

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday Feb 14	Tuesday Feb 15	Wednesday Feb 16	Thursday Feb 17	Friday Feb 18	Saturday Feb 19	Sunday Feb 20
Happy Valentines Day 8:00 am Mass + Richard Sawyer (SH) 8:30 am REC Rosary (SH) 7:00 pm Men's Zoom Bible Study (SH) 7:30 pm Exodus 90 (SM)	8:00 am Mass + Constance Kowalewski & Floyd Tilley (SH) 1 pm - 9 pm Adoration (SM) 1:00 pm Prayer Shawls (SH)	12:00 pm All School Mass + Sandra Rigby (SH) 5:30 pm Mass + Joe Nordini (SM) 5:30 pm Religious Ed Classes 6:30 pm RCIA (SH) 7:00 pm Theology on Tap (SH)	8:00 am Mass + Andy Boon (SH) Adoration after Mass till 7pm (SH) 2:30 pm Rosary (SH) 5:30 pm Mass + Gabriel Watson (SM) 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (SM)	8:00 am Mass Special Intention for Jim & Karen Korleski (SH) 9:15 am Mass + Special Intention (SJ)	4:00 pm Mass + Doris Wickman (SH) 5:30 pm Mass For the People (SM)	8:00 am Mass For the people (SH) 8:30 am Mass + Dennis Olson (SM) 10:00 am Mass + John Wilson (SH) 10:00 am Mass + Susie Anthoney (SJ) Amore Dinner (SH) 6:00 pm Holy Hour (SM)

Boone County Catholic Community



*Ave Crux Spes Unica
Hail the Cross, Our Only Hope*

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 February 6, 2022

Sacred Heart

Adult...\$6,236.50 Loose...\$441.00 Youth...\$71.00 Dollar Collection...\$246.30 Votives...\$51.00 Food pantry...\$60.00 Briar Cliff...\$55.00 Coffee and Rolls...\$43.00 **Total...\$7,215.41**

St. Malachy's

Adult...\$3,447.00 Loose...\$138.00 Improvement...\$30.00 Candle Stand...\$34.00 Solemnity of Mary...\$25.00 Briar Cliff...\$5.00 **Total...\$3,664.00**

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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Boone County Catholic Community News

Fr. Tim's Tidbits

"The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved; loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves." (Victor Hugo). Recognized by the [Roman Catholic Church](#), [St. Valentine](#) died around the year 270; however, his true identity has remained questionable. In 496 Pope Gelasius I referred to the martyr as "being known only to God." One story persists of St. Valentine's beheading by Emperor Claudius II for helping Christian couples wed. Over the early centuries of the Church there have been several martyrs named Valentine (from the Latin word "Valentines" meaning worthy, strong or powerful). As the patron saint of engaged couples and of marriages, St. Valentine is likewise a patron to beekeepers and those suffering with epilepsy. Though little is actually known about this third century Roman saint, who retains February 14th as his feast day, there is one amusing story emphasizing Valentine's faith. Under house arrest for spreading the Christian faith—the judge handling his case began inquiring about Jesus and the Christian faith. As Valentine repeated the validity of Jesus' existence the judge challenged him by bringing forth his daughter who was blind. If Valentine could heal her through faith in Jesus, the judge would grant any request. Valentine placed his hands on her eyes, quietly prayed, and healed the child's vision. At the request of Valentine the judge and his family converted to Christianity. *Though chocolates and roses remain a staple gift on this day, could there be something more to this secular holiday rooted in the mysterious saint of uncommon faith and courage. Pope John Paul II explains, "Love is never something ready-made, something merely 'given' to man and woman; it is always at the same time a 'task' which they are set. Love should be seen as something which in a sense never 'is' but is always only 'becoming', and what it becomes depends upon the contribution of both persons and the depth of their commitment." Still fresh in my memory though it took place over twenty years ago is that of a husband and wife coming up for Communion. George and Eunice aged into their 'golden years' together in marriage. Each of them frail, using whatever energy they had to slowly, slowly walk up to receive the Eucharist. Holding onto one another, their final feeble steps brought them to the front. Leaning on the side of the front pew while grasping his wife's arm, George extended his free hand at the same time Eunice extended hers. Pausing to properly receive the Body of Christ, expressing their gratitude with the quietly spoken "Amen," they turned and slowly returned to their pew, arm in arm, feebly but graciously for the life, the love and companionship of Christ Jesus shared in their marriage. Words fall short of defining the grace of 'love,' but by quietly reflecting on the actions and presence of others In life we can often witness the depth of which reflects a greater presence: the Spirit of Christ Jesus. A prayer for those sharing the gift of marriage and those sharing a relationship: As we draw near to you, Lord, Quiet our minds, Refresh our spirits, Inspire our hearts, bind us together with your truth. We dwell in your promise, rest in your grace bathe in your restoration, meditate on your goodness. Bind us together with your love. Amen. "Blessings" as St. Luke points out in our gospel passage this Sunday come in different forms, unexpectedly, yet emanating from God's hands. One such blessing—from our Creator's unconditional love and healing grace—is the fulfillment of the greatest commandment: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (JN 13:34-35). Whoever St. Valentine was, by the grace of his intercession may we seek the act of love that defines our Christian faith through the encouraging words of Mother Teresa "It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home [neighborhood, community]. Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start." Blessings upon those sharing the gift of love in marriage, those who are engaged to be married. In two weeks, on Saturday the 26th, the Friends of Sacred Heart School will sponsor the 2022 Gala in support of Catholic education and our grade school. More than two years have passed since we were able to gather together and enjoy the food, entertainment, companionship and hope offered at our Gala gathering. All for the enduring presence of Catholic education within our community and area. Tickets are available for the Gala gathering by calling the parish office or checking the parish website. Thank you for your faith and support. **God Bless, Fr. Tim** "Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none." (William Shakespeare)*

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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 used to avoid or achieve pregnancy as well as monitor health. Learn the true beauty of your body's natural cycle! 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 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

Theology on Tap

Join us at Boone Valley Brewing on Tuesday, February 16th for another edition of Theology on Tap. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

High School Bible Study

All High School students are welcome to join us as we read and discuss the Gospel of Luke.

The study begins this Sunday (2/13) after the 10am Mass at Sacred Heart in the library. We will meet for 6 weeks. Contact Megan Ulrich for more information: dre@shboone.com High School Bible Study All High School students are welcome to join us as we read and discuss the Gospel of Luke. The study begins this Sunday (2/13) after the 10am Mass at Sacred Heart in the library. We will meet for 6 weeks. Contact Megan Ulrich for more information: dre@shboone.com

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Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley Small Group Study

Join us starting March 1st, Tuesdays at 7-8p.m. in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. (FORMED) We will meet for 10 weeks - join as you are able! For questions contact Ann Greazel, ann.greazel@gmail.com or 515-450-4048 (call or text)

A Great Big Thank You!

"Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it." ~1Corinthians 12:27 We would like to take the opportunity to thank every one of you who offer your time, talents, or treasures to our Boone County Catholic Parish Community. We truly are many parts of one body and could not do many of the things we do without your commitment.

SHS 7th Annual Gala

Tickets are now on sale for our Sacred Heart School Gala. Our event is being held on Saturday, Feb. 26th at Cobblestone Inn & Suites with doors opening at 5 pm. Enjoy bidding on your favorite items during our silent & live auction. Tickets can be purchased on our Eventbrite site (shboone.com>WaysToGive) or stop by the table in the parish hall.

Sacred Heart/St. John's

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast on Sunday February 13th. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, link sausage and a drink for a free will donation. After 8:00 mass in the Fitzgerald Hall. All are welcome.

Amore Dinner

Join us for a romantic dinner on February 20th in Fitzgerald Hall from 4-7 p.m. Our local Confirmation students and those attending Steubenville are hosting the dinner to raise funds for Youth Group events and trips. Students may be calling you to set up reservations or asking you after Mass to attend. Dine in and take out options are available this year.

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!

Baptism Class

This class is required for parents who are welcoming their first child. If it's been several years since you last attended, please consider a refresher session. Please register prior to the birth of your child. Our upcoming baptism class is [scheduled for February 28 at 7 p.m.](#) and will be held in the Parish Hall conference room. To register, please call the Sacred Heart parish office at 432-1971.

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.

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.

Prayer Partners

St. Malachy parish is looking for parishioners to serve as prayer partners for our 2nd grade students who are receiving their First Communion in May. Please contact Kelley Grothus if you would be interested in being a prayer partner.

Altar Server Training

There will be an altar server training with Deacon Verne Burke on Sunday, February 13 following 8:30 AM Mass for any child 4th grade or older interested in being an altar server who has not been trained yet.

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.

Kindergarten Information Night

Interested in learning more about what Sacred Heart School has to offer your little one? Sign up for a time to visit the classroom, learn about scholarship opportunities and have your questions answered. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/kdginfo>