

| Liturgies & Events This Week                                              |                                                                           |                                                                      |                                                                              |                                                                                                |                                                                                                                   |                                                                           |
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| Monday<br>March 31                                                        | Tuesday<br>April 1                                                        | Wednesday<br>April 2                                                 | Thursday<br>April 3                                                          | Friday<br>April 4                                                                              | Saturday<br>April 5                                                                                               | Sunday<br>April 6                                                         |
| 8:45 am<br>REC Rosary<br>(SH)<br><br>7:00 pm Men’s<br>Bible Study<br>(SH) | 8:00 am Mass<br>+ <i>Living &amp; Deceased<br/>Kerwood family</i><br>(SH) | 11:30 am<br>Madrid<br>Ministerial<br>Luncheon<br>(SM)                | 5:30 am<br>Exodus 90<br>Men's group<br>(SM)                                  | 8:00 am Mass<br>+ <i>Living &amp; Deceased<br/>Peters family</i><br>(SH)                       | 5:30 am<br>Men’s Morning<br>Prayer<br>(SM)                                                                        | 8:30 am Mass<br><i>For the people<br/>of Ascension<br/>Parish</i><br>(SM) |
|                                                                           | Rosary after<br>Mass<br>(SH)                                              | Rosary before<br>Mass<br>(SH)                                        | 8:00 am Mass<br>+ <i>Terry Garvey</i><br>(SH)                                | Stations of the Cross<br>after Mass<br>(SH)                                                    | 5:00 pm<br>Rosary<br>(SH)                                                                                         | 9:30 am<br>Rosary<br>(SH)                                                 |
|                                                                           | 1pm -9pm<br>Adoration<br>(SM)                                             | 12:00 pm Mass<br>+ <i>Raymond &amp; Rosemary<br/>Moorman</i><br>(SH) | Rosary after Mass<br>(SH)                                                    | 9:15 am Mass<br>+ <i>Barbara &amp; Joe Stanley, + Chelsea Powell and + Harry Sechrest (SJ)</i> | 5:30 pm Mass<br><i>Living &amp; Deceased<br/>Barbara Write family, + Ron Sorber and +Cynthia Staebler</i><br>(SH) | 10:00 am Mass<br>+ <i>Vita Conte</i><br>(SH)                              |
|                                                                           | 5:30 pm Mass<br>+ <i>Elmer Hoelscher</i><br>(SM)                          | 3:30 pm<br>Westhaven Mass<br>(SH)                                    | Adoration<br>8:30 am - 7pm<br>(SH)                                           | 5:00 pm<br>Fish Fry<br>(SH)                                                                    |                                                                                                                   | 1:30 pm<br>Confirmation<br>Mass<br>(SH)                                   |
|                                                                           | 7:00 pm<br>KC Meeting<br>(SH)                                             | Religious Ed<br>(SH/SM/SJ)                                           | 2:30 pm<br>Cedars Mass<br>(SM)                                               |                                                                                                |                                                                                                                   |                                                                           |
|                                                                           |                                                                           | 6:30 pm<br>OCIA<br>(SH)                                              | 5:30 pm Mass<br>+ <i>Living &amp; Deceased Loew &amp; Ankerbauer</i><br>(SM) |                                                                                                |                                                                                                                   |                                                                           |
|                                                                           |                                                                           |                                                                      | Stations & Soup<br>Supper after Mass<br>(SM)                                 |                                                                                                |                                                                                                                   |                                                                           |
|                                                                           |                                                                           |                                                                      | 6:00 pm<br>AI - Anon<br>(SH)                                                 |                                                                                                |                                                                                                                   |                                                                           |
|                                                                           |                                                                           |                                                                      | 6:30 pm<br>Grief Share<br>(SH)                                               |                                                                                                |                                                                                                                   |                                                                           |

**Sacramental Life**

**Stewardship for March 16, 2025**

**Ascension Parish**

Sacred Heart Adult...\$7,198.57   Loose....\$222.29   Dollar Collection...\$283.00   Ash Wednesday...\$40.00  
 Aid to Global Churches...\$ 70.00   Easter Flowers...\$210.00   Rice Bowl... \$72.39  
 St. Malachy Adult...\$1,142.00   St. Malachy Loose...\$152.31  
**Total...\$**

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

# Ascension Parish



# Lent

**Sacred Heart**

915 12th St  
Boone, Iowa 50036  
515-432-1971

**St John**

801 W. Division St  
Ogden, Iowa 50212

**St Malachy**

405 Gerald St  
Madrid, Iowa 50156  
515-795-2731

**Our School**

1111 Marshall St  
Boone, Iowa 50036  
515-432-4124

**Church Website**

[www.ascensionboonecounty.org](http://www.ascensionboonecounty.org)

**Website**

[www.shboone.org](http://www.shboone.org)

*Forth Sunday of Lent • March 30, 2025*

Father Tims Tidbits

***“Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, ‘This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So to them Jesus addressed this parable: ‘A man had two sons. . . .”*** Though we aspire, though we may try, though we may pray, we will never comprehend the extent and depth and desire of God’s mercy to touch, to grasp, to heal, to forgive. And no one is beyond Our Father’s love, His clemency. May I share a few thoughts from these Christian authors who touch upon the plenitude within this familiar story. *“And ultimately, forgiveness is a gift of grace rather than an act of will. I have to be willing to forgive, but I cannot will myself to forgive. I can forgive with my mind, but forgiveness is finally a matter of the heart. And the forgiveness of the heart comes from God, not from me. My part in it is to be willing to accept it. One test which indicates whether or not forgiveness has really taken place is to look at whatever needs to be forgiven and see if it still hurts. If it does, forgiveness has not yet happened. But I have also learned, and I have learned it through pain, that I must be patient with myself. Just as my body is going to need more time to complete its healing from the physical trauma of the accident, so my heart, my spirit, also need time, and I, ever impatient, must be patient with myself.”* (Madeleine L’Engle, *Forgiveness Is A Gift*) *“The summons to live as forgiven and forgiving children is radically inclusive. It is addressed not only to the wife whose husband forgot their wedding anniversary but also to parents whose child was killed by a drunken driver, to the victims of slanderous accusations, and to the poor living in filthy boxes who see the rich drive by in Mercedes. . . .The demands of forgiveness are so daunting that they seem humanly impossible. The demands of forgiveness are simply beyond the capacity of ungraced human will. Only reckless confidence in a Source [God] greater than ourselves can empower us to forgive the wounds inflicted by others. In boundary moments such as these, there is only one place to go—Calvary. Stay there for along time and watch as Abba’s Only-Begotten dies utterly alone in a bloody disgrace. Watch as he breathes forgiveness on his torturers at the moment of their greatest cruelty and mercilessness.*

*On that lonely hill outside the city wall of old Jerusalem, you will experience the healing power of the dying Lord.”* (Brendan Manning, *The Demands of Forgiveness*) *“For most of my life I have struggled to find God, to know God, to love God. I have tried hard to follow the guidelines of the spiritual life—pray always, work for others, read the Scriptures—and to avoid the many temptations to dissipate myself. I have failed many times but always tried again, even when I was close to despair. Now I wonder whether I have sufficiently realized that during all this time God has been trying to find me, to know me, and to love me. The question is not “How am I to find God?” but “How am I to let myself be found by him?” The question is not “How am I to know God?” but “How am I to let myself be known by God?” And, finally, the question is not “How am I to love God?” but “How am I to let myself be loved by God?” God is looking into the distance for me, trying to find me, and longing to bring me home.”* (Henri J.M. Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*) Within the richness of our Sacramental life, the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation remains a vital grace in our relationship with Our Father through His Son’s abiding forgiveness. This Sunday we are offering our Lenten Communal Penance Service—the Sacrament of Reconciliation—at Sacred Heart, 1pm; and at St. Malachy, 3pm. In addition, adults and parents are welcome to receive this Sacrament with the Religious Education students, Wednesday evening, April 2nd, at St. Malachy; and Wednesday evening, April 9th, at Sacred Heart.

God Bless, Fr. Tim

“Jesus told the story of the Prodigal Son to make a simple point:

Communal Penance Sunday March 30th

Sacred Heart - 1:00 pm  
St. Malachy - 3:00 pm  
**Wednesday, April 9th**  
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm @ SH

Holy Week Mass Times

4/13 - **Palm Sunday**  
8:30 am SM, 10:00 am SH  
4/17 - **Holy Thursday**  
5:30 pm SM, 7:00pm SH  
4/18 - **Good Friday**  
12:15 pm SH, 5:30 pm SM, 7:00 pm SJ  
4/19 - **Easter Vigil**  
8:30 pm, SM  
4/20 - **Easter Sunday**  
8 &10 am SH, 8:30 am SM, 10:00 SJ

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**Charitable Giving Made Easy** Are you 70 ½ or older? Did you know making Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) can help you make a meaningful impact while offering significant tax benefits to you? QCDs allow you to give directly from your IRA to a qualified charity like Sacred Heart School. These distributions count toward your Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs), are excluded from taxable income, potentially reducing your tax burden, support Catholic education and your charitable passions. Contact Deb at [development@shboone.com](mailto:development@shboone.com) for more information.

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 April 7th at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Parish Hall conference room. To register, please call the parish office at 515-432-1971.

Blood Drive

The Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a blood drive on Monday, April 7th, from 2:30-6:30 in Hansen Hall. If you are able to donate, please sign up at this link or call Kelly Polich at 515-205-8045: [https://donor.lifeservebloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/189098](https://donor.lifeservebloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/189098)

Community Free Dinner

We will have a free community dinner on Monday, April 7th. Dinner will be served from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. No cost, just enjoy the meal and the company. No reservations needed.

Faith on Tap

Join us Tuesday, April 8th, at Boone Valley Brewing to hear Fr. Craig Collison speaks on "Jesus Had a Team." Doors open at 7 pm with the program beginning at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

**Living Stations of the Cross & Baked Potato Bar April 16th at St. John** Join us at St. John in Ogden Wednesday, April 16th to watch our high school youth group perform the Living Stations of the Cross. Free will donation baked potato bar starts at 6:30 pm, performance begins at 7:30 pm. Donations help our students attend summer youth conferences.

Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

April 4th: Fish fry serving 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Ryan Gym. \$13.00 for 1 or 2 for \$25.00. Desserts will be available for sale by the youth for camp this summer.

St. Malachy's Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

April 11th: Serving: 4:30pm - 7:00pm. Fish is \$12- Combo is \$13 - Shrimp is \$14. (Dine in only: \$6/ages 6-10, Free/ages 5 & under.) All meals come with choice of corn or green beans, potatoes, mac-n-cheese, roll, homemade dessert and drink. Carryout available. Dessert donations still needed.

Mass, Adoration, & Soup Supper

Join us on Thursday, April 10th, at St. Malachy’s for Mass and Adoration as we come together in prayer. Experience the peace and presence of Christ through the Eucharist and the quiet moments of Adoration. We look forward to sharing this time with you! There will be a free soup supper following Adoration in Hansen Hall.

Women’s Connect Coffee April 12th

Too many women feel like we’ve messed up, are beyond hope, or are too far from redemption. What keeps us from repenting and turning our hearts to Christ? Join the women of Walking with Purpose as we watch the Touching the Divine video, Jesus, Our Restorer. Together we will discover what restoration looks like in the life of a woman today. The coffee will be brewing and an open chair will be waiting for you in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall Saturday April 12th at 9am.

Food Drive

Ascension Parish will once again be holding a county-wide food collection throughout the entire month of April. 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.

Together As One

Together as One (TAO) supports the diocesan Parish Accounting office. The parish accounting office provides financial oversight & expertise, assistance with maintenance of financial records and controls in accordance with legal requirements of running a small business. 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](https://scdiocese.org/tao). So far we have raised **\$41,272.50** out of the **\$45,019** needed for our Ascension Parish Goal. We are so close, help us get to our goal!



Madrid Ministerial Lenten Luncheons

Madrid Ministerial Lenten Luncheons Each Wednesday of Lent, a different Madrid Church will be hosting a luncheon starting at 11:30. All in the community are invited to attend every week! ([St. Malachy is hosting THIS week Wednesday April 2nd](#)). Please plan to attend these events with your fellow community Christians. Free will donation to benefit school lunch deficits.



**Kindergarten Experience Day** Are you interested in seeing what Kindergarten at Sacred Heart would be like for your child? Come and experience kindergarten for two hours this Wednesday, April 2nd from 9 - 11 am. Call the school to sign up! 515-432-4124.