

# St. Malachy-St. John Catholic Cluster



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### The Babbling Bruch

Joy creeps into the readings this week. We are closer to the moment when God takes on a human identity, becomes flesh, and dwells among us. God becoming human casts new light on our own identity.

Both Isaiah and John the Baptist wrestle with questions of identity. How about taking time to check on our own identity?

Before discovering our identity, it is necessary to wade through what we've been told about ourselves from early on. What untruths about my own identity linger in my heart, blocking knowledge of who I really am; a beloved child of God?

John said he was a voice. How would you describe yourself? A voice? A heart? An ear? An open hand? An iron fist? A backbone? Both Isaiah and John claimed to have been sent by God. In what way do you feel sent? To do what? To be what? Are you living your true and intended identity?

In this season of darkness John testifies to the light. How might you testify to the light in your words and actions? Where can you point to the light of Christ radiant in your family and parish life?

St. Paul urges that people "test everything" and keep what is good. How open are you to testing new ideas? How confident are you that you know what is worth keeping and worth tossing?

### December 17, 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Daily Mass Schedule  
Monday, December 18 No Mass

#### Tuesday, December 19

8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Nguyen  
10 a.m. Mass at Madrid Home Fr. Bruch  
+Ed & Theresa Hansen

#### Wednesday, December 20

8:20 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Nguyen  
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. John's Fr. Bruch  
+Joe J. Smith  
3 p.m. Westhaven Mass Fr. Nguyen

#### Thursday, December 21

8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Nguyen  
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Malachy's Fr. Bruch  
+Bruno Isolini

#### Friday, December 22

8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Nguyen  
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. John's Fr. Bruch  
+Richard Ricci

#### Saturday, December 23

4 p.m. Mass at St. Malachy's Fr. Nguyen  
+Bill Barnes  
5:30 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Bruch

#### Sunday, December 24

8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Bruch  
9 a.m. Mass at St. Malachy's Fr. Nguyen  
*Special Intentions of Steven Campbell*  
10 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Bruch  
11 a.m. Mass at St. John's Fr. Nguyen  
*For the People*  
4 p.m. Mass at St. Malachy's Fr. Nguyen  
+Jill Sheehan +Madison & Ladurini families  
5 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Bruch  
7:30 p.m. Mass at St. John's Fr. Bruch  
+Fr. James Fangman  
10 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Nguyen

## St. Malachy

### Ministers for Weekend of December 23-24, 2017

Saturday at 4 p.m.

Sunday at 9 a.m.

**Lector:**

Saturday: Brad Lester

Sunday: Dan Renze

**Eucharist:**

Saturday: Bill Geneser

Sunday: Ries Morrissey

**Precious Blood:**

Saturday: Carolyn Erwin, Ron Seemann, Nancy Seemann, Ron Mudge

Sunday: Dcn. Verne Burke, Dwight Frideres, Judy Frideres, Mary LaMar

**Mass Servers:**

Saturday: Harison Bickham, Sabrina Polich

Sunday: Arabella Hau, Kora Johnson

**Ushers:**

Saturday: Jerry Cowles, Ray Ortmann

Sunday: Steve & Lexxi Johnson

**Greeters:**

Saturday: Russ & Marsha Wright-Skinner family

Sunday: Brandon & Jen Burkhardt family

**Gift Bearers:**

Saturday: Russ & Marsha Wright-Skinner family

Sunday: Brandon & Jen Burkhardt family

**Sacristan:**

Saturday: Brad Lester

Sunday: Dcn. Verne Burke

Madrid Home EMHC

December 23<sup>rd</sup>

Keith Kudej

Homebound

December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Dcn. Verne Burke

### Ministers for Weekend of December 24-25, 2017

Eve at 4 p.m.

Day at 9:30 a.m.

**Lector:**

Christmas Eve: Jackie Wiperman

Christmas Morning: Marguerite Diederich

**Eucharist:**

Christmas Eve: Ray Ortmann

Christmas Morning: Ron Mudge

**Precious Blood:**

Christmas Eve: Linda Martin, Keith Kudej, Charla Kudej, Carolyn Erwin

Christmas Morning: Dcn. Verne Burke, Mindy Burke, Denise Hiveley, Jamie Rochleau

**Mass Servers:**

Christmas Eve: Loretta Ostermeier, Hannah Bickham

Christmas Morning: Elizabeth Tranel, Peyton Lehman

**Ushers:**

Christmas Eve: Bruce Baumgarn, Bill Mohn

Christmas Morning: Jamie & Elijah Rochleau

**Greeters:**

Christmas Eve: Barry & Judi Wills

Christmas Morning: Scott & Bobbi Jo Smith family

**Gift Bearers:**

Christmas Eve: Sheehan family

Christmas Morning: Scott & Bobbi Jo Smith family

**Sacristan:**

Christmas Eve: Charla Kudej

Christmas Morning: Jamie Rochleau

## St. John

### Ministers for Weekend of December 24, 2017

**Lector:**

11 a.m.: Steve Banks

7:30 p.m.: Jim Kennedy

**Mass Servers:**

11 a.m.: Jacob Samuelson, Matthew Samuelson

7:30 p.m.: Ella Keenan, Sam Christensen

**Ushers:**

11 a.m.: Mike & Cindy Moses

7:30 p.m.: Steve Lawler, Randy Eich

**Preparation of Gifts:**

11 a.m.: Jim & Julie Kennedy family

7:30 p.m.: Leanne Samuelson family

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

11 a.m.: Jessica Christensen, Ed Keenan, Amy

Keenan, Traci Kieffer, Matthew Graham

7:30 p.m.: Joe D. Smith, Kirsten Smith, Mike Moses,

Cindy Moses, Barb Henning

**Sacristans:**

11 a.m.: Jessica Christensen

7:30 p.m.: Joe D. & Kirsten Smith

**Collection Counting:**

Jessica Christensen, Traci Kieffer

**Please pray for the following parish family members:** Brandon Bougher – the grandson of Helen Fisher

**Collection December 8, 2017**

Adult...\$160.00 Loose...\$34.00

Christmas Flowers...\$5.00

**Total...\$199.00**

**Collection December 10, 2017**

Adult...\$1176.00 Loose...\$108.00

Immaculate Conception...\$25.00 Christmas...\$25.00

Catholic Charities...\$25.00

Votive...\$5.00

**Total...\$1359.00**

**Religious Education:**

Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>:

No Class

**Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is a personal and parish spiritual renewal process.** To date, CRHP has impacted over 1,400 parishes throughout the United States. CRHP is now the primary process for both personal and parish spiritual renewal. Boone County CRHP Women's Formation team meetings: Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart 7 p.m.  
**Next Women's Retreat: February 24-25<sup>th</sup> at St. John's!**

## St. Malachy – cont'd

Please pray for the following parish family members: Deanna Seeman, Chuck Ostermeier. Patti Vignovich, the special intention of Annette Polich and several special intentions of Jerry & Tammy Loew.

### Collection December 7-8, 2017

Adult...\$150.00 Holy Day...\$136.00 Youth...\$1.00 Loose...\$72.00 Candles...\$6.00 Christmas Flowers...\$35.00 **Total...\$400.00**

### Collection December 9-10, 2017

Adult...\$3028.00 Youth...\$33.00 Loose...\$233.00 Improvement...\$40.00 Candles...\$26.00 Flowers...\$85.00 CCHD...\$30.00 Immaculate Conception...\$70.00 Christmas...\$10.00 Sponsor Children...\$28.00 Catholic Charities...\$5.00  
**Total...\$3588.00**

Counters Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – Christine Tranel & Jack Wade

**Religious Education:** Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>: *Communal Penance 6:30 p.m.*; Christmas Program Practice 6:30 p.m.; Confirmation 6:30-7:45 p.m.; Christmas Program 7:15 p.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration** Tuesdays 1-9 p.m. with **Divine Mercy Chaplets** 1-1:30 p.m. & 6-6:30 p.m.

## General Announcements

Parish offices will be closed from Noon, Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> until 8 a.m. Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> for Christmas vacation. If you have an emergency and need a priest, please contact Fr. Bruch directly.

2018 offering envelopes and calendars are now available in both parishes. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience. If you did not receive envelopes and would like to, please contact the parish office.

**Reminder...** *“As we prepare for year end, please be mindful that donations must be received (or postmarked if mailed) by December 31 in order to be deductible in 2017. If postmarked or received after 12-31-17, the donation will be deductible in 2018. To comply with federal law, we cannot accept donations in 2018 for 2017 or in 2017 for 2018.”*

St. Malachy's fifth grade religious education class is doing Advent service projects. Mila Grothus will be selling hot cocoa after Mass today near Hansen Hall for \$1.00. All proceeds will be donated to help with the sponsorship of Esvin and Merlin, our sponsor children.

**Deadline to order Memorial Bricks from St. Malachy's Knights of Columbus is December 24<sup>th</sup>.** For more information please contact Brandon Burkhart at 515-291-1190.

Following a 21-year career of service and leadership at Madrid Home Communities President/CEO Keith Kudej will be retiring at the end of December. Kudej said, “I made the decision to retire two years ago. The Madrid Home Communities board and I have worked hard since then to make sure the future of the organization is secure before this transition and have every confidence that Madrid Home Communities will continue to succeed.” A celebration is planned on January 5 from 4-7 PM in the Pedretti Room at the Madrid Home.

Kudej and the Madrid Home Communities board have been in discussions for over a year to partner with Western Home Communities non-profit organization based in Cedar Falls, IA. With Kudej's retirement comes a new partnership for Madrid Home Communities to help in the transition of leadership and provide continued expertise in senior living.

**Christmas Shopping Day at Greater Love Ministries**, 613 W. North St. (next to the Madrid Home), 9-11 a.m. and 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Christmas shopping is for all interested Madrid residents. All new items including: clothing of many sizes for children & adults; toys; and a multitude of other items. We're here to help you enjoy the spirit of giving at Christmas! Call 795-3913 for more information.

### **Diocesan Annual Appeal**

Our solicitation for the 2017-2018 DAA continues, *The Church is Always in Need of Renewal!* St. Malachy's goal this year is \$18,493 and St. John's goal is \$7,523.

**So far, we have \$15,193.75 at St. Malachy's and \$5375.00 at St. John's in either one-time gifts or pledges.**

St. Malachy's needs \$3299.25 and St. John's needs \$2148.00 to reach our goals. We are very grateful for your generous response. Those gifts to come will hopefully help us to reach our goal!!

### **Community Christmas Dinner**

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m.

Community United Methodist Church in Ogden.

All are welcome. Call 275-4015 for a reservation – carry out available.



**Attention Married Couples:** "God reveals Himself through the Love of a couple" Attend **a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. For information and to register go to [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call [563-608-3305](tel:563-608-3305) or email: [JLJwwmeo8@Gmail.com](mailto:JLJwwmeo8@Gmail.com)

### **Daily Readings December 18-24, 2017**

**Monday – Late Advent Weekday**

Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25

**Tuesday – Late Advent Weekday**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25

**Wednesday – Late Advent Weekday**

Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-28

**Thursday – Late Advent Weekday; St. Peter Canisius**

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-45

**Friday – Late Advent Weekday**

1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56

**Saturday – Late Advent Weekday; St. John of Kanty**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66

**Sunday – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

Vigil; Christmas

Is 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25

### **Boone County Weekend Masses**

Saturday:	4:00 p.m.	St. Malachy's; Madrid
	5:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart; Boone
Sunday:	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart; Boone
	9:00 a.m.	St. Malachy's; Madrid
	10:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart; Boone
	11:00 a.m.	St. John's; Ogden

### **Boone County Reconciliation**

Saturday:	3-3:30 p.m.	St. Malachy's; Madrid
	5-5:15 p.m.	Sacred Heart; Boone
Sunday:	Appointment	St. John's; Ogden

### **New Parishioner?**

Please call the parish office for information and a registration.

### **New Contact Information?**

Please notify the parish office with updated information on phone, address and e-mail.

### **Baptism Class**

This class is required for 1<sup>st</sup> born child or if it's been several years since your last class. Register prior to the birth of your child, baptisms will be scheduled upon completion of the class! Please call Fr. Bruch or the parish office for more information.

### **Marriage Preparation**

A six month Marriage preparation is required. Please call the parish office or Fr. Bruch prior to making any arrangements.

### **Pastoral Visits/Hospital Calls**

Please notify the parish office or Fr. Bruch if you or a family member are ill or in the hospital. Also, please notify the hospital that you would like a visit from your Pastor.

### **Mass Times While Traveling**

Check out [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to find out the Mass times at your destination. You will need the Zip Code or Phone number of the Parish you plan to visit for this service.

