

## Events this Week

Monday, Jan 26

Tuesday, Jan 27

8:00 am Mass (SH) + Ed Cline  
Noon (SH) Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Study  
5:30 pm Mass (SM) + L&D Loew & Ankerbauer families

Wednesday, Jan 28

Religious Ed - SH, SJ, SM  
12:00 pm All School Mass (SH) + Terry Garvey

Thursday, Jan 29

8:00 am No Mass (SH)  
5:30 pm No Mass (SM)

Friday, Jan 30

8:00 am No Mass (SH)

Saturday, Jan 31

5:30 pm Mass (SH) + Arnold Reinsch

Sunday, Feb 1

8:30 am Mass (SM) For the People of Ascension Parish  
10:00 am Mass (SH) + Chelsea Powell  
1:00 pm (SH) Al-Anon  
4:00 pm (SH & SM) Amore Dinner

## 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

Jan 18 - Adult..\$8,435.00 Loose..\$465.10  
Dollar..\$266.00 Boone Improvement...\$450.00  
SM Improvement...\$161.00 All Saints Day...\$5.00  
Catholic Charities...\$50.00  
Retired & Infirmed Priests...\$10.00  
Total..\$9,842.10

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## Our Churches

Sacred Heart  
915 12<sup>th</sup> St.  
Boone IA 50036  
515-432-1971  
Email:  
secretary@ascensionboonecounty.org

St. Malachy  
405 Gerald St.  
Madrid IA 50156

St. John  
801 W Division St.  
Ogden IA 50212

## 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.  
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## 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)



# Ascension Catholic Parish

## Sunday January 25, 2026

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

Catholic Schools Week begins this Sunday. We are privileged to have the opportunity of Catholic Education within our parish; and likewise, two very good Religious Education programs within our three churches. Having received Catholic Education at St. Joseph grade school (now closed) and Garrigan High School I can attest to the difference Catholic education can offer young students, and hopefully, their family. Sr. Agatha, Sr. Joan, and Sr. Rosemary tried their best to arouse our academic potential in those grade school years, but too often we took it for granted (not understanding our parents' sacrifices for the privilege of such education).

In any education with a religious emphasis, Venerable Mother Luisita reminds us: *"Avail yourselves of the opportunities that are presented to you regarding the young (students) there. Try to help them, to attract them, to invite them, and after praying with them, speak to them with prudence and gentleness trying to win their hearts so that you'll be able to present those hearts to God."* Regardless of how effective and proper Catholic Education is within Catholic Schools and Religious Education programs, such efforts remain secondary to that of the parents. Parents are the most influential 'teachers' of faith with their children; whether in times of prayer, Catholic values shared as a family, and foremost, together sharing in the Sunday Eucharist.

For our teachers and staff, volunteers and families, thank you for the sacrifices and hope you prosper through Catholic education.

*"Beloved sons and daughters of the Catholic Church, brothers and sisters in the faith:*

*Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others." (John Paul II)*

I must apologize for omitting information about our weekly 'Dollar Collections' and how it benefits our parish. Our emphasis on the Dollar Collection combined with the children's offering supports our heating and cooling costs. We try to be frugal with our utilities whether in the midst of winter or the heat and humidity of summer. In addition, for the past year we have taken out ten percent of the total Dollar Collection each month, offering it to charities who do God's work through their respective outreach efforts. In the past year we have provided support to Mary's Choice (for struggling young mothers), our local Salvation Army, Dismis (Catholic outreach to prisoners), the Archdiocese of Los Angeles (following the devastating fire), the Special Olympics, Romero House (in Ames), Catholic Relief Services (our international Catholic outreach to the struggling), Red Cloud Indian School (Jesuit school in Pine Indian Reservation), & Catholic Charities. Each week it varies around \$150 for organizations who offer hope and dignity to those in our midst who struggle. In much the same way, the Social Justice Committee that began several years ago at St. Malachy's church continues to meet regularly and support local outreach programs, and individuals who are in need within our community. Annually they host a "Winter Warmth/Giving Tree" collection for Greater Love Ministries. This past December 53 gift cards were given and over a \$1,000 raised for coats, hats, gloves and general support for outreach purposes.

### 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

They host a blood drive twice a year, host Madrid Ministerial Lenten luncheon, reach out to the homebound of the church with cards and seasonal gifts, send cards to the bereaved families, and give timely support to the Romero House, Martha's House of Hope, One Heart Catholic Mission, March for Life, and causes that arise during the year. Additionally, their mission is to make parishioners aware of those who struggle within our community and beyond through correspondence in the bulletin and parish website. In the last several years, St. Malachy's has given a percentage to Greater Love, Huxley, and Slater food pantries. All such outreach within our parish, alongside the generosity of individual parishioners who quietly support the needs of individuals and charities, reflects the mission of our Catholic faith. Pope Leo calls us as Catholics to be attentive and open *"to the beauty of charity and the social dimension of compassion. Being a neighbor is not determined by physical or social proximity but by the decision to love. We live immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy, and haste—a culture of 'discard' and indifference that prevents us from pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us."*

**God Bless, Fr. Tim**  
FYI: What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness." ("Travels with Charley" - John Steinbeck)

# Parish News

## End-of-Year Donor Statements

Our church uses Flocknote for online and mobile giving. Donor summaries for tax purposes are available in your Flocknote profile. Click "My Info" at the bottom of any church email, select the Giving tab, and scroll to Donor Summaries for Taxes to download your statement. Paper copies will also be mailed.

## 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](mailto:dre.sh@ascensionboonecounty.org) to register.

## Prayer Partners

St. Malachy is looking for 14 prayer partners for our 2nd-grade students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist this spring.

Please contact DRE

Kelley Grothus at

[dre.sm@ascensionboonecounty.org](mailto:dre.sm@ascensionboonecounty.org)

If you are willing to be a prayer partner.

## Marriage Prep

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, please 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"! "



## 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.



## Come Visit Us!

We invite you to visit our *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* (CGS) Atrium and experience this beautiful, faith-filled space where children grow in their relationship with God.

Everyone is welcome, even if you do not have children in the CGS program. Use the link or QR code to find dates/times on our SignUpGenius page.

<https://sugeni.us/ePDs>



## 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!



## Boone Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Boone Leo Council 814 is encouraging all graduating seniors that are members of the Sacred Heart Church to fill out and mail a scholarship application for the 2026 fall semester. Applications are available through the Boone High School guidance counselor's office and must be post marked by April 1st, 2026. If you have any questions, call Pete Lonergan @ (515)298-0494 after 5:00 pm weekdays and anytime on the weekend.

## THANK YOU!

to all who donated to the Social Justice Committee's Giving Tree and Winter Warmth collections. Through your generosity & the St. Malachy Knights of Columbus, we received over \$960 in gift certificates and nearly \$1,500 for winter clothing (coats, boots, socks, hats, gloves, & scarves) to support children and adults in our local community. Donations are being distributed through Greater Love Ministries, the school, and local shelters. Thank you, and God bless you for sharing God's love with those in need.

# 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.
- Tuesday, Jan. 27: Adoration (SHC) 2:40 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 28: All-School Mass at Noon.

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

## Denim & Diamonds Gala - March 7th

Grab your friends and make it a night out! Join us March 7th from 5–10 PM for a fun evening featuring a catered dinner and silent & live auctions—all in support of our school. Interested in free childcare? Let us know! Tickets are on sale now.

Use the QR code to purchase tickets or make your donation online!



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## Preschool Registration Open

Come see where little learners grow! Preschool registration is open for our 3- and 4-year-old program. Scan the QR code to register today and secure your spot for the upcoming school year!

