

Events this Week

Monday, Sept 7 Labor Day - Office closed
5:30 pm (SH) Community Meal

Tuesday, Sept 8
8:00 am No Mass (SH)
5:30 pm Mass (SM) + *Donald & Doreen Hanoln*

Wednesday, Sept 9
12:00 pm Mass (SH) + *Susan Berg*
Religious Ed (SH/SJ/SM)
6:00 pm (SM) Religious Ed Mass & Ice Cream Social
6:45 pm (SH) Children’s Rosary

Thursday, Sept 10
8:00 am Mass (SH) + *Repose of the Soul of Judy Loherer*
10:00 am Eastern Star Mass
2:30 pm Madrid Home Mass (SM)
5:30 pm No Mass (SM)

Friday, Sept 11
8:30 am Mass (SH) + *Dorothea Scott*

Saturday, Sept 12
9:00 am (SH) Coffee Connect
5:30 pm Mass (SH) + *Susie Rouse; L&D Headley family*

Sunday, Sept 13
8:30 am Mass (SM) *For the people of Ascension Parish*
10:00 am Mass (SH) + *Jane Baldwin Beers*
1:00 pm Al-Anon (SH)

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

Marriage

Noah Snedden and Denali Loecker were married at Sacred Heart on August 29th.

Stewardship

Aug 30 - Adult..\$9826.50 Loose..\$669.76 Dollar Collection..\$288.80
SM Improvement..\$70.00 Retirement for Religious..\$170.00
World Mission..\$20.00
Total..\$11,045.06

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Ascension Catholic Parish Sunday Sept 6, 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

“Lord if my brother sins against me how often must I forgive? . . . I say to you, not seven times but seventy-sevens times.” Most of us received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in the year we were preparing for our First Holy Communion, around the age of seven. And many have struggled to return to this Sacrament of forgiveness and healing over the years. Of the forgiveness and mercy, healing and peace God affords us in this Sacrament, Pope Benedict XVI shared his views.

“In the Sacrament of Penance, the simple confession of one’s guilt is presented with confidence in God’s merciful goodness. It is important to do this without falling into scruples, with the spirit of trust proper to the children of God. In this way confession can become an experience of deliverance, in which the weight of the past is removed from us and we can feel rejuvenated by the merit of the grace of God who each time gives back the youthfulness of the heart. . . .Whatever the sin committed, if it is humbly recognized and the person involved turns with trust to the priest-confessor, he or she never fails to experience the soothing joy of God’s forgiveness.”

Our ‘summer’ traditionally ends with Labor Day, as school is in full swing, days are getting noticeably shorter, farmers are looking toward harvest, and the expectation of cooler weather mixed with contrasting colors.

President Grover Cleveland, in 1894, officially created a day of rest for workers, recognizing the sacrifices and long hours of so many laborers. To this day, there are no special rituals or ceremonies associated with the first Monday in September.

From an article by Nathan Freeburg—*“Work That Shapes Us”*—he describes how the temperance of the Benedictine monks provide a thoughtful reflection as they approach their daily labors. “Ora et Labora,” pray and work, the guiding spirit of the Benedictines rhythm of prayer, work, and rest, imparts an examination of our work and responsibilities.

Work is sacred, whether cleaning floors, doing laundry, preparing food, picking up garbage, or harvesting crops. All labor has purpose, and in itself is a form of devotion (to a point). *Work needs rhythm, not hustle.* Benedictine monks allow for a rhythm of work, prayer, reading, meals. and rest honoring their purpose in God’s eyes. Too often we define our purpose by the number of hours we work, the number of tasks we take on at once, and the attainment of material goods.

Work Is for the Common Good. Benedictines realize how each monk contributes according to their ability, and for the wellbeing of the entire community. How each person has different abilities, without the desire to advance in importance beyond the other.

Work Forms Us. As the Benedictines adhere to the grace of God conferring their respective abilities, they believe work builds humility, discipline, patience, and gratefulness. Not about how much we have accomplished or simply fulfilling the responsibilities of our work, but how it forms our character, our God given dignity.

Lord God, we pray for all laborers. We remember all those who work, whether they labor at home, at an office, at a factory, in service industries, civil service, or on our rural lands. Give hope for those looking for work, and for those who are about to give up looking; and we pray for others who are discerning what kind of work they ought to do. Lord God, help us remember there is dignity in labor, especially in these times with the progress of technology. Whatever the responsibilities of the laborer, may there be just wages for honest labor. And may the health of workers and the health of creation always be priorities. Lord, help us to come together to do the work You have called us to do; sharing Your love and mercy in Jesus Christ. As the Psalmist says, “Bless the work of our hands,” Amen.

God Bless, Fr. Tim

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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secretary@ascensionboonecounty.org

Parish Website

www.ascensionboonecounty.org

Sacred Heart School

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Boone IA 50036
515-432-4124
www.shboone.org

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

Parish News

Mass Change!!

The 10 AM Mass on
Sunday, September 20th,
will be celebrated at the
Herman Park Pavilion.

**There will be no Sunday morning
Mass at Sacred Heart.**



Outdoor Mass & Parish Picnic

All Ascension Parishioners are
invited to join us for our annual
Outdoor Mass & Parish Picnic held
in Boone at Herman Park Pavilion on
Sunday, September 20th for the
10 AM Mass.

The Sacred Heart Knights of
Columbus will provide burgers,
brats, hot dogs, and drinks.
Please bring your own table service
& a side or dessert to share.



Faith Formation Starts Now!

Our PreK–12th grade Faith Formation
year is starting!

Sacred Heart/St. John
Classes start this Wednesday!

St. Malachy

*Join us for a Family Mass as we
kick off the new year.*

Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00 PM
Ice Cream Social following

Haven't registered your child(ren) yet?

Register today on the parish website.

Questions? Contact:
Kelley Grothus — St. Malachy
dre.sm@ascensionboonecounty.org
Megan Ulrich — Sacred Heart/St. John
dre.sh@ascensionboonecounty.org

Grow in Your Adult Faith!

***As the seasons change, why not
grow closer to Jesus?***

Our parish is offering a variety of
Adult Faith Formation studies
(including the Book of Revelation)
designed to help you deepen your faith
and prayer life.

There's something for everyone!
Visit our website
www.AscensionBooneCounty.org
and go to:

Prayer → Studies, Rosary & Prayer
Groups to see what's available.

**Classes begin soon—
check it out today!**

Interested in leading one of our studies
at a time that works for you?
Contact the church office.

Did you know?

Revelation, from a Catholic
perspective, is a symbolic vision of
Christ's ultimate victory,
the Church's perseverance through
trial, and God's final restoration
of all creation.

Join us this fall to learn more!

St. Malachy: 7pm* Thursdays
Starts THIS Thursday, 9/10
Sacred Heart: Noon* Tuesdays
Starts Tuesday, 9/15

*Each session there is a video. The
video will be shown 1 hr. prior to
discussion time AFTER the 1st class.
Or, the videos can be watched prior
for \$10 thru Ascensionpress.com



Do you know someone who has questions about the Catholic faith?

Someone who has thought about becoming Catholic, is
returning to the faith, or is simply curious and wants to
learn more?

Our OCIA classes begin this September on Wednesday
nights, and everyone is welcome! There's no pressure or
commitment—just an opportunity to ask questions,
explore the Catholic faith, and see where God may be
leading you.

Scan the QR Code or call the parish office
at 515-432-1971 to register



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Assistant Needed

Our SHS Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program
for 1st and 2nd graders is looking for an assistant to
help Barb MacDougall each Thursday during the
school year. This is a beautiful, quiet space where
students grow in their relationship with Jesus. We
are seeking a high school student or adult who can
assist during two sessions, approximately 11:50 AM
to 2:30 PM each Thursday. If you are interested or
would like more information, please contact the
school office. 515-432-4124

Women's Connect Coffee this Saturday!

September 12th 9am at Sacred Heart

This event is the "kick off" for our fall small
group bible study, *Discovering Our Dignity*, on the
women of the bible. You're welcome to just
attend the coffee or join one of our
small groups meeting at
various times and locations
this fall. (You don't have to
attend the coffee to
join a small group.)

Scan to Join a
Women's
Small
Group!



Sacred Heart School News



Welcome, Ms. Angela Lange!

We are so pleased to announce that Ms. Angela Lange will
be our 2nd grade teacher for the 2026–2027 school year!
We are excited to have Ms. Lange step into this role and
share her gifts, talents, and love of learning with our
second grade students.

Please join us in welcoming and praying for Ms. Lange as
she begins this new role at Sacred Heart School!



Children's Rosary with Fr. Paul

All Ascension Parish adults and families, along with Sacred
Heart School families, are welcome to join us for our
monthly Children's Rosary on Wednesday, **September 9th**
at 6:45 PM in the church with Fr. Paul Miapkwap, visiting
us from Nigeria!

Cookies and fellowship will follow.

We hope to see you there! ❤️



School Calendar Important Dates

September 7th - Labor Day - No School
October 9th - School Picture Day

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