

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday Sept 18	Tuesday Sept 19	Wednesday Sept 20	Thursday Sept 21	Friday Sept 22	Saturday Sept 23	Sunday Sept 24
8:45 am REC Rosary (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)	11:30 am Rosary (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)	5:00 pm Rosary (SH)	8:30 am Mass + <i>Dorene Hanlon</i> (SM)
7:00 pm Men's Zoom Bible Study (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Eldon & Madonna Blanshan</i> (SH)	12:00 pm All School Mass + <i>Jim Matt</i> (SH)	8:00 am No Mass (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>John Boesen</i> (SH)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Bob Moritz and John & Trude Fitzgerald</i> (SH)	9:30 am Rosary before Mass (SH)
	1:00 pm Prayer Shawls (SH)	3:30 am Westhaven Mass	Adoration after Mass 8:30am - 7 pm (SH)			10:00 am Mass + <i>Brodie Mosman</i> (SH)
	1:00 -9 pm Adoration (SM)	Religious Ed at (SH/SJ)	2:30 pm Rosary (SH)			
	5:30 pm + Frances Cowles (SM)	Religious Ed (SM)	2:30 pm Cedars Mass (SM)			
		6:30 pm RCIA (SH)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Tim Cowles</i> (SM)			
			6:30 pm Grief Share (SH)			
			6:30 pm Al-Anon (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

Ascension Stewardship for Sep 10, 2023

Sacred Heart Adult...\$5,832.00 Loose...\$414.00 Dollar & Children...\$161.00 Votives...\$21.75
Retirement for Religious....\$5.00 Improvement...\$50.00 **Total...\$6,483.75**

St. Malachy Adult...\$1,815.00 Loose...\$171.26 Votives.....\$8.00 **Total...\$2,095.26**

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

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Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

With the diocese assigning each parish a missionary visit annually, we will host Fr. Charles Colling, ordained from the Jaffna Diocese of Sri Lanka. Presently he is providing ministry at Our Lady of Good Health Parish, Toronto, Canada. Sri Lanka (formerly known as Ceylon)—an island nation located some twenty miles south of India—gained its independence in 1948. Of its 22,500,000 citizens of different cultures, approximately 1,500,000 are of the Catholic faith. Buddhist is the predominate religion. In Fr. Charles’ diocese there are 140 active priests and over seventy parishes. In 2009 a brutal civil war ended, with well over 500,000 casualties, primarily innocent men, women, and children. Economically the country of Sri Lanka is experiencing a severe depression, rebuilding following the civil war and the lingering effects of COVID. Sri Lanka does export of rubber, coffee, sugar, but the country's economy relies on tourism, tea export, clothing, rice production. Fr. Charles relayed the following information:

“Mission appeals we made in the U.S. in the past years have played a major role in the reconstruction of our diocese. Besides our efforts on direct evangelization, this mission of love is providing assistance to the needy, touching the hearts of all people struggling. The money collected through this mission appeal will be utilized for the missionary activities of the diocese and for the needs of the formation of the future clergy and religious. We are ever grateful to the Church in the U.S.” We will host Fr. Charles next weekend at our parish Masses.

For your curiosity, the top eleven countries with the greatest number of Catholics are:

Brazil/123,360,000 - Mexico/100,000,000 - Philip-pines/85,470,000 - United States/69,300,000 - Italy/50,474,000 - France/39,000,000 - Colombia/35,000,000 - Poland/33,037,017 - Spain /30,720,000 - Argentina/28,770,000 - Congo (Dem. Republic)/28,700,000 Those with the greatest percentage of Catholics include: Para-guay/89.0% - Croatia/86.3% - Poland/85.8% - Portugal/84.5% - Italy/83.0%

My first contact with missionaries came from Fr. Gabrielle and Fr. Korea, native Italians who committed their ordained ministry to the struggling people of Western Africa. In a conversation with Fr. Gabrielle he described how proud his mother was to have a son serve as an ordained priest. When he committed his ministry to serve as a missionary she would always insist he return to Italy to serve in a parish. His response each time? “Mother, I love you, but my calling is to serve as a missionary, and I will die in Africa.” Robert C. Shannon, minister and author, aptly describes the calling toward missionary work: “Never pity missionaries; envy them. They are where the real action is -- where life and death, sin

and grace, Heaven and Hell converge.” Thus, we are gracious to be assigned and a host a missionary each year, allowing us to grasp the reality of Church within and throughout the many countries, cultures, ethnic groups, and languages. In many areas we are the minority, in other areas the majority; yet Church remains the same: baptized into the Body of Christ, guided by the teachings of Christ and nurtured by the Sacraments we receive.

And the Autumn equinox is upon us this week, a season more beloved as one ages. In the spirit of change this season brings, consider the grace of autumn, ending our summer ‘furlough’: “Two sounds of autumn are unmistakable...the hurrying rustle of crisp leaves blown along the street...by a gusty wind, and the gabble of a flock of migrating geese.” (Hal Borland, naturalist)

We are looking to hire a person to fulfill maintenance/ janitorial responsibilities for our Sacred Heart School and church facilities and grounds. If interested or seeking further information please contact the parish office. Thank you.

God Bless, Fr. Tim

FYI: “Autumn:The weather just went from 90 to 55 like it saw a state trooper.” (Unknown, naturally so)

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 2 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 School T– Shirts

Our new SHS "themed" shirts are available for ordering! All current students and staff are already receiving a free shirt but we'd love to see them everywhere! Get one for grandma & grandpa, your uncle, or maybe even your neighbor. Shirts are \$15/each. Deadline to order is September 22. Here is the link to place your order. <https://forms.gle/gxAiovc7mr4nr9VC8>.

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 25th at 6 p.m. in the meeting hall of St. Augustin Church (545 42nd Ave, Des Moines). Please visit our website to learn more: Chestertondesmoines.org

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 21st . For more information contact Meri Parent at 515-520-3368

Boone Salvation Army

The Salvation Army in Boone is in desperate need of juices, soups , spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, and egg noodles. If you are able to help them out please place theses items in the basket in the parish Hall.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please join! Meets this Tuesday at 1pm in Fitzgerald Hall conference room. Ascension Parish has a dedicated group of volunteers who meet once a month to knit or crochet shawls since 2005. Intentional prayers are prayed while the shawls are being created. You do NOT need to be a member of Ascension Parish to give, or get, a Prayer Shawl. There is no right or wrong reason to give a Prayer Shawl (surgery, a new baby, etc.) There is no charge for shawls but we do kindly accept monetary donations to be used towards the purchase of materials. Stop in or call the parish office for a shawl as they can be picked up or delivered!



Sacred Heart School

Tips to Create This Holy Moment:

- If you notice a mess, patiently clean it up, even if it’s not yours!
- Ask your family if there’s anything they need help with.
- Invite your children to help you too...for extra Holy Moments!

We want to hear about the amazing ways you and your family are collaborating with God! Email holymoments@shboone.com and tell us about a special Holy Moment you witnessed or created. Let’s keep the Holy Momentum going!

Parish Directory Books are Here!

Stop by the table in the hall and find your directory. Photo books are for individuals or families that had their picture taken and are placed alphabetically.

Together As One

The campaign most essential to the work of the Dioceses of Sioux City has begun for 2023-2024! Thank you for your continued support of the ministries and work of our Diocese. Join us today in support of TAO with a gift or pledge through the brochure that was mailed to you or giving online at scdiocese.org/tao. Your support enables the works of all Diocesan ministries including Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, Catholic Charities, Parish Accounting and much more!

The Chosen

It's not to 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.