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# PRESS RELEASE

## Bishop David J. Malloy to Ordain Three to Priesthood

ROCKFORD--On Saturday, June 5, at 11 a.m., Bishop David Malloy will ordain three men to the holy order of priesthood for the Diocese of Rockford.

The Sacred Rite of Ordination will take place in the Cathedral of St. Peter, 1243 N. Church Street, Rockford. Bishop Malloy will be joined by diocesan clergy and friends and family of the priests-to-be as he confers the sacrament of Holy Orders to the three who will then serve as priests to Catholics in the 11- county diocese.

The men to be ordained to the sacred priesthood are:

**The Rev. Mr. Aaron Downing**, age 28 — son of Edward and Theresa Downing of Roscoe. His home parishes are St. Peter, South Beloit and Church of Holy Apostles in McHenry.

**The Rev. Mr. James Linkenheld**, age 27— son of Jeffrey and Carol Linkenheld of Belvidere. His home parish is St. James, Belvidere.

**The Rev. Mr. John McFadden**, age 26— son of John and Patty McFadden of Crystal Lake. His home parish is St. Thomas the Apostle, Crystal Lake.

The ordination ceremony is not open to the public to allow ample room for clergy, family and friends of the priests-to-be to take part. The ceremony will be streamed live on the Diocese of Rockford YouTube Channel and the Diocese of Rockford Facebook page. To find out more about the diocesan priesthood visit

<https://www.rockforddiocese.org/vocations/>

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