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October 11, 2020

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION:

CHANGED TO ROOM B ('COAT ROOM')

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

For activities in the Quad Cities, go to:
<http://catholicquadcities.com>

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Pastoral Care: Sue Ford
Bereavement: Deacon Ries
Just Faith: Deacon O'Rourke
Prayer Chain: Parish Office
Divorced Ministry: Deacon Ries

We warmly welcome new parishioners & ask them to register at the Parish Office. Individuals interested in becoming Catholic may contact Fr. Daniel Gifford

Mass Intentions

TUESDAY, October 13 Weekday

8:00 am Charles Webb +

WEDNESDAY, October 14 Weekday

7:30 am Wilmer and Rose Marie Bauwens +

9:00 am Joyce Maher +

THURSDAY, October 15 St. Teresa of Jesus

8:00 am Christopher Pobanz +

FRIDAY, October 16 Weekday

8:00 am Jim Eilers +

SATURDAY, October 17 Vigil of 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Edward & Dorothy VanMeenen +

SUNDAY, October 18 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am People of the Parish

10:30 am JoAnn Emmendoefer +

The Rosary is recited after weekday Masses



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

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon - Thurs 8 am - 3; Fridays 8 - 1.

Bulletin articles MUST be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Thank you.

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Please consider looking over next week's reading, Sunday October 18, 2020

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 The prophet, Isaiah, who lived in Babylonia with the exiled Jews, tells us, in God's own Words, that He is the God, not only of the Jews, but of history and of the whole world.

Thessalonians 1:1-5b St. Paul praises his converts for their fidelity to God and to Christ His Son and tells them how they are ever in his prayers so that they would continue to be faithful to the call God had given them, a call proved by the many gifts of the Holy Spirit bestowed on them.

Matthew 22:15-21 God's plan for man on earth was that he should live in the society of his fellowmen. This government, this temporal power to rule and direct the human groups or societies or states, comes, therefore, from God for it is His will that such societies should exist. The answer of our Lord explicitly restates this fundamental norm of the divine natural law. "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's;" the state authorities have a right to the obedience and cooperation in all things that tend to the material welfare of the state, provided always the spiritual welfare of the members is not impeded by the rulers' demands.

OCTOBER RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH

Human beings are made in the very image and likeness of God. It is for this reason that, although abortion is not the only evil that afflicts human society, the right to life is the very first of all our human rights, and the destruction of human life in the womb is an intrinsic evil. As is well recorded throughout the nearly twenty centuries of our religious history, Catholic believers have always opposed abortion and considered the act to be unjust and gravely sinful. Catholics may not in any way cooperate with this crime against humanity, and Catholic voters and politicians are not exempt from the shared obligation to protect innocent human life from conception until natural death. Despite the well-funded propaganda of the abortion industry, it is an obvious fact that abortion is horrifically painful to the child in the womb, and late term abortion is most especially cruel and barbaric. Organized abortion providers in America have also intentionally and disproportionately marketed their brutal business in poor neighborhoods and among racial and ethnic minorities. Catholics should therefore readily reach out to other believers and even non-believers to promote a culture of life and tirelessly oppose a culture of death.

For those in our Church, it is also certainly providential that October is not only Respect for Life Month but also the Month of the Holy Rosary. I urge all the faithful of the Diocese of Peoria not only to work tirelessly for the Gospel of Life, but also to ask the Blessed Mother, especially under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who is always reverently depicted as being with child, to pray with us and for us in the face of terrible evil.

+Daniel R. Jenky...

May our good and always guide and us.



just God protect

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



My dear friends in Christ,

As we celebrate World Mission Sunday on the weekend of Oct 17-18, Pope Benedict asks the whole People of God - bishops, priests, men and women religious and lay men and women to reflect together on the urgency and the importance of the Church's missionary activity also in our day.

The crucified and Risen Jesus Christ entrusted to the Apostles the missionary mandate: "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you." Adding, "And look, I am with you always; yes, to the end of time" (Mt 28, 19-20). In the demanding task of evangelization we are sustained and accompanied by the certainty that He, the Master of the harvest, is always with us and never ceases to guide His people. Christ is the inexhaustible source of the Church's mission.

The missionary work of the Church depends on each one of us. On World Mission Sunday, please be as generous as your means allows and continue to pray that all of us in the Diocese of Peoria may be eager and effective witnesses to God, our loving Father, and His only Son, Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.

Bishop of Peoria



A Note From the Pastor ...

Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,

"O LORD, God of hosts, restore us; if Your face shines upon us, then we shall be saved" (Psalm 80, from last weekend's Lectionary). I want to thank Dcn. Robert for that bold and striking homily last weekend, challenging us all to embrace the humbling, yet profoundly simple reality that we are not God. It was further challenging to hear him apply this to the Right to Life. This is the most basic of those rights that our founding fathers in this nation called inalienable, meaning that they don't come from men and cannot be taken away by them. The right to life and the immeasurable dignity of each human person is given to us by God and must be respected at all costs. On the same weekend that we heard this message, we offered the annual Baby Bottles, to be taken home and filled with change or other monetary gifts to support life. There was some question over whether this endeavor would be one of many that would have to be set aside during the pandemic. The reason why we are not taking a break from this effort is simply because the needs do not go away. It is important for us to remember what the Pro-Life Movement is really about. Various media sources wish to present it as simply being "anti-abortion," as if any monetary gifts were simply used to fund lobbyists or gas money for "picketing" (another word that is often wrongly used, misrepresenting the purpose of people whose presence is one of prayerful and peaceful support to mothers in need, in hopes to offer them a real solution). In truth, the Pro-Life Movement is the Mercy of God at work in His people, reaching out to mothers, fathers and children in real need. It is found in the work of Crisis Pregnancy Centers providing both counsel and resources to mothers who feel frightened, alone and unsupported, in order to help them embrace and nurture the gift of life. It is found in the work of Post-Abortion Healing apostolates, breathing hope back into the hurting hearts of women and men, who have tragically believed that Christ and His Church could not love and forgive them after an abortion experience. It is the hard work of countless people in various other professions, working to defend the dignity of life, at all of its stages. Let us remember all of these efforts in our prayers this month, as we seek to allow the Mercy of God to fill us, that this gift may be shared with others.

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Daniel P. Gifford

St. Malachy, Pray for us

The Right to Life

The right to life is a universally recognized right for all human beings. It is a fundamental right which governs all other existing rights. In its absence, all other fundamental rights have no reason to exist.



Expanded reopening

We are in the final stages of opening some rooms inside the church for meetings. If you have not let the office know that your group would like to begin meeting inside, please do so as soon as possible. They need to know the days, times, frequency & number of people in the group. That does not guarantee you will get the exact day/time you were used to and we appreciate your flexibility so we can get as many scheduled in a satisfactory way as much as possible. Thank you! St. Malachy's Reopening Committee

GIFTS FOR GOD'S PURPOSES

October 4, 2020

Weekly Gifts	(Goal: \$13,000)	\$10,177
School Endow.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$237
Paraclete Fund	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$307
Capital Improve.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$442

Week 14	Budget	Actual	Avg	Variance
Weekly	\$182,000	\$179,557	\$12,826	(\$2,446)
School End.	\$10,500	\$8,312	\$594	(\$2,188)
Paraclete	\$10,500	\$6,806	\$486	(3,694)
Cap Improve.	\$10,500	\$8,376	\$598	(\$2,124)

Special Collections:	This Week:	Total:
Mission Sunday:	275	275

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to Catholic Near East Welfare Assoc.

ADA 2020
Goal **\$74,073.00**

Pledged \$54,878.00
Contributed **\$38,543.00**
Number of Pledges: **125**

 **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Mondays 3 - 8 pm in the church

"We ought to visit Him [Jesus in the Holy Eucharist] often. How dear to Him is a quarter of an hour spared from our occupations or from some useless employment, to come and pray to Him, visit Him, and console Him for all the ingratitude He receives! When He sees pure souls hurrying to Him, He smiles at them. They come with that simplicity which pleases Him so much, to ask pardon for all sinners, and for the insults of so many who are ungrateful."
- St. John Vianney

Change in Confirmation Schedule:

NOTE: Confirmation Classes for 8th and 9th Grades will NOT be held Sunday, October 11th as previously stated. We are looking forward to meeting with everyone again the following Sunday!



Remembering Our loved ones.

In November, the Liturgy Committee is planning an area of Remembrance for those who have died. Parishioners are encouraged to bring items they wish to have added to the display to the office this month. Items may include pictures, holy cards, obituaries, funeral bulletins, or simply the deceased name on an index card. It is strongly recommended you have copies made for the display so your originals are kept safe.



Thinking of joining the Roman Catholic Church or would like to know more about it?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), is a process developed by the Catholic Church where Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices

RCIA 2020 - 2021 will begin soon, date TBD

For more information, please call Dcn Mike Sigwalt or leave your name in the parish office.

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We have had a great response for the 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal. To date, we have received 125 pledges totaling \$54,878.00 towards our goal of \$74,073.00. Your generosity helps support the central ministries of our diocese such as religious education of young people, faith formation of adults, Newman Centers on college campuses, training our future priests and much more. If you haven't already, please make a pledge today! To those who have already made a pledge, thank you!

THURSDAY THOUGHTS



Fr. Gifford is planning to record an inspirational video weekly to uplift, encourage and inform us on spiritual topics entitled "Thursday Thoughts" You can find it on the St. Malachy Catholic Church FaceBook Page or click on the link on the front of our website at

DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

The Diocese of Peoria currently sponsors 22 seminarians, young men who have heard God's call and answered. They come from all walks of life, and every one of them came to God in a unique way.



Please Pray for these Seminarians this week:

- Nathan Hopper
- Patrick Deneen
- Jacob Martini
- Jonathan Robinson
- Blake Miller
- Ryan Mann
- Luke Olson

"Many are called, but few are chosen." Are you considering a vocation to proclaim the Word of God as a priest or consecrated religious? If you are interested, Contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink: 309-671-1550 or:fr_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org



Don't fall for texts or emails saying they are from Fr. Gifford. Do not open or reply to them!!



PENNIES FOR LIFE 2020

For a number of years, the Peoria Diocesan Respect Life Board has conducted an annual "Pennies for Life" Collection. Funds collected support the diocesan-sponsored Family Resources Center in Peoria which

provides Pro-life/Pro-family resources to parishes, schools, and for religious education. Funds are also contributed to Pregnancy Resources in Moline and The Women's Choice Center in Bettendorf. Our Respect Life Board has traditionally asked that each parishioner, including children, contribute one penny for each year of his/her life in thanksgiving to God for the gift of life.

There are plastic baby bottles in the Narthex and we invite our parishioners to fill them with change and bring them back to church on or before October 25th. This approach enables us to support LIFE financially even more than when we were receiving a penny for each year of our parishioners' lives.

STILL NEED A FLU SHOT?

The Health Department will be conducting Seasonal Flu vaccinations at these locations:



- TOULON: Monday, October 12th from 9:00am-1:00pm, Stark County High School, 418 S. Franklin St.
- CAMBRIDGE: Tuesday, October 13th from 9:00am-1:00pm, Henry County Fairgrounds, 311 E. North St.
- KEWANEE: Saturday, October 17th from 9:00am-1:00pm, Kewanee High School, 1211 E. 3rd St.

For more information on the Health Department's Drive-Thru Flu Clinics call the Department's First Choice Healthcare Clinics at (309) 852-5272 Kewanee & (309) 792-4011 Colona or visit our website at www.henrystarkhealth.com

HOW TO VOTE PRO-LIFE

I welcome you to watch my short educational videos that prepare voters for the elections of 2020, and for every election.

At ElectionVideos.org you will find the video series called; "How and Why to Vote Pro-Life." In addition to this, you may be interested in the Prayer Campaign at ElectionPrayer.com.

Blessings,

Fr. Frank Pavone

Fr. Frank Pavone
Priests For Life

