# Diocese of Peoria St. Malachy Church and School

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The Fourth Sunday Of Lent March 10, 2024



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 Lenten Reconciliation: Monday-Thursday 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

For activities in the Quad Cities, go to: <u>http://catholicquadcities.com</u> **Traveling?** <u>www.masstimes.org</u> 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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# Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 11 8:00 am Dan Mille + TUESDAY, March 12		Altar Servers: March 11-17 M-T-W: Easton Patterson, Lincoln Anderson Saturday: 5:00 pm: Kain Stroud, Reese Schaat Sunday: 8:15 am: Tucker & Colton Seals Sunday: 10:30 am: Brice & Kailyn Gillespie			
8:00 am Emma Lee Flohr + WEDNESDAY, March 13 8:00 am Ward & Lois Hull + 9:00 am Joel Vandemore +	Fourth Week of Lent				
<b>THURSDAY, March 14</b> 5:45 pmFr. Michael Pakula +	Fourth Week of Lent	St. Malachy Eucharistic Revival Prayer			
FRIDAY, March 15 8:00 am No Mass - Communior	Fourth Week of Lent	Lord Jesus Christ, You have made Yourself PRESENT			
<b>SATURDAY, March 16</b> 5:00 pm People of the Parish	Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Len	Holy Eucharist.			
SUNDAY,March 178:15 amAmbrose/Heise familie10:30 amWillard, Jane, & Scott		Help us to make You more widely KNOWN, that You may be greatly LOVED. Amen.			

#### 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, March 17, 2024 The Fifth Sunday of Lent

#### 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will make a new covenant and remember their sin no more. **Responsorial: Psalm 51** *R./:* "Create a clean heart in me, O God."

#### 2nd Reading: Hebrew 5:7-9

Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation.

#### Gospel: John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit.



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Monday, March 11

Mass 8:00 am Reconciliation 8:45 am Circle 4 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am YR Lenten Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Adoration 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Chapel Parents Club 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Rm A

#### Tuesday, March 12

Mass 8:00 am Reconciliation 8:45 am Lectio Eucharist 9:00 am - 11:00 am CR Lenten Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Rm A OCIA 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm CR Knights of Columbus 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Rm C

#### Wednesday, March 13

Mass 8:00 am School Mass 9:00 am Lenten Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm K-5 CCD 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm Oasis 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm YR

#### Thursday, March 14

Liturgy Committee 10:00 am - 12:00 pm CR Lenten Reconciliation 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Adoration 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Mass 5:45 pm Lectio Eucharist 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CR The Rock 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm YR

#### Friday, March 15

Communion Service 8:00 am Stations of the Cross 12:00 pm Altar & Rosary Soup Luncheon 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm YR Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Rm A Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Hall Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Church

#### Saturday, March 16

Reconciliation 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Mass 5:00 pm

#### Sunday, March 17

Mass 8:15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass 10:30 am 6th Grade CCD 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Prep 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Next Session:

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 - 6:00 pm Topic: Ecumenism

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

### Holy Week Ministry Help Needed!

There is a sign-up sheet in the parish office for individuals wishing to serve as Lectors, Commentators, Communion Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Servers for Holy Thursday, the Good Friday Passion Service, and the Easter Vigil.

Please call the parish office if you are able to serve in any way.

### Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Lyle Thoene Uncle of Dcn. Bob Thoene Denny Meyer Brother of Larry Meyer Ernest Kaufmann Father of Barbara Sigwalt

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE Monday - Thursday 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Noon Stations: March 15, 22, 29

**7:00 pm Stations:** March 15, 22, (29- Children's Stations, Everyone is welcome)

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS March 24 - 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm





Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

"Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" (Luke 24:26). With these words, Our Lord pointed out to the two disciples on the road how all of the Scriptures had been leading

up to the Good News, that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet, that Good News would be veiled in suffering. We are invited to dive into this Good News, confident that the end point is that our Messiah would pass through His suffering and enter into glory, in order that we might enter into heavenly glory with Him. Just over a week ago, many of us began the Gospel of Mark Challenge. By this point, that climactic conclusion is drawing very near.

Again, let us remember to pray first and read slowly. And when we find a place where the Lord has moved our hearts, we should consider it like discovering a well, to which we can return often. Try to identify at least one passage per week, to which you will come back and spend quality time.

There is a classic method of Lectio Divina (divine reading, the term used for praying with Sacred Scripture) proposed by Guigo the Carthusian, who lived around the same time as Saint Malachy. This is known as a ladder with four rungs: Lectio (Reading/Listening), Meditatio (Meditation), Oratio (Prayer/Conversation), Contemplatio (Contemplation). In the first step, we simply read through the words of Sacred Scripture, with an attentive mind and heart. In the second step, we begin to meditate upon what we have read, using reason to seek deeper understanding of its meaning, as if seeking out "hidden truth." In the third step, we talk to God about what we have read and meditated upon. How does it move you to make acts of thanks and petition and to engage in a deep conversation with your Blessed Lord? In the final step, we are drawn into completion, simply resting in the sweetness flowing from this time with the Lord, soaking in the joys of everlasting sweetness, in the Lord Himself. This final step is a gift from the Lord, which we cannot force by our own power. We can only receive it from the Lord when He chooses A common summary of these four steps, to give it. paraphrasing Guigo himself says, "Reading seeks, Meditation finds, Prayer knocks, Contemplation tastes."

If you are looking for a whole study in which you can dive deeper into this concept I recommend the *Lectio: Prayer* study on Formed.org. In six sessions, Dr. Tim Gray goes over these four steps in depth, including a fifth step, which others have recommended: Resolutio (Resolution). In this final step, we make a concrete resolution of something we plan to do or change, in response to the reading. I always recommend making such resolutions with the same conviction we express in the Act of Contrition: *"I firmly resolve, with the help of Your Grace..."* 

How can this play into the Gospel of Mark Challenge? Think of your reading of the chapter for the day as only the first step in this process. As you read through each chapter, keeping your whole heart attentive to the text, make note of the passages to which you plan to return. When you do return, begin to scale the four (or five) rungs of the ladder. Here we come to a great irony. When we dive into the Good News, we are raised up to the heights of God.

Volunteer Appreciation: This weekend, we are having our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. I know that not everyone is able to attend. I hope that those who do attend enjoy a night filled with good food, joy and fraternity with your fellow parishioners. Whether you are able to attend or not, I hope that you know that I am very grateful to all of you for all that you do to support the mission of making the Lord Jesus more widely known that He may be greatly loved. There are so many different ways that many of you give of your time, talent and treasure. These gifts and sacrifices do not go unnoticed. I wish there was a better way to reach and thank everyone. But, let me say it one more time: Thank you for all that you do.

Stations for Children: A few weeks ago, I received an inquiry from parents interested in the Stations of the Cross being offered on a Friday in a manner designed to be more accessible to children. After a survey of other parents across both School and CCD, there seems to be a fair amount of interest. Therefore the 7 PM Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (March 29) will be offered in this way. Please mark your calendars and if your child would like to read for one or more of the stations, let the office know. May God's children of all ages together embrace the cross with Jesus!

In Christ through Mary, Fall FET

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





### STEWARDSHIP

### **Parish Sacrificial Giving:**

1% donated to: Catholic Care Packs

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Week 36 - March 3, 2024										
		Weekly Budget	۱	Veekly Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	ΥТ	D Actual	Variance	
General Collection	\$	15,000	\$	19,245	4,245	\$ 540,000	\$	565,829	25,829	
School Endowment	\$	750	\$	867	117	\$ 27,000	\$	22,738	(4,262)	
Paraclete Fund	\$	750	\$	552	(198)	\$ 27,000	\$	18,159	(8,841)	
Capital Improvement	\$	750	\$	1,912	1,162	\$ 27,000	\$	23,570	(3,430)	
Special Collections					•					
Eastern Europe			\$	50			\$	737		
Holy Land - Good Friday			\$	160			\$	255		
Easter			\$	105			\$	201		



#### Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Women's: March 21-24, 2024 Men's: October 17-20, 2024 Women's: November 14-17, 2024

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



### DAILY PRAYERS FOR **VOCATIONS Please Pray for these** Seminarians

Peter Schoonmaker Blake Miller Dcn. Jacob Martini Luke Olson **Brady DePoorter** Jared Hernandez

Nate Devlin **Robert Pitts** 

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



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

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### 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 March is:

"Breakfast"

#### Donations needed:

Oatmeal, instant oatmeal, boxed/bagged cereals, cereal bars, Cream of Wheat...



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.

# GROWING DISCIPLES

PASTORAL PLAN FOR THE DIOCESE OF PEORIA

We have several updates regarding our Growing Disciples initiative:

- The Growing Disciples Core Team has met with the Pastoral Commission (comprised of
  parishioners from each vicariate) and the Presbyteral Council (comprised of priests from each
  vicariate) to review the Round Three models it created based on the feedback from the Round
  Two models. All the feedback from both meetings has been submitted to the Bishop to consider
  as part of his discernment.
- The Round Three models recommended to the Bishop by the Core Team will be made public. The Bishop wanted you to see the information he is discerning for several reasons:
  - He is committed to transparency in the Growing Disciples process.
  - There are changes from the Round Two models based on the feedback the Core Team received.
  - It will help all of us begin to work within our parish community and nearby parishes to
    prepare hearts and minds for change. Regardless of what may happen to our parish,
    everyone will experience a change, whether it is a new structure for our parish or the
    parish we grew up in, a new priest, or a renewed commitment and focus to
    evangelization and growing disciples.

The Round Three models will be posted on <u>growingdisciplescdop.org</u> on Sunday, March 10 at 6 pm.

The time for the Bishop's discernment has begun. He will take everything he has heard and seen, revisit notes and letters, and bring it all to prayer. Please pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide him and the Growing Disciples process.

Please email growingdisciples@cdop.org with any questions or concerns you may have.



Most Reverend Louis Tylka Diocese of Peoria Office of the Bishop

March 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since last October 7<sup>th</sup> the world has witnessed the terrible results of war between Israel and the Hamas terrorists. The tensions of this conflict are felt worldwide. We pray for peace to come and we plead for an end to the violence. Adding to the insult of this conflict is the knowledge that the war is occurring not far from the lands where the Prince of Peace, Our Lord Jesus Christ, came to bring salvation for all. Because of fear and insecurity of safety the many pilgrims, who would normally visit the Holy Land to encounter Jesus, now stay away. Of course this is greatly detrimental to sustaining the communities who live there and welcome the pilgrims.

Each year, on Good Friday, the universal Church takes up collections to support the Franciscans who have custody of the Holy Shrines in the Holy Land. A very small Christian community resides there and is reliant on support from Catholics around the world to maintain the sacred shrines as well as providing support to the local population.

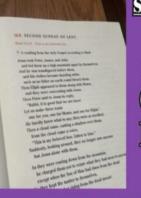
I ask you to contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection on March 29, 2024. Please forward the proceeds as soon as possible to the Office of Finance at 419 NE Madison Avenue, Peoria, IL 61603. Let us also pray for peace, especially peace in the Holy Land.

Sincerely in Christ,

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 Most Reverend Louis Tylka Bishop of Peoria





# STEP TWO: DIVE INTO THE GOOD NEWS!

# STEP THREE: EMBRACE THE CROSS!



# THE YEAR OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

# Seeing Light in the Darkness

How to see God when life is difficult or doesn't make sense.

### Featuring: Catholic Speaker, Author, & Radio Host Gary Zimak

A familiar presence on Catholic Radio, TV and at parishes/conferences around the United States & Canada, Gary Zimak is a dynamic Catholic evangelist and best-selling author who is one of the top Catholic speakers in the New Evangelization movement. Gary is recognized as the leading Catholic speaker on overcoming anxiety and has led thousands of people closer to Jesus Christ through his Parish missions, talks and retreats.

# March 18-19

6:00 pm Doors 6:30 pm Rosary 7:00 pm Talk



GARY ZIMA

Gary's books will be available for purchase!

### FREE EVENT

However, donations are greatly appreciated and a free will offering will be taken up.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church 800 17th St. Silvis, IL 61282



THE GRAY MATTERS COLLECTIVE THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024



Haley DeGreve, co-founder of the The Gray Matters Collective will share how they are empowering students, working with adults and others to have the tools and knowledge to be mental health advocates: How to help others and how to talk about the topic. The Gray Matters is a mental health awareness and suicide prevention movement.

"Mental health is important and we need to see change"

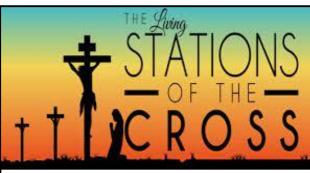
WE NEED YOUR HELP! LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE A WORLD WITHOUT SUICIDE!

> Mass at 5:00 pm Doors open 5:45 pm - Dinner 6:15 pm \$8.00 donation at the door St. Malachy Parish Hall

Reservations requested by April 7, 2024 GreggMarcia@gmail.com or 309-269-6897

### MEN OF THE PARISH:

If you would like to help with serving, kitchen duties, clean up, please contact Shannon Carroll: <u>flamingal97@gmail.com</u> or 309/945-8607



As part of our Lenten Traditions, please join us in a very moving and reverent presentation of

# "The Passion of Christ"

Presented by: St. Malachy High School Youth Group **Oasis** 

Led by: Dcn. Bob Thoene, Lance Carroll, Elizabeth Hulsbrink, & Victor Angelo

## Sunday, March 24 at 8:00 pm St. Malachy Church

\*Lights go out at 8:00 pm\*

\*\*It will be dark if you enter after the program begins\*\*

Questions? Contact Bob Thoene at 563-529-0529



## Did you Know?

Your child can attend a Catholic School Financial Assistance Available



John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Fund Grants 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 2024-2025 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 the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under the heading 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 at: https://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 2024-2025 school year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is April 26, 2024. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2024.

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.



### Friday, March 15 5:00-7:00 pm

**MENU:** Fish fillet (fried or baked), baked potato, coleslaw, grilled cheese sandwiches, tater tots and dessert will be served. Dine-in or take-out will be available

for a free will donation.

Proceeds will be used to provide college scholarships for St. Malachy high school students.



## JP II Experience 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: Saturday, April 27, 9:00 am to Sunday, April 28, 4:00 pm Where: Believers Together Center Christ the King: 3209 60th St., Moline.



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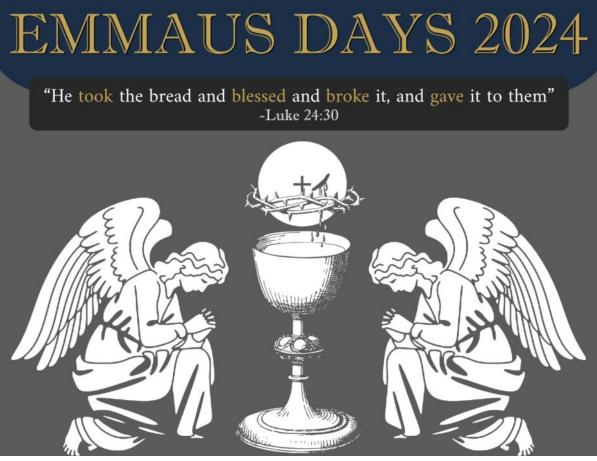
Cost: \$50

Registration Now Open! Registration Deadline April 12, 2024 www.olgsilvis.com Click on the tab "JPII Experience" Only 40 spots available.



If you have already made one weekend you are welcome to make another!

Questions: Mike Wilshusen (309) 269-7686 Email: STJPIIEXP@gmail.com



#### Session I:

#### Session II:

College and Young Adult MenJuniors and Seniors in High SchoolJune 7-9, 2024June 21-24, 2024St. John's Catholic Newman CenterSt. John's Catholic Newman CenterChampaign, ILChampaign, IL

#### Session III:

#### Session IV:

Freshman & Sophomores in High<br/>July 7-10, 2024School 7th and 8th GradeJuly 7-10, 2024July 10-12, 2024Peoria Notre Dame High School<br/>Peoria, ILPeoria Notre Dame High School

To Register: https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/3629e5b1-c111-4ff1-9e85-639e5c1beb7a



