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December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent



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JustFaith: Deacon O'Rourke
Prayer Chain: Parish Office
Divorced Ministry: Deacon Ries

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.
Reconciliation:
Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
See inside for times for daily Mass and Holy Day Masses

Bulletin articles MUST be submitted no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.
Thank you.

For activities in the Quad Cities, go to:
<http://catholicquadcities.com>

We warmly welcome new parishioners and ask them to register at the Parish Office. Individuals interested in becoming Catholic may see Fr. Pakula or call the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, December 2

8:00 am Marvin Scranton

TUESDAY, December 3

8:00 am Mary Bell

WEDNESDAY, December 4

7:00 am Jerry Thompson
9:00 am Albert Hudders

THURSDAY, December 5

8:00 am Ken Baze

FRIDAY, December 6

8:00 am Hayden & Brian DeDecker

SATURDAY, December 7

8:00 am Russ Ward
5:00 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, December 8

8:15 am Donald Mattan
10:30 am Joan Emerick & Larry Naert

Rosary recited after weekday Masses

ALTAR SERVERS

Monday Dec. 2—Tuesday Dec. 3

8:00 am Aiden Bries & Nathan Boone

Wednesday Dec. 4

9:00 am Aiden Bries & Nathan Boone

Thursday Dec. 5—Friday Dec. 6

8:00 am Greta Bolme & Viola Pettit

Saturday, December 7

5:00 pm Keely Roberts & Julia Lewis

Sunday, December 8

8:15 am Savannah Reisner & Joselyn Reisner
10:30 am Joe Venneberg & Nathan Venneberg

Weekend Mass Schedules for Sacred Heart in Annawan and St. Anthony's in Atkinson

St. Anthony

4:00 pm Saturday
9:30 am Sunday

Sacred Heart

8:00 am Sunday

BULLETIN BOARD

Monday, December 2

11:00 am Vocations Ministry, Conf Rm.
2:00 pm 9:00 pm Exposition, Church
6:30 pm Circle 4, Room A
6:30 pm Just Faith, Conf. Rm.

Tuesday, December 3

1:30 pm Circle 14, Youth Rm. (See note)
4:00 pm Social Justice, Conf. Rm.
7:00 pm RCIA, Conf. Rm.

Wednesday, December 4

7:25 am 7/8th Prayer Group, Youth Rm.
9:00 am School Mass, Church
10:15 am Mom's Group, Youth Rm.
3:30 pm K-5 CCD, School/Art Rm
6:00 pm Adoration, Church
6:30 pm Oasis, Youth Rm. & Gym
6:45 pm 6th/7th CCD, School/Rm. A
7:00 pm Celebration Choir, Church

Friday, Dec. 6

9:00 am Foot Clinic, Conf. Rm.

Saturday, Dec. 7

8:00 am Mass & Benediction
10:00 am First Reconciliation Service

CIRCLE 14 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
11:30 Meet at Sweet Peas for lunch.
Meeting to follow at St. Malachy's Youth Room (approximately 1:30)

Women's Support Group: Perfectly Yourself

Meets every Thursday at 6:15 p.m. in Room C.
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Jen Ulam, 309-738-8065 or
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November 24, 2019

Weekly Gifts	(Goal: \$13,000)	\$4,803
School Endow.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$179
Paraclete Fund	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$254
Capital Improve.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$238
Bishop Seminarian Appeal		\$933
CHD		\$591

Week (21)	Budget	Actual	Avg	Variance
Weekly	\$273,000	\$272,206	\$12,962	(\$794)
School End.	\$15,750	\$10,609	\$505	(\$5,141)
Paraclete	\$15,750	\$21,122	\$1,006	\$5,372
Cap Improv.	\$15,750	\$18,878	\$899	\$3,128

Parish Sacrificial Giving:
1% will be donated to Religious Retirement Collection

ADA 2019
Goal \$87,107
Pledged \$83,846
Contributed \$77,664.13
Number of Pledges: 217

IRA Required Minimum Distributions Donation Opportunity

There is good news if you have reached age 70 1/2 and you would like to help our parish or school. If you have an IRA, the government requires you to take out a certain amount each year and be subject to federal tax. However, the law allows you to donate this amount directly to your parish or school during 2019 and have it distributed free of federal income tax! What a wonderful opportunity for those 70 1/2 to help (our parish, school, ministry). Please contact the person that handles your retirement plan or your tax advisor if you are interested in making such a donation.

ST. MALACHY'S ADVENT GIVING TREE

Thank you for supporting many different area organizations with your donations this year including the Geneseo/Atkinson Food Pantry, Hillcrest Home, Humility Homes & Services, Q.C. Haven of Hope, Local Students in Need, Companions Journeying Together, Backpack Blessings, Allure of Geneseo; our Sister Parish; New Life for Women Farm & Christian Care.

Items that one or more organizations have requested:

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| Diapers | Baby wipes | Bath powder |
| Hand cream | Shaving supplies | Body lotion |
| Washcloths | Cold medicine | Cough drops |
| Band Aids | Paper towels | Kleenex |
| Body Wash | Deodorant (spray) | Toilet paper |
| Dish soap | Combs/Brushes | Mouthwash |
| Liquid soap | Trash bags | Antibiotic ointment |
| Tylenol, Advil, | Ice Packs | Shampoo/Conditioner |
| Adult diapers | Laundry detergent | Dryer sheets |
| Sheets (all sizes) | Perfume, cologne | Aftershave |
| Cleaning products | Feminine Hygiene Products | |
| Loose leaf paper, | stationery & stamps, NIV Bibles | |
| Toothpaste, toothbrushes, | Dental floss, Denture cleaner/grip | |

Children's clothing: shirts, jeans, leggings, hooded sweat-shirts, socks, underwear, shoes, boots, coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves

Adult clothing: Sweatshirts, shirts, sweatpants, fleece jackets, coats, slippers or fuzzy socks, gloves and hats (men's and women's), boots

Snacks: Cookies, snack size soft candy bars, pudding cups, fruit cups, movie box candy, small bags of chips, peanut butter cracker packs, microwave popcorn, hard and soft candies, Pringles chips, diet/reg. pop

Gift cards: Wal-Mart, Culvers, McDonalds, Fareway, & Gas

Please place your donations under the Giving Tree by Dec. 22nd after the 10:30 Mass.

Thank you,
St. Malachy's Social Justice Committee

Change in Exposition Time:

Monday December 9, we will have a 7:00 pm Mass, celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Because of this evening Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Dec. 9th will end at 6:00 pm.

DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

O Mary, St. Therese ever turned to you in love, telling you her desires in simplicity and trust, and begging you to speak to Jesus. With her, we ask you to offer our prayers to your Son for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese. Place within the hearts of men and women a love which is strong enough to lead them to devote their lives to the service of the Church. Help them to respond to your Son's call with a love that will spend itself in service to their brothers and sisters.

St. Therese, Patroness of Vocations,
Pray for Us

Please Pray for these Seminarians

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| <i>Nathan Hopper</i> | <i>Ethan Lacey</i> |
| <i>Zak Leskanich</i> | <i>Ryan Mann</i> |
| <i>Jacob Martini</i> | <i>Luke Olson</i> |
| <i>Jonathan Robinson</i> | |



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

A new group of Prayer Shawl Ministry is being formed at St. Anthony's in Atkinson in which they are looking for Crocheters or Knitters to help make shawls for those in dire need for the comfort of prayers or support during a traumatic time in their lives. Need not be a Catholic to join us.

For more information please call
Verna May at 309-269-3772

NORTHWEST AREA TEC
Boys: December 7th-9th



2020 is right around the corner! Do you want to start the new year off with getting control of your finances? Mark & Amy Roberts will be offering a Financial Peace University (FPU) course at St. Malachy beginning on Sunday, January 12th at 5 pm. FPU provides biblical principles and practical tools to manage your personal finances. The course runs 9 weeks with each session lasting 90 minutes. The course historically costs \$100+ per person/family for the instruction materials. Some scholarship funds are available. Please contact Mark & Amy Roberts at 309-203-9372 or the Church office if you are interested in attending or would like more information. Babysitting services will be provided. Please sign up by December 31st.

Doug & Nitzy Bull will also be hosting FPU classes starting on January 21st at Geneseo Middle School. Classes will start at 6:00 pm and go until about 8:00 pm. You can sign up at fpu.com/1103633 or contact them directly at 309-269-5818 or dbull622@gmail.com.

We hope you will be able to attend one of the dates for a life changing experience!

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Dec. 3 Overview of the Sacraments

By Dc. Art Ries

Dec. 10 Baptism & Confirmation

By Karen Humbert

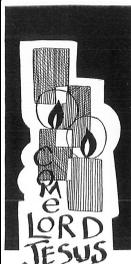


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Need candles for your Advent wreath?

Stop by the gift shop this month before or after Mass to find Advent candles and wreaths, Advent calendars, as well as other books, bibles, or devotions.

Soon we will begin the Holy Season of Advent which begins a new liturgical year for our church. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming and also leads us to the anniversary of the Lord's birth, Christmas Day. Family prayers around the Advent Wreath or other special devotions during this time help to prepare us for the Christmas Season.

Advent begins Sunday, December 1st.

Did you know you can still purchase extra copies of our wonderful St. Malachy's church directory in the gift shop? They would make a nice gift especially for parishioners who have moved from the area.

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Please consider reviewing next

Sunday's readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10

"The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him, and he will judge with justice."

Romans 15:4-9

"Christ came to save everyone."

Matthew 3:1-12

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

LITURGY LEANINGS FOR DECEMBER

The Liturgical year begins with Advent, December 1. Both joyful and repentant, the season prepares us for the coming of Christ as a babe and as a judge at the end of the world. We are asked to prepare, watch, and be ready, a sometimes difficult task in this busy time. The images of darkness and light parallel the darkening days of December.

December 1: 1st Sunday of Advent: "...put on the Lord Jesus Christ," & watch for God's presence in our lives.

December 3: St. Francis Xavier: Jesuit and missionary to Asia, patron of missions.

December 6: St. Nicholas, fourth century bishop remembered for his acts of charity (the original Santa!), patron of sailors and children.

December 7: St. Ambrose, early Doctor of the church, patron saint of learning, beggars, and beekeepers (St. Ambrose Bees!)

December 8: Second Sunday of Advent: Isaiah's poetic description of the Messiah gives us a goal, the vision of a world of justice and peace. St. John announces the kingdom of God is at hand NOW. How might God help us to deal with the hypocrisies of both ourselves and the world to help justice flourish in our time?

December 9: Immaculate Conception is celebrated today because December 8, the usual date, is a Sunday. The Immaculate Conception is the patron of the U.S. It is not a holy day of Obligation this year.

December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe where Our Lady appears as a mestizo young woman to Juan Diego in 1531. She is the Patron of the Americas.

December 13: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, whose name means "light" and is celebrated by Scandinavians as a feast of light in the dark winter.

December 14: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Mystic and poet.

December 15: Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday is a time of rejoicing, of bearing witness to the coming of our salvation. The visionary words of Isaiah and Paul, and John the Baptist, point our eyes towards the fulfillment of God's plan in Christ-and in us.

December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent: As we gather closer to the Nativity, the time of waiting is coming to a close. Like Joseph, Mary, and Paul, our fears must be replaced by our trust in God, Emmanuel, "God is with us".

December 25: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Christmas, a new liturgical season, finally arrives. The scriptures may differ depending which mass is attended, but the message is the same: In the mystery of the Incarnation our God became human, and the message of his birth was shared with the world. We, too, must carry the light of Christ to all. "They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace."

December 26: St. Stephen, First Martyr, and patron of Deacons and altar servers.

December 27: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, took the Virgin Mary into his home after Jesus died.

December 28: Feast of the Holy Innocents, remembering those innocent children killed by Herod, who was looking for baby Jesus.

December 29: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph: "Blessed are they that fear the Lord; that walk in His ways."

My dear Friends,

Soon, our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits some 34,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. As I reflect on the service of our women and men religious, I recall the words of Jesus in John's Gospel: "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be" (On 12:26). Through their prayer and ministries, religious can be found wherever Jesus is found-not just in Catholic parishes, schools, and hospitals, but also in service to the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed. In a profound Way, we also find Jesus in the ongoing witness of our elder religious. While many continue in active and volunteer ministry, others are frail and need assistance. Yet they remain wholly committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to focus more fully on praying for our Church and world.

Most elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. With the ever-rising cost of health care and the increase in the number of those needing care, many religious communities now struggle to provide for their senior members. The Retirement Fund for Religious offers vital financial assistance to help meet day-to-day needs for prescription medications, nursing care, and more. The annual collection is an opportunity for each of us to be the presence of Jesus to our senior religious. I ask simply that you give what you can. Please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Daniel R. Jenky...

Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
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