prayer for our school.

In Christ through Mary,

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Fr. Daniel P Gifford

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Dear St. Malachy Church and School Families,

I am thankful for the feedback I have received thus far regarding the future of 6th grade at St. Malachy School. Please know that as the leader of our school, I value your input and perspective. As we move the process forward, I would like to invite you to a round table discussion regarding 6th grade in which you will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer feedback. To help Father and I prepare for the discussion, please submit any questions you have to **roundtable@stmalgeneseo.org** by May 14th.

Finally, I am beyond grateful for the love and prayers you have and continue to offer up for our school. As we continue forward, please join me in meditating on the following scripture: Make every possible effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3.

St. Malachy 6th Grade Round Table Discussion

When: Monday, May 19th at 7:30 pm

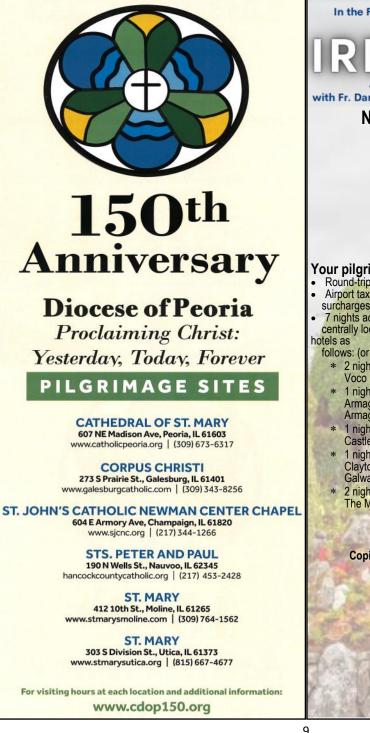
Where: The Church Hall

Who: All Are Welcome

Blessings,

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Devon Schaaf Principal St. Malachy School



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Copies of the full itinerary will be in the Narthex.						
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# June 7th

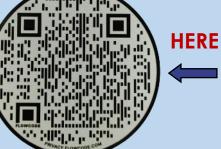
8:00 am - 3:30 pm Donuts @ 8:00 am Program @ 9:00 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe 800 17th St, Silvis, IL

## TRUTH HEALTH RESPECT RELATIONSHIPS

# LET'S GET REAL!





Must sign up for Lunch RSVP Incoming 7th-12th Graders Welcome! No Cost - Free will offering Walk-ins welcome - bring own lunch



# Imaginary Walk to Ireland Starting June 21st

Did you know that it is 3,722 miles to get to Ireland? Father Gifford is going to Ireland, (leading a group) so the Wellness Committee thought it might be fun to see if we could walk the number of miles it would take to get to Ireland. Along the way there will be some education on the places in Ireland they will go on their trip. If you like other forms of exercise you can convert that into steps. *There is no need for a pedometer.* For example:

## Step Conversion Activity Steps per Minute (Approx.) Walking 80-100

 Walking
 80-100

 Running
 120-180

 Cycling
 60-100

Gardening 131 Mowing the lawn 120 Circuit training 199

Also we will have a fun new aspect! When you enter the walk your name will be put in for a weekly prize drawing.



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