

Events this Week

Monday, Feb 9

Tuesday, Feb 10

8:00 am Mass (SH) + Jean (Cook) Tweed

Noon (SH) Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass (SM) + Donald & Dorene Hanlon

Wednesday, Feb 11

Religious Ed - SH, SJ, SM

Noon All School Mass (SH) + Judith Weeg

6:45 pm (SH) Children’s Rosary

Thursday, Feb 12

8:00 am Mass (SH) + Larry Schroeder

10:00 am (SH) Eastern Star Mass

3:00 pm (SM) Madrid Home

5:30 pm Mass (SM) + Elmer Hoelscher

Friday, Feb 13

8:00 am Anointing Mass (SH) + Doris Wickman

Saturday, Feb 14

9:00 am (SH) Coffee Connect

5:30 pm Mass (SH) + Susie Anthoney

Sunday, Feb 15

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

Mardi-Gras Carnival after Mass (SM)

10:00 am Mass (SH) + L&D Harold Kline family

1:00 pm (SH) Al-Anon

5:30 pm (SM) KC Meeting

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

## Sacramental Life

Stewardship

Jan 25- Adult..\$16953.25

Loose..\$371.65

Dollar..\$286.50

Boone Improvement...\$55.00

SM Improvement...\$60.00

Briar Cliff..\$145.00

Ash Wednesday..\$10.00

Total..\$17,881.40

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Ascension  
Catholic Parish

Sunday  
February 8, 2026

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

St. John, St. Malachy, and Sacred Heart churches will each receive a new Paschal Candle during Holy Week.

If anyone would like to make a memorial donation (in memory of someone) for one of the Paschal candles, please call the parish office.

The largest of all the candles in a church, the Paschal candle symbolizes the Risen Christ, the "Light of the World". It represents Christ's resurrection, with the flame signifying his eternal presence. For fifty days following Easter it remains in the sanctuary until Pentecost Sunday.

At baptisms and funerals throughout the year, the Paschal Candle is lit, and placed front and center symbolizing the presence of the Risen Christ. Further symbolism of the Paschal Candle is within its elements: the Candle represents Christ, the Light prevailing over darkness, the beeswax symbolizes Christ’s sinless body, the wick his humanity, the flame His divinity.

Bishop Keehner has asked parishes to share his pastoral letter with our parishioners and visitors; illuminating the sentiment of the other bishops of Iowa, and the USCCB.

February 5, 2026

A Pastoral Letter to the Faithful of the Diocese

*My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Grace and peace be with you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In recent months, our nation has witnessed renewed tension surrounding immigration enforcement. Many of our immigrant brothers and sisters—some of whom worship beside us each Sunday, whose children learn in our schools, and whose hands labor quietly to sustain our communities—are living with profound fear and uncertainty. As their shepherd, I cannot remain silent when members of our human family suffer. I wish to reiterate the messages released previously from the Iowa Catholic Bishops\* and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops\* regarding immigration and the dignity of the human person. The Church has long taught that every person, regardless of nationality or legal status, possesses an inherent dignity given by God. Scripture reminds us that we, too, are called to welcome the stranger, protect the vulnerable, and uphold justice rooted in mercy. These values are not abstract ideals; they are concrete demands of discipleship. For this reason, I urge all people of goodwill to stand in solidarity with immigrant families who contribute so much to the life of our parishes and communities.*

*Many are fleeing violence, poverty, or instability. Many are parents seeking safety for their children. Many are already woven into the fabric of our parishes and neighborhoods. Their hopes are not foreign to us but rather mirror the hopes of every family striving for a better life. I encourage policymakers to pursue responsible, comprehensive immigration reform that is orderly, just and compassionate, provides clarity rather than chaos and reflects the values we profess as a nation. To the faithful of the diocese, I ask you to pray fervently for all migrants and refugees, for those entrusted with public office and for our communities as we navigate these challenges. also invite you to accompany immigrant families with concrete acts of support such as offering friendship, advocating for humane policies and ensuring that our parishes remain places of Welcome. May the Holy Spirit guide us toward a society where justice and mercy meet, and where every person is treated as a beloved child of God. Sincerely in Christ, Most Rev. John E. Keehner Bishop, Diocese of Sioux City*

*FYI: “The most luxurious possession, the richest treasure anybody has, is his personal dignity.” (Jackie Robinson)*

God Bless, Fr. Tim

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.

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Parish Website

www.ascensionboonecounty.org

Sacred Heart School

1111 Marshall St.  
Boone IA 50036  
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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

# Parish News

## Annual St. Malachy Lenten Stations & Soup Suppers

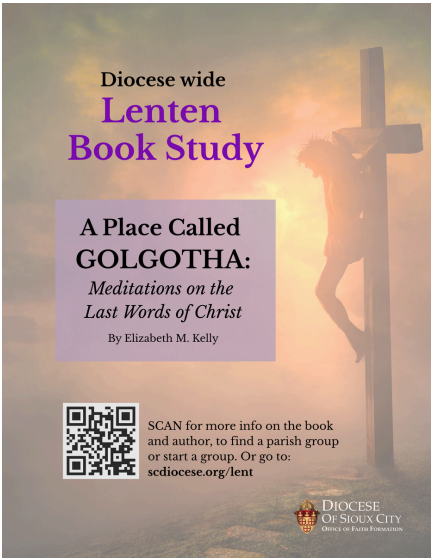
All are invited to Thursday's 5:30pm weekly Mass, followed by Stations of the Cross and a soup supper in Hansen Hall throughout Lent. Starts **February 19th**. Bring your families and friends. There is no charge! Sign up to help at: [www.signupgenius.com/go/2026SMSoupSuppers#](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/2026SMSoupSuppers#)



## Grateful for a Full Church - Help Us be a Welcoming Community!

We are deeply thankful to see our parish church filled so beautifully at Mass. What a gift it is to gather together as one faith family! As our pews fill up, we kindly invite everyone to help us extend Christ's welcome by being especially hospitable — moving toward the middle of the pews, sitting a little closer together, and warmly inviting others to join you. If you must sit at the end of a pew, please be intentional about inviting others to pass by you and take seats in the middle. These small gestures of kindness help ensure that everyone who comes to worship feels seen, welcomed, and at home.

*Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.*  
Hebrews 13:2



## 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!

## Women's Connect Coffee

Ladies, you're all invited! Join us for our next Connect Coffee on Saturday, **February 14th at 9:00 AM** at Sacred Heart Church. Enjoy coffee and a light breakfast. Watch a short inspirational video on forgiveness. Share meaningful discussion and fellowship.

## Children's Rosary

There will be a Children's Rosary next **Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup>** in Sacred Heart Church. Everyone is invited to come pray the Rosary with the children.

## February Nursing Home Bingo Collection

Join our parish in bringing a little "love" to the residents of nursing homes by gathering small items to use as bingo prizes, Ideas: snack-size candy bars, small seasonal decorating items, travel-size lotions, hankies, costume jewelry (necklaces, bracelets, earrings, etc.) and all-occasion greeting cards. Collection baskets at each church.

## Christ Our Life Conference 2026

As the youngest bishop in the U.S., Bishop Joseph Espallat brings a contagious energy to his vocation. As the first Dominican priest in America, he is also known as the rapper priest.

Bishop Espallat's dynamic presence draws people to him from his home base in the Bronx to recently, the 2025 NCYC.

September 26 & 27, 2026  
Casey's Center Des Moines  
(formerly Wells Fargo Arena)

Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!  
Sheila Bales 515-229-4510  
<https://christourlifeiowa.com>

## Mardi Gras - Next Sunday!

Plan to come on **February 15**, following the 8:30 am Mass at St. Malachy to celebrate the morning with a fun carnival and food for the whole family. Tickets are \$5 for 20 tickets or \$20 unlimited per family.



## 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. Please fill out the form in the pews at church & leave in pew or return in collection basket. Or signup here:



## 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



## Help Make Our Gala Shine - March 7th

We are still accepting donations for our Gala Auction, but the **February 15** deadline is fast approaching. Every donated item helps create an exciting auction and supports our students.

- Gift cards from local restaurants, shops, or services
- Family or date-night experiences (dinner, movie passes, babysitting)
- Tickets to local events, sports, or attractions
- Coffee, dessert, or "night out" packages from area businesses
- Cash donations to create or enhance themed baskets

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Use the QR code to purchase tickets or make your donation online!  
515-432-4124  
[development@shboone.com](mailto:development@shboone.com)



## Growing Hearts & Minds at Sacred Heart

We invite families to discover Sacred Heart School —a place where children are known, loved, and encouraged to grow. From preschool (3 & 4 y/o) through 8th grade, we offer engaging learning that extends beyond the classroom through hands-on activities, field trips, and real-world experiences.

Enrollment is now open for the upcoming school year.

Contact us today! 515-329-0851  
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