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December 27, 2020

Feast of the Holy Family



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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 Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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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, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 am Regina Steadman +

TUESDAY, December 29

5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 am Phyllis Oschwald +

WEDNESDAY, December 30

6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 am Betty Atwell +

9:00 am There will not be any Mass this Wednesday

THURSDAY, December 31

7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity

of the Lord

5:45 pm Betty Vroman +

FRIDAY, January 1

The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord;

Solemnity of Mary

8:00 am Regina Steadman 5:45 pm People of the Parish

SATURDAY, January 2

Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 pm Steve Klotz +

SUNDAY, January 3

Epiphany of the Lord

8:15 am Alice Lopez +

Weekend Mass Schedules for Sacred Heart in

St. Anthony

Annawan and St. Anthony's in Atkinson **Sacred Heart**

4:00 pm Saturday

8:00 am Sunday

9:30 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.

Office will be closed Dec 31 - Jan 1

READINGS FOR JANUARY 3, 2021 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Epiphany means manifestation. Today the Church celebrates the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him.



Reading 1, Isaiah 60:1-6 "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. ...Caravans of camels shall fill you, ... all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD."

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 "Lord, every nation on earth will adore You." Reading 2, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 "it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:

that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12 "...suddenly some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east asking, 'Where is the infant King of the Jews? We saw His star as it rose and have come to do Him homage." "

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, everyone!

It brought me great joy to announce last weekend that we will be holding a special Eucharisitic Prayer Vigil on New Year's Eve, along with a variety of other parishes around the diocese. Beginning at 11 PM and ending with benediction at Midnight, when the calendar year of 2021 begins, we will commend this coming year to the Lord.



After a very challenging year indeed, it is good that we should turn our eyes toward the Lord, Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of Man, entrusting the future into His hands.

"The Redeemer of the world! In Him has been revealed in a new and more wonderful way the fundamental truth concerning creation to which the Book of Genesis gives witness when it repeats several times: "God saw that it was good". The good has its source in Wisdom and Love. In Jesus Christ the visible world which God created for man-the world that, when sin entered, "was subjected to futility"- recovers again its original link with the divine source of Wisdom and Love. Indeed, "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son". As this link was broken in the man Adam, so in the Man, Christ it was reforged. Are we (today) not convinced of the over-poweringly eloquent words of the Apostle of the Gentiles concerning the "creation (that) has been groaning in travail together until now" and "waits with eager longing for the revelation of the sons of God", the creation that "was subjected to futility"?

Does not the previously unknown immense progress... in the field of man's dominion over the world itself reveal - to a previously unknown degree - that manifold subjection "to futility"? ... Human nature, by the very fact that is was assumed, not absorbed, in (Jesus Christ), has been raised in us also to a dignity beyond compare. For, by His Incarnation, He, the son of God, in a certain way united Himself with each man. He worked with human hands, He thought with a human mind. He acted with a human will, and with a human heart He loved. Born of the Virgin Mary, He has truly been made one of us, like to us in all things except sin", He, the Redeemer of man" (St. John Paul II). We set out courageously upon a New Year with these simple words on our hearts: "Jesus, I trust in You."

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Daniel P. Gifford

St. Malachy, Pray for us

JANUARY LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE: GREETER SCHEDULE

January 2021

5:00 pm - Mary Ann Vandersnick & NEED ONE MORE (Front); Leslee Hager & family (West) 8:15 am - Jason & Sarah Snyder Family (Front); Paul & Alisande Rapps Family (West) 10:30 am - David & Shirley Heitzler (Front); Jennifer Ulam & Julie Puentes (West)

LECTOR/COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

January 2021

5:00 pm - Karen Humbert (L) Lori Erickson (C) 8:15 am - Bill Hanford (L) Rick Vondra (C) 10:30 am - Larry Ward and Chris Ward

USHER SCHEDULE

January 2021

5:00 pm- Arnie Schmidt HU, Dave Wolak, and Darci Dietrich

8:15 am -Morey Atwell HU, Mike Croegeart **10:30 am** -Willis Andel HU, Tim Laleman, Ted McAvoy and Dick Taets

TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

In order for donations to qualify for tax deductions in 2020, they need to be in the church office by Dec. 31.

IRA Charitable Donation Opportunity

If you have reached age 70 1/2 and you would like to help our parish or school here is a great way to do that.

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 min. 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 handlesyour retirement plan or your tax advisor if you are

interested in making a donation

House Blessing on the Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2021

Chalk that has been blessed will be available near the doors of the Narthex the weekend of Jan. 2nd and 3rd. You may also use your own chalk if you are unable to attend church at this time.

Read the following prayer, and then mark the doorframe of the front door to your house with the initials of the legendary names of the three Magi, along with the current year, as follows:

20 + C(aspar) + M(elchior) + B(althazar) + 21

"Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation: by the guidance of a star You led the Magi to your Son, and by the light of faith You bring us to know Him as Lord, the Messiah You have sent.

Bless us as we use this chalk to mark our door in Your honor. May the homes where this prayer is prayed be dwelling places of goodness, humility, self-control,

mutual respect for one another, hospitality toward strangers, and loving obedience to Your word.

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus Christ who is Lord forever and ever.

We ask this through

Christ, our Lord.

Amen "



We are in need of more people to serve as greeters; ushers, lectors and commentators for Masses. We will train you! Please contact the office if you can help.

GIFTS FOR GOD'S PURPOSES

December 20, 2020

Weekly Gifts	(Goal: \$13,000)	\$9,801
School Endow.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$214
Paraclete Fund	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$229
Capital Improve.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$409

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Week 25	Budget	Actual	Avg	Variance
Weekly	\$325,000	\$317,606	\$12,704	(\$4,195)
School End.	\$18.750	\$13,500	\$540	(\$4,714)
Paraclete	\$18.750	\$14,770	\$606	(\$3,980
Cap Improve.	\$18.750	\$13,669	\$553	(\$5,081)
Special Collection	TI	nis Week:	Total:	
Immaculate Cond		\$5	\$400	
Religious Retiren		\$145	\$1,715	
Christmas		\$1,370	\$2,955	
Campaign for Hu	\$5	\$802		

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

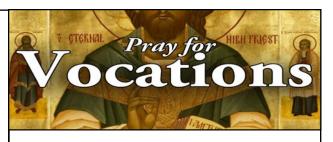
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Contributed \$63,676.00

Number of Pledges: 197

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 3 - 8 pm <u>Thursdays 4:30 pm</u> (8:30 am First Fridays & Saturdays)

"Let your door stand open to receive Him, unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace. Throw wide the gate of your heart, stand before the sun of the everlasting light." - Ambrose

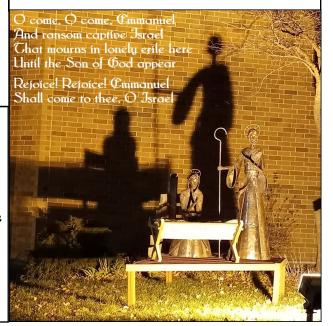


DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these Seminarians:

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

Psalm 104 "The Lord remembers His covenant for ever." Is the Lord GOD calling you into a covenant with Him to serve Him as a priest or consecrated religious? If so, please contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink: 309-671-1550 or email him: fr_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org



The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, together with the Baby Jesus. The shepherds went to adore the Child and, at the same time, they gave honor to His family. Later, in a similar way, the three wise men came from the East to adore and give honor to the newborn King with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that would be safeguarded by His family.

We can go further to affirm that in a certain sense Christ, Himself, was the first devotee of His family. He showed His devotion to His mother & foster father by submitting Himself, with infinite humility, to the duty of filial obedience towards them. This is what St Bernard of Clairvaux said in this regard, 'God, to whom angels submit themselves and who principalities and powers obey, was subject to Mary; and not only to Mary but Joseph also for Mary's sake [....]. God obeyed a human creature; this is humility without precedent. A human creature commands God; it is sublime beyond measure.' (First Homily on the 'Missus Est').

Today's celebration demonstrates Christ's humility & obedience with respect to the f4th commandment, whilst also highlighting the loving care that His parents exercised in His keeping. The servant of God, Pope John Paul II, in 1989, entitled his Apostolic Exhortation, 'Redemptoris Custos' (Guardian of the Redeemer) which was dedicated to the person and the mission of Saint Joseph in the life of Christ and of the Church. After exactly a century, he resumed the teaching of Pope Leo XIII, for who Saint Joseph '...shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men' Encyclical Quamquam Pluries [1889] n. 3). Pope Leo XIII continued, '.Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was.[...] It is, then, natural and worthy that as the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girt it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ.' Not many years before, blessed Pope Pius IX had proclaimed Saint Joseph, 'Patron of the Catholic Church' (1870)

Almost intuitively, one can recognize that the mysterious, exemplary, guardianship enacted by Joseph was conducted firstly, in a yet more intimate way, by Mary. Consequently, the liturgical feast of the Holy Family speaks to us of the fond and loving care that we must render to the Body of Christ. We can understand this in a mystical sense, as guardians of the Church, and also in the Eucharistic sense. Mary and Joseph took great care of Jesus' physical body. Following their example, we can and must take great care of His Mystical Body, the Church, and the Eucharist which He has entrusted to us. If Mary was, in some way, 'the first tabernacle in history' (John Paul II Ecclesia de Eucharistia, n. 55) then we, the Tabernacle in which Our Lord chose to reside in person, in His Real Presence, was also entrusted to us. We can learn from Mary and Joseph! What would they ever have overlooked in the care of Jesus' physical body? Is there something, therefore, that we can withhold for the right and adoring care of His Eucharistic Body? No amount of attention, no sane act of love and adoring respect will ever be too much! On the contrary, our adoration and respect will always be inferior to the great gift that comes to us in the Holy Eucharist. Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. We can not

fail to feel uneasiness, perhaps a shameful thought, for the times in which we have not rendered the appropriate care and attention to the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask for forgiveness and do penance for all the sacrilegious acts and the lack of respect that are committed in front of the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask the Lord, through the intersession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, for a greater love for their Son Incarnate, who has decided to remain here on earth with us every day until the end of time.

Excerpted from Catholic Culture

Pope Francis proclaims Year of St. Joseph Dec 8, 2020

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph Tuesday in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. The year begins Dec. 8, 2020, and concludes on Dec. 8, 2021, according to a decree authorized by the pope. The decree said that Francis had established a Year of St. Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

What a perfect time to begin following the Pope's wishes today on Holy Family Sunday. Let us imitate the Holy Family in our Christian families, especially the fathers, and our family will be a cell and a prefiguration of the heavenly family. Say a prayer for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack.



January Liturgy Leanings Cycle B

The Christmas cycle doesn't end on Christmas Day but continues into January. We also begin the Ordinary Time readings in January. The Baptism of Christ and the call of the disciples help us to reflect on our own calling.

- January 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God: "...Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart". May we also reflect on the goodness of God.
- January 3: Epiphany of the Lord: We celebrate the gift of God, Jesus, a gift offered to ALL people.
- January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: First Native-born American saint and founder of schools.
- January 5: St. John Neumann, Bishop
- January 10: The Baptism of the Lord: Isn't it marvelous that we, like Christ, are beloved by God?
- January 17: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Like Samuel, Andrew, and Peter, we are reminded of our own call to testify to the presence of God in our lives.
- January 20: St. Fabian, bishop and martyr and St. Sebastian, martyr, patron of soldiers and athletes.
- January 21: St. Agnes, virgin and martyr, patron of young girls.
- January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: On this day let us remember that all life is sacred.
- January 24: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: As Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James, and John, let us also heal our divisions and follow the Light of the World.
- January 25: Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle.
- January 26: St. Timothy, and Titus, bishops, followers of St. Paul. St. Titus is the patron saint of the United States Army Chaplain Corps
- January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church and patron of students and universities
- January 31: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: May we become more aware of the tremendous love God has for his people.

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Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry - January 2021 Newsletter

The Food Pantry staff, board, volunteers and clients send wishes for a happy and healthy New Year! During the holidays, our clients had the opportunity to see God's love at work through the many donations to the Food Pantry that helped them have a brighter Christmas season. The outpouring of support this year has been overwhelming!

We would like to thank all of the churches, individuals, community organizations and area businesses for all they have done for our clients with donations of food, holiday gifts and financial assistance. With your help we were able to bless many families during the holidays and we would like to take this opportunity to pass on their thanks to all of you.

With the increase of COVID-19 cases in the area, we have closed our clothing and household room. Our main concern is the safety of our volunteers, clients, and staff. Therefore, we are not currently accepting clothing and household donations. 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 at geneseofoodpantry.org or mailed to: PO Box 324, Geneseo. We will re-evaluate our policies when the COVID-19 numbers in Henry County decrease.

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.

Please like our Facebook page or visit our website at <u>geneseofoodpantry.org</u> for the latest updates.

Thank you for all your support throughout the year. We pray that God blesses you and your families in 2021!

Current needs include: Taco shells Baked beans

Sweetened cereal Chunky soups

Canned vegetables (we have plenty of corn and green beans)

Non-food needs include: Household cleaners Laundry detergent

Dishwashing soap Hand lotion Children's pain relievers

The Food Pantry will be closed the week of Dec 28th and will reopen on January 4. The Food Pantry will also be closed on Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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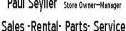
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