

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday Nov 20	Tuesday Nov 21	Wednesday Nov 22	Thursday Nov 23	Friday Nov 24	Saturday Nov 25	Sunday Nov 26
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>Mary Alice Coleman</i> (SH) 12:00 pm The Chosen (SH) 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl (SH) 1:00 -9 pm Adoration (SM) 5:30 pm <i>No Mass</i> (SM)	11:30 am Rosary (SH) 12:00 pm All School Mass + (SH) 3:30 pm Mass at Westhaven (SH) No Religious Ed at (SH/SJ/SM) 5:30 pm Mass + <i>Mary Ann O'Deay</i> (SM) 6:30 pm RCIA (SH) 7:45 pm NO Youth Group (SH)	Parish Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving 8:00 am Mass + <i>Lila Niday, Mary Tilly and Ron Sorber</i> (SH) 6:30 pm NO Grief Share (SH)	Parish Office Closed	5:00 pm Rosary (SH) 5:30 pm Mass + <i>Deceased Reinsch Family</i> (SH)	8:00 am Rosary (SM) 8:30 am Mass + <i>Daniel O'Deay</i> (SM) 9:30 am Rosary (SH) 10:00 am Mass + <i>Darlene Mosman</i> (SH)

<u>Baptisms</u>	<u>Marriages</u>	<u>Born into Eternal Life</u>
Rowan Avis Wayland - SH		

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 12, 2023

Sacred Heart Adult...\$6,481.50 Loose...\$456.71 Dollar & Children...\$347.70 Votives...\$31.00 Wreaths Across America...\$568.00 St. Joseph...\$110.00 World Mission....\$5.00 Food Pantry...\$125.00 Christmas Flowers...\$536.00 **Total...\$8,660.91**

St. Malachy Adult...\$2,236.00 Loose...\$170.89 Votives...\$17.00 Christmas Flowers....\$206.00 Food Pantry...\$66.00 All Saints Day...\$5.00 St. Joseph...\$15.00 Catholic Charites...\$10.00 **Total...\$2,725.89**

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

Boone County Catholic Community



Giving Thanks

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
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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time · November 19, 2023

Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

With the blessings of beautiful autumn days and a bountiful harvest we approach the day set aside for our nation to pause with grateful hearts:

“I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States. . .to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such . . .blessings, commending to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union.”

President Abraham Lincoln Third of October, 1863

As a parish bringing together the faithful of St. John, St. Malachy and Sacred Heart—and the many visitors—we too seek a presence of thanksgiving for our blessings, creating a spirit of peace, harmony and hope. Just a few thoughts guiding us toward Abraham Lincoln’s invitation to give thanks *“If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough.” (Meister Eckhart)*

“We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.” (John F. Kennedy)

“Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.” (Maya Angelou)

“Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.” (A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh)

“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.” (Albert Schweitzer)

“Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world..” (John Milton)

“The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy.” (Henri Nouwen)

Thanksgiving Mass Times
November 22, 5:30 PM - St. Malachy
November 23, 8:00 AM - Sacred Heart

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.

SHS Preschool & Preschool Plus Registration
Opens on Monday, Dec. 11th for the ‘24-25 school year for Ascension Parishioners. Stay tuned for more details.

“For me, every hour is grace. And I feel gratitude in my heart each time I can meet someone and look at his or her smile.” (Elie Wiesel)

“I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.

” (Gilbert K. Chesterton)

“When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies only in yourself” (Tecumseh)

"Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some." (Charles Dickens)

“I lie in bed at night, after ending my prayers with the words 'Ich danke dir für all das Gute und Liebe und Schöne.' (Thank you, God, for all that is good and dear and beautiful.)” (Anne Frank)

“O Lord that lends me life, lend me a heart replete with thankfulness.” (William Shakespeare)

“Don't kneel to me, that is not right. You must kneel to God only, and thank Him for the liberty you will here-after enjoy.” (Abraham Lincoln)

And in the words of St. Paul, written to the Colossians:

“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. . .And be thankful.”

God Bless & Thank you for sharing your faith,

Fr. Tim

Date Night - "Together, Listening in Prayer"
All adults from the area are invited to join us on December 2 in the St. Cecilia Social Hall. Please gather for a meal and refreshments at 6:15pm. Paul and Darcie Tallman will share the beauty of prayer using Visio Lectio and how images are powerful to use in prayer at 7:00pm. We will conclude by 8:15pm. We will provide a meal for the children. Please RSVP to help us plan for the meal and/or childcare by contacting Deacon Ron & Mary Smith at datenight@StCeciliaParish.org.

Fall Food Drive
Only two more weeks for our Fall Food Drive! Please bring non-perishable food items and place them in the baskets located near the church exits at all three of our church locations.

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.

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.

Religious Ed Help Needed at St. Malachy
We are looking for Catechists & assistants in the following roles in our religious education program: Assistant for PreK -K at 6:00 pm, Small-Group leaders for HS/Post-Confirmation age students. Please see DRE Kelley Grothus if you are willing to support our parish in this way.

College/Young Adult Outreach
St. Malachy RE program will be sending care packets to our young adults who have moved on from our RE program and are enrolled in college, military, or the workforce. Please send her your child's mailing address to be included in this ministry.

Christmas Help
Sacred Heart families, could you or your family use extra help this year? Do you know of an individual or family who may have a need? Please submit names to Deb at development@shboone.com by Friday, Dec. 1st. We will provide full confidentiality with this information.

Sacred Heart March for Life Meeting
There will be an informational meeting after Mass on Sunday, 11/19 in the parish hall conference room for anyone interested in attending the January 19th March for Life in Washington D.C.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
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!



Last Week We Saw Some Incredible Holy Moments!

** I stepped into the hallway at passing time and witnessed the entire class of 7th graders quietly gathered halfway down the hall to their next class. They realized their teacher was having a private conversation with a student outside the door, so they all stopped and waited at a respectful distance before proceeding to class.*

**Mrs. Clay often provides me with holy moments when she shares resources with me.*

Use holymoments@shboone.com to let us know what you’re grateful for.



Tips to Create This Holy Moment:

- Talk to God about the talents he has blessed you with.
- Make a list in your phone and add to it when you create a Holy Moment!
- When you’re feeling down, say a positive affirmation to yourself like:

“I can do hard things!” or “I am capable!”

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!