

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday Jan 31	Tuesday Feb 1	Wednesday Feb 2	Thursday Feb 3	Friday Feb 4	Saturday Feb 5	Sunday Feb 6
8:00 am Mass + <i>Andy Boon</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Joanna McHugh</i> (SH)	12:00 pm All School Mass + <i>Eldon & Madonna Blanshan</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Connie Lue McCoy Lacey</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Larry Schroeder</i> (SH)	4:00 pm Mass <i>For the people</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Terry Garvey</i> (SH)
8:30 am REC Rosary (SH)	1 pm - 9 pm Adoration (SM)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Living & Deceased Wade & Wipperman families</i> (SM)	Adoration after Mass till 7pm (SH)	9:15 am Mass <i>Special Intention for Reaching Every Child</i> (SJ)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Sharon Seeman</i> (SM)	8:30 am Mass <i>For the People</i> (SM)
7:00 pm Men's Zoom Bible Study (SH)	7:00 pm KC Meeting (SH)		2:30 pm Rosary (SH)			10:00 am Mass + <i>Charlotte Sawyer</i> (SH)
7:30 pm Exodus 90 (SM)		5:30 pm Religious Ed Classes	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Fred & Marcella Boresi</i> (SM)			10:00 am Mass + <i>Brodie Mosman</i> (SJ)
Pizza Ranch Tip Night		6:30 pm RCIA (SH)	6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (SM)			

Welcome to Boone County Catholic Community

Newcomers are asked to register by going to 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.

*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

* If you would like to use Hansen Hall at St. Malachy's Please contact Kirsten Smith here at Sacred Heart or at St. Malachy's on Tuesdays and Fridays

Stewardship for January 24, 2022

Sacred Heart

Adult...\$12,260.50 Loose...\$345.91 Youth...\$5.00 Dollar Collection...\$285.01 Votives...\$25.00 Improvement...\$185.00 Solemnity of Mary...\$20.00 Food Pantry...\$30.00 Catholic Charities...\$2.00 All Saints...\$2.00
Christmas...\$ **Total...\$13,160.42**

St. Malachy's

Adult...\$2,322.00 Loose...\$214.49 Improvement...\$340.00 Candle Stand...\$12.00 Can Redemption...\$91.60
solemnity of Mary...\$20.00 Briar Cliff...\$25.00 **Total...\$3,025.09**

SH - Sacred Heart SM - St. Malachy's SJ - Saint John's

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*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

St Malachy's

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

Our School

1111 Marshall St
Boone, Iowa 50036
515-432-4124

Church Website

www.boonecountycatholics.org

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www.shboone.com

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Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

“Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts.” (Mother Teresa). On different occasions during the Sacrament of Baptism I’ve noticed a mother or father (or grandparent at times) helping a youngster make the sign of the cross as we began the ritual. More than likely the youngster (usually a sibling of the one to be baptized, or a cousin) doesn’t realize the significance of this simple and yet profound Catholic ritual; a prayer onto itself. For the parents and grandparents it is important, a significant aspect of the foundation of our Catholic-Christian faith. Such desire and hope on the part of parents, adults, grandparents—passing on the faith—is instrumental to efforts of Catholic Schools, and Religious Education programs. Entering Catholic Schools Week, we recognize the value and hope of parochial education, supplementing the efforts and faith shared by families within their homes and daily activities. Our staff and teachers and volunteers within our Catholic Schools—and Religious Education programs—are dedicated, hoping to form and strengthen their students’ Christian faith and character. Grateful for such dedication and hope on behalf of the our teachers and staff and volunteers, Catholic Schools Week gives us pause to recognize the faith and desire of the families who initially form the foundation of a child’s understanding of God, the Christ Jesus’ compassionate presence at their side, and the gift of prayer. As a child grows into the teen years, early adulthood and the independence and relationships that follows—encountering blessings and struggles along the way—faith and the gift of prayer will remain a foundation within their lives. With so many distractions in the world and issues to be confronted, regardless of how far one drifts away from their faith, the foundation of prayer and Christian values will remain the “life preserver” so to speak. As Pope Francis reiterates, “the true joy which we experience in the family is. Not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well.” He emphasized the role of faith shared in family life, and the vital importance of family prayer to call forth God’s grace for strength and gratitude. Catholic Schools reinforces that foundation and hopefully strengthens the family’s Christian character, shared faith and prayer. Personally, my family was blessed with the presence and efforts of Sr. Ralph, Sr. Agatha, Mrs. Monson, at our little St. Joseph School—and their time shared with students in CCD. Highlighting the efforts, the hope, the dedication and sacrifices of the staff, teachers, parents and volunteers within our local Sacred Heart School and Catholic Education programs, may we continue to prosper the foundation of Catholic-Christian faith and prayer within the lives of our youth and families. My knuckles never received the harsh slap of a wooden ruler, but those patient Sisters provided me with plenty of time to ponder my actions while on detention. Jim Henson, creator of the Muppets reminds us of the humanity within education even as technology seems an essential aspect of the classroom experience: “Kids don’t remember what you try to teach them. They remember what you are.”

Next Thursday is the Feast of St. Blaise and the accompanied Blessing of Throats. As has been the custom, the Blessing will be offered on that weekend, before and after the Masses in all churches. Of the many and various Blessings traditionally offered in our Catholic faith, the Blessing of Throats seems the most “oddly” unique. Of course the Church offers the Blessing of Pets on the Feast of St. Francis (Oct. 4th), in addition to the Blessing of the Nativity Scene on Christmas, the Blessing of the Advent Wreath, the Blessing upon Mothers and Fathers on Mother’s Day and Father’s Day respectively, the Blessing of Seeds before Spring planting, the Blessing of a Home, a Blessing of rosaries and other religious items, the Blessing of new Lectors, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers to name a few. Also, the Church offers some fairly unique ritual blessings: Blessing of a Gymnasium, Blessing of a Boat, Blessing of Tools, Blessing of a Factory, Blessing of a Library, Blessing of Fishing Gear, Blessing of a Communication Center or station, Blessing of Livestock. And of course, the blessing of water thus providing a symbol of our baptismal calling as we sign ourselves with the Holy Water entering church. Formal “Blessings” instituted by the Church are signs “perceptible to the senses, have God’s word as their basis and are celebrated from motives of faith. . . .they are signs above all of the spiritual effects that are achieved through the Church’s intercession.” "The blessing of throats is an ancient custom offered on or near the Feast of St. Blasé (who has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those struggling with illnesses of the throat). In the United States the annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian. Oh yes, lest we forget: *“Bless us O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty through Christ our Lord.” May God Bless, Fr. Tim* "The hard soil and four months of snow make the inhabitants of the northern temperate zone wiser and abler than his fellow who enjoys the fixed smile of the tropics." (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

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Free Creighton Model Info Session

Please join us for a Free Creighton Model NFP Intro Session hosted at your local Parishes. The Creighton Model System can be use to avoid or achieve pregnancy as well as monitor health. Learn the true beauty of your body's natural cycle! St. Malachy: 2/2 at 6:30pm, Sacred Heart: 2/16 at 5:30pm. Contact Suzanne Schneider for more info: suzanne.schneiderfc@gmail.com.

Steubenville Youth Conference

All 8th-12th graders are invited to join us at the Steubenville Youth Conference in St. Paul, MN from July 29-31st! This is a can't miss event in your teen's faith formation! Register by January 15th on the Boone County Catholic website.

Holy Hour

Everyone is invited to join us for our next Knights of Columbus Holy Hour at St, Malachy's in Madrid on Sunday, February 20 from 5-6 pm. We will have Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Evening Prayer. Contact Deacon David La Mar for details, 515-291-4775

BINGO!

Load up the kids, get grandma & grandpa and join us in Fitzgerald Hall (Sacred Heart Parish Hall) for an evening of BINGO! All ages are welcome to this free event held on Friday, Feb. 11th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Sacred Heart/St. John’s

Catechist Needed - K/1st Grade

Please contact Megan Ulrich dre@shboone.com or call the parish office if you are interested in serving as a catechist for our Sacred Heart K/1st grade class. No experience necessary! A great way to get involved in the parish and support the faith formation of our young people. Classes meet from 5:30-6:30pm on Wednesdays.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus Boone Leo Council 814 is encouraging all graduating seniors that are members of the Sacred Heart Church to fill out and mail a scholarship application for the 2023 fall semester. Applications are available through the Boone High School guidance counselor's office and must be post marked by March 1st, 2022. If you have any questions, you can call Pete Lonergan @ (515)298-0494 after 5:00 pm weekdays and anytime on the weekend.

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.

Gift Bearers

Anyone is welcome to carry up the gifts (bread, wine and collection) for the offertory at Mass on the weekends. If you would like to do this please just tell the ushers when you get to Mass and they will accommodate you. Thank you!

KC Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast on Sunday January 30th. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, link sausage and a drink for a free will donation. After 8:00 mass in the Fitzgerald Hall. All are welcome.

St. Malachy’s

Save the date!

Sunday, February 27 will be the Mardi Gras carnival (9:30-11 am) and Amore Dinner (4:00-8:00 pm) at St. Malachy. More info will come soon about these fun events that help our youth raise money for summer camps and activities. Save the date! Sunday, February 27 will be the Mardi Gras carnival (9:30-11 am) and Amore Dinner (4:00-8:00 pm) at St. Malachy. More info will come soon about these fun events that help our youth raise money for summer camps and activities.

Social Justice

Please help make Valentine's Day a special treat for the residents at the Madrid Home by donating small gifts for their bingo games. Some items that are happily selected by the winners are snack-size candy bars, small seasonal decorating items, travel-size lotions, hankies, costume jewelry (necklaces, bracelets, earrings, etc.), and all-occasion greeting cards and stamps. Collection containers for these items can be found at both entrances. Thank you for your generosity! St. Malachy's Social Justice Committee.

Catechists of the Good Shepherd

We would like to invite anyone interested in learning more about our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for young children to an open house following 8:30 Mass and Coffee & Rolls on Sunday, February 13 at St. Malachy. DRE Kelley Grothus will speak about the background of and purpose for CGS, and Catechist Sam Mickle will lead a CGS lesson for interested parishioners. You can tour the "Atrium" to see the generous work and donations of parishioners to create materials just right for our youngest parish members. We especially encourage parents of young children ages 3 and under to attend and learn more.

Sacred Heart School

Sacred Heart 4-year-old Preschool Registration is Open

If you would like more information or to get on our class list for 22-23, please call the school office (515) 432-4124.

Pizza Ranch Tip Night Take the night off from cooking and join us at Pizza Ranch on Monday (1/31) evening for Sacred Heart Tip Night. Each adult meal will need a coupon (located on the tables in the church entrance) for Sacred Heart to receive \$2 from the purchase of your meal. Enjoy Sacred Heart students greeting you and clearing your dishes!

Catholic Schools Week Events Catholic Schools Week kicks off Sunday morning with students and families assisting at all Masses. Our Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast Sunday morning after the 8 am Mass for a free will offering. On the bulletin board in the lower hallway you will find a list of the activities taking place over the next week. We hope you can join us for some (or all) of these events.