

HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

January 30/31, 2016

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



FROM FR. KEN:

This week is Catholic Schools Week. Within the Catholic Church we have had a long history of education, so when I hear the false phrase that the Church is against science I just have to laugh because we have been teaching and encouraging science for years. Copernicus was a cleric of the Church, which means he received minor orders, it is not certain whether or not he was ordained a priest. Gregor Mendel, an Augustinian Friar, was a pioneer of modern genetics; Fr Georges Lemaitre was the one who proposed the Hubble Constant (the big bang theory.) The Catholic Church has been doing formal education of students from the second century, a very long tradition. In Creston, the monks at St Malachy started teaching students in 1870 (Creston became incorporated in 1869) and we have been continuing to do so since then. Currently there are about 2 million students in the 6,500+ Catholic schools in this country and at current spending rates would add over \$28 billion to the nationwide school spending. St Malachy Catholic School has been open for over 145 years due to the support and sacrifice of so many. Parents sacrifice financially to send their children to the school with their tuition payments, and other help of time, talent, and treasure. Teachers, faculty, and administration give because their salary could be higher by working for other educational systems. Parishioners, other family, and friends help by donating funds, supporting fundraisers, and the many other events that go on in the school. We have also been blessed by bequests from those who have passed away, most recently from Dorothy Peak. We are also supported by a wonderful tax credit program called CTO which supports our students and offers a 65% state tax credit to the donors. We hope that with continued prayers and support we can continue to have a wonderful as well as a prayerful school for another 145 years.

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Call the priest for an appointment.

Reconciliation: Holy Spirit: Saturday, 4:30-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:15-8:45 a.m.

St. Edward: Sunday after Mass

First Saturday of the month 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Marriage Preparation: Contact priest at least six months before making marriage plans.

Newcomers: Call the parish office to register.

Parish Office, 406 W. Clark Street, Creston
St. Edward Church, 104 W. Union Street, Afton

St. Malachy School, 403 W. Clark Street, Creston
Holy Spirit Church, 107 W. Howard Street, Creston

ATTENTION ALL KNIGHTS

Knights of Columbus Retreat February 20th from 8:30 a.m. through the evening Mass at Holy Spirit. Morning speaker is radio and speaking personality Jon Leonetti. Afternoon will include reflections, break-outs and some really great information from Fr. Ken. There is no cost to attend, but a \$50 donation to cover the council's costs would be appreciated. Lunch and snacks will be provided. To help us plan, please RSVP to Steve at 515-493-6110.

AUCTION AND DINNER

Mark your calendar for the Annual St. Malachy Auction and Dinner Gala on Saturday, March 5th, at the SuperTel Conference Center. Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. on the 5th (no 5:15 p.m. Mass). Tickets are now on sale.

KNIGHTS MEETING

Monthly meeting: Wednesday, February 3rd, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall. All Knights encouraged to attend.

PRAYERS FOR KATE DOSTART

Please keep Kate Dostart in your prayers. Kate is the daughter of Jim and Mary Kay Dostart and former parishioner of Holy Spirit. Kate (age 34) is in need of a kidney transplant and is currently receiving dialysis at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. The family is searching for a kidney donor. If you would be interested in learning about donating a kidney, please call Iowa Methodist at 515-241-4044. Cards may be sent to Kate in care of Jim and Mary Kay Dostart, 604 Tanglewood Dr., Manchester, IA 52057.

EDUCATION CONTEST

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be holding an education contest for those in grades 4-12 and CDA members. Entry categories are essay, poetry, art, computer art, music and photography. Contestants may enter more than one category. Entries should be postmarked by February 5th or hand delivered by February 9th, 5:00 pm, to Retta Ripperger, 114 N Elm, Creston. There will be prizes awarded locally as well as nationally.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Items for the weekly bulletin are due to the office by noon on Wednesdays.

receive the LORD JESUS



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Monday February 1	Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Jessica Moeller
Tuesday February 2	Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m., St. Edward 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Pete and Ava Jean Weis 1:00 p.m., Assisted Living For those Buried at Hopeville Cemetery
Wednesday February 3	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel C. J. Miller
Thursday February 4	9:15 a.m., Crest Haven For those Buried at St. Edward's Cemetery
Friday February 5	1:30 p.m., Holy Spirit Mike Schlapia
Saturday February 6	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Dorothy Baker
Sunday February 7	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit For the People 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Patricia Auffert

CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP

Registration opens January 31st at noon. For over 50 years young people from all over the Diocese have been coming to the St. Thomas More Center (Panora, IA) to encounter a week of prayer and fellowship, adventure and joy. Join us for summer 2016 as we continue this tradition of faith and fun. For students going into 3rd grade through recent high school graduates. Visit www.STMcenter.com to register or for more information.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Peggy Freemyer, wife of the late Gene Freemyer and former Holy Spirit parishioner, and mother of Kristi (Steve) Perry and Tammy (Mark) Hayner. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	January 31	Brunch after Mass for Kick-Off of Catholic Schools Week, Hall
Tuesday	February 2	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	February 3	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Lenten Activity Night, 6 p.m. Soup Supper/6:45 Activities, St. Malachy School Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Thursday	February 4	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	February 5	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 6	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Saturday/Sunday	February 6/7	Monthly Food Pantry Drive
Sunday	February 7	KC Breakfast after Mass, Hall

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GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
January 24th tithes	\$5,701.00

LENTEN FAMILY ACTIVITY NIGHT

*February 3rd at St. Malachy School
Soup at 6:00 p.m./Activities at 6:45 p.m.
Everyone welcome!*

*Children must attend with an adult
Crafts and Lenten activities for everyone*

There will be a representative available to answer questions about St. Malachy School following the free soup supper if you are interested in enrolling students for the 2016-2017 school year.

FEBRUARY 7TH BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast after Mass next Sunday. On the menu: Ham, Scrambled Eggs and Biscuits. If you find it difficult to go thru a buffet line, please know there are Knights available to fill your plate and bring it to you at your table. This is a free will donation breakfast with the proceeds going to St. Malachy School teachers. It is the goal of the Knights to supply each teacher \$100 toward items needed in their classroom. If you are not able to attend the breakfast, buckets will be available in the back of church if you wish to leave a donation. The kitchen committee: Butch Miller (chr.), Bob Jansen, Al Pokorny, Mike Moffitt, Larry Bailey, Mike King, Pat Schlapia, John Paul Pokorny, Randy Huewe, Roger Baker, Bob McKee, Dan Wichhart, Clint Brown, Larry Wagner, Tim Root, Rick Brown, Jeff Kinsella, Dennis Nelson, Steve Wilson, Bryan Mostek, and Dean Schulte.

PARISH COUNCIL RECAP

January 28, 2016

Organization report this month was from the Council of Catholic Women. Officers this year are Janet Brown, President; Phyllis Allen, Vice-President; Terri Hopkins, Secretary; Barb Bennett, Treasurer. The CCW cashed in a CD and will pay to have 6 candlesticks repaired. February 8th meeting will be at the ReRun Shop; April meeting with the CD of A. Unfinished Business: Christmas parade float went together well. Great turnout of students to walk/ride and handout candy. Might consider updating Christmas tree and lights next year. Christmas Dinner: Went well with the help of many volunteers. At least 80 people attended; 40 take outs; and 23-25 home deliveries. Left over turkey given to Open Table. Committee Reports: Building/Grounds/Safety: Foundation at the rectory is leaking and will need attention this spring. Also gutters need to be cleaned. Family Life: Coffee and rolls will be served February 21st. Newcomer packets for Wallace and Buckingham families were handed out. Social Concerns: Adopt-A-Family at Christmas received lots of gifts. We would like to reach out to more families next year. Liturgy: Ash Wednesday Masses set: 9:15 at St. Malachy; noon at the church; 5:15 at St. Edward; 7:00 at the Church (RE students help). The Knights are holding a Men's Retreat February 20th. Our church will be hosting the Good Friday Ecumenical Service and luncheon. Finance: Holding our own. ReRun Shop doing very well. Increased sales in new building. RE: Soup Supper/Lenten Activity night on February 3rd; sacrament preparation going on. Catholic Schools Week begins January 31st. CRHP Retreat had 14 women in attendance.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: *Jesus' words and love are for everyone!*

Question for Children: What ways do you show God's love to someone who is lonely or hurting?

Question for Youth: Who are the people in your life who mean the most to you: How do you show them how important they are to you?

Question for Adults: What is a way you show members of your family you love them?

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE FEB. 6/7TH

Please bring your non-perishable food items and/or personal care items next weekend! Thank you.

ATTENTION WOMEN

- ◆ The February Council of Catholic Women's meeting will be Monday, February 8th, 12:00 noon, at the ReRun Shop. Lunch will be provided. Mark your calendar.....hope to see you there!
- ◆ ReRun volunteer meeting, February 8th, 11:30 a.m. at the ReRun Shop.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 6/7	5:15 pm	9:00 am
Lectors	Terri Koets L. Iyagbaye II	Dottie Dunphy Steve McCann
Eucharistic Ministers	T. & L. Root Pat Miller	Theresa Pudenz B. & L. Miller Mary S. McDonald Dean Schulte
Ushers	J. & C. Mansour J. & T. Latus D. & B. Baker	Elaine Haines L. & P. Blakesley Virginia Aguilar Jamie Hayes
Servers	Keely Coen Carly Green Grace Root	Jackson Kinsella Austin Rice Megan Pellman
Greeters	J. & T. Latus	L. & P. Blakesley
Rosary	Bob Jansen	Paul Baker
Musicians	C. Fredrickson Katie Brennan	Molly Ternus Elizabeth Sadler
Money Counters	Syd Hudek, Mary McElroy, Bob McKee	

Please find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your assignment.

News from St. Edward Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday February 4 Religious Education, 6:15 p.m.
Devotions, 6:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall



SATURDAY CONFESSION

February 6th: 8:30-9:30 a.m.



FISH FRY: FRIDAY KNIGHTS

The St. Edward's Knights of Columbus will hold a Fish Fry (free-will offering) on the following nights:

February 12th: At St. Edward's; Meal time 6:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.

March 11th: At Afton Community Center; Meal time 6:00 p.m.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$909.41
January 24th tithes	\$607.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 7	10:45 am
Lector	Mark Weis
Euch. Min.	Sharon Findley Dan Rosener Deb Weaver-Ripperger
Usher/Greet Servers	Terry Smith Family Gus McNeill Hunter Swanson
Money Counters	Randy Wuebker Dan Rosener