

St. Malachy-St. John Catholic Cluster



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The Babbling Bruch

What a wonderful sign and motto we hear over and over in this season of grace - Keep Christ in Christmas! Now, how do we do that? It reminds me of those words, "I love you", which we hopefully tell others, but then having said that, our challenge is to live it every day.

If anything, Advent is a time for quiet and reflection - and that is a choice we are invited to make. Yes, we can reflect as we are driving the car, scrubbing the floor, vacuuming, doing dishes etc., etc. But how about taking to heart the words of the Lord: 'when you pray, go to your room shut the door and pray to your Father...'

I know I have an advantage, living so close to church, as I find that such a perfect place to pray and reflect, but it doesn't happen because I just think about it - I must act and do it. The greatest gift you can give your family and our faith community is to take some time when we are the busiest to bring the Lord into our world.

Many thanks for all the birthday cards, wonderful messages, generous gifts and especially those prayers. God Bless!

December 3, 2017 1st Sunday of Advent

Daily Mass Schedule
Monday, December 4 No Mass

Tuesday, December 5

8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Nguyen presides
10 a.m. Mass at the Cedars Fr. Bruch presides
+Louise Wade

Wednesday, December 6

8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Nguyen presides
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. John's Fr. Bruch presides
+Susie Anthoney

Thursday, December 7

8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Nguyen presides
Vigil; Immaculate Conception
7 p.m. Mass at St. Malachy's Fr. Bruch presides
Special Intentions of Jackie Wipperman

Friday, December 8

Immaculate Conception

8:20 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Nguyen presides
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Malachy's Fr. Bruch presides
+Sam, Dee & Johnny Pagliai family
6 p.m. Mass at St. John's Fr. Bruch presides
+Steve Seeman
6:30 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Nguyen presides

Saturday, December 9

4 p.m. Mass at St. Malachy's Fr. Nguyen presides
+Lawrence & Beatrice Reardon +Ken Seemann
5:30 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Bruch presides

Sunday, December 10

8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Bruch presides
9 a.m. Mass at St. Malachy's Fr. Nguyen presides
+Francis Schealler
10 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Bruch presides
11 a.m. Mass at St. John's Fr. Nguyen presides
For the People

St. Malachy

Ministers for Weekend of December 9-10, 2017

Saturday at 4 p.m.

Sunday at 9 a.m.

Lector:

Saturday: Charla Kudej

Sunday: Piper Johnson

Eucharist:

Saturday: Ron Seemann

Sunday: Jamie Rochleau

Precious Blood:

Saturday: Volunteer, Bill Geneser, JoEllen Mohn, Nancy Seemann

Sunday: Volunteer, Ries Morrissey, Denise Hiveley, Mindy Burke

Mass Servers:

Saturday: Lilly Ostert, Sabrina Polich

Sunday: Erin Rochleau, Emily Rochleau

Ushers:

Saturday: Brad Lester, Tom Atkinson

Sunday: Youth Mass

Greeters:

Saturday: Donna Burkhart, Joe Ugolini

Sunday: Youth Mass

Gift Bearers:

Saturday: Kim Rouse family

Sunday: Youth Mass

Sacristan:

Saturday: Charla Kudej

Sunday: Jamie Rochleau

Madrid Home EMHC

December 9th

Carolyn Erwin

Homebound

December 8th

Lois Pies

Please pray for the following parish family members:

Deanna Seeman, Chuck Ostermeier, Wendy Ortmann and Patti Vignovich

Collection Thanksgiving & November 25-26, 2017

Adult...\$2822.00 Youth18.00 Loose...\$197.45

Improvement...\$115.00 Candles...\$28.00 Flowers...\$10.00

CCHD...\$162.00 Thanksgiving...\$323.00

Immaculate Conception...\$30.00

Total...\$3710.45

Counters Monday, December 4th –

Charla Kudej & Cheryl Mordini

Religious Education:

Wednesday, December 6th:

PreK-6th Grade 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Youth Group 6:30-8 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 1-9 p.m.



Divine Mercy Chaplets

1-1:30 p.m. & 6-6:30 p.m.

St. John

Ministers for Weekend of December 10, 2017

Lector:

Sunday: Randy Eich

Mass Servers:

Sunday: Brock Crosman, Denali Loecker

Ushers:

Sunday: Jim Kennedy, Barb Henning

Preparation of Gifts:

Sunday: Andrea Smith, Barb Henning

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sunday: Volunteer, Joe D. Smith, Kirsten Smith, Matthew Graham, Traci Kieffer

Sacristans:

Sunday: Linda Keenan

Collection Counting:

Jessica Christensen, Traci Kieffer

St. John's is in need of Mass intentions. If you would like a Mass offered for your intention, please place it in an envelope marked "Mass Intention" in the offering.

Please pray for the following parish family

members: Brandon Bougher – the grandson of Helen Fisher

Collection Thanksgiving & November 26, 2017

Adult...\$1068.00 Loose...\$76.00 Flowers...\$276.00

Military Services...\$40.00

Campaign for Human Development...\$75.00

Total...\$1535.00

Please note... There is no collection for Military Services this year – those envelopes were included by mistake. We will forward those already received to the chancery but please throw that envelope away if you haven't already done so.

Religious Education:

Wednesday, December 6th:

Class 6:15-7:15 p.m.

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: Wednesdays, December 6th at St. John's 7:15 p.m. and December 13th at Sacred Heart 7 p.m.

Next Women's Retreat: February 24-25th at St. John's!

God wants to use your story

for His glory!

St. Malachy's December Ministries schedule includes very small print. Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to contact the parish office if they would like a copy with larger print.

Volunteers are need in both parishes for ministries at Immaculate Conception Masses: St. Malachy's on **Thursday**, December 7th at 7 p.m. and Friday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m. & St. John's on Friday, December 8th at 6 p.m. ***Sign-up sheets are on the Sacristy door in both parishes!!***

Advent Communal Penance will be offered this Sunday, December 3rd – 1 p.m. at St. Malachy's and 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart. Another Communal Penance opportunity will be offered at St. Malachy's on Wednesday, December 20th at 6 p.m. before the Christmas Program.

St. John's will be having an Altar Server Training and Refresher class for new and existing Altar Servers on January 10th from 6:15-7:15pm. If you'd like to have your child become an altar server please email Megan Ulrich stjohnogdendre@hotmail.com. Pizza dinner will be provided at the training!

The St. John's Religious Education program would like to start a Religious Education library!

Students will be able to check out items each week to take home and share with their families! We're seeking new and used religious books, games, activity sets, DVDs and CDs for all age levels! Please contact Megan Ulrich stjohnogdendre@hotmail.com if you can help contribute! For your convenience there is a collection box by the mailboxes in the parish hall.

The Social Justice Committee is sponsoring the annual Angel Giving Tree to benefit those who receive food baskets from Greater Love Ministries during the Holiday Season.

The tree will be on display from Nov. 1st- early December in the main entrance of church. Donated items requested are gift cards/certificates from The Market of Madrid and Dollar General in amounts of \$10 and \$15 again this year. Purchased gift cards/certificates can be dropped off at church or the church office or given to any Social Justice Committee member. Thank you for your generous support and prayers of this service opportunity and of those needing a little extra help this Christmas Season in our community.

Please remember to consider taking an ornament off one of the Giving Trees located near each entrance of the church. The Gift cards will be added to the Christmas food baskets prepared by Greater Love Ministries. The cards need to be received by Dec. 10. Thank you for your generosity!

All are welcome to attend St. John's Soup Luncheon and Christmas Program, Sunday December 17th after the 11 a.m. Mass! Join us for food and fellowship and then stay for the children's program. Santa might even decide to stop by!

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 \$14,443.75 at St. Malachy's and \$5350.00 at St. John's in either one-time gifts or pledges.

St. Malachy's needs \$4049.25 and St. John's needs \$2173.00 to reach our goals. We are very grateful for your generous response. Those gifts to come will hopefully help us to reach our goal!!

The Madrid Home Resident Christmas party will be held on December 22nd and there will be open times December 11th- 15th for volunteers to help wrap Christmas presents! (call and schedule a time if you are interested) Some things that are good for Christmas presents are: pants of any size (elastic band), nail polish, jewelry, grippy socks, individual snacks, shirts of any size, Kleenex, Calendars for 2018.

ALL CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO BE DELIVERED BEFORE DECEMBER 8TH PLEASE!

Community Christmas Dinner

Monday, December 25th 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 or call [563-608-3305](tel:563-608-3305) or email: JLjwwmeo8@gmail.com

Daily Readings December 4-10, 2017

Monday – Advent Weekday; *St. John Damascene*

Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday – Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday – Advent Weekday; *St. Nicholas*

Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37

Thursday – *St. Ambrose*

Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday – *Immaculate Conception*

Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Saturday – Advent Weekday;

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

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 1st 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 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.

