

## Events this Week

**Monday, Jan 19**  
7:00 pm (SH) Baptism Class

**Tuesday, Jan 20**  
8:00 am Mass (SH) + Anna Deskins  
Noon (SH) Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Study  
5:30 pm Mass (SM) + L&D Loew & Ankerbauer families  
6:00 pm (SM) Social Justice Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, Jan 21**  
Religious Ed - SH, SJ, SM  
12:00 pm All School Mass (SH) + John Anthony Caffrey  
2:30 pm (SM) Cedars  
3:30 pm Mass (SH) Westhaven

**Thursday, Jan 22**  
8:00 am Mass (SH) + Julie Spence Jones  
10:00 am Mass (SH) Eastern Star  
3:00 pm Mass (SM) Madrid Home  
5:30 pm Mass (SM) + John Alan Wade

**Friday, Jan 23**  
8:00 am Mass (SH) + L&D Peters family

**Saturday, Jan 24**  
Noon (SH) Rosary to End Abortion  
5:30 pm Mass (SH) + Darlene Mosman; L&D Headley family

**Sunday, Jan 25**  
8:30 am Mass (SM) + Chris Rochleau  
10:00 am Mass (SH) + L&D Samuel Fleck family; Rita Brim  
1:00 pm (SH) Al-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 12<sup>th</sup> St.  
Boone IA 50036  
515-432-1971  
Email:  
[secretary@ascensionboonecounty.org](mailto:secretary@ascensionboonecounty.org)

### Parish Website

[www.ascensionboonecounty.org](http://www.ascensionboonecounty.org)

### Sacred Heart School

1111 Marshall St.  
Boone IA 50036  
515-432-4124  
[www.shboone.org](http://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

Ascher and Ainsley were baptised on Jan 11<sup>th</sup>  
at Sacred Heart.

They are the son and daughter of Ben & Anna Kautza

## Stewardship

**Jan 4** - Adult..\$12,263.75 Loose..\$424.00  
Dollar..\$322.00 Solemnity of Mary..\$525.00  
Christmas offering..\$5.00 Ash Wednesday..\$10.00  
Catholic Charities..\$30.00  
**Total..\$13,579.75**

**Jan 11** - Adult..\$11,074.50 Loose..\$473.00  
Dollar..\$274.00 Solemnity of Mary..\$190.00  
Christmas offering..\$25.00 Ash Wednesday..\$20.00  
Briar Cliff..\$20.00  
**Total..\$12,076.50**

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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 Catholic Parish

## Sunday January 18, 2026

### A Message from Our Pastor - Fr. Tim Johnson

Two years ago our diocese began the process of evaluating a different format for marriage preparation, seeking a viable approach that would guide and more readily involve an engaged couple's understanding of this Sacrament, and their personal faith shared within the Church. Witness of Love was introduced as the marriage preparation program that affected the participating couples with a deeper sense of their faith, understanding of 'commitment' in the Sacrament of Marriage, and a desire to share their presence in the life of the parish. Several parishes within our diocese began incorporating the Witness of Love approach as their marriage preparation program with positive feedback. Though the 'Pre-Cana' preparation process has been and can be beneficial, it is time for our parish to offer a renewed approach through Witness of Love, with the hope of shaping the engaged couple's faith as the compass with their upcoming marriage and the family God offers them. Kurt and Rita Phillips are the coordinators of this preparation program for our parish, offering the following explanation of the possibilities within, 'Witness of Love'.

*Ascension Parish is launching a new marriage formation program called Witness to Love. Witness to Love provides a unique plan to prepare engaged or civilly married couples for a marriage that will last by partnering them with married couples in the parish (called "mentor" couples).*

*It differs from the sponsor couple program in that the engaged couple chooses a couple in the parish that they admire to accompany them, rather than "instruct" them through a simple, but powerful program that will prepare them for the Sacrament of Marriage and a life in the church.*

*No special training is required to be a mentor couple. For more information contact program coordinators, Kurt or Rita Phillips through the parish offices at 515-423-9711 or email them at [marriage@ascensionboonecounty.org](mailto:marriage@ascensionboonecounty.org). Most of all, if you and your spouse are asked to be mentors, please say "yes"! "*

January is considered "Pro-Life" month, centered on the Roe v Wade decision to legalize abortion, and now the continued efforts not just limit or abolish abortion but to draw our society to the reality that all life is precious, from the moment of conception to natural death. Last month our U.S. bishops called on the faithful to observe a nationwide prayer vigil, January 22-23rd, "to pray for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life in post-Roe America." As Bishop Thomas of the Diocese of Toledo emphasizes, "Together, we must pray to change hearts and build a culture of life as we advocate for the most vulnerable."

Next Thursday, the 22nd, at the 8:00am Sacred Heart Mass, and the 5:30pm Mass at St. Malachy, the Eucharist will be centered on the prayers and petitions for the protection of the most vulnerable. Individuals and families are invited to share in Eucharist for the most vulnerable at either Mass next Thursday.

### 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



And to anyone may share a few minutes or longer during the hours of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday at St. Malachy, and Thursday at Sacred Heart. Special Prayer sheets will be available for the sanctity of all life, especially the most vulnerable.

*"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." (Pope Francis)*

### God Bless, Fr. Tim

*"Each of you has a personal vocation which God has given you for your own joy and sanctity. . . spreading the light of the Lord. . . and transforming the world into a welcoming home for everyone." (Pope Benedict XVI)*

# Parish News

## Baptism Class

This class is required for parents who are welcoming their first child.

Our next Baptism class is Monday, January 19th at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall conference room.

## Steubenville Youth Conference – Sign Up Now!

Current 8th–12th graders are invited to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN, **July 24–26, 2026**.

This powerful weekend includes inspiring talks, worship, prayer, and time with teens from around the Midwest.

Space is limited, so don't wait to register!

Fundraising begins February 1st.

Email Megan Ulrich  
dre.sh@ascensionboonecounty.org  
to register.

## Rosary to End Abortion

A rosary to pray to End Abortion will be on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at noon near the west entrance of Sacred Heart church. “Life is a gift”. Pray to protect unborn children.

## Marriage Prep

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## Amore Dinners February 1st - Make a Reservation Today!

The youth of Ascension Parish will be hosting the Annual Amore Dinner fundraisers at Sacred Heart & St. Malachy on Sunday, February 1st.

Watch for youth group members who will be taking reservations after weekend Masses or scan the QR code to make a reservation! This free will donation plated pasta dinner helps fund summer camps and conferences for our teen parishioners.



## Turn Conference 2026

Join 7th-12th graders from across the Diocese of Sioux City at the 2026 Turn youth conference on February 28th at St. Joseph Church in Jefferson.

Bishop Keehner will be delivering the keynote presentation. We'll have games, breakouts, Mass, time in prayer and all participants get a t-shirt! Cost is \$20. Contact the parish office to learn how to register!



## Social Justice Committee

Meets this Tuesday, January 20th at 6pm in Hansen Hall.

If you would like to help those in need and give back to our parish community in multiple ways, this committee is for you.

Come join us and find out more!

## Sacred Heart School News



### Catholic Schools Week

Join us as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week! Parishioners are invited to participate in the following events with us:

- Sunday, Jan. 25: KC Breakfast following the 10:00 a.m. Mass (free-will offering)
- Monday, Jan. 26: McTeacher Night at the Boone McDonald's, 5:00–7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 28: All-School Mass at Noon.
- Thursday, Jan. 29: Adoration at 2:45 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.

Come support our school and join us in prayer, fellowship, and celebration!

### SHS Gala

Our School Gala, *Denim & Diamonds*, is happening Saturday, March 7, 2026 at the Boone Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$50 for one, \$100 for two, or \$500 for a reserved table (8 guests).

Questions? Contact us at [development@shboone.com](mailto:development@shboone.com)

Full details coming next weekend

### Preschool Registration Now Open

Enrollment is open for our 3- and 4-year-old preschool program! Give your child the gift of a faith-filled, nurturing, early learning experience. Scan the QR code to register today and secure your spot for the upcoming school year!

