#### Diocese of Peoria

## St. Malachy Church and School

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The Ascension of the Lord May 9, 2021



"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God." 1 John 4:7

#### **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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|                              |                             | Ed Kemnitz                                  |
|                              |                             | 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

Prayer Chain: Parish Office Divorced Ministry: ...... Deacon Ries



MONDAY, May 10 <u>St. Damien</u> 8:00 am Michael Chavez, Sr. +

TUESDAY, May 11 Easter Weekday 8:00 am Mark Weise +

WEDNESDAY, May 12 Sts Nereus & Achilleus

8:00 am Craig Thompson +

9:00 am No Mass - Rosary instead

THURSDAY, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima 5:45 pm Virginia Humbert +

FRIDAY, May 14 St. Matthias 8:00 am Communion Service

SATURDAY, May 15

5:00 pm People of the Parish Vigil of The Ascension of the Lord

SUNDAY, May 16 The Ascension of the Lord

8:15 am Living & Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary Society+ 10:30 am Hazel Pettit + (Graduation Mass)

Abide

Love

Christ

John 15:9-11

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.

#### READINGS FOR SUNDAY - May 16, 2021

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

"...He was lifted up and a cloud took Him from their sight."

Responsorial: from Psalm 47 R./: God mounts His

throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord."

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:4:1-13

"May the eyes of your heart be enlightened."

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Jesus said to His disciples: 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."





# We have several job openings at St. Malachy Church.

We are in need of applicants ASAP for 1. Parish Administrator;

2. Church & School Business Manager and 3.
Parish Secretary. Please read the
bulletin insert for details on these 3 jobs

We are also looking for someone Mon - Fri from 3:00-7:00 pm to clean the school in the fall when school starts. Please pick up an application and return with your resume at the church office.

#### **LAY MINISTERS:**

An Email was sent to all volunteers we have listed as Lector/Commentators, Greeters, Ushers, and EMHCs asking you to sign up for JUNE. Please let the office know if you didn't receive the email. This is our new way to sign up & it makes things SO much easier if you would please use this sign up feature!



## Eucharistic Adoration Mondays 3 - 8 pm

Thurs 4:30 pm

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

"When we are before the Blessed
Sacrament, let us open our heart; our good
God will open His. We shall go to Him; He
will come to us... It will be like a breath from
one to the Other."

-Saint John Vianney (1786-1859)

#### **HELP NEEDED!**

We are looking for people to join the mowing team which would only take 1 1/2 hours every



third week. Call Gene Dodd at 309-507-2048 for details

## A Prayer for Mothers and Motherhood

Lord God, we thank
You, the Source
of Life, for all those
who have
welcomed and
nurtured our lives. In
particular, we thank
You for our mothers,
who, with trust in
You and
self-sacrifice beyond



description, have made it possible for us to live and praise You today. Give them the reward of their labors.

Today, Lord, we also pray for mothers who are afraid of being mothers. We pray especially for those carrying a child within them, but afraid to bring that child to birth. Look with favor on these, Your daughters, and give them trust and strength. Enable them to give

themselves to their children, as You give Yourself to us, and to experience the joys of motherhood. Enable us to do our part to encourage them and provide for their needs. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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For more prayers, see www.PrayerCampaign.org.



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

Happy Mothers Day to all of our mothers out there! As we honor and thank all of our mothers this weekend, let us reflect upon the mystery of motherhood through the lens of our spiritual mother. In considering the motherhood of Mary, I find it helpful to revisit the insights of one of my personal favorite pieces of spiritual reading about Our Lady: The Reed of God by Caryll Houselander. In this spiritual classic, Houselander owns the challenges so many disciples of Christ have in relating to this immaculate woman who often seems so far removed from our experience, and shares a glimpse of her own journey of discovering Mary's humanity, in order to be able to better understand her fiat (her yes to the Lord) and to imitate it. This utterly human perspective enables us to understand how pleasing are the often hidden offerings of love made by countless mothers, simply in living out the daily duties of their ordinary life. Houselander reflects, "There are many people in the world who cultivate a curious state which they call 'the spiritual life.' They often complain that they have very little time to devote to 'the spiritual life.' The only time that they do not regard as wasted is the time they can devote to pious practices: praying, reading, meditations, and visiting the church. All the time spent in earning a living, cleaning the home, caring for the children, making and mending clothes, cooking, and all the other manifold duties and responsibilities, is regarded as wasted. Yet it is really through ordinary human life and the things of every hour of every day that union with God comes about. Although human nature is the material which God has made for the fulfilling of His will in us, and although human nature is something we share, and although we each have the same purpose of knowing and loving God, we do not all achieve that purpose in the same way or through the same experiences; in fact, no two people have exactly the same experience of God; there seem to be rules of love like the rules of music, but within them each soul has her secret - with God." So, to all of the mothers who have ever felt like your offerings of love go unnoticed and unappreciated, may you find intimacy with the Lord in knowing that, "Your Father who sees in secret will repay you (Matthew 6:4)." And to the children and husbands of such mothers, may we work hard this weekend and beyond, to make sure they don't feel unnoticed and unappreciated any longer.

May Saint Joseph, who would teach us to honor our Blessed Mother, help us to honor all of our mothers. "Joseph... took his wife into his home." (Matthew

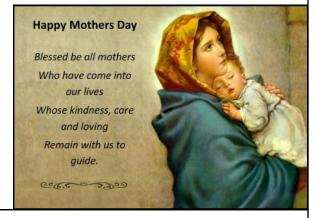
1:24b). Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Mother of God, Chaste Guardian of the Virgin, pray for us!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Daniel P. Gifford

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St. Malachy, Pray for us!



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#### **2021 CHURCH DIRECTORY**

It's that time again! It has been five years since our 2016 directory for St. Malachy Church! A lot has happened in those five years especially this past year with the many changes in our church and school due to COVID-19. We have gained new members and have unfortunately lost some parishioners. Children who were not yet born at

the time of our last photo session will soon be going to kindergarten while others have married or have moved on. Father Pakula, our pastor of twenty-five years, retired and was replaced by Father Daniel Gifford.

We certainly have had enough changes to merit a new directory. Our directories become family keepsakes, a record of our parish history and are an important reference source.

A new directory is possible only if we have a coordinator, someone who will work with other volunteers to be the "Directory Editor". We appeal to anyone who might be interested in being the coordinator to contact Deacon Robert O'Rourke at the church office for further information. Thank you for your careful consideration of this important and rewarding endeavor.



#### A BiG 'Thank You'!

20+ volunteers worked hard and had lots of fun last Saturday, May 1, sprucing up the parish grounds! It looks great! Thank you so much!

- The Building and Grounds Committee



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GIFTS FOR GOD: May 2, 2021

| Weekly Gifts     | (Goal: \$13,000) | \$7,940 |
|------------------|------------------|---------|
| School Endow.    | (Goal: \$ 750)   | \$310   |
| Paraclete Fund   | (Goal: \$ 750)   | \$350   |
| Capital Improve. | (Goal: \$ 750)   | \$410   |

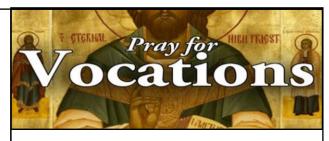
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| Weekly       | \$572,000 | \$603,400 | \$13,714 | \$31,400  |
| School End.  | \$33,000  | \$23,972  | \$545    | (\$9,029) |
| Paraclete    | \$33,000  | \$23,689  | \$538    | (\$9,311) |
| Cap Improve. | \$33,000  | \$24,434  | \$555    | (\$8,567) |

#### **Parish Sacrificial Giving:**

1% donated to Geneseo/Atkinson Food Pantry



Go to the saintmalachy.org webpage to register for this clinic & for more details.



#### DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these Seminarians:

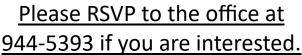
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"The Lord has revealed his saving power to the nations" ~ Psalm 98

Are you feeling called to reveal God's saving power to others as a priest or other religious? If so, contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink: 309-671-1550 or email him: fr\_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org

## Altar Servers Refresher Day

May 15th 10:30 am- 12:00 noon forexperienced Altar Servers



A training day for first time Altar Servers will be scheduled for fall.



# Nominations are being sought for three upcoming Parish Council positions to begin 3-year terms starting in July.

Individuals may submit their own names or recommend others who they think would make a good Council member. Recommendation forms will be available online through the St. Malachy's website, through the weekly update email, and in the Narthex from Sunday, May 2nd until Sunday, May 16th. The Parish Council's task is to help discern and implement the mission of our parish

and to serve as liaisons to our standing committees. Parish Council is made up of 9 at large members, 2 youth members, 2 trustees, and Father Gifford. The current members and trustees include Shannon Carroll, Mark Kane, Jen Ulam, Sheila Henson, Darci Dietrich, John Bean, Joyce Webb, Joe Mroz, Ali Rapps, and Ken Werner. Jennifer Higgins, Jim Ries, and Jim Schmedding (who replaced Mike Rowlands) have terms that end June 2021. The council's constitution and by-laws can be seen on our parish website or paper copies can be requested at the parish office. After the recommendation submission deadline, an informational orientation meeting will be held in late May/early June with the parish members who have been recommended and are interested in serving on the council. The selection committee, made up of two members from the council and two non-council Parish members will meet to discern, pray, and select the new members of the council. These members will be presented to Father Gifford and then announced to the parish in June. Then, these new members will start their 3-year term in July.

Here are some final thoughts to consider when making a recommendation or discerning membership for yourself:

- 1. Should have a willingness to grow in holiness
- 2. Should have a deep love for St. Malachy's Parish and its mission
- 3. Should have a desire to serve the parish
- 4. Should have a sense of stewardship
- 5. Should have the ability to collaborate with others
- 6. Should have the desire to continue to learn

Please prayerfully consider your recommendations for Parish Council

#### Job Opening #1 Saint Malachy Church Parish Administrator

St. Malachy Church has a full time job opportunity for a Parish Administrator.

#### **Essential Responsibilities:**

The Parish Administrator will provide support, guidance and leadership to the Parish staff, which enables each staff member to thrive in their positions and contribute to the mission of Saint Malachy Parish. The Parish Administrator will assist the Pastor in managing the day to day operations of the parish that arise.

#### Qualifications:

Professing and practicing the Catholic Faith, or otherwise manifest a supportive attitude toward the faith.

Commitment to living as a role model of the moral life, consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Faith.

Business Administration Degree or related degree and 3-5 years of administrative experience.

Possess planning, organizational, collaborative, and communication skills

Proficient in current technology and software.

#### Compensation:

Benefits that include: health insurance, 401k, vacation, paid holidays, and PTO

Salary range \$45,000-\$50,000

#### Job Opening #2 Saint Malachy Church and School Business Manager

St. Malachy Church and School have a full time job opportunity for a Business Manager.

#### **Essential Responsibilities:**

The Business Manager will be responsible for the accounting and financial functions including accounts payable, payroll processing and tax reporting, general ledger accounting, and financial report preparation for the church and school.

#### **Qualifications:**

Professing and practicing the Catholic Faith, or otherwise manifest a supportive attitude toward the faith.

Commitment to living as a role model of the moral life, consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Faith.

Degree in accounting with 3-5 years of experience

Possess planning, organizational, collaborative, and communication skills

Proficient in current technology and software

#### Compensation:

Benefits that include: health insurance, 401k, vacation, and PTO

Salary range \$35,000-\$40,000

If interested please send a cover letter and resume to Fr. Gifford at <a href="mailto:giffordfrdaniel@saintmalachy.org">giffordfrdaniel@saintmalachy.org</a>. Please respond by May 15, 2021.

#### Job Opening #3 Saint Malachy Parish Secretary

St. Malachy Church has a part time job opportunity for an office secretary.

29 Total hours/week

Five days/week 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Monday - Thursday; 8:00 am - 1:00 pm Friday

Benefits include: Vacation and PTO

#### **Essential Responsibilities:**

Represents St. Malachy Parish in a positive manner.

Office Communications:

- •Design and develop church bulletin
- Website entry
- •Flocknote Weekly Update email entry and distribution
- Answers phone and maintains church calendar
- Schedules Ministries
- •Correspondence with Parishioners and staff
- Supports Office Manager in various areas
- •Takes initiative and willing to learn

#### **Qualifications:**

Professing and practicing the Catholic Faith, or otherwise manifest a supportive attitude toward the faith.

Proficient in current technology and software especially Publisher, Excel Word and Social Media

Excellent organization, communication, collaboration and interpersonal skills Maintain a high degree of confidentiality

Fingerprint clearance and background check and complete Safe Environment Training

If interested please send a cover letter and resume to Mary Sebastian at <a href="mailto:sebastianmary@saintmalachy.org">sebastianmary@saintmalachy.org</a>. Please respond ASAP.

#### **Upcoming Programs**



Due to Covid-19, Benet House Retreat Center remains closed. We have developed several virtual retreats to provide spiritual and prayerful opportunities during this difficult time. These virtual sessions are held via Zoom. Once registered, you will receive a link to join the retreat and access to materials. For payments, checks may be made payable to the Sisters of St. Benedict or you may call Sr. Jackie Walsh at 309-283-2108 to provide credit card information.

- Lectio Divina: Sacred reading of Scripture, poetry, nature, and art: Through contemplative reading, listening, and seeing, we can learn to recognize the Divine Presence in all things.
   Retreat Leader: Linda Clewell, SMM Oblate. Tuesdays: June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29; 9-10 am; Free will offering.
- Centering Prayer: Leader: Linda Clewell, SMM Oblate. Wednesdays: June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; 1-2 pm; Free will offering.
- Expressive Writing for Healing: Saturday, June 26, 10-11:30 am. This workshop
  demonstrates the science behind utilizing writing as a tool for healing from traumatic
  experiences, examples of published expressive writing, and methods for getting started in
  journaling and writing exercises. Co-Sponsors: Benet House with Shalom Spirituality
  Center, Dubuque, IA. Zoom hosted by: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB. Presenter: Mary Potter
  Kenyon, Shalom Spirituality Center, Dubuque, IA. Fee: \$15 (funds available to help with
  cost, contact Benet House at 309-283-2108 or retreats@smmsisters.org.)
- Compassion, Contemplation, and Music: A Retreat Featuring Karen Drucker: Sunday, June 27, 2-3:30 pm. After a long and challenging pandemic year, Sr. Bobbi invites you to join her for an inspiring and uplifting gathering featuring musician Karen Drucker. Karen's music has inspired Sr. Bobbi's work with Boundless Compassion and has been a source of encouragement for many who have experienced suffering in their own lives and those of others. This afternoon retreat will provide contemplative music and thoughtful reflection on compassion in its various aspects i.e., compassion to self, creation, and more. Enjoy music leading you into stillness and enhancing your interactions with others who also value being a compassionate presence in our world. Zoom hosted by: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB. Presenter: Karen Drucker. Fee per computer: Registration and payment before June 11: \$20. Registration and payment after June 11: \$25. Funds are available to help with cost. Contact Benet House at 309-283-2108 or retreats@smmsisters.org.

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