

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday Aug 21	Tuesday Aug 22	Wednesday Aug 23	Thursday Aug 24	Friday Aug 25	Saturday Aug 26	Sunday Aug 27
8:45 am REC Rosary (SH)  7:00 pm Men’s Zoom Bible Study (SH)  5:00 pm Rosary (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)  8:00 am Mass + <i>Jean Gunether</i> (SH)  1:00 -9 pm Adoration (SM)  5:30 pm + <i>Lorraine Madison</i> (SM)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)  12:00 pm All School Mass + <i>Darlene Mosman and Sandra Rouse Hammond</i> (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)  8:00 am Mass + <i>Living &amp; Deceased Peter Family</i> (SH)  Adoration after Mass 8:30am - 7 pm (SH)  10:00 am Eastern Star Mass (SH)  2:30 pm Madrid Home Mass (SM)  2:30 pm Rosary (SH)  5:30 pm Mass + <i>Living &amp; Deceased Wade &amp; Ortmann Families</i> (SM)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)  8:00 am Mass + <i>Terry Garvey</i> (SH)	5:00 pm Rosary (SH)  5:30 pm Mass + <i>Susan Wilson and Barbara Finetti</i> (SH)	8:30 am Mass + <i>Mary Ann O’Deay</i> (SM) 9:30 am Rosary before Mass (SH) 10:00 am Mass + <i>Brodie Mosman</i> (SH) Blaze Bible Study after Mass (SH)

**Baptisms**  
  
Sydney Jan Bartholomaus - SH

**Marriages**  
  
Ian & Abigail House - SH

**Born into Eternal Life**

**Welcome to Ascension Parish**

Newcomers are asked to register by going to [www.boonecountycatholics.org](http://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](mailto:parishsecretary@shboone.com).

\*If you would like to use any of our Boone County Halls please call the Parish Office at 515-432-1971

<u>Ascension Stewardship for Aug 13, 2023</u>				
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	Adult....\$4,790.00	Loose...\$254.00	Dollar & Children...\$294.00	Sacred Heart Votives...\$53.00
	Improvement...\$85.00	Retirement for Religious....\$755.00	<b>Total...\$6,235.00</b>	
<b>St. Malachy</b>	Adult...\$2,062.00	Loose...\$114.00	Votives.....\$15.00	<b>Total...\$2,191.00</b>

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

# Boone County Catholic Community



<b>Sacred Heart</b> 915 12th St Boone, Iowa 50036 515-432-1971	<b>St John’s</b> 801 W. Division St Ogden, Iowa 50212	<b>St Malachy’s</b> 405 Gerald St Madrid, Iowa 50156 515-795-2731	<b>Our School</b> 1111 Marshall St Boone, Iowa 50036 515-432-4124
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**Church Website**  
[www.boonecountycatholics.org](http://www.boonecountycatholics.org)

**Website**  
[www.shboone.com](http://www.shboone.com)

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time · August 20, 2023

Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

“Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'Press On!' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.” (Calvin Coolidge, 30th president of the U.S., 1923-1929)

In today’s gospel passage the mother called Jesus, “Son of David,” a title of respect not of faith. As she understood approaching the disciples, followers, and Jesus himself, she was looked down upon by the Jews. as a Canaanite. With a natural instinct to protect her child, she persisted despite the odds, the less than welcoming spirit of the crowds gathered around Jesus, and his nonchalant reply to her. With her persistence, Jesus relented, “Oh woman, great is your faith. Let it be done for you as you wish.”

Her faith and persistence can offer us four simple lessons. First, she had to set aside her personal pride. Faced with the reluctance of those she confronted, their lack of respect toward her, she had no other choice but to set aside her personal pride. She knelt before Jesus and asked again. Humility completely replaced pride. Which begs the question, how’s your pride? Secondly, people don’t always understand what you’re going through. Whatever the commotion at that moment and the activities the disciples were involved with, they couldn’t understand or take the time to truly listen to the mother’s burdens. Can we trust that God hears and recognizes our burdens, though we they may not be lifted.

Third, God meets you where you are in your faith journey and enables you to grow. She initially approached Jesus as one who has power to help, not as a miracle working God. Intuitively her faith grew in the next few moments as she persisted, seeking Jesus’ intercession for her daughter. Her faith in Jesus is the presence of God, and the one who empowers others. She was not at the same place in her faith by the end of the encounter. Is your faith growing as you walk the path of interacting with God? God sometimes tests our faith, for the better. Lastly, as God sometimes tests our courage and faith—awakening our strength of faith— he will hear and answer our persistent prayers. As Jesus pushed the mother to dig deep within her soul, he empowered her faith that had been dormant for some time.

**Can You Help?**  
We are looking for several short (under 24 inches) shelves for our Religious Ed classes for this fall. If you can help or you'd like us to pick up any items, please contact the Ascension Parish office. 515-432-1971

**Theology on Tap**  
Join us Tuesday, Sept. 5th, as we kick off our '23-24 Theology on Tap Season! Our featured speaker for this event is none other than Fr. Ross Caniglia! Fr. Ross will be speaking on The True Presence. 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.

She recognized Jesus’ tone of voice and facial expression; of a sincere belief in her character and her hope. Humbled but not ashamed in front of the gathering crowd who dismissed her, she knew exactly what Jesus was trying to accomplish. With faith, setting aside her personal pride, she did not allow the attitude of the disciples and those following Jesus to disparage her hope in any way. (The Faith Space)

Reaching out to our God who meets us where we are in our faith journey, we humbly ask for the grace of persistence: when struggling with physical health; when responsibilities and duties seem overwhelming; when facing prejudice, misunderstanding, slander; when encountering negativity in the news; when facing the loss of a loved one; when facing the pain of a broken relationship; when encountering moments of loneliness; when facing financial difficulties; when your prayer life seems empty, unfulfilled; when faith in God’s presence is ebbing; when questioning your purpose and place here on earth

Faithful God, life can be hard sometimes. It can present me with challenges and obstacles that are difficult to overcome. Yet, I trust in your goodness and have confidence in your presence in my life. Fill my heart with courage that I might meet the challenges of life with faith and hope, persevering in goodness and in the conviction that you will never abandon me. I make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**God Bless, Fr. Tim**  
FYI: “My mother said I must always be intolerant of ignorance but understanding of illiteracy. That some people, unable to go to school, were more educated and more intelligent than college professors.” (Maya Angelo, American poet)

**Sacred Heart & St. John Catechists Needed!**  
Do you love kids and your Catholic faith? Do you want to make a difference? That's all that is required to be a Catechist! Please prayerfully consider joining our amazing volunteer team of Catechists as we bring the peace and love of Christ to our Boone County youth. SACRED HEART: 4th Grade Catechist at 5:30pm, Middle School Small Group Leaders at 6:45pm, 10th Grade Male Small Group Confirmation Leader 6:45pm ST. JOHN: Elementary Grade Catechists at 2:15pm (at least 2 needed), Middle School Small Group Leaders at 6:45pm. Contact: Megan Ulrich dre@shboone.com

**Knights of Columbus Annual Men's Softball Game**  
Calling all men from Ascension Parish. Please join us in participating in our 3rd annual softball game versus neighboring Assumption Parish (Granger). The game will be on Sunday, September 10 at the Edgewood Park Softball field in Madrid with start time at 11:30am. There will be a potluck following the game with grilled burgers and dogs by the Knights. Families are welcomed to join (bring a side and own refreshments), with activities for kids between innings. Contact TJ Schneider, 515-210-4525 with questions or for further details

**Catechists Needed at St. Malachy**  
Thank you for all who will help with our Religious Education program this fall! We are still looking for the following people at 5:00-6:15 pm: Nursery helper, 1st grade helper. These could be adults or high school students. Please contact Kelley Grothus if you are interested and willing to serve our parish in this way.

**Women’s Conference**  
Plan to attend this year’s women’s conference, *Undivided Love: Worth The Fight*, on Sat., Sept. 23, 8 am-3 pm at Santa Maria Winery, 218 W 6th St., Carroll, IA. This year’s speakers include Gina Bauer, Graeson Dall, and members from Prairie Fire Ministries in Des Moines. Registration is \$40/person, last day to register is Sept. 12. Space is limited! Pay online or mail a check to Michele Leiting, 19546 Aspen Ave, Westside, IA 51467. More details, payment info and speaker bios are available on our website, <http://magnificat-iowa.com>

**3 Day Ignatian Silent Retreat**  
3 Day Ignatian Silent Retreat, Women of Hope Who Find God in All Things, led by Sharon Doran, leader of Seeking Truth Bible Study, August 24-27, 2023 at Creighton University Retreat Center, Griswold, IA. Get away from the hectic pace of life and listen to how God is speaking to you through the sacred scriptures in the special rhythm of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. To register, Creighton.edu/curc.

**Rachel’s Vineyard**  
Rachel's Vineyard is an extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of past abortion(s). The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. This process is extremely helpful for those who struggle with forgiving themselves or others. Rachel's Vineyard is a "therapy for the soul" which combines a unique and creative process for psychological and spiritual healing. Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries will be hosting a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats for Healing after Abortion: September 15-17,2023 in Carroll, Iowa. For more information email [rachelshelpersofiowa@gmail.com](mailto:rachelshelpersofiowa@gmail.com) or call 712-898-5550

**Grief Share**  
Ascension Parish is sponsoring a video-based grief support program, Grief Share, which will begin Thursday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 to 8 pm at Fitzgerald Hall in Boone. Anyone who has suffered a loss of a loved one is welcome to attend this Christ-centered healing program which runs for 13 weeks. Each session is self-contained, join us for any or all sessions .

**Save the Date: Parish Mission**  
Mark your calendars for a Parish Mission! Fr. Stephen Dominic Hayes will be traveling to Boone County (from Ohio) this October to offer Ascension Parishioners a parish mission on the Eucharist. The three-day event will be held in Sacred Heart Church. You may attend one day, two days, or all three. The times and dates are: Sunday, Oct. 15th at 3 PM, Monday, Oct. 16th at 7 PM, and Tuesday, Oct. 17th, at 7 PM. More details to come.

**Registration for Religious Ed Open**  
Registration for the upcoming year's religious education program is open! Families already in the program should have received an email, and there is also a link on our parish website. If you are new to religious education in Boone County, please contact DREs Megan Ulrich at Sacred Heart or Kelley Grothus at St. Malachy for more information and to answer any questions you may have.



Sacred Heart School

**Important Dates**  
*Monday, Aug. 21st* - 6:15 PM Open House & Ice Cream Social  
*Wed. Aug. 23rd* - First day of school for K - 8th  
*Tues. Aug. 29th* - First day of school for PK

**First Day of School Notes**  
We will be celebrating Mass as a school. Students must dress up (no jeans or athletic wear) OR wear Mass attire (collared SHS polo and solid bottoms).

**Preschool and Preschool Plus**  
Sacred Heart School has a few Preschool Openings for this fall. Please spread the word!  
Visit [https://www.shboone.com/admissions/preschool\\_plus](https://www.shboone.com/admissions/preschool_plus) or call the school office (515) 432-4124

**New Website!** Many exciting things have been unfolding over the course of the summer and one of those things is the launching of our new school website!! We are very excited as it is powered by eCatholic (the same company as our parish website). Information is much easier for us to load which makes it easier to keep fresh content at your fingertips. Check it out [www.shboone.org](http://www.shboone.org)