

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday Feb 21	Tuesday Feb 22	Wednesday Feb 23	Thursday Feb 24	Friday Feb 25	Saturday Feb 26	Sunday Feb 27
8:00 am Mass + <i>Living &amp; Deceased Harold Kline family</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Ryan Mahoney</i> (SH)	12:00 pm All School Mass + <i>Terry Garvey</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Shelia Augustine</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Annagail &amp; Bob Peters</i> (SH)	4:00 pm Mass + <i>Kevin Miles, Shirley Cornelis and John &amp; Trude Fitzgerald</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass <i>Special Intention for all Sacred Heart Parishioners</i> (SH)
8:30 am REC Rosary (SH)	1 pm - 9 pm Adoration (SM)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>John Spolar</i> (SM)	Adoration after Mass till 7pm (SH)	9:15 am Mass + <i>Brodie Mosman</i> (SJ)	5:30 pm Mass <i>For the People</i> (SM)	8:30 am Mass + <i>Fred Krenk</i> (SM)
7:00 pm Men's Zoom Bible Study (SH)		5:30 pm Religious Ed Classes	2:30 pm Rosary (SH)		Sacred Heart Gala (SH)	10:00 am Mass + <i>Michael Bartlett</i> (SH)
7:30 pm Exodus 90 (SM)		6:30 pm RCIA (SH)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Living &amp; Deceased Ortmann &amp; Wade family</i> (SM)			High School Bible Study after Mass (SH)
			6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (SM)			10:00 am Mass + <i>Peter Bui Nyguen</i> (SJ)
						Amore Dinner (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](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

\* 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 13, 2022

#### Sacred Heart

Adult...\$5,514.50 Loose...\$487.00 Youth...\$15.00 Dollar Collection...\$279.15 Votives...\$146.75 Food pantry...\$45.00 Prayer Shawls...\$125.00 **Total...\$6,612.40**

#### St. Malachy's

Adult...\$5,437.00 Loose...\$88.00 Candle Stand...\$27.00 Youth...\$5.00 Coffee & Rolls...\$22.00 **Total...\$5,579.00**

**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](http://www.boonecountycatholics.org)

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

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time · February 20, 2022*

## *Boone County Catholic Community News*

### Fr. Tim's Tidbits

Because of the moon cycle Easter falls later in April, the 17th. Thus Ash Wednesday is a mere week and half away, March 2nd. Hopefully our Mass times will allow individuals and families to participate, beginning the season of Lent with ashes on our forehead, marking our mortality and relationship with God. A year has passed since the last of the virus restrictions have been lifted, and a sense of normalcy has returned to our liturgies, our gatherings, and parish life. We are still aware of parishioners' well being and respect their efforts to protect themselves. Hopefully as the virus infections subside more individuals and families will feel welcome and safe within our gatherings for the Eucharist. To note, Bishop Nickless has given no indication when the Sign of Peace will be re-instituted or the Blood of Christ offered during Communion. Rather, we are grateful for those who are participating in the Eucharist, coming forward to receive the Presence of Christ, whether on the hand, the tongue or kneeling—wearing a mask for protection or not. As reflected in the Last Supper, though we each receive the Eucharist individually it is a communal Sacrament, together sharing the hope and healing only the presence of Christ can offer.

Our gospel passage this weekend presents us with the time honored and rarely achieved calling “to love our enemies.” Often we conclude our enemies are such as the countries or groups who oppose our liberties and democracy: Iran, North Korea, the Taliban or ‘the Communists.’ Most likely our enemies are those individuals who are part of our life, in some manner or another. Individuals with whom we disagree, who misunderstand us, who disrespect us, who are demeaning. As G.K. Chesterton reminds us, “*The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because generally they are the same people.*”

In his commentary on this gospel passage Pope Francis exhorts us to commit to the challenge of Jesus' words:

*"Having been loved by God, we are called to love in return; having been forgiven, we are called to forgive; having been touched by love, we are called to love without waiting for others to love first; having been saved graciously, we are called to seek no benefit from the good we do."* He concludes how the “worship of God” contradicts the “culture of hatred;” and we can remove *ourselves from the culture of hatred by not giving into the “cult of complaint.”* He explains:

*"How many times do we complain about the things that we lack, about the things that go wrong! Jesus knows about all the things that don't work. He knows that there is always going to be someone who dislikes us. Or someone who makes our life miserable. All he asks us to do is pray and love. . . . This is the revolution of Jesus, the greatest revolution in history: from hating our enemy to loving our enemy; from the cult of complaint to the culture of gift. If we belong to Jesus, this is the road we are called to take,"*

Diverting from this weekend's gospel passage, I discovered an interesting similarity to the faith of the students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Within the individual interviews in preparation for the reception of Confirmation (on March 27th), most of the students gave the same response to question of prayer. When asked when they pray on a given day, some said before meals, others in the morning, but most of them replied “at night before going to sleep.” No certain prayers spoken, simply talking with God in a spontaneous manner. Prayer in that format, at the end of the day, allows them to be more relational with God, honest about the events of the day: failures, successes, selfishness, kindness, relationships, fears, blessings. Refreshing, considering how I was taught by my mother—as was so many—by kneeling down before the bed and reciting certain form prayers. And remembering family members and those who were sick. To this day, how my mother taught me has remained a foundation of my faith and relationship with Christ through periods when I floundered and times when God's presence is so personal. Like those students I too have adopted spontaneous prayer within my ritual of recited prayers. (Though sometimes I fall asleep in the midst of my 'night prayer; 'with good intent however, Jesus finishes the prayer.) Jesuits have a simple guide for spontaneous prayer, with meditation and silence: “When have I walked with Jesus this day; when have I not walked with Jesus this day.” A simple guide opening an honest look at the moments when we have been selfish, and moments when we were blessed. Within the diversity of our Church, our Catholic-Christian faith we can learn from one another, knowing that within our journey of faith God challenges us to renew, adapt, replenish. Please offer a prayer or more for those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation; they are a blessing in our Church and the face of our Catholic faith before others (through the grace of the Holy Spirit).

God Bless,

Fr. Tim

FYI: *“Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.”* (Oscar Wilde)

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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.schneiderfcp@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.schneiderfcp@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

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

We are interested in continuing to offer a variety of social events and have just added two more activities to our Boone County Catholic calendar. On Friday, April 1st, we will be holding an Adult Bingo Night in Fitzgerald Hall and on Friday, May 6th, we have scheduled another Trivia Night. We are in need of volunteers to finalize the plans and assist on that evening. Both of these events have been successfully held so we have notes making the workload that much lighter. If you can help, please contact Deb 515-432-1971 or fill out the Google Form <https://forms.gle/8xpJW3XSFyNsmq59>

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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.grezel@gmail.com](mailto:ann.grezel@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 Gala - One Week Away!**

Join us next Saturday, Feb. 26th at Cobblestone Inn & Suites for a fun-filled evening. The evening will begin at 5 p.m. with a social hour followed by dinner and an auction. You can purchase tickets online through [Eventbrite](#) or by filling out our [Google Form](#) or on the table in the parish hall. Please consider supporting us with our largest fundraising event ever as we look to replace the 60 year old windows on the east side of the school.

**Restore - Lenten Book & Video Study** Join others from our Boone County Catholic Community as we take a healing journey with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, as she helps us turn away from what wounds us and toward God who heals us and makes us whole. We will meet weekly on Monday evenings this Lenten season beginning March 7th. Meeting location will rotate weekly between Sacred Heart and St. Malachy. Contact Kelly Polich for more information: [kelly.polich29@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.polich29@gmail.com). Register online on the Boone County Catholic website..

## Sacred Heart/St. John's

### **Amore Dinner**

Joins 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.

### **KC Lent Devotional**

The Knights of Columbus is offering a Saturday morning devotional during Lent. The Into the Breach video will be shown before a rosary is prayed. Each Saturday from March 5th to April 9th at 7:15 am in Fitzgerald Hall. All Boone County Catholic men, old and young alike, are welcome to attend. Any questions please call Matt Hilsabeck at (515)360-4113.

## 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.

### **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.

### **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**

Lent will soon be here and so will the Friday Fish Fry. These will be held on March 4, 11 and 25 and on April 8.

## 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>