

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday March 11	Tuesday March 12	Wednesday March 13	Thursday March 14	Friday March 15	Saturday March 16	Sunday March 17
8:45 am REC Rosary (SH)	8:00 am Rosary (SH)	8:00 am Rosary (SH)	8:00 am Rosary (SH)	7:30 am Rosary (SH)	5:00 pm Rosary (SH)	8:30 am Mass + <i>Patricia Sickerson</i> (SM)
7:00 pm Men’s Bible Study (SH)	8:00 am No Mass (SH)	12:00 pm No Mass (SH)	8:00 am No Mass (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Ruth Ann McKim</i> (SH)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Living &amp; Deceased Headley family and Sharon Miller</i> (SH)	9:00 am Lenten Apologetics class (SH)
	1:00 - 10 pm Adoration (SM)	Religious Ed at (SH/SJ/SM)	Adoration after Mass 8:30am - 7 pm (SH)	9:15 am + <i>Susie Anthoney and Chelsea Powell</i> (SJ)		9:30 am Rosary (SH)
	12:00 pm The Chosen (SH)	6:30 pm RCIA (SH)	2:30 Rosary (SH)	4:30 pm -7pm Fish Fry (SH)		10:00 am Mass + <i>Cashmere Kowalewski</i> (SH)
	5:30 pm No Mass (SM)	6:30 pm Children’s Rosary (SM)	5:00 pm Mass + <i>Christina Cowles Simpson</i> (SM)			1:30 pm Confirmation (SH)
		6:45 pm Children’s Rosary (SH)	Stations / Soup Supper after Mass (SM)			

Marriages

Baptisms

Maisie Louise Kruckenberg - SH

Born into Eternal Life

Patricia Sickerson - SM

Gladys Cacek - SH

Ascension Stewardship for Feb 25, 2024

**Sacred Heart** Adult....\$11,146.33 Loose...\$445.00 Dollar & Children...\$296.00 Votives...\$30.00 Improvement...\$129.75 Easter Flowers...\$90.00 Aid to Global Churches...\$120.00 Food Pantry....\$40.00 Retired & Infirmid Priests....\$35.00 **Total...\$12,202.33**

**St. Malachy** Adult....\$2,941.45 Loose...\$117.02 Votives...\$12.00 Easter Flowers....\$75.00 Aid to Global Churches...\$5.00 Retired & Infirmid Priests....\$10.00 Food Pantry...\$133.00 Holy Land...\$10.00 Sponsor kids...\$18.00 **Total...\$3,532.72**



**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

*Fourth Sunday of Lent · March 10, 2024*

Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

We have one Benedictine monastery in Iowa: New Melleray Trappist Monastery outside of Peosta, in eastern Iowa. St. Benedict set forth “hospitality” as the foundation of Benedictine spirituality guiding the monasteries that thrived throughout the world. His Rule of Benedict (53:1) remains the guiding principle of monastic life today: *“Let all guests who arrive be received as Christ.”* I’m reminded of this Christian virtue with the recent funerals at St. Malachy and Sacred Heart.

Too often the most overlooked and yet common offering of our Christian presence is the hospitality offered by the parish volunteers who offer dishes of food, those who prepare, serve and clean up at our funeral luncheons. For the grieving family, yes. But also for the relatives, friends (many of whom come from a distance), neighbors and parishioners who are present. Regardless of one’s faith or place in life, all are made to feel welcome and valued at our luncheons.

As St. Francis said, “Go out and proclaim the gospel, if you must, use words.” Such hospitality is in fact an outward expression of our Christian faith, and presence of Christ in our midst. My sincere thank you to those parish volunteers who offer food, those who prepare, serve and clean up at our funeral luncheons. St. Benedict’s spirit is very much alive in the hospitality offered at our luncheons, and no less by the gracious spirit of welcoming offered by our ushers and greeters at weekend Masses. *“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” (Hebrew 13:2)*

Thank you to the Gala Committee, the volunteers who provided an entertaining and gracious evening for the many in attendance. Through their efforts they allowed for a welcoming atmosphere, Christian hospitality. Fundraising may have been the purpose of the Gala gathering, but the premise of Christian hospitality and graciousness seemed to embody the spirit of the evening.

In our gospel reading Jesus confronts the elusive ‘Nicodemus’ with the truth of his mission: *“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world would be saved through him. . . whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.”* Seems particularly relevant this weekend with the beginning of Daylight Savings Time, giving us an additional hour of light each day. Each of us, believers in Christ Jesus, acknowledge the Light emanating from Him. Yet, pride, hurt, self-will, mistrust, greed enters our well intentioned lives, preventing the Light of Christ to permeate our hearts. And the more we rationalize our motives, decisions and actions, the less likely we can recognize the darkness that

has tainted our Christian beliefs and virtues. As Albert Schweitzer said, *“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.”* As if by the working of God’s hands, placing an individual in our life, whose presence—at that moment—reflects the Light in a perceivable way. Knowing well his humanity and thus of others, the well versed musician, Leonard Cohen reminds us, *“There is a crack in everything. That’s how the light gets in.”* Through an unexpected encounter, at an unexpected moment, a certain interaction with another affirms the Light before and within us, regardless of how fragmented that shard may be. In our imperfections, our faults, our weakness, the Light of Christ seeps into our hearts. Just so—and because of those unexpected interactions—we are hopefully led to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, bringing us face to face with our darkness, while revealing the certainty of Christ’s Light permeating our hearts and very soul through contrition, penance and forgiveness. Pope Francis provides the encouragement: *“Don’t be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you.”* Hopefully, the Lenten Communal Penance service offered this Sunday—**1:00pm, Sacred Heart Church, and again at 3:00pm**—will allow individuals and families to receive this precious Sacrament in preparation for Easter. Confession will continue to be offered before the Sunday morning Mass at St. Malachy church, and after the 10:00 Mass at Sacred Heart. *“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.” (C.S. Lewis)*

Traditionally the Church calls the Fourth Sunday of Lent “Laetare Sunday,” a Latin word for “rejoice” in the midst of our purposeful sacrifices and fasting. To graciously recognize the work of our Lord renewing the Church during these Lenten days, quickly approaching Easter. Next Sunday we will host Bishop Nickless, as we celebrate the students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please remember them in your prayers.

God Bless, Fr. Tim  
FYI: *“It’s not how big you are; it’s how big you play.” (John Wooden)*

Ascension Parish Fish Fry’s

**St. Malachy:** March 22nd. Serving: 4:30pm - 7:00pm. Fish is \$11- Combo is \$12 - Shrimp is \$13. All meals come with choice of corn or green beans, potatoes, roll, homemade dessert and drink. Carryout available. Dessert donations still needed! Fill out the form in the pews at church. **Sacred Heart Boone:** March 15 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm in Sacred Heart school gym.2 for \$25.00 or \$13.00. Carry out is available.

Together As One

Bishop Nickless is grateful for the prayers and support of the faithful of our Diocese and for those who have made a gift or pledge to Together As One (TAO). Please consider a gift in support of his ministries that serve our Catholic community. Give online at [scdiocese.org/tao](http://scdiocese.org/tao) or put in offering basket.

Children's Rosary

Join us Wednesday, March 13th for our Children's Rosary at 6:45 pm at Sacred Heart.

Turn Youth Conference

Our parish is hosting their second annual Turn Youth Conference at St. John in Ogden March 23rd from 11am-6:30pm. All 7th-12th graders from our parish and beyond are invited to come listen to some great speakers, great music and enjoy some great home cooked food from our altar society ladies. We'll end the event with a private party at Spinning Wheels skating rink. Sign up today on the parish website!

**Help Our Youth Attend Catholic Summer Camp!** Help our 3rd-8th grade kids have the best week ever! Days spent splashing in the pool, growing in faith and courageous discipleship. We have 32 kids at Ascension Parish attending Catholic Youth Camp in Panora, IA. They will be coordinating fundraisers in the upcoming weeks. Please consider donating to the future of our Church! Checks can be made out to Ascension Parish with CYC in the memo. To donate online scan the QR code. Questions? Megan Ulrich [dre@shboone.com](mailto:dre@shboone.com)



Rosary for Traditional Marriage

Pray the rosary for marriage at noon on Saturday, March 16, 2024 near the Sacred Heart church in Boone. We will be praying for God’s Marriage between a man and a woman and for our nation. The date of the Traditional Marriage Crusade is on the Saturday nearest the feast of St. Joseph, March 19, because he is our powerful patron. And St. Joseph is the “Chaste Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.”

Grief Share (starting April 9th)

Grief Share is a non-denominational grief support program offered throughout the United States. Ascension Parish will be offering this 13-week program free at St. Malachy. Register online at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) or call our Parish Office at 515-432-1971. You do NOT need to be Catholic or Ascension parishioners to participate in this program so please share with others.

Spring Break Cabrini Movie Outing for 8th-12th Grade

From the award-winning director of Sound of Freedom, comes the powerful epic of Mother Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. Cabrini sets off on a mission to convince the hostile mayor to secure housing and healthcare for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini builds an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen. We'll meet at Sacred Heart at 11:30 am on Wednesday 3/13 for lunch then head to the 1:20pm showing of Cabrini at Cinemark in Ames. RSVP to Lizzie: [youth@shboone.com](mailto:youth@shboone.com)



Last Week We Saw Some Incredible *Holy Moments!*

*\* Last week after the Middle School swim meet, a Sacred Heart School 8th grader that had come to spectate helped an 8th grade swimmer finish putting all the folding chairs away after the other swimmers had quit early and left.*

Use [holy moments@shboone.com](mailto:holy moments@shboone.com) to let us know what you’re grateful for.



Tips to Create This *Holy Moment:*

- Instead of saying “I have to do X” try responding with gratitude by saying “I get to do X” —there are some people who would do anything for the opportunity to do that thing!
- Thank God for three things you are grateful for every morning.
- When you want to complain, try taking a deep breath.

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!

Communal Penance

Communal Penance will be offered today at:  
Sacred Heart - 1:00 pm  
St. Malachy - 3:00 pm

Hygiene Drive

During the month of March, our parish will be collecting hygiene related items for our local food pantries. There will be “baskets” located at all three of our churches to receive your donations. Examples of items needed: deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent, socks, bath soap, feminine hygiene products, etc.