

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday Dec 6	Tuesday Dec 7	Wednesday Dec 8	Thursday Dec 9	Friday Dec 10	Saturday Dec 11	Sunday Dec 12
8:00 am Mass +Living & Deceased members of the Harold Kline family (SH)	8:00 am Mass + Andy Boon (SH)	9:15 am Mass + Brodie Mosman (SJ)	8:00 am Mass + Richard Sawyer (SH)	8:00 am Mass + Jim Wetzeler (SH)	4:00 pm Mass + Living & Deceased Bacon Family (SH)	8:00 am Mass + Sandi Rose (SH)
1 pm - 9 pm Adoration (SM)	12:00 pm All School Mass + Geri Klesel (SH)	Adoration after Mass till 7pm (SH)	9:00 am Faith Sharing (SH)	9:15 am Mass + Harry Sechrest (SJ)	5:30 pm Mass For the People (SM)	8:30 am Mass + Doreen Hanlon & Linda Martin (SM)
8:30 am Reaching Every Child Rosary (SH)	7:00 pm KC Meeting (SH)	5:30 pm Mass + Living & Deceased Kerwood family (SH)	2:30 pm Rosary (SH)	9am - 2pm Parents day out (SH)	9am - 2pm Parents day out (SH)	10:00 am Mass + Peter Minh Ho (SJ)
7:00 pm Men's Zoom Bible Study (SH)	5:30 pm Mass + Maureen Vignovich (SM)	5:30 am Mass + Joe & Florence Polish (SM)	6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (SM)	10:00 am Mass For the People (SH)	Youth Group after Mass (SH)	10:00 am Mass For the People (SH)
Religious Ed (SH & SJ)	Religious Ed (SM)	6:30 pm Religious Ed (SM)	6:30 pm Social Justice meeting (SM)	1:00 pm Christmas Dueling Pianos reception after in hall (SH)		
6:30 pm RCIA (SH)	6:45 pm Children's Rosary					

# Boone County Catholic Community



## Welcome to Boone County Catholic Community

Newcomers are asked to register by going to [www.boonecountycatholics.org](http://www.boonecountycatholics.org), printing a registration form, filling it out in its entirety, and returning it to the parish office. Please let us know of any changes in your contact information so that we can keep our records current.

\*If you would like to add something to the bulletin please e-mail Deanna Pearson at [parishsecretary@shboone.com](mailto:parishsecretary@shboone.com).

\*If you are wanting to use Fitzgerald Hall or the hall at St. John's, please call the Sacred Heart Parish Office at 432-1971

## Stewardship for November 28, 2021

### Sacred Heart

Adult...\$8,440.50 Loose...\$660.05 Youth...\$48.50 Dollar Collection...\$263.85 Votives...\$6.00 Improvement...\$130.00 Food Pantry...\$10.00 Christmas Flowers...\$187.00 St. Joseph...\$30.00 Retired Religious...\$100.00 Christmas....\$25.00 **Total...\$9,900.90**

### St. Malachy's

Adult...\$2,267.00 Loose...\$307.00 Improvement...\$100.00 Candle Stand...\$14.00 Food Pantry...\$105.00 Christmas Flowers...\$30.00 All Saints...\$25.00 KC Food Drive...\$30.00 St. Joseph's...\$100.00 **Total...\$2,978.00**

### Boone County Catholic Community End of Year Giving

As we prepare for year end, to comply with federal law, donations must be received in our office (or postmarked) by 12/31/2021 to be included on your 2021 parishioner statement. If received in our office (or postmarked) on 1/1/2021 or after, the donation will be included on your 2022 statement. We cannot accept donations in 2021 for 2022 or in 2022 for 2021. The Parish offices will be closed on December 31st so please plan ahead for your end of year giving. Thank you for your understanding and generosity!

*Ave Crux Spes Unica*

*Hail the Cross, Our Only Hope*

### Sacred Heart

915 12th St  
Boone, Iowa 50036  
515-432-1971

### St John's

801 W. Division St  
Ogden, Iowa 50212  
515-432-1971

### St Malachy's

207 Gerald St  
Madrid, Iowa 50156  
515-795-2731

**Church Website**  
[www.boonecountycatholics.org](http://www.boonecountycatholics.org)

**Our School**  
1111 Marshall St  
Boone, Iowa 50036  
515-432-4124

**Website**  
[www.shboone.com](http://www.shboone.com)

*Second Sunday of Advent · December 5, 2021*

## Boone County Catholic Community News

### Fr. Tim's Tidbits

Very few symbols stand out as does the Advent Wreath, usually placed in or near the sanctuary. Especially with these four weeks approaching Christmas with all other decorations removed, the lighting of the candles on the wreath is a reminder of the Christ Jesus' light becoming more pronounced and profound as Christmas nears. There have been a few hints of an "Advent wreath" in the early history of the church but nothing substantiated. Most likely the roots of this symbol and custom began with a Lutheran minister in the mid 1800's who was trying to convey the approaching hope of Christmas to a group of children in Germany. With a wheel from a cart he created a wreath with four white candles inside the ring and twenty smaller red candles on the outer ring. Lighting another red candle during each weekday approaching Christmas, and another white candle with each passing Sunday, the Lutheran minister wanted to the children to recognize how the light of Jesus increased as the days got closer to Christmas. There are a few historical accounts that put the inception of Advent as a church tradition somewhere around the 4th or 5th century. Other traditions use Advent as a way to anticipate the second coming of Jesus Christ, which has yet to transpire. However, most of what we know and practice today, can be traced back to the Middle Ages and later 19th century. In 1851, the first mention of an Advent calendar was seen in Elise Averdieck's picture book, and in 1839, the advent wreath first appeared. Advent Wreaths now a common symbol within the churches of various Christian denominations, symbolizes the light of Christ as we approach Christmas and secondarily, the circle denoting the continuous life across the seasons, from the death of winter to the new life of Spring. Thus, at each Mass we quietly watch as the lit candles are brought forth, giving us pause to consider the light of our faith present in these ever shorter and colder days. In truth, the advent wreath partially reflects Native American spirituality: "belief that the circular shape represents the continuous pattern of life and death, the path of the sun and moon representing totality, the infinite, eternity—God whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere." As part of the parish hall addition at Sacred Heart, the marble statue of our Blessed Mother (Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception) was recently set in place in the 'courtyard' space. Thank you to the donor who made this possible, and the crew of volunteers who very carefully set the 1,300 pound icon of Mary in place. Statues such as that of Blessed Mother Mary and St. Teresa of Avila on the south side of St. Malachy church, and the statue of St. John next to the sanctuary in the church at Ogden, reflect a presence of God's grace here on earth and within our fallible humanity. In fact, religious statues often depicted the Catholic faith to the many who were illiterate through the sixteenth century. Alongside stain glass windows, they reflected the work of God here on earth through the humanity and faith of others. Emerging from Judaism, the "house churches" of early followers was absent any such symbols such as statues, a practice that stems from the restrictions within the Hebrew faith, believing such art so to speak would cause idol worship. Once Christianity emerged as the official religion of the Roman Empire under Constantine in the fifth century, statues became a prominent symbol within churches, a "vehicle of expression" of God's grace and through the faithful endeavors of humans. Rather than an inanimate object that could lead to idol worship, a certain statue can provide a vista of God's presence working in this world of ours. As a child into my teens, the statue of the Sacred Heart. There are a few historical accounts that put the inception of Advent as a church tradition somewhere around the 4th or 5th century. Other traditions use Advent as a way to anticipate the second coming of Jesus Christ, which has yet to transpire. However, most of what we know and practice today, can be traced back to the Middle Ages and later 19th century. In 1851, the first mention of an Advent calendar was seen in Elise Averdieck's picture book, and in 1839, the advent wreath first appeared. Advent Wreaths now a common symbol within the churches of Jesus on my dresser provided a calming, protective presence of God watching over me. As we do before weekend Masses and when requested, this weekend we are offering Advent Communal Penance Service at each church this Sunday: 11:00am at St. John's; 1:00pm at Sacred Heart; 3:00pm at St. Malachy. Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the healing and forgiving presence of God who desires to take away any barrier (sin) that prevents his presence in our daily life and relationships. And, with the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament, the very real grace of inner-peace enters our heart and very soul. Receiving this Sacrament prior to Christmas may well be the one gift that opens us up to the real meaning of this sacred day. Stepping into this second week of Advent, may we strive for Christian humility in our preparation for the holy day of Christmas. Mother Teresa gives us these simple guidelines: To speak as little as possible of one's self. To mind one's own business. Not to want to manage other people's affairs. To accept contradictions and correction cheerfully. To pass over the mistakes of others. To accept insults and injuries. To accept being slighted, forgotten and disliked. To be kind and gentle even under provocation. Never to stand on one's dignity.

God Bless, Fr. Tim

FYI: "To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." (C.S. Lewis)

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#### **Communal Penance**

We will be offering Communal Penance on Dec 5th at 11:00 am at St. John's, 1:00 pm at Sacred Heart 3:00 pm at St. Malachy's.

**Children's Rosary** Join us for our monthly rosary this Wednesday, Dec. 8th, at 6:45 p.m. at Sacred Heart. All are welcome to attend.

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**Dueling Pianos - Christmas Edition** Join us at 1 pm on Sunday, Dec. 12th for a special edition of Dueling Pianos by Fr. Ross and Monica Pearson. The event will be held at Sacred Heart. There will be a free will offering benefiting the Sacred Heart music program.

#### **Parent's Day Out—Dec. 11, 9 - 2 p.m.**

Calling all parents! On Saturday, Dec. 11th from 9—2 p.m. we are offering FREE childcare for all Boone County Catholic parishioners. Perhaps you would like to spend the day shopping without little ones underfoot? Or maybe quiet time to yourself? If so, drop off the kids (at Sacred Heart in Boone) and let us feed and entertain them while you spend the day as you wish. All ages welcome. Register your kids by visiting the website. <https://boonecountycatholics.org/events/parents-day-out-shc>.

**Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation** Please join us on December 8th for this special Solemnity. Mass times are as follows: Tues. Dec. 7th at 5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart, Wed. Dec. 8th at 9:15 a.m. St. John's, 12:00 p.m. Sacred Heart, 5:30 p.m. St. Malachy's. "No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and the birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin." (United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 142-143)

### Sacred Heart/St. John's

**Wreaths Across America** Join us at the Sacred Heart Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 18th at 11 a.m. as we show our veterans and their families that we will not forget. We will never forget. We will be holding a short program followed by a blessing of the wreaths (we have over 300!). Family members may place a wreath on the headstone of their loved one. Immediately following the wreath laying we will be offering a light lunch in our Parish Hall for those in attendance. You may still sponsor a wreath if you'd like, the cost is \$15. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart. You will find envelopes in the entrances of the church marked Wreaths Across America.

#### **Tree of Hope**

This year our Tree of Hope has been placed in the lower narthex. The tree is filled with a variety of ornaments listing items needed for our fellow parishioners or members of our community. Please take an ornament (or more) from the tree and return the item(s) (unwrapped) by December 20th. Thank you for sharing your treasures this holiday season.

#### **Homebound Communion**

If you know someone who is homebound and needing communion in the Ogden area please contact Linda Keenan at 515-230-5322. She will be taking communion after the 10 am Mass in Ogden on Sundays.

**Youth Group Tacos & Theology** All high school students are invited to join us after the 10am Mass at Sacred Heart on July 12th for tacos and Q&A with Fr. Ross.

### St. Malachy's

#### **Religious Ed**

The parish is welcome to join St. Malachy religious ed program on Wednesday, December 15 at 7:15 pm as they present their Christmas program of the Nativity. Admission is a free-will offering toward the support of our sponsor children in Central America.

#### **Coffee and Donuts**

Join us for coffee & rolls following 8:30 Mass at St. Malachy (today, December 5). Children are also welcome to come to the St. Nicholas workshop to make ornaments or gifts as we recognize St. Nicholas' feast day on December 6.

#### **Giving Tree**

All are invited to purchase a \$10 or \$15 gift certificate from either the Market of Madrid or Dollar General to be distributed through Greater Love Ministries. We are also taking monetary donations to be used to purchase items for "Winter Warmth" which includes coats, hats, gloves, socks, etc. for those in need. Giving Trees are located near the entrances to church and are decorated with ornaments and envelopes. Donations can be returned in the collection at Mass or mailed to the parish office at 207 Gerald St., Madrid, IA 50156. Please make checks payable to St. Malachy's and write in the memo line. Please call Tammy Loew at 515-290-2580 or Marsha at 515-720-1429 with questions.

St. Malachy's Social Justice committee thanks you for your support and prayers for this project and for those who will benefit from it.

### Sacred Heart School

Preschool Plus! Coming to Sacred Heart School for the 2022-2023 school year. We are excited to share that we will be offering all day 4 year-old preschool, 5 days a week next fall!

This will give families two options:

- 1) All day/every day Preschool and Preschool Plus: Mornings will be funded through the free State-Wide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP) and afternoon care and instruction with a licensed Early Childhood Educator (additional cost).
- 2) Everyday (including Wednesday) morning Preschool (free) funded through the SWVPP: The same, great program now with Wednesday mornings. Register beginning December 1st (school families and parishioners) or January 1st (general public) by calling 515-432-4124.