

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday March 27	Tuesday March 28	Wednesday March 29	Thursday March 30	Friday March 31	Saturday April 1	Sunday April 2
8:45 am REC Rosary (SH) 4-5 pm Lent Book Study (SH) 7:00 pm Men’s Zoom Bible Study (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH) 8:00 am Mass + <i>Jim Wetzeler</i> (SH) 1 pm - 10 pm Adoration (SM) 5:30 pm Mass + <i>Frances Cowles</i> (SM)	11:30 am Rosary (SH) 12:00 am Mass + <i>Jean Gunther</i> (SH) Religious Education Classes	7:30 am Rosary (SH) 8:00 am Mass + <i>Living & Deceased members of the Garvey family</i> (SH) 8:30am –7pm Adoration (SH) 5:30 pm Mass + <i>Daniel O’Deay</i> (SM) 6:00 pm Stations (SM) 6:30 pm Soup Supper (SM) 7:00 pm Eternal Rest study (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH) 8:00 am Mass + <i>Bernardine Lawler Gorman</i> (SH) 4:30 -7 pm Fish Fry (SM) 5:00 -7:00 pm Soup Supper Fundraiser (SJ)	5:00 pm Rosary before Mass (SH) 5:30 pm Mass + <i>Living & Deceased Rouse family and Living & Deceased Ron Sorber family</i> (SH)	8:30 am Mass + <i>Deceased members of the Simone & Burke families</i> (SM) 9:30 am Rosary before Mass (SH) 10:00 am Mass + <i>Rosemary Moorman</i> (SH) 5-6 pm Liturgy of the Hours (SM)

<u>Baptisms</u>	<u>Marriages</u>	<u>Born into Eternal Life</u>

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

Stewardship for March 19 , 2023
Sacred Heart
Adult...\$5,998.50 Votive...\$27.01 Loose...\$240.00 Dollar & Children...\$353.35 Food Pantry....\$130.00
Easter Flowers...\$95.00 Ash Wednesday...\$100.00 St. Joseph....\$5.00 **Total....\$6,948.36**

St. Malachy
Adult...\$1,986.00 Loose...\$132.00 Votives...\$12.00 Easter Flowers...\$25.00 Food pantry...\$10.00
Total....\$2,165.00

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

Boone County Catholic Community

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Communal Penance – Mar. 26th
1:00 PM – Boone
2:30 PM – Madrid

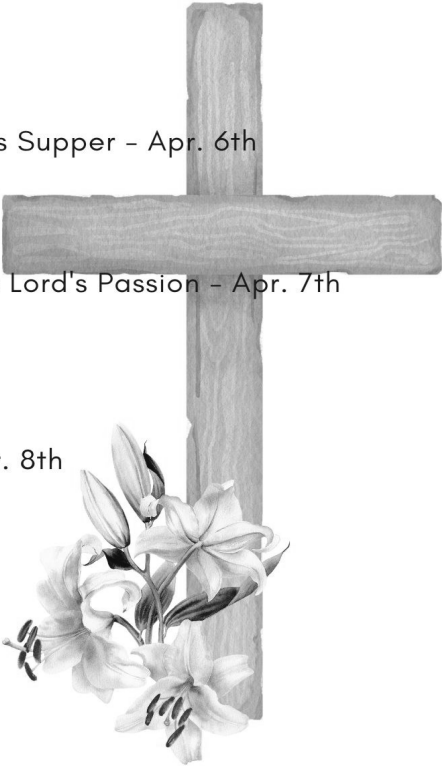
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – Apr. 1st & 2nd
Sat. 5:30 PM – Boone
Sun. 8:30 AM – Madrid
Sun. 10:00 AM – Boone

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper – Apr. 6th
5:30 PM – Madrid
7:00 PM – Boone

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion – Apr. 7th
12:15 PM – Boone
5:30 PM – Madrid
7:00 PM – Ogden

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – Apr. 8th
8:30 PM – Madrid

Easter Sunday – Apr. 9th
8:00 AM – Boone
8:30 AM – Madrid
10:00 AM – Boone



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Fifth Sunday of Lent · March 26, 2023

Fr. Tim’sTidbits

Our Lenten Reconciliation Service & Confessions are this Sunday: 1:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, and 2:30pm at St. Malachy Church. Of course, the Sacrament is offered prior to Mass at St. Malachy, and before the 5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart and after the 10:00am. You may call the parish office to set up a time if it is more convenient. For various reasons, we are hesitant to receive the healing grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. However, in these final days of Lent approaching Easter, this Sacrament is a profound step towards a personal renewal of faith, and receiving the joy promised with Christ’s resurrection. Pope Francis’ words provide the inspiration to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the unburdening of our sins.

“The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a Sacrament of healing. When I [Pope Francis] go to confession, it is in order to be healed, to heal my soul, to heal my heart and to be healed of some wrongdoing. . . .The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation flows directly from the Paschal Mystery. . . .Like the merciful father in the parable of the prodigal son, God is eager to forgive. . . .Each time we go to confession, God embraces us. God rejoices! . . .Forgiveness is not the fruit of our own efforts but rather a gift, it is a gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us with the wellspring of mercy and of grace that flows unceasingly from the open heart of the Crucified and Risen Christ.” May you risk the opportunity to receive this gift of grace prior to Easter, regardless of how long ago you last received.

Our last three gospel passages this Lenten Season, are from the gospel of John. Longer passages, but profoundly human, filled with mercy, colorful and descriptive, and giving Jesus a ‘human face’ so to speak. In today’s passage with his friends Martha and Mary, the gospel describes a deeply human face of Jesus: When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come and see.” And Jesus wept. Though we depict him often with a halo, John’s passages of Jesus describes our Savior with all the human emotions we recognize within ourselves. Such is the distinctive description of Jesus’ humanity in the words of the late Christian writer Frederick Buechner.

“He had a face. . . .Whoever he was or was not, whoever he thought he was, whoever he had become in the memories of men since and will go on becoming for as long as men remember him—exalted, sentimentalized, debunked, made and remade to the measure of each generation's desire, dread, indifference—he was a man once, whatever else he may been. And he had a man’s face, a human face. . . .Like you and me he had a face his life gave shape to and that shaped his life and others’ lives, and with part of ourselves I think we might turn away from the mystery of that face, that life, as much of the time we turn away from the mystery of life itself. With part of ourselves I think we might avoid meeting his real eyes, if such a meeting were possible, the way that at certain moments we avoid meeting our own eyes in mirrors because for better or worse they threaten to tell us more than we want to know.

Nobody tells us what he looked like, yet of course the New Testament itself is what he looked like, and we read his face there in the faces of all the ones he touched or failed to: in Peter’s face as he sat at dawn by the high priest’s fire and hear the cock crow. . . .or in the face of Judas leaning forward to plant his kiss in the moonlit garden; in the face of the leper, the wiseman, the centurion, Mary’s face. You glimpse the mark of his face in the faces of everyone who ever looked toward him or away from him, which means finally of course that you glimpse the mark of him also in your face too.

The face of Jesus is a face that belongs to us the way our past belongs to us. According to St. Paul, the face of Jesus is our own face finally, the face we will all come to look like a little when the kingdom comes and we are truly ourselves at last, truly the sisters and brothers of one another and the children of God. What words do we face him with? Maybe the best are the words the Bible ends with: Come Lord Jesus.” (The Faces of Jesus; 1974) “And Jesus wept.”

(I apologize for the long excerpt from Frederick Buechner, but his spiritual writings have had a profound affect on me since I was introduced to his works by my seminary rector at St. John’s— many years ago.)

We are looking for someone to clean the parish office once a week, for a couple hours. I thank Cheryl Mordini for her years of service keeping our office clean and welcoming as she takes on another part time job at the new hardware store in Madrid. Please call the office if interested or have questions. Thank You

Soup Supper Fundraiser at St. John

All are invited to a meatless soup dinner at St. John in Ogden on March 31st from 5-7pm. Free will donation. All proceeds help pay for summer camp for our elementary and middle school students! Come enjoy a meal and fellowship and help our youth!

Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone that helped make the blood drive a success! 20 people were able to donate with 5 new donors. 23 units of blood which means up to **69 lives saved or sustained!** We are excited to bring back this back to our community. Please mark your calendars, the next blood drive is scheduled for **Monday, July 31st** in Hansen Hall at Saint Malachy's.

Living Stations of the Cross Performance at St. John Join us on Wednesday, April 5th in Ogden at 7pm to watch our Youth Group's performance of the Stations of the Cross.

Middle School Skating Party

All 5th-8th graders are invited to join us next Sunday April 2nd for a roller skating party. We'll start with pizza at St. John at 12:30 followed by skating at Spinning Wheels until 4pm. Contact Megan Ulrich or Kelley Grothus to register.

E.S.A. Helps Families Afford Catholic Education

Families interested in enrolling their children at Sacred Heart School will now benefit from having 100% of their tuition costs covered. Call Deb at 515-432-1971 or visit <https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/education-savings-accounts> to learn more about this beneficial program.

Sacred Heart/St. John Catholic Youth Camp (CYC) Summer Camp in Panora, IA Fundraising We have 24 elementary-middle school kids looking forward to attending Catholic camp this summer! Watch for them at our Lenten meals where they will be selling baked goods (free will donation) to help them pay for camp. *Want to donate? Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church with "CYC Camp" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity! Contact Megan Ulrich with questions dre@shboone.com*

Adoration

Ascension Parish offers two opportunities each week for Eucharistic Adoration. Tuesday's -1pm to 9pm at St. Malachy Thursday's - 8:30am to 7pm at Sacred Heart

St. Malachy's Lenten Soup Suppers

Please join us for the last Thursday in March for Stations of the Cross and a soup supper after the 5:30 Mass.

Community Free Dinner

We will have a community free Dinner on Monday April 3rd. Dinner will be served from 5:30 - 7 pm. No cost, just enjoy the meal and the company. No reservations. Also, we are in need of 6 volunteers, of any age to help. Call the parish office. Our Monday dinner will be monthly.

St. Malachy's Needs YOU!

We are looking for parishioners to help with upcoming masses by signing up to be Lectors*, Eucharistic Ministers*, Servers*, Ushers, Greeters, & Gift Bearers. (*Training is required, but greeting and carrying up the gifts is a great & easy way to get young families involved with the mass!) St. Malachy's will have the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil mass on Saturday, April 8th, at 8:30 PM, in addition to Palm Sunday (4/2) and Easter Sunday (4/9) masses at 8:30 AM. ***Please sign up today using one of these four ways! Online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/smmassministries>, on the paper in the sacristy, contact the parish office in Boone, or the SM Coordinator, Marsha at (515) 720-1429 / mwrightskinner@gmail.com. It takes A LOT of volunteers at each mass and if you can help with just one, once a month, it would be more than appreciated. Thank you in advance for your consideration and time!***

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

St. Malachy is hosting a training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd this summer. This program focuses on developing a relationship with Christ for 3-6 year olds through the image of Christ as the Good Shepherd who takes care of us. Parishioners are invited to join the training free of charge if they would like to serve as Catechists. Parents or other parishioners who are interested are also welcome to join at a reduced rate with further grants available. Contact DRE Kelley Grothus if you have questions or would like more information. There will be an information table set up after Masses April 1 and 2 at St. Malachy and Sacred Heart and an open house at St. Malachy after 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, April 16.

St. Malachy's Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Our final fish fry is March 31st. Fish dinner \$10, Combo dinner \$11, Shrimp dinner \$12. All meals come with choice of corn or green beans, potatoes, roll, mac n cheese, home-made dessert and drink. Carryout available.

Surviving Divorce Workshop

Is anyone in your family divorced? Please give them a copy of this bulletin or invite them to the twelve-week Surviving Divorce program, which will begin on April 13th from 5:30 – 7 pm in The Fitzgerald Hall. For the cost of \$5.00 this program for participants includes the Surviving Divorce Personal Guide and all program materials. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic Church teachings. Call Deanna at the Ascension Parish office at 515-432-1971 to register for this program.

Sacred Heart School

Registration Now Open We are now accepting registration for all grades for the '23 - 24 school year. New students are eligible to have 100% of their tuition covered through the new E.S.A. legislation that passed. Current families, please register on the school website. New families may call the school at 515-432-4124. To learn about the ESA and how it might benefit your family call Deb at 515-432-1971 or visit <https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/education-savings-accounts>