

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday May 1	Tuesday May 2	Wednesday May 3	Thursday May 4	Friday May 5	Saturday May 6	Sunday May 7
8:45 am REC Rosary (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)	11:30 am Rosary (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)	8:15 am Anointing Mass + <i>Brodie Mosman and Dorothy Nolan</i> (SJ)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Living & Deceased Headley family and Myron K Elsberry</i> (SH)	8:30 am Mass <i>For the People</i> (SM)
7:00 pm Men's Zoom Bible Study (SH)	8:00 am + <i>Mary Ann Kaess</i> (SH)	12:00 pm All School Mass + <i>Tom Moore</i> (SH)	8:00 am Anointing Mass + <i>Terry Garvey</i> (SH)	9:30 am Rosary (SH)		9:30 am Rosary before Mass (SH)
	1 pm - 9 pm Adoration (SM)	1:30 pm Madrid Home Mass (SM)	Adoration after Mass till 7pm (SH)	10:00 am All School Mass + <i>Living & Deceased Harold Kline family</i> (SH)		10:00 am Mass <i>Living & Deceased Flynn family</i> (SH)
	5:30 pm Mass No Mass (SM)	3:30 pm Westhaven Mass (SH)	5:30 pm Anointing Mass + <i>Frances Cowles</i> (SM)			4:45 pm Holy Hour (SM)
	7:00 pm KC meeting (SH)	6:00 pm Mass + <i>Doreen Hamlon</i> (SM)	4:30 -7 pm Surviving Divorce Workshop (SH)			6:00 pm KC Dinner (SM)
	7:30 pm Theology on Tap (SH)	BBQ following Mass (SM)				6:30 Kc Meeting (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 April 23 , 2023
Sacred Heart
Adult...\$5,380.00 Votive...\$27.35 Loose...\$328.25 Dollar & Children...\$336.05 Retired & Infirm Priests...\$30.00 Rice Bowl...\$50.00 Improvement Fund...\$20.00 Altar Society...\$10.00 Cemetery Maintenance...\$5.00
Total....\$6,181.65

St. Malachy
Adult...\$2,005.00 Loose...\$170.00 Votives...\$12.00 Easter Flowers...\$20.00 Peters Pence...\$20.00 Improve-ment...\$30.00 Social Justice...\$20.00 Sponsor Child...\$298.00
Total....\$2,555.00

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

Boone County Catholic Community



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Fourth Sunday of Easter · April 30, 2023

Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

Like other aspects of our society, our Church has been affected by the COVID outbreak and ensuing restrictions. Some debated whether we overreacted as a society, others carry a prevailing concern about the spread of viruses and their own well-being. As such, within our diocese and locally we have noticed a decrease in the parishioners and visitors present at the Sunday Eucharist. At the same time, a struggle to consistently fill the ministries for the weekend Masses. We are grateful for those who continue to share their time and abilities, presence, and faith—a grace within our Eucharist. Thank you! Always open to the talents and faith of others, I’m asking you to consider sharing your presence within a certain ministry for our parish, regardless of who you are. You have something to share, humbly and hopefully, within our Sunday Eucharist, offering your faith as an instrument of grace before others. Please prayerfully consider. By the instruction of the Bishop our diocese will again offering the Cup, the Blood of Christ, beginning in June. There will be a need for additional Eucharistic Ministers for each Mass so this Sacrament can be offered with dignity. If you feel called to share your faith and presence within this ministry, or if you have questions, please call the parish office and I will graciously help you. For all those who presently share your faith and presence within the ministries of our parish, Thank you; for those who do have the faith and time to share within our gatherings for the Sunday Eucharist, God bless you as you step forward. Jesus said, “I am the gate for the sheep. . . .I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. . . .I am the Good Shepherd.” (John 10) In scripture “shepherding” was a common occupation in ancient Palestine. A shepherd was either the owner of the flock or herd of sheep, or one hired by the owner to watch over and nurture the animals. Staying with their sheep day and night, shepherds provided the needed food and water while protecting them from thieves and wild animals. As often depicted, a shepherd would carry a curved walking stick for their own balance, and to herd, divide and guide the sheep. Sometimes too, an extra rod or sling as a weapon against intruders. Because of their sole responsibility to protect and provide and guide the sheep, the title “shepherd” became synonymous for leaders. God, as the Shepherd, is depicted in Psalm 23 and Isaiah 40:11. Today’s gospel passage from John brings to fulfillment the Good Shepherd, with Jesus as the leader and guard for his people, the One who suffers for them. Our final judge, and yet the tireless, humble Shepherd who would safely leave the herd so that the one who wandered could be found.

Blaze Bible Study for 5th-8th Grade Girls starting 5/21
Register now for this 6 week study entitled "Discovering My Purpose." Alyssa Balmer will be leading this group on Sundays at Sacred Heart after Mass in the library. Cost: \$10 Email dre@shboone.com to register.

Save the Date for VBS!
We will be offering VBS for students entering PreK-4th grade on June 19-22nd. We will have a morning option at Sacred Heart and an evening option at St. Malachy. Watch for registration information soon!

Naturally then, with his ‘staff’ in hand the Pope is called the Shepherd of the Church. Blessed with the structure of our Catholic Church through the centuries, especially through the guidance and nurturing spirit as our Shepherd, the Papacy has signified unity, tradition, and apostolic succession from St. Peter. Called forth through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, each Pope has brought forth their own unique talents and abilities, humanity, and faith. My own recognition of the papacy began with Pope Paul VI, infrequently catching glimpses of him via the television and—fading in and out—the Midnight Mass he celebrated from St. Peter’s. Highlighting the spiritual leadership of our recent Popes, I include a few quotes giving us an idea of their calling as our Shepherd. "Openness to God makes us open towards the marginalized of this world, and gives us the courage to leave the confines of our own security and comfort to become bruised, hurting and dirty as we joyfully approach the suffering of others in a spirit of solidarity. ”(Pope Francis)
"God's love calls us to move beyond fear, and it gives us the courage to continue seeking and working for the benefit of all. We ask God to give us the strength to work and to struggle for love of the common good and for those suffering the indignities of poverty in our communities, our nation, and our global family. ”(Pope Benedict XVI)
"Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought. ”(Pope John Paul II)
“It is not wrong to want to live better; what is wrong is a style of life which is presumed to be better when it is directed towards 'having' rather than 'being,' and which wants to have more, not in order to be more but in order to spend life in enjoyment as an end in itself. ”(Pope John Paul I)
"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do. ”(Pope John XXIII)
God Bless, Fr. Tim
FYI: “Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush. ”(Doug Larson)

Summer Camp Brunch Fundraiser
Join us for Brunch after Mass today at Sacred Heart on April 30th and help our kids pay for summer camp! We will be serving up egg casseroles, pancakes and fruit! Cost: Free Will Donation.

Daily Mass Change for this week Only
On Friday May 5th the 9:15 am Mass at Ogden has been changed to 9:15 am for the week only. There will be no 8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart on May 5th instead there will be a 10:00 am Mass that day for Grandparents day.

Sacred Heart Cemetery
Thanks to a generous offer from a parishioner, if we can raise \$10,000 by Memorial day, it will be matched 100%. Please consider contributing, no matter the size, to fund our 2023 projects at the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Please make checks out to Sacred Heart Cemetery and mark on the memo line: Matching gift.

Feast of Corpus Christi Volunteers Needed
On June 11th we celebrate Corpus Christi (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ). We are planning events for this very special occasion and would love to have a small group of individuals (4-5) willing to help. The goal is to have something at each of our three church locations. If you would like to be a part of this celebration, please contact Deb at development@shboone.com.

St. Malachy BBQ
Join the religious ed family for an end of year celebration on Wednesday, May 3. We will have a family Mass at 6:00 pm followed by a barbecue sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome to join and celebrate the children's learning and faith throughout the year.

Theology on Tap
Our final Theology on Tap for the '22-23 year is being held on the first Tuesday of May. Join us on May 2nd as we listen to Fr. Travis Crotty speak about the Catechism. The doors to Boone Valley Brewing will open at 7 pm with the program beginning at 7:30 pm. We will be taking a free-will offering to help cover the cost of the venue and any speaker fees. Theology on Tap will resume in September with a new year of topics and speakers!

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Ascension Parish has a dedicated group of volunteers who meet once a month to knit or crochet shawls. Intentional prayers are prayed while the shawls are being created. Once completed, shawls can be given to anyone for any reason. You do NOT need to be a member of Ascension Parish to give, or get, a Prayer Shawl. Prayer Shawls can be given to your neighbor who just had surgery or a friend who just had a baby, There is no right or wrong reason to give a Prayer Shawl. There is no charge for shawls but we do kindly accept monetary donations to be used towards the purchase of materials. Prayer Shawls are held both at Sacred Heart and St. Malachy's. Sacred Heart parishioners can stop in to the parish office for a shawl and St. Malachy parishioners can get in touch with Marsha Wright Skinner at 515-720-1429.

Adoration
Ascension Parish offers two opportunities each week for Eucharistic Adoration.
Tuesday's -1pm to 9pm at St. Malachy with Divine Mercy prayed at 3pm & 6 pm
Thursday's - 8:30am to 7pm at Sacred Heart.

Surviving Divorce Workshop
There is still time to Sign-up. Is anyone in your family divorced? Please give them a copy of this bulletin or invite them to the twelve-week Surviving Divorce program, from 4:30 – 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.

Rosary for Our Lady of Fatima.
Honor of Our Lady of Fatima by praying the rosary outdoors at noon on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at Sacred Heart church in Boone. May 13 will be the 106 th anniversary of our Lady’s first appearance in 1917 to the three children at Fatima. When Our Lady appeared she told the children of the evil influences of Russia and how Russia will spread its errors throughout the world, if devotion to the Immaculate Heart was not practiced. Our Lady asked that we pray the rosary daily for peace.

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.

Sacred Heart School

Grandparents’ Day
We will be hosting our annual Grandparents’ Day in the morning on Friday, May 5th. Our students are excited to showcase their artwork, perform a short vocal concert, and attend Mass together!

Save the Date
Our Spring Concert will be here soon and our students are preparing to sing some wonderful songs! We hope you are able to join us on the evening of Wednesday, May 17th starting at 6:30 p.m.

Educational Savings Accounts Benefit Sacred Heart School
The Students First Act was passed earlier this year offering funding for families that choose a non-public option. This law will make state funding available for education savings accounts, which may be used by eligible families to cover tuition, fees, and other qualified education expenses at Sacred Heart School. If you are interested in learning more about this program please contact Mrs. Eldridge at 515-432-4124 or Deb Franzenburg 515-432-1971.