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The Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 5, 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

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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



MONDAY, October 6

8:00 am Fr. Pakula +

Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

TUESDAY, October 7

8:00 am Living and deceased members of the Altar & Rosary

Our Lady of the Rosary

WEDNESDAY, October 8

8:00 am Larry VanDyke+

Weekday

9:00 am Mary Jo Cherry +

THURSDAY, October 9

5:45 pm Al Vroman +

St. Denis and Companions

FRIDAY, October 10

8:00 am Mike Goethals +

Weekday

SATURDAY, October 11

5:00 pm People of the parish

Vigil of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, October 12

8:15 am Ken Turner +

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am John Fulcher, Deceased members of the Fulcher & Siela families +

Altar Servers: October 6-12

Daily Mass: Ames Childs, Charlee Cherry

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Aidan Daly, Calvin Curnyn

Sunday: 8:15 am: Hayden Rahmus, Charlee Cherry

Sunday: 10:30 am: Avery Emmerson, Roger Winkleman

Pope Leo - October 2025 Prayer Intention

**For collaboration between
different religious traditions**

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:15 am

October 5 - Angie Maertens

October 19 - Heather Wilkinson

October 26 - Katelyn Turner

10:30 am -Volunteers needed

Area Church Weekend Mass Schedules:

St. Anthony/Atkinson

4:00 pm Saturday

8:00 am Sunday

St. Patrick/Sheffield

10:00 am Sunday

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Wednesday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm,

Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, Fridays 8:30 am -1:00 pm

*Bulletin articles **MUST** be submitted no later than*

Noon on Tuesdays.

Readings for Sunday, October 12, 2025 The Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

*Naaman returned to the man of God
and acknowledged the Lord.*

Responsorial: Psalm 98

*R./: "The Lord has revealed to
the nations his saving power."*

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

If we persevere we shall also reign with Christ.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

None but this foreigner has returned to give thanks to God.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, October 6

Mass 8:00 am
Reconciliation 8:45 am
Adoration 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Chapel

Tuesday, October 7

Mass 8:00 am
Reconciliation 8:45 am
Lectio Study 9:00 am - 11:00 am CR
Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Rm C
Circle 14 - 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm YR
Social Justice 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm YR
Women's Support Group 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Rm C
Evening Circle 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm YR

Wednesday, October 8

Mass 8:00 am
School Mass 9:00 am
All School Adoration 10:00 am - 2:30 pm Chapel
CCD 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm
MS Youth Group 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm YR
HS Youth Group 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm (optional) 9:00 pm YR

Thursday, October 9

That Man Is You 6:00 am - 7:30 am Parish Hall
Circle 2 - 9:00 am - 11:00 am YR
Adoration 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Reconciliation 5:00 pm
Mass 5:45 pm
Lectio Study 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm CR

Friday, October 10

Mass 8:00 am
Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm YR

Saturday, October 11

Rosary Rally 12:00 pm Sidewalk on Ogden Ave
Reconciliation 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Mass 5:00 pm
Ireland Presentation 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm Hall

Sunday, October 12

Mass 8:15 am
2nd Grade Mixer 9:30 am - 10:15 am Hall
Middle School Young Disciples 9:30 am - 10:20 am
High School Boys & Girls Small Groups 9:30 am - 10:20 am
Youth Adoration 10:10 am - 10:20 am Church
Children's Mass 10:30 am
Widower's Dinner 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Hall



October is

Respect Life Month

You are invited to pick up a baby bottle in the Narthex to fill it with a monetary donation to be returned to the parish office by the end of October.



Come, let us Adore Him *Eucharistic Adoration*

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

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

DOCILITY



MEANING:

Willingness to be taught

LOOKS LIKE:

Following directions;

willing to take turns

SOUNDS LIKE:

"Thank you for teaching me."

Attention! Women of the Parish!

Have you ever thought about joining an
Altar & Rosary Society Circle?
Are you interested in finding out what it is all about?

Please join our
Evening Circle
(Circle 5)
in the Youth Room,
Tuesday, October 7
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Rachels Vineyard Retreat

An upcoming weekend retreat in the Peoria area

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers healing for those who struggle with the emotional and spiritual pain of a past abortion. This retreat is for those single or married; mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings, anyone who has been impacted by an abortion experience. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from a past abortion, this retreat is for you. Register for the October 10-12, 2025, retreat, by calling 309-264-1489 or e-mailing

rvrpeoria@gmail.com.

All communications are strictly confidential.

For more information please visit online at

www.cdop.org/rachels-vineyard or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

A Letter from the Pastor



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

"The LORD answered me and said:... the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late." These words of our first reading are words of hope, but

it is a hope that is anything but cheap! It is a costly hope. With these words, the Lord reminds us that patient endurance is the nourishment that allows hope to grow. In our first reading, these words came after pleading with the Lord: *"How long, O LORD? I cry for help... I cry out to you, 'Violence!'... Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord."* We see violence in our world, in the political arena, even in our schools and churches. And still, violence persists in the womb. If hope is to remain alive in our hearts, our homes and our church, we must first understand how deeply the Lord grieves with us, amidst all of these tragedies. We must allow Him to draw near to us in the weeping. Sometimes, the seed of hope is compassion. It is knowing that we are not alone in our pain.

All of this is a part of Respect Life Sunday, as we grieve the many crimes against the dignity of life. And yet, this is just the beginning. Like the vulnerable life in the womb, hope begins small and fragile, but it can grow strong and great, with the proper care. Having recently celebrated 5 years with you all at Saint Malachy, I have had the experience of watching children grow and mature into teenagers who will soon be young

adults. Those whose songs lifted our hearts at School Masses, CCD Masses and Sunday Children's Masses when they were little continue to enliven us with a powerful hope, as we see them making courageous steps of faith that forge their souls into true history makers. Friends, I have a feeling that I am not alone when I say that I find great hope in our youth. It is when I look in their eyes that the theme chosen for this year's Respect Life Month takes on flesh: **Life: Our Sign of Hope.**

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities reflects on the many signs of *"how desperately our world is thirsting for the hope that only God can provide."* Yet, he continues: *"Despite these realities, the gift of human life exists as a sign of hope to our world today, defying the powers of darkness and the culture of death."*

I encourage all of our parishioners of all ages to learn more about the important work of Pregnancy Resources and The Woman's Choice Center. The services they provide may be beneficial to someone whom the Lord may place across your path and perhaps you may even learn ways you can get involved and support their mission. I also encourage you to learn more about Rachel's Vineyard. I have mentioned that my own personal experience with post-abortion healing ministry, similar to Rachel's Vineyard, is part of what has driven my passion for the respect for all human life, beginning in the womb and continuing throughout life. The next retreat is next weekend, October 10-12 and information can be found in this bulletin. Perhaps you or someone you know might benefit from this. May we contribute to the building of a culture of life by responding to the ways that the Lord is calling each of us to grow in prayer and virtue. *"If anyone loves righteousness, [Wisdom's] labors are virtues; for she teaches temperance and prudence, justice, and courage"* (Wisdom 8:7).

IRELAND PRESENTATION: As you may have seen in the bulletin, the pilgrimage group from July's trip to Ireland will be offering a presentation coming up soon on Saturday, October 11, after the 5:00 PM Mass. Between this and the Walk to Ireland Challenge, those who weren't able to join us this summer have a chance for the next best thing!

In Christ through Mary,

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



High School Sunday Morning Small Groups

Now through November 9, high school guys and girls are invited to join small groups on Sunday mornings from **9:30 am - 10:20 am**. (between the morning Masses).

- **Girls' Group:** *Loved + Loving: God's Design for Relationships* - led by Sara Osborn
 - **Guys' Group:** *Faith and Money: Handling Life and Cash* - led by Jeremy Bries & Jake Osborn
- Registration is not required but is helpful.
Scan the QR code to let us know you are coming.



Not sure if small groups are for you?

Come check it out! No pressure or commitment.

Questions: Contact Sara Osborn, sosborn@stmalgeneseo.org

Youth Group

Join us for a night full of faith, food, and friends! We gather in the youth room for a faith talk that connects to real life, small group conversations, dinner together, and plenty of fun games and activities. Once a month we come together for **ADORE** - praise & worship with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. No sign-up needed, just come when you can (and bring a friend)!

- **Middle School:** Wednesdays, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm.
Stay in the loop: Text **ROCKVIP** to 84576 for MS text updates
- **High School:** Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm plus optional hangout until 9:00 pm.
Stay in the loop: Text **OASISVIP** to 84576 for HS updates

Fight the Flu

October 12th from:

8:00 am-12:00 pm

Saint Malachy Catholic Church will host
Vorac Pharmacy's Flu Shot Clinic

Free with Medicare
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\$32 dollars self-pay.

Walk-ins Welcome!!!

Dues Due - Circle 2 Members - Dues Due

Dues for 2026 are \$5.00 and are due now.
Please put the dues in an envelope with your name and Circle 2 on the outside of the envelope, then you can drop it off in the parish office or put it in the collection basket at Mass.

You may also mail to me at

Anita Kemnitz - 8335 Wolf Rd, Colona, IL 61241

Thank you!



Young Disciples Summer Trip 2026

We're excited to announce that next summer our middle school and high school students will attend

Camp Damascus - a high adventure Catholic summer camp in Brighton, Michigan! With separate weeks just for them, teens will grow in faith, friendship, and joy through high ropes courses, outdoor adventures, prayer, small groups, adoration, Mass, and more.

High School (incoming grades 9-12): June 28-July 3

Middle School (incoming grades 6-8): July 26-31

Thanks to a generous grant from the Sheen Foundation, the **first 96 campers pay half price (\$297.50 instead of \$595)** Spots are reserved until **October 21**, after which registration opens to the public - don't wait to sign up!

Financial aid and payment plans are available, and sponsorship opportunities exist for those who wish to help a student attend. For registration details or

questions:

Sara Osborn sosborn@stmalgeneseo.org



Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, October 19

After both Masses



Join your fellow parishioners in a light treat of coffee/juice & donuts.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

James Archer

Brother-in-law of Debbie Sherbeyn





STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to

Standing Rock Indian Mission

Week 13 - September 28, 2025

ADA 2024

Month of

(As of August 31st - Final Report)

July 2025

	Weekly Goal	Weekly Actual	Variance	YTD Goal	YTD Actual	Variance	GOAL	\$	Total Income	142,254
General Collection	\$ 14,423	\$ 7,137	(7,286)	\$ 187,499	\$ 180,615	(6,884)	PLEDGED	\$	92,486	123,970
School Endowment	\$ 577	\$ 181	(396)	\$ 7,501	\$ 5,116	(2,385)	VARIANCE	\$	(9,918)	18,284
Paraclete Fund	\$ 577	\$ 81	(496)	\$ 7,501	\$ 4,961	(2,540)	COLLECTED	\$	92,416	142,254
Capital Improvement	\$ 577	\$ 228	(349)	\$ 7,501	\$ 9,362	1,861	SHORTFALL	\$	(9,988)	123,970
Special Collections							# of FAMILIES		186	18,284
All Saints Day		\$ 50			\$ 50					



Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Men's: October 16-19, 2025

Women's: November 13-16, 2025

Men's: February 26– March 1, 2026

Women's: March 19-22, 2026

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



Upcoming TEC Weekends

November 1-3, 2025 (Girls)

December 6-8, 2025 (Boys)

February 14-16, 2026 (Girls)

April 18-20, 2026 (Boys)

June 20-22, 2026 (Girls)

For information visit

www.northwest-tec.com



DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these Seminarians

Brady DePoorter

Gerard Remmes

Luke Olson

Tobias Kreps

Angel Garcia

Dominic Taylor

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."

Fr. Pakula Memorial Food Pantry Collection

St. Malachy Parish has a monthly theme to collect items for the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry.

The theme for **October** is:

"Ethnic"

Donations needed: Pasta, pasta sauce, flour tortillas, refried beans, spice packets, salsa, Chinese spice packets, Ramen...

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 then Social Justice.



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