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January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Prayer Chain: Parish Office
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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://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, February 1 Weekday
8:00 am Chaffee & Richter Families +

TUESDAY, February 2 The Presentaion of the Lord
8:00 am Margie Fitzgerald + (Blessing of candles)

WEDNESDAY, February 3 St. Blaise
8:00 am Jerry Thompson + (Blessing of throats)
9:00 am Regina Steadman +

THURSDAY, February 4 Weekday
5:45 pm Bob Reade +

FRIDAY, February 5 Saint Agatha
8:00 am Robin Reade

SATURDAY, February 6 Vigil of the 5th Sunday
8:00 am Dcn. John Skender in ordinary time
5:00 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, February 7 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15 am Richard Keller +
10:30 am Joyce Maher +

"The people who sit in darkness have seen a great Light."
Matt 4:16



Ash Wednesday Services:

8:00 am Mass & Distribution
9:00 am School Mass (School only)
4:00 pm Distribution of Ashes only
(No Mass)
7:00 pm Mass & Distribution
Due to the Pandemic, ashes will be sprinkled on your head instead of actually putting them on your forehead.

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

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2021

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4,6-7 *Job doesn't expect God to correct what may feel like an injustice, but he speaks his frustration before God. He refuses to reject God even in his dire circumstances.*

Response: Psalm 147: *"Praise the Lord, Who heals the brokenhearted."*

2nd Reading: Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23. *Paul encourages the Corinthians to be humble, as he is and tells them that the Good News is for ALL people.*

Gospel: St. Mark 1:29-39. *Jesus had just astonished the people by His teaching in the synagogue and now, in Simon's house, raises his Mother-In-Law. It appears that the home is also an important place for teaching and healing.*



Lay Ministers for February

GREETERS:

5:00 pm – Karen Humbert & Mary Beth Peterson (Front), Steve & Sue Emerson (W)
8:15 am – Joyce Webb & (NEED ONE) (Front), Ryan & Kristin Wilson (West)
10:30 am - Steve & Maggie Mroz (Front), David & Shirley Heitzler (West)

USHERS:

5:00 pm - Chris Sepaniak HU, Chris Sepaniak, Gene Dodd, Barry Hager
8:15 am - Dick Mattan HU, Bob Wachtel, Ron Brenny, Brice Maertens
10:30 am – Joe Garrity HU, Steve Egert, Mike Roemer, Jeff Hulsbrink

LECTOR/COMMENTATORS:

5:00 pm – Chuck Logiudice (L) Mary Logiudice (C)
8:15 am – Nicole Reisner 2-7 & 2-22; Tom Mattan 2-14 & 2-28 (L) Kathleen Repass (C)
10:30 am – Mark Kane (L) Jennifer Ulam (C)

EMHC:

5:00 pm - Mary Beth Peterson
8:15 am - Veronica Minnaert
10:30 am - Michelle Ganson



February 2021 Newsletter

Thank you to all who continue to support the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry with food, personal care items and monetary donations. We are blessed to operate the Food Pantry in a community that cares! Our clothing and household room is currently closed due to the number of COVID-19 cases in the area. Our main

concern is the safety of our volunteers, clients, & 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.

If you have joined Facebook, please look up Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry and “like” our Facebook page. You will see updates on what is going on at the Food Pantry, and what our current needs are. We also have a website at www.geneseofoodpantry.org.

The Food Pantry will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of President’s Day.

Food needs for February are: taco shells, cereal, pancake mix, soda crackers, and jelly

Non-food needs are: lotion, laundry detergent, toothpaste, and mouthwash



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

*“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him...
(Matthew 1:24). St. Joseph, most obedient and most prudent, pray for us!*

As we close the month of January, my heart compels me to offer one final thought about the controversy concerning the vaccines and other recent challenges. I know I have already said quite a bit, but it is simply my desire today to make a clarification and one final statement, both because I know I may not have communicated perfectly and because there is still a lingering unease among the people of God. As for the clarification, I simply want to say that it was always my hope and intention simply to give guidance and not to criticize anyone’s personal decision on the matter. To those choosing to take one of the vaccines already discussed, I do believe that there is good, reasonable grounds for that decision, and to those who choose not to (which is also an acceptable option), please be gracious and understanding toward your brothers and sisters who choose otherwise and try not to be quick to judge or make assumptions. As for a final statement, the reason it still pains my heart to think of this matter is precisely because I see the Enemy at work, trying to use this situation to divide God’s people and to divide the pro-life movement. When I see him at work, I feel that it is my duty to call him out for the snake that he is and cast light on his efforts, so that we can become wise to them. This is what I call crushing his head, as it is part of how we participate in Christ’s victory and freedom. We must resist his efforts and the only way to do that is through compassion, understanding and merciful love. These simple, but powerful weapons against division call us to respect one another, as we all strive to do the best we can with the very challenging circumstances life has dealt us. Let us not allow this to be another way of dividing against one another. There has been much opportunity for this type of division being introduced into the pro-life movement the past few years, as we had a president supporting pro-life efforts who was a man that many good people - for a wide variety of other reasons - simply could not support, even if many of them voted for him, simply because they saw him as the most viable alternative to a candidate who promises to promote the killing of unborn children. If you did support him (and please notice that I did not say one way or another whether I did), I’m not criticizing you. I’m simply asking you to understand this, hoping that we all may have our eyes opened to how cleverly the Enemy uses these things to divide us and stop playing into his hands. And let’s be clear about who the Enemy is.

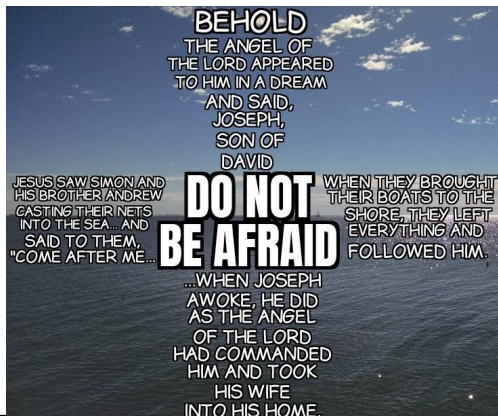
Saint Paul said it best: "For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, *with the evil spirits in the heavens*" (Ephesians 6:12). *I am not declaring any politician or voter my enemy. I won't. As for those politicians who threaten the dignity of life, by promoting the killing of innocent unborn children, such as our current president, I pray for the conversion of their hearts and hope that they may one day be our ally. Those of us already striving to defend the dignity of life, let us remain united in truth and in love, praying to God with hope, as we humbly strive to be instruments in the hand of Jesus Christ, our Merciful King.*

In Christ through Mary,



Fr. Daniel P. Gifford

St. Malachy, Pray for us



CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021
January 31 - February 6

Sunday, Jan. 31 Celebrating Our Parish

St. Malachy School children will participate at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Monday, Feb. 1 – Celebrating Our Community

St. Malachy School families are encouraged to purchase Heaven Sent Scrip (local) business gift cards. Students are also asked to bring a monetary donation to benefit the Genesee Food Pantry. Students may wear green to demonstrate community pride.

Tuesday, Feb. 2 – Celebrating Our Students

Team St. Malachy School! The 5 th and 6 th grade students will participate in our annual St. Malachy School Spelling Bee at 1 p.m. St. Malachy School students and staff may wear their favorite sports team t-shirt or jersey.

Wednesday, Feb. 3 - Celebrating Our Nation

There will be a special Catholic Schools Week School Mass at 9:00 a.m. Prayers for those serving in our military and for our President, Congress and Nation will be incorporated into the Mass. St. Malachy School students and staff are encouraged to wear red, white and blue clothing to school to demonstrate their patriotism. Students will sing a patriotic song at the conclusion of Mass.

Thursday, Feb. 4 - Celebrating Vocations

Teachers will discuss in their classrooms what it means to enter into a vocation. Students may dress in Holy Spirit wear, such as St. Malachy School spirit wear, a t-shirt with a Bible verse, or a shirt that represents a charity or even that is meaningful to them.

Friday, Feb. 5 - Celebrating Our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers

Students are encouraged to wear gold or yellow to as a way of saying thank you to our volunteers and to represent Christ's light shining on all.

Saturday, Feb. 6 - Students will participate in a virtual open house. Family and friends will have the opportunity to remotely view a student's school work, projects and/or activities. The open house will be available on the St. Malachy School website home page.

GIFTS FOR GOD'S PURPOSES

January 24, 2021

Weekly Gifts	(Goal: \$13,000)	*(\$12,438)
School Endow.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$1,049
Paraclete Fund	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$2,184
Capital Improve.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$2,474

* \$20,000 was moved from General and placed correctly in Donations

Week 30	Budget	Actual	Avg	Variance
Weekly	\$390,000	\$421,447	\$14,048	\$31,447
School End.	\$22,500	\$18,296	\$610	(\$4,204)
Paraclete	\$22,500	\$18,956	\$632	(\$3,544)
Cap Improve.	\$22,500	\$18,307	\$610	(\$4,194)

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to Pregnancy Resource Center

ADA 2020

Goal \$74,073.00

Pledged \$79,388.00

Contributed \$74,541.00

Number of Pledges: 200



DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these Seminarians:

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



Is the Lord GOD calling you to follow Him 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 1st Fridays & 1st Saturdays)

"The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because It gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest because the Lord is Sweetness Itself" - St. Pius X



Mother Teresa Collection:

"None of us can help everyone. But all of us can help someone. And when we help them, we serve Jesus."

On February 6 & 7, Circle 14 members will be collecting monetary donations for Mother Teresa's good works. This money is used to support the charitable initiatives of the Sisters of Charity in our country Through your generosity we are all able to serve Jesus.

Please clearly mark your envelopes "Mother Teresa Collection" and place in the baskets or drop off in the church office.



Thank you to St. Malachy parishioners for their Advent Giving Tree donations. Over \$8000 in cash and gift cards were donated to support the Food Pantry, Humility Homes, Backpack Blessings, Local Students in Need and the New Life Farm.



Light Weigh Catholic Weight-loss comes to your home via Zoom beginning in January! Weight-loss, Saints, Bible Study, Friendship, Spiritual Healing & Prayers! Transformations are happening. Connect to the power of the group today.

Go to www.lightweigh.com for more information

Henry County Right to Life is announcing its 2021 scholarship contest for area high school and college students. Applications are now available to qualified students to submit an essay on the theme – *“Why men should care about the pro-life movement and define the responsibilities of being a pro-life male.”*

Entries must reflect the general theme.

The student with the winning essay will be awarded a \$500 scholarship which will be forwarded to their intended college in the student’s name. Students may print a copy of the application and complete rules and regulations by going to the Henry Co Right to Life’s website at <http://henrycountyr2l.wixsite.com/life>. Scholarship applications must be received or postmarked no later than April 2, 2021.

For more information contact Henry County Right to Life President, Peggy Emmert, at 309-231-2657

“Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person -- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you” (Jer 1:5; cf Job 10:8-12; Ps 22:10-11). “My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth” (Ps. 139:15). Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable.” -- Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2270-2271



LITURGY LEANINGS FEBRUARY Green is on the altar the **first** 2 Sundays then purple/violet the second 2 Sundays.

Feb. 2nd The Presentation of the Lord - Today's feast is an echo of the past Christmas season and the completion of the mystery.

Feb. 3rd St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr - involved against illnesses of the throat.

Feb. 5th St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr - accepted martyrdom rather than abandon her faith.

Feb. 6th St. Paul Miki and Companions - along with 26 others endured a 600 mile march to his crucifixion in Nagasaki, Japan. His crucifixion was to deter Christianity in Japan, but missionaries found secret Christian communities that endured isolation for 3 centuries after.

Feb. 7th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - In this weeks readings our Lord speaks his commands and illness is cured and unclean spirits are driven away. Jesus' command over nature and the supernatural clearly illustrates his identity.

Feb. 8th St. Jerome Emiliani - founded hospitals, orphanages, and hostels in Venice, Italy. St. Josephine Bakhtaran, Virgin - kidnapped from her childhood home in Darfur under a series of cruel owners. Eventually claimed her freedom as a Canossian sister in Italy. Her holiness and kindness as porter endeared her to the local community.

Feb. 10th St. Scholastica, Virgin - Knowing that she would die soon, she prayed up a literal storm to extend a visit with her brother, St. Benedict, by another night.

Feb. 11th Our Lady of Lourdes - On this day, the church recognizes the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin to St. Bernadette Soubirous, although not known for great intellect, was able to articulate the Virgin as "The Immaculate Conception."

Feb. 14th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - We are called to live in imitation of our Lord.

Feb. 17th Ash Wednesday - As intensely personal as Lent is, with its core disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, it is a time of preparing a people worthy of the Lords special care. As much as we must work on our individual hearts, Lent is also a time when we must work on the heart of the community calling it to a change of life.

Feb. 18th Thursday After Ash Wednesday - Following God leads us to life. Without God, we perish.

Feb. 19th Friday After Ash Wednesday -Don't just avoid food and finer things—share them with those who really need them.

Feb. 20th Saturday After Ash Wednesday - The Lord, through Isaiah, is telling us to quit lying and spreading meanness. He is telling us to share our food, to help the afflicted, and to free all those who are in chains.

Feb. 21st First Sunday in Lent - As Lent begins, we are reminded these forty days are a time to repent of sin, return to the Gospel, and recommit ourselves to our baptismal promises.

Feb. 22nd The Chair Of St. Peter The Apostle - This feast celebrates Peters pastoral authority over the Church continued through the ministry of the bishop of Rome. The chair, symbolizes authority. Catholics celebrate the unity of faith that the pope both symbolizes and works to secure.

Feb. 23rd St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr, c.69-c.155. Martyred by beheading. He is one of the earliest Christians whose writings we still have.

Feb. 28th Second Sunday in Lent - In today's scripture insights we are called to a steadfast faith in God. Our Lord did not spare his only son from the suffering of his life and death. Like Abraham, we are called to faithfully trust in God. As Abraham was faithful to God, God is faithful to us.

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