### **Diocese of Peoria** St. Malachy Church and School

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## January 17, 2021 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



John 1:40-42 <sup>\*</sup>The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" And he brought him to Jesus".

#### 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

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

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We warmly welcome new parishioner to register at the Parish Office. Individu	

in becoming Catholic may contact Fr. Daniel Gifford or call the Parish Office.

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St. AnthonySac4:00 pm Saturday8:009:30 am Sunday

Sacred Heart 8:00 am Sunday 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 JANUARY 17, 2021

<u>1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19</u> "...The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me."

Response: Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 "Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are parts of Christ?"

Gospel: John 1:35-42 "We have found the Messiah"

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**Baby Articles Collection** 

In honor of January's Respect Life month, St. Malachy's Respect Life Committee will be collecting money to purchase Heaven Sent Gift Cards to donate to Pregnancy Resource Center

in Moline and the Women's Choice Center in Davenport. We are saddened that we can't accept gifts and donations as we have in the past due to the pandemic, but there are so many needs at this time we came up with this alternative. Please write your checks out to St. Malachy's and place in an envelope clearly marked "Respect Lift:. You may drop these envelopes in the collection baskets or take to the church office.

Thank you for you generosity!



<u>ST MALACHY'S</u> <u>MISSION</u>:

St Malachy Parish exists to praise God and to teach and serve all His people by living the Truth revealed in Jesus Christ and preserved in the Teaching and Tradition of the Roman Catholic Church.



Have you been looking for a way to grow deeper in your faith in the New Year? Are you interested in growing in sharing your faith in an open and unimposing format? We will again be compiling daily Lent reflections by parishioners for parishioners. Each day a short reflection is written focused on the daily readings. We are in need of volunteers of all ages to write a reflection for just one day. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have additional questions please contact Darci Dietrich 309-714-2405 or dietrichdarci@gmail.com



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.

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A Note From the Pastor ...

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

As our readings in Mass begin to focus on hearing and answering the Lord's call, let us consider the model set for us in this regard by our patron for this year: Saint Joseph. "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him..." As we begin Ordinary Time in this Year of Saint Joseph... life might not seem that ordinary. In fact, we might find ourselves envying Good Saint Joseph for having had the clarity of knowing clearly what the Lord was asking of him. It's not always that simple. And life has a way of posing challenges to us in which we might be left with a great deal of uncertainty as to how we are to respond. This is certainly true today. We should remember that the same man greeted in his litany with the title "Joseph Most Obedient" is also called "Joseph Most Prudent." Prudence is marked by careful, reasonable discernment of the right action for the given moment and situation. How do we exercise it? The first step is simple: stop and think. No wonder the Catechism refers to it as "the charioteer of the virtues." which drives the rest! We will not enter into this discernment on our own. Even the Cardinal Virtues, of which this is the first, which are habits formed by human discipline, cannot be viewed apart from the assistance and guidance of the Lord. This human discipline, which begins with simply stopping and thinking before we act, is developed by exercising the gifts of intellect and free will, which are fundamental elements of the Image of God within us. Furthermore, while all of the virtues require human effort, their growth is supported by grace. In this sense, even the Cardinal (Human) Virtues begin and end with the Lord. But, they also require real effort on our part. In the face of the many challenging situations we find ourselves faced with, prudence would prompt us to be slow to speak, judge and act, before carefully discerning the truth within the given situation. Sometimes that takes time and even a bit of investigation and study, and may even require us to swallow our pride and admit that our initial view may be wrong or at least incomplete, because so many of these situations are not as simple as we often make them out to be and we sometimes need to own up to the human tendency to be quick to believe what we want to believe.

One situation to which this applies is the controversy surrounding the presidential election, which tragically recently erupted into violence in our nation's capital. Over the course of this past year, we have heard a great deal of over-simplifications of the complicated situations we have found ourselves facing, coming from various perspectives, including "both sides of the political spectrum" (as it is often termed). There is not one "side" that is more guilty than the other of this problematic oversimplification of the complicated realities in which we are living. And now it is sadly the case that, within the past year, we have seen reckless violence from "both sides of the political spectrum," endangering innocent lives and threatening the rule of law. As Catholics, we are called to the promotion of peaceful, reasonable and respectful dialogue, ordered toward the promotion of truth, justice, and the common good.

Another important matter of our time that is commonly being oversimplified is the question of the morality of the vaccines. On one hand, there are those who conclude that the ONLY moral response to them is to reject them, due to the unfortunately morally problematic process that is often involved in their production, development and testing. On the other hand, we have others who conclude that there is no reason to be concerned about any vaccines. Both of these views are an over-simplification of a much more complicated matter and neither represents the appropriate Catholic response. Next week, I will offer a more detailed explanation of the reasons why so many strongly pro-life Catholic leaders are reaching the conclusion that the use of some of the COVID19 vaccines (specifically those developed by Moderna and Pfizer) is morally permissible. I do not take lightly that these questions are legitimate and important and I want to address it when I have more space to do

so more thoroughly. Until then, may Saint Joseph intercede for all of us, that we may exercise greater prudence in how we strive to live in accord with the truth in all situations.

In Christ through Mary,

Fall Hit,

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





"Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what "life" really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await "eternal life" - the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that He had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance (Jn 10:10), has also explained to us what "life" means: "this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent" (Jn 17:3). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with Him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with Him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we 'live'" – Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical on Hope, November 30, 2007.

# **GIFTS FOR GOD'S PURPOSES**

#### January 10, 2021

Weekly Gifts	(Goal: \$13,000)			\$39,748
School Endow.	(Goal: \$ 750)			\$499
Paraclete Fund	(Goal: \$ 750)		\$189	
Capital Improve.	(Goal: \$ 750)			\$284
Week 28	Budget	Actual	Avg	Variance
Weekly	\$364,000	\$413,421	\$14,765	\$49,421
School End.	\$21,000	\$16,897	\$603	(\$4,103)
Paraclete	\$21,000	\$16,507	\$590	(\$4,493)
Cap Improve.	\$21,000	\$15,531	\$555	(\$5,469)
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#### **Parish Sacrificial Giving:**

1% donated to Women's Choice Center ADA 2020 Goal \$74,073.00 Pledged \$79,388.00 **Contributed \$69,94600** Number of Pledges: 200





#### 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



Is the Lord GOD calling you to do His will in a special way? Have you felt a nudge to do that as a priest or consecrated religious? If so, please contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink: 309-671-1550 or email him: fr hilgenbrinck@cdop.org



# **Eucharistic Adoration**

### Mondays 3 - 8 pm Thursdays 4:30 pm (8:30 am First Fridays & Saturdays)

"Good friends find pleasure in one another's company. Let us know pleasure in the company of our best Friend, a Friend who can do everything for us, a friend who loves us beyond measure. Here in the Blessed Sacrament we can talk to Him straight from the heart.? St. Alphonsus de Liguori

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