

Events this Week

Monday, Nov 24

Tuesday, Nov 25

8:00 am Mass (SH) + Shannon Jensen

5:30 pm Mass (SM) + Christina Cowles Simpson

Wednesday, Nov 26

NOON Mass (SH) + John R Weichman; +Darlene Mosman; + Bob Person

5:30 pm Mass (SM) + Lorretta Heinen

No Religious Ed (SH, SM, SJ)

6:30 pm (SH) OCIA

Thursday, Nov 27, Happy Thanksgiving!

Church office closed

8:00 am Mass (SH) + Ed Cline; L&D Ray Restoffer

No Adoration (SH)

9:15 am Mass (SJ) + Cindy Steabler

Friday, Nov 28

Church office closed

8:00 am No Mass (SH)

Saturday, Nov 29

5:30 pm Mass (SH) L&D Headley family; + Joyce Busch

Sunday, Nov 30

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

10:00 am (SH) + Michael Welsh; +Marjorie Fitzgerald Dixon

1:00 pm (SH) Al-Anon

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

Sacramental Life

Baptism

Madison Marie Neely and Olivia Sue Neely, Baptised on Nov 15

The daughters of Justin and Melissa (Licata) Neely

Marriage

Jonathan Musgrove and Katelyn Gradoville

were married on November 14 at Sacred Heart

Stewardship

Nov 16 - Adult..\$11,191.10 Loose..\$657.00

Dollar..\$307.50 SM Improvement..\$30.00 World

Mission Sunday...\$25.00 Catholic Charities..\$40.00

Christmas..\$90.00 Wreaths across America..\$30.00

Christmas Flowers..\$131.00 All Saints...\$35.00

Food Pantry..\$110.00 St. Joseph..\$5.00

Total..\$ 12,651.50

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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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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

ST. JOHN ST. MALACHY SACRED HEART

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Sunday

November 23, 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

Bishop Keehner was greatly appreciative of our hospitality and ‘spirit’ of faith he encountered at last weekend’s Masses. He felt ‘at home’ within our liturgies and the Eucharist we shared, allowing the opportunity to witness the faith on the far side of the diocese. We are grateful for his openness to share in our Sunday liturgies acknowledging his busy schedule and responsibilities. Interestingly, Bishop Keehner is a Steeler fan though his Ohio roots would indicate that he would embrace the Browns or Bengals. On this the last Sunday of Ordinary time our feast day of Christ Jesus, King of the Universe presents us with a reversal of sorts as we contemplate the gospel reading of Jesus hanging on the cross. On the cross, inscribed in Latin, Hebrew and Greek is the title that mocked Jesus: INRI, “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.” Pope Pius XI, in his encyclical Letter of 1925 proclaimed: “It was surely right. . . .that the Catholic Church, which is the kingdom of Christ on earth. . . .should with every token of veneration salute her Author and Founder in her annual liturgy as King and Lord, and as King of Kings.” However, Jesus’ kingship bears a greater truth than mere sovereignty as he voiced to Pontius Pilate prior to his crucifixion: “You say that I am a king. For this I was born and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice.” (JN 18:37). As Pope Francis exclaimed, “When did Jesus reveal Himself as king? In the event of the Cross!” Christ Jesus’ intention as the Son of God was never to tyrannize peoples or nations with his ultimate power, but to empower others.

His ultimate grace was epitomized in the mercy, forgiveness, and eternal life that he extended to Dismas, the good thief hanging on the cross. As a theologian said, “So secure is (King) Jesus in who He is—the Father’s beloved Son—that He is free to serve rather than tyrannize His subjects, and to deal gently rather than harshly with the lowest and the weakest of them. Astonishingly, it is by the very means of His lowly service that all earthly tyrants will be subdued, and all nations made His possession. We quickly approach our country’s pause in ‘Thanksgiving.’ As Abraham Lincoln proclaimed on October 20, 1864: “Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart the last Thursday in November next as a day which I desire to be observed by all my fellow-citizens, wherever they may then be, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the Universe.” Though the dates vary, other countries pause on Thanksgiving with their own traditions. In Germany their day of gratitude is called ‘Erntedankfest’ or Harvest Thanksgiving Festival. In early October the nation pauses to focus on the blessings and harvest of the past year with parades, music and church services. In South Korea their days of Thanksgiving are called ‘Chuseok,’ a harvest festival spanning three days with family reunions, paying respect to ancestors, cleaning family graves, with meals of traditional Korean foods. In Brazil a celebration of thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November is known as “Dia de Acao de Gracias.

Families gather for meals of traditional foods and expressions of gratitude. And our neighbor to the north celebrates thanksgiving on the second Monday of October, a tradition that began forty years prior to our own. with the harvest season. Similar to ours, families come together for a festive meal, taking in the rich colors of autumn with outdoor activities, and engage in hockey matches. Considering there will be several football games televised on Thanksgiving, Erma Bombeck’s insight might not be far off: “Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not a coincidence.” If we are truly thankful as believers, pausing in prayer to our “Almighty God, the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the Universe,” we will be willing to extend thanksgiving for our many blessings not just in words but in deeds: “If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share.” (W. Clement Stone) This Sunday afternoon the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be received by the students who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. May I extend a sincere gratitude to the parents of these children, providing the foundation of our Catholic-Christian faith by the values you share within your homes, and sharing in the Eucharist. Thank you! Parents are likewise encouraged and able to receive this Sacrament alongside the children. Next Sunday our new ‘church year’ begins with the First Sunday of Advent. God Bless, Fr. Tim

Parish News

Giving Trees & Winter Warmth

The Social Justice Committee will sponsor the annual Giving Tree Collection from Nov. 30–Dec. 21 at St. Malachy. You’re invited to donate gift cards from the Market of Madrid or Dollar General or give monetary donations for the “Winter Warmth” program, which provides coats, hats, gloves, socks, and other winter items for those in need.

Trees with donation ornaments and envelopes will be near each church entrance. Donations may be placed in weekend collection baskets, mailed to the parish office, or given to a Social Justice Committee member.

Checks should be made payable to Ascension Parish with “Winter Warmth” or “SM Giving Tree” in the memo. Questions: Tammy (515-290-2580) or Doris (515-708-2161).

Thank you for your support and prayers!

Advent Bible Study

As we wait with hopeful anticipation for the birth of Christ, join us for an Advent Bible study focusing on the Sunday Gospel readings of the season. The study group will meet on the four Mondays of Advent, beginning Dec. 1 at 7 p.m., in the Sacred Heart Church conference room, concluding on Dec. 22.

There’s nothing to prepare in advance—we’ll provide a copy of the previous Sunday’s Gospel for discussion.

36th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life

We invite everyone to come pray with us in the chapel of St. Malachy on Dec. 8th anytime between 8pm (Monday) and 12am (Tuesday). Come for a few minutes, an hour, or the entire time! This event is always on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Our Blessed Mother, asking her to protect Life and the Family; to renew the Church, establish peace, and inspire courage in the soul of our nation. The National Hour of Unity is from 11pm-Midnight (Central time).

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 fundraising from the parish.

St. Nicholas Bazaar

Come to a craft and vendor fair at St. Malachy's Hansen Hall on December 6th 9am-3pm, & December 7th 9:30am-noon. Parishioners will have a variety of goods for sale; youth will sell refreshments; and Cup of Joy coffee truck will be there!

Interested in being a vendor? Apply at <https://forms.gle/dNgWDiqXeeyfRWQw5>



The Church is Apostolic

The Catholic Church is apostolic, meaning it is rooted in the teaching and authority of the Apostles. Our bishops are successors of the Apostles, and the Pope is the successor of Peter.

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34th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Christ the King

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43 (Jesus and the good thief)

Reflection: On the cross, Jesus reigns with mercy, offering paradise to the repentant thief. True kingship is humble, self-giving love.

Question: What areas of your life need to be placed under the kingship of Christ?

Parish Information Update

This month, we are doing a Registration Drive to make sure all of our church's information is up to date using our new database in Flocknote.

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!

Thanksgiving Mass Times

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



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End Times / Readiness / Judgment & Mercy
Gospel reading of late Ordinary Time, often has themes of final judgment, readiness, separating the sheep and goats, or watchfulness parables.

“We’re called to be watchful and prepared, not in fear but in hope. How does living in expectation of Jesus’ coming help shape our daily choices? What one change could you make to live with more readiness?”



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!

