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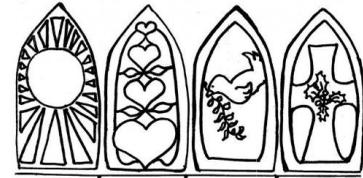
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December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Hope Peace Joy Love

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.
Reconciliation:
Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
See inside for times for daily Mass and Holy Day Masses

Bulletin articles MUST be submitted no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.
Thank you.

For activities in the Quad Cities, go to:
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- Marriage: Fr. Mike Pakula
- Hospital Visits: Parish Office
- Pastoral Care: Sue Ford
- Bereavement: Deacon Ries
- JustFaith: Deacon O'Rourke
- Prayer Chain: Parish Office
- Divorced Ministry: Deacon Ries

We warmly welcome new parishioners and ask them to register at the Parish Office. Individuals interested in becoming Catholic may see Fr. Pakula or call the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, December 23

8:00 am Nona Brice & Donna Meyer

TUESDAY, December 24

There is not an 8:00 am mass this day

4:00 pm In Thanksgiving for the Birth of Jesus

7:00 pm The Church Throughout the World

WEDNESDAY, December 25

9:00 am People of our Parish and Diocese

THURSDAY, December 26

8:00 am Peace in our World

FRIDAY, December 27

8:00 am Edward & Agnes DeSplinter

SATURDAY, December 28

5:00 pm Shirley Park

SUNDAY, December 29

8:15 am Francis "Gene" Girten

10:30 am Robert & Francis Lyons

Rosary recited after weekday Masses

ALTAR SERVERS

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm

7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25

9:00 am

Saturday, December 28

5:00 pm Braden Boone & Gage Mallum

Sunday, December 29

Weekend Mass Schedules for Sacred Heart in Annawan and St. Anthony's in Atkinson

St. Anthony

4:00 pm Saturday

9:30 am Sunday

Sacred Heart

8:00 am Sunday

BULLETIN BOARD

Monday, December 23

2:00 pm - 9:00 pm Exposition, Church

5:00 pm Pietra, Youth Rm.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Monday 2-9 pm Daily Chapel

"The third reason I keep up the Holy Hour is to grow more and more into His likeness. As Paul puts it, 'We are transfigured into His likeness, from splendor to splendor.' We become like that which we gaze upon. Looking into a sunset, the face takes on a golden glow. Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way as the face of Moses was transformed after his companionship with God on the mountain."

- Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



The Office will be closed
Wednesday, December 25th
& Wednesday, January 1st.

Please submit any articles for upcoming bulletins as early as possible.



Can you help at our Christmas Masses?

We need Greeters, Communion Ministers, Lectors, Commentators, Ushers, & Altar Servers

There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Office. If you are able to help, please stop in the Parish Office or call 944-5393.

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GIFTS FOR GOD'S PURPOSES

December 15, 2019

Weekly Gifts	(Goal: \$13,000)	\$22,445
School Endow.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$2,410
Paraclete Fund	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$2,185
Capital Improve.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$2,196
Bishop Seminarian Appeal		\$5,157
Religious Retirement		\$1,671
Immaculate Conc.		\$426

Week (24)	Budget	Actual	Avg	Variance
Weekly	\$312,000	\$321,034	\$13,376	\$9,034
School End.	\$18,000	\$13,648	\$569	(\$4,352)
Paraclete	\$18,000	\$24,432	\$1,018	\$6,432
Cap Improv.	\$18,000	\$22,148	\$923	\$4,148

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% will be donated to Rebuilding Together Henry Co.

ADA 2019
Goal \$87,107
Pledged \$84,346
Contributed \$80,298
Number of Pledges: 217

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS



We appreciate all contributions at any time of the year, but if you wish to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2019, the Internal Revenue Service ruling states; *'Donors must deliver or mail check postmark dated on or before December 31, 2019'* in order to qualify as a charitable contribution deduction for 2019.

Thank You



Veteran's Day Collection

The generous donations from members of our parish will bless so many military families.

\$240.00 of gift cards were given to the Army Community Service Group at the Rock Island Arsenal. The cards were used at the Family Holiday Workshop on December 19th. The children of military families were given the opportunity to "shop" for their siblings for Christmas, and the cards were the gifts they could acquire.

\$500.00 of gift cards were given to Humility Home Services, to distribute to individuals in three different veterans' services that HHS coordinates.

We were able to send Christmas cards wishing the veterans blessings and peace from the Parishioners of St. Malachy Parish. Your generosity is a gift to so many people!

Thank you! God bless you!



IRA Required Minimum Distributions Donation Opportunity

There is good news if you have reached age 70 1/2 and you would like to help our parish or school. If you have an IRA, the government requires you to take out a certain amount each year and be subject to federal tax. However, the law allows you to donate this amount directly to your parish or school during 2019 and have it distributed free of federal income tax! What a wonderful opportunity for those 70 1/2 to help (our parish, school, or ministry). Please contact the person that handles your retirement plan or your tax advisor if you are interested in making such a donation.



CHANGE IN CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Our Christmas Mass schedule this year will be:

4:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Christmas Eve
and 9:00 am on Christmas Day.

This schedule is more-or-less an experiment to the Mass Schedule Survey our Liturgy Committee took last January/February. Although the HUGE 4:30 crowd of the last several years has always been an inspiring event, perhaps the 7:00 pm Mass will move some people away from 4:00 pm and make this early Mass more comfortable for those who attend. We'll SEE. This is an experiment.

DID YOU KNOW that typed copies of our Sunday homilies are usually available before and after our weekend Masses, on the table near the parish office? We typically have 40-50 typed homilies taken each weekend. We recently heard from some newcomers that they did not know that such homilies are available, BUT THEY ARE, and, if you want one, NOW YOU KNOW!



2020 Calendars



Calendars are available by the exit doors in the Narthex. They are available on a first come, first served basis.



RCIA

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church, or do you have an interest in joining? Our 2019-2020 **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program is meeting on **Tuesdays at 7:00 pm** in the Conference Room. For more information, please call Fr. Mike Pakula or Gregg Swanson, leave your name in the parish office, or come to the meeting.

- Jan. 7 Eucharist, Part One**
By Dc. Larry Honzel
- Jan. 14 Eucharist, Part Two**
By Dc. Larry Honzel

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to donate toward the cost of Christmas flowers/ decorations in the memory of a loved one, please do so by dropping an extra envelope in the Sunday collection or leave it at the Parish office.



DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

O Mary, St. Therese ever turned to you in love, telling you her desires in simplicity and trust, and begging you to speak to Jesus. With her, we ask you to offer our prayers to your Son for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese. Place within the hearts of men and women a love which is strong enough to lead them to devote their lives to the service of the Church. Help them to respond to your Son's call with a love that will spend itself in service to their brothers and sisters.

St. Therese, Patroness of Vocations,
Pray for Us

Please Pray for these Seminarians:

- Nathan Hopper
- Ethan Lacey
- Zak Leskanich
- Ryan Mann
- Jacob Martini
- Luke Olson
- Jonathan Robinson



Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

- Men's: March 12-22, 2020
- Women's : April 23-26, 2020

For more info, visit <https://nwcursillo.com>

Upcoming TEC Weekends

- Feb 15-17, 2020 (Girls)
- April 18-20, 2020 (Boys)
- June 27-29, 2020 (Girls)
- Aug 8-10, 2020 (Boys)
- Oct 10-12, 2020 (Girls)

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SISTER PARISH NEWS
An Advent invitation

All parishioners are invited to remember in your prayers the parishioners of our sister parish and at some time during Advent, to send a Christmas card to them with a note that you have been remembering them in prayer.

Christmas cards can be sent to:
The People of Saint Teresa of Kalkota Parish
P.O. Box 1076
Maynardville, TN 37807

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Please consider reviewing next Sunday's readings:

- Sirach 3:2-6 , 12-14**
"Those who fear the Lord honor their parents."
- Colossians 3:12-21**
"Over everything else, put on love, the bond of perfection."
- Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**
"Joseph cared for Mary and the infant Jesus."



The Altar and Rosary Society would like to thank Faith DeDecker for washing all of the salt and pepper shaker sets from the kitchen.

They look so very nice now! Thank you Faith!

ADA 2019
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APPEAL UPDATE:

Our ADA pledges increased last week by \$400 and our donations total by \$450 to \$84,346 and \$80,298 respectively. We are now \$2,761 short of our pledge goal and \$6,809 short of our donations goal. We appreciate all the ADA pledges and donations that have been made, and we ask our parishioners who have not made a pledge or donation to please consider doing so. Thank you

Women's Support Group: *Perfectly Yourself*

Meets every Thursday at 6:15 p.m. in Room C.
For information contact
Jen Ulam, 309-738-8065 or
Cathie Stinson 944-5393

ST MALACHY'S MISSION:

St Malachy Parish exists to praise God and to teach and serve all His people by living the truth revealed in Jesus Christ & preserved in the Teaching and Tradition of the Roman Catholic Church.



2020 is right around the corner! Do you want to start the new year off with getting control of your finances? Mark & Amy Roberts will be offering a Financial Peace University (FPU) course at St. Malachy beginning on Sunday, January 12th at 5 pm. FPU provides biblical principles and practical tools to manage your personal finances. The course runs 9 weeks with each session lasting 90 minutes. The course historically costs \$100+ per person/family for the instruction materials. Some scholarship funds are available. Please contact Mark & Amy Roberts at 309-203-9372 or the Church office if you are interested in attending or would like more information. Babysitting services will be provided. Please sign up by December 31st.

Doug & Nitzy Bull will also be hosting FPU classes starting on January 21st at Geneseo Middle School. Classes will start at 6:00 pm and go until about 8:00 pm. You can sign up at fpu.com/1103633 or contact them directly at 309-269-5818 or dbull622@gmail.com.

We hope you will be able to attend one of the dates for a life changing experience!

