

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday June 26	Tuesday June 27	Wednesday June 28	Thursday June 29	Friday June 30	Saturday July 1	Sunday July 2
8:45 am REC Rosary (SH) 7:00 pm Men's Zoom Bible Study (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH) 8:00 am <i>No Mass</i> (SH) 1 pm - 9 pm Adoration (SM) 5:30 pm <i>No Mass</i> (SM)	7:30 am Rosary (SH) 8:00 am <i>No Mass</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Darlene Mosman</i> (SH) Adoration 8:30am - 7 pm (SH) 3:00 pm Madrid Home Mass (SM) 4:30 -7 pm Surviving Divorce Workshop (SH) 5:30 pm + <i>Tim Cowles</i> (SM)	7:30 am Rosary (SH) 8:00 am Mass + <i>Special Intention for Barb Bravard</i> (SH)	5:00 pm Rosary (SH) 5:30 pm Mass + <i>Living & Deceased Headley family and Deceased Lacey Family</i> (SH)	8:30 am Mass + <i>Judy Frieders</i> (SM) 9:30 am Rosary before Mass (SH) 10:00 am Mass <i>Special Intention for Bob & Chris Adelman and Greg Hochderter and +Chris Cooper, and Elaine Fitzgerald</i> (SH) Blaze Bible Study after Mass (SH) Ignite Bible Study after Mass (SH) Young Adult Bible Study After Mass (SH)

Baptisms	Marriages	Born into Eternal Life
Wyatt Joseph Kopaska - SM		

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 June 11&18, 2023

Sacred Heart June 11 - Adult...\$5,559.00 Loose...\$245.00 Dollar & Children...\$296.00 votives...\$16.00 Improvement...\$50.00 Altar.\$260.00 Retired & Infirmid Priests...\$15.00 **Total...\$6,441.00**
June 18 - Adult...\$4,984.50 Loose...\$238.50 Dollar & Children...\$295.15 Votive...\$26.00 Altar Society...\$270.00 Peters Pence...\$655.00 **Total...\$5,879.15**
St. Malachy's June 11 - Adult....\$2,328.00 Loose...\$80.00 Votives...\$12.00 Peters Pence...\$5.00 Aid to Domestic Churches...\$10.00 **Total...\$2,435.00**
June 18 - Adult...\$2,527.00 Loose...\$26.00 Votives...\$15.00 **Total....\$2,568.00**

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

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Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” Birds are mentioned over three hundred times in scripture under the general terms, “birds,” “fowl,” and more specifically, “turtle doves,” “pigeons,” “sparrows.” Often linked to a spiritual lesson of some sort, such references are more frequent in the Old Testament. (“God created all the many living things in the sea and every kind of bird that flies in the air. And God saw that this was good. . . . And he blessed the birds. . . and let them multiply.” Genesis 1:21-22). Our culture seems defined by pets we own, feed, protect, and control to a certain extent. But birds hold our attention in a very real and unique manner. We cannot control their movements, domesticate them or call them our pets, exclusively. Yet, the first sighting of robins in the spring, the brazen red feathers of a cardinal spotted in the depth of winter, the sudden cacophony of birds chirping in the first light of dawn, the majestic bald eagle spotted more frequently soaring above, the miraculous fluttering of a hummingbird’s wings at a feeder, the unexpected ‘hoot’ of an unseen great grey owl, the sighting of the bright orange plumage of an Oriole feeding on grape jelly, the distinctive water fowl, or the ring neck pheasant scurrying across the highway just before your car passes, the morning calls of the mourning dove or that of the great imitator, the ‘cat bird.’ Like the state motto of Minnesota (Land of 10,000 Lakes) there are well over ten thousand species of birds. More than anything else, it is there freedom, their intuitive flight patterns, and distinctive size, personality and plumage that draws our attention to these essential creatures of God’s master plan, His Creation. (However, a ripe mulberry bush has a tendency to bring out the messy aspect of God’s special creatures.). So many idioms are associated with our fine feathered friends: “A tough old bird - Birds of a feather stick together - That’s strictly for the birds - As the crow flies - Get your ducks in a row - The eagle has landed - A feather in your cap - Ruffle some feathers - A wild goose chase - Happy as a lark - Take under his wing - Wise as an owl - Fine feathered friend - Crazy as a loon - Proud as a peacock.” And of course, “On a wing and a pray-

er.” Beyond these well versed and seldom spoken idioms, there is a triumphant saying pertaining to the spiritual relevance of these creatures God brought forth on the fifth day of creation. “Faith is the bird that feels the light when the dawn is still dark.” With the dire news reaching us from all angles, responsibilities and pace of life that stretches our grasp of the present and future, and the intensive marketing to be someone other than who God created us to be, doubt removes what our faith offers: the Light. In his inaugural address in 1979, after his ‘calling’ to the papacy, Pope John Paul II, shared assuredly the crux of our Catholic-Christian faith. “Do not be afraid. Open, I say open wide the doors for Christ. To His saving power open the boundaries.” And later at World Youth Day in Denver in 1993 Pope John Paul II shared a continuation of his contention of the all-encompassing Light of our faith. “Do not be afraid to break out of comfortable and routine modes of living in order to take up the challenge of making Christ known. . . .Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch. . . .I plead with you, never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid.” At St. John Paul II Catholic School in Houston, Texas, their motto reflects Christ’s message in the gospel, so strongly reflected in our late Pope’s advocacy: Be not afraid. . .to live your faith. Be not afraid. . .to be kind to all your classmates [neighbors]. Be not afraid. . .to say, ‘I don’t know’ and ask for help. Be not afraid . . .of challenges, embrace them. Be not afraid. . .to be confident Catholics. Be not afraid. . .to have a giving heart. Be not afraid. . .because Christ is with you forever. *God Bless, Fr. Tim* FYI: “Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly.” (Langston Hughes, a favorite poet of mine)

St. Malachy’s Knights of Columbus
All Council #14393 members and families along with those considering joining the KCs are invited to a steak meal Saturday, July 8 with social starting at 5:30 and the meal served at 6:00 pm. This will be held in Hanson Hall. Meat and drinks are provided. Please bring a side dish to share. New officers will be introduced.

Party on the Patio
Enjoy live music and good company? Join us on Thursday, July 13th, on the grassy area at Sacred Heart Church for live music by Dan Jones. Dan will be entertaining us from 7 - 9 PM and there is no cost to attend. Bring a chair and a friend to enjoy an evening of music, drinks, and snacks.

Municipal Band Concert Pie and Ice Cream Social
The Ascension Parish Altar Society will be serving pie and ice cream at the city band concert on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 7:30 PM in the Herman Park Pavilion. Altar Society circles are requesting donations of pies, bars, cookies, and ice cream. If you wish to donate, please contact Clare Kostelnick (515-709-0388) or email ckostelnick@yahoo.com. Come enjoy some great music and treat yourself to delicious pie and ice cream!

NEW TIME Young Adult Bible Study 11am Sundays!
Join us for a 9 week study on The Case for Jesus series on Formed. We will meet Sundays at 11am in Fitzgerald Hall. Contact Anna Balmer for more information: (515) 236-4085 or elegantpurplelady@gmail.com

National Eucharistic Revival
On June 11th, we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi which also kicked-off Year 2 of the National Eucharistic Revival (the Parish Year). During this time, Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Rvival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery. From now until June 2024, Ascension Parish will be holding events focused on the Eucharist and we encourage you to participate in as many as possible. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact someone from our committee: Jerry & Tammy Loew (Madrid), Pete Thomson (Ogden), Marvin Wilmes, Barb MacDougall, or Deb Franzenburg (all of Boone).

Middle School Wilderness Day - July 7th
Join us from 10-2 pm as we adventure and serve at Don Williams Park. Open to all students entering 5th-8th grade. Register on the parish website.

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 Megan Ulrich to sign up! dre@shboone.com

Men’s Bible Study - Holy is His Name
Join us for the 12-week *Holy is His Name* journey through the scripture study presented by Scott Hahn. Starting July 13, we will meet every Thursday morning at 5:30 am in the St. Malachy chapel. Contact T.J. Schneider for more information: (515-210-4525) or ajsch12@gmail.com

Ogden Food Pantry Volunteers Needed
July 11th & August 8th Our parish has signed up to help at the Food Pantry on these dates. Please contact Megan Ulrich 515-250-8368 or email dre@shboone.com if you can volunteer!

We Need Your Help
The Church is made of individuals that come together to create a community of believers and we are so blessed to be able to celebrate the liturgy each week. And, each week, many volunteers are needed to assist in that blessing. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help at a Mass or two each month. You can pick when and where you serve! On our website is a form to fill out if you are interested in volunteering your time or use the QR code. Training for certain ministries will be offered early fall. Thank you for all those that currently serve and to those willing to serve in the near future.



IGNITE Middle School Boys' Bible Study
Middle school boys (5th- 8th) are invited to join our 10-week IGNITE Bible Study. The group will meet Sundays after Mass at Sacred Heart in the Youth Group room in the basement of the parish office building. The study is being led by parishioner, Josh Conte. *Register on the parish website or email: dre@shboone.com.*

Greater Love Ministries
Dave Thompson director of Greater Love ministries in Madrid since November 1, 2009 has submitted his resignation effective by the end of 2023. The board of directors is currently seeking a person or persons to fill this position. If you have questions or would like more information please contact Annette Polich at 515-249-7678 nette.polich12@gmail.com

Prayer Chain Ministry
Anyone in the parish may submit a prayer request to be placed on our Ascension Prayer Chain. You may ask for a prayer for yourself or on behalf of someone else. If you are asking on behalf of someone else, we ask that you only do so if they are a member of your immediate family otherwise it will be done as an anonymous intention. For all requests, please email ascensionparishprayerchain@gmail.com. Thank you to all those who actively pray for these requests.



Sacred Heart School

Interested in a Faith-based Education?
Are you interested in enrolling your child at Sacred Heart School for the upcoming school year? Qualified families who apply before the June 30 deadline will receive an ESA in the amount of \$7,635 for EACH eligible child to use at the nonpublic school of their choice during the 2023-2024 school year. For more information, call Deb at 515-432-1971 or go to info@iowaace.org