

**Catholic Schools Week~St. Malachy School**  
**January 26 - January 31, 2020**  
**Catholic Schools:**  
**Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.**



**Sunday, Jan. 26 – Celebrating Our Parish**

An Open House will be held in the school from 9:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. Parents Club will serve refreshments in the school during this event. Parents of prospective students are invited to attend. Members of the parish, grandparents and parents are also invited. There will be a special Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10:30 a.m. St. Malachy School Choir will sing at this Mass, and our sixth grade students are responsible for the readings and serve as gift bearers.

**Monday, Jan. 27 – Celebrating Our Community**

Students and staff will gather for a Catholic Schools Week Kick Off Assembly. St. Malachy students shine Christ's light in our community and will be asked to bring a donation of a gently used toy, book, or monetary donation to benefit the Geneseo Food Pantry. Students may dress in brightly colored clothing that "shines" such as yellow or neon colors.

**Tuesday, Jan. 28 – Celebrating Our Students**

St. Malachy School 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will present a "Character Day/Wax Museum" in the Hall from 8-10 a.m. This will be an open house type of format. Prior to this day, students research a person in history. They will transform into this character in a wax museum setting and present their research to the student body. St. Malachy families are invited to attend, including grandparents and relatives. Students may dress in green, gold and white to show school spirit.

**Wednesday, Jan 29 - Celebrating Our Nation**

There will be a special Catholic Schools Week School Mass at 9:00 a.m. Prayers for those serving in our military and for our President, Congress and Nation will be incorporated into the Mass. St. Malachy School students, faculty and staff will be encouraged to wear red, white and blue clothing to school to demonstrate their patriotism. Students will sing a patriotic song at the conclusion of Mass. Military veterans, active service members, and relatives are invited to attend.

**Thursday, Jan. 30 - Celebrating Vocations**

Teachers will discuss in their classrooms what it means to enter into a vocation. Students will write a card to our adopted seminarian, as well as the pedaling priests. Students may dress in *Holy Spirit* wear, such as St. Malachy School spirit wear, a t-shirt with a Bible verse, or possibly a shirt that represents a charity or event that is meaningful to them.

**Friday, Jan. 31 - Celebrating Our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers**

"Hats off to our volunteers!" Students may wear a hat to school on this day. We will recognize our school volunteers with a card and a small token of appreciation. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in our annual St. Malachy School Spelling Bee at 12:30 p.m. in the Church. The winner will represent St. Malachy School at the Regional Spelling Bee at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will have a *Flat Stanley* presentation in the church hall, and St. Malachy families and church parishioners are invited to attend from 2:00-2:45 p.m. Mrs. Vicky Wyffels, in conjunction with the Illinois Extension, will be talking to the kindergartners about groundhogs and creating a project. Family Skate Night is from 6-8:30 in the gym.