

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday Feb 12	Tuesday Feb 13	Wednesday Feb 14	Thursday Feb 15	Friday Feb 16	Saturday Feb 17	Sunday Feb 18
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>Christina Cowles Simpson</i> (SM)
7:00 pm Men's Zoom Bible Study	8:00 am Mass + <i>Ruth Ann McKim</i> (SH)	12:00 pm Mass + <i>Steve Brown & Marissa & Katie Brown</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Terry Garvey</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Kathleen Andrews</i> (SH)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Connie Lue Lacey</i> (SH)	9:30 am Rosary (SH)
	1:00 - 9 pm Adoration (SM)	No Religious Ed at (SH/SJ/SM)	Adoration after Mass 8:30am - 7 pm (SH)	9:15 am Mass + <i>Brodie Mosman</i> (SJ)		10:00 am Mass + <i>Lillian & Elmer Griener</i> (SH)
	12:00 pm The Chosen (SH)	6:30 pm RCIA (SH)	2:30 Rosary (SH)	4:30 pm -7pm Fish Fry (SM)		2:00 pm Adoration & Confessions (SM)
	No Daily Mass (SM)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Living & Deceased Peters family</i> (SH)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Mary Ann O'Deay</i> (SM)	5-7 pm Fish Fry (SH)		3:00 pm Anthony Digmann (SM)
	7:00 pm Theology on Tap (SH)	6:30 pm Mass + <i>Deceased Madison & Ladurini families</i> (SM)				
		7:00 pm Mass + <i>Harry Sechrest</i> (SJ)				

Marriages

Baptisms

Elia Renee Angelo - SH

Born into Eternal Life

Ascension Stewardship for Feb 4, 2024

Sacred Heart	Adult....\$12,628.50	Loose...\$422.00	Dollar & Children...\$354.68	Votives...\$42.00	Briar Cliff...\$15.00
Improvement....	\$229.75	Ash Wednesday...	\$5.00	Christmas Offering...	\$50.00
Total...	\$13,796.93				

St. Malachy	Adult...\$2,519.25	Youth...\$3.00	Loose...\$102.00	Votives...\$20.35	Improvement...\$25.00
Briar Cliff...	\$25.00	Aid to Global Churches....	\$20.00	Easter Flowers....	\$20.00
		Solemnity of Mary....			\$5.00
Total...	\$2,739.60				

Boone County Catholic Community



ASH WEDNESDAY

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

Website
www.shboone.org

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time · February 11, 2024

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

Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

With such a brief interlude from the ending of Christmas season (with Epiphany) to Ash Wednesday this week, we’ve had little to consider our efforts of renewal these upcoming forty days. Guiding our efforts to renew our faith these forty days are the standards of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Pope Francis, in a past homily said as much: “*Lent is also a privileged time for prayer,*” and quoting St. Augustine, “*fasting and almsgiving are ‘the two wings of prayer,’ because they are signs of humility and charity.*” *Ash Wednesday calls us to abstain from meat and fast between meals with one full meal. On the Fridays during Lent we are to abstain from meat.*

Approaching the Lenten Season some thoughts on prayer: “*God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer.*” (Mother Teresa). “*Prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.*” (St. Therese of Lisieux)

“*And so I urge you: carry on an ongoing conversation with God about the daily stuff of life, a little like Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof. For now, do not worry about 'proper' praying, just talk to God.*” (Richard J. Foster)

Entering into the forty days of Lent some insights on fasting: “*Fasting cleanses the soul, raised the mind, subjects one’s flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble.*” (St. Augustine)

“*Start the practice of self-control with some penance; begin with fasting.*” (Mahavira)

“*Fasting confirms our utter dependence upon God by finding in Him a source of sustenance beyond food.*” (Dallas Willard)

Aspiring to renew our personal faith during Lent some reflections on almsgiving: “*The bread you do not use is the bread of the hungry. The garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of the person who is naked. The shoes you do not wear are the shoes of the one who is barefoot. The money you keep locked away is the money of the poor. The acts of charity you do not perform are the injustices you commit.*” (St. Basil the Great) “*Almsgiving, according to the Gospel, is not mere philanthropy; rather it is a concrete expression of charity, a theological virtue that demands interior conversion to love of God and neighbor, in imitation of Jesus Christ, who, dying on the cross, gave his entire self for us.*” (Pope Benedict XVI) “*Not what we give, but what we share, for the gift without the giver is bare.*” (James Russell Lowell)

Officially the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops inform us of our Lenten responsibilities and opportunities: *Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms;*

and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. . . . Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.”

As for a renewal of personal prayer during these forty days some individuals make a commitment to attend a daily Mass; some participate in the unique prayer, Stations of the Cross. (Offered Friday mornings following the 8:00am Mass and following the noon School Mass at Sacred Heart. Likewise, the Stations of the Cross will be offered Thursday evenings at St. Malachy Church following the 5:30pm Mass, with the soup and sandwich meal afterwards. At St. John Church the Stations will be offered on the first and third Fridays of February and March during Lent, following the 9:15am Mass.) Individuals take the time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent and sometimes more than once.

Many individuals extend the Friday fasts to abstaining from certain foods or sweets or drinks during Lent. Some fast from personal practices that can provide a healthier lifestyle, ie., television, use of games or time on the smart phone or computers, certain words.

During Lent individuals participate in the the “Rice Bowl” project that supports Catholic Extension’s outreach to the struggling overseas; some give time by visiting care centers or certain individuals or relatives on a frequent basis. Whatever steps one takes as an opportunity to strengthen their relationship with God, and entering more freely into the Sacramental life of the Church, be creative and reflective of what you can do consciously, freely and willingly. Finally, allow this Lenten Season become a charitable time rather than sacrificial, naturally sharing our time with God through prayer, Almsgiving and fasting.

“*I imagine Lent for you and for me as a great departure from the greedy, anxious antineighborliness of our economy, a great departure from our exclusionary politics that fears the other, a great departure from self-indulgent consumerism that devours creation. And then an arrival in a new neighborhood, because it is a gift to be simple, it is a gift to be free; it is a gift to come down where we ought to be.*” (Walter Brueggemann, Scripture Scholar)

God Bless, Fr. Tim

FYI: What a gift to welcome back Fr, Craig Collison for our School Mass last week. As a native son he reflects the grace of our parish and this community of Boone.

Ascension Parish Fish Fry’s

St. Malachy Madrid: February 16th & 23rd, March 8th & 22nd. Serving: 4:30pm - 7:00pm. Carryout available. More details to come. **Dessert donations needed! If willing/able to help, please fill out the form in the pews at church. Leave in pew or return in collection basket.**
Sacred Heart Boone: February 16, March 1, and March 15 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm in Sacred Heart school gym. Carry

Trivia Game Night, Saturday, Feb. 24th Fitzgerald Hall - Boone * Social Begins after Saturday Night 5:30 Mass at 6:30pm * Trivia Games Begin at 7pm * Evening Concludes at 9pm Enjoy a fun evening out with other adults of Ascension Parish & feel free to bring a friend. Make it a Date Night or Girls/Guys Night Out and the entertainment, snacks & beverages will be provided. Come as an individual or a group to participate as a team in games or just to spectate, cheerlead &/or socialize. This event is sponsored by the Sacred Heart Altar Society. If you would like to donate snacks, drinks or help please contact the event coordinators at: GameNight.SH@gmail.com

ALL ARE INVITED!

For two days only, Anthony Digmann, will be presenting on the True Presence in the Eucharist. Each day's talk will be different from the previous day. Adoration and confession will also be offered with each talk. On Sunday, Feb. 18th, we will begin with Adoration and confession at 2 pm in the church (St. Malachy's) followed by Anthony's talk at 3 pm in Hansen Hall. On Monday, Feb. 19th, we will begin the evening with Anthony's talk at 7 pm followed by Adoration and confession at 8 pm in the church. This event is appropriate for young and old alike. We hope to see you in Madrid! You will NOT want to miss this event!

Altar Society

All ladies of Ascension Parish are invited to join us on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, in Fitzgerald Hall for an informative meeting. Jeanette Flynn will be sharing information with us about the organization YSS of Boone County. YSS uses a community-based approach to offer hope and opportunity to youth and families. There will be a social (with refreshments) beginning at 6:30 pm followed by Jeanette’s message at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Schon Presentation on Israel

Fr. Schon will once again offer his presentation on Israel on Tuesday, Feb. 27th, at 7 PM in Fitzgerald Hall. If you missed his original talk at Theology on Tap, this is your chance!

FREE BABYSITTING

Do you know that all registered guests of our March 2nd Gala can utilize free babysitting for the evening of the event? Childcare is available for children of all ages and is being offered by our SHS Heart2Heart Staff (before and after school program). Take advantage of this night out without the added cost of a babysitter. Find all the details here: <https://forms.gle/xZQGbgMWJbz9zpGE8>

Register Now for the TURN Youth Conference March 23rd at St. John's in Ogden

All 7th-12th graders from our parish and beyond are invited! This day will be centered around "turning" your eyes to Christ through prayer, reflection, adoration, music, inspiring talks, food and fun. We'll also be "turning" our wheels at Spinning Wheels Skating Rink! The conference is limited to 100 participants. Register by March 2nd on the parish website. Contact Megan Ulrich dre@shboone.com with any questions.

Mardi Gras Carnival

Join us after 8:30 am Mass on February 11 at St. Malachy for our annual Mardi Gras Kids' Carnival and breakfast. All proceeds support our kids attending Catholic Youth Camp this summer.

Theology on Tap

Join us Tuesday, Feb. 13th, for Theology on Tap with Michael Skinner. Michael is the founder of GratiaReflections, a special ministry devoted to Our Blessed Mother and the Rosary. Check it out here: <https://www.gratiareflections.com>. Doors open at 7 PM with the program beginning at 7:30 PM. All are welcome.

Lenten Stations & Soup Suppers

Plan to join us on Thursdays during Lent at St. Malachy for any, or all, of the following: 5:30 Mass (in the Church), Stations of the Cross (following Mass) & free soup supper in Hansen Hall for anyone.

Do you have smart TV (40 inch +) sitting around you don't need anymore?

We need to find a replacement TV for one of our RE classrooms. Please let the church office or Marsha (515-720-1429) know if you have one you would be willing to donate.



Last Week We Saw Some Incredible *Holy Moments!*

** During all school adoration I observed an older student gently wrap her arm around a young student to encourage stillness and quiet.*

** We witnessed a holy moment this week when we saw Sacred Heart parishioners respond generously to Altar Society's request for clothing and hygiene items. Many bags of useful items were given to YSS for a family in need. All donations will be put to a good use. When neighbor helps neighbor a holy moment occurs!*

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



Tips to Create This *Holy Moment:*

Don’t be afraid to ask questions when you are confused.

- Ask your loved ones to say a prayer for you.
- Ask someone you trust for advice on a difficult issue in your life.

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!*