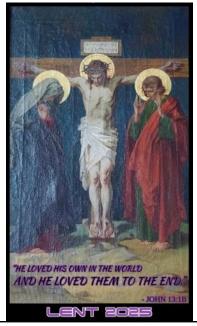
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The Second Sunday Of Lent March 16, 2025



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 **Please Note:** Father will be gone March 17-21, for more Information on Mass & Reconciliation changes see pages 2-3.

For activities in the Quad Cities, go to: <u>http://catholicquadcities.com</u> Traveling? <u>www.masstimes.org</u> to find Masses

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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.

Mass Intentions

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MONDAY, March 17 St. Patrick 8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service

TUESDAY, March 18St. Cyril of Jerusalem8:00 amNo Mass - Communion Service

Children's Liturgy of the Word March: 8:15 am - Angie Maertens 10:30 am -

Altar Servers: March 17-23 M-T-W: Spring Break Saturday: 5:00 pm: Delilah Hulsbrink, Declan Gillespie Sunday: 8:15 am: Garren Boelens, Leona Werner Sunday: 10:30 am: Camryn Hawkins, Lena Kempher

SATURDAY, March 22Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Lent5:00 pmAnthony & Mary Ellen Abell, Paul Abell, Linda Ole +

SUNDAY,March 238:15 amPeople of the Parish10:30 amFrankie Hermann +

WEDNESDAY, March 19

THURSDAY, March 20

FRIDAY, March 21

The Third Sunday of Lent

Lenten Weekday

Lenten Weekday

Please Note: Monday-Friday will all be Communion Services at 8:00 am and there will not be Reconciliation Monday-Thursday as Father will be out of town.

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 23, 2025 The Third Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

"I AM" sent me to you.

Responsorial: Psalm 103 *R./: "The Lord is kind and merciful."*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

The life of the people with Moses in the desert was written down as a warning to us.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

If you do not repent, you will all perish as they did.





WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, March 17

Communion Service 8:00 am Cancelled - Reconciliation 8:45 am Cancelled - Lenten Reconciliation 12:00 pm Adoration 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Chapel

Tuesday, March 18

Communion Service 8:00 am Cancelled - Reconciliation 8:45 am Cancelled - Lenten Reconciliation 12:00 pm Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm YR Women's Support Group 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Rm C OCIA - Beatitudes & Virtue 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm CR Rosary Makers 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm YR

Wednesday, March 19

Communion Service 8:00 am Cancelled - Lenten Reconciliation 12:00 pm Circle 6 - 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm YR The Rock 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm YR Oasis 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm YR

Thursday, March 20

Communion Service 8:00 am Circle 2 - 9:00 am - 10:00 am YR Cancelled - Lenten Reconciliation 12:00 pm

Friday, March 21

Stations of the Cross 12:00 pm Church Bottomless Soup Bowl Café 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm YR Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CR Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Church

Saturday, March 22

Men's Lenten Breakfast 7:00 am at (Grace United Methodist) Reconciliation 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 23

Mass 8:15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word 6th Grade CCD 9:30 am - 10:20 am Confirmation Prep 9:30 am - 10:20 am Unleashed: Study for High School Girls 9:30 am - 10:20 am VR Mass 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word Living Stations Practice 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Church & YR LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE Monday - Thursday 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Noon Stations: March 21, 28, April 4,11

7:00 pm Stations: March 21, 28, April 4, 11 (April 11 - Children's Stations, Everyone is welcome)

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS April 13 - 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Holy Week Ministry Help Needed!

There is a sign-up sheet in the parish office for individuals wishing to serve in any of these ministries.

Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00 pm - We are in need of: Lectors, Commentators, Communion Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Servers. (There will be a practice at 3:30 pm)
Holy Thursday Adoration - We need people to sit with Jesus for the hours of: (8:00 pm - 9:00 pm, 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm, 10:00 pm - 11:00 pm, 11:00 pm - 12:00 am)
Good Friday Service, 3:00 pm - We need a Lector, and Ushers

Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm - We are in need of Lectors, Commentators, Communion Ministers, Ushers (5), and Altar Servers. (*There will be a practice at 10:30 am*) Please call the office if you are able to serve in any way.



EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to donate toward the cost of Easter flowers in the memory of a loved one, please do so by dropping an extra envelope in the Sunday collection or at the Parish Office.

Bottomless Soup Bowl Cafe



March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025 after the Friday - 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.

A Letter from the Pastor



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners, "He loved His own in the world and He loved them to the end." (John 13:1b). These

words will be a kind of theme verse for Lent 2025 at Saint Malachy Parish. They give us a glimpse of how Jesus is *United in Love*

with the Father, in the Holy Spirit. We see His union of love with the Father in the Spirit most powerfully at the climax of the Gospel, when He is ready to go to the cross out of love for us. But, we see this readiness to say yes throughout the Gospel. In particular, His forty days in the desert prepared Him to step out and begin His mission. For us, then, our forty day desert season of Lent is a time to grow in this union of love with the Holy Trinity, ready to say yes to His plan for our lives. May this Lent be a time of growth and renewal that helps you live out this union of love with the Father in Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. In the coming weeks, we will explore this theme more, including eventually exploring how we see it exemplified in our theme verse. First, since we currently have hundreds of parishioners (the final count is 307!!!) engaged in the Gospel of Luke Challenge, we will continue our series focused on helping us to pray with the Scriptures.

SCRIPTURE AND CONTEMPLATION: We have already begun to consider our reading of the Gospel of Luke as being simply the first step in the process of Lectio Divina (divine reading), which is simply prayerfully reading Scripture. Traditionally, we describe this process in five steps: Reading, Meditation, Prayer, Contemplation and Resolution. In the past three weeks, we have addressed Reading, Meditation and Prayer. Let us return to the Catechism for guidance on our fourth step. "What is contemplative prayer? St. Teresa answers: "Contemplative prayer [oración mental] in my opinion is nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us." Contemplative prayer seeks him "whom my soul loves." It is Jesus, and in him, the Father. We seek him, because to desire him is always the beginning of love, and we seek him in that pure faith which causes us to be born of him and to live in him. In this inner prayer we can still meditate,

but our attention is fixed on the Lord himself... We let our masks fall and turn our hearts back to the Lord who loves us, so as to hand ourselves over to him as an offering to be purified and transformed. Contemplative praver is the prayer of the child of God, of the forgiven sinner who agrees to welcome the love by which he is loved and who wants to respond to it by loving even more. But he knows that the love he is returning is poured out by the Spirit in his heart, for everything is grace from God. Contemplative prayer is the poor and humble surrender to the loving will of the Father in ever deeper union with his beloved Son. Contemplative prayer is the simplest expression of the mystery of prayer. It is a gift, a grace; it can be accepted only in humility and poverty. Contemplative prayer is a covenant relationship established by God within our hearts. Contemplative prayer is a communion in which the Holy Trinity conforms man, the image of God, "to his likeness." ... Contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus. "I look at him and he looks at me": this is what a certain peasant of Ars in the time of his holy curé used to say while praying before the tabernacle. This focus on Jesus is a renunciation of self. His gaze purifies our heart; the light of the countenance of Jesus illumines the eves of our heart and teaches us to see everything in the light of his truth and his compassion for all men. Contemplation also turns its gaze on the mysteries of the life of Christ. Thus it learns the "interior knowledge of our Lord," the more to love him and follow him. Contemplative prayer is hearing the Word of God. Far from being passive. such attentiveness is the obedience of faith, the unconditional acceptance of a servant, and the loving commitment of a child. It participates in the "Yes" of the Son become servant and the Fiat of God's lowly handmaid. Contemplative prayer is silence, the "symbol of the world to come" or "silent love." Words in this kind of prayer are not speeches; they are like kindling that feeds the fire of love. In this silence, unbearable to the "outer" man, the Father speaks to us his incarnate Word, who suffered, died, and rose; in this silence the Spirit of adoption enables us to share in the prayer of Jesus...." (excerpts from Expressions of Prayer, CCC 2709-2719). I encourage you to read the full text from the Catechism. But most importantly, I encourage you to take time at the end of your reading to rest in the presence of the Lord, embrace the silence and

allow Him to give you the gift of contemplative prayer as He Bradford, right here in the Kewanee Vicariate of the wills. Diocese of Peoria. However, he comes to us from the

NEXT COLLEGE VISITS: I will be away this coming week, enjoying both my next visits to some of our parishioners in college and also a few days of short vacation time with family. My journey will take me to Atchison, Kansas (Benedictine College). My attempts to visit other campuses at this time have fallen through. I will return *after* next weekend.

MISSION APPEAL: Next weekend, we will have a visit from Fr. John Baptist Uwigaba, currently Pastor of Saint Dominic in Wyoming and Saint John the Baptist in

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.

Youth Groups

Middle School Youth Group (The Rock) meets on Wednesdays from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm High School Youth Group (Oasis) meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Each week features a delicious meal, fun games/activities and the opportunity to grow in your walk with Jesus. All are welcome and feel free to bring a friend.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS



We are seeking teens ages eighth grade and up to participate in the Living Stations of the Cross.

Teens will grow closer to Christ as they help to present a moving portrayal of his final hours. We are in need of: actors, readers, musicians and vocalists. Practices will be held on Sunday afternoons, with performance on Palm Sunday night. The next two practices will be on Sunday, March 23rd, and Sunday, March 30th from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Bradford, right here in the Kewanee Vicariate of the Diocese of Peoria. However, he comes to us from the Diocese of Kabgayi, Rwanda. He will celebrate all three Masses and make an appeal, offering you all a chance to offer financial support to his home diocese, which still suffers lasting impacts from the genocide that took place in 1994. Thank you for welcoming him and offering what support you can.

In Christ through Mary, Fa Oul PER

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



Youth Ministry Intercessory Prayer Team

Join us as we lift up our youth in prayer! We will be gathering on the **first Wednesday of each month at 6:15 pm** in the Parish Chapel (when available) to pray the Rosary for the intentions of our youth. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and pray.

All are welcome - whether you're a seasoned prayer warrior or new to the Rosary, your prayers make a difference.

Unleashed: Nomen of Scripture

 A 6-week Lenten Small Group for Highschool Girls. Step out and try something new this Lent! Led by our director of youth ministry Sara Osborn, this group offers a safe and welcoming space to explore the captivating stories of women in the Bible. From the courage of Esther to the unwavering faith of Mary, we'll delve into their lives, their challenges, and their triumphs.
 Together we will discover how these inspiring biblical women connect with our own life and faith journey.
 Starts March 9th and meets every Sunday of Lent from 9:30 am - 10:20 am (between the Masses). Come to all or just a few!
 Contact Sara at sosborn@stmalgeneseo.org for more

information or to sign up.



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The Three Pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving

Almsgiving: Almsgiving (giving) is a response to God, one that we can come to through prayer and fasting. It is a way to live out our gratitude for all that God has given us, reflecting the realization that we are the Body of Christ, responsible for each other. Justice, mercy, and charity are integral elements of our baptism that call us to be disciples of Jesus.

> Scripture References for Almsgiving: Leviticus 19: 9-10; Proverbs 19: 17 Luke 19: 1-10; Romans 15: 25-28

Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving lead us to the heart of what Lent is about - a deeper conversion.

ST. JPII EXPERIENCE





April 26 – 27, 2025 9 a.m. Saturday – 4 p.m. Sunday THIS IS AN OVERNIGHT RETREAT Held at Believers Together Center, Moline, IL

Register at www.olgsilvis.com Registration is open Feb. 16 - April 8, 2025

Questions: Mike Wilshusen at 309-269-7686 or email at STJP2EXP@gmail.com





Cost is only \$50 for this amazing weekend experience!

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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.



MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFASTS

Saturday, March 22 Grace United Methodist Church 318 N Center St

Saturday, March 29 Geneseo First Methodist Church 302 N State St Saturday, April 5 Loraine Church 28782 E 2000th St Prophetstown, IL



All men in the community are invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast at 7:00 am on the Saturday mornings listed above.

A free-will donation will be collected at each breakfast.

Fish Fry

Hosted by: St. Ambrose/St. Catherine 435 Main Street, Erie, IL

Friday, March 21, 28, and April 4 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm ALL YOU CAN EAT Cost: Donation



Wild caught Alaskan Pollock with Polish seasoning Coleslaw/Baked Potato/Roll/Dessert/Coffee/Lemonade

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Mowing Coordinator

Duties include:

- Recruiting, training, & directing volunteers to trim and mow the parish grounds.
- Coordinating mowing times with the church & school.
- Buying gasoline for the mowers.
- Coordinating the maintenance and repairs of the mowers with B&B Equipment

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* Training will be provided.

For more information please contact: Jeanne Ryan Hartsock at 309-944-5393



Did you Know?

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 2025-2026 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 Schools** and then under **John Lancaster Spalding** Scholarship. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist at the bottom of the webpage 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 2025-2026 school year must reapply.

Deadline date for the completed application is **April 25, 2025.** Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2025.

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3 DAY LENTEN MISSION: MARCH 16-18

EXTREME MAKEOVER SOUL EDITION WITH Hector Molina

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

Hector is a Catholic Lay evangelist, bible-teacher, pilgrimage leader, podcaster, and founder/director of Upper Room Studios. For over three decades he has traveled the world proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church.

FREE EVENT

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



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

Farewell Party

Kímberly Souba Saturday, March 29. 2025 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm In the Parish Hall

As she embarks on a new journey (career and graduation in May 2025 from VCSU with a Bachelor's degree in Communications). Let's gather to celebrate the wonderful memories and wish her all the best in her future endeavors In Fargo, ND.





St. Malachy Catholic Church

Presents:

Mountain Top Journey

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Jodi Stout, a grandmother who has lost two grandsons to preventable deaths, shares her deeply personal journey of finding strength through faith and community support.

Jodi, a former Geneseo resident, will share how her grief has led her to start two ministries that enable her to reach others who need the same hope she needed for their lives.

Come join us in learning more about her Mountain Top Journey!

Reservations requested by April 6, 2025

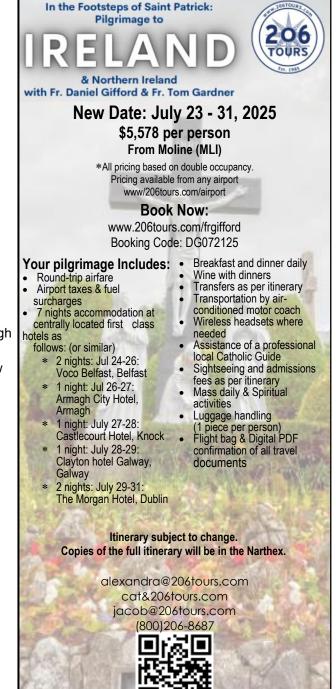
Contact Shannon Carroll: WATWStMalachy@gmail.org Phone or Text: 309.945.8607 Or for Online Reservations scan the QR Code

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