

**Liturgies & Events This Week**

Monday Dec 12	Tuesday Dec 13	Wednesday Dec 14	Thursday Dec 15	Friday Dec 16	Saturday Dec 17	Sunday Dec 18
8:45 am REC Rosary (SH)	1 pm - 9 pm Adoration (SM)	11:30 pm Rosary before Mass (SH)	7:30 am Rosary before Mass (SH)	7:30 am Rosary Before Mass (SH)	9:00 am Women's Connect Coffee (SM)	8:30 am Mass <i>For the People</i> (SM)
7:00 pm Men's Zoom Bible Study (SH)	7:30 am Rosary before Mass (SH)	12:00 pm All School Mass + <i>Deceased</i> <i>Lacey Family</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Deceased</i> <i>Jeanette Dotzler</i> <i>family and Mary</i> <i>Alice Coleman</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>The Deceased</i> <i>Ho Family</i> (SH)	11:00 am Wreaths across America at SH Cemetery	9:30 am Rosary before Mas (SH)
7:00 pm Baptism Class (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Steve Smith</i> (SH)	6:45 pm Children's Rosary (SH)	Adoration after Noon Mass till 7 pm	8:30 am Women's Study (SM)	4:00 pm Mass + <i>Deceased Wade</i> <i>and Wipperman</i> <i>Families</i> (SM)	10:00 am Mass + <i>Bob &amp; Doris</i> <i>Wickman</i> (SH)
	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Frances</i> <i>Mc Cowles</i> (SM)	Religious Education Classes	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Living &amp;</i> <i>Deceased Mudge</i> <i>family</i> (SM)		5:00 pm Rosary before Mass (SH)	K-5th Christmas program after Mass (SH)
	0.		6:30 pm Christmas Caroling (SH)		5:30 pm Mass + <i>Elmer A. Bud</i> <i>Adams</i> (SH)	

# Boone County Catholic Community



**Baptisms**

**Marriages**

**Born into Eternal Life**

Jacob Tank & Sara Schafer  
Dec 2 - SM

**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 would like to use any of our Boone County Halls please call the Parish Office at 515-432-1971

**Stewardship for December 4, 2022**

**Sacred Heart**

Adult...\$8,078.00 Loose...\$344.25 Dollar & Children's Collection...\$289.09 Votive...\$26.00  
Wreaths Across America...\$250.00 Christmas Flowers...\$22.00 Christmas Offering...\$5.00 Food Pantry...\$100.00  
Needy...\$1100.00 Improvement...\$10.00 St. Joseph...\$50.00 Immaculate Conception...\$30.00 Catholic Charities...  
\$5.00 **Total...\$10,309.34**

**St. Malachy's**

Adult...\$11,862.00 Loose...\$168.37 Candle Stand...\$18.00 Improvement Fund...\$20.00 Food Pantry...\$20.00  
Christmas Flowers...\$20.00 Immaculate Conception...\$40.00 **Total...\$12,148.37**

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

**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)

*Third Sunday of Advent · December 11, 2022*

## Fr. Tim's Tidbits

Gaudete Sunday, Latin for "rejoice." Advent is a time of preparation and reflection, patience and anticipation. As we light the third candle—rose colored—we are reminded that God who loves us all is still in charge, and we await his coming not in fear, but in joy. Appropriately in this juncture of our Advent journey, we avail ourselves to God's forgiveness, reconciling and healing our relationship with God as Christmas approaches. We seek forgiveness not out of fear but with hope, and the joy of acknowledging God's desire to forgive our sins, bringing peace into our heart and very soul. Thus, the understanding of 'Church' is reflected in Paul David Tripp's words from his book *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands*. "The church is not a theological classroom. It is a conversion, confession, repentance, reconciliation, forgiveness and sanctification center, where flawed people place their faith in Christ, gather to know and love him better, and learn to love others as he designed."

Our Advent Communal Penance Service offered this Sunday at Sacred Heart, 1pm, and Saint Malachy, 3pm, are opportunities of conversion, forgiveness and reconciliation—receiving this Sacrament joyfully, not out of fear. Likewise, the Sacrament is offered before the weekend Masses at St. Malachy, and after the weekend Masses at Sacred Heart, and at a personal time by calling the office. On this Gaudete Sunday, may we pause to reflect on our relationship with God, and out of faith, seek the reconciliation that will bring a spirit of peace and hope and graciousness we desire at Christmas. Our Bishops of the United States offer this brief examination of conscience as a guide:

I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.

Have I treated people, events (sports), or things as more important than God?

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. Have my words, actively or passively, put down my faith, the Church, or gave disrespect to God? Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day. Do I go to Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation? Do I avoid, when possible, work or recreation that impedes worship to God, a serious pause for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family on Sunday?

Honor your father and your mother.

**Sacred Heart/St. John R.E. Christmas Program Dec. 18th**  
Stay after Mass on 12/18 to watch our K-5th graders perform a Nativity Play!

### **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 December 12 at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Parish Hall conference room. To register, please call the parish office at 515-432-1971.

Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have? You shall not kill.

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind? You shall not commit adultery.

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

You shall not steal.

Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.

Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily? Jealous of what others have, desiring more than I need?

Conclude with the Jesuit personal reflection: "How have I walked with Christ Jesus today; how have I not walked with Christ Jesus this day?"

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen.

As you begin to plan your gatherings and activities at Christmas please consider our Mass schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: 4:00pm/St. Malachy; 5:30pm/Sacred Heart; 7:00pm/St. John; 10:00pm/Sacred Heart. On Christmas morning, 8:30am/St. Malachy; 10:00am/Sacred Heart.

### **God Bless, Fr. Tim**

FYI: "It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more" (Jn 8:11)." (Pope Francis)

**State of Iowa Tuition Credits Still Available** By contributing to the Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation, donors can receive a tax credit certificate worth 75% of their donation. While all Sacred Heart's credits have been used, there are still some available in our Diocese. This is a wonderful program that supports tuition scholarships for families allowing them to afford Catholic education. Call Deb at the Parish Office at 515-432-1971 or visit <https://scdiocese.org/monsignor-lafferty-tuition-foundation>

### **St. Joseph Icon at St. Malachy's**

The St. Malachy's Knights of Columbus have a traveling icon of St. Joseph until the end of December. The icon will be available for viewing and veneration during adoration on Tuesdays in the coming weeks. There will be a formal prayer service following mass on Sunday, December 18, venerating the icon before it departs from our Parish later in the month.

**Christmas Elf Needed** Do you enjoy wrapping Christmas gifts? If so, we could use your help wrapping items that were donated for our Sacred Heart Giving Tree. You may do this in the comfort of your home or in our KC Hall. All supplies will be provided. Contact Deb at 515-432-1971 if you'd be willing to share your time.

### **Prayer Partners**

St. Malachy's is looking for 14 prayer partners for our 2nd graders as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please contact DRE Kelley Grothus at [kelley.grothus@gmail.com](mailto:kelley.grothus@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

**Christmas Caroling** Do you enjoy singing Christmas Carols? We invite you to join us from 6:30 - 8:00 pm on Thursday, Dec. 15th, as we travel around Boone to surprise parishioners with a few Christmas carols. We will caravan from the parish hall to a set number of locations to spread some Christmas cheer. Call the parish office with questions 515-432-1971.

**Women's Connect Coffee Event** If we were created for relationship, why is it so incredibly hard? Perhaps what we are looking for in others and what we expect of others can only be found in God. Married or not, join the women of Walking with Purpose as we dive into all things relationship! As usual, the coffee will be on, the conversation fulfilling, the hope abounding, and the video, Marriage—Transformed By Grace, utterly inspiring! Never been to Walking with Purpose? Perfect! We look forward to seeing you! Saturday, Dec 17th 9am at St. Malachy's Hansen Hall.

### **Wreath Across America**

This Christmas we will be placing wreaths at the headstones of our Military Veterans buried at Sacred Heart Cemetery and at the Ogden Cemetery. Last year we placed over 300 wreaths to honor these men and women. If you would like to sponsor a wreath the cost is \$15. You will find envelopes on the table in the lower Narthex marked *Wreaths Across America*. If you would like one for Ogden Cemetery please mark Ogden on the envelope. Wreaths will be placed at the Sacred Heart Cemetery on Dec. 17th at 11am following a short program and a blessing of the wreaths. Light Lunch Served in Fitzgerald Hall after wreaths have been placed.

**Children's Rosary** Join us this Wednesday evening (12/14) for our monthly Children's Rosary at Sacred Heart. We will meet in the church at 6:45 pm. Hope to see you there.

**Ember Day for Vocations December 16th** As part of Bishop Nickless' Year of Vocations, the clergy and the faithful of the diocese are asked to participate in Ember Days for an increase in religious vocations and an increase in holiness among all vocations. On Friday, December 16th pray the Rosary for an increase in holiness for those in the vocation of single life. Fast by eating only one main meal and two smaller meals, or fast from social media. The next Ember Day is Friday, March 24th.

**Quiet Time With Christ** Starting Tuesday, Dec. 13th, Sacred Heart Church will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 am - 7 pm to allow individuals to spend quiet time in the presence of Christ.

**Sacred Heart Youth Group March for Life Fundraiser**  
Can you help? We have 5 youth attending the March for Life in Washington D.C. in January. To help them fund their trip, we're offering spots on their "Board of Directors." When they return, they'll give a presentation about their trip to those on the board. TO DONATE: Put \$50 in one of these envelopes. Write your name and phone number on the back of the envelope. Place it in the collection or drop it off in the parish office. (Feel free to split the \$50 with friends and include all of your names on the envelope.) Thank you so much for helping them march for this important cause!

### **Please Support our Giving Trees**

**St. Malachy** You are invited to purchase \$10 or \$15 gift certificates from either the Market or Dollar General in Madrid, and/or make a monetary donation to "Winter Warmth". These funds will be used to purchase items for those in need. The trees will be decorated with ornaments and envelopes for the above donations. Donations can be dropped in the collection baskets, mailed to the church office, or given to a Social Justice Committee member. Checks can be made payable to St. Malachy Church. Please add "Winter Warmth" or "Giving Tree" on the memo line. Please return all donations by the weekend of Dec. 17-18th.

**Sacred Heart** Thank you, our "ornaments" have all been spoken for! Please return (unwrapped) items and place them under the tree by Sunday, Dec. 18th.

*Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ~2 Corinthians 9:7*



### **Sacred Heart School**

**2023-2024 Sacred Heart Preschool** Registration for our school and church families is now open! Get your little one signed up today. Registration will open to the public beginning January 3, 2023. To register, please access our Google Form or use the QR Code.

<https://forms.gle/i11NvU6p4YvbwvNB8>

### **Christmas Program**

Please join us for our Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 21st. You may attend our full rehearsal at 8:30 am or the evening performance at 6:30 p.m. both will be held in the school gym.

**Heart 2 Heart** is our before and after school childcare program. We are looking for individuals for the following positions:

#### **Director/Site Supervisor**

We are looking for a candidate who is responsible, punctual, caring and enjoys working with children from ages 4-12. Previous childcare experience preferred. Duties include school-age child supervision, cleaning of classroom area and toys, and planning/set up clean-up of activities, etc.

#### **Childcare Assistants**

Individuals willing to work various hours between 3:00 pm-6:00 pm on school days, Monday-Friday. Must be 16 y/o. Could be a great opportunity for someone thinking about going into teaching or childcare after high school. Please call 515-432-4124 with questions or to get an application.