

Events this Week

Monday, Oct 20

Tuesday, Oct 21
8:00 am Mass (SH) +Cindy Staebler
12:00 pm (SH) Chosen
1:00 pm (SH) Prayer Shawls
5:30 pm Mass (SM) + Greg Miller
6:00 pm (SM) Social Justice Committee meeting

Wednesday, Oct 22
NOON Mass (SH) + EJ Bechard & + Jenny Azinger
3:30 pm (SH) Westhaven Mass
Various Times (SH, SM, SJ) Religious Ed
6:30 pm (SH) OCIA

Thursday Oct 23
8:00 am Mass (SH) + Jacquelyn Stecker
10:00 am (SH) Westhaven Mass
3:00 pm (SM) Madrid Home Mass
5:30 pm Mass (SM) + Mary Lou Spenla
6:00 pm Al-Anon (SH)

Friday, Oct 24
8:00 am Mass (SH) + Elizabeth Hamlen
9:15 am Mass (SJ) +Barbara Stanley

Saturday, Oct 25
5:30 pm Mass (SH) + John Weichman

Sunday, Oct 26
8:30 am Mass (SM) + L&D Polich & Madison families
10:00 am (SH) + Brodie Mosman

+ 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 12th Baptism

Evelyn Marie Heckman was baptised on October 12th
at Sacred Heart.
She is the daughter of Collin and Elizabeth (Wells) Heckman

Stewardship

Oct 12 - Adult..\$10,053.09 Loose..\$566.02 Dollar..\$241.50
SH Imp..\$129.75 SM Improvement..\$20.00
World Mission Sunday...\$15.00
Total..\$ 11,025.36

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Ascension Parish Sunday October 19, 2025

A Message from Our Pastor - Fr. Tim Johnson

“And Jesus said, ‘There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being.’” (Luke 18:1)

Though our Sunday’s gospel is about persistence of prayer, it lends us an opportunity to consider the integrity of Canon Law. Most Catholics witness Canon Law through the efforts of an individual who seek an annulment. And within our diocese the last few years, the legal steps taken to bring two or more parishes into one guided by Canon Law. But our Church and the Sacramental life of our Catholic faith is more than a legal entity, and yet Canon Law is essential to the backbone of what has been passed on for generations and what we have received, and in turn pass on. “Canon” is from the Greek word ‘kanin,’ referring to a rule or standard. For two thousand years the Catholic faith has been passed on through trials, tribulations, and heresies; through the times of blessings, inspiration, creativity and justice. Canon Law has been the bond that has maintained the structure, kept intact the faith we have received and the faith we pass on. To guide the Church worldwide, laws are essential to maintain the unity of our teachings, dignity of the Sacraments, the proper care and use of our church properties, integrity of our liturgical celebrations, and the essential purpose of our ‘mission.’ Of the 1,752 codes in Canon Law, the final one succinctly describes the purpose and mission of our Church: **“The salvation of souls, which must always be the supreme law in the Church, is to be kept before one’s eyes” (Canon 1752).**

Like any functioning society, the Church needs laws to operate effectively. Rather than a bureaucracy guided by rules of intolerance or rigidity, Canon Law at its heart upholds mercy at all levels, fosters justice, and serves to guide the mission God intends: the salvation of souls. As the Church was established through the efforts and perseverance of the apostles and early disciples, the initial governance can be noted in scripture: Acts 1:15-26 and Matthew 18:15-20. As our faith spread to different areas and cultures the convening ecumenical councils established various codes of canon law. Finally, through the efforts of Pope Pius X, a council established a unified and less complex code of Canon Law in 1917. As Pope John XXIII convened the bishops and theologians from around the world to convene in Rome, Vatican II restructured some of the canons to reflect a more ‘open’ Church. Finally, in 1983 through the efforts of Pope John Paul II Canon Law was restructured to reflect the central aspects of our Church and its mission, “the salvation of souls.” Of the seven sections or ‘books’ of Canon Law, the first five are the heart and soul of the Church’s mission and purpose. 1. General Norms: Establishes foundational legal principles and definitions, like the frame of a home. 2. The People of God: Defines the rights and duties of clergy, laity, and religious, and outlines the hierarchical structure of the Church. 3. The Teaching Function of the Church: Covers preaching, catechesis, Catholic education, and the authority of Church teaching.

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

4. The Sanctifying Function of the Church: Regulates the sacraments, liturgical practices, and the norms surrounding marriage and worship.
5. Temporal Goods: Manages Church property, finances, contracts, and donations with transparency and accountability. And the last two sections of Canon Law; Sanctions in the Church, and Processes. Opening the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis provided an exhortation to consider how the law is established primarily for the purpose of justice: *“Mercy is not opposed to justice but rather expresses God’s way of reaching out to the sinner... God’s justice is His mercy.”* Healing, reconciliation, peace and hope is the direction Canon Law guides our Church, not merely as an institution but as the Body of Christ. Rev. Andrew Moss offered this insight on the fortieth anniversary of Pope John Paul II’s call to restructure the codes: *“All of the baptized have a share in the mission of the Church, and so the Code is for every member of the faithful.”*

As my Canon Law instructor said, “if you are to error, error towards faith.”

God Bless, Fr. Tim

FYI: *“Man’s external form, marvellously constructed, is not much as compared with the divine soul that dwells inside that structure.”* (Leonardo da Vinci)

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

SM Knights of Columbus

Roses for Life After mass on October 26th, the St. Malachy Knights of Columbus will be distributing roses to mothers. Any monetary donations will be collected to support new and expecting mothers including Martha's House of Hope and Obria of Ames.

Help Wanted: SH Parish Hall Library

Love books? We're looking for someone to help tidy up and organize our parish hall library! It's a great little project for anyone who enjoys creating a cozy, welcoming space for others to enjoy. If you'd like to lend a hand, please contact the parish office.

Date Night - Understanding God's Design for Marriage

All adults from the area are invited to join us on Nov. 1 in the St. Cecilia South Social Hall. The night begins at 6:15pm with a meal, followed at 6:50pm continuing with our new series "Building a Eucharistic Marriage, concluding by 8:15pm. A meal will be provided for the children. Please RSVP for the evening and/or childcare by contacting Deacon Ron and Mary Smith at DateNight@StCeciliaParish.org. Please know you are welcome to join us, if you have not made a reservation.

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.

HAVE YOU HEARD?!

We are having a Parish Dinner on November 9th. This is a parish-wide event intended to raise money, but more importantly to build community between our three churches – Sacred Heart, St. Malachy, St. John. We will be serving a pork loin dinner (with all the fixings). Don't forget the pies with fun toppings! You can show up to eat with us or to grab carry-out. All this greatness is available simply for a free will donation. This is our ONE and ONLY fundraiser for the general fund here at Ascension. There will be a BONUS silent auction, with many beautiful items.

To make this truly incredible event happen, we need your help! If you would like to volunteer, our contact information is below. We will be having signups following all Masses the weekend of October 26 and November 2. And don't forget - inviting your friends and family is another important way for you to support this event!

We cannot wait to see you there!!
Connie (Sandy) Booth: 515-230-4354
Jean (Bret) Brooks: 515-298-0430
Sheila (Brian) Bales: 515-229-4510

March for Life

From January 21-25, 2026 we will head to Washington D.C. with Pulse Life Advocates to attend the March for Life. Contact Dean Tranel if interested! (dctranel@windstream.net).

All Saints Masses

- **October 31st** - 5:30 pm Mass at St. Malachy, Madrid, IA
- **November 1st** - 8:00 am at Sacred Heart Boone, IA

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 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.

Oct 19, 2025 Persistent Prayer / Hope in Waiting

Luke 18:1-8 (parable of the persistent widow)
"Jesus invites us to pray always and not lose heart. What persistent prayer or hope do you carry? How does Jesus call you to persevere in faith this week?"

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.



Wreaths Across America

This Christmas we will be placing wreaths at the headstones of our Military Veterans buried at Sacred Heart Cemetery and at the Ogden Cemetery. Last year we placed over 300 wreaths to honor these men and women. If you would like to sponsor a wreath the cost is \$17. You will find envelopes on the table in the lower Narthex marked Wreaths Across America. Please make checks out to Ascension—Sacred Heart and in the memo line put Wreaths across America. If you would like one for Ogden Cemetery please mark Ogden on the envelope. Wreaths will be placed at the Sacred Heart Cemetery on Dec. 13th at 11 am, following a short program and a blessing of the wreaths. Light lunch served in Fitzgerald Hall after wreaths have been placed.

Sacred Heart School News



Veterans Day Mass at Sacred Heart

On Wednesday, November 12th, in recognition of our Veterans, we will hold an all-school Mass at Noon. All military members (and their loved ones) are invited to attend!

Immediately following Mass, we will have a light soup & sandwich luncheon in Fitzgerald Hall (all welcome).

We will be reading off the names of Veterans during Mass. Submit names using this link or QR Code.
<https://tinyurl.com/VeteransMass2025>



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!

