

### Events this Week

**Monday, Dec 8: Feast of Immaculate Conception**  
9:15 am Mass (SJ) + Harry Sechrest  
Noon Mass (SH) + L&D Ray Reistoffer family  
5:30 pm Mass (SM) + Lorretta Heinen  
7:00 pm (SH) Advent Study  
8:00 pm - Midnight (SM) National Night of Prayer for Life

**Tuesday, Dec 9**  
8:00 am (SH) No Mass  
5:30 pm (SM) + Mary Lou Spenla  
7:30 pm (SH) Faith on Tap (Doors open at 7 pm)

**Wednesday, Dec 10**  
NOON Mass (SH) + *John Anthoney Caffrey*  
Religious Ed (SH, SM, SJ)  
6:30 pm (SH) OCIA  
6:45 pm (SH) Children’s Rosary

**Thursday, Dec 11**  
8:00 am Mass (SH) + *L&D Rouse family*  
10:00 am (SH) Easternstar Mass  
3:00 pm (SM) Madrid Home  
5:30 pm Mass (SM) + *Elmer Hoelscher*

**Friday, Dec 12**  
8:00 am (SH) + *Kristin Ledvina:* + *Connie Pettinger*

**Saturday, Dec 13**  
5:30 pm Mass (SH) + *Darlene Mosman*

**Sunday, Dec 14**  
8:30 am Mass (SM) For the People of Ascension Parish  
Altar Server training after Mass  
10:00 am Mass (SH) + *Marjorie Fitzgerald Dixon*  
1:00 pm (SH) Communal Penance  
1:00 pm (SH) AI-Anon  
3:00 pm (SM) Communal Penance  
5:30 pm (SM) KC Meeting

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> St.  
Boone IA 50036  
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secretary@ascensionboonecounty.org

### Parish Website

www.ascensionboonecounty.org

### Sacred Heart School

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

### 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

## Stewardship

**Nov 23** - Adult..\$9,402.05 Loose..\$262.00  
Dollar..\$230.00 Wreaths across America..\$188.00  
Christmas Flowers..\$5.00 Winter Warmth..\$50.00  
**Total..\$ 10,137.05**

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### Our Churches

Sacred Heart  
915 12<sup>th</sup> St.  
Boone IA 50036

St. Malachy  
405 Gerald St.  
Madrid IA 50156

St. John  
801 W Division St.  
Ogden IA 50212



# Ascension Parish

## Sunday December 7, 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

We welcome Fr. Jerry this weekend, who will share his experience with Unbound Ministries; how this Catholic outreach actively brings hope to individuals and families in various communities throughout the world. Fr. Jerry will be present in the lobby of each church following Mass to answer questions and offer descriptions of individuals who can benefit from the initiative and help of others.

Monday is the Holy Day of Obligation, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be offered at each church: 9:15/St. John, noon/Sacred Heart, 5:30/St. Malachy. Next Sunday we are offering our Advent Communal Penance Service: 1pm at Sacred Heart and 3pm at St. Malachy. Fr. Schott will help with the individual confessions. We are likewise offering the Sacrament on the evening of the 10th, Wednesday, open to anyone who desires to receive this ‘Grace’ before the celebration of Christmas. May this Sacrament be received as the gift that opens the door to the hope and peace of Christmas. This examination of conscience is excerpted from "Safeguard Your Heart" offered by Pope Francis.

**About God:** Do I turn to God only in my need; do I offer gratitude in my prayers for the blessings bestowed upon me? - Do I participate in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days? - Do I find time each day to pray? - Have I taken the name of God in vain, or use other degrading words or profanity? - What am I doing to grow spiritually? Or have I been consumed with material goods, conveniences, social media? -

Do I pause to reflect on God’s will for my daily endeavors or do I pursue my own willfulness?  
**About my neighbor:** Have I attempted to forgive someone who has hurt me; have I sought forgiveness for hurting another through words or actions? - Do I share the blessings I have received without expecting something in return? - Do I take the time to help a family member, friend, neighbor or another in need? - Have I slandered or gossiped about another? - Have I taken something from another that wasn’t mine? - Am I jealous, hot-tempered, or prejudiced? - Do I help others who are in need, whether a neighbor, within my community, or those at a distance? - Am I honest and fair in my dealings and relationships with others? Have I purposely degraded God’s dignity within myself or others through impure actions, inappropriate material, or selfish sexual activity? - Do I observe family morality taught in the Gospel? - How do I fulfill my responsibility for my family’s values, virtues, and faith? - Do I honor and respect my parents, and other adults by my actions and speech? - Have I extinguished the gift of life by my demeaning words of another, by selfishly wasting food, selfishly holding onto material comforts at the expense of helping another created in God’s image? - Do I respect the environment God has provided, nurturing it for another generation?

**About myself:** Am I a Christian who is somewhat worldly and only somewhat believing? - Do I over-indulge in eating, drinking, smoking and being entertained? - Am I overly concerned about my physical well-being and my possessions? -

Do I attempt to ‘give back’ within my family, neighborhood, community? - Do I love and safeguard purity in my heart, thoughts and deeds? - Am I gentle and humble, able to ‘listen’ without judging and condemning? Shepherding our Church of vastly different individuals, cultures, understandings, Pope Francis sought to heal rather than dismiss, reflected in his words in 2013: “*I am always struck when I reread the parable of the merciful Father. ... The Father, with patience, love, hope and mercy, had never for a second stopped thinking about [his wayward son], and as soon as he sees him still far off, he runs out to meet him and embraces him with tenderness, the tenderness of God, without a word of reproach. ... God is always waiting for us, He never grows tired. Jesus shows us this merciful, forgiving patience of God so that we can regain confidence and hope - always!*”

God Bless, Fr. Tim

FYI: With the lighting of 2nd Advent candle of peace: "*Dear Jesus, during this day help me quiet all the thoughts that fill my head—where I must go, who I must see, and what I must do*"

# Parish News

## Advent Events at St. Malachy

Join the St. Malachy religious education program on December 17 for an evening of anticipating the birth of Christ at Christmas!  
6:30 pm  
Advent prayer & reflection in the Church:

Youth 7-12 grade and adults are welcome to join for Advent prayerful meditation, readings, and song in the church. This event is planned and prepared for by our youth group.

7:15 pm

Nativity program in Hansen Hall:

Join the PreK-6th graders as they tell the story of the birth of Jesus through sacred scripture and song.

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Times

9:15 am Mass - St. John, Ogden  
12:00 pm Mass - Sacred Heart, Boone  
5:30 pm Mass - St. Malachy, Madrid

## National Night of Prayer for Life

8pm to Midnight - Day Chapel at St. Malachy



## Is Your Child Interested in Becoming an Altar Server?

Join us for 2 successive training sessions immediately following the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 14th at St. Malachy. In Session 1, kids will learn the basics of serving - from vocabulary of the objects and tools used, to how to light candles and snuff them out! Don't forget a live practice session on ringing the Altar Bells! Attendees will also receive a picture reference guide that they can study at home with their parents to work on vocabulary. In Session 2, we will practice walking through the Mass once or twice in the sanctuary, where the students will be able to actually walk through the act of serving in Mass.

## Children's Rosary

Join us this Wednesday, December 10th, at 6:45 PM at Sacred Heart.  
All are welcome.

## Families with Young Children: You're Invited! Join us for A Night in Bethlehem

On Wednesday, December 10th at 5:15 PM at Sacred Heart Church we'll begin with a time of prayer, adoration, and opportunities for confession. Then head to the parish hall and journey together through "Bethlehem," where families can learn about the birth of our Savior at self-led stations and make a mini nativity.

All are welcome—come experience the wonder of Christmas with us!

## Stay After Mass for Our Children's Nativity Play!

All are invited to remain after Mass on Sunday, December 14th at Sacred Heart Church for a short and sweet Nativity Play presented by our Sacred Heart & St. John PreK-5th grade students.

The performance lasts about 20 minutes, and we warmly invite everyone to sing along as we celebrate the joy of Christ's birth together!

## Food Drive Success!

Thank you to everyone who supported our county-wide November Food-Drive!  
Food and/or cash donations were delivered to the following pantries:  
Greater Love, Madrid  
Ogden Food Pantry, Ogden  
Salvation Army, Boone  
Toreador Food Pantry, Boone  
Romero House, Ames

## Faith on Tap

This month, on December 9th, we will hear from a representative from Martha's House of Hope in Ames. Martha's House of Hope provides a loving home in a family-style environment for pregnant women.

Doors open at 7 pm  
with the talk beginning at 7:30 pm.

Only two more Faith on Tap events remain until the program wraps up—be sure to catch this one!

## Wreaths Across America – Sacred Heart Cemetery

As of November 23rd, we are behind on our wreath fundraiser. There are 332 Veterans resting at Sacred Heart Cemetery, and we hope to place a wreath on every single one.

 Wreath Placement Ceremony

December 13 at 11:00 AM

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Please consider sponsoring a wreath or sharing this message to help us reach our goal.

Thank you!

## Tiny Tots Indoor Gym Next Weekend!

Families with little ones (6 & under) are invited to join us Saturday, December 13th, from 9-11 am for our Tiny Tots Indoor Gym.  
(Sacred Heart School Gym)

Come enjoy a safe, warm space for kids to play and parents to share in fellowship.

This is a FREE event and open to all!

## Prayer Shawls

Our Prayer Shawl group creates shawls and lap robes for anyone in need of comfort, support, or prayers during difficult times, including illness, hardship, or the loss of a loved one. Please let us know if you or someone you care about would benefit from receiving one.

# Sacred Heart School News



Each Monday during Advent, Sacred Heart students will have an Advent Wreath Gathering in the school gym at 8:10 am.

All are welcome to join us in this traditional celebration.

## Save the Date:

Sacred Heart School Christmas Concert  
Wednesday, December 17th

6:30 pm in the school gym

We will also have a Dress Rehearsal at 8:15 am the morning of the 17th  
Everyone is welcome!

## Confession Times

**Sundays:** 8:00 AM St. Malachy  
11:00 AM Sacred Heart



**Saturdays:** 5:00 PM Sacred Heart

## Advent Communal Penance Times

Wednesday December 3rd  
6:30-7:45 pm St. Malachy

Wednesday December 10th  
5:15-7:30 pm Sacred Heart

Sunday December 14th  
1pm Sacred Heart  
3pm St. Malachy

## Help Us Stock the SHS Auction – Donate Today

Our Annual SHS Gala is coming up on Saturday, March 7th, and we're seeking donations for our auction! New this year: Denim & Diamonds theme!!

If you have an Airbnb, season tickets, a special skill, a business, or something that fits our theme, we'd love your support. Sparkling, unique, or western-inspired items and experiences would be a perfect addition to our gala!

For more information or to donate, please get in touch with Deb at [development@shboone.com](mailto:development@shboone.com)

