

Diocese of Peoria  
**St. Malachy Church and School**

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The Holy Family of  
 Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
 December 31, 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

For activities in the Quad Cities, go to:

<http://catholicquadcities.com>

Traveling? [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to find Masses

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

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Bereavement:.....Deacon Art Ries

Prayer Chain:.....Parish Office

Divorced Ministry:.....Shannon Carroll

# Mass Intentions

## MONDAY, January 1

9:00 am Peace in the World

*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

## TUESDAY, January 2

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

*Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen*

## WEDNESDAY, January 3

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

## THURSDAY, January 4

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

## FRIDAY, January 5

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

*St. John Neumann*

## SATURDAY, January 6

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

*St. Andre Bessette*

5:00 pm People of the Parish

*Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord*

## SUNDAY, January 7

8:15 am Joan Ricketts +

10:30 am Willard Miller +

*Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord*

**Altar Servers: January 6-7**

**Saturday: 5:00 pm:** Samantha Minnaert, Aiden Daly

**Sunday: 8:15 am:** Fritz & Lenna Bolme,

**Sunday: 10:30 am:** Kate Vorac, Clare Hulsbrink

### St. Malachy 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.  
Amen.

**Please Note:** \*Tuesday - Saturday morning will all be Communion Services. \*The 3:30 pm Saturday Reconciliation is the **only** Reconciliation available this week. \*The office will be closed Monday, January 1, New Year's Day

### Area Church Weekend Mass Schedules:

**St. Anthony/Atkinson**

4:00 pm Saturday

9:30 am Sunday

**Sacred Heart/Annawan**

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, January 7, 2024

*Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord*

### 1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

### Responsorial: Psalm 72

*R./: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."*

### 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

*Now it has been revealed that the Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.*

### Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

*We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.*

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# Come, let us Adore Him

## Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Adore - Every 1st Wednesday 7:30 pm  
Thursday 4:30 pm  
(1st Fridays, & 1st Saturdays at 8:30 am)



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, January 1, New Year's Day

Mass - 9:00 am Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
No Reconciliation,  
No Adoration

Nativity Display 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm Hall

### Tuesday, January 2

Communion Service 8:00 am  
Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Rm A  
Circle 14 - 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm YR  
Women's Support Group 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Rm C

### Wednesday, January 3

Communion Service 8:00  
Altar & Rosary Society Board Meeting 1:00 pm CR  
Surviving Divorce 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm CR  
Adore 7:30 pm

### Thursday, January 4

Communion Service 8:00 am  
No evening Mass  
No evening Reconciliation

### Friday, January 5

Communion Service - First Friday Adoration 8:00 am  
Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Rm A

### Saturday, January 6

Communion Service - First Saturday Adoration 8:00 am  
Reconciliation 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Mass 5:00 pm

### Sunday, January 7

Mass 8:15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Mass 10:30 am



### Circle 14 members

the first meeting of the year is  
January 2, 2024,  
in the Youth Room at 1:30 pm.  
See you there!

### Altar & Rosary Society Board Meeting



is Wednesday, January 3, 2024  
at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room  
Bring your ideas for how we can  
improve our membership.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

### Next Session:

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 - 6:00 pm

**Topic: Sacrament of Healing:  
Penance & Reconciliation**

If you or someone you know is interested,  
please contact Dcn. Mike Sigwalt  
msigwalt23@gmail.com 309-502-9243



**Happy New Year!** It is natural at the  
beginning of each year to look ahead and  
plan things that we feel will make it a good  
year. I have a program with FirstPlace4health.  
(<https://www.firstplaceforhealth.com>).  
For more info:  
[saintmalachy.org/ParishLifeParishNurse.aspx](http://saintmalachy.org/ParishLifeParishNurse.aspx)

# A Note From the Pastor



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

*"Then they said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?'"* (Luke 24:32). As we come to the weekend of celebrating both the feasts of the Holy Family and of Mary, Mother of God, let us consider these words in relation to Our Lady. Mary is a model of "pondering in her heart" all that the Lord has revealed to her. May she intercede for us, as we continue to ponder how the Lord has made Himself known to us, in all of His Goodness, Beauty and Truth and begin to understand that burning in our hearts. May the Joy of Christmas continue to fill your hearts and your homes.

**TIME AWAY:** After the 9:00 AM Mass for Mary, Mother of God, I will be leaving for some time away over the next week. I will be visiting some close friends, as well as stopping by for a day of the Seek Conference, sponsored by Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), which a few of our parishioners will also be attending, and also making a visit to Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. Thus, my time away will allow me also to visit some of our seminarians, including those with ties to our parish (Nate Devlin, Brady Depoorter). I will return to the parish on Sunday night, January 7.

**VISITING PRIEST AND APPEAL:** During my brief absence, we will be assisted on the weekend by Fr. Christopher Magesa, who is originally from Tanzania, but is currently working in our diocese. He will be offering the homily and doing an appeal for his home diocese, the Catholic Diocese of Geita, Tanzania. The main goal of this mission appeal is to raise funds to support the young seminarians of the Diocese of Geita, who are aspiring to priesthood for school fees and personal needs. Currently, they have 41 seminarians who are studying in Philosophy and Theology. Among these 31 are studying Theology and 10 are studying Philosophy. Approximately, every seminarian may spend one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for school fees and personal needs per year. Any donation is highly appreciated. God is not outdone in generosity! Checks may be made payable to the Catholic

Diocese of Geita. He wishes to thank you in advance for your support of his home diocese. I am very grateful for the warm support of our Parish Council in choosing to welcome him. I know you all will help make him feel welcome. It is always a joy to be able to welcome a brother priest, or any visitor for that matter, knowing that they will receive kindness and hospitality from such a wonderful parish family.



**THANK YOU:** And while I am mentioning things for which I am thankful, I want to extend a most sincere word of gratitude to all who showed kindness to me this Christmas, in the form of prayers, cards, and gifts, monetary, edible, or otherwise. I am not deserving of such blessings and yet, I continue to be overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you and please know of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER:** Finally, before getting off of the topic of gratitude, I want to again voice my thankfulness to all who volunteer in a myriad of ways. Hopefully, you have seen the previous notices of invitation for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, January 20th at 6:30 PM. This Friday (January 5) is the deadline to RSVP, so that we can have enough food for everyone. I think it will be an enjoyable evening and I hope you can join us.

In Christ through Mary,

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



**CHRISTMAS**  
IN THE YEAR OF  
**MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP**

**"WERE NOT OUR HEARTS BURNING WITHIN US WHILE HE SPOKE TO US ON THE WAY AND OPENED THE SCRIPTURES TO US?"**  
- LUKE 24:32

**"AND MARY KEPT ALL THESE THINGS, REFLECTING ON THEM IN HER HEART."**  
- LUKE 2:19

**HE HAS MADE HIMSELF KNOWN TO US**

**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.



**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



**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.



**Needed: Saint Malachy School Secretary**

7:30 am - 3:30 pm on all school days and other days as needed over the summer break.

For more information please email:  
Tim Smith, Principal [tsmith@stmalgeneseo.org](mailto:tsmith@stmalgeneseo.org)



*"Like the Magi, let us set out, clothing ourselves in light, following the star of Jesus, adoring the Lord with our whole selves."*

*~Pope Francis*

**House Blessing on the Epiphany of the Lord**

**January 6**

Chalk that has been blessed will be available near the doors of the Narthex December 30-31. You may also use your own chalk if you are unable to attend church at this time.

Read the following prayer, then mark the doorframe of the front door to your house with the initials of the legendary names of the three Magi, along with the current year, as follows:

**20 + C(aspar) + M(elchior) + B(althazar) + 24**  
(See Picture)

**Prayer:**

"Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation: by the guidance of a star You led the Magi to your Son, and by the light of faith You bring us to know Him as Lord, the Messiah You have sent. Bless us as we use this chalk to mark our door in Your honor. May the homes where this prayer is prayed be dwelling places of goodness, humility, self-control, mutual respect for one another, hospitality toward strangers, and loving obedience to Your word.



May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus Christ who is Lord forever and ever. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen



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**Parish Sacrificial Giving:**  
1% donated to:  
**Humility Homes**

**Week 26 - December 25, 2023**

	Weekly Budget	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
General Collection	\$ 15,000	\$ 58,335	43,335	\$ 390,000	\$ 410,324	20,324
School Endowment	\$ 750	\$ 3,280	2,530	\$ 19,500	\$ 17,542	(1,958)
Paraclete Fund	\$ 750	\$ 1,090	340	\$ 19,500	\$ 12,882	(6,618)
Capital Improvement	\$ 750	\$ 1,395	645	\$ 19,500	\$ 14,933	(4,567)
<b>Special Collections</b>						
Immaculate Conception		\$ 15			\$ 475	
Religious Retirement		\$ 15			\$ 1,440	
Christmas		\$ 4,465			\$ 5,190	
Solemnity of Mary		\$ 228			\$ 228	



**Upcoming Cursillo Weekends**

Men's: February 22-25, 2024  
Women's: March 21-24, 2024

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



**Upcoming TEC Weekends**

February 17-19, 2024 (Girls)  
April 20-22, 2024 (Boys)  
June 22-24, 2024 (Girls)  
August 3-5, 2024 (Boys)  
October 5-7, 2024 (Girls)  
December 7-9, 2024 (Boys)

For information visit [www.northwest-tec.com](http://www.northwest-tec.com)



**DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

**Please Pray for these Seminarians**

*Jonathan Puckett Francis Strong*  
*Dcn. Jack Swoik Isaac Sanders*  
*Jack Watt Jarod Raber*  
*Mateo Pascual Anthony Willi*

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

If so, contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck:

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."*

**Fr. Pakula Memorial Food Pantry Collection**

In Memory of Father Pakula, St. Malachy Parish will have a monthly theme to collect items for the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry.

The theme for **January** is:

**"Paper Products"**

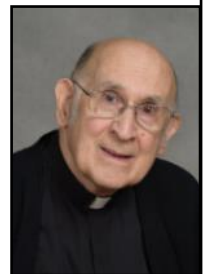
**Donations needed:**

Paper towels, napkins, tissues, toilet paper, etc.

Items can be placed on the shelves

inside the front doors before entering the Narthex.

The current Food Pantry Newsletter can be found on the St. Malachy website, under the heading Parish Life.



# *Volunteer Appreciation Dinner*

**Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 6:30 PM**

**Please RSVP by January 5, 2024 to the Church Office**

We would like to invite any and all of our parishioners who volunteer in any way to our first Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, January 20 at 6:30 PM. We encourage you to mark your calendars, your RSVP's can be sent into the parish office. This will enable us to plan the evening meal and entertainment. We hope you can join us.

And even now, let us say thank you for all that you do.

*Lectors and Commentators*

*Altar Servers*

*Musicians and Choir*

*Finance Council*

*SummerFest*

*Altar and Rosary*

*Wellness Committee*

*Parish Directory*

*Knights of Columbus*

*School volunteers*

*Funeral Luncheons*

*Pastoral Care*

*OCIA*

*Women at the Well*

*Gift Shop*

*Parents Club*

*Rosary Makers*

*and so much more...*

*Ushers and Greeters Communion Ministers*

*Parish Council*

*Livestream and recording*

*Welcome Committee*

*Liturgy Committee*

*Social Justice Committee*

*Building & Grounds Committee*

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*

*Facilitators of Adoration*

*Coffee and Donuts*

*100 Year School Anniversary*

*Facilitators of Adult Studies*

*Seven Sisters*

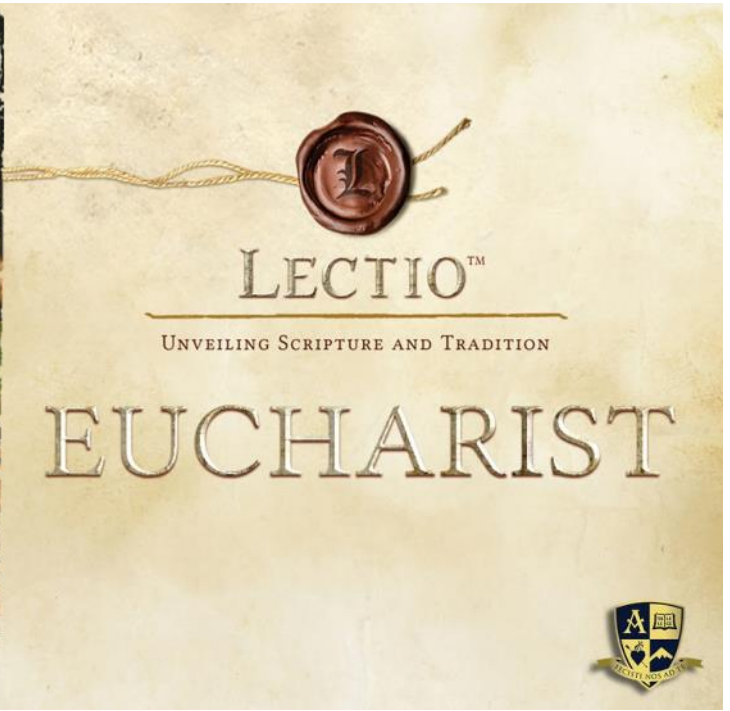
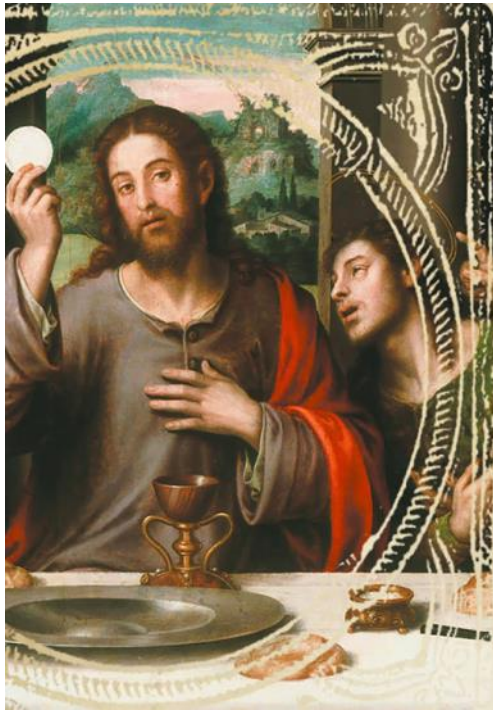
*Support Group Facilitators*

*Lawn Care*

*Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplets*

*Youth Ministry*





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Join us to watch the series and discover God’s wondrous plan for our salvation.

#	Description	Tuesdays 9:00 AM	Thursdays 6:30 PM
1	Source and Summit	January 9, 2024	January 11, 2024
2	In the Beginning	January 16, 2024	January 18, 2024
3	Lamb of God	January 23, 2024	January 25, 2024
4	Miracles of the Exodus	January 30, 2024	February 1, 2024
5	Mysteries of the Tabernacle	February 6, 2024	February 8, 2024
6	Miracles of Jesus	February 13, 2024	February 15, 2024
7	Bread of Life Discourse	February 20, 2024	February 22, 2024
8	The Last Supper and the Cross	February 27, 2024	February 29, 2024
9	The Mass	March 5, 2024	March 7, 2024
10	Revelation	March 12, 2024	March 14, 2024

Call the Parish Office (309-944-5393) to sign up for one of our study groups. Or study on your own or with your own small group. All Episodes can be found on FORMED. Study Guides will be available for purchase (\$10 each) through the Parish Office.





# St. Malachy School Celebrates 100th Anniversary

You are invited to join us for an open house to celebrate our school's amazing milestone! Open houses will be after the following masses:



**SATURDAY, FEB. 3: 5:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY, FEB. 4: 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM**



Current St. Malachy students form a 100

- Worship at 10:30 a.m. with Bishop Tylka
- Tour the school to see students' special projects, mural & grade level activities
- Join alumni & current students in the church hall for light refreshments
- Enjoy videos of former & current students sharing memories
- Browse the school history timeline with memories, photos & memorabilia

## Share Your Story

We want to know where you are today!  
Send us an update. Please include:

- Name
- Years/grades attended St. Malachy
- Occupation
- Currently living in
- Family
- How St. Malachy influenced you
- Favorite memory, memorabilia, photo
- Current picture



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### E-MAIL

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Subject line "100 Years"

**All material NON-RETURNABLE**  
**Please send copies only**

### IN PERSON

Drop off photos and memorabilia in  
drop box at church or school office

*We are a family in Christ*

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on Facebook



December 31, 2023

2024 ST. MALACHY CAR PARTY

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## Night

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