

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday Nov 13	Tuesday Nov 14	Wednesday Nov 15	Thursday Nov 16	Friday Nov 17	Saturday Nov 18	Sunday Nov 19
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>Mary Alice Coleman</i> (SH)	12:00 pm All School Mass + <i>Claire R. Rouse</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Susan Wilson</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Stephanie Jeanne Borkowski</i> (SH)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>George & Marie Cabral & Living & Deceased Headley</i> (SH)	8:30 am Mass + <i>Lorraine Madison</i> (SM)
7:00 pm Baptism Class (SH)	12:00 pm The Chosen (SH)	3:30 pm Mass at Westhaven (SH)	Adoration after Mass 8:30am - 7 pm (SH)	9:15 am Mass + <i>Harry Sechrest</i> (SJ)		9:30 am Rosary (SH)
	1:00 -9 pm Adoration (SM)	Religious Ed at (SH/SJ)	2:30 pm Cedars Mass (SM)			10:00 am Mass + <i>Brodie Mosman</i> (SH)
	5:30 pm + <i>Living & Deceased Wade & Ortmann families</i> (SM)	6:30 pm RCIA (SH)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Kris Geneser</i> (SM)			
	7:30 pm Theology on Tap (SH)	7:45 pm Youth Group (SH)	6:30 pm Grief Share (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 Nov 5, 2023

Sacred Heart Adult...\$11,603.000 Loose...\$342.23 Dollar & Children...\$342.50 Votives...\$88.00 Wreaths Across America....\$450.00 St. Joseph...\$522.00 All Saints Day...\$505.00 Improvement Fund...\$90.00 Food Pantry...\$500.00 Christmas Flowers...\$80.00 Christmas Offering....\$15.00 Catholic Charities...\$5.00 **Total...\$14,542.00**

St. Malachy Adult...\$2,681.00 Loose...\$245.60 Votives...\$62.00 Christmas Flowers....\$5.00 Food Pantry...\$355.00 All Saints Day...\$222.00 St. Joseph...\$111.00 All Souls...\$25.00 Improvement...\$501.00 **Total...\$4,207.60**

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.org

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time • November 12, 2023

Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

National Vocations Awareness Week concludes this weekend, but God isn’t restricted to a schedule, and his ‘calling’ to our respective vocation anytime whether we are aware or not. As the insert in our bulletin illustrates, we have eight men presently in formation responding to God’s call to the priesthood. Each of us have a vocation we are called to embrace whether marriage, the single life, religious life or ordained ministry; no one is exempt. However, with the various distractions in our culture, our awareness of the vocation God has chosen for each of us may be obscured, especially the calling towards the priesthood. Our prayers, especially shared as a family, can aid those presently in formation and, in a very real way, encourage your daughter or son’s ‘calling’ whatever it may be. Please remember in your prayers the seminarians in formation and those whom God continues to call towards ordained ministry and religious life.

I was taught by the Franciscans of Milwaukee, but realized over the years the Catholic identity and values the various orders of Sisters brought to the many communities they served as educators and nurses, (especially in Carroll and surrounding towns). One FSPA Sister in particular has a rather unique path or calling to religious life. In the words of her personal friend, Bishop Edward Braxton, the story of Sr. Thea Bowman’s ‘calling,’

“Dear Sr. Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A., was one of my closest friends and a profound influence on my life as a Priest and Bishop. . . .This self-assured black woman [born in 1937] began life as Bertha Bowman. Bertha’s father, Dr. Theon Bowman, practiced medicine in Canton, Mississippi. As an African-American doctor, he was not allowed to operate in the nearest hospital; her mother, Mary Esther Bowman, was a teacher. The Bowmans’ home was what Sr. Thea called an ecumenical home. She was baptized in her father’s Episcopal church and went to Methodist Sunday school with her mother. When “the Catholics came to town” and opened a mission, Bertha began spending all her free time there. On her own initiative, she entered the Catholic Church shortly afterward, (baptized) in 1947. . . .She was drawn there through “the day-to-day lived witness of Catholic Christians who first loved me, then shared with me their story, their values, their beliefs.” Her attraction deepened into a decision to enter religious life. In 1953, at the age of fifteen, Bertha Bowman left home and traveled to LaCrosse, Wisconsin, to enter school with the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. With zest and determination, she adjusted to a new climate, diet, lifestyle, and way of praying. When she entered the congregation of Fran-

ciscan Sisters, she also took a new name—Thea—in honor of her father. The name has its roots in the Greek word for God. Sr. Thea threw herself into her studies. She got her undergraduate degree, spent ten years teaching, and then earned her Ph. D. in English at The Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. Fascinated by the role that music and oral tradition had played in preserving African-American values, history, and faith, Sr. Thea put together a presentation on the topic and brought it to colleges. Over time, as Sr. Thea honed her ideas about the value of cultural diversity. . . . “We do not all look alike. We do not sing, dance, pray, play, think, cook, eat, wash, laugh, or dress alike. Praise the Lord, we are not alike. If I begin to believe that we are all alike, look at what I’m going to miss: the richness, beauty, wholeness, and harmony of what God created.” Increasingly in demand as a speaker, Sr. Thea traveled extensively, and she had no time for hatred and negativity. . . .and was not blind to problems, however. She brought the essential question squarely to the forefront: “Within the Church, how can we work together so that all of us have equal access to input, equal access to opportunity, equal access to participation? . . .We don’t want to change the sacraments. We don’t want to change the theology of the Church.” In 1984, Sr. Thea learned she had breast cancer. By 1988, it had spread to her bones, confining her to a wheelchair. . . .Like many Christians who become chronically ill, Sr. Thea didn’t know how to pray about her illness at first. Should she seek healing? Should she pray for life or for death? Finally she found peace in praying, “‘Lord, let me live until I die.’ By that I mean I want to live, love, and serve fully until death comes. If that prayer is answered, if I am able to live until I die, how long really doesn’t matter.” Sr. Thea Bowman’s brief, remarkable life of love, service, and joy ended on March 30, 1990 and people of different races, religions, ages, and economic status filled the visitation and the church for the Liturgy of Christian Burial.” Whatever our vocation, our ‘calling’ from God, Sr. Thea’s oft repeated mantra holds true: “Remember who you are and whose you are.”

God Bless, Fr. Tim

FYI: In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger, and hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds. (Fr. Henri Nouwen)

St. John's Door to Door Food Drive Nov. 15th

Leave non-perishable items out on your door step in Ogden between 6:30-7:30pm on Wednesday, November 15th. Our St. John's Youth Group will come pick them up and donate them to Ogden pantries.

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 11 am 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 Hansen Hall. Those interested should attend or contact Dean Tranel (515-795-2139).

St. Malachy Prayer Partners Needed

Please contact 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! 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.

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

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 Sacred Heart Parish Hall conference room. To register, please call the parish office at 515-432-1971.

Exodus 90 for Men at Ascension Parish

Calling all men! Join us in a 90-day spiritual exercise centered around prayer, asceticism, and fraternity. Our journey through the Book of Exodus will start on January 1 and end on Easter Day. We look forward to growing our faith with you as brothers in Christ! For St. Malachy's, please contact Vince Ewald (309-428-0126), or for Sacred Heart, Michael Kruse (712-579-9168), by December 28, 2023 for more details or to sign up. Learn more about Exodus 90 here: <https://exodus90.com/> More than 100,000 men from around the world have journeyed through the Exodus with their brothers. Single men, married men, priests, bishops, Christians and non-Christians alike. They overwhelming tell us Exodus has given them a level of freedom they did not have before by following along with the Israelites' journey from slavery to freedom in the book of Exodus, and living an intense 90 day exercise devoted to prayer, asceticism and fraternity



Last Week We Saw Some Incredible Holy Moments!

* I saw a lot of holy moments in the after-school art club yesterday. It really takes students helping each other to make the club work, and I am so happy when I see students step up to teach and share! At the end, a student (cheerfully!) stayed to help clean up to the very end, sweeping and putting up chairs. I reflected that every week I’ve had the club, I’ve had help, and it really made my day.
* The fifth graders and Mrs. Jones provide a holy moment when they help in the lunchroom.



Tips to Create This Holy Moment:

- When your child comes home from school, take a few moments to really ask them what the best part of their day was, without any distractions.
- Talk to your student about their behavior and grade goals for this school year so they have an extra reason to focus in class.
- Encourage your student to come to class prepared and on time!

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

Together As One

Together as One (TAO) supports the Communications Office. The office of Communications keeps you connected with the Diocese and all the great things happening for NW Iowa Catholics. You can follow the Diocese of Sioux City on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram! To date we have raised \$20,222.50 towards our goal of \$47,388.00.