

| Liturgies & Events This Week | | | | | | |
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| Monday Feb 28 | Tuesday March 1 | Wednesday March 2 | Thursday March 3 | Friday March 4 | Saturday March 5 | Sunday March 6 |
| 8:00 am Mass + <i>Jim Wetzeler</i> (SH) | 8:00 am Mass + <i>Katie Huffman</i> (SH) | Ash Wednesday 7:00 am Mass + <i>Louise & Julie Greteman</i> | 8:00 am Mass + <i>Jared Sawyer</i> (SH) | 8:00 am Mass + <i>Jenny Azinger</i> (SH) | 7:15 am KC In the Breach study (SH) | 8:00 am Mass + <i>Gene Pepper</i> (SH) |
| 8:30 am REC Rosary (SH) | 1 pm - 9 pm Adoration (SM) | 12:00 pm All School Mass + <i>Larry Schroeder</i> (SH) | Adoration after Mass till 7pm (SH) | 9:15 am Mass + <i>Bernardine Lawler Gorman</i> (SJ) | 4:00 pm Mass <i>Julie Ann Messerly</i> (SH) | 8:30 am Mass <i>For the people</i> (SM) |
| 7:00 pm Men's Zoom Bible Study (SH) | 7:00 pm Divine Mercy (SH) | 5:30 pm Mass + <i>Ralph Keenan & John Wilson</i> (SH) | 2:30 pm Rosary (SH) | Fish Dinners at SH & SM | 5:30 pm Mass + <i>Sharon Seeman</i> (SM) | 10:00 am Mass <i>For the people</i> (SH) |
| 7:00 pm Baptism class (SH) | | 5:30 pm Mass + <i>Martha Edwards</i> (SM) | 5:30 pm Mass + <i>Bill & Dode Gibbons</i> (SM) | | | High School Bible Study after Mass (SH) |
| | | 6:30 pm Mass + <i>Suzie Anthoney</i> (SJ) | 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (SM) | | | 10:00 am Mass + <i>Brodie Mosman</i> (SJ) |
| | | 5:30 pm Religious Ed Classes | | | | Amore Dinner (SM) |
| | | 6:30 pm RCIA (SH) | | | | 7:30 pm Exodus 90 (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 20, 2022

Sacred Heart

Adult...\$9,659.50 Loose...\$596.00 Youth...\$50.33 Dollar Collection...\$307.00 Votives...\$20.00 Prayer Shawls...\$25.00 Improvement...\$50.00 **Total...\$10,707.83**

St. Malachy's

Adult...\$3487.00 Loose...\$287.00 Candle Stand...\$15.00 Can Redemption...\$84.40 **Total...\$3,873.40**

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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
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www.boonecountycatholics.org

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www.shboone.com

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time · February 27, 2022

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Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

Last Sunday at St. John’s regretfully I had to inform the congregation of the Diocesan mandate to end Sunday and weekday Masses at their church. Easter Sunday will be the last weekend for Masses at St. John’s with the exception of funerals and weddings. To my knowledge, two or three years ago the Diocesan Pastoral Planning directives asked that the Sacramental Records and the financials for the parish be turned over to Sacred Heart, essentially becoming ‘one’ parish. Along with the change in St. John’s status all weekday and weekend Masses were to end; however, since Fr. Jim Bruch was retired and residing there as he recuperated the Diocese gave us an exemption. From time to time the Diocese reminded us of the need to take the final step of ending the Masses at St. John church. Both Fr. Ross and I resisted their expectations, acknowledging the faith and spirituality of the parishioners. In October the Diocese requested the final step to be taken within six months; two weeks ago the Diocese informed us the final date would be Easter Sunday weekend. I’m sorry. Though I may not always understand such decisions, witnessing the vital faith within St. John’s (as well as other parishes without Masses), my hope lies in the active and firm faith of our parishioners looking to the future. Bishop Nickless foresees a diocese with only 44 active priests (down from 140 when I was ordained nearly thirty years ago), with several hampered with serious health concerns, and ten who will reach retirement age in the next six years. I came from a small parish that has faced diocesan cutbacks, and such change is more than difficult—it is emotionally painful. I’m sorry. Per regulations from the diocese, we can hold funerals and wedding services at St John church, our facilities can be used for Religious Education, Adult Education, prayer groups, adoration, social gatherings, personal prayer and special Mass for the feast day of St. John. As in the past couple years, the church, facilities, rectory, grounds and cemetery will be maintained—and our church doors open as has been the norm. If you have concerns—as I know you do—you may contact me or the office. Our Bishop Nickless has had to make some painful and unpopular decisions as he looks forward—please keep his ministry in your prayers.

As we come out from under the COVID regulations, we need to return to ‘teams’ of parishioners counting and recording our weekly tithing and donations. If you have helped in the past—counting money—or have no experience, the procedures will be explained as well as the paperwork. To ensure the protection of the individuals counting the money—and the fiscal responsibility of our parishes—the diocese has setup certain guidelines which will be explained. Please consider volunteering to help, with a bi-weekly rotation or so. Thank you for your help.

Ash Wednesday is now before us. Last year we were asked by the diocese—for the wellbeing of all participating—to administer the Ashes on the top of the individual’s head. Fr. Ross and Deacon David, Deacon Vern and Deacon Dave and I will attempt to offer the Ashes to all who come to the services on that day: 7am, noon, 5:30 in Boone; 5:30pm in Madrid; 6:30pm in Ogden. We will maintain our regular schedule of weekday and weekend Masses throughout Lent with the exception of Holy Week. In addition we will offer Stations of the Cross following certain weekday Masses, and on a rotation following weekend Masses. We hope to offer this unique Lenten Prayer to individuals and families who may not have had the opportunity. Lest we forget, we make an effort to Fast and Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday; Abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent; Fast and Abstain on Good Friday, with a conscientious effort to fast from certain foods, drink or behaviors during the season of Lent. Or a fast may consist of “doing” something such as visiting individuals in a care center on a weekly basis. Almsgiving is a crucial aspect of our Lenten journey, setting aside a portion of our monies in support of a certain charity. Your path of ‘almsgiving, and ‘fasting’ is a creative personal endeavor to inspire our faith and relationship with our God who gave us the gift of His Son Christ Jesus—and to do so with humility and gratitude. And prayer, whether personal, or receiving the Eucharist, sharing with your family. Consider the thoughts of three Catholic-Christians as they embarked on their Lenten journey:

"Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy, if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself." (St. Peter Chrysologus)

"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation." (Catherine Doherty)

"O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen." (Henri Nouwen)

I’ve always respected a friend’s Lenten fast. Each Lent she renewed her ‘fast’ to visit individuals in the care center within her community. Weekly she would take time to visit not knowing how long she would spend with them, just being present. I understood the grace of her ‘fast’ whenever she spoke of a certain individual or story they may have shared. As Jo shared her experiences, her smile and inflection of voice conveyed a meaningful Lenten journey of faith; a renewal. We each take our own journey during these forty days of Lent; may you risk a path of conscientious prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Kirsten Smith informed me earlier this week of a job opportunity she accepted at the Boone County Courthouse. Her new position will begin March 21st. Kirsten has been a part of our parishes for nearly twenty years, initially working as a part time bookkeeper for St. John’s. She then took on St. Malachy’s bookkeeper position, and a few years ago the same responsibilities at Sacred Heart. She has been a devoted and excellent bookkeeper, with a strong faith and desire for what is best for our parishes and parishioners. More than grateful for her dedication and faith. Thus, we are looking for a person interested in the position of bookkeeper/business manager beginning sometime in March. If you are interested or have questions, or know of someone who would be, please contact me at the parish office. Thank you.

May God Bless, Fr. Tim

FYI: *“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.”* (Charles Dickens)

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Ash Wednesday Masses

Our Boone County Ash Wednesday Mass times will be Wednesday March 2nd : Boone 7:00 am , Noon & 5:30 pm, Madrid will be at 5:30 pm and Ogden at 6:30 pm with a Baked Potato Bar following Mass.

Rice Bowls

We will have rice bowls for the county available to pick up at all 3 parishes in Boone County. Please bring them back and place at the Altar during one of the holy days Masses.

Middle School Roller Skating Party Sunday, March 6th

All 5th-8th graders are invited to join us for a skating party! Meet at St. John's at 1pm for pizza. We will walk to Spinning Wheels to skate from 2-4pm and then walk back to St. Johns. Plan to pick up your child at 4:15pm at St. John's. The parish will pay for skating & skate rental. Bring money if your child would like to purchase snacks at the skating rink. RSVP to Megan Ulrich dre@shboone.com 515-250-8368

515-432-1971 or fill out the Google Form <https://forms.gle/8xpJW3XSfYnSimg59>

St. John's Ash Wednesday Baked Potato Bar

Join us at St. John's after the 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Mass for a Baked Potato Bar. Free will offering proceeds will benefit our Youth Group.

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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, April 29th (new date), 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

Knights of Columbus Baked Fish Dinner

Sacred Hearts Knights of Columbus will be having their Fish Fry's on March 4, 18. Cost is \$13.00 or 2 for \$25.00. Time starts at 5pm or until we run out food.

Hygiene Drive

During the month of March, our Boone County Catholic Community will be collecting hygiene related items for our local food pantries. There will be “baskets” located at all three of our churches to receive your donations. Examples of items needed: deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent, socks, bath soap, feminine hygiene products, etc. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Sacred Heart/St. John’s

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.

Amore Dinner Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Amore dinner Youth Group fundraiser! Your generosity will help our students attend the Steubenville Youth Conference and other youth group events. Thank you also to the students and their families who helped prep, serve and clean up this big event!

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 – This Friday, March 4! We are pleased that once again we can provide dining in the hall. Serving from 4:30 to 7:00. As in the past, desserts provided by parishioners are much appreciated. Subsequent Fish Fries will be March 11 and 25 and on April 8. Also, slips of paper are in the pews for dessert sign-up.

Sacred Heart School

Kindergarten Experience Day

On Wednesday, April 6 th , from 9-11 am students who will be in kindergarten during the 22-23 school year are invited to attend a Kindergarten Experience Day at Sacred Heart School. Watch for more details coming soon.

22-23 MLTF Tuition Assistance

Applications are being accepted for MLTF scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year and are due no later than April 1st! Find the application on the school’s website (www.shboone.com) under Admissions. If you would like assistance filling out the application or just want more information about how Sacred Heart School could be an affordable option for your family, please contact Deb at 515-432-1971.

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.