

Events this Week

Monday, Oct 13

Tuesday, Oct 14

8:00 am Mass (SH) +Cindy Staebler
12:00 pm (SH) Chosen
5:30 pm Mass (SM) + Greg Miller
7:30 pm (SH) Faith on Tap

Wednesday, Oct 15

NOON Mass (SH) + Harriet Weeg
3:30 pm (SH) Westhaven Mass
Various Times (SH, SM, SJ) Religious Ed
6:30 pm (SH) OCIA

Thursday Oct 16

8:00 am Mass (SH) + Jacquelyn Stecker
2:30 pm (SM) Cedars Mass
5:30 pm Mass (SM) + Mary Lou Spenla
6:00 pm Al-Anon (SH)

Friday, Oct 17

8:00 am Mass (SH) + Marie Ertz
9:15 am (SJ) + Barbara Stanley

Saturday, Oct 18

5:30 pm Mass (SH) +Teresia Reinsch & SI for Abigail & Malachi Fleck

Sunday, Oct 19

8:30 am Mass (SM) + Doris Schealler
10:00 am (SH) For the People of Ascension Parish
SH KC Breakfast after Mass

+ indicates deceased.

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

St. Malachy
Tuesdays - 1 - 9 pm

Sacred Heart
Thursdays - 8:30 - 7:00 pm

Sacramental Life

October 5th Baptisms

Otto Lee Frangenberg of St. Malachy.
The son of Tanner & Madeline (Maharry) Frangenberg

Sloane Katherine Schaffer of St. Malachy.
The daughter of Nicholas & Brooke (Manthe) Schaffer

Deaths

John Alan Wade of St. Malachy passed away
on October 3rd.

Stewardship

Sep 21 - Adult..\$13,306.83 Loose..\$777.32 Dollar..\$273.33
SH Imp..\$279.75 SM Improvement..\$20.00
Food Pantry..\$80.00 World Mission Sunday...\$25.00
Total..\$ 14,762.23

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Ascension Parish Sunday October 12, 2025

A Message from Our Pastor - Fr. Tim Johnson

“As Jesus was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him.” As defined by the World Health Organization, leprosy, also known as Hansen disease, is a chronic infectious disease caused mainly by a type of a certain bacteria. It affects the skin, the peripheral nerves, the upper respiratory tract and the eyes. Apart from the physical deformity, persons affected by leprosy and complete isolation from society. It is transmitted through inhalation of droplets from the nose and mouth of an untreated case of leprosy, following prolonged, close contact. Contrary to misguided fears, it does not spread through casual contact: shaking hands or hugging, sharing meals, or sitting next to a person affected with the disease. To note: leprosy is curable with treatment in the early stages. Though nearly eradicated, leprosy still persists in certain countries. “Leprosy” or “leper” appears 68 times in scripture, the majority of which in the Old Testament (often in reference to a skin disease or rash). Possibly the direct inference of ‘lepers’ in scripture is God’s way of calling our attention to those we have judged unjustly as Umberto Uno suggests: Over the centuries, as [rulers] tore each other apart in their quarrels over power, the excluded went on living on the fringe, like lepers, of whom true lepers are only the illustration ordained by God to make us understand this wondrous parable, so that in saying ‘lepers’ we would understand ‘outcast, poor, simple, excluded, uprooted from the countryside, humiliated in the cities.

Mother Teresa who worked amongst the poorest of the poor—outcasts but beloved by God—challenges us as Christians: “I try to give to the poor people for love what the rich could get for money. No, I wouldn’t touch a leper for a thousand pounds; yet I willingly cure him for the love of God.” In the later half of the nineteenth century the then sovereign country of Hawaii enacted a law, permanently segregating any person who suffered the disease of leprosy. They were ‘banished’ if you will to the leper colony on an isolated peninsula of Molokai island. Over the next century nearly 8,000 individuals were sent there, permanently. Native Hawaiians called the disease, ma’i ho’oka’awale’ohana, “the sickness that separates family.” It was to this isolated area that Fr. Damien would soon answer God’s call to minister to these individuals isolated on this barren peninsula. Fr. Damien was born in Belgium, 1840, entered the same religious order as his brother, and followed him to Hawaii, serving as a missionary to the native people. Having arrived on the island in 1864 and later ordained a priest that same year, his work was important but not yet fulfilled. In 1873 he requested to serve those afflicted with leprosy on the island of Molokai. There he established a parish—St. Philomena—built a church which still stands today, and restored order and a sense of dignity and purpose to those who would inhabit that isolated area until their deaths

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

. After contracting the disease Fr. Damien died in 1889, and as wished, buried on the island, next to the many other graves. He was canonized by Pope Francis in 2009, patron saint of those with leprosy and outcasts; his feast day is May 10th.

Saint Damien of Molokai, God’s servant to the outcasts, you have shown great compassion to all those in need. Help us to have the same compassion for the ignored, the alienated, the forgotten. Through your intercession, may we have the faith to love without boundaries so we may see Jesus in all whom we meet, just as you did with the people of Molokai Hawaii. In Jesus name I pray who is both human and Divine. Amen.

In our gospel passage—the passage traditionally assigned to Thanksgiving Day Liturgy—describes the personal quest of the one who acknowledged the gift of healing and returned to offer gratitude. As one Christian author surmised, ten lepers were physically healed, but only one gained an additional healing: a spiritual healing of his heart. Of the numerous blessings God has bestowed upon us (family, faith, shelter & provisions, friendships, freedoms, wellbeing, nature, etc.) which do we take most for granted? With faith as our guide, what do I consistently complain about or choose to see negatively—which needs to be healed?

God Bless, Fr. Tim
FYI: “The wound is the place where the Light enters you.” (Rumi, 13th century poet)

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

Support Expecting Mothers

During October, place items in the baby playpens at St. Malachy and Sacred Heart's donation basket to support expecting mothers.

Diapers size 2 and larger, baby wipes, toilet paper, dish soap, gift cards for groceries or gasoline and more listed on the playpens. Items will be delivered to centers supporting expecting and new mothers.
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Kick Off Faith on Tap! 🍷✝️

Join us this Tuesday, Oct. 14, as John Huynh, Director of Social Justice for the Diocese of Des Moines and Catholic Charities, explores the corporal works of mercy through the lens of Catholic social teaching.

Doors open at 7 PM, talk starts at 7:30 PM.

Married Couples

Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon?

Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419 or sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming experiences are a non-residential weekend in Ankeny November 7-9 and a residential weekend February 13-15, 2026.

Knights of Columbus in Boone

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Tootsie Rolls after Mass this weekend at Sacred Heart and the weekend of October 18-19 for a free-will donation. All proceeds go towards the Special Olympics of Iowa.

Hey Ascension Parish Family!

On November 9th, we will be hosting our annual parish dinner, the only fundraiser which supports our general fund.

This is a great opportunity to come together as a larger parish community of Sacred Heart, St. John and St. Malachy, have some fun, and connect with each other.

There will be a pork loin dinner (and pie) for a free-will offering. Dinner will be served from 10:45 - 12:30 pm in Fitzgerald Hall at Sacred Heart.

For more information or to volunteer, please call or text:

Connie (Sandy) Booth: 515-230-4354
Jean (Bret) Brooks: 515-298-0430
Sheila (Brian) Bales: 515-229-4510

The Chosen - Season 5

Join us each Tuesday at Noon in Fitzgerald Hall at Sacred Heart as we watch The Chosen.
All are welcome.

March for Life

From January 21-25 we will head to Washington D.C. with Pulse Life Advocates to attend the March for Life. An informational meeting will be held in St. Malachy's hall after the October 12th 8:30 am mass.
Or contact Dean Tranel (dctranel@windstream.net).

Walking With Purpose

Our next women's bible study, Rooted & Radiant, is a short six-week study going through Colossians that will start soon but it's not too late to join!

- Mondays - 7:00pm: Sacred Heart
- Tuesdays - Noon: Virtual
- Tuesdays - 7:30pm:
- St. Malachy Rectory
- Thursdays - 7:00pm: St. John
- Fridays - 8:30 am: Sacred Heart

If interested in joining, contact the Parish office or sign up at:
<https://ascensionparish2.flocknote.com/signup/226467>

Mother/Daughter Cycle Prep Workshop

The Diocese of Sioux City and Holy Trinity Parish are hosting a Cycle Prep workshop for girls 9-11 and their mothers. Cycle Prep is a body-positive workshop rooted in the Catholic faith, designed to help girls aged 9-11 understand and respect their changing bodies. This workshop is scheduled for Sunday, November 16 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room. Find out more and register at scdiocese.org/cycleprep.

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

will be held October 18-19. You are invited to participate in this annual global collection to assist the Pope's Pontifical Mission Societies to support missionary activity around the world. Your prayers and sacrifices today ensure that the light of Christ reaches the ends of the earth. The Church's mission is not the responsibility only of those who serve in distant lands; it belongs to all of us by baptism. Each time we support the missions, we affirm that we are one Church, one family in Christ, united in bringing hope and love to all people. Please give generously using the envelope in your collection packet, with checks made out to the parish.
Thank you.

Spanish-speaking Volunteer Needed

Seeking a Spanish-speaking volunteer to assist with translation for a 3-year-old boy each Wednesday from 8:15-9:15 a.m. in a faith-based program. If you're available and willing to help, please contact the Parish Office at 515-432-1971.
Thank you!

Se necesita voluntario que hable español

Se busca voluntario que hable español para ayudar con la traducción de un niño de 3 años todos los miércoles de 8:15 a 9:15 a.m. en un programa basado en la fe. Si estás disponible y dispuesto a ayudar, comunícate con la Oficina Parroquial al 515-432-1971. ¡Gracias!

Strengthened by Grace

Grace is the free gift of God's life within us. We receive sanctifying grace at Baptism and are strengthened by grace through the sacraments, prayer, and good works.

Sacred Heart School News



Praying Together Across the Globe

This past Tuesday, our students joined Fr. Paul and students in Nigeria in praying the Rosary together in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. It was a beautiful reminder of our shared faith and the power of prayer to unite us across the world.



Support the Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far! Already, more than half of our credits (56%) have supported families in providing a faith-filled education for their children.

Your donation makes a real difference—there's still time to give and support our students!

