

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday Sept 11	Tuesday Sept 12	Wednesday Sept 13	Thursday Sept 14	Friday Sept 15	Saturday Sept 16	Sunday Sept 17
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>Suzie Q Rouse</i> (SH)  1:00 -9 pm Adoration (SM)  5:30 pm + <i>Jack Wade</i> (SM)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)  12:00 pm All School Mass + <i>Richard Sawyer, Lila Niday and Delbert &amp; Dolora Brincks</i> (SH)  5:30 pm SH/SJ RE family Mass & BBQ (SH)  Religious Ed (SM)  6:30 pm Children's Rosary (SH)  6:45 pm Children's Rosary (SM)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)  8:00 am Mass + <i>John Wilson</i> (SH)  Adoration after Mass 8:30am - 7 pm (SH)  10:00 am Eastern star Mass  2:30 pm Rosary (SH)  3:00 pm Madrid Home Mass  5:30 pm Mass + <i>Marion Romitti</i> (SM)  6:30 pm Grief Share (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)  8:00 am Mass + <i>Mary Alice Coleman</i> (SH)  9:15 am Mass + <i>Susie Anthoney</i> (SJ)	9:00 am Walking with Purpose Coffee Connect (SH)  5:00 pm Rosary (SH)  5:30 pm Mass + <i>Judy Weeg</i> (SH)	8:30 am Mass + <i>Bert Tranel</i> (SM) Donuts & Fellowship after Mass  9:30 am Rosary before Mass (SH)  10:00 am Mass + <i>Shirley Cornelis and Living &amp; Deceased Cooper &amp; Fitzgerald families</i> (SH)  5:30 pm KC Rosary, Meal & Meeting (SM)

<u>Baptisms</u>	<u>Marriages</u>	<u>Born into Eternal Life</u>
Vance Jameson Dolan - SH  Miles Lee Dolan - SH		Shirley Dahl - SH

**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

**Ascension Stewardship for Sep 3, 2023**

**Sacred Heart** Adult...\$12,819.50 Loose...\$297.00 Dollar & Children...\$288.80 Votives...\$41.00  
Retirement for Religious...\$25.00 Assumption...\$25.00 World Mission...\$10.00 **Total...\$13,506.30**

**St. Malachy** Adult...\$1857.00 Loose...\$167.25 Votives.....\$28.00 Improvement Fund.....\$20.00 **Total...\$2,072.25**

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](http://www.boonecountycatholics.org)

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

*Twenty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time · September 10, 2023*

Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

St. Paul exhorts the Roman Christians in our second reading, *“The commandments, ‘you shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”* By now we ‘Christians’ recognize the word “neighbor”—as Jesus teaches—implies more than proximity, the family next door or across the street. “Neighbor” is neighbor to us as Christians regardless of proximity, race, ethnicity, background, country or class. Mother Teresa, in her indomitable spirit to witness even a thread of Christ’s face in others, gives us her understanding of ‘neighbor’: *“I believe in person-to-person. Every person is Christ for me and since there is only one Jesus, that person is the only one person in the world for me at that moment. . . .Do not imagine that love to be true must be extraordinary...See how a lamp burns, by the continual consumption of the little drops of oil. If there are no more of these drops in the lamp, there will be no light...What are these drops of oil in our lamps? They are the little things of everyday life: fidelity, punctuality, little words of kindness, just a little thought for others; those little acts of silence, of look, and of thought, of word, and of deed. These are the very drops of love that make our life burn with so much light.”*

Of course, when I was a youngster, ‘neighbor’ meant those next door or on the same block: Mrs. Downs, the Jongewaards, the Ackerson family, Johnny & Aunt Reno, Bill & Faye Loebig, the West family and Bauer family, Clarence Ackerson, and St. Joseph Catholic grade school playground virtually in our backyard. Those families were not necessarily best friends but they watched out for each others’ children, helped out when there was a sickness or death in a family, noting any unusual theft or vandalism occurring, kept up their property in respect to those on the same block, and allowed others to ‘cut across’ their lawn. In college, a ‘neighbor’ was anyone living on your dorm floor, or those taking many of the same classes in a shared degree. And upon graduation with your post secondary degree, ‘neighbor’ was anyone living in the same apartment complex. And the meaning of such began to get blurred, seeing the individuals or families in your apartment complex—‘neighbors’—but having little social interaction with them. Progression of technology and mobility further redefined neighbor; individuals and families living in our area whom we see from time to time, coming and going, sharing infrequent gestures of greeting or brief conversations in passing. Our primary concern now’ in conjunction with ‘neighbors,’ is security and privacy. St. Paul, in today’s second reading, redirects our understanding of ‘neighbor’ as a follower of Christ Jesus.

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 on Thursday, September 14 and 21st . For more information contact Meri Parent at 515-520-3368

Children's Rosary

Join us on Wednesday, Sept. 13th for our monthly rosary. All are welcome. 6:30pm St. Malachy& 6:45 Sacred Heart

DONUTS anyone?

Please join us at St. Malachy in Hansen Hall after 8:30 Mass on September 17th for fellowship and donuts!

At once, sharing a mutual relationship of hope and wellbeing with those in the confines of a neighborhood or community, and at the same time, nudging us Christians to consider ‘neighbor’ beyond a strict geographical location or culture. As we enter into the Eucharistic Revival for our Church, Pope Francis’ words seem fitting. *“So let us ask ourselves this evening, in adoring Christ who is really present in the Eucharist: do I let myself be transformed by him? Do I let the Lord who gives himself to me, guide me to going out ever more from my little enclosure, in order to give, to share, to love him and others? Brothers and sisters, following, communion, sharing. Let us pray that participation in the Eucharist may always be an incentive: to follow the Lord every day, to be instruments of communion and to share what we are with him and with our neighbor. Our life will then be truly fruitful.”*

In St. Terese’s autobiography, Story of a Soul, she highlights the reality of ‘neighbor’ and who we can be. In her Carmelite community, even the best of Christian faith and intentions cannot alter personalities that lead to misunderstandings. St. Terese had a difficult time with a particular nun in her close knit community, puncturing her faith with tension and unrest. Finally, determined by Jesus’ command to somehow love one another, she compelled herself to smile at the disagreeable nun and treat her with kindness whenever they had an encounter, with a sense of peace in her heart in doing so. One day the nun asked Therese, “just what is it about me that you find so pleasant, Sister Therese?” She never gave a reply, just a smile and gesture of kindness. Possibly, St. Therese is the patron saint of “neighboring.” As you receive the Together As One letter and pledge card with Bishop Nickless’ message I personally want to thank you for your prayerful consideration and contribution. You have chosen to make a difference for our parish and diocese, an expression of your Catholic faith. Your gift supports diocesan ministries that affirm and teach your youth, assist the poor and the marginalized and build our Church for future generations. Your support helps us provide the ministries that share Christ’s love to so many ‘others’ within our parish community and diocese. In short, your gift is changing lives. Thank you again for your prayerful consideration and support toward the Together as One diocesan annual appeal.

God Bless, Fr. Tim

FYI: *September 11, 2001, revealed heroism in ordinary people who might have gone through their lives never called upon to demonstrate the extent of their courage. (Geraldine Brooks, author)*

The Chosen

It's not too late to join us as we watch The Chosen each Tuesday at Noon in Fitzgerald Hall. Feel free to come even if you've already seen it. You may also bring your lunch if you'd like.

Religious Education Wish List

Our religious education programs appreciate the generous support of our parish family! Thank you to all who have helped with our summer programs and financial needs. The programs also have amazon wish lists posted on the parish website for items that will help us serve the children of our parish. You can contact DREs Megan Ulrich or Kelley Grothus for additional off-amazon items as well.

Sacred Heart Church Bazaar

We are looking for about 12 "themed" baskets to be donated for auction for our annual S.H. Bazaar. If you are willing to donate a basket, please contact the Parish Office or use the QR code.



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.

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, Ogden 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.



Relics of St. Jude, known as the Apostle of the Impossible, coming to West Des Moines

Faithful followers of Jesus will have an opportunity to pray before the largest relic of an Apostle outside of Europe on Tuesday, Sept. 26. A relic of St. Jude Thaddeus, an Apostle of Jesus, will be available for one day for veneration at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in West Des Moines beginning at 1 p.m. and continuing until shortly before a 7 p.m. Mass in the saint’s honor. Following Mass, veneration will resume until 10 p.m. Beginning in September and for eight months after, the relic of St. Jude Thaddeus, which has been venerated in Rome since ancient times, will be on pilgrimage in the United States with stops in 100 cities. The visit to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is part of the pilgrimage approved by the Vatican to strengthen the faith of followers of Jesus and to raise funds for the restoration of the Shrine of St. Jude in Italy.

High School with a Higher Purpose

The Chesterton Academy of Des Moines will open its doors in the fall of 2024! Our mission is to help parents raise up a new generation of joyful leaders and saints educated in the classical tradition and the truths of the Catholic faith. Offering a rigorous and integrated curriculum, Chesterton Education prepares students to excel in service of family, of country, and of Christ our Lord, throughout their educational and professional lives. This opportunity is open to all central Iowa families. We invite you to join us for an informational meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the meeting hall of St. Augustin Church (545 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Des Moines). Please visit our website to learn more: Chestertondesmoines.org



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!