

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday July 3	Tuesday July 4	Wednesday July 5	Thursday July 6	Friday July 7	Saturday July 8	Sunday July 9
8:45 am REC Rosary (SH) 7:00 pm Men's Zoom Bible Study (SH) 5:30 pm Free Community Dinner (SH)	Parish Office Closed 7:30 am Rosary (SH) 8:00 am Mass + <i>Claire R Rouse</i> (SH) No Adoration (SM) 5:30 pm No Mass (SM)	7:30 am Rosary (SH) 8:00 am Mass + <i>Living & Deceased members of John Craig family</i> (SH) 3:30 pm Westhaven Mass (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Rose May Judge</i> (SH) Adoration 8:30am - 7 pm (SH) 3:00 pm Cedars Mass (SM) 5:30 pm Mass + <i>Frances Cowles</i> (SM)	7:30 am Rosary (SH) 8:00 am Mass + <i>Angela & Daniel Wittrock</i> (SH) 9:15 am Mass + <i>Brodie Mosman & Susie Anthony (SJ)</i> 10:00 am Middle School Wilderness Day at Don Williams	5:00 pm Rosary (SH) 5:30 pm Mass + <i>Leona Tilley and Jim Wetzeler</i> (SH) 5:30 pm KC Steak Dinner (SM)	8:30 am Mass + <i>Kris Geneser</i> (SM) HS bible study after Mass (SM) 9:30 am Rosary before Mass (SH) 10:00 am Mass + <i>Jane Baldwin Beers</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

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 25, 2023
Sacred Heart - Adult...\$4,744.00 Loose...\$300.01 Dollar & Children...\$261.50 Votives...\$18.32 Improvement...\$100.00 Altar.\$150.00 Peters Pence...\$448.00 Rice Bowl...\$140.00 **Total...\$6,161.83**

St. Malachy's - Adult....\$3,516.00 Loose...\$54.06 Votives...\$18.00 Peters Pence...\$268.00 Retired Religious...\$35.00 Sponsor Children...\$18.00 Improvement...\$40.00 Assumption...\$30.00 **Total...\$3,979.06**

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

Boone County Catholic Community



Sacred Heart
915 12th St
Boone, Iowa 50036
515-432-1971

St John's
801 W. Division St
Ogden, Iowa 50212

St Malachy's
405 Gerald St
Madrid, Iowa 50156
515-795-2731

Our School
1111 Marshall St
Boone, Iowa 50036
515-432-4124

Church Website
www.boonecountycatholics.org

Website
www.shboone.com

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time · July 2, 2023

Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

Approaching our national holiday, the Fourth of July, we would be remiss to consider this a strictly secular observance. As one noted writer, philosopher and Catholic aptly said, “America is the only nation in the world founded on a creed.” Other nations were carved out by their ancestry, geographical location, or simply by the power of a king’s will; America was shaped by a ‘shared belief’ evident in the statement Thomas Jefferson penned in our Constitution: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” Benjamin Franklin chimed in with his view as our nation was taking shape, separating our floundering country from the British Empire: “The longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: ‘that God governs in the affairs of men.’ And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that a nation can rise without His aide?”

Our First Amendment spells out the new beginning of tolerance and acceptance of Christian beliefs and practices. “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

In spite of this newfound freedom of faith and practice, in reality, the Catholics coming to America were the least valued, misunderstood, and too often persecuted or simply left out of communal gatherings. Catholic immigrants who were amongst the first to settle in this ‘New Country,” were nonetheless persecuted for their faith, ridiculed for their practice, and in many areas not allowed to hold public gatherings for prayer and the Eucharist. Immigrants from England were especially harsh on those arriving with their Catholic beliefs and practices. Maryland was the ‘preferred’ colony of the arriving Catholics and the first colony to have their own bishop, John Carroll. And yet, it was another group of individuals persecuted for their beliefs, the Quakers, who in many cases protected and sheltered Catholic families, allowing them safe passage through the thriving country. Likewise misunderstood for their Christian beliefs and practices, the Quakers nonetheless remained pacifists and individually practiced such virtue by protecting others (notably Catholic families) from unwarranted violence and persecution. Quakers played a vital part of our foothold within this nation.

We have a debt to repay as American Catholics, affording respect, understanding and dignity to Christians of other denominations. Thankful for the freedom to practice our faith without any

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

Catechists needed!
St. Malachy is in need of assistant Catechists and small group leaders at various grade levels. Please contact DRE Kelley Grothus if you are willing to serve the parish in this way.

retribution, and to openly participate in the Sacramental life our Church, especially the Eucharist. As one of the founding fathers, Patrick Henry, eluded to the reality of the First Amendment freedom: “It cannot be emphasized too strongly. . .that this great Nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians. . . .For that reason alone, people of other faiths have been afforded freedom of worship here.”

We lift up our hearts, O God, on this day of celebration in gratitude for the gift of being Americans.

We rejoice with all those who share in the great dream of freedom and dignity for all. With flags and feasting, with family and friends we salute those who have sacrificed that we might have the opportunity to bring to fulfillment our many God-given gifts.

As we deny all prejudice a place in our hearts, may we also clearly declare our intention to work for the time when all people, regardless of race, religion, or sex, will be granted equal dignity and worth.

Come, O gracious God, who led your children Israel from slavery, keep us free from all that might hold us in bondage.

Bless our country and join our simple celebration that we may praise you, our Source of freedom, the One in whom we place our trust. Amen. (Ed Hayes, Pilgrim Almanac)

God Bless, Fr. Tim

FYI: “Let the Fourth of July always be a reminder that here in this land, for the first time, it was decided that man is born with certain God-given rights... We sometimes forget that great truth, and we never should.” (President Reagan)

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.

Thank you!
Thank you to all who helped provide food for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training held at St. Malachy. Please keep the 14 Ascension Parish members and 12 additional adults taking this training in your prayers as the Holy Spirit guides us.

Free Community Dinner
We will have a free community Dinner on Monday July 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.

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 Revival 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 Thomsen (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.

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.



VBS Thank You!
Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers at VBS this year! The kids had a wonderful fun and faith filled week!

ABC Sale Thank You
Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated items for our Youth Group ABC Sale. The event was a huge success!

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

Heart 2 Heart
Did you know that Sacred Heart offers before and after school childcare for our school families? Heart 2 Heart is open each school day from 6:30 - 7:30 AM and after school from 3:15 - 5:30 PM. We have two wonderfully dedicated staff members who oversee the day-to-day operations: Mrs. Kay Rouse and Ms. Alyssa Balmer. Interested in learning more? https://www.shboone.com/for_parents/heart_2_heart