

Events this Week

Monday, Nov 17

7:00 pm (SH) Baptism Class

Tuesday, Nov 18

8:00 am Mass (SH) +*Jeanntte O’Rourke*

1:00 pm (SH) Prayer Shawl

5:30 pm Mass (SM) + *John Alan Wade*

6:00 pm (SM) Social Justice Committee meeting

6:30 pm (SH) End of Life Workshop

Wednesday, Nov 19

NOON Mass (SH) + *John Anthony Caffrey*; + *E.J. Bechard*;
+*Robert & Madonna Judge*;
+ *Mary Jo Wickman*

3:30 pm (SH) Westhaven Mass

Various Times (SH, SM, SJ) Religious Ed

6:30 pm (SH) OCIA

Thursday Nov 20

8:00 am Mass (SH) + *Terry Garvey*

10:00 am (SH) Eastern Star

2:30 pm (SM) Cedars Mass

5:30 pm (SM) + *Doris Schealler*

Friday, Nov 21

8:30 am Mass (SH) + *Julie Spence Jones*

9:15 am Mass (SJ) + *Harry Secrest*

Saturday, Nov 22

9:00 am (SH) WWP Connect Coffee

5:30 pm Mass (SH) + *Arnold & Agatha Reinsch*;
+ *John Weichman*; + *Susie Anthoney*

Sunday, Nov 23

8:30 am Mass (SM) *For the People of Ascension Parish*

10:00 am (SH) + *Brodie Mosman*; + *Jane Baldwin Beers*

KC Breakfast after Mass

1:00 pm (SH) & 3:00 pm (SJ) 1st Reconciliation

1:00 pm (SH) AI-Anon

New to Our Parish?

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



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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.

Parish Office

915 12th St.
Boone IA 50036
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Parish Website

www.ascensionboonecounty.org

Sacred Heart School

1111 Marshall St.
Boone IA 50036
515-432-4124
www.shboone.org

Rosary Schedule	Adoration Schedule
St. Malachy Before all Masses	St. Malachy Tuesdays - 1 - 9 pm
Sacred Heart Monday - 8:45 AM T, W, Th, F - After Mass Sa, Su - Before Mass	Sacred Heart Thursdays - 8:30 - 7:00 pm

Sacramental Life

Stewardship

Nov 9 - Adult..\$12,321.87 Loose..\$517.03 Dollar..\$310.47

SH Imp..\$200.00 SM Improvement..\$45.00

World Mission Sunday...\$25.00

Wreaths across America..\$462.00

Christmas Flowers..\$664.00 All Saints...\$155.00

Food Pantry..\$1220.00 St. Joseph..\$225.00

Total..**\$ 16,145.37**

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Our Churches

Sacred Heart

915 12th St.
Boone IA 50036

St. Malachy

405 Gerald St.
Madrid IA 50156

St. John

801 W Division St.
Ogden IA 50212



Ascension Parish

Sunday

November 16, 2025

A Message from Our Pastor - Fr. Tim Johnson

“When you hear of wars and insurrections do not be terrified. . . .There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place. . . .but I myself will give you wisdom.”

In August, 1982, in the midst of war in the holy land, Palestine, Mother Teresa came to the area with the intent of saving the lives of nearly forty children in a makeshift hospital in the midst of ongoing bombing. As she would go on to say, “They were miserable, so beautiful.”All of the children were disabled, many severely so, but the real tragedy was if their lives were considered expendable. Days went by without any hint of a pause in the shooting, bombing and violence between the two sides. Yet, she believed. Within two days of her arrival there was a temporary lull in the violence. Despite the warnings of various bishops to abandon such a dangerous undertaking, she was transported alongside four International Red Cross vehicles through the war zone into a ravaged sector of Beirut, staying at a convent with other Missionary of Charity sisters. They were protecting and administering necessary care for the children, many of whom could not walk. With the fragile lull in the fighting still holding, Mother Teresa brought the children back to a hospital and a home where they could be treated, without the fear of injury or death looming over them. She avoided any hint of politics when asked about the experience, choosing the words of St. Francis as a means to convey the hope of peace and protection of the most vulnerable.

But I myself will give you wisdom,” Jesus said. Has there ever been a period of peace between all nations, absence of natural disasters, times without famine, diseases or calamities?

“All is‘amplified’more so in our lives today with the advent of technology that gives us immediate updates and access to events near and at a distance. We cannot escape hearing or acknowledging circumstances in the world that are concerning and very often, daunting.

Yet, intertwined within all such distressing news of events happening around us there is the reassuring omnipotence of our Creator, and the abiding presence of his Son, Christ Jesus in our personal lives, endeavors and relationships. Predictions of the apocalypse aside, we each have the wisdom, as did Mother Teresa, taking opportunities to bring forth hope and prudence through the inspiration of our Christian faith nurtured by the grace of the Eucharist.

Wars, large and small, will rage on, famines will continue to surface in various areas, natural disasters will occur, but faith gives us the wisdom to speak with hope, to believe we each have certain blessings to share with others, to act with the intent to lift up the God given dignity of another. As quoted from the Jewish Mishnah toward the end of the movie, Schindler’s List, "*And whosoever saves a life, it is as though he had saved the entire world.*" Or as our third president of the United States said, "**Wisdom is knowing what to do next. Skill is knowing how to do it. Virtue is doing it.**"

As a retreat leader reminded us several times over, “Don’t anticipate; participate.” Acknowledging the news stories of events near and far that are troubling, to say the least,

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

we can either anticipate further violence and natural disasters or we can participate wisely, embracing the immutable grace of our Savior, bringing forth the Light within ourselves and before others.

We welcome our Bishop, John Keehner, as he presides at our Sunday liturgies. Though we are on the far side of the diocese, Bishop Keehner will recognize a strong presence of faith within our Ascension Parish, the spirit of Christian hospitality, and a unique character within our Catholic community in Boone County. We are grateful for his time and presence shared within our parish and in the Eucharist.

God Bless, Fr. Tim

FYI: "*When one door of happiness closes, another one opens; but we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.*" (Helen Keller)

Parish News

With Heartfelt Thanks

A BIG thank you to all who helped in any way with our parish dinner this past Sunday. We served nearly 250 guests in an atmosphere of faith, love and community. Whether you served in the food line, baked pies, washed dishes, donated to our auction, or simply offered fellowship to those around you, the part you played, however big or small, was necessary and important. We are grateful.

~ Fall Dinner Committee Members:
Connie (Sandy) Booth,
Jean (Bret) Brooks,
and Shelia (Brian) Bales

End-of-Life Planning Workshop

Get guidance on Catholic end-of-life decisions — spiritual, medical, and financial. Learn about health care directives, burial planning, estate planning, and more. Presented by: Fr. Tim Johnson & John Tetzloff (Catholic United Financial) Plan ahead, gain peace of mind, and get your questions answered in a supportive, faith-centered setting. November 18th @ 6:30pm (SH) Reserve your seat today - call 800-441-9949 or email workshops@catholicunited.org

Remember it's a Jubilee Year!

Ordinary jubilees are traditionally declared every 25 years and during the Jubilee year, Catholics are encouraged to travel to Rome for a pilgrimage. As most cannot travel to Rome, bishops were to name local jubilee pilgrimage sites for the faithful. And the Holy Father grants indulgence opportunities for pilgrims who travel to jubilee sites either in Rome, the Holy Land or a site designated by their local bishop. Bishop Nickless designated four sites for the Diocese of Sioux City:

- Cathedral of the Epiphany in Sioux City
- Trinity Heights Queen of Peace Shrine in Sioux City
- Grotto of the Redemption Shrine with Sts. Peter and Paul Church in West Bend
- St. Joseph Church in Milford

For more information check out our parish website: ascensionboonecounty.org/jubilee-2025

Women's Connect Coffee November 22nd

Join the women of Walking with Purpose as we watch the Rooted and Radiant video, Life in Christ through the Church. We will seek to understand the challenges the Colossians faced so that we may better understand how the Church's order can help us live bold, Catholic lives. The coffee will be brewing, and we have a chair waiting just for you in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall at 9am. All women of any faith welcome!

November Food Drive

For the month of November, our parish will be collecting non-perishable food items to support families in need in our local communities. Please place donated items in the designated collection points at each one of our church locations. Thank you for your generosity. *"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap."* — Luke 6:38

St. Nicholas Baazar

Saturday, Dec 6th & after 8:30 Mass on Dec 7th in Hansen Hall.
Vendors needed!
Scan for application:



Summer opportunities

We will have many opportunities for our youth this summer!

...3rd-12th grade: Registration is open for Catholic Youth Camp at St. Thomas More Center at Lake Panorama. Youth age 16 and older can volunteer to be cabin counselors as well.

...8th-12th grade: Steubenville Youth Conference will be July 24-26 in St. Paul, MN

...9th-12th grade: Catholic Heart Work Camp will be 21-27 in Champaign, IL

Look for information to come from DREs and youth ministers on how to sign up and for help with fund raising from the parish!

Thank You for Supporting Mothers!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank you for supporting expecting mothers during the October baby goods collection and Roses for Life. Obria of Ames and Martha's House of Hope will be receiving much appreciated support to help mothers and babies. 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40.

Thanksgiving Mass Times

November 26, 5:30 pm - St. Malachy
November 27, 8:00 am Sacred Heart
and 9:15 am St. John



Flocknote Parish Information Update

This month, we are doing a Registration Drive to make sure all of our church's information is up to date! Whether you have formally registered in the past, you are a member of multiple churches, or you just visit from time to time—we want to serve you and your family as best as possible. Check your email for a link to update your contact information!

Second graders will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sunday, Nov. 23rd

Please pray for our 2nd graders and their families as they prepare for this Sacrament!

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19 (Signs of the end)
Reflection: Jesus calls us to perseverance, not panic. Even in trials, He promises His presence and strength.
Question: Where do you need to hold fast to Christ when life feels uncertain?

Sacred Heart School News



3 & 4-year-old Preschool at Sacred Heart School

Did you know that we are now in our third year of offering a 3-year-old preschool program, meeting two days a week! This program joins our 4-year-old preschool, giving little ones a fun, faith-filled start to learning. Interested in learning more? Call 515-329-0851 or email development@shboone.com.

November Food Drive

Our students are invited to help families in need this November by bringing non-perishable food items to school. Every donation—big or small—makes a difference and shows our community's spirit of giving. Let's work together to fill those pantries!

