

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday Sept 4	Tuesday Sept 5	Wednesday Sept 6	Thursday Sept 7	Friday Sept 8	Saturday Sept 9	Sunday Sept 10
Parish Office Closed 8:45 am REC Rosary (SH) 7:00 pm Men's Zoom Bible Study (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH) 8:00 am Mass No Mass (SH) 1:00 -9 pm Adoration (SM) 5:30 pm No Mass (SM) 7:00 pm Theology on Tap (SH) 7:00 pm KC meeting (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH) 12:00 pm All School Mass + <i>Doris Wickman</i> (SH) Religious Ed (SM)	7:30 am Rosary (SH) 8:00 am Mass + <i>Larry Schroeder</i> (SH) Adoration after Mass 8:30am - 7 pm (SH) 2:30 pm Rosary (SH) 5:30 pm Mass + <i>Lawrence & Beatrice Reardon and Ken & Nancy Seeman</i> (SM) 6:30 pm Grief Share (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH) 8:00 am Mass + <i>Connie Lue McCoy Lacey</i> (SH)	5:00 pm Rosary (SH) 5:30 pm Mass + <i>Deceased Agatha Reinsch family</i> (SH)	8:30 am Mass + <i>Deceased Wade & Wipperman families</i> (SM) 9:30 am Rosary before Mass (SH) 10:00 am Mass at Herman Park + <i>Eldon & Madonna Blanshan</i> (SH) Blaze Bible Study after Mass (SH) 11:30 am KC Softball game (SM) 4:30 pm KC Meeting (SM)

Baptisms	Marriages	Born into Eternal Life
Jonah Kolbi McCoy - SH Charlotte Vaughn Jensen - SH	Michael Santi & Molly Schaffer- SM	Maury Baldus - SH

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 28, 2023

Sacred Heart Adult...\$6,293.00 Loose...\$248.00 Dollar & Children...\$282.05 Sacred Heart Votives...\$17.25
Improvement...\$50.00 Retirement for Religious....\$50.00 Assumption...\$40.00 **Total...\$6,980.30**

St. Malachy Adult...\$1,333.00 Loose...\$72.00 Votives.....\$20.00 Retired Religious... \$100.00 **Total...\$1,525.00**

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

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www.shboone.com

Twenty - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time · September 3, 2023

Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

“He who works with his hands is a laborer.
He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman.
He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist.” (St. Francis of Assisi)

Labor Day weekend, our last hooray of the summer, and a pause in gratitude for the work we are entrusted with. Next weekend (Sunday, Sept. 10th, 10am) we will have the “Outdoor Mass” at the shelter, McHose Park. A complimentary light brunch to follow sponsored by the KC’s with the park surroundings ready for families and children. No Mass that Sunday at the church. During the Mass we will have a 9/11 Remembrance.

Next week every household will receive a letter from Bishop Nickless and information for “Together As One,” the annual appeal to support the diocesan outreach programs for Youth Ministry, Vocations & Seminary Formation, Religious Education, Ministries for Minorities, Marriage Preparation, and First Communion & Confirmation preparation. Before you each receive the pledge information and the Bishop’s letter, thank you for your support in the past enabling these ministries to directly support our own efforts on the parish level and your prayerful consideration for this year’s support of Together as One. They set the combined goal for our three churches in Boone County at \$47,388.00. Anything received above our goal will be returned to our parish.

May I offer a brief prayer reflection on this Labor Day weekend for each of us regardless of our work, profession, hours, or benefits:

Prayer: *God our Creator, Make me value not being paid by the hour, but from what I bring to the hour. Allow me to be justifiably proud at the end of the day. Amen.*

Scripture: *Workers, regard your supervisors with respect as if you were serving the requests of Christ. Your true self is the person you are when no one’s watching or judging you. You need no one’s approval but the Lord’s, and he reads only the intentions of your heart. Remember, whether you obey or give orders, what the Lord rewards is your sincere striving. (Ephesians 6:5-8)*

Reflection: *“Our patterns of work and rest reveal what we believe to be true about God and ourselves. God alone requires no limits on his activity. To rest is to acknowledge that we humans are limited by design. We are created for rest just as surely as we are created for labor. An inability or unwillingness to cease from our labors is a confession of unbelief,*

an admission that we view ourselves as creator and sustainer of our own universes.”(Jen Wilkin, Ten Words to Live By: Delighting in and Doing What God Commands)

Closing Prayer: *Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. Amen.*

(from Our Sunday’s Visitor & William O’Malley, Connecting With God) As the school year and activities get into full swing, we as a parish are offering different opportunities of faith beginning this month. Please see the bulletin for the gatherings that could impact your personal faith, whether at work, at home, with family or in social situations. One such opportunity for those seeking to learn more about our Catholic-Christian faith and seek to be received into the Church is RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults). We begin our gatherings the third week of September. Call the office if interested or you have questions. Thank you.

And, as I mentioned at the beginning of summer, we hope to begin a Pastoral Council serving the needs of all three communities within Ascension Parish. My hope is to have individuals from the three churches to participate on pastoral council, meeting 4 to 6 times a year. Pastoral councils focus on those things which pertain to pastoral works. The aim of a council is to make the life and activity of the Church conform ever ore closely to the Gospel. Councils are established because they seek practical, wise, and prudent advice on pastoral matters: outreach, hospitality, liturgy, faith-sharing, community, Catholic-Christian identity. If interested and willing to share your time and faith please call the parish office; likewise, if you have questions or need further information please contact me. Thank you.

God bless, Fr. Tim

FYI: *“Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably the reason so few engage in it.” (Henry Ford)*

The Chosen

Join us beginning this Tuesday as we air The Chosen each week at Noon. We will meet in the Sacred Heart Parish Library. Feel free to bring your lunch, if you'd like.

Theology on Tap

Join us this Tuesday (9/5) as we begin a new year of Theology on Tap! Fr. Ross will be our featured speaker for the evening. Doors to Boone Valley Brewing will open at 7 PM and the talk will begin at 7:30 PM.

Al-Anon Meeting

Al-Anon open meeting for those seeking support dealing with loved ones afflicted with alcoholism and drug addiction. Meeting will take place in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall Library at 6:30 PM beginning Thursday, August 24 and 31st . For more information contact Meri Parent at 515-520-3368.

Baptism Class

This class is required for parents who are welcoming their first child. If it’s been several years since you last attended, please consider a refresher session. Please register prior to the birth of your child. Our upcoming baptism class is scheduled for October 3 at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Parish Hall conference room. To register, please call the parish office at 515-432-1971.

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.

Greater Love Ministries

Greater Love Ministries is in need of and currently collecting donations of new or gently used NEWBORN and INFANT winter coats, clothing, and winter gear appropriate for that age group for the upcoming winter season. Donations of these items can be taken directly to GLM on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between the hours of 9-10am, and 4-5:30pm. GLM thanks you for your support and prayers!

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.

Sacred Heart Middle & High School Youth Group Help Needed

We are implementing Life Teen and Edge at Sacred Heart this year! Can you help? The goal of Life Teen and Edge is to provide a safe and fun place for youth to find a solid Catholic community, get answers to their questions, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Volunteers will lead break out small group discussion at each session. All material is prepared for you! 6th -8th grade 6:45-7:45pm, 9th-12th grade 7:45-8:45pm on Wednesdays. Contact Megan Ulrich for more information 515-250-8368 dre@shboone.com

Ascension Parish Women

Please join us on September 16th at 9:00am in Fitzgerald Hall to learn about opportunities for women's small faith-sharing groups. This year we will have two different bible studies Opening Your Heart and Keeping in Balance from Walking with Purpose, a Catholic women's ministry. Each bible study includes 22 weekly lessons that will be spread out from September to March or early April. Group meeting locations include Boone, Madrid, and Huxley. Please complete the following survey to let us know if any of the proposed times work for you and also let us know of other times that might work for your schedule. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHeE1xN6B1bXFBof0DJS3SMls4GCVgVmB3b9Q5m_88kVZiOA/viewform



Sacred Heart School



This school year, we’re on a mission to unleash the power of Holy Moments in our community--It’s time to discover how much good we can create in the world. And we think a great way to do that is Holy Moments. We’re inviting you to join us because this idea will make a difference in our world, and it might just change your life:

What is a Holy Moment?

A Holy Moment is a single moment in which you open yourself to God. You make yourself available to him. You set aside personal preference and self interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do.

Sound like something you want to learn more about. Join us by reading the book and collaborating with God to create Holy Moments as a part of you day—every day! Contact the school office to get a copy of the book (secretary@shboone.com or 515-432-4124) and be prepared to share your Holy Moments with us and the world. And remember, some moments are holy. Some moments are unholy. And you decide!