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## November 22, 2020

# The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Outdoor Communion Sunday: 9:30 - 10:00 am

### RECONCILIATION:

Monday & Tuesday 8:45 am; Thursday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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

*We warmly welcome new parishioners & ask them to register at the Parish Office. Individuals interested in becoming Catholic may contact Fr. Daniel Gifford or call the Parish Office.*



**MONDAY, November 23**

Weekday

8:00 am Duzie Atwell +

**TUESDAY, November 24**

St. Andrew Dúng-Lac

8:00 am Charles Webb +

**WEDNESDAY, November 25**

Weekday

8:00 am Regina Steadman +

9:00 am Nothing Scheduled this week

**THURSDAY, November 26**

Weekday

9:00 am In thanksgiving for our many blessings

**FRIDAY, November 27**

Weekday

8:00 am Communion Service

**SATURDAY, November 28**

5:00 pm Christopher Pobanz + Vigil of The First Sunday of Advent

**SUNDAY, November 29**

First Sunday of Advent

8:15 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Altar & Rosary Society - Living and Deceased Members



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

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon - Thurs 8 am - 3 pm; Fridays 8 - 1.

**OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NOV 26 & 27**

*Bulletin articles MUST be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Thank you.*



**Readings for Sunday, Nov 29th, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2020**

The readings on First Sunday of Advent remind us to be aware of our need for Christ who strengthens us until the end.

In the First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (63:16-19; 64:2-7), we hear the prophet lamenting a prayer of frustration directed to God.

The Responsorial Psalm (80:2-19) is a beautiful prayer that continues the same theme of calling upon God to come and lead us to salvation.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1:3-9). Here, Paul is giving thanks for the blessings that God has given His people through Jesus Christ. This is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prayer. Christ did come to save His people.

The Gospel Reading is from Mark (13:33-37). In these few words, we have a powerful statement from Jesus Christ Himself. It is directed to everyone, but not everyone need be worried. Those who are walking in the footsteps of Christ will be ready and alert when He comes for them; but those who have lagged behind, this meeting could be a time of great despair.

GIFTS FOR GOD'S PURPOSES

November 15, 2020

Weekly Gifts	(Goal: \$13,000)	\$7,657
School Endow.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$61
Paraclete Fund	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$1,178
Capital Improve.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$401

Week 20	Budget	Actual	Avg	Variance
Weekly	\$260,000	\$248,235	\$12,412	(\$11,765)
School End.	\$15,000	\$10,472	\$524	(\$4,528)
Paraclete	\$15,000	\$11,748	\$587	(\$3,252)
Cap Improve.	\$15,000	\$10,701	\$535	(\$4,299)

<u>Special Collections:</u>	This Week:	Total:
Bishops - Seminarian	\$160	\$250
All Saints	\$57	\$472
Catholic Campaign Human Develop.	\$107	\$257

**Parish Sacrificial Giving:**

1% donated to Humility of Mary Shelter

**ADA 2020**

**Goal \$74,073.00**

**Pledged \$73,668**

**Contributed \$55,389**

**Number of Pledges: 187**



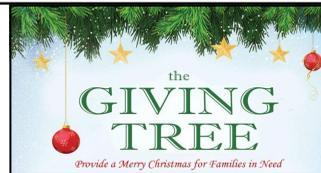
**Eucharistic Adoration**

Mondays 3 - 8 pm

Thursdays 4:30 pm

(8:30 am First Fridays and Saturdays)

"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering." *Pope Benedict XVI*



St. Malachy Advent Giving Tree

St. Malachy Social Justice Committee is once again sponsoring our Advent Giving Tree. Our Giving Tree will be a little bit different this year due to the pandemic. Instead of asking for household items as in years past, this year, we are asking for financial donations only which will be used to purchase Heaven Sent Gift Cards to give.

Make your checks out to St. Malachy's and mail in or drop off your donation to the church office. You may also put your donation in a marked envelope in the collection basket. Mark your envelope "Giving Tree" and your donation preference for one of the five charities listed below:

1. The Food Pantry/Pantry Patrons
2. Humility Homes and Services
3. Local Students in Need
4. The New Life Farm
5. Backpack Blessings

The Giving Tree will be set up near the church office the first weekend of Advent (Nov.28-29th) as a visual reminder and donations will be accepted until the fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec.20th).

There are so many people in our area in need at this time, please join us in helping those less fortunate this Christmas.

Thank you from the Social Justice Committee.



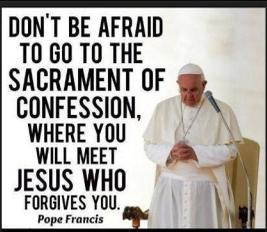


Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

*"Just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life." These words of Saint Paul point us to the mystery of new life, which we received on the day of our baptism. Especially for the many of us who were baptized as infants, the gift of our baptism can seem so very far away. Yet, every time that we pray the Our Father, we recall our identity as children of God by the gift of that sacrament. Every time we pray the Creed, we take into our hands the very promises made at our baptism and make them our own. Perhaps we don't dip our hands into holy water currently, due to the pandemic, but, we can still make use of Holy Water in different ways (you are welcome to fill a bottle from the can in the chapel; just don't dip your hands inside). These reminders can be little moments of renewal of this gift. But we may sometimes forget, or even worse yet avoid, the truer and more complete restoration to the grace of our baptism; namely the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we think that the sacrament is all about our sins, which we don't like to think about (even though we need to), we are missing the deeper secret of the sacrament: the gift of being restored to the grace of our baptism. We should picture the scene at Our Lord's baptism, in which the heavens opened and the Father embraced Him as His beloved Son, because we are truly brought back to the moment when the Father embraced us as His beloved children in Christ, as we became members of His Body at our baptism. If sorrow for sin doesn't drive us toward the sacrament, then a deeper appreciation of the gift of baptism certainly should. As we reach the end of another Church Year, with this weekend's celebration of Christ the King, it is good to consider: 'How long has it been since my last confession?' If it has been more than a year, we should most definitely make plans to receive the sacrament without delay. And we should never be afraid to be welcomed home to the sacrament. But, as so many Catholics have discovered, if we are limiting ourselves to that annual confession (which is the minimum for any practicing Catholic), we are missing out on the great graces of growth and healing that come from making it a more regular part of our life throughout the year. I recommend approaching the end of the Church Year the way we approach the end of a calendar year: make some resolutions. Does anything need to change? Where do I need to grow? What do I want to do better, as I strive to live a morally upright and selfless life of service to God and my neighbor?*

As we embrace these challenges made to ourselves with confidence and enthusiasm, it is essential that our efforts be fortified by the restoration to the grace of baptism, which we receive when we humble ourselves by making a good confession. As we approach Advent, which is one of the two penitential seasons of the year, we will offer even more opportunities to celebrate this beautiful sacrament. Beginning on Monday, November 30th through December 23rd, there will be a special "Advent Confession time" added from 12-12:30 on Monday-Thursday. Also, on the weekend of December 12-13, there will be a priest in the confessional after each of the weekend Masses. Please join me in praying that as many of our parishioners as possible can celebrate the birth of Our Lord, tasting the joy of having been recently restored to the grace of their baptism.

**Schedule Change for Thanksgiving:** Ironically, after spending the whole letter promoting Reconciliation, we are cancelling one of the times this week, but for the very understandable reason of Thanksgiving. There will **NOT** be 5pm Confessions or 4:30 Holy Hour this Thursday, as the Mass is moved to 9 AM.



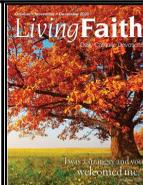
In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Daniel P. Gifford

DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these Seminarians:

- Patrick Wille*      *Dcn Austin Bosse*
- Nicholas Conner*    *Daniel Dionesotes*
- Jacob Hopper*      *JohnPaul Stedwill*
- Ignacio Cardenas*    *Moran*



Living Faith  
and  
Word Among Us



**Devotional materials are still available through church office.**



When Christ said: "I was hungry and you fed me," he didn't mean only the hunger for bread and for food; he also meant the hunger to be loved. Jesus himself experienced this loneliness.

— *Alban Jeanes* —

"I was hungry and you gave Me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me to drink." Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others

as a priest or consecrated religious? If so, please contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink: 309-671-1550 or fr\_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org

WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES:

If you, your spouse or someone you know would like to receive our weekly emails with the latest St. Malachy news, go to our web site: **saintmalachy.org** & look for this link. Click on it and fill in your information.



## ADA 2020 UPDATE

With \$74,668 already received in pledges, our ADA is \$405 away from our pledge goal. Many thanks to all who have made pledges.

This year our goal is to increase Parish participation for the ADA. We hope that each family will offer a gift to the Appeal to support the work of the church. No gift is too small to participate. If you have not yet made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so today. Every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to the parish.



## Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry December 2020 Newsletter



The Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry staff, board, volunteers and clients wish all of you a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year! During this time of year our clients have the opportunity to see God's love at work through the many donations to the Food Pantry that help them have a brighter Holiday season.

With the recent increase of Illinois COVID cases, specifically in Henry County, we are no longer taking clothing or household donations. Our main concern is the safety of our volunteers, clients, and staff. We will continue to take food donations on Mondays from 9 -12 and 1-4. We ask you to leave only food donations in the carts located outside both our front and back doors. Monetary donations may be made on our website at: [geneseofoodpantry.org](http://geneseofoodpantry.org) or mailed to: 620 W Main St., Geneseo, 61254. We will continue to offer curbside food pick up every Tuesday from 9 -11:30 am to our clients. If you or your family need assistance please reach out to us at 944-3165. We will re-evaluate our policies when the COVID cases in Henry County decrease. We continue to pray for everyone's safety.

Thank you to The Farm Bureau Young Leaders for conducting a "Fill-a-Ford" Food Drive on November 14, at Fareway in Geneseo! Also, thank you to all who donated to the Food Drive!

If you would like to donate NEW toys for our clients for Christmas, you may put them in the carts outside our building on Mondays, from 9 -12 and 1- 4, on or before December 14.

Our volunteer of the month, Elaine Humphrey, has been volunteering at the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry for three years. She sorts clothing and assists shoppers in the clothing room. Elaine said the best thing about volunteering at the Food Pantry is helping others, meeting people, and working with the staff and volunteers. She likes finding requested items for shoppers. Thank you, Elaine!

Food Needs for December: Juice, beans, canned carrots, pickles, and flour.

Non-food needs: Hand soap, disinfecting wipes, all-purpose cleaner, razors, & Kleenex.

**Thank you for your support throughout the year.  
We ask God to bless you and your families during 2021!**

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