

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday Aug 28	Tuesday Aug 29	Wednesday Aug 30	Thursday Aug 31	Friday Sept 1	Saturday Sept 2	Sunday Sept 3
8:45 am REC Rosary (SH) 7:00 pm Men’s Zoom Bible Study (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH) 8:00 am Mass + <i>Living & Deceased Garvey Family</i> (SH) 1:00 -9 pm Adoration (SM) 5:30 pm + <i>Daniel O’Deay</i> (SM)	7:30 am Rosary (SH) 12:00 pm All School Mass + <i>Jim Wetzeler</i> (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH) 8:00 am Mass + <i>Linda Hale Holloway</i> (SH) Adoration after Mass 8:30am - 7 pm (SH) 2:30 pm Rosary (SH) 5:30 pm Anointing Mass + <i>John O’Deay</i> (SM) 6:30 pm Grief Share (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH) 8:00 am Anointing Mass + <i>Living & Deceased Ladies of the Altar Society</i> (SH) 9:15 am Anointing Mass + <i>Brodie Mosman</i> (SJ)	5:00 pm Rosary (SH) 5:30 pm Mass + <i>Living & Deceased Headley Family</i> (SH)	8:30 am Mass + <i>Living & Deceased Madison & Ladurini families</i> (SM) 9:30 am Rosary before Mass (SH) 10:00 am Mass + <i>Sue Kelley Driscoll</i> (SH) Blaze Bible Study after Mass (SH)

<u>Baptisms</u>	<u>Marriages</u>	<u>Born into Eternal Life</u>
	Nolan & Amber Eich	

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

Ascension Stewardship for Aug 20, 2023

Sacred Heart	Adult...\$6,456.00.	Loose...\$398.00	Dollar & Children...\$306.00	Sacred Heart Votives...\$31.00
Improvement...	\$20.00	Retirement for Religious....	\$150.00	Assumption...\$435.00
World Mission....	\$5.00			
Total...	\$7,799.00			
St. Malachy	Adult...\$1,662.00	Loose...\$156.01	Votives.....\$19.00	Assumption...\$46.00
Retired Religious...	\$35.00			
World Mission...	\$200.00	Total...	\$1,898.01	

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

Boone County Catholic Community



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Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

Our schools have opened their doors to a new year of learning in the midst of some very warm weather. (I remember sitting in the classroom at St. Joseph Catholic school with just a single fan blowing the hot, humid air. We may have stuck to the desks back then but I held a sense of amazement for Sr. Agatha’s cool demeanor cloaked in that black habit covering her from head to ankle; and nary a hint of discomfort on her face.) Good to remember who is the ‘Teacher’ in all aspects of life as the theologian, Karl Barth, reminds us: “*Jesus does not give recipes that show the way to God as other teachers of religion do. He is himself the way.*”

Through the weeks of summer we have re-instated, if you will, the Cup of Christ’s Blood, offered at Communion. Grateful for the Bishop’s decision allowing each parish to again incorporate this privilege as part of our Sunday Eucharist, we are trying to allow all parishioners who come forward for Communion to have the opportunity to receive the Blood of Christ, if they so desire. Because of logistics, this hasn’t been so at St. Malachy’s Sunday Eucharist. Visiting with various parishioners from St. Malachy’s concerning this situation and understanding what has taken place in the past I have decided to make a change in the manner we come forward to receive Communion. Beginning Sunday, Sept. 3rd, of Labor Day weekend, the ushers will direct the congregation to come forward to the middle aisle. Beginning with the pews on either side of the middle aisle, individuals will come forward to receive the Body of Christ. Those in the side pews will then be ushered forward to receive Communion. Two Eucharistic Ministers will be directly in front of the middle aisle, and the other two Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be stationed off to the side of the front pews (similar to Sacred Heart’s Communion). Thus, everyone coming forward to receive the Body of Christ will also have the opportunity to receive the Blood of Christ. From what was shared to me, such was the practice a few years ago until the change to the side aisle format.

Alongside this change beginning the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, I have decided to place a kneeler in front, between the two Eucharist Ministers, enabling participation for those who choose to kneel as they receive the Body of Christ. Discussion of kneelers for Communion has been ongoing for over a year with various thoughts and expressions of faith. Reaching this decision has been guided by different individuals who regard the Eucharist as a sacred part of our Sunday liturgies, with the hope it will provide a sense of dignity to the

reception of this Sacrament. There will only be the one kneeler placed between the two Ministers of the Eucharist-not in front of either-yet allowing for anyone coming forward who desire to kneel while receiving the Body of Christ. There are no further intentions beyond this for the Sacrament of the Eucharist; and St. Malachy’s will be the only church it will be incorporated. If you have any questions please let me know.

One change for the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at Sacred Heart church. If an usher or someone else informs you of a person(s) who are physically unable to come forward to receive, please do not take the paten of hosts to the back of the church offering Communion. When your Communion line is finished bring your paten of hosts to the altar. We will have an empty pyx on the altar, allowing you to place a host(s) in the pyx and in turn offer Communion to the individual(s) in the back of church. Simply bring the pyx back to the sacristy after Mass. Thus, the Body of Christ is offered in a dignified manner to those unable to come forward. Thank you for your ministry and care for those who desire to receive the Body of Christ.

“**And I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I shall build my church. . . I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.**” Thus, St. Peter was commissioned as our first Pope, providing the example, grace and Spirit for those who would succeed him. And what a grand array of personalities and talents the Holy Spirit called forward through the centuries to shepherd our Church as the following quotes demonstrate.

"Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought(Pope John Paul II)." *"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit(Pope Francis)."* *“God is not only true, but truth itself(Pope Leo XIII)."* *“Art along with science is the highest gift God has given to man(Pope Benedict XVI)."* *"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)."* *And the light-hearted words of Pope John Paul I to his brother cardinals after they had elected him Pope: “May God forgive you for what you have done.”*

God Bless, Fr. Tim

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.

Two Upcoming Real Love & Real-Life Chastity Events from Family Honor Inc.

"Real Love & Real Life" For parents and 7th & 8th graders Saturday, September 9, 2023. “Understanding the Human Person” One-Day Retreat Course for Adults Saturday, November 19, 2023. Both events will be held in Storm Lake. Register Online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/real-love-living-the-faith-iowa-tickets-631599018667>

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.

Grief Share

Ascension Parish is sponsoring a video-based grief support program, Grief Share, which will begin Thursday, Aug. 31st 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.

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>

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, ST. JOHN: Middle School Small Group Leaders at 6:45pm. Contact: Megan Ulrich dre@shboone.com



Sacred Heart School

Important Dates

Tues. Aug. 29th - First day of school for PK

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 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

Outdoor Mass & Parish Picnic

Ascension Parishioners are invited to join us at Herman Park Pavilion in Boone for an outdoor Mass on Sunday, Sept. 10th at 10:00 AM. More details to come.

Community Free Meal

If you have extra tomatoes from your garden, please consider donating some for the Free Community Meal on September 4th from 5:00-6:30 (Note that this is a permanent change of time). Tomatoes can be dropped off in the parish hall kitchen on the weekend of September 2nd or after 3:30 on Monday, September 4.