

Events this Week

Monday, Feb 2

5:00 pm (SH) Community Meal

Tuesday, Feb 3

8:00 am Mass (SH) + *L&D Peter family*
Noon (SH) Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Study
5:30 pm Mass (SM) + *Kris Geneser*
7:00 pm (SH) KC Meeting

Wednesday, Feb 4

Religious Ed - SH, SJ, SM
Noon All School Mass (SH) + *Michael Corbin Rouse*
3:30 pm Mass (SH) Westhaven

Thursday, Feb 5

8:00 am Mass (SH) + *Kay Sawyer*
2:30 pm Mass (SM) Cedars
5:30 pm Mass (SM) *L&D Ortmann & Wade families*

Friday, Feb 6

8:30 am Anointing Mass (SH) *L&D Garvey family*
9:15 am Anointing Mass (SJ) + *Brodie Mosman*

Saturday, Feb 7

5:30 pm Mass (SH) + *Larry Reinsch*

Sunday, Feb 8

8:30 am Mass (SM) + *Lorretta Heinen*
10:00 am Mass (SH) *For the People of Ascension Parish*
KC Souper Bowl after SH Mass
1:00 pm (SH) Al-Anon

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.

Parish Office

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Boone IA 50036
515-432-1971
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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

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 25- Adult..\$21,186.12 Loose..\$461.26
Dollar..\$300.05 Boone Improvement...\$225.00
SM Improvement...\$85.00 Briar Cliff..\$10.00
Total..\$22,267.43

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Ascension Parish



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 Catholic Parish

Sunday February 1, 2026

A Message from Our Pastor - Fr. Tim Johnson

Our gospel passage this weekend provides us the ‘pinnacle’ if you will of Jesus’ first recorded sermon: the Sermon on the Mount. Our Beatitudes, the cornerstone of his sermon recorded in chapters five through seven in Matthew’s gospel. As one pastor noted, “at age thirty, Jesus hung up His carpenter’s apron, laid down His hammer, trudged from His hometown, and found a spot on the hillside where He gathered a crowd and began to preach, the greatest sermon.” (For over sixteen centuries biblical scholars have ascertained the site of Jesus’ sermon to have taken place on the Mount of Beatitudes, on a hill overlooking the northwestern shore of the Seas of Galilee, between Capernaum and Gennessaret.) Within these three chapters of Matthew Jesus’ sermon could very well be considered the ‘Essence of Christianity’ and the Lord’s Inaugural Address. Alongside the Beatitudes are the Lord’s Prayer, the Golden Rule, the wise man who built his house upon rock, the salt of the earth and light of the world, the Narrow Gate to eternal life; and how to contend with anger, lust, retaliation, anxiety and hypocrisy. Contrary to our desire to blend in with society and prevailing norms, Jesus encourages us as Christians to adhere to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the will of God our Creator. Rather than ‘fitting in’, we stand in with our Christian values.

Every Christian is familiar with the Beatitudes, though the depth and meaning of the ‘blessings’ are always open to discussion and reflection. On All Saints Day, 2016, Pope Francis proposed a unique interpretation of the Beatitudes.

**Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart.*

**Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalized and show them their closeness.*

**Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover Him. *Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.*

**Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.*

**Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians.*

Listening closely to Mother Teresa’s life and faith, we can recognize how her words embrace the significance of each Beatitude, witnessed in her quotes below:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. *“When you have nothing left but God, you have more than enough to start over again. The spiritual poverty of the Western World is much greater than the physical poverty of our people.”* **Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.** *“Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember pain, sorrow, suffering are but the kiss of Jesus — a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you.”*

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. *“Humility is the mother of all virtues; purity, charity and obedience. It is in being humble that our love becomes real, devoted and ardent. If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are.*

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

If you are blamed, you will not be discouraged. If they call you a saint, you will not put yourself on a pedestal.”

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“If you judge people, you have no time to love them. I prefer you to make mistakes in kindness than work miracles in unkindness.”

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

“People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.”

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

“In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.” **Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.**

“Peace begins with a smile.” **Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of**

righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”

Exciting news of RAGRAI 53 coming thru Boone for an overnight stay on Tuesday, July 21st. More thoughts about our involvement in the coming months.

God Bless, Fr. Tim

FYI: “Cold! If the thermometer had been an inch longer, we’d all have frozen to death!” (Twain)

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!

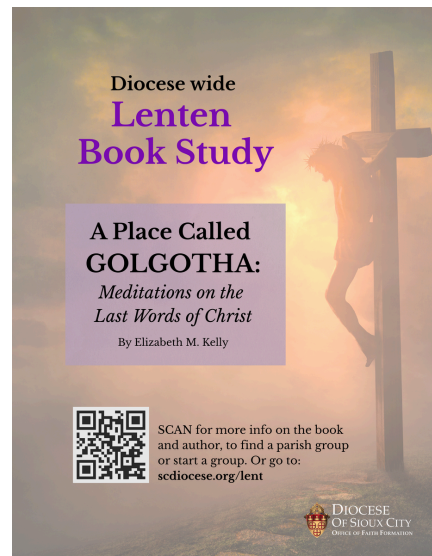
Current 8th–12th graders are invited to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN, **July 24–26, 2026.**

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 to register.

Prayer Partners

St. Malachy is still 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 to sign up to be a prayer partner or would like more information.



Adult Lenten Study

We hope you consider joining our Parish & Diocesan Lenten Study with the book,

A Place Called Golgotha: Meditations on the Last Words of Christ.

Join others from our parish for weekly discussions and prayer with the book.

Meeting dates/times to come.

Let the parish office know if interested in hosting a session. All the information to lead will be provided!.

Marriage Prep

Witness to Love, the new marriage prep for our parish, 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). No special training is required to be a mentor couple, so if you and your spouse are asked to be mentors, please say “yes!”

Contact Program Coordinators Kurt or Rita Phillips by email at marriage@ascensionboonecounty.org or contact the parish office.

Soup-er Bowl Challenge 🏆

Join the Knights of Columbus Leo Council 814 for their 2nd Annual Soup-er Bowl Challenge! Council members will be serving up their best soups, chilies, gumbos, and more—all competing for the coveted Soup-er Bowl Trophy.

(Free to enter your delicacy.)

\$5 or 3+ non-perishable food items will get you a bottomless bowl and a ticket to vote for your favorite.

Join us after the 10:00 a.m.

Mass at Sacred Heart. Serving will take place in Fitzgerald Hall from approximately 11:00 am to 1 pm -ish.

Christ Our Life Conference 2026

Save the date for the Christ Our Life Catholic Conference, returning to Des Moines **September 26th & 27th, 2026!**

Join thousands of Catholics from across the Midwest for two days of inspiring speakers, powerful worship, Eucharistic adoration, and the opportunity to grow deeper in your faith.

A parishioner sums it up like this: "This is a phenomenal event with world-class Catholic speakers and unbelievable professional music to spiritually lift the spirit and soul."

If you have any questions, please contact the Ascension Parish outreach coordinator for this event: Sheila Bales 515-229-4510.

<https://christourlifeiowa.com/>



Save the Dates for Fish Fries

Sacred Heart:

February 20th and March 6th & 20th

St. Malachy:

February 20th & 27th and
March 13th & 27th

Dessert donations at SM needed.

If willing/able to help, please fill out the form in the pews at church. Leave in pew or return in collection basket.

Knights of Columbus Scholarships

St. Malachy KofC Council 14393

are taking applications for the 2026 Msgr. Louis Kollasch Scholarship. All graduating seniors of St. Malachy are encouraged to apply.

Please note: if you have applied in the past and did not receive it, you can reapply!

Find out how to apply today at:

<https://ascensionboonecounty.org/st-malachy-re>

Sacred Heart Boone KofC Leo Council 814

is encouraging all graduating seniors that are members of the Sacred Heart Church to fill out a scholarship application for the 2026 fall semester. Applications are available through the Boone High School guidance counselor's office & must be postmarked by April 1st, 2026.

If you have any questions, call Pete Lonergan at: (515) 298-0494 after 5:00 pm weekdays or anytime on the weekend.

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!

Sacred Heart School News



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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Thank You - Catholic Schools Week

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported and celebrated Catholic Schools Week with us! It was a wonderful week made even better by our incredible community.



2026 TURN CONFERENCE



Bishop John E. Keehner
Keynote speaker

Saturday, February 28
7th to 12th graders
St. Joseph Church, Jefferson

\$20 Registration
with t-shirt, lunch
and fellowship

Learn more at scdiocese.org/turn



**But who do you
say that I am?**

Matthew 16:15