

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday Oct 2	Tuesday Oct 3	Wednesday Oct 4	Thursday Oct 5	Friday Oct 6	Saturday Oct 7	Sunday Oct 8
8:45 am REC Rosary (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)	10:00 am Westhaven Mass (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)	5:00 pm Rosary (SH)	8:30 am Mass + <i>Judy Friders</i> (SM)
7:00 pm Men’s Zoom Bible Study (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Dick &amp; Kate Jordan</i> (SH)	11:30 am Rosary (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>David &amp; Jolene Sander</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + Carole Dittmer (SH)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Delbert &amp; Dolora Brincks</i> (SH)	9:30 am Rosary before Mass (SH)
Community Meal 5:00 pm (SH)	12:00 pm The Chosen (SH)	12:00 pm All School Mass + <i>Thomas F. Rouse</i> (SH)	Adoration after Mass 8:30am - 7 pm (SH)	9:15 am Mass + <i>Brodie Mosman (SJ)</i>		10:00 am Mass + <i>Larry Peter</i> (SH)
7:00 pm Baptism Class (SH)	1:00 -9 pm Adoration (SM)	Religious Ed at (SH/SJ)	2:30 pm Rosary (SH)			
	5:30 pm + Living & Deceased Wade & Ortmann families (SM)	Religious Ed (SM)	2:30 pm Cedars Mass (SM)			
		6:30 pm RCIA (SH)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Mary An O’Deay</i> (SM)			
		7:45 pm Youth Group (SH)	6:30 pm Grief Share (SH)			

**Baptisms**  
Lucas Lee Shadle—SH

**Marriages**

**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

Ascension Stewardship for Sep 24, 2023

Sacred Heart    Adult...\$3,740.00    Loose...\$310.50    Sri Lanka ...\$1587.00    Votives...\$23.00    **Total...\$5,660.50**

St. Malachy    Adult...\$3,722.00    Loose...\$74.20    Votives.....\$12.00    Sri Lanka...\$593.00    **Total...\$4,401.20**

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 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time    •    October 1, 2023

Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

*“The Lord’s way is not fair,” from Ezekiel 18:25, our first reading this weekend; such grumbling seems to reflect the mindset of many. What is ‘fair’ from the standpoint of our Creator? As one spiritual writer counters, God is unconditional love, but, He is not fair. Crucially though, God is “all good” and “just” above all. “Not fair,” seems to dictate our feelings when we have difficulty witnessing the discrepancies evident in the world; especially when it affects us personally. Nonetheless, no individual is neglected of the goodness and just grace our God bestows. He isn’t a referee determining fairness in play; rather, a Creator of every element and living thing brought forth out of His Goodness, Righteousness, and Justice. Mother Teresa has an antidote for those whose faith is plagued by a sense of life’s ‘unfairness.’*  
*\*People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.*  
*\*If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.*  
*\*If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies; succeed anyway.*  
*\*If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.*  
*\*What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.*  
*\*If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.*  
*\*The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway. Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.*  
*\*In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.*

(Handwritten poem found on the wall of Mother Teresa’s room in Calcutta, where ‘fairness’ was never an objective. By her act of faith, merely and profoundly bringing forth God’s goodness, love and justice to those who desired just a thread of light in their life. )  
October is Respect Life Month. Though significant legal steps have been enacted to protect the gift of life from the moment of conception, this month reminds of the continued neglect of the weak and vulnerable, the alienated and forgotten. Whether in our neighborhood, our community, the individuals seated next to us in the pew on Sunday, co-workers, or those we pass by in stores or on the street, by our presence, we can offer a certain grace of respect and caring without a word spoken. Shepherding us with his invincible concern for individuals of all walks of life, Pope Francis exhorts us to re-

new our understanding and efforts of the sanctity of life.  
*“So great is the value of a human life, and so inalienable the right to life of an innocent child growing in the mother’s womb, that no alleged right... can justify a decision to terminate that life.” (Amoris laetitia, 83). “Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God that guarantees the future of humanity. - (Letter to Brazilian families, August, 2013). “Every life counts: from the beginning to the end, from conception to natural death “ (Jan. 2018)*  
*“All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.” (Day for Life in Britain & Ireland, July 28, 2013)*  
*“Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection.” (Gaudete et exsultate)*  
Especially this month, simple, everyday gestures of faith this may lead to a greater awareness of God’s grace within each human life as promoted a University’s website: Be kind in your thoughts. Avoid adding your ‘two cents’ worth in negative or judgmental conversations. Extend an act of patience and politeness. Listen to the other. Pause for a momentary prayer for another during your day.  
God Bless, Fr. Tim  
*FYI: I speak to everyone in the same way, whether he is the garbage man or the president of the university.” (Albert Einstein)*

Children's Rosary

Join us on Wednesday, Oct. 11th, for our monthly Children's Rosary at 6:45 pm in Sacred Heart church and 6:30 pm at St. Malachy.

Knights of Columbus in Boone

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Tootsie Rolls after mass at Sacred Heart the weekends of Oct 7-8, and Oct 14-15. \$15 for a box of 50. All proceeds go toward helping the mentally handicapped.

Sacred Heart Fall Dinner

Please mark your calendars for our annual Fall Dinner (Bazaar) to be held on Sunday, Nov. 5th, in Fitzgerald Hall. We will be serving a pork loin dinner and will have silent auction items for bidding.

Rosary for Peace

Pray the public rosary at noon on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at the corner west of the Sacred Heart church offices in Boone. Our Lady of Fatima asked that we pray the rosary daily in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of war. “Finally, My Immaculate Heart Will Triumph!” Pray for God and Our Lady to save America from today’s chaos, immorality and social upheaval.

Baptism Class this Monday

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.

Breakfast in Hansen Hall on Sunday, October 15th

In celebration of our Parish Mission with Fr. Stephen Dominic Hayes, please join us for breakfast (no charge!) and fellowship following the 8:30 mass at St. Malachy. Additional information for the Eucharistic Revival events will be available along with someone to answer questions. There will also be information on parish groups and other ways to get involved within our parish. Please plan to attend to learn more!

Collection for Expectant Mothers

During the month of October the Knights of Columbus at St. Malachy's will be collecting baby items to be donated to organizations that support expecting mothers as they choose life. Baby cribs will be placed at both entrances to collect the items. Diapers, blankets, and other items for newborns are needed. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. God bless!

Theology on Tap

Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 10th, at Boone Valley Brewing as Deacon David LaMar presents "How and Why to Pray the Liturgy of the Hours". Deacon LaMar encourages attendees to download the free *iBreviary TS Plus app prior to the event (the app is free to download). We can also assist those who need help that evening. Doors to Boone Valley Brewing open at 7 PM and the talk will begin at 7:30 PM.*

Ballard Clothing Pantry

The Social Justice Committee is signed up to find volunteer’s for the Ballard Community Clothing & Food Pantry in Huxley from October 15th through October 29th. The pantry provides FREE items to people in need. Volunteers will simply accept donations, sort/put out donations, answers questions and help the patron looking for items. The pantry is open: Wednesdays from 5-7pm (\*new time), Saturday’s from 10am-12pm, and Sunday’s from 1-3pm. Please sign up to volunteer using the following link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084BA5AD2DA64-44346525-2023 or contact Marsha @ 515-720-1429 to sign up.

Sacred Heart Youth Group

Sacred Heart's youth group will kickstart the year with a bonfire on October 4th. High schoolers are invited to meet in the Youth Group Room (basement of the parish office each Wednesday at 7:45pm to find community, get answers to their questions, and, most importantly, experience Jesus in a profound and personal way.

**March for Life** Registration is now open to travel with Pulse Life Advocates for the March for Life in Washington D.C. on Wednesday, January 17 to Sunday, January 21, 2024. Please register at <https://pulseforlife.org/march-for-life/> before November 19th to secure a spot or contact Dean Tranel (515-795-2139) for more information.

Boone Salvation Army

The Salvation Army in Boone could really use your help in filling their shelves with juices, soups ,canned fruits, and Peanut butter. If you are able to help them out please place theses items in the basket in the parish Hall. They appreciate all your help, Thank You!

Respect Life & 40 Days for Life Rosary at St. Malachy

Please come early to 8:30am mass starting October 1st thru November 5th to pray for the special intentions of Respect Life Month and 40 Days for Life. To find out more about these initiatives, please go to: [www.respectlife.org/](http://www.respectlife.org/) and <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/>



Last Week We Saw Some Incredible Holy Moments!

Several teachers let me know that they saw lots of holy moments at our Farmers Market Day! Our older prayer buddies were seen sharing their “produce coupons” with their younger buddy, helping carry bigger vegetables and setting a great example of saying thank you to our vendors. Way to go Sacred Heart School!

We want to hear about the amazing ways you and your family are collaborating with God! Email [holy-moments@shboone.com](mailto:holy-moments@shboone.com) and tell us about a special Holy Moment you witnessed or created. Let’s keep the Holy Momentum going!



Tips to Create This Holy Moment:

- Carry around a journal and write down amazing things that happen throughout the day. Ask your family members to each name one thing they are thankful for.
- Before you go to sleep, thank God for three things you were grateful for that day.