Diocese of Peoria

St. Malachy Church and School

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The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 19, 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

For activities in the Quad Cities, go to:

http://catholicquadcities.com

Traveling? www.masstimes.org to find Masses

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Pastoral Care:										

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.

Prayer Chain:Parish OfficeDivorced Ministry:Shannon CarrollOCIADcn. Mike Sigwalt



Mass Intentions



MONDAY, October 20 St. Paul of the Cross

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service TUESDAY. October 21 Weekdav

8:00 am Lavina Harter +

WEDNESDAY, October 22 St. John Paul II

8:00 am No Mass - Communion Service 9:00 am No Mass - School Rosary

THURSDAY, October 23 St. John of Capistrano

5:45 pm Pauline Minnaert +

FRIDAY. October 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret

8:00 am JoAnn Emmendorfer +

SATURDAY, October 25 Vigil of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Lorin Meade +

SUNDAY, October 26 The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am Bob Lopez +

10:30 am People of the Parish +

Please Note: Reconciliation is cancelled on Tuesday, October 21

Altar Servers: October 20-26

Daily Mass: Shae Bolme, Grady DeWolfe

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Elle Patterson, Easton Patterson

Sunday: 8:15 am: Lenna Bolme, Jake Turner Sunday: 10:30 am: Charlie Hone, Ivan Hone

> 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 19 - Heather Wilkinson

October 26 - Katelyn Turner

10:30 am

October 19 - Volunteer needed

October 26 - Kaila Woods

Area Church Weekend Mass Schedules:

St. Anthony/Atkinson St. Patrick/Sheffield

4:00 pm Saturday 8:00 am Sunday

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 26, 2025 The Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.

Responsorial: Psalm 34

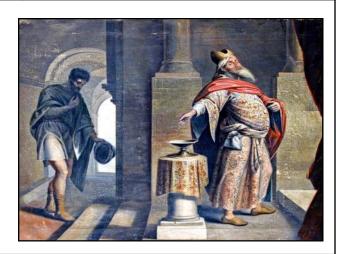
R./: "The Lord hears the cry of the poor."

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

From now on, the crown of righteousness awaits me.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

The tax collector, not the Pharisee, went home justified.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, October 20

No Mass - Communion Service 8:00 am Cancelled - Reconciliation 8:45 am Adoration 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Chapel

Tuesday, October 21

Mass 8:00 am

Cancelled - Reconciliation 8:45 am Mysteries of the Rosary Study 9:00 am - 11:00 am CR Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Rm C Women's Support Group 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Rm C Rosary Makers 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm YR

Wednesday, October 22

No Mass - Communion Service 8:00 am School Rosary 9:00 am 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 23

That Man Is You 6:00 am - 7:30 am Parish Hall Adoration 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Reconciliation 5:00 pm Mass 5:45 pm

Mysteries of the Rosary Study 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm CR

Friday, October 24

Mass 8:00 am

Chair Soul Core 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm YR

Saturday, October 25

Reconciliation 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 26

Mass 8:15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word Middle School Young Disciples 9:30 am - 10:20 am High School Boys & Girls Small Groups 9:30 am - 10:20 am Mass 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Next Session: Tuesday, October 21 6:00 pm in the Conference Room **Topic:** Introduction/Church If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Dcn. Mike Sigwalt msigwalt23@gmail.com 309-502-9243

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Arlene Cochran

Of our parish

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

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

DOCILITY





Saint Joseph, pray for us

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

The Social Justice Committee met on Tuesday, Oct. 7th. All meetings are open to the parish. If you have an idea for a speaker or guest that might share a social justice related experience, feel free to stop by the meeting and discuss or call the church office.

We discussed the many nutrition needs of the Geneseo/ Atkinson Food Pantry right now. Please check their website or Facebook for their current needs and donate, if you are able. The Social Justice committee supports the Food Pantry through monthly purchasing using your generous monetary donations. If you would like to contribute to this cause, please call the church office for more information. There are many parishioners who are homebound and might like a visit from another parishioner. We are starting to put together a list, so if you know of someone who might be interested. please let a Social Justice member know.

Our October coat drive continues through the end of the month. Thank you to all who have donated so far!

The November theme for the Father Pakula collection for the Food Pantry is baking products. Thank you to all who donate! Join us for our next meeting on November 4th at 4 pm in the Youth Room.

Bulletin Correction!

The correct date for the Widow s Dinner Please RSVP by Friday, October 24

Sunday, November 2 from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

A Letter from the Pastor



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

"The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message. Lovingly received day after day by the Church, it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as "good news" to the people of every age and

culture." These words were written by Pope St. John Paul II thirty years ago and they are equally true and relevant today. As we look forward to celebrating his number of crimes and attacks against human life. Thirty feast day this week, during this Respect Life Month, let us take time to review and reflect upon the words of his 1995 Encyclical Letter, Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life).

The Second Vatican Council, in a passage which retains all its relevance today, forcefully condemned a number of crimes and attacks against human life. Thirty years later, taking up the words of the Council and with name of the whole Church, certain that I am interpreting the genuine sentiment of every upright conscience:

"At the dawn of salvation, it is the Birth of a Child which is proclaimed as joyful news: "I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord". The source of this "great joy" is the Birth of the Saviour; but Christmas also reveals the full meaning of every human birth, and the joy which accompanies the Birth of the Messiah is thus seen to be the foundation and fulfilment of joy at every child born into the world. When he presents the heart of his redemptive mission, Jesus says: "I came that they may

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have life, and have abundantly" In truth, he is referrina that "new" and "eternal" with Father. which everv person freely called in the Son by the power of the Sanctifying

Spirit. It is precisely in this "life" that all the aspects and stages of human life achieve their full significance. Man is called to a fullness of life which far exceeds the dimensions of his earthly existence, because it consists in sharing the very life of God. The loftiness of this supernatural vocation reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life even in its temporal phase...

The Second Vatican Council, in a passage which retains all its relevance today, forcefully condemned a number of crimes and attacks against human life. Thirty years later, taking up the words of the Council and with the same forcefulness I repeat that condemnation in the the genuine sentiment of every upright conscience: "Whatever is opposed to life itself, such as any type of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia, or willful self-destruction, whatever violates the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, torments inflicted on body or mind, attempts to coerce the will itself; whatever insults human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children; as well as disgraceful working conditions, where people are treated as mere instruments of gain rather than as free and responsible persons; all these things and others like them are infamies indeed. They poison human society, and they do more harm to those who practise them than to those who suffer from the injury. Moreover, they are a supreme dishonour to the Creator"...

referring to To all the members of the Church, the people of that "new" and life and for life, I make this most urgent appeal, that "eternal" life together we may offer this world of ours new signs of which consists hope, and work to ensure that justice and solidarity will in communion increase and that a new culture of human life will be with the affirmed, for the building of an authentic civilization of Father.

May our awareness of the value of our own life and the mission of promoting the dignity of every human life inspire us to seek 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)

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AWAY ON RETREAT: Beginning after Masses this weekend, I will be away on silent retreat until Wednesday, October 29, when I will finally return to the parish office. Please pray for me, the other priests on retreat and the spiritual directors who will be guiding us.

In Christ through Mary,

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



Youth Adoration

Grade 6-8 and everyone is welcome! The second Sunday of the month 10:10 am - 10:20 am



WINTER COAT COLLECTION



- Does your family have lots of great coats that they don't wear anymore?
- Have your kids outgrown last years jackets and snowpants?
- Are you an excellent coat sale shopper?
 If you answered yes to any of these questions, we have a suggestion for you.

The **St. Malachy Winter Coat Collection** will be held

October 1 - 31

The new, and like new adult and kids coats collected will be donated to the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry.

Look for the donation box in the Narthex.

St. Malachy Social Justice Committee.





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.

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



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



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to Women's Choice Center

Week 15 - October 12, 2025							ADA 2024		Month of						
		Weekly Goal	100	Veekly Actual	Variance	VI	D Goal	VI	TD Actual	Variance	(As of August 31s	t - Fin	al Report)	July 2	025
General Collection	S	14,423	-	6,839	(7,584)	0.00	216,345		205,608	(10,737)	GOAL	\$	102,404	Total Income	142,254
School Endowment	\$	577	\$	160	(417)	5	8,655	S	5,835	A CONTRACTOR OF A	PLEDGED	\$	92,486	Total Expenses	123,970
Paraclete Fund	S	577	\$	200	(377)	S	8,655	\$	5,543	(3,112)	VARIANCE	\$	(9,918)	NET	18,284
Capital Improvement	S	577	\$	345	(232)	\$	8,655	\$	10,186	1,531	COLLECTED	¢	92,416	July 2025	July 2025
Special Collections												9		Total Income	142,254
All Saints Day			\$	20				\$	70		SHORTFALL	5	(9,988)	Total Expenses	123,970
Mission Sunday			\$	100				\$	140		# of FAMILIES		186	NET	18,284



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

teens encounter CHRIST

For information visit www.northwest-tec.com

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)

Upcoming TEC Weekends



DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these Seminarians

Eli Ziegler Jared Hernandez
Daniel Miller Brennan O'Keeffe
Christian Garcia Ethan Herrman
Deacon JohnPaul Stedwill

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:

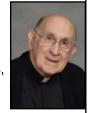
"Ethnic"

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.



2025 Lasagna Take and Bake

Hosted by St. Malachy School



Our famous Take and Bake Lasagna is back! We are selling Pre-Ordered/Pre-Paid Pans of Lasagna. Original recipe – made in disposable pans with lids which allows you to bake now or freeze for a later date. (Thanksgiving & Christmas are just around the corner!) Baking instructions included.

Please turn in this order form & your check made out to St. Malachy Parents Club to the Church office by Monday, October 27, 2025. (Or) You can order with your credit card by using the QR Code below.

Name:	Phone:
8 X 8 - \$25 each Quantity: Subtotal \$ 9 X 13 - \$40 each Quantity: Subtotal \$ Total pans: Total \$	
Please keep this bottom portion for your records.	
8X8 QTY: 9X13 QTY: Total \$	

Pick Up Times Are:

Check #

Saturday, November 8th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Sunday, November 9th 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Mahoney Shelter, St. Malachy Church 595 E Ogden Ave, Geneseo

Questions? Please contact Mallory Wirth at mallory.wirth@yahoo.com

Thank you for supporting St. Malachy School!



Scan here to order online using your credit card



Under the Pastoral Care of Fr. Daniel Gifford, Vicar Forane, we are celebrating a **Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving**

followed by a Potluck Meal.

Thursday, November 20 Mass 6:00 pm ~ Potluck to follow

Aalter Farms 7089 IL Rt. 17, Woodhull, IL A Potluck Meal will follow Mass with, meat, drinks, & table service provided. *Please bring a dish to share.*

Please RSVP by November 17, 2025

On the signup sheet in the Narthex or call the parish office. Your sign up is important to help us to approximate the number of altar breads for consecration

EMMAUS KNIGHTS

FOR YOUNG MEN GRADES 7-12 NOVEMBER 9 FROM 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Join Fr. Chase for a Sunday night of faith, fraternity, and formation at the Emmaus House 2327 W. Heading Ave, West Peoria

Emmaus Knights is an experience for young men who desire to grow in friendship and faith with some food and some fun. If you loved Emmaus Days, check out Emmaus Knights.

Fathers, drop your sons off and stay for a time of fraternity.

Scan the code to let us know you are coming and to have your parent fill out a digital permission form!



NOVEMBER LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

GREETERS:

5:00 pm – Karen Humbert, Mary Anne Peterson (Front); Joyce Webb, Mary Ellen Doherty (West)

8:15 am – Larry & Cindy Hopkey (Front); Mike & Kay Croegaert (West)

10:30 am – Roger & Judy Pobanz (Front); Katheryn Pobanz, Shawn Pobanz (West)

USHERS:

5:00 pm – Tom Heise, Arnie Schmid, Jason Snyder **8:15 am** – Morry Atwell, Lowell Gramling, Brice Maertens Joseph Pustejovsky

10:30 am – Mike Roemer, Tim Laleman, Ted McAvoy, Dick Taets

LECTOR/ COMMENTATOR

5:00 pm – Pat Boelens (L); Winnie Kane (C) 8:15 am – Jaxson Seals (L); Brian Seals (C) 10:30 am – Mark Kane (L); Shauna Thoene (C)

EMHCs

5:00 pm – Virgil Thurman (Chalice); A.J. Wolak (Chalice); Chris Boelens, Mary Beth Peterson

8:15 am – Debbie Mattan (Chalice); Judy Kanke (Chalice); Gregg Swanson, Anita Kemnitz

10:30 am – Michelle Ganson (Chalice); Carol Roemer (Chalice) Elizabeth Hulsbrink, Larry Vandersnick

NOVEMBER ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Sat., Nov. 1 - 5:00 pm Grady DeWolfe, Cade DeWolfe Sun., Nov. 2 - 8:15 am Cohen Marxen, Garren Boelens 10:30 am Oliver Osborn, Liam Osborn

Sat., Nov. 8 - 5:00 pm Trace Hager, Collin Griffith Sun., Nov. 9 - 8:15 am Miller Kies, Leona Werner 10:30 am Chris Bries, Leila Bries

Sat., Nov. 15 - 5:00 pm Beckett Clendenin, Calvin Curnyn Sun., Nov. 16 - 8:15 am Lenna Bolme, Shae Bolme 10:30 am Adelia Haars, Everett Haars

Sat., Nov. 22 - 5:00 pm Ames Childs, Camryn Hawkins Sun., Nov. 23 - 8:15 am Avery Emmerson, Eliana Emmerson 10:30 am Roger Winkleman, Ivan Hone

Sat., Nov. 29 - 5:00 pm Emery Ballegeer, Samantha Minnaert Sun., Nov. 30 - 8:15 am Finley Seals, Tucker Seals 10:30 am Bryce Gillespie, Kailyn Gillespie



Free content on the Hallow App!

St. Malachy Community! Magnificat (Minute Marian

Prayers)

St. Michael the Archangel Prayer Challenge

Prayer Divine Mercy Chaplet Daily Rosary, Gospel &

Reflections

Pray for Priests Marian Prayer List

Session on St. Clare of Assisi Daily Mass Readings

Music:

Relaxing Prayer List Marian Prayer List

Kids:

Confession Prep Saints Alive Kids Holy Hour

(Guided Meditation)

First Communion

(Hallow Kids)

Confirmation Prayer

(Hallow Teens) Bell Work - Journaling for Kids Liturgy of the Hours

Bedtime Prayers

Lost and Found (Story)

Intro: Teens. Middle. & Littles

Prep for Confession

(Hallow Teens)

Games:

The Word Trivia

The Holy Bible

Bible in a Year Campaigns for You

Prayers for Intentions

Rosary:

Rosary with: Mark Wahlberg Bishop Barron Cardinal Dolan

Latin Rosarv Novena for Healing **Emergency Novena Eucharistic Novena**

Jubilee of Hope:

Year of Jubilee - Cardinal

Dolan

St. Peter's Basilica Jubilee Prayers

St. John Lateran Basilica of St. Paul

St. Mary Major

Pray for Prisoners Pilgrims of Hope

Jubilee Hymn

Confession Guide

Magisterium Al

Homilies - Fr. Mike Schmitz Sunday Sermons - Bishop

Barron

The Word Exposed - Cardinal

Tagle Daily Exegesis - Daily Gospel Explanation

Deepening Prayer -

Abp. Alfred C. Hughes

Catholic FAQs

Lots more content available through the paid subscription. St. Malachy Catholic Church, Geneseo Women at the Well Presents



Thursday, October 30, 2025



Our evening program will feature Lola Rahn with Foster Hope.

Lola will share her wisdom and experiences. offering valuable insights into the realities of foster care - and how faith guided her and her husband to found Fostering Hope of the Quad Cities area.

Reservations requested by October 26, 2025

Contact Shannon Carroll: WATWStMalachy@gmail.com Phone or Text: 309.945.8607

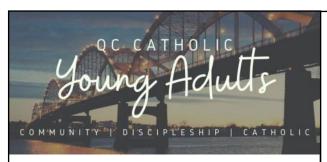
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