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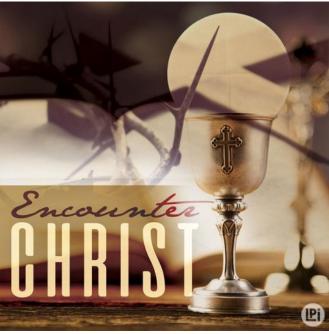
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Fifth Sunday of Lent March 21, 2021



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://catholicguadcities.com

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Just Faith:	Deacon O'Rourke
Prayer Chain:	Parish Office
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, March 22 8:00 am Dick Kintigh + Lenten Weekday

TUESDAY, March 23

St Turibius

8:00 am Margie Fitzgerald +

WEDNESDAY, March 24 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Harold & Mary Thompson +

9:00 am No Mass - "The Way of the Cross"

THURSDAY, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

5:45 pm Julie Marley

FRIDAY, March 26
8:00 am Communion Service

SATURDAY, March 27 Vigil of Palm Sunday

5:00 pm Mike Rowlands +

SUNDAY, March 28 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:15 am People of the Parish 10:30 am Marion Teerlinck +

The Rosary is recited after weekday morning Masses

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

St. Anthony 4:00 pm Saturday Sacred Heart 8:00 am Sunday

9:30 am Sunday

Jesus answered them, saying,

THE HOUR HAS COME FOR THE

SON OF MAN TO BE GLORIFIED.

12:23

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 MARCH 28, 2021

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Words of the Suffering Servant: "I know I shall not be put to shame!"

Response: Psalm 22

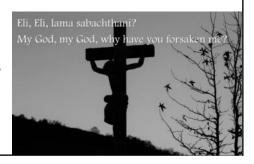
R./: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me

2nd Reading: Philemon 2:5-11

The self-emptying of God's loving servant, to save his people

Gospel: Mark 14:1–15:47

Mark's dark and stark Passion Narrative



PRAY FOR OUR RCIA CANDIDATES:

Please pray for Nick Rubino and Alex Sanchez, who will be coming into the Catholic Church and receiving Sacraments, on Saturday, April 3rd at the 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass. This celebratory Mass will be especially filled with the Holy Spirit as these new Catholics enter into the fullness of our beautiful Catholic Faith.



Eucharistic Adoration Mondays 3 - 8 pm

Thurs 4:30 pm

(8:30 am on the 1st Fridays & 1st Saturdays)

"How good it is to stand before a crucifix, or on our knees before the Blessed Sacrament, and simply to be in His presence! How much good it does us when He once more touches our lives and impels us to share His new life! What then happens is that 'we speak of what we have seen and heard' (1 Jn 1:3)." - Pope Francis



2021 Lenten Mission Statement

Every day of our lives, we are called to make the choice to be a servant of God and to serve others. Let us return to the God who never forgets what has

been promised. Repent, and believe in the covenant God has made with us. Repent and believe God's promises.

Looking for a part time job?

We can be flexible, but are looking for someone Mon - Fri from 3:00-7:00 pm to clean the school. This position will be until the end of May and resume in the fall when school starts. During the summer, after school lets out, the hours are Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Summer duties are to prepare the school for the fall such as running the floor scrubber and some heavy lifting may be required. Please pick up an application and return with your resume at the church office.



HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 1 Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm

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GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 2

Stations of the Cross: 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 pm

Easter Schedule

HOLY SATURDAY Easter Vigil Mass April 3, 8:00 pm April 4 8:15 & 10:30 am

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to donate toward the cost of Easter flowers in the memory of a loved one, please do so by dropping an extra envelope in the Sunday collection or the Parish Office.

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,



"When the days were completed for their purification... (Mary and Joseph) took Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord..." (Luke 2:22). Last weekend, I focused on how this time of purification is meant to bring about ongoing and deepening conversion of heart. In this ongoing personal conversion, the fires of purification reignite the light that we are meant to carry into the darkness of the world around us. Now, in this final weekend before we will be beginning Holy Week, it is time to acknowledge that darkness in the world around us and our corresponding call to pray for conversions within the world. When Saint Paul addresses this need for prayer to his friend and pupil Timothy, he says: "First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as ransom for all (1 Tim 2:1-6)." This prayer for conversions, which is to be coupled with a fearless and unwavering witness to the Truth of the Gospel in word and in deed, is meant to include, in particular, prayers for those entrusted with civic leadership, whose actions and decisions greatly impact all of our lives. This is the will of God, as revealed in Sacred Scripture. It is to be a part of all of our lives that we pursue the ongoing conversion of our leaders, especially where they stand opposed to the will of God and to the freedom of the Church. We do this by whatever civic action we can take in making our voice heard, as well by our prayers. We must acknowledge that this includes prayers for conversion of heart for our president, who professes Catholicism, yet persistently stands opposed to the will of God and the freedom of the Church, in his political activity. As Catholics, this is not something we can support or afford to be complacent about. In a letter responding to President Biden's inauguration, the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, addressed these matters. After pledging his prayers for the president, Archbishop Gomez acknowledged that the bishops always strive to work cooperatively with every administration, and always experience areas of agreement, as well as areas of opposition. He also went on to acknowledge President Biden's Catholic faith, saying that his, "piety and personal story, his moving witness to how his faith has brought him solace in times of darkness and tragedy, his longstanding commitment to the Gospel's priority for the poor - all of this I find hopeful and inspiring." Yet, he goes on to acknowledge what we cannot be silent about: "I must point out that our new President has pledged to pursue certain policies that would advance moral evils and threaten human life and dignity, most seriously in the areas of abortion, contraception, marriage, and gender. Of deep concern is the liberty of the Church and the freedom of believers to live according to their consciences. Our commitments on issues of human sexuality and the family, as with our commitments in every other area - such as abolishing the death penalty or seeking a health care system and economy that truly serves the human person - are guided by Christ's great commandment to love and to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters, especially the most vulnerable. For the nation's bishops, the continued injustice of abortion remains the "preeminent priority." Preeminent does not mean "only." We have deep concerns about many threats to human life and dignity in our society. But as Pope Francis teaches, we cannot stay silent when nearly a million unborn lives are being cast aside in our country year after year through abortion."

These matters are truly not "political" issues, but are borne of a desire to see the will of God, whose image is stamped upon every human person from the moment of conception, honored and respected. As Saint Paul stated, "(God) wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race. Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as ransom for all." His Truth must transform our land and we must pray that, while we have a president who professes belief in Christ and His Church, that this man's heart would be changed to be in accord with His Truth. We neither judge President Biden, nor doubt the sincerity of his faith, but simply acknowledge that conversion is an on going process and that Our Lord's call to "Repent," echoes through our lives, as we continually must strive to humble ourselves and conform our hearts to His will. So, what shall we pray for? Regardless, I propose we join Archbishop Gomez in, "praying that God grant him wisdom and courage to lead this great nation and that God help him to meet the tests of these times, to heal the wounds caused by this pandemic, to ease our intense political and cultural divisions, and to bring people together with renewed dedication to America's founding purposes, to be one nation under God committed to liberty and equality for all." Furthermore, we also pray in hope that, "Rather than impose further expansions of abortion and contraception, as he has promised, ... that the new President and his administration will work with the Church and others of good will. My hope is that we can begin a dialogue to address the complicated cultural and economic factors that are driving abortion and discouraging families. My hope, too, is that we can work together to finally put in place a coherent family policy in this country, one that acknowledges the crucial importance of strong marriages and parenting to the well-being of children and the stability of communities. If the President, with full respect for the Church's religious freedom, were to engage in this conversation, it would go a long way toward restoring the civil balance and healing our country's needs." Finally, we "entrust all our hopes and anxieties in this new moment to the tender heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Christ and the patroness of this exceptional nation. May she guide us in the ways of peace and obtain for us wisdom and the grace of a true patriotism and love of country." When we approach the Cross of Christ in Holy Week, let us hope in the promise of salvation and mercy pouring from His cross.

In Christ through Mary,



Fr. Daniel P. Gifford

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS - PLEASE JOIN US!

Oasis and TEC are co-hosting a special event for ALL high school students: "Did Jesus quarantine?"

- Did Jesus remain present in our lives during the pandemic?
- Or was He put into quarantine?
- And do we have a plan from here?

Join us on Sunday, March 21, 6:00-7:30pm in the St Malachy's youth room (or in the Mahoney Shelter, weather permitting) for an evening of reflection, sharing, discussion, Whitey's Shakes and other snacks. Come and bring a friend (and bring your mask).







STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

GIFTS FOR GOD: March 14, 2021

Weekly Gifts	(Goal: \$13,000)		\$8,756	
School Endow.	(Goal: \$ 750)		\$368	
Paraclete Fund	(Goal: \$ 750)		\$153	
Capital Improve.	(Goal: \$ 750)		\$313	
Week 37	Budget	Actual	Avg	Variance
Weekly	\$481,000	\$516,303	\$13,594	\$35,303
School End.	\$27,775	\$20.843	\$563	(\$6,932)
Paraclete	\$27,775	\$21,1230	\$571	(\$6,652)
Cap Improve.	\$27,775	\$21,843	\$590	(\$5,930)
Special	Collections	TI	his Week:	Total:

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

Rice Bowl

Catholic Relief Services

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Goal \$74,073.00 Pledged \$83,573.00 Contributed \$80,775.00 Number of Pledges: 212



Stations of the Cross are prayed on Fridays during Lent 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm.

\$143

\$243

\$595

\$843

HELP WANTED

Now that we have access to hymnals, we are looking for volunteers to hand out hymnals at all Masses. If you or your family attend a Mass regularly, and would be willing to hand out the hymnals before

Mass and pick them up after Mass, we could sure use you! If you can help, please contact Jeanne Anderson at 309-269-3369

or jmkanderson3@gmail.com



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



"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

John 12:24 Are you feeling called to die to yourself to produce fruit for God? If so, contact Fr. Chase

Hilgenbrink: 309-671-1550 or email him:

fr hilgenbrinck@cdop.org

GET THE WORD OUT!

Did you see the article in the Catholic Post urging us to oppose unethical vaccines?

The Vatican has emphasized the expression of opposition to unethical vaccines as a moral action for all of us. It is critically important that we voice our opposition to the pharmaceutical manufacturers that are utilizing abortion-related means

We have printed out 2 letters you can use and placed them in the Narthex. One is for those who have already received a vaccine, the other is for those who haven't received it. The letters can be forwarded to your email if you would like to receive them that way. And that is why we have set out printed copies for you to use.

We ask that you prayerfully consider three actions:

- 1. Send a letter yourself
- 2. Have each member of your household send a separate letter
- 3. Make copies and give to friends and family. To be successful, this effort requires widespread participation.





CHURCH

Sharing Christ's Love

BENEFITING ... Geneseo-Atkinson **Food Pantry**

A collection box will also be located in the Fellowship Room at First Lutheran beginning March 27 if you would like to drop off items prior to the event.



FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus

are having a Fish Fry on Friday, March 26 from 5-7 p.m. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a limited menu of fried fish, steak fries and coleslaw will be available by drive-thru only at the St. Malachy west parking lot (playground side) for a freewill donation. Please contact Steve Mroz at (309) 441-6321 or stephos@mchsi.com if you have any questions.



Eden Reforestation Projects

Planting Trees for Haiti Lenten Alms-giving Opportunity:

- •You may place donations in the collection box by the tree displayed in the Narthex, at the parish office, or in the Sunday collection (Clearly mark envelopes & checks "Trees for Haiti")
- Make A SEPARATE check payable to St. Malachy Church with "Trees for Haiti" in the memo line. (Do not combine with weekly donation check, please.) Each ribbon on the display tree will represent \$5.00, or Thirty Three Trees! WE HAVE OVER \$1,500 DONATED SO FAR - SO 9,990 TREES!



Are you looking for a way to serve our parish & are here on Sundays? How about helping sanitize after 10:30 am Mass?! Many hands make light work! Please contact Elizabeth Hulsbrink at 281-507-0197 Or eboardman@hotmail.com

WE NEED GREETERS AND USHERS!

It takes 4 greeters and 4 ushers per Mass and we don't want to overwork anyone by having the same people fill those roles week after week.

Please contact Lori at the office to volunteer! Thank you!



Free Marriage Enrichment Seminar:

In honor of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and as a Lenten resource, the Marriage in Christ At Home seminar is free for couples who sign up by March 31, 2021.

Once registered, access is free through May 31, 2021.

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