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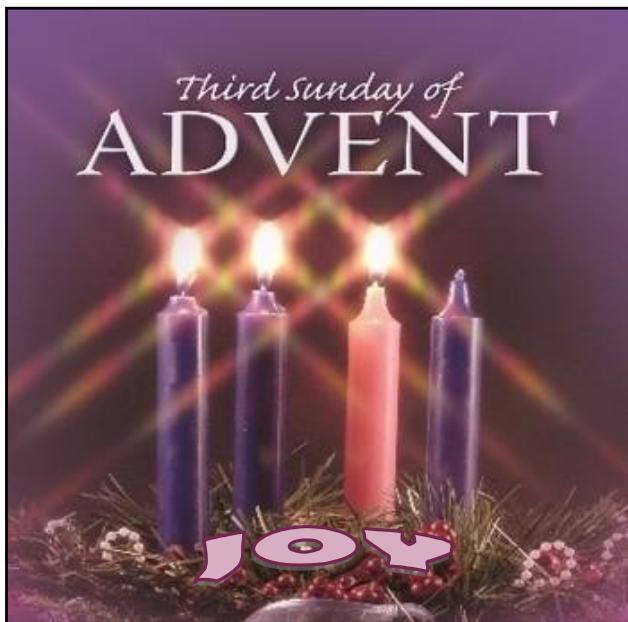
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December 13, 2020

The Third Sunday of Advent



Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

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

Outdoor Communion Sundays: 9:30 - 10:00 am

Reconciliation:

Monday & Tuesday 8:45 am; Thursday 5:00 pm

Extra During Advent: Mon - Th 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

For activities in the Quad Cities, go to:

<http://catholicquadcities.com>

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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 or call the Parish Office.



MONDAY, December 14 St. John of the Cross
8:00 am Rafaella Volino +

TUESDAY, December 15 Advent Weekday
8:00 am Deacon Ray VanWassenhove +

WEDNESDAY, December 16 Advent Weekday
8:00 am Paul Garrity +
9:00 am Marvin Scranton + (Livestream ONLY)

THURSDAY, December 17 Late Advent Weekday
5:45 pm Betsy Sherbeyn +

FRIDAY, December 18 Late Advent Weekday
8:00 am Communion service

SATURDAY, December 19 Vigil of 4th Sunday of Advent
5:00 pm Regina Steadman +

SUNDAY, December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:15 am People of the Parish +
10:30 am Edward & Agnus DeSplinter +
The Rosary is recited after weekday morning Masses



REGARDING SCHOOL MASSES:

School Masses 9 AM Wednesday are available as live-stream only.

During this period when school is remote, the 9 AM Mass will be closed to the public.

Thanks for your understanding.

Fr. Daniel Gifford

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 pm; Fridays 8 -1.

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

Office will be closed Dec 21-25 and Dec 31 - Jan 1

READINGS FOR DEC. 20, 2020 - 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The first reading is taken from 2 Samuel 7:1-5; 8-11;16 and refers to when David was anointed king in Hebron by all the tribes of Israel and Judah and his first step was to capture Jerusalem from the Jebusites and make it the political capital of his kingdom.

The second reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 26:25-27 where he introduces himself to the Christians in Rome and he gives an incomplete synthesis of his theology.



His words remind us to give glory to God this Christmas and always, for the marvelous things He has done for us.

The Gospel is from Luke 1:26-38. At the moment our Lady said: "be it done to me according to Thy Word" the most stupendous event that ever happened, or ever could happen on earth, took place on this planet of ours. The Son of God took on human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin.



GIFTS FOR GOD’S PURPOSES

December 6, 2020

Weekly Gifts	(Goal: \$13,000)	\$16,882
School Endow.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$336
Paraclete Fund	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$1,475
Capital Improve.	(Goal: \$ 750)	\$346

Week 23	Budget	Actual	Avg	Variance
Weekly	\$299,000	\$287,491	\$12,500	(\$11,509)
School End.	\$17,250	\$11,407	\$496	(\$5,843)
Paraclete	\$17,250	\$13,807	\$600	(\$3,443)
Cap Improve.	\$17,250	\$12,026	\$523	(\$5,224)
<u>Special Collections:</u>		This Week:	Total:	
Bishops - Seminarian		\$15	\$1,245	
Immaculate Conception		\$155	\$175	
Religious Retirement Fund		\$80	\$130	
Christmas		\$255	\$255	

Parish Sacrificial Giving:

1% donated to United Stand Family Center

ADA 2020

Goal \$74,073.00

Pledged \$78,688.00

Contributed \$63,226.00

Number of Pledges: 196



Christmas Flowers:

If you would like to donate towards the cost of Christmas flowers in honor of a loved one, please provide their name(s) along with your donation, clearly mark your envelope “Christmas Flowers” and drop in the basket or leave at the office.



DAILY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please Pray for these Seminarians:

Nathan Hopper

Blake Miller

Patrick Deneen

Ryan Mann

Jacob Martini

Luke Olson

Jonathan Robinson

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God.”

Is the Spirit of the Lord GOD calling you to serve Him as a priest or consecrated religious? If so, please contact Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink: 309-671-1550 / fr_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 3 - 8 pm

Thursdays 4:30 pm

(8:30 am First Fridays and Saturdays)

“Bethlehem! The city where Jesus was born in fulfillment of the Scriptures, in Hebrew means “house of bread.” It was there that the Messiah was to be born, the One who would say of himself: “I am the bread of life” (Jn 6:35, 48). In Bethlehem was born the One who, under the sign of broken bread, would leave us the memorial of his Pasch. On this Holy Night, adoration of the Child Jesus becomes Eucharistic adoration. We adore you, Lord, truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar, the living Bread which gives life to humanity. We acknowledge you as our one God, a little Child lying helpless in the manger! “– St. John Paul II



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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A Note From the Pastor ...



Dear St. Malachy Parishioners,
Happy Gaudete Sunday!

Friends, how was your time with Jesus in prayer this week? Remember, prayer is the most important form of preparation for Christmas. Nothing else can take its place. Nothing else is more important. Also, nothing else fills our hearts with the kind of hope and peace that enable us to take up the call of this Third Sunday of Advent to REJOICE (Gaudete)! Like I said last weekend in this weekly bulletin letter, if we ask that question at the end of a week (or of a day) and find that we must answer honestly that we have failed to make time to be with the Lord in prayer this past week, we do not become discouraged, but simply resolve to make time to be with Him today, tomorrow and the next day!

Remember the words I shared with you at the start of Advent, from St. Bernard (biographer and friend of Saint Malachy), regarding the way in which Christ comes to be with us, in our daily lives: *“He comes in spirit and in power... Listen to what our Lord himself says: If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him.” There is another passage of Scripture which reads: “He who fears God will do good,” but something further has been said about the one who loves, that is, that he will keep God’s Word. Where is God’s Word to be kept? Obviously in the heart, as the prophet says: “I have hidden Your Words in my heart, so that I may not sin against You.” Keep God’s Word in this way. Let it enter into your very being, let it take possession of your desires and your whole way of life. Feed on goodness, and your soul will delight in its richness. Remember to eat your bread, or your heart will wither away. Fill your soul with richness and strength... He is our rest and consolation.” In the latter days of Advent, let us remember that it is not too late to find rest and consolation in the Lord and so find the JOY that comes with the mystery of God With Us.*

Please note: In order to focus on preparing my body, mind and soul for Christmas, beginning on Wednesday, December 16th, I will discontinue non-sacramental in-person appointments and also refrain from greeting in the narthex. There will be no changes to the sacramental schedule and I will still be available by phone and email.

In Christ Through Mary,



Fr. Daniel P. Gifford

St. Malachy, Pray for us



Pray unceasingly

St. Malachy Advent Giving Tree

St. Malachy Social Justice Committee is once again sponsoring our Advent Giving Tree. Our Giving Tree will be a little bit different this year due to the pandemic. Instead of asking for household items as in years past, this year, we are asking for financial donations only, which will be used to purchase Heaven Sent Gift Cards.



Make your checks out to St. Malachy's and mail in your donation or drop it off in the church office. You may also put your donation in a marked envelope in the collection basket. Mark your envelope "Giving Tree" and your donation preference for one of the five charities listed below:

1. The Food Pantry/Pantry Patrons
2. Humility Homes and Services
3. Local Students in Need
4. The New Life Farm
5. Backpack Blessings

The Giving Tree will be set up near the church office the first weekend of Advent (Nov.28-29th) as a visual reminder and donations will be accepted until the fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec.20th).

There are so many people in our area in need at this time, please join us in helping those less fortunate this Christmas.

Thank you from the Social Justice Committee.

O Come, O Come... :
An Oasis Advent
Evening of Recollection

Oasis will be having a special night of Advent preparation. Start your finals week with Jesus and prepare your hearts for Christmas. We will have live Adoration, praise and worship music, and Reconciliation to help prepare our hearts for Christmas.



When: Sunday,
Dec. 13th 6 – 7 pm

Where: Meet in Church

Please note: We will also live stream the evening if you are unable to attend in person.



2021 Calendars are available

The calendars are located in the Narthex and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Catholic Diocese of Peoria Offers a Holy Hour of Prayer for People Caring for and Suffering with COVID-19



The Catholic Diocese of Peoria invites all people of good faith to pray in this most precarious time for those suffering from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and for those who serve on the front line of caring for the sick. On Thursday, Dec. 17 at 7:00pm in the Cathedral of St. Mary, a Holy Hour will be offered to pray in an intentional way for this unique and troubling moment. Gathering with our future priests, our seminarians, we will pray for the sick and suffering, for our health care worker and their supporting staffs, for all essential workers and for an end to the pandemic. In the short days and long nights of winter, we can often focus more on darkness than light. Yet

the Church beckons us in the Advent season to not lose hope. In the final days of Advent, utilizing ancient titles for God, the "O Antiphons," we implore God to come into our lives. All are invited to join in this prayer time, which will be livestreamed from the Cathedral to pray "Come, O Divine Healer." We hope that the many individuals who are struggling at this moment know of our prayerful support and encouragement. Coadjutor Bishop Louis Tylka will preach the reflection for this prayer service. To pray along via livestream, go to the CDOP Facebook page.

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO VIEW OUR MASSES ONLINE - PLEASE JOIN US!

Thanks goes out to Dave Wolak who worked with Keith Kennett of Geneseo Channel 50 so that our Sunday Live Streams are back on Geneseo Channel 50! Now there are three options for viewing our Sunday Mass. Without the hard work and dedication Dave puts into all of our live streams, many people would miss out on our Masses entirely. Thanks, Dave!



1. Live Stream of Mass – “Live viewing of Mass” Sunday, 8:15am via our web page: <http://saintmalachy.org> (click the link called “...celebrate Mass with us online”) OR on Facebook at: <https://facebook.com/150yearsingeneseo/live>

2. Videos of previously recorded Masses: Click on “Previous Mass recordings” on our web page: <http://saintmalachy.org> (click “Home” and then click “Masses Online”; (click the Mass you want to view) OR look on Facebook page: <https://facebook.com/150yearsingeneseo/videos> (Click the Mass you want to view)



RCIA 2020 - 2021 will be held virtually this year and is just beginning so there is

still time to join. For more information, please email Dcn Mike Sigwalt at msigwalt23@gmail.com



Don't forget to purchase Heaven Sent Scrip gift cards for all of your shopping needs and gifts! You will be helping raise money for the church and school! Contact Mary at the church office.



IRA Charitable 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. Qualified Charitable Distributions can be used to satisfy all or part of a donor's required minimum distribution if one is due. The law allows you to donate this amount directly to our parish or school during 2020 and have it distributed free of federal income tax! What a wonderful opportunity for those 70 1/2 to help our parish and school. Please contact the person that handles your retirement plan or your tax advisor if you are interested in making such a donation.

Advent Ideas for Families



To view ideas for families to do during Advent, go to our web page at saintmalachy.org and click on the photo like the one shown here



Diocese of Peoria Annual Financial Report

If you would like to view the annual financial report for the Peoria Diocese, go to our web page at saintmalachy.org and

click on the photo like the one shown here.



Benet House Retreat Center at St. Mary Monastery

Due to Covid-19, the Center will be closed through March 2021, but are offering virtual retreats for spiritual and prayerful opportunities during this difficult time.

- **Henri Nouwen Reading Group:** If you find Henri Nouwen's books help you strengthen your Christian faith and draw closer to the heart of God; you are not alone! We are committed to reading all Henri's books. . 1st Tuesday of each month. Next session: Tues. Jan. 5, 1:30 - 3 pm; Leaders: St. Bobbi Bussan, OSB and Linda Clewell, SMM Oblate. Fee: \$15/session; purchase own book.
- **Lectio Divina: Weekly Prayer: Leader: Linda Clewell, SMM Oblate.** Lectio Divina is the foundation for Benedictine prayer. Consider making it a steady prayer in your life. With contemplative reading, listening and seeing, we can learn to recognize the Divine Presence in all things. **Tuesdays: Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26; 9-10 am; Fee: Free will offering.**
- **Centering Prayer: Leader: Linda Clewell, SMM Oblate.**
Wednesdays: Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27; 1-2 pm; Free will offering.
- **The Word Among Us: Jan. 11 and 25; 1-2:30 pm; Retreat Leader: Sr. Charlotte Sonnevile, OSB. Fee: \$50 series, plus cost of subscription to Word Among Us Publication.**
- **The Psalms: Prayers for All Life's Experiences: The Book of Psalms is the heart of Benedictine prayer. The Psalms express a variety of life's experiences including pain, anguish, joy and praise. Jan. 14; 9:30-11:30 am; Retreat Leader: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB. Fee: \$15 session or \$90 series.**
- **Silent Directed Retreat: What do you see? (Jn 1:35-42): You will need a candle, Bible and prayer space in your home. Spiritual Directors: Sr. Margaret Murphy, OSB; Sr. Mary Schmidt, OSB; Toni Petersen, SMM Oblate; Sr. Kathy Sadler, OSF. Fri. Jan. 15-Mon. Jan. 18; 3-Day Retreat; Fee: \$180; OR Fri. Jan. 15-Wed. Jan. 20; 5-Day Retreat; Fee: \$270**
- **Wisdom Women Series: Rejoice in and Discover Our Wisdom: Join this new group! We will nurture our Wisdom by reflecting on and discussing Wisdom in Scripture; Wisdom Women in the Bible and throughout history; Wisdom Women today and our Wisdom. Articles, books, videos, and music will inspire our discussion. 3rd Thursday each month. Next session: Thurs. Jan. 21, 11-12:30 pm; Leader: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB. Fee: Whatever donation you'd like to make.**

For more information and pricing contact Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB

Phone: 309-283-2108 Email: retreats@smmsisters.org

Web: www.smmsisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs

Please keep our 9th Grade Confirmation Students in your prayers as they prepare to complete the process of initiation into the Catholic Faith Community.

Braden Boone

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Kelsey Dillie

Noah Disterhoft

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Jenna Freadhoff

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Caiya Holke

April Kelley

Kylie Maertens

Kay McAvoy

Celina Peña

Ella Pettit

Reed Preston

Jake Rapps

Jake Rapps

Jackson Reade

Leah Roemer

Bryce Sanders

Grace Schilling

Madison Simms

Belle Stroud

Mia Vandemore

Joe VanDeWoestyne

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen

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