

Liturgies & Events This Week						
Monday March 18	Tuesday March 19	Wednesday March 20	Thursday March 21	Friday March 22	Saturday March 23	Sunday March 24
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>Living & Deceased Ankenbauer & Loew families</i> (SM)
7:00 pm Men’s Bible Study (SH)	8:00 am + <i>Sue “Kelly” Driscoll</i> (SH)	12:00 pm + Jerry Ortner (SH)	8:00 am + <i>The Ho Family</i> (SH)	8:00 am Mass + <i>Mary & John Pesek</i> (SH)	5:30 pm Mass + <i>Marcella & Julius Kostelnick</i> (SH)	
	1:00 - 10 pm Adoration (SM)	3:30 pm Westhaven Mass (SH)	Adoration after Mass 8:30am - 7 pm (SH)	4:30 pm -7pm Fish Fry (SM)		9:00 am Lenten Apologetics class (SH)
	12:00 pm The Chosen (SH)	Religious Ed at (SH/SJ/SM)	2:30 Rosary (SH)			9:30 am Rosary (SH)
	1:00 pm Prayer Shawls (SH)	6:30 pm RCIA (SH)	2:30 pm Cedars Home Mass (SM)			10:00 am Mass + <i>Edward Judge</i> (SH)
	5:30 pm + <i>Tim Cowles</i> (SM)		5:00 pm Mass + <i>Judy Frieders</i> (SM)			
	7:30 pm Theology on Tap (SH)		Stations / Soup Supper after Mass (SM)			

Marriages

Baptisms

Born into Eternal Life

EJ Bechard - SH

Ascension Stewardship for March 10, 2024

Sacred Heart Adult...\$13,035.73 Loose...\$204.00 Dollar & Children...\$331.85 Votives...\$11.00 Improvement...\$329.75 Easter Flowers...\$20.00 Aid to Global Churches...\$30.00 Food Pantry....\$110.00 Retired & Infirm Priests....\$100.00 **Total...\$14,172.33**

St. Malachy Adult...\$8,219.25 Loose...\$112.00 Votives...\$11.00 Improvement...\$20.00 Holy Land....\$30.00 Retired & Infirm Priests...\$20.00 **Total...\$8,412.25**

Boone County Catholic Community

Congratulations to our Confirmation Students



Abigail Charlotte Godbold - St. Hildegard of Bingen

Alex Paul Thomas Jones - St. Isidore

Ashlynn Jan Carr - St. Anthony

Austin Scott Degeneffe - St. Michael

Brady Kunde Hillebrand - St. Joseph

Caden Alan Agena - St. Damien of Molokai

Ce Jay Rinehart Jones - St. Isidore

Gavin Lee Niles - St. Hubert

Henderson Roy Gustafson - St. Isidore

Hendrix Allen Moorman - St. Anthony of Padua

Isaac Robert Carpenter - St. Dominic

Jack Thomas Rose - St. Anthony

Jasmine Lopez - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Katelyn Rae Hanson - St. Angela Merici

Kathleen Louise Wilcoxson - St. Barbara

Levi Ryan Behn—St. Padre Pio

Madilyn Jo Barrett—St. Mary Magalene

Madison Grace Ellis - St. Cecilia

Madison Marie Garman - St. Ivo Of Kermartin

Nicholas James Milani - St. Nicholas

Rachel Elizabeth Unga - St. Thomas Aquinas

Rory Ashlynn Marie Douglas - St. Brigid of Ireland

Terrin Michael Lawrenson - St. Joseph

Sacred Heart

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Boone, Iowa 50036
515-432-1971

St John’s

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Ogden, Iowa 50212

St Malachy’s

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Madrid, Iowa 50156
515-795-2731

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Fifth Sunday of Lent · March 17, 2024

Fr. Tim’s Tidbits

“If God sends you down a stony path, may He give you strong shoes.” We welcome Bishop Nickless to our parish this Sunday for the Sacrament of Confirmation. He continues to shepherd our diocese graciously since reaching his retirement age of 75 nearly two years ago. Bishop Nickless will confer this Sacrament highlighting four outward symbols. First is the saint’s name chosen by each candidate, reflecting some significant attribute pertinent to the student. With present day technology a saints’ biography is readily available but nonetheless the students take the time choosing the one out of thousands that reflect some aspect of their Christian character. For us adults, do we remember our personal saint chosen for the Sacrament of Confirmation? Indeed, our chosen sponsor? Secondly, the sponsor each candidate chose to stand up for them. At the moment the Bishop confers the Sacrament of Confirmation on the candidate, the respective sponsor places his/her hand on their shoulder. Sponsors can be a relative, neighbor, friend who is a Confirmed practicing Catholic; and most likely chosen because of their faith and character, and ability to be ‘themselves.’ Just prior to the conferring of the Sacrament Bishop Nickless will have the ‘laying-on of hands’—from the Greek word, “Cheirotonia— a formal ritual of invoking the Holy Spirit, and connecting the Sacrament of Confirmation to that of Baptism. Finally, the Bishop will seal the candidate with Sacred Chrism, a mixture of pure oil of olives and balsam, (blessed by a bishop in a special Chrism Mass celebrated shortly before Easter). As a footnote, the Hebrew Scriptures record ‘anointing’ as an experience of God’s grace. In the New Testament the disciples of Jesus anointed those who were sick and suffering. With the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred onto our students, my congratulations. And a sincere ‘thank you’ to the sponsors who stand alongside the students, sharing a presence of hope and faith. Thank you to the parents, fostering the faith within your respective homes, and through the participation in the Eucharist on Sunday. Confirmation seals the recipient with the Holy Spirit, calling forth the understanding as voiced in St. Theresa of Lisieux: ***"Holiness consists simply in doing God’s will, and being just what God wants us to be."*** As in the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation affects your soul. An indelible mark is placed on your soul. As such, this indelible mark becomes a source of permanent grace throughout one’s lifetime.

Together As One

Together As One (TAO) is a pillar of support for caring for the marginalized and for the critically needed ministries such as religious education, adult formation, youth and young adult ministry. Join us today in support of TAO with a gift or pledge through the brochure that was mailed to you or giving online at scdiocese.org/tao. As of March 11 we have raised far \$36,962.50. Our goal is \$47, 388.00

Women's Connect Coffee Event *All Women Welcome* Please come join the women of Walking With Purpose for coffee, real conversation, and a short inspirational video on Saturday, March 23rd at 9am in Hansen Hall at St. Malachy in Madrid.

Yes, we choose to be Confirmed, but through this Sacrament God is making a binding commitment, deepening the covenant of His unconditional love poured out through the Holy Spirit at Baptism. Again, thank you to the students who will be Confirmed this Sunday, for your faith and hope, and as St. Catherine of Siena counsels, ***"Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire."*** A blessing of sorts as St. Patrick’s Day falls on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Few will remember the symbolic words of Jesus from today’s gospel reading, ***“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies it remains use a grain of wheat; but if it dies it produces much fruit.”*** Possibly this prayer/blessing composed by St. Patrick himself will help us understand Jesus’ exhortation. *May your days be many and your troubles few. May all God’s blessings descend upon you. May peace be within you, may your heart be strong. May you find what you’re seeking wherever you roam. May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us. May thy Salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and for evermore. Amen.* Frequently, the feast day of St. Joseph on the 19th is forgotten following the various St. Patrick’s Day events. However, this Litany of St. Joseph likewise focuses our faith on Christian virtues. *Joseph most just, pray for us. Joseph most chaste, pray for us. Joseph most obedient, pray for us. Joseph most faithful, pray for us. Model of workmen, pray for us. Glory of home life, pray for us. Pillar of families, pray for us. Patron of the dying, pray for us. Protector of Holy Church, pray for us.* **God Bless, Fr. Tim**
FYI: “We have always found the Irish a bit odd. They refuse to be English.” (Winston Churchill)

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.

Did You Know? Our Theology on Tap events are funded by the free-will donations that we collect each month during our featured talk. We are blessed to have a wide variety of speakers come and talk on the Catholic faith. However, the rental of BVB and a small stipend for our speakers adds up quickly. If you are able to make a donation to our Adult Education programming, we'd greatly appreciate it. Gifts can be placed in the collection marked Adult Education. Thank you!

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



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 for free at St. Malachy. Beginning April 9th @ 6:30pm. Register online at 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.



Leaving a legacy isn’t just for the well-to-do, it’s for everyone, and it’s easier than you think. Attend a free, educational workshop sponsored by Catholic United Financial and Member Advisor Angie Jorgensen and learn simple ways to transform your charitable giving and provide help for your Catholic community. During this session, you will gain knowledge on ways to turn a modest gift into a substantial legacy that will bless your local parish, catholic school or charity. Guest speaker Robert Heuermann, Director of the Catholic United Financial Foundation will explain how to structure your plan so your charitable intentions are protected. The workshop will take place at Sacred Heart Church in Boone, IA on Thursday, April 4th at 1:30 PM. There will be a question-and-answer session following the presentation. To save your seat call Deb or 1-800-441-9949 or workshops@catholicunited.org.

Prayer Warriors Needed!

Our parish is hosting our second annual Turn Youth Conference on March 23rd at St. John's in Ogden. 60 youth from our parish are attending! Our conference last year was a huge success and much of that can be attributed to the people we had praying for our event! Can you commit to a half hour of prayer for our event? Pray that our event can be a place for them to encounter the love of Christ and enkindle in them a fire to fully live out their faith and share it with others. Contact Megan Ulrich dre@shboone.com 515-432-1971 to sign up!

Theology on Tap

Join us Tuesday, March 19th, for Theology on Tap with Julie Storr. Please note, this is the third Tuesday due to Spring Break. Julie’s topic will be Hearing God: How He speaks and how we hear. Doors open at 7 PM with the program beginning at 7:30 PM. All are welcome.

Living Stations of the Cross March 27th

Come watch our high school Youth Group perform the Living Stations of the Cross at St. John's. Wednesday, March 27th at 7pm.

Prayer Shawl Ministry **Please join! 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!



We would like to thank everyone who attended or donated to our 2024 Sacred Heart School Gala. We hope everyone had an enjoyable evening. We are blessed to have so many wonderful supporters. Thank you!

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 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 and tell us about a special Holy Moment you witnessed or created. Let’s keep the Holy Momentum going!