

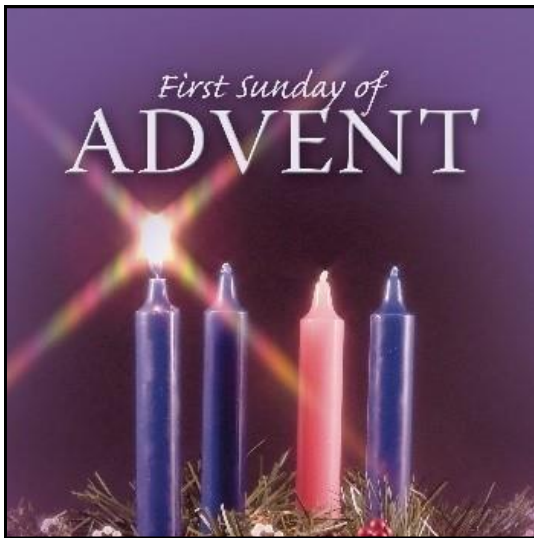
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The First Sunday  
 Of Advent  
 November 28, 2021



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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:** 9:45 - 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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*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, November 29**

8:00 am Winnie Stocks+

**First Week of Advent**

**TUESDAY, November 30**

8:00 am Bernice Beiermann+

**St. Andrew**

**Advent Reconciliation Schedule**

Monday - Thursday 12:00 pm-12:30 pm  
Monday, November 29 through December 23.  
All are invited, and strongly encouraged to receive God's Mercy through this glorious Sacrament.

**WEDNESDAY, December 1**

8:00 am Jerry Thompson+  
9:00 am Michael Chavez Sr.+

**First Week of Advent**

**THURSDAY, December 2**

5:45 pm People of the Parish

**First Week of Advent**

**FRIDAY, December 3**

8:00 am James E Higgins Jr.+

**St. Francis Xavier**

**SATURDAY, December 4**

8:00 am Matilda Garza+  
5:00 pm Dan Cassel +

**Vigil Mass 2nd Sunday of Advent**

**SUNDAY, December 5**

8:15 am Albert Hudders+  
10:30 am People of the Parish

**Second Sunday of Advent**



**Weekend Mass Schedules:**

**St. Anthony/Atkinson**  
4:00 pm Saturday  
9:30 am Sunday

**Sacred Heart/Annawan**  
8:00 am Sunday

**OFFICE HOURS:**

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*Bulletin articles **MUST** be submitted no later than Noon on Tuesdays.*

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY - December 5, 2021

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

*Jerusalem, God will show your splendor.*

Responsorial: Psalm 126

*R./: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."*

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

*Show yourselves pure and blameless for the day of Christ.*

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

*All flesh shall see the salvation of God*



# Weekly Calendar

## Tuesday, November 30

The Bible and the Virgin Mary Study 9:00 am YR  
Women's Support Group 6:00 pm Room C

## Wednesday, December 1

School Mass 9:00 am  
K-5 CCD 3:30 pm-4:45 pm  
Oasis 6:30 pm-8:00 pm  
6th & 7th Grade CCD 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

## Thursday, December 2

The Bible and the Virgin Mary Study 6:30 pm CR  
The Rock 7th & 8th Grade 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

## Friday, December 3

First Friday Mass 8:00 am

## Saturday, December 4

First Saturday Mass 8:00 am

## Sunday, December 5

Second Sunday of Advent  
The Bible and the Virgin Mary Study 9:15 am YR  
Outdoor Communion 9:45 am-10:00 am  
Rite of Initiation 9th Grade Confirmation 10:30 am  
Confirmation 8th Grade 6:00 pm-8:00 pm  
Confirmation 9th Grade 6:00 pm-8:00 pm  
Parents Club 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Hall

## Christmas Mass - Lay Minister Sign Up

### Mass Schedule:

**Christmas Eve, Friday**  
4:00 pm, 7:00 pm & 10:00 pm

### Christmas Day, Saturday

9:00 am  
Can you help at our Christmas Masses?

**We are in need of:** EMHC, Lectors, Commentators, Ushers, Greeters and Altar Servers Please call the office to sign up.



## Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 3:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursday 4:30 pm

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



The Altar & Rosary would like to thank the entire parish for baking, buying and donating to our bake sale. We collected over \$900.00, which will be used for parish and charity needs.

# FORMED

## WATCH:

The Story of the Nativity:  
The Truth of Christmas



## LEARN: Advent Series

## LISTEN:

Prepare the Way of the King  
By Dr. Scott Hahn



**PICK OF THE WEEK** November 28, 2021



## Holy Hour for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

We will have a special Holy Hour on Tuesday, November 30, at 7:00 pm to pray for the December 1 Supreme Court hearing the upcoming historic case over the right of states to protect mothers and unborn life.

<https://catholicvote.org/dobbs>

## Gift Shop News

Our Advent, and Christmas items will continue to be on display this weekend. Come find a treasure that will enhance your Christmas experience!

If you have any special requests please call:

Judy Kanke  
at 309-269-6921



# *A Note From the Pastor*

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

## **Advent 2021: A Time of Safe Refuge to Remember the Faithfulness of God**

As I mentioned last week, this theme I have proposed for us flows out of the November theme verse for the Year of Saint Joseph: *"When they had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.' Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt." (Matthew 2:13-14). Just as Saint Joseph was led to lead the Holy Family to a place of safe refuge, when a great threat was upon them, so also we must seek safe refuge with the Lord, in the midst of whatever trials we might endure. We also found a reflection of this in Revelation 12, in which the Woman is taken to a place of safe refuge, as the dragon pursues her, seeking to devour her Child, while the Lord sends Michael and his army to fight the battle. What is pursuing you, seeking to rob you of your peace and distract you from doing the Lord's Will in your life? Rather than trying to fight that battle for yourself, recognize that the Lord is fighting for you. Accept His invitation to find safe refuge in Him and remember His faithfulness.*

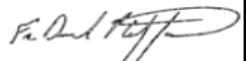
Since we will be in December later this week, allow me also to introduce our next and final monthly theme verse for this Year of Joseph and explain how it relates to our theme. *"... Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Messiah... behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David...'" (Matthew 1:16,20). Who doesn't love genealogies, right?! Part of the beauty of concluding the Year of Joseph with the conclusion of the genealogy of Christ is not only that it shows Joseph as a part of that genealogy, but it shows the faithfulness of God through the ages. Furthermore, it allows us to see the continuity between the Old Testament and the New, as God continually revealed Himself to us and taught us to trust in His faithfulness. It is fitting for Advent to enter into this spirit of the Old Covenant: awaiting God's*

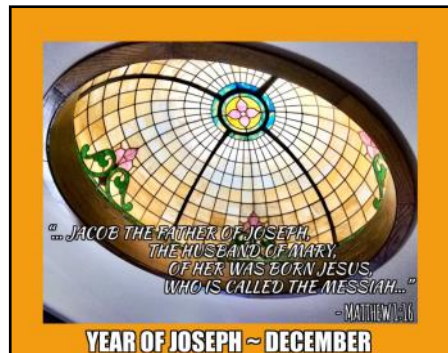
*Promise, to be fulfilled in the coming of Jesus Christ, as we allow God to work in our lives and teach us to trust in His faithfulness through the years.*

*Saint Joseph, Noble Offspring of David, Light of Patriarchs, pray for us!*

**Conclusion of the Year of Saint Joseph:** It can be confusing that we use the word "year" in so many different ways. Of course, we have the secular calendar year, which begins in January and runs through the end of December. Then, we have the Church Year, which begins with the First Sunday of Advent and ends with Christ the King (in addition to the weekdays that follow). Also, we casually often refer to the academic year as "the year," as we usually begin many new programs for all ages in the fall in sync with the start of school for the children. When I have referred to "Follow Jesus with the Faith of a Child" as the spiritual theme for "the year," I have meant it in this sense of the academic year. So, what about this Year of Joseph we have heard so much about? Well, when the Pope declares a special "year" such as this one, he can sort of begin and end it whenever he wants and usually picks a significant date to do so. This one began on December 8 (Immaculate Conception), 2020 ends on December 8, 2021. So, it began and ends with a feast of his beloved spouse, Our Blessed Mother Mary. Let us spend these final days of the Year of Saint Joseph, asking both of their assistance in remaining devoted to Jesus Christ and following Him with the faith of a child.

In Christ through Mary,  
Fr. Daniel P. Gifford

  
St. Malachy, Pray for us





Ladies, you are invited to join **St. Malachy Women's Support Group**. We meet Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in meeting room C, at the end of the staff hallway. We discuss how God blessed us this week, what we struggled with this week, and things we want to work on with God's help during the next week. There is a short lesson, and time for prayer intentions and prayer. It's a time for women to support each other. You don't have to call ahead, just come join us. If you have any questions you can contact Jennifer Ulam or Cathie Stinson.

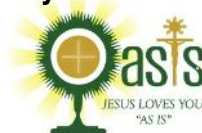
### The Rock - 7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry

Meets every Thursday from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Youth Room. Please pray for the students as they grow closer to Christ in fellowship and service, seeking the patronage of St. Patrick & St. Teresa of Calcutta



### Oasis - High School Youth Ministry

Oasis meets every Wednesday from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Youth Room. We strive to nourish our mind, body, and soul. Growing in community as we walk together to come to know Jesus.



All High School teens are invited to the **Oasis Liturgical New Year Party!** We will be having a game night, so bring your favorite game! In celebration of the new liturgical year and Advent, we will be wearing purple!

**When:** December 1st, 6:30–8:00 pm **Where:** Youth Room



### Liturgy Leanings - December: Advent/Christmas Cycle C Readings

The Liturgical year begins with Advent, November 28. Both joyful and repentant, the season prepares us for the coming of Christ as a babe and as a judge at the end of the world. We are asked to prepare, watch, and be ready, a difficult task in this uncertain time.

**November 28: First Sunday of Advent:** We lift our souls to the Lord.

**December 3:** St. Francis Xavier: Jesuit and missionary to Asia, patron of missions.

**December 5: Second Sunday of Advent:** *...all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.*

**December 6:** St. Nicholas, fourth century bishop remembered for his acts of charity, patron of sailors and children.

**December 8:** The Immaculate Conception is the patron of the U.S. It is a holy day of Obligation.

**December 9:** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, who saw Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**December 12: Third Sunday of Advent:** Gaudete Sunday is a time of rejoicing, of bearing witness to the coming of our salvation.

**December 13:** St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, whose name means "light" and is celebrated by Scandinavians as a feast of light in the dark winter.

**December 14:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Mystic and poet.

**December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent:** As we gather closer to the Nativity, the time of waiting is coming to a close. *...let us see Your face, and we shall be saved.*

**December 25: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord** Christmas, a new liturgical season, finally arrives. The scriptures may differ depending which Mass is attended, but the message is the same: In the mystery of the Incarnation our God became human, and the message of his birth was shared with the world. We, too, must carry the light of Christ to all. "Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord."

**December 26: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph:** "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways."

**December 27:** St. John the Apostle and Evangelist

**December 28:** Feast of the Holy Innocents, remembering those innocent children killed by Herod.

**A Feast Day that is commonly celebrated but lands on a Sunday this year:**

**December 12:** Our Lady of Guadalupe where Our Lady appears as a mestizo young woman to Juan Diego in 1531. She is the Patron of the Americas.



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**Week 21 - November 21, 2021**

	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance	
General Collection	\$ 13,000	\$ 12,945	\$ (55)	\$ 273,000	\$ 251,691	\$ (21,309)	
School Endowment	\$ 750	\$ 99	\$ (651)	\$ 15,750	\$ 15,549	\$ (201)	
Paraclete Fund	\$ 750	\$ 129	\$ (621)	\$ 15,750	\$ 10,123	\$ (5,627)	
Capital Improvement	\$ 750	\$ 229	\$ (521)	\$ 15,750	\$ 12,358	\$ (3,392)	
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**Upcoming Cursillo Weekends**

October & November weekends postponed due to Covid

New Date, Men's: February 24-27, 2021

New Date, Women's: March 24-27, 2021

For more information visit: <https://nwcursillo.com>

**Upcoming TEC Weekends**



Dec. 4-6, 2021 (Boys)  
Feb. 12-14, 2022 (Girls)  
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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  
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*Jonathan Puckett   Francis Strong*  
*Jonathan Swoik      Thomas Williams*  
*Jack Watt*

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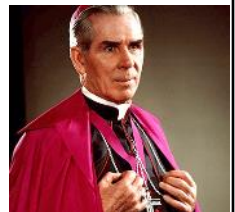
*He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body."*

**Prayer and Pilgrimage with Fulton Sheen**

You are invited to the new  
**Sacre-Coeur Retreat Center,**  
Henry, IL for a weekend retreat,  
**December 3-5, 2021.**

The retreat will feature reflections by Msgr. Stanley Deptula, Executive Director of the Archbishop Sheen Foundation, as well as a pilgrimage to sites in the Peoria area important to the life of Fulton Sheen. Mass, Holy Hours, beautiful scenery, delicious meals, and quiet prayer – come away and spend some time with Our Lord and His servant, Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

For more information or to reserve a spot, email:  
[info@sheencause.org](mailto:info@sheencause.org)





## December 2021 Newsletter

The Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry staff, board, volunteers and clients wish all of you a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year! During this time of year our clients have the opportunity to see God's love at work through the many donations to the Food Pantry that help them have a brighter Holiday season.

Thank you to The Farm Bureau Young Leaders for conducting a "Fill-a-Ford" Food Drive on November 13 at Fareway in Geneseo. Also, thank you to all who helped donate 1580 pounds of food to this Food Drive! Thank you to all the schools, churches, businesses, organizations and groups who donated food as well. We were able to provide Thanksgiving baskets to more than 90 households because of the generosity of our community! We are also able to provide Christmas food baskets so that those in need can have a nice holiday dinner.

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for families with children in our Holiday Gifts Program. Also, thank you to all who donated gifts for adults and teenagers. You are a blessing to those families and individuals!

Our Volunteer of the Month, Sharon Apperson, has been volunteering at the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry since July. She helps people sign in when they visit the clothing room, and she helps sort and display clothing and household items. Sharon has three grown children and five grandchildren. Her hobbies are reading, painting and doing crafts. She said the best thing about volunteering at the Food Pantry are the people! Sharon's most memorable experience at the Food Pantry was the welcome she received on her first day. Thank you for all your time and hard work, Sharon!

### **Here are our holiday hours:**

December 20, 21, and 23: Open 9:00-Noon

December 24: Closed

December 27, 28, and 30: Open 9:00-Noon

December 31: Closed

The clothing room will be closed to shoppers December 20-30.

**Food Needs for December:** French fried onions, cranberry sauce, pie filling, pie crust mix, and sweet potatoes.

**Non-food needs include:** Hand soap, all-purpose cleaner, garbage bags, denture cleaner, and Kleenex. Thank you for your support throughout the year. We ask God to bless you and our families during 2022!

## St. Malachy Advent Giving Tree

St. Malachy Social Justice Committee is once again sponsoring our Advent Giving Tree. Our Giving Tree will be in the same format as last year. Instead of asking for household item donations as in years past, this year we are again asking for financial donations only. These can be in the form of cash, checks, or gift cards. Keep in mind, purchasing your gift card from Heaven Sent Scrip would also benefit our parish and school.

There are so many people in our area in need. Your donations will benefit: The Food Pantry, Humility Homes and Services, Local Students in Need, The New Life Farm, and Backpack Blessings, Inspire Continuing Care.



The Giving Tree will be set up near the church office the first weekend of Advent (Nov. 27-28) and donations will be accepted until the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19. Donation envelopes can be found near the tree. Mark your envelope with your donation preference and return to the church office.  
Thank you.

“For it is in giving that we receive.”  
St. Francis of Assisi

# Giving Tree







## Holiday Giving Program

**Help us make the Holidays bright for all of our participants!**

**Children:** You can sign up to sponsor one or more children. A wish list will be emailed to you as soon as a list is available. Wrapping supplies are welcome and appreciated, but please bring the gifts unwrapped so that we can keep track of the gifts.

**Adults:** For the adults in all of our supportive housing and veterans' programs and those staying in the emergency shelter and the emergency winter shelter, we are asking for \$20 gift cards from Walmart. By our estimates we will need approximately 425 gift cards. We can provide you with information to do it online if you want to avoid a trip to the store. You could even purchase two \$10 gift cards from St. Malachy, Heaven Sent.

**Can you help us spread the joy?**

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