

Events this Week

Monday, June 30

7:00 pm (SH) Baptism Class

Tuesday, July 1

8:00 am Mass (SH) SI for Henderson Gustafson & Jim Dotzler

12:00 pm (SH) The Chosen

5:30 pm Mass (SM) The souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, July 2

8:00 am Mass (SH) SI for Charlie Braun

3:30 pm (SH) Westhaven Mass

Thursday, July 3

5:30 am Men's Prayer & Poetry Group (SM)

8:00 am Mass (SH) SI for Dr. Mark McKenny

2:30 pm (SM) - Cedars Mass

5:30 pm Mass (SM) + Greg Miller

6:00 pm Al-Anon (SH)

Friday, July 4 (Independence Day)

Parish Office Closed

8:00 am Mass (SH) + Ellie Sibbel

9:15 am Mass (Sj) + Cindy Stabler

Saturday, July 5

12:00 pm (SH) God Bless America Rosary

5:30 pm Mass (SH) L&D Headly family & L&D Members of the Barbara Wright family

Sunday, July 6

8:30 am Mass (SM) + Richard Reising

10:00 am Mass (SH) For the People of Ascension Parish

Rosary Schedule

St. Malachy
Before all Masses

Sacred Heart
Monday - 8:45 AM
T, W, Th, F - After Mass
Sa, Su - Before Mass

Adoration Schedule

Tuesday
1 - 9 pm Madrid

Thursday
8:30 - 7:00 pm Boone

Sacramental Life

Baptisms

Alice Marie House was Baptised on Friday June 20th. She is the daughter of Ian & Abigail (Rouse) House

Amara Jo Marie Upah was baptised on June 22. She is the daughter of Jaye and Jennifer (Hensley) Upah

Stewardship

June 22

SH Adult..\$7,834.71, SH Loose..\$231.00, Dollar..\$199.00, Altar..\$830.00, Aid to Domestic..\$35.00 SH Imp..\$50.00, Peter's Pence..\$45.00, SM Improvement...\$60.00 SM Adult..\$3,237.56, loose..\$199.03, **Total...\$12,721.30**



Ascension Parish

Sunday June 29, 2025

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 pm Boone

Sunday: 8:30 am Madrid
10:00 am Boone

Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm Boone

Sunday: 8:00 am Madrid
11:00 am Boone

A Message from Our Pastor - Fr. Tim Johnson

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.” (MT 16:17). Rarely does the Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles, fall on a Sunday and celebrated as such. Two very different individuals who were instrumental in laying the foundation of the burgeoning Church, followers of Christ Jesus. Peter demonstrated his leadership skills as detailed in the Acts of the Apostles, committing himself entirely to the mission of the Church after the resurrected Jesus asked him a third time, “Do you love me.” But his weaknesses also shaped—empowered—his ministry as our first Pope. He refused to have Jesus wash his feet at the Last Supper; later he denied knowing Jesus three times out of fear; he fell asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane and abandoned the crucified Jesus. As the Jesuit, Fr. James Martin wrote in his book, *My Life with the Saints*: “Only someone like Peter, who understood his own sinfulness and the redeeming love of Christ, would be able to lead the infant church to Jesus. Only someone as weak as Peter could do what he did...it is in our failings, and in the parts of our lives that embarrass us, that we are often drawn closer to God.” And St. Peter’s companion, St. Paul, was described in one of the apocryphal writings as a man who was “bald-headed, bowlegged, strongly built, a man small in size, with meeting eyebrows, with a rather large nose.” He spent his early adult years terrorizing Christians, and was complicit with those who killed Stephen (our first martyred saint).

After his stunning conversion St. Paul became the Church’s greatest missionary Thessalonica, Galatia, Colossae, Jerusalem, Cyprus, Crete, Malta, Athens, Syracuse, Rome. His letters directed, corrected, encouraged, guided, inspired the relatively infant Christian communities in various locations. He never tired of pointing away from himself and toward the grace of Christ Jesus. Acknowledging the persecution, the doubts, the continued anxieties of the early followers of Christ and the fledgling Christian churches, St. Paul eloquently and forcefully provided the needed inspiration in his letter to the Romans (chapter 8): “*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine. . . .No. . . .For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*”

St. Peter was more than just our first Pope, the Vicar of Christ, the Bishop of Rome, the Rock; he was in spirit a missionary not unlike St. Paul, but called to evangelize within his own unique character. From his homily on World Mission Day, 2013, the late Pope Francis reminds us all—in the spirit of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles—we too are called within our daily lives and encounters to consider, “*Missionary spirit is not only about geographical territories, but about peoples, cultures and individuals, because the*

‘boundaries’ of faith do not only cross places and human traditions, but the heart of each man and each woman.” We are blessed as a Church to recognize the efforts, dedication, faith and apostolic fortitude of these two men who believed in their callings—despite their respective flaws—and inspired generations of men and women to heed the simple and profound calling of Christ Jesus voiced to St. Peter, “**Follow me.**” So quickly we approach our Independence Day, or as some would say, “the halfway point of summer.” May the words of Thomas Jefferson continue to guide our individual and communal efforts as a nation—blessed so greatly in our freedoms—to graciously endeavor, “*to hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.*

Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help, and you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth. Amen. (Roman Missal collect, July 4th)

God Bless, Fr. Tim

FYI: “July is a blind date with summer.” (Hal Borland, author & naturalist)

New to Our Parish?

We’d love to welcome you into our Ascension Parish family!

Whether you're new to the area, returning to the Church, or simply exploring the Catholic faith, we're here for you. Reach out to the parish office to learn more about becoming a member.



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Parish News

Together As One

🌸 Thank You! We Surpassed Our Goal!
We are excited to announce that, with your generous support, we have not only met but exceeded our diocesan goal of \$45,019! This achievement reflects the strong faith and generosity of our parish community. Your prayers and support made it possible. Thank you for being a vital part of this success. Together, we are making a lasting impact!

Prayer for St. Peter and Paul

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that we may be sustained by the intercession of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, that, as through them you gave your Church the foundations of her heavenly office, so through them you may help her to eternal salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. (Source: Roman Missal, Collect for the Vigil Mass on the evening of June 28)

Dishes Ready for Pick-Up

If you have left any dishes or containers in the kitchen at Fitzgerald Hall or Hansen Hall, please stop by to pick them up. Unclaimed items will be donated or discarded after July 6th. Thank you for helping us keep the kitchen clean and organized!

Baptism Class this Monday

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 June 30th 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

Watch Season 5 of The Chosen

We will be watching Season 5 of The Chosen this Tuesday. Whether you've followed from the beginning or are jumping in now, this is a season you won't want to miss. We'll watch them as theatrical releases each Tuesday at Noon in the conference room at Sacred Heart (7/1 & 7/8). All are welcome!

Men's Prayer & Poetry

Join your fellow man this coming Thursday as we begin G.K. Chesterton's Ballad of a White Horse. This epic poem tells the story of King Alfred's struggle against the invading Danes in 878 AD, while also serving as an allegory for the ongoing conflict between Christianity and paganism. Prayer will begin at 5:30am in the chapel at St. Malachy's each Thursday, followed by discussion of that week's assigned portion of poetry. Contact TJ Schneider @ 515-210-4525 if interested.

"Grace is the light by which men see "I find that doing the will of God leaves me with no time for disputing about His plans." This quote suggests that focusing on God's will helps to reduce worry and anxiety. way to walk out of sin; and grace is the staff without whose help no man is able to rise out of sin"



Prayer Chain Update - Starting July 1st

This new system is part of our parish's transition to Flocknote—a Catholic-based database and communication platform. It will help us organize our church community more effectively. Thank you for your support and understanding during these transitions.

- **To Submit a Prayer Request:** Please use the online form on our website: www.ascensionboonecounty.org (Found under the "Prayer" tab)
- **To Receive Prayer Requests:** Please use the QR Code below or call the Parish office at 515-432-1971



"God Bless America" Rosary

Be a part of the Patriotic Rosary for America. The public rosary will be at noon on Saturday July 5, 2025 on the corner west of the Sacred Heart church offices in Boone. It is good to remember the words of the Angelic Doctor of the church, St. Thomas of Aquinas. "Just as it belongs to religion to give worship to God, so it belongs to piety, in the second place, to show reverence to one's parents and one's country."

Please Pray for Safe Travels

On Monday, members of our parish will be traveling to visit the Catholic Churches of Carroll County. We ask for your prayers for their safety on the road and for a spirit-filled journey. May God guide their travels and bless their time of faith and fellowship.

Sacred Heart School News



NO Out-of-Pocket Tuition - June 30 Deadline!

Sacred Heart School offers families a place where your child is known, loved, and challenged to grow. Right now, families may qualify for no out-of-pocket tuition—but the deadline is this **Monday, June 30**.

Don't miss this chance to give your child the education they deserve. 515-329-0851

Welcome to Our New School Staff!

We're excited to welcome several new faces to our school family this year!
Ashley Swalwell will now be teaching 3 y/o Preschool & Title I Reading
Bethany Thompson will be our new Kindergarten teacher
Lexxi Johnson (Ascension parishioner) will be our new 2nd Grade teacher
Zach Wolz will be teaching Music & Computer
Kayla Torres will be the face of our school as our new Secretary

Please join us in warmly welcoming them as they begin this journey with us!

Watch our FB page for more details.

Loved, Valued, & Safe

"Sacred Heart has become more than just a school to our family - it feels like a true second home. You've not only nurtured my children's growth but have also made them feel loved, valued, and safe every single day."
-Dan & Layla Zimmer

