### Diocese of Peoria

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Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time February 19, 2023



### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:15 am and 10:30 am

### Reconciliation:

Monday & Tuesday 8:45 am; Thursday 5:00 pm Saturdays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

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the Parish Office. Individuals interested in becoming Catholic may contact Fr. Daniel Gifford or call the Parish Office.

# Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 20

Weekday

8:00 am Vince Newton + TUESDAY, February 21

St. Peter Damian

8:00 am Judy DePorter +

WEDNESDAY, February 22

Ash Wednesday

8:00 am Jerry Thompson + 9:15 am Willard & Jane Miller +

4:00 pm Ash Distribution Service - No Mass

7:00 pm Bob Cauwels +

THURSDAY, February 23

St. Polycarp

5:45 pm Robert Henderson +

FRIDAY, February 24

Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

SATURDAY, February 25

Vigil Mass First Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Shirley Gillet +

SUNDAY, February 26

First Sunday of Lent

8:15 am Altar & Rosary Living and Deceased Members

10:30 am People of the Parish

Sunday: 10:30 am: Jenna & Jonathan Freadhoff

Altar Servers: February 20-26

Daily M-T-W: Charlie Vandersnick, Connor Schaaf

Sunday: 8:15 am: Natalie Reisner, Garren Boelens

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Samantha Minnaert, Trace Hager

Parish Eucharistic Revival Prayer
Lord Jesus Christ,
You have made Yourself PRESENT
to us in every age, through the
Holy Eucharist.
Help us to make You more

widely KNOWN,

that You may be greatly LOVED.

### **Weekend Mass Schedules:**

### St. Anthony/Atkinson

Sacred Heart/Annawan

4:00 pm Saturday 9:30 am Sunday 8:00 am Sunday

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Wednesday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm,
Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, Fridays 8:00 am -1:00 pm
Bulletin articles MUST be submitted no later than
Noon on Tuesdays.

### **READINGS FOR Sunday - February 26, 2023**

**1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7** The creation of our first parents, and sin.

Responsorial: Psalm 51

R./: "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Where sin increased, there grace increased all the more.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights and was tempted.



# Come, let us Adore Him

### Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Thursday 4:30 pm (1st Fridays, & 1st Saturdays at 8:30 am)



### Weekly Calendar

### Monday, February 20

Adoration 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Church Holy Hour for Peace 7:00 - 8:00 pm Parish Chapel

### Tuesday, February 21

Metanoia Study 9:00 am CR Women's Support Group 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Rm C RCIA 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm CR

### Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

Womens Bible Study (Childcare provided) 8:00~am - 9:00~am YR School Mass 9:15~am CCD K-5 - 3:30~pm - 4:45~pm

Ash Distribution Service - No Mass 4:00 pm Oasis 6:00pm - 8:00 pm CCD 6th-7th - 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Mass 7:00 pm

### Thursday, February 23

Liturgy Committee 10:00 am - 12:00 pm CR Lenten Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Parish Chapel Metanoia Study 6:30 pm CR The Rock 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

### Friday, February 24

Stations of the Cross 12:00 pm Church Altar & Rosary Lenten Soup Lunch 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm YR Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Church

### Saturday, February 25

Men's Lenten Breakfast 7:00 am Hall

### Sunday, February 26

Mass 8:15 am - Children's Liturgy of the Word Presence 9:30 am - 10:30 am Hall Mass 10:30 am - Children's Liturgy of the Word Living Stations Practice 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm If you are interested in having a text copy of the weekend Homily, it is usually available.

Please contact the office to request one.

# Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. Janet McVietty ~



# Bottomless Soup Bowl Cafe



### Coming

Friday, February 24, 2023

after the Noon Stations of the Cross
The Altar & Rosary Society will be sponsoring
meatless, bottomless bowls of soup in the Youth Room.
For a donation you can enjoy the soup until it is gone as
well as the fellowship of others.

Also join us on Friday, March 3, and March 17. We look forward to seeing you there!

# A Note From the Pastor

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father" (Matthew 5:44-45). These words from this weekend's Gospel are very challenging. They remind me of another man of great peace, after the example of Christ: Saint Francis of Assisi. This month, I have had the opportunity to teach our children at Saint Malachy School and CCD about him and some of his followers. I began giving it the nickname, "Franciscan February." Fittingly, at the same time, many of our adult parishioners are engaged in our current Bible Study, Metanoia, from the inspiring video series by Father Dave Pivonka, a Franciscan priest, who occasionally passes along little nuggets of Franciscan spirituality.

During my lessons for Franciscan February, one striking similarity struck me between some of the fascinating stories of the early Franciscans. Saint Clare once brought peace to Assisi by her prayers, when a battle was threatening the safety of its people. Saint Anthony once brought peace to Padua by his preaching, as the city was greatly troubled by crime at the time that the peaceful and holy preacher arrived in town. Perhaps it is fitting that this Franciscan February also includes the Holy Hour for Peace (Monday, February 20 at 7 PM, including a collection for relief for Ukraine).

Both Clare and Anthony had already answered a call to come to Christ and seek Him alone, even living a life of voluntary poverty. I think of some of the elements of Franciscan prayer, which Fr. Dave emphasizes in *Metanoia*: especially, the willingness to let go of anything that stands in the way of my relationship with the Lord and the principle that when I go to pray, Jesus is already there waiting for me. A disciple lives... in God's Presence. With all of this in mind, it becomes clear to see how these holy men and women could be such people of peace. Peace begins in the heart.

As we consider, then, the call of Lent, beginning in just a few days, we recognize the Lord is asking us to meet Him in the desert, for a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We go there to meet Him. We will not be alone. He is already there waiting for us. May we prayerfully keep our hearts open to all that

the Lord wants for us, as we discern a personal "plan" for our Lent this year. May Lent in the Year of Presence be for you and for all of us a time to rediscover that peace of heart that bears good fruit in the peace that we show toward others.

Opportunities to Come, Adore Him in the coming weeks:

- Every Monday (3-8 PM) and Thursday (4:30-5:30 PM)
- Monday, February 20: Holy Hour for Peace, including a collection to benefit relief efforts in Ukraine, 7 PM
- March ADORE: Wednesday, March 1, 7:30 PM
- First Friday Mass, Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet: March 3, 8 AM
- First Saturday Mass, Adoration and Rosary: March 4, 8 AM
- Saturday, March 18- Sunday, March 19th
   Explanatory Eucharistic Adoration, after each weekend Mass
- Monday, March 20: **Holy Hour for the Homeless**, including a collection for Humility Homes, 7 PM
- Monday April 17: Holy Hour for the Hungry, including a collection for the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry, 7 PM

Come, Let Us Adore Him: Our Source, Summit & Center. "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer" (Luke 22:15).

In Christ through Mary,

Come let us adoreHim.

Fr. Daniel P. Gifford St. Malachy, Pray for us



### Living Stations

The first practice for Living Stations will be Sunday, February 26,

There are still spots available if you are interested in participating you can show up at the practice.



75% of your CRS Rice Bowl donation supports Catholic Relief Services' around the world. 25% Helps fight hunger and poverty in your own community.

You can find your Rice Bowls in the Narthex. There is a calendar of activities and recipes to make and share with your family.



All of the saints spent lots of time in prayer. The reason? These wise men and women realized that prayer—ongoing conversation or relationship with God—is essential to living the Christian life. Prayer powers the spiritual life. When we pray, we are better able to let God work through us instead of trying to "do it ourselves."

Some ways to help in your prayer:

Put out holy water: You can underline the connection between Lent and baptism by making Holy water available for your family to bless themselves...at the beginning of the day, or when they go out.

Pray the Rosary throughout the day: Family members can carry the Rosary, using it to pray throughout the day. Go to Confession: If your family hasn't been to confession this year, make it a priority to go during Lent. If you do celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation regularly, try to increase your frequency during Lent. Go as a family and then celebrate together afterward.

Get to know Jesus: Get to know Jesus by reading the Gospels during Lent, you could read it together as a family.

Circle 14 wishes to thank you so much for your generosity to the Mother Teresa Missionaries Charity. Your donations of \$1,164 was most generous. Thank you, thank you!

### Children's Mass:

2nd Sunday of the Month 10:30 am

### Children's Liturgy of the Word:

During both Masses on all other Sundays, depending on availability of volunteers.



### Oasis - High School Youth Ministry

Oasis meets every Wednesday from 6:00 pm to 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.



### The Rock - Middle School Youth Ministry

Students in grades 6th-8th are invited and encouraged to attend The Rock Youth Ministry on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm



### RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Next Session: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm **Topic:** Catholic Social Teaching: Human Dignity & Sanctity of Life

> If you or someone you know is interested, please contact: Dcn. Mike Sigwalt (309) 502-9243)

### LODD MAKEME AN INTRUMENTOFYOUR PEACE

Where there is hatred, let me sow love Where there is injury, pardon - Where there is error, truth - Where there is doubt, faith . Where there is despair, hope Where there is darkness, light And where there is sadness, joy + O DIVINE MASTER grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console to be understood as to understand to be loved as to love For it is in giving that we receive this in pardoning that we are pardoned + And it is in

> dying that we are born to eternal life SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSIST



### Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to: Family Resource Center

Week 33 - February 12, 2023									
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General Collection	\$	15,769	\$	7,432	(8,337)	\$ 520,385	\$	476,239	(44,146)
School Endowment	\$	750	\$	135	(615)	\$ 24,750	\$	17,088	(7,662)
Paraclete Fund	\$	750	\$	220	(530)	\$ 24,750	\$	14,912	(9,838)
Capital Improvement	\$	750	\$	295	(455)	\$ 24,750	\$	22,539	(2,211)
Special Collections									
Eastern Europe			\$	70			\$	165	



### **Upcoming Cursillo Weekends**

Men's: February 23-26, 2023 Women's: March 23-26, 2023 Men's: October 19-22, 2023 Women's: November 16-19, 2023

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



### DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these Seminarians:

Dcn. Patrick Wille Nicholas Conner Dcn. Daniel Dionesotes Dcn. Ignacio Cardenas Moran JohnPaul Stedwill Justin Ramza

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

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

### The Health and Wellness Committee

is happy to announce the introduction of a new exciting wellness program at St. Malachy called Soul Core.



### SOULCORE

### What is Soul Core?

Souls Core is a fitness program that combines dynamic movement with meditation techniques, promoting both physical and mental wellbeing. Soul Core incorporates the Rosary, into the workout routine. The program aims to help participants connect their physical movement with spiritual reflection, as they meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary. This provides a holistic approach to fitness and spiritual practice, promoting both physical and spiritual growth.

The program is intended for adults interested in improving or maintaining joint mobility. We will pilot this program initially once per week and plan to increase availability based on interest. All are welcome!!!

Beginning program:

Chair Soul Core - Movements while sitting

March 7th at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Cost is: Free For both men and women

Please fill out a form to participate. Forms are available in the office, by the parish nurse bulletin board in the narthex, and by contacting Cathie Stinson.

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Debra Wiedenhoeft
Joyce Webb
Caroline Vann
Arnold Schmid
Joseph Thoene
Brandan Boelens

Robert Palaski
Brian & Jessi Haars
Dick & Joyce Mattan
Vance Neumann
Lainey Speer
Joe DePauw
Mary Kintigh
Amy Francis
Conni Bristol
Debbie Mattan
Debra Wiedenhoeft
Ben Lynch
Lori Turpin
Karla Paxton

Harper Peters

Congratulations to our monthly winners and thank you all for participating.

You can still buy, sell, and turn in raffle tickets all throughout the year.

Tickets are available in the Narthex, or in the Church Office during the week.

Good luck on future drawings! Thank you,

Fr. Gifford and the St. Malachy Parents Club



# MEN'S LENTEN

# **BREAKFASTS**

Saturday, Feb. 25

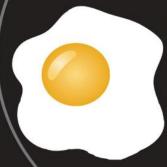
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Saturday, March 4

First United Methodist Church, Geneseo

Saturday, March 11

(no breakfast scheduled)



Saturday, March 18

First Presbyterian Church, Geneseo Hosted with First Congregational Church

Saturday, March 25

First Lutheran Church, Geneseo

Breakfast begins at 7am; a free will donation will be collected to cover costs. All men are welcome.

### Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry March 2023 Newsletter

The Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry is open: Mondays 9:00 am to 7:00 pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; and Fridays 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Food is distributed, and donations are gratefully accepted during business hours. We also have collection boxes in the vestibule at Fareway and at Inspire Continuing Care for donations. The Clothing room is open to all residents of Geneseo and Atkinson on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. The Food Pantry will be closed on Good Friday, April 7.

Because of the community's generous support, the Food Pantry provided food and emergency assistance to 134 households in January. Combined food distributions in January were equivalent to 5,469 meals. Thanks to the many donors who make all this possible!

The Food Pantry partners with Unity Point to provide two Foot Care Clinics to the public each month. Nurses soak feet, trim and file toenails, help with ingrown toenails, and give a light foot massage with lotion. Please call 309-944-3165 or email geneseopantry1@gmail.com to make an appointment. Cost is \$37 but Food Pantry guests are given a voucher.

Dietitians from Hammond-Henry Hospital taught a free Heart Health class on February 21 in the Matthew 25 Center at the Food Pantry. Guests were provided with recipes for lower cost healthy dishes, a cooking demonstration, and free samples of healthy food. The Dietitians will be back to teach a Heart Healthy Cooking Class on March 7 at 10:00, and the public is invited.

As the weather starts to warm up, the clothing room is especially in need of spring clothing, sheets, new women's underwear, and any clothing size 3XL or larger. The Food Pantry accepts any size clothing, accessories, kitchenware, decorations, books, games, toys, movies, and other household items.

Our Volunteer of the Month, Julie Fiers, has been volunteering at the Food Pantry for three months. She greets guests and listens to their needs, assists them in selecting nutritious food, provides ideas for food preparation and keeps shelves organized. Julie has a husband Steve, son Hunter, and dog Stu. She enjoys walking outside, exercising, decorating, cooking, reading, watching movies, and traveling with her husband. Julie said she is in awe at how hard the Food Pantry staff works at providing the most useful offerings to individuals and families, and the Food Pantry is a beautiful facility. Thank you for your time and hard work, Julie!

**Food needs:** Coffee, tortillas, canned fruit, juice, and pasta.

Non-food needs: Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, paper towels, and diapers size 3, 4, 5, and 6.

# St. Malachy Screen Free Game Night

March 4th After the 5:00 pm Mass - 8:00 pm







Please bring a snack and a game, (church appropriate) to share.

## Did you Know?

# Your child <u>can</u> attend a Catholic School Financial Assistance Available



Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2023-2024 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under *Catholic Education* and then under *Financial Assistance*. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must apply online at: **online.factsmgt.com/aid**. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2023-2024 school year must reapply.

Deadline date for the completed application is April 28, 2023. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2023.

Another funding opportunity is also available due to the Invest in Kids Act legislation in Illinois. Students may be eligible for up to 100% of tuition and fees under a new program for tax credit scholarships (TCS). Details on how to apply and who qualifies are available on the Empower Illinois website at **www.empowerillinois.org**. Students who receive a TCS are ineligible to receive a Spalding award.

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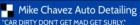
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