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**February 14, 2021**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*Mark 1:40-41 'And a leper came to Him beseeching Him, and kneeling said to Him, "If You will, You can make me clean." Moved with pity, He stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I will; be clean."'*

*Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. If you repent and beseech God to clean your soul, He will!*

**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

Monday - Thursday 12:00 Noon during Lent

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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

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 Divorced Ministry: ..... Deacon Ries

*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 15 Weekday  
8:00 am Russell Thomas +

TUESDAY, February 16 Weekday  
8:00 am Hazel Pettit +

WEDNESDAY, February 17 Ash Wednesday  
8:00 am Louise Schroeder +  
9:15 am Jeanette DePauw +  
4:00 pm Ash Distribution Only  
7:00 pm People of the Parish

THURSDAY, February 18 Thursday after Ash Wednesday  
5:45 pm Michael DeCicco & Julie Marley

FRIDAY, February 19 Friday after Ash Wednesday  
8:00 am Communion Service

SATURDAY, February 20 Vigil of the 1st Sunday of Lent  
5:00 pm Virginia Humbert +

SUNDAY, February 21 First Sunday of Lent  
8:15 am Altar & Rosary Society - Living & Deceased Members  
10:30 am People of the Parish  
*The Rosary is recited after weekday morning Masses*



Ash Wednesday Services:

8:00 am Mass & Distribution  
9:15 am School Mass (School only)  
10:30 am Outdoor distribution of Ashes and Communion out front  
4:00 pm Distribution of Ashes only (No Mass)  
7:00 pm Mass & Distrib. of Ashes  
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.*



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Word on Fire Catholic Ministries exists to draw people into the body of Christ, which is the Church, and thereby give them access to all the gifts that Jesus wants his people to enjoy. To be most effective in this mission, Word on Fire places an emphasis and urgency on the use of contemporary forms of media and innovative communication technologies.

St. Malachy's has enrolled in Word on Fire 30 day trial. You simply have to go to <https://www.wofdigital.org/browse> for free access to many videos, podcasts, sermons and more. Please try it and let us know if you are interested in continuing to use this great resource. If enough parishioners are interested, we may purchase a full time subscription.

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2021

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

*The rainbow as the sign of God's covenant with mankind*

Response: Psalm 26

*R./: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep Your covenant*

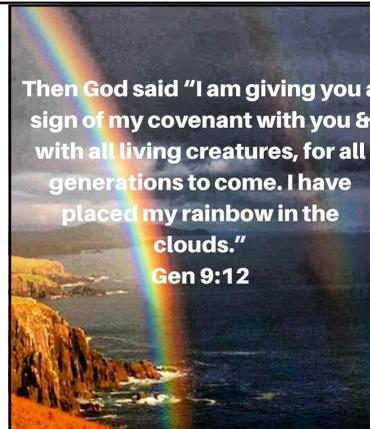
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

*Christ's sacrifice which gives baptism its cleansing power*

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

*The start of Jesus' public ministry*

'And the Spirit immediately drove Him out into the desert. He was in the desert forty days, tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on Him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the Good News of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the Good News."



Then God said "I am giving you a sign of my covenant with you & with all living creatures, for all generations to come. I have placed my rainbow in the clouds."  
Gen 9:12



The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete. Stations of the Cross are prayed on Fridays during Lent 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration

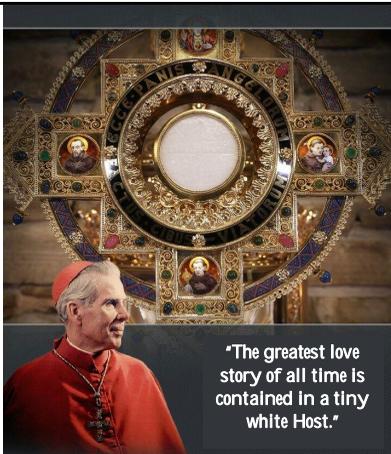
Mondays 3 - 8 pm

Thurs 4:30 pm

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1st Fridays

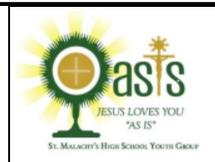
& 1st Saturdays)



"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host."

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Oasis  
Feb. 17,  
2021



**We will be attending the 7pm Ash Wednesday Mass for Oasis this week.**



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

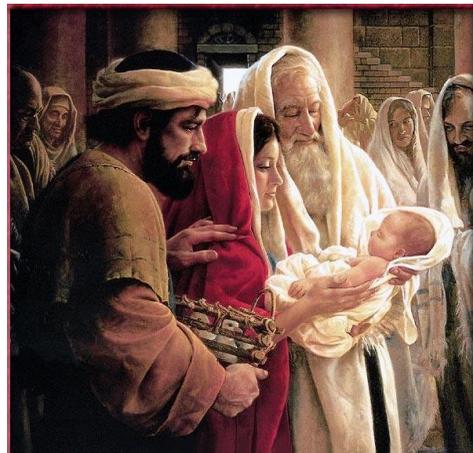
*"The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about Him..." (Luke 2:33). St. Joseph, Lover of Poverty, pray for us. Last weekend, I had the privilege of hearing the First Confessions of our parish children. As I discussed last weekend, it is always such a profound experience to encounter the faith of children. On one hand, it makes one want to offer what we have learned through the years, in order to guide them as they continue to grow in their faith. On the other hand, coming face to face with the natural goodness of their hearts can sometimes have the effect of making us grownups feel like the novices, when it comes to living as a child of God. Thus, when it comes to times of growth in one's faith, such as Lent (which begins this coming Wednesday), we need to remember that it is as much about being restored as it is about growth in maturity. It is far too easy to clutter and complicate our lives with things that crowd out and even seek to suffocate that pure and innocent identity as a child of God, not to mention how we can damage this relationship with the Lord at the core of being, by our sin. Lent is an opportunity to join Him in the desert, where there is nowhere to hide. To hunger and thirst with Him. To be alone with Him. To rediscover who we are. All three of the basic Lenten disciplines - Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving - help us to enter this desert experience in a meaningful way that truly becomes time spent drawing nearer to the Lord and becoming who we are. In the final days before this holy season, may Good Saint Joseph, Lover of Poverty, guide us all in discerning what form of each of these three disciplines we are being called to take up this year, so that we may courageously respond to this invitation. This way, our Lenten desert experience with the Lord can be a time of true restoration, in which we rediscover what it means to be a child of God.*

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION:** If we are to be restored to our identity as a child of God, this cannot be done completely without the Sacrament that Christ gave us to restore us to the grace of our Baptism! Thus, as we did with Advent, I would like to begin a custom of increasing the opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Lenten Season. Yet again, a special Noon time for Confessions will be added on Monday-Thursday of each week during Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through Holy Week. I am also planning to select one of the weekends during March, when we can offer the sacrament after each of the weekend Masses. Stay tuned.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** As I mentioned last weekend, the distribution of ashes will look a little different this year, due to the pandemic. Instead of being pressed into a cross on the forehead, ashes will be sprinkled over the top of the head. Also, the exhortation will be spoken once for the whole congregation, rather than individually. Please also be aware that the live-stream Mass option for that day will be the School Mass, **which has been moved to 9:15**, to allow more time after the 8 AM Mass.

In Christ through Mary,

*Fr. Daniel Gifford*  
Fr. Daniel P. Gifford





### **ST MALACHY'S MISSION:**

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.



The Knights of Columbus are chartered to provide an opportunity for Catholic men to meet, socialize and promote our faith through service to others. One of our main focuses will be to re-establish

our breakfast and dinners to support our parish Right-to-Life and youth groups. Last year and into this year, the Covid-19 restrictions have nearly eliminated all of those opportunities. But we'll be ready when life returns to normal.

If you are interested in joining the Knights and/or contributing to our cause, please contact Steve Mroz at (309) 441-6321 or [stephos@mchsi.com](mailto:stephos@mchsi.com).



### **Eden Reforestation Projects**

### **Planting Trees for Haiti**

#### **Lenten Alms-giving Opportunity:**

Through the support of our donors and partners, including St. Malachy, the Eden Projects in Haiti has been able to produce tens of thousands of trees for famers in Haiti. Please consider donating to Eden Reforestation Projects this Lent. By doing so, we can improve lives in Haiti immediately (by providing jobs, gathering seeds, planting and protecting the trees) and in the future (by increasing food supply and improving the quality of the soil, air and water).

EDEN PROJECTS is committed to alleviating extreme poverty and restoring healthy forests.

- For every FIFTEEN CENTS we donate, one tree will be planted in Haiti.
- For every \$5.00 we donate, 33 trees will be planted.
- You may place donations in the collection box by the tree displayed in the Narthex, at the parish office, or in the Sunday collection baskets clearly marked "Trees for Haiti".
- Make checks payable to St. Malachy Church with "Trees for Haiti" in the memo line.
- Each ribbon on the display tree will represent \$5.00, or THIRTY THREE TREES!

Help is needed ...



Are you looking for a way to spend some quiet time with the Lord

and offer a service to your parish at the same time? If you also love God's plants, here is the perfect opportunity for you!!

Our plant care team needs 2 or 3 additional volunteers each willing to commit to nurturing the indoor plants for 1 month a year.

Questions/details? contact Marilyn at

309-944-8700 or email her at

[marilynboardman@hotmail.com](mailto:marilynboardman@hotmail.com) Thank-you.



**STEWARDSHIP**  
*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

February 7, 2021

Weekly Gifts	(Goal: \$13,000)	\$9,346
School Endow.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$406
Paraclete Fund	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$266
Capital Improve.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$347

Week 32	Budget	Actual	Avg	Variance
Weekly	\$416,000	\$441,822	\$13,807	\$25,822
School End.	\$24,000	\$18,901	\$591	(\$5,099)
Paraclete	\$24,000	\$19,411	\$607	(\$4,589)
Cap Improve.	\$24,000	\$18,972	\$593	(\$5,029)

**GIFTS FOR GOD'S PURPOSES**

**Parish Sacrificial Giving:**

1% donated to Humility of Mary Shelter

**ADA 2020**

**Goal \$74,073.00**

**Pledged \$79,388.00**

**Contributed \$75,258.00**

**Number of Pledges: 200**



**DAILY**  
**PRAYERS FOR**  
**VOCATIONS**

Please Pray for these Seminarians:

- |                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Nathan Hopper</i>     | <i>Blake Miller</i> |
| <i>Patrick Deneen</i>    | <i>Ryan Mann</i>    |
| <i>Jacob Martini</i>     | <i>Luke Olson</i>   |
| <i>Jonathan Robinson</i> |                     |



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](mailto:fr_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org)



**Rice Bowl**

Once again, during another Lent, we are invited to participate in the Rice Bowl experience which invites Funds to help families around the world to meet the challenges of hunger and poor nutrition. A long standing Rice Bowl tradition is to encourage families to have one sacrificial meal per week during Lent and to contribute the money not spent for that meal to Rice Bowl. Contributions can be put into the Sunday collection basket or left at the Parish Office any time although we will make a specific request for Rice Bowl donations on Palm Sunday. Rice bowls can be picked up near the doors of the Narthex . Due to Covid-19, we ask that you return your donation in the form of a check to St. Malachy's.



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