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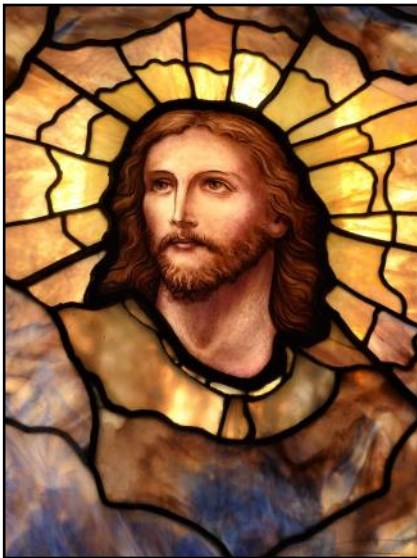
# St. Malachy Church and School

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## The Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time September 5, 2021



### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Outdoor Communion Sundays:** 9:45 - 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:

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**Marriage:**.....Fr. Daniel Gifford

**Hospital Visits:**.....Parish Office

**Anointing of the Sick:**.....Emergency phone: 309-944-0422

**Pastoral Care:**.....Ed Kennitz, Tom Mattan

**Bereavement:**.....Deacon Art Ries

**Prayer Chain:**.....Parish Office

**Divorced Ministry:**.....Deacon Art Ries

**RCIA:**.....Deacon Mike Sigwalt

*We warmly welcome new parishioners and ask them to register at the Parish Office. Individuals interested in becoming Catholic may contact Fr. Daniel Gifford or call the Parish Office.*

# Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, September 6**

9:00 am Bernard Francque+

Weekday

**TUESDAY, September 7**

8:00 am Vernon Sherbeyn+

Weekday

**WEDNESDAY, September 8**

8:00 am Ed Colman+

9:00 am Mary Hughes+

Nativity of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

**THURSDAY, September 9**

5:45 pm Janet Lovall+

St. Peter Claver

**FRIDAY, September 10**

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

Weekday

**SATURDAY, September 11**

5:00 pm Margie Fitzgerald+

Vigil Mass 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SUNDAY, August September 12** Twenty-fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:15 am Altar & Rosary Society Members, living & deceased

10:30 am People of the Parish



**Weekend Mass Schedules:**

**St. Anthony/Atkinson**

4:00 pm Saturday

9:30 am Sunday

**Sacred Heart/Annawan**

8:00 am Sunday

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**Mon. - Wed. 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, Thurs.. 8 - 1, Fridays 8 - 1**

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

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY - September 12, 2021

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a

*I gave my back to those who beat me.*

Responsorial: Psalm 15

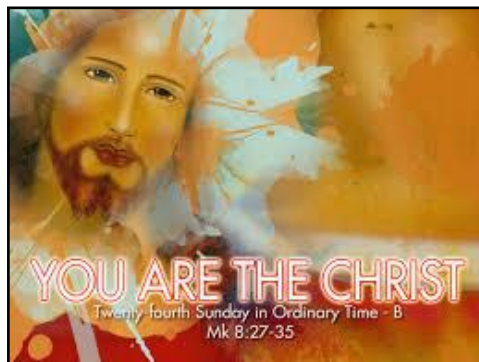
*R./: "I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living."*

2nd Reading: James 2:14-18

*Faith, if it does not have works, is dead.*

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

*You are the Christ... the Son of Man must suffer greatly.*



# Weekly Calendar

## Tuesday, September 6

Circle 14 1:30 in the Youth Room

## Thursday, September 9

7th/8th Grade Youth Ministry 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

## Sunday, September 12

Altar & Rosary Society Breakfast

After the 8:15 Mass

Outdoor Communion 9:45 am-10:00 am

Praise Jam Band 3:00 pm-5:30 pm in the City Park



## Celebration Choir



(8:10 Mass)

Will meet for rehearsal on Wednesday, September 8, at 6:30 pm. Members welcome as well as anyone interested in participating in this ministry



## Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 3:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursday 4:30 pm

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

## Library News

At this time the library is NOT accepting donations of any books. If you have books to donate, we ask that you please find someplace to take them, or hold on to them for the future.

**The Library is open check out books and media.**



## Art Teacher Wish List



Theresa Walck is looking for a few, (non-computerized) sewing machines in good working order for her classroom, to be used in a few art projects this year. She is also searching for one or two irons in good working condition.

Please contact Theresa at [tqalck@stmalgeneseo.org](mailto:tqalck@stmalgeneseo.org) or the School Office 309-944-3230

"The Eucharist bathes the tormented soul in light and love. Then the soul appreciates these words, 'Come all you who are sick, I will restore your health.'"  
- St. Bernadette Soubirous

## September Liturgy Leanings

Our faith must be accompanied by works of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience; these attributes are the characteristics of those who follow Christ's teaching. We are called to engage with our families and communities in light of His teaching and in imitation of Him. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, but does our faith have an impact on how we live in the world?

### Feast Days in September:

**9/3 - St Gregory the Great** - He led the church through plagues and invasions, using his talent for organization and leadership in service of both political peace and spreading of Christianity.

**9/8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - The first of many holy events for the daughter of Israel through whom God chose to carry out the plan of salvation through Mary.

**9/14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross** - The universal symbol of Christian faith, the cross represents Christ's victory over death.

**9/15 - Our Lady of Sorrows** - Commemorates the seven great sorrows which Mary lived in relation to her son:

- 1) prophecy of Simeon, 2) flight into Egypt, 3) loss of Jesus in the Temple, 4) meeting Jesus on Via Dolorosa,
- 5) crucifixion of Jesus, 6) taken down from Cross, and 7) burial of Jesus.

**9/21 - St Matthew Apostle/Evangelist** - Author of 1st gospel and presented evidence reconciling the Old Testament prophecies with the life of Jesus showing that Jesus was the Messiah.

**9/27 - St Vincent De Paul** - Recognized for his charity and compassion for the poor. He established a society of priests dedicated to preaching to peasants and providing for the physical needs of the poor.

**8/29 - Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael the Archangels** - These are only angels named in scripture and have held special roles in salvation history as agents of God who minister to human beings.


## *A Note From the Pastor*

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

As promised for the past two weeks, I want to now take a moment and reflect a bit on stewardship. In particular, I mentioned this in light of the announcement that the kickoff for the ADA is coming up next weekend. However, I had also mentioned it in light of the offertory, part of which includes the collection. The collection, which is both necessary to help meet the needs of the Church and also is meant to signify the people bringing forth a piece of their livelihood (Luke 21:1-4, Acts 2:42-45, Acts 4:32-37). When we think of this, we might think of the example of the poor widow in the temple who gave her whole livelihood. And of course the point that Jesus was making is not just about generosity, but about faith reaching its perfection in love. She had to trust in the Lord, with a bold and powerful faith, to give so generously. Her great faith bore good fruit in love. When we examine that root system of faith, from which such generous giving is borne, we see that it begins from a realization that all that we have is a gift from the Lord. He is the Giver of all good gifts. We, in turn, are the stewards who have been entrusted with goods that are meant to be shared. Once this seed is planted, a whole new way of life takes root, wherein we no longer think of whatever goods we have as possessions, but as gifts entrusted to us, meant to be given and shared. This way of life is often simply called stewardship, and it is something I have seen modeled beautifully at Saint Malachy Parish. Stewardship leads to joy. When we seek to *possess*, it does not lead to joy, happiness, or fulfillment in life. Consider the story of the rich young man depicted in the window hanging along the back wall of the nave (main section of the Church), near the organ. The most striking aspect of this story is often its ending: this young man has the distinction of being the only person recorded in the Gospel who, after meeting Jesus, goes away sad. Why does he go away sad? The Lord called him to let go of his possessions, but he could not. He had many possessions and he was sad. Let's consider another contrary example, besides the poor widow. Consider Good Saint Joseph. Numerous indications in the Gospel give us subtle clues that Joseph was a poor man, in the sense of worldly possessions. Yet, when we think of Saint Joseph, the mind's eye often immediately goes to the image of him holding in his hands the greatest of treasures, the most precious of gifts: the Christ Child. This man of faith treasured the Holy Child who was entrusted to him. He faithfully guarded and attended to him. He devoted himself to the care of this treasure, not because he possessed it as his own, but because this greatest of gifts had been entrusted to him. And this richest of treasures was certainly meant to be shared, not hoarded. Saint Joseph is a great one to teach us the mystery of entrustment, of honoring what has been entrusted to us. This spirit of entrustment is a necessary part of fostering a deep spirit of stewardship, of sharing our time, talent, and treasure. We share these gifts because we do not view them as merely possessions, but as having been entrusted to us, in order to be shared. In this Year of Saint Joseph, may he intercede for all of us that we may know the true joy that is borne of honoring and sharing what has been entrusted to us. *"And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David..." (Luke 2:4). Saint Joseph, Noble Offspring of David, Light of Patriarchs, pray for us!*

**Office Hours:** How we use our time, and if we trust the Lord enough to give some of it to Him directly in prayer, will have an impact on the quality of our service in numerous ways. It is worth taking time for the Lord. And we will notice the difference. This is why it was a great encouragement to me when, recently, multiple members of our parish staff asked if the office hours could be adjusted, in order to allow parish staff to attend Daily Mass. Thus, you will notice a subtle change in the office hours, beginning this month. Let us thank the Lord that those serving us in many ways are striving to give time directly to the Lord each day.

In Christ through Mary,  
Fr. Daniel P. Gifford



St. Malachy, Pray for us




## BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

St. Malachy is planning to offer a bible study this fall. The study will be "The bible and Virgin Mary" presented by Matthew Leonard. This study is for anyone, whether they are familiar with the bible, or not. The series has 12 sessions and it is being offered two different times. Each will end before Christmas.

- Tuesdays at 9:00 am starting on September 14th.
- Thursday evening after 5:45 pm Mass, starting approximately at 6:30 on Sept. 16th.

The study does have a workbook, so if you would like one please let the office know 945-5393 or email me at [47ries@gmail.com](mailto:47ries@gmail.com). The cost of the book is \$20.


Spread the word as we welcome all to join us. It will be great to get back together in this study.

Oasis is in need of a couple of volunteers for the school year. For more information or if Interested, please contact:  
Darci Harrison [dietrichdarci@gmail.com](mailto:dietrichdarci@gmail.com) or leave a message at the parish office.




**7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry**  
We will begin meeting on Thursday, September 9 from 6:30-8:00 PM.



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**Save the Date**  
**Altar & Rosary Society Breakfast**  
Sunday, September 12, after the 8:15 am Mass  
**Speaker:** Harley Chaffee will share stories and tales of his pastoral care experience. Continental Breakfast will be served. All women of the parish are invited to attend.



**LAY MINISTERS NEEDED**  
We are in need of lay ministers for October & November. Please call the office if you would like to join the team. If you are already participating, please check your email to sign up.



The next Social Justice Committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 7th at 4:00 pm in the Conference Room near the church office. All parish members are welcome. Come join us!

**New Altar Server Training**

There will be a training for new altar servers, open to those in grades 4 and up, beginning on Saturday, September 25th and continued on Saturday, October 2. Those to be trained should plan to attend both sessions. Each one begins at 10:30 AM and should not last more than an hour.



# STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

## Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to  
St. Teresa of Kolkata Church

### General Collection At A Glance

#### Week 9 - August 29, 2021

	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
General Collection	13,000	10,556	(2,444)	117,000	110,670	(6,330)
School Endow.	750	272	(478)	6,750	4,083	(2,667)
Paraclete	750	192	(558)	6,750	5,038	(1,712)
Cap. Improv.	750	292	(458)	6,750	6,923	173



### Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Men's: October 21-24, 2021  
Women's: November 18-21, 2021

### Upcoming TEC Weekends



Oct. 9-11, 2021 (Girls)  
Dec. 4-6, 2021 (Boys)  
Feb. 19-21, 2022 (Girls)  
April 2-4, 2022 (Boys)  
June 25-27, 2022 (Girls)



For more info, visit [www.northwest-tec.com](http://www.northwest-tec.com)



### DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these  
Seminarians:

*Paul Rupert      Ben Schoonmaker*  
*Jonathan Puckett   Francis Strong*  
*Jonathan Swoik      Thomas Williams*  
*Jack Watt*

Are you feeling called to serve as a  
priest or other religious?

If so, contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink:

309-671-1550 or email him: [fr\\_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org](mailto:fr_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org)

*He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body."*

### JP II Co-Ed Retreat



Are you looking for a fun and faith filled overnight retreat for an 8th -10th grader? We have a great opportunity for teens to learn about living a life that follows Jesus.

Come experience friendship, fun, and faith!

**What:** John Paul II Co-Ed Retreat

**Who:** Boys and Girls, 8th-10th grade.

**When:** Sat. Nov. 6th - Sun. Nov. 7th

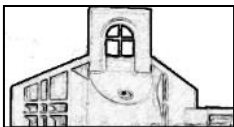
**Where:** Believers Together Center at Christ the King:  
3209 60th St., Moline.

**Cost:** \$30

**Registration** Now open on the [www.olgsilvis.com](http://www.olgsilvis.com)

**Questions:** Mike Wilshusen (309) 269-7686 or email  
[STJPEXP@gmail.com](mailto:STJPEXP@gmail.com)

September 5, 2021



## St. Malachy Catholic Church

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September 1, 2021

Dear Saint Malachy Parishioners

As the hospitalizations due to COVID-19 and its variants continue to increase, including within the Henry County area, it leads us to be more concerned with the safety of our parishioners and visitors. **Governor Pritzker recently announced his decision to reinstate the mandate of masks while indoors, regardless of vaccination status.** At this time, I would also like to remind you of some of the measures we currently have in place to promote an environment in which people can feel safe to gather to worship God and find support from our brothers and sisters within the Body of Christ.

1. There are **sanitizing stations** at all the doors. We encourage you to use them.
2. We have maintained two areas that are designated as being for **socially distant seating**: the **chapel** and the **narthex**. Additional socially distant seating can be found along the back wall of the main church. So far, these areas have not been heavily used lately. We may need to adjust this seating arrangement as needed, in the event that these spaces begin to fill up.
3. The **plexiglass guards** are being replaced over the commentator stand and cantor stand.
4. We value your input. So please remember the **comment box** in the narthex.

As we move forward in these uncharted waters, there are many unknowns and we often do not know how to respond. We continue to ask everyone to be respectful of others. To help protect each other, we suggest we try to minimize the social gatherings in the church and be mindful of how we greet one another. We may be unaware of another's health condition or concerns. Please consider limiting your physical contact with others and being conscious of giving others physical space when we greet them.

I know that many of us, if not most, can relate to the sentiment that we would personally prefer not to put our masks back on. And some feel very strongly about it, for reasons that are not often acknowledged or respected. We must always be very careful to not make over-simplified or over-generalized presumptions and judgments of one another's intention and motivation, but continue to engage respectfully with one another. One word of advice that has helped me to adjust to this is to consider it an act of charity toward the most vulnerable, when I put on my mask.

We will continue to monitor changes of COVID transmission levels for the safety of everyone's health and strive to respond appropriately. Please be assured your health and safety are extremely important to us. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping keep Saint Malachy and our environment safe for parishioners and guests, so we can all encounter the perfect love of God, worship Him, and grow together in communion with one another and Him.

In Christ through Mary,



Fr. Daniel Gifford, Pastor  
Dcn Art Ries and David Wolak, Reopening Committee Co-Chairmen



## **2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal**

September 11-12, 2021

Goal: \$85,185.00

Next week our parish will be participating in the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) for the Diocese of Peoria.

As followers of Christ, we are called to respond to God's grace in our lives and to serve one another.

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