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November 29, 2020 The First Sunday of Advent



Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Reconciliation:

Monday & Tuesday 8:45 am; Thursday 5:00 pm Extra During Advent: Mon - Th 12:00 - 12:30 pm Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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

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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.

Hospital Visits: Parish Office

Anointing of the SickParish Office Pastoral Care: Sue Ford

Bereavement: Deacon Ries

Just Faith:Deacon O'Rourke Prayer Chain: Parish Office



MONDAY, November 30 8:00 am Delores Thomas + St. Andrew, Apostle

TUESDAY, December 1

Advent Weekday

8:00 am Michael Chavez, Sr. +

WEDNESDAY, December 2

Advent Weekday

8:00 am Jerry Thompson + 9:00 am Owen Clark +

THURSDAY, December 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

5:45 pm Hayden DeDecker +

FRIDAY, December 4 8:00 am Albert Hudders Advent Weekday—1st Friday

SATURDAY, December 5 8:00 am Jeanet Long + Advent Weekday—1st Saturday

5:00 pm Alfred & Martha VerPlaetse + Vigil of The Second Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

8:15 am James E Higgins, Jr. +

10:30 am People of the Parish



to shop in our Gift Shop

The Rosary is recited after weekday morning Masses

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

St. Anthony

Sacred Heart

4:00 pm Saturday 9:30 am Sunday

8:00 am Sunday

OFFICE HOURS:

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

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



READINGS FOR DEC. 6, 2020 - 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading 1, Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 "A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. "

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 "His saving help is near for those who fear Him, His glory will dwell in our land. "

Gospel, Mark 1:1-8 "It is written in the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send My messenger in front of you to prepare your way before you. A voice of one that cries in the desert: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. John the Baptist was in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

Reading 2, Second Peter 3:8-14 "What we are waiting for, relying on His promises, is the new heavens and new earth, where uprightness will be at home. So then, my dear friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live blameless and unsullied lives so that He will find you at peace."

GIFTS FOR GOD'S PURPOSES

November 22, 2020

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Weekly Gifts	((Goal: \$13,000)				
School Endow.		(Goal: \$ 750)				
Paraclete Fund		(Goal: \$ 750)				
Capital Improve		(Goal: \$ 750)				
Week 21	Budget	Actual	Avg	Variance		
Weekly	\$273,000	\$258,623	\$12,315	(\$14,377)		
School End.	\$15,750	\$10,572	\$503	(\$5,178)		
Paraclete	\$15,750	\$11,938	\$568	(\$3,812)		
Cap Improve.	\$15,750	\$31,187	\$1,485	\$15,437		
Special Collections: This V			is Week:	Total:		
Bishops - Semi		\$490	\$740			
All Saints			\$10	\$482		
Catholic Campaign Human Develop.			\$220	\$477		

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to United Stand Family Center

ADA 2020 Goal \$74,073.00 Pledged \$74,418 Contributed \$55,969 Number of Pledges: 189



Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 3 - 8 pm Thursdays 4:30 pm

(8:30 am First Fridays and Saturdays)

"When we worship you in the form of bread ... we always see you as an adult. But every year at Christmas, you reveal yourself to us as a child born in a crib. We stand in silent amazement ... In silent adoration we stand before the mystery, like Mary when the shepherd came and told her what they had seen and heard: "She kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.""—Servant of God Chiara Lubich

Happy New Year!

All High School teens are invited to a New Year's Party to help us ring in the new Liturgical year! Celebration. Activities include:

A 'Dad Joke Showdown', 'Among Us', and more!

When: Wednesday December 2, 6:30 – 8 PM

Where: Zoom

Check 'Remind' for the link or email Darci at dietrichdarci@gmail.com





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.

Make your checks out to St. Malachy's and mail in your donation or drop it off in 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,

Happy Holidays, everyone! As Christians, we should not reject this greeting, but rather reclaim it! It is so much more than a way to avoid saying "Merry Christmas." As you probably know, the word holiday simply means holy day. Well, friends, these are indeed holy days. We have been in "the holy days" since All Hallows Eve. This past month, we celebrated All Saints Day (including All Hallows Eve) and Christ the King. Additionally, we had a different kind of holy day in the form of Thanksgiving. This is not a specifically Catholic holiday, but since the word holy literally means "set apart," we should acknowledge that it is indeed a good thing that this Fourth Thursday in November every year is set apart as a day to give thanks. This is a gift for which we should all be thankful. I know I am indeed grateful for the prompting to stop and consider God's many blessings. In a time when the challenges we face are readily before our eyes, we all are in need of stopping for a moment of gratitude toward God, as well as toward our family, friends, neighbors, classmates, coworkers and all who have been instruments of God's blessings in our lives. Now, we continue into the very holy days of Advent. The holiness of the Advent season is a unique and beautiful thing, which is distinct from that of the Christmas season, which begins on December 25th and ends in mid-January. It sometimes can be tricky business distinguishing between genuinely readying our hearts and our lives, in a more practical sense, for Christmas and simply jumping the gun. Most of our culture likes to jump the gun, by speaking and acting as if the Christmas season has already begun. The problem with that is threefold. First, the motivations for this thinking are entirely commercial, as this is the season when they are trying to capitalize on Christmas, while by the time the Christmas season actually arrives, they will be trying to capitalize on Valentine's Day. Second, if we treat this like Christmas, we are far too ready to pack up Christmas and put it away on December 26th, when it is just beginning! Third, if we skip Advent, we miss the unique holiness into which this season seeks to invite us: a spirit of prayer, penance and simplicity which aim to make more room in our hearts for our Merciful Savior. I propose that Happy Holidays is the most fitting greeting for Advent. But, there is a catch. If we are going to choose Happy Holidays for Advent, in order to not jump the gun on Christmas and miss the unique beauty of this season, then we have to also commit to saying Merry Christmas from December 25th all the way through the actual conclusion of the Christmas Season: The Baptism of the Lord (which, this year, falls on January 10). Let's do it. Who'll join me? This little suggestion is just one of many examples of ways that we can strive to Keep Christ in Advent, which is one of the best ways to prepare to Keep Christ in Christmas!

In Christ through Mary,

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

hrist in Advent and Christmas!

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2020

GREETER SCHEDULE

5:00 p.m. Sheryl Driessens & Mary Ann Vandersnick (Front)

Kathy & Brendan O'Rourke (West)

8:15 a.m Ilene Hamer & Sally Howard (Front) Ryan & Kristin Wilson (West)

10:30 a.m Steve & Maggie Mroz (Front) Julie Bauman (West)

LECTOR/COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

5:00 p.m. Pat Boelens (L) Vicki Rowlands (C)

8:15 a.m. Cynthia Wells (L) John Bean (C)

10:30 a.m. Caryn Vandersnick (L) Isabel Anderson (C)

USHER SCHEDULE

5:00 p.m. Gene Dodd (HU), Barry Hager, Chris & Bonnie Sepaniak

8:15 a.m. Dick Mattan (HU), Rich Bassier, Kevin & Marie Lillis

10:30 a.m. Dave Paxton (HU), Monica Paxton

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRITMAS MASSES IN ALL AREAS AS WELL AS FOR REGULAR SUNDAY MASSES - Please contact the Parish office if you are able to help.

DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these Seminarians:

Paul Rupert Ben Shoonmaker Chase Stevens Francis Strong Jonathan Swoik Thomas Williams Den Nicholas Wilson Jack Watt

"God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." Is God calling you to



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



IRA Charitable 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. **Qualified Charitable Distributions** can be used to satisfy all or part of a donor's required minimum distribution if one is due. The law allows you to donate this amount directly to our parish or school during 2020 and have it distributed free of federal income tax! What a wonderful opportunity for those 70 1/2 to help our parish and school. Please contact the person that handles your retirement plan or your tax advisor if you are interested in making such a donation.

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO VIEW OUR MASSES ONLINE - PLEASE JOIN US!

Thanks goes out to Dave Wolak who worked with Keith Kennett of Geneseo Channel 50 so that our Sunday Live Streams are back on Geneseo Channel 50! Now there are three options for viewing our Sunday Mass. Without the hard work and dedication Dave puts into all of our live streams, many people would miss out on our Masses entirely. Thanks, Dave!

- **1.<u>Live Stream of Mass</u>** "Live viewing of Mass" Sunday, 8:15am via our web page: http://saintmalachy.org (click the link called "...celebrate Mass with us online") OR on Facebook at: https://facebook.com/150yearsingeneseo/live
- **2.Videos of previously recorded Masses:** Click on "Previous Mass recordings" on our web page: http://saintmalachy.org (click "Home" and then click "Masses Online"; (click the Mass you want to view) OR look on Facebook page: https://facebook.com/150yearsingeneseo/videos (Click the Mass you want to view)
- 3. <u>Mediacom Channel 50</u> Geneseo will be showing the previous Sunday Mass. Scheduled times are: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday; 11:00am, 1:00pm & 2:00pm



Thinking of joining the Catholic Church or would like to know more about it? The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (**RCIA**), is process where Candidates are introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices.

RCIA 2020 - 2021 will be held virtually this year and is just beginning so there is still time to join. For more information, please email Dcn Mike Sigwalt at msigwalt23@gmail.com or leave your name in the parish office.

2020 DEC. 12th CHRISTMAS WALK & LIGHTED PARADE UPDATE

"The Geneseo Chamber has worked hard planning for a safe way to present the 2020 Geneseo Christmas Walk." said Zack Sullivan, Executive Director of the Geneseo Chamber of Commerce. The Christmas Walk is planning to be replaced with a week-long opportunity to view the decorated windows prepared by local businesses. "In addition to spreading our popular Lighted Parade across a 6-mile citywide route, taking the parade past our local senior care facilities and churches hosting cars in their parking lots so spectators can watch the parade like a drive-in movie, the live broadcast will bring the parade to those who are uncomfortable with watching the parade in person. We want as many people as possible to enjoy this year's parade."

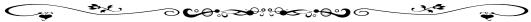
Check their webpage at Geneseo.org or their Facebook page for times, parade route and other details and/or changes. You can view the parade from the comfort of your home as the 2020 Geneseo Christmas Walk Lighted Parade will be broadcast live on TV50 on Saturday December 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm. TV50 is available locally through Mediacom on channel 50, online at http://wb6network.com/, or can be streamed via Roku by searching "WB6network". The broadcast will be repeated on TV50 through Christmas Day.

LITURGY LEANINGS DECEMBER 2020



The Liturgical year begins with Advent. 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 difficult task in this uncertain time. The images of darkness and light parallel the darkening days of December.

- November 29: First Sunday of Advent:
- December 3: St. Francis Xavier: Jesuit and missionary to Asia, patron of missions.
- <u>December 6:</u> Second Sunday of Advent: The voices of Isaiah, St. Peter, and St. Mark call for all of us to prepare for the coming of the Lord!
- <u>December 8:</u> The Immaculate Conception is the patron of the U.S. It is a holy day of Obligation.
- <u>December 12:</u> 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.
- <u>December 13:</u> Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday is a time of rejoicing, of bearing witness to the coming of our salvation.
- December 14: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Mystic and poet.
- <u>December 20:</u> Fourth Sunday of Advent: As we gather closer to the Nativity, the time of waiting is coming to a close. God's promises made to David in the first reading are fulfilled in the beautiful acceptance of the Blessed Mother told in the Gospel. We are blessed.
- <u>December 25</u>: 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. "Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord."
- December 26: St. Stephen, First Martyr, and patron of Deacons and altar servers.
- <u>December 27:</u> Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph: "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways."
- December 28: Feast of the Holy Innocents, remembering those innocent children killed by Herod.
 - There are two Feast days that are commonly celebrated that land on a Sunday this year:
- <u>December 6:</u> St. Nicholas, fourth century bishop remembered for his acts of charity, patron of sailors and children.
- <u>December 13:</u> St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, whose name means "light" and is celebrated by Scandinavians as a feast of light in the dark winter.



Questions were asked and answered by the Liturgy Committee: WHAT IS ORDINARY TIME?

ORDINARY TIME is one of the seasons of the Church year, the liturgical calendar. The word, "ordinary," in this case, doesn't mean "plain and simple." Instead, it means "ordinal" or "numbered." The Sundays of Ordinary Time are numbered in succeeding order as we go through the Sundays of that season. In this way we know in which part of the year they occur. If the number of a particular Sunday is small, we know it is near the beginning of the Church year, and if it is in the late 20s or early 30s, we know that it is late in the season. There are 34 Sundays in Ordinary Time, with the last Sunday of the season being named for Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Sunday that follows is the beginning of a new year. Each of the seasons is denoted by a particular color, which is shown with the priest's vestment, altar cloths, cover on the book of readings, etc. The color for Ordinary Time is green.

What are the other seasons of the liturgical calendar?

The Church's year, or the liturgical calendar, begins with the season of Advent. It is a four-week season; the Sundays/weeks of the season are numbered (The First Sunday of Advent. etc.). The names and order of the seasons after Advent are as follows:

Christmas Eve and Day, and three Sundays--The Holy Family, Epiphany, and Baptism of the Lord)

Winter months of Ordinary Time (ranging from five to seven weeks)

Lent (Ash Wednesday, five Sundays, ending with Palm/Passion Sunday)

The Easter Triduum (a three-day season that includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday)

Eastertime (eight Sundays, concluding with the special days of Ascension of the Lord after the Sixth Sunday of Easter, and Pentecost (the Sunday 50 days after Easter Sunday). In 2021, Pentecost will be observed on May 23rd.

Following Pentecost, are two Sundays dedicated to The Most Holy Trinity (May 31, 2021) and The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (June 6, 2021). These two Sundays begin the summer months of Ordinary Time. After those two Sundays, the numbering of the Sundays of Ordinary Time continues - June 13, 2021, will be the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Sundays that follow, until November 14, 2021, will be numbered in succession; The feast of Christ the King on November 21, 2021, will concluded that liturgical year.

What colors are assigned to each of the liturgical seasons?

Advent - Blue-Violet, Rose on the 3rd Sunday; Christmastime - White; Lent - Red-Violet, Rose on the 4th Sunday; Easter Triduum - Thursday, white, Friday, red, Saturday, white; the Sundays of Eastertime are white, and Pentecost is red. The Winter, Summer and Autumn Sundays of Ordinary Time are green. The memorial days of the saints that occur during the liturgical year will be white, unless a particular saint was a martyr, in which case the color is red.

Three-Year Cycle of Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings for the Sundays of the liturgical calendar are divided into Year A, Year B and Year C. The Church is currently finishing the Year A cycle of readings; The first Sunday of Advent, on November 29, will begin the Year B cycle of readings. The Gospels of the four evangelists are assigned to the three-year cycle as follows: Matthew (Year A), Mark (Year B), Luke (Year C), and John (appears in each of the years at various times).

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