

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday May 8	Tuesday May 9	Wednesday May 10	Thursday May 11	Friday May 12	Saturday May 13	Sunday May 14
8:45 am REC Rosary (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)	2:30 pm Cedars Mass (SM)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)	12:00 pm Rosary for Our Lady of Fatima	8:30 am Mass + <i>Lorraine Madison</i> (SM)
7:00 pm Men’s Zoom Bible Study (SH)	8:00 am + <i>Special Intention for Elsie Alexander</i> (SH)	10:00 am Eastern Star Mass (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Special Intention for Barb MacDougall</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Special Intention for Molly Alexander</i> (SH)	5:00 pm Rosary (SH)	9:30 am Rosary before Mass (SH)
	1 pm - 9 pm Adoration (SM)	11:30 am Rosary (SH)	Adoration after Mass till 7pm (SH)		5:30 pm Mass + <i>Pam Borkowski and Susie Anthoney</i> (SH)	10:00 am Mass + <i>Dorothea Scott and Christopher Scott</i> (SH)
	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Tim Cowles</i> (SM)	12:00 pm All School Mass + <i>Special Intention for Missy Franks</i> (SH)	4:30 -7 pm Surviving Divorce Workshop (SH)			
			5:30 pm Mass + <i>Kris Geneser</i> (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 30 , 2023
Sacred Heart
Adult...\$9,213.57 Votive...\$20.00 Loose...\$306.00 Dollar & Children...\$361.75 Improvement Fund...\$50.00
Altar Society...\$10.00 Cemetery Maintenance...\$350.00 Cemetery Matching.... (Will post later)
Total....\$10,311.32

St. Malachy
Adult...\$2,424.00 Loose...\$31.02 Votives...\$16.00 Improvement...\$30.00 Social Justice...\$10.00
Sponsor Child...\$16.00 Peters Pence...\$10.00 Retired & Infirm Priests...\$120.00 Aid to Domestic Churches...\$10.00
Total....\$2,696.00

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Fifth Sunday of Easter · May 7, 2023

Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

Jesus said, “Where I am going you know the way.” Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life.” (JN 14:4)

Within the plethora of movies, old and new, some lackluster and some deeply meaningful, there is “The Way.” Written and directed by Emilio Estevez, starring his father, Martin Sheen, in a role depicting his journey to heal from the sudden loss of his son. Taking the challenge to walk (or pilgrimage) the El Camino de Santiago, also known as the The Way of Saint James, Sheen’s character finds healing and redemption through the journey and people he unexpectedly encounters. Though our journeys in life may not be as particular as that of the “The Way of Saint James,” they are always an invitation for Christ’s presence and grace at our side. His “Way” is always to interrupt ours, within our attempts to plan and control, those times we hesitate out of fear or hurt, and in the precious moments we allow ourselves to be vulnerable, open to Him who desires to journey with us. As our gospels inform us, Jesus does not desire to be worshipped or adored; rather, significantly, “follow me.” There we will find the path leading to our Creator, the trust in the promise of eternal life, and the Resurrection.

“I am the way the truth and the life.” Speaking of His Truth, a few thoughts to consider: Jesus lived in a completely different reality. Not only did he live in a different time, but a different reality in Jewish culture two thousand years ago in contrast to our society and means today. Jesus was Jewish. Contrary to the image of a blue-eyed, blonde haired Caucasian, Jesus was a Jewish rabbi, teaching as did many of the rabbis of his time, hampered by the control the Roman Empire. Jesus was apolitical. He did not share a political ideology since such didn’t exist at that time in the first century. Jesus taught in a religious system consisting of the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and the Essences; and his only loyalty was to God.

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.

Children's Rosary
Join us this Wednesday evening (5/10) for our Children's Rosary at Sacred Heart. We will begin at 6:45 pm. All are welcome to join.

Jesus wasn’t a Christian. “Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. I came to accomplish their purpose (MT 5:17).” Jews who began to follow Jesus were no longer welcome in the synagogues so they formed communities of like minded followers called ‘ekklesia’ later translated to Church. Jesus is bigger than our beliefs. Since the earliest stories in the Old Testament, we have tried to make God in our own image, unconsciously or overtly through our culture, background and presuppositions. To understand His truth, may we pay attention to the scripture passages and His teachings that make you uncomfortable; what we discover may surprise us of the way Jesus is guiding us. Jesus championed the rights of children and woman. In first century Judaism women and children had no rights, and their considerations were always secondary. Jesus extended dignity and purpose to all individuals regardless of class, identity or background. Jesus’ friends were the underclass of society. His ‘way’ was based on the concept of that all people are equally important in God’s eyes so to speak. He befriended and hung out with the individuals first century Judaism society cast aside. Jesus made ‘humility’ (and healing) predominate. First century society at that time (whether Greek, Jew or Roman) valued courage, accomplishments, battle exploits or intellectual progress. Humility was not a virtue of the righteous and strong, yet Jesus’ counter cultural actions whether serving the poor or washing feet proved an uncompromised standard for all who would choose to be his disciple and follow him along the way. (Engrid Barnett The Untold Truth of Jesus; Kyle Chastain Koinonia)

Though Martin Sheen and his son Emilio Estevez are both outspoken Catholics in practice and virtue, the main character in “The Way” displays no outward Christian affiliation allowing the journey to slowly find his purpose and peace with God through the healing steps with Christ. “Where I am going you know the way.”

God Bless, Fr. Tim
FYI: “There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.” (Albert Einstein)

Sewists Needed for Mitten Project
Do you like to sew? A generous parishioner has cut fleece fabric to make children's mittens for our Social Justice Committee to distribute. If you can help sew them up please contact Megan Ulrich 515-250-8368.

Thank You Summer Camp Donors!
Thanks to the generosity of so many parishioners at Sacred Heart/St. John we have met our goal of fully funding summer camp for all 20 of our youth attending! We can't wait to hear all about their experience when they return! A whole week immersed in our Catholic faith is going to be amazing! In gratitude, Megan Ulrich

VBS Registration is Now Open - Join us June 19-22nd!
We will once again be offering VBS at Sacred Heart and St. Malachy for children entering PreK-4th grade. Sacred Heart: 8:45am-Noon, St. Malachy: 5-7pm. Cost: Free Will Donation. Register on the parish website. Volunteers are needed. Please let us know if you can help!

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.

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.

Mental Health Matters
Please join us on May 23rd at 6:00 at St. Malachy's Hanson Hall. Snacks will be served at 6:00 with the hour presentation starting at 6:30. The topics will be Mental Health-Depression & Anxiety, Suicide-How to identify and assist someone in need, Impact of Social Media on Kids.

Register Now! Steubenville Youth Conference July 28-30 St. Paul, MN
It is time to register for Steubenville, a fun and faith filled retreat. Our parish is going to the Saint Paul, MN event on July 28-30, 2023. Any students currently in 8th grade through high school may attend. We only have 20 total spots reserved for our parish so get registered as soon as possible (priority will be given to those who have helped with fundraising through the Amore Dinner and ABC Sale). Contact Heather Fischer to sign up! youth@shboone.com

ABC Garage Sale at Sacred Heart June 9-10th
Save the date! Our annual garage sale youth group fundraiser is coming up. We will be accepting household items and children's clothing donations the week of the sale. Note that this year we will not be accepting adult clothing. Please contact Heather Fischer if you can volunteer your time to help. Email: youth@shboone.com

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

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.