

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday April 17	Tuesday April 18	Wednesday April 19	Thursday April 20	Friday April 21	Saturday April 22	Sunday April 23
8:45 am REC Rosary (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)	11:30 am Rosary (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Adam Brekke</i> (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)	5:30 pm Mass <i>For the People</i> (SH)	8:30 am Mass + <i>Bert Tranel</i> (SM)
7:00 pm Men's Zoom Bible Study (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Dick & Kate Jordan</i> (SH)	12:00 pm Mass + <i>Jim Wetzeler</i> (SH)	Adoration After Mass till 7pm	8:00 am Mass + <i>Alice & Rudy Carlson</i> (SH)		9:30 am Rosary before Mass (SH)
	1 pm - 9 pm Adoration (SM)	2:30 pm Madrid home Mass (SM)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Deceased Wade & Wipperman families</i> (SM)	9:15 am Mass + <i>Harry Sechrest</i> (SJ)		10:00 am Mass + <i>Brodie Mosman & John Judge</i> (SH)
	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Living & Deceased Ortmann & Wade families</i> (SM)	3:30 pm Westhaven Mass (SH)	5:30 -7 pm Surviving Divorce Workshop (SH)			1:00 pm 1st Communion (SM)
		Religious Education Classes				

<u>Baptisms</u>	<u>Marriages</u>	<u>Born into Eternal Life</u>
	Ryan Hilsabeck & Bridget Biersner SH	

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 April 9 , 2023
Sacred Heart
Adult...\$9,000.00 Votive...\$42.45 Loose...\$759.15 Dollar & Children...\$409.15 Christmas Flower...\$5.00 Easter Flowers...\$25.00 Holy Land....\$65.00 Retired & Infirm Priests...\$1,360.00 Rice Bowl...\$1,006.94
Total....\$12,672.69

St. Malachy
Adult...\$2,912.00 Loose...\$250.00 Votives...\$8.00 Holy Land...\$25.00 Retired & Infirm Priests...\$493.00
Total....\$3,688.00

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

Boone County Catholic Community

Congratulations to our Sacred Heart and St. Johns 1st Communicants



- Simon Backlawski

Brighton Swalwell

Olivia Sorensen

Nora Peterson

Caydence Schubert

Katherine Kruse

Claire Fitzgerald

Lucy Nagl

Dorothy Langas

Ryland Pearson
- Amelia McKenny

Ryan Dvorak

Jackson Elthon

Nile Hart

Elouise Howard

Brock McCoy

Corbin Howie

Nora Hollingshead

Killian Ruble

Deklan Hjelle

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Church Website
www.boonecountycatholics.org

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Divine Mercy Sunday · April 16, 2023

Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

Welcome to the reception of the Eucharist, those who will receive their First Holy Communion this weekend at Sacred Heart and next Sunday at St. Malachy. Your desire mixed with a bit of anxiety gives us adults a pause to again recognize the grace in the real presence we too often take for granted. Thank you to the parents—the families—who have supported their faith, who have taught them prayer and shared times of prayer with them, who nurtures them with our Christian virtues and the sharing in the Sunday Eucharist. Not an easy task day in and day out, but an enduring blessing for them as they grow older and encounter various distractions and challenges. Thank you parents for providing your son or daughter with a foundation of faith nurtured by our Catholic-Christian values and the reception of the Eucharist. “Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.” (Corrie ten Boom)

Earlier this month Bishop Nickless announced the return of the Blood of Christ offered at Communion within our Masses. However, the Blood of Christ will be re-instituted at all the Masses on the weekend of June 11th, Corpus Christi Sunday. Next month the diocese will come out with guidelines and precautions for the offering and reception of the Blood of Christ. Bishop Nickless is concerned about the reverence of this aspect of the Eucharist, and the wellbeing of those who desire to receive the Blood of Christ. As the guidelines are brought forth next month, such will be shared with our parish and the Eucharistic Ministers.

Divine Mercy Sunday instituted during Pope John Paul II’s years shepherding our Church, brings forth the richness, if you will, of God’s mercy brought forth through His Son’s teachings, healings, crucifixion and resurrection. An understatement to say we are unable to grasp the magnitude of such grace, but nonetheless in dire need of. Scripture provides the crux of God’s call for mercy: “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36). At the appropriate time of 3pm this Sunday, the 16th, our parish is sponsoring a Divine Mercy Prayer Service at St. Malachy Church open to parishioners and visitors. Along with the Chaplet there will be the opportunity of Confessions, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

At a gathering in 2016 Pope Francis elaborated on the source of mercy we acknowledge and seek on this Divine Mercy Sunday: "Some of you might ask me, 'Father, how does one feel mercy and not pity?' Well, first we need to ask for the grace to have mercy. It is a grace and you must ask the Lord for it. The only road, though, to have mercy is through one's own sin recognized by ourselves, and forgiven by the Lord; through sin acknowledged and forgiven. We can be merciful only if we feel we have truly received the mercy of the Lord, as otherwise one cannot be truly merciful. If you feel that your sin has been taken on, forgiven, and forgotten by God, you have received mercy, and by having thus received mercy, you can be merciful. If mercy does not come from your heart in this way, it is not mercy."

From his devotional, Jesus: A Contemporary Walk With Jesus, Mark Link, S.J., offers a brief story of our Christian calling to receive God’s mercy, and in turn, extend to others. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy (Matthew 5:7)

Little Jason was returning home later and later each afternoon from school. His father lectured him on punctuality, but the talks made no impact on him. Finally, he told Jason that the next time he was late, he could expect bread and water for supper. Sure enough, the next evening Jason was late. When he sat down to supper, he was stunned. On his plate was a single slice of bread. Jason saw his father meant business. When the punishment had sunk in fully, Jason’s father gave him his own full plate and took Jason’s single slice of bread. That was all Jason’s father ate that night. Years later, Jason said that what his father did at supper that evening taught him in the most eloquent way what Jesus’ mercy did for the human race 2,000 years ago.”

My blessings to the students who will receive their First Holy Communion this weekend and next, and their families as they continue to share the gift of our Catholic faith within their homes, and in our parish. And a sincere “thank you” to the volunteers who prepared them in the past year for this Sacrament.

God Bless, Fr. Tim

“Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.” (Mark Twain)

Ogden/Boone Summer Camp Fundraising Update

Can you help our 3rd-8th grade kids get back to summers unplugged and running around outside. Days spent splashing in the pool. Growing in faith and courageous discipleship. Making and strengthening friendships (and friendship bracelets). Evenings filled with games, facepaint, sno-cones, and s'mores. We have 20 kids who would like to attend Catholic Youth Camp in Panora, IA. In order to fully fund their cost we need to raise \$7,500. So far with their fundraising efforts we have raised \$3,612. Please consider donating to the future of our Church by supporting these kids. Checks can be made out to Sacred Heart with CYC Camp in the Memo line. To donate online scan the QR code and donate under "Summer Camp Fundraiser." Questions? Megan Ulrich 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

April 16th is Divine Mercy Sunday.

Please join us as we pray the Divine Mercy chaplet together at 3:00 PM in St. Malachy’s Church. Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be offered.

Divine Mercy Sunday Egg Hunt & Breakfast

St. Malachy’s will hold a breakfast and Easter egg hunt for the parish on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 16, 2023) following 8:30 am Mass, as well as a bake sale. Please come and celebrate the Easter season with the parish family. All proceeds support our youth attending Catholic youth camps this summer.

The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will hold an Exemplification Ceremony on Sunday April 23rd. The Ceremony will be held in Sacred Heart Church immediately following 10 am Mass. Any male 18yrs. or older may join, also open to any 1st Degree Knight who would like to become a 3rd Degree Knight. Anyone, including families, are welcome and encouraged to attend. The ceremony will last around 30 minutes. Contact Matt Hilsabeck with any questions (515) 360-4113 or hilsabeck09@hotmail.com.

Successful Hygiene Drive

This past week, items from our March Hygiene Drive were divided among three communities: Martha's House of Hope (Ames), Greater Love (Madrid), Salvation Army, Impact, and the Toreador Food Pantry (all of Boone). It is such a privilege to drop these donations off allowing us to see and hear the gratitude from these organizations within our communities. Thank you Ascension Parishioners!!

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.

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

Family Fun Night & Open House

Come and join us on Friday, April 21st from 5:30 -7:00 pm for a night full of fun! We have several activities being led by our SHS Staff: roller skating, blender bike, and other STEM activities. As well as snacks and refreshments.