

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday Nov 6	Tuesday Nov 7	Wednesday Nov 8	Thursday Nov 9	Friday Nov 10	Saturday Nov 11	Sunday Nov 12
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)	8:00 am Rosary for Life (SM)
7:00 pm Men’s Zoom Bible Study (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Sandra Rouse Hammond</i> (SH)	12:00 pm All School Veterans Mass + <i>Lila Niday and Rosemary Moorman</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Pamela Mary Borkowski</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Stephanie Jeanne Borkowski</i> (SH)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Darrell Kersey and Mary S. Clark</i> (SH)	8:30 am Mass + <i>Judy Frideres</i> (SM)
5:00 pm Community Meal (SH)	12:00 pm The Chosen (SH)	Religious Ed at (SH/SJ)	Adoration after Mass 8:30am - 7 pm (SH)			Donuts & March for Life meeting after Mass (SM)
	1:00 -9 pm Adoration (SM)	Religious Ed (SM)	10:00 am Mass at Eastern Star (SH)			9:30 am Rosary (SH)
	5:30 pm + <i>Tim Cowles</i> (SM)	6:30 pm RCIA (SH)	3:00 pm Madrid Home Mass (SM)			10:00 am Mass + <i>Living Deceased members of the Flynn family</i> (SH)
	7:00 pm KC Meeting (SH)	6:30 pm Children’s Rosary (SM)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Kris Geneser</i> (SM)			5:30 pm KC Meeting (SM)
		6:45 pm Children’s Rosary (SH)	6:30 pm Grief Share (SH)			
		7:45 pm Youth Group (SH)				

Baptisms

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 Oct 29, 2023

Sacred Heart    Adult...\$4,961.00    Loose...\$342.00    Dollar & Children...\$257.00    Votives...\$24.00    Wreaths Across America....60.00    Altar Society...\$10.00    World Mission.....\$33.00    All Saints Day...\$25.00    **Total...\$5,712.00**

St. Malachy    Adult...\$2,487.00    Loose...\$93.50    Votives...\$122.00    Christmas Flowers....\$70.00    Food Pantry...\$25.00    Immaculate Conception...\$20.00    All Saints Day...65.00    Catholic Charities...\$20.00    St. Joseph...\$20.00    World Mission...\$50.00    **Total...\$2,972.50**

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

Boone County Catholic Community

Joe Calderon

Court Burkamper

Judy Frideres

Kevin Majors

Larry Peter

Kristine Geneser

Don Launderville

Mary Smith

Stephanie Borkowski

Pamela Borkowski

Jean Gunther

Ronald Sorber

Susan Wilson

Lyle Eldridge

Diane Curran

Elizabeth Pfannes

Judy Weeg

Brandon Moran

Phyllis Sayre

Darrell Kersey

Linda Hodges

Jeanette O’ Rourke

Charles McDowall

Carolyn Handy

Rosemary Mc Nace

John Jack Wade

Maurice Baldus

Shirley Dahl

Ronald Meyer

Father Steve Broderson

Joyce Busch

Ron Zmolek



Month of Remembrance

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord

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

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time    •    November 5, 2023

Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

Last week I was at the bedside of a woman whose health was deteriorating with hospice providing palliative care. Two of her adult six children were in their mother’s room, at her bedside. Intuitively or spiritually, they began to share stories of her life. Where she was born and her siblings. Remembering stories of their childhood and their mother’s interactions with them. Her own grieving with the death of their father. She lost her memory some months prior with the onset of dementia, and their “remembering” solidified her integrity, her purpose and her place in this world. We do well to ‘remember’ not so much dwelling on the loss, but the indelible spirit that remains within those touched by the lives of others. Madeleine L’Engle, Christian writer, gives credence to the significance of ‘remembrance:’ “My grandmother and mother are alive for me because they are part of my story. I do not believe these stories [of remembering] are their immortality—that is something quite different. But remembering their stories is the best way I know to have them remain part of my mortal life. And I need them to be a part of me, while at the same time I am quite willing for them all to be doing whatever it is that God has in mind for them to do. Can those who are a part of that great cloud of witnesses which has gone before us be in two places at once? I believe that they can, just as Jesus could, after the Resurrection.” Thus, at a funeral Mass the incense smoke during the Commendation Prayer is a symbol of the ascension to heaven of the deceased’s soul. Practically and spiritually speaking, the incensing at a funeral Mass is two fold: it signifies the prayers of the community of believers rising to the Presence of God as a farewell sign for the deceased; and too this ritual gives honor to the deceased who was baptized in the Body of Christ and at the same time became the temple where the Holy Spirit dwelt. When the casket is brought into church at the beginning of a funeral Mass, we place the large white ‘pall’ over it. Derivative of the Latin ‘pallium’, cloak, the pall reminds us of the garment given at baptism, symbolizing our belonging to the Body of Christ. Integral to these symbols is the three part prayer of petition passed down from one generation to another: “Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace; Amen. May her soul and the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace; Amen. **Heaven:** Heaven is being with God and all that this entails. Perfect love, joy and peace. No more pain, sorrow, rejection, anger – only perfection with Christ. It is the place where we become what we have been created to be: one with God.

**Together As One**  
Together as One (TAO) supports the Office of the Chancellor. The Office of the Chancellor processes letters of good standing for priests and deacons, vets all visiting priests and deacons, collects parish vital stats and collects sacrament record data. To date we have raised \$18,222.50 towards our goal of \$47,388.00.

**Children's Rosary**  
Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 8th, for our monthly Children's Rosary: 6:30 pm at St. Malachy and 6:45 pm at Sacred Heart Church.

*Purgatory is God’s severe mercy. Despite the fact that we may, while on earth, desire to be with God, we still make selfish and hurtful mistakes. We sin, hurt others and neglect God and our faith. When we do this, we accumulate on our souls the consequence of sin, and those things need to heal. This process is called purgation–purgatory. Once in purgatory, we are going to heaven, eventually, because while our “yes” to God may be imperfect, it is a “yes.” **Hell** is the consequence of a life spent seeking our own way and the pleasures of the world as opposed to God’s way. When we spend our lifetime ignoring or hating God, we have chosen to be separated from Him. At our death, the pain in hell is not so much physical as it is spiritual. Our souls are made to be with God, and in hell, we are separate. To find a concise definition of our Catholic-Christian beliefs on heaven, hell and purgatory, reference the Catholic Catechism (sections 1729, 1030, 1034). Ted Kooser, poet laureate from Nebraska, provides a poem reflecting the ‘grace’ of remembering.*

**Father by Ted Kooser**  
*Today you would be ninety-seven  
if you had lived, and we would all be  
miserable, you and your children,  
driving from clinic to clinic,  
an ancient fearful hypochondriac  
and his fretful son and daughter,  
asking directions, trying to read  
the complicated, fading map of cures.  
But with your dignity intact  
you have been gone for twenty years,  
and I am glad for all of us, although  
I miss you every day—the heartbeat  
under your necktie, the hand cupped  
on the back of my neck, Old Spice  
in the air, your voice delighted with stories.  
On this day each year you loved to relate  
that the moment of your birth  
your mother glanced out the window  
and saw lilacs in bloom. Well, today  
lilacs are blooming in side yards  
all over Iowa, still welcoming you.*

**God Bless, Fr. Tim**

*FYI: “Say not in grief that she is no more, but say in thankfulness that she was.” (Hebrew proverb)*

**Fall Dinner (Bazaar)**  
Join us in Fitzgerald Hall for our annual Fall Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 5th. We will be serving a pork loin dinner from 10:45 - 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 kids (10 and under). There will be a take-out option. Baskets will be on display for you to bid on for our silent auction.

**Veterans Day Mass**  
All Veterans and their family members are invited to join us for Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 8th, at Noon (SH). Following Mass we will serve a light lunch in Fitzgerald Hall.

**Wreaths Across America**  
This Christmas we will be placing wreaths at the headstones of our Military Veterans buried at Sacred Heart Cemetery and at the Ogden Cemetery. Last year we placed over 300 wreaths to honor these men and women. If you would like to sponsor a wreath the cost is \$17. You will find envelopes on the table in the lower Narthex marked Wreaths Across America. Please make checks out to Ascension—Sacred Heart and in the memo line put Wreaths across America. If you would like one for Ogden Cemetery please mark Ogden on the envelope. Wreaths will be placed at the Sacred Heart Cemetery on Dec. 16th at 11am following a short program and a blessing of the wreaths. Light Lunch Served in Fitzgerald Hall after wreaths have been placed.

**March for Life 2024**  
Final informational meeting for St. Malachy’s members interested in attending the March for Life in Washington, D.C during January 17 to 21, 2024 will be held after Mass on November 12 in Hanson Hall. Those interested should attend or contact Dean Tranel (515-795-2139).

**Thank You**  
Robert Uthe and his family would like to thank everyone who sent birthday cards for his 100th birthday. It was really appreciated . Thank you.

**Prayer Partners Needed**  
Please contact Megan or Kelley if you would like to be matched with one of our second graders who will be receiving First Reconciliation & First Communion this year. All you have to do is pray for them! dre@shboone.com, kelley.grothus@gmail.com, or (515)432-1971.

**Fall Food Drive**  
This November Ascension Parish will once again be holding a county-wide food collection throughout the entire month. Please bring non-perishable food items and place them in the baskets located near the church exits at all three of our church locations. The items donated at each location will stay within those communities to help those in need.

**Twin Bed Needed for Rectory**  
St. Malachy is looking for a twin bed to be placed in the guest room in the Rectory. If you have one or know of someone that has one please contact Cheryl or Marsha.

**Theology on Tap**  
Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 14th, at Boone Valley Brewing as Graeson Dall presents "The Holy Spirit and His Role in Our Lives". Doors to Boone Valley Brewing open at 7 PM and the talk will begin at 7:30 PM. To learn more about Graeson visit <https://www.yescatholic.com/stories/episode-105>

**Pictorial Directory Stickers**  
In our most recent directory, there was an error impacting two of our Sacred Heart families. To correct this, the company has issued a sticker to be placed over the images in each directory. If you would like to correct your copy, stickers can be found in a basket in the hall space at each church location. Please take only one sticker per book. Thank you.

**No Sacred Heart Middle School EDGE this Week -**  
Our Core Team Leaders will be doing some training this Wednesday during EDGE time. We will see you all on November 15th! Want to join our Middle School Core team? Please attend our meeting at 6:45pm at Sacred Heart on 11/8 in Fitzgerald Hall.

**Fellowship & Donuts**  
Please join us in Hansen Hall after the 8:30 KC Memorial Mass on November 12th, for fellowship and donuts.

**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 November 13th 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 Dinner**  
We will have a community free Dinner on Monday November 6th. Dinner will be served from 5:00 - 7 pm. No cost, just enjoy the meal and the company. No reservations.



Last Week We Saw Some Incredible *Holy Moments!*

*\* At McTeachers Night last week, two students came up to me and told me that there was money left on a chair and showed me where it was. Then they told me that a certain student had been sitting there and maybe it belonged to them. That was a Holy Moment!*

*\*Note from the School Picture Day photographer: Thank you so kindly for your patience and help to get up and going. Everyone here has been so kind. Hope to come here in the future.*



Tips to Create This *Holy Moment:*

- Unfollow any pages or people on social media who stand for unholy moments.
- Focus during class, work, or Mass, even if other people aren’t.
- Choose not to gossip and speak kindly about others instead.

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!