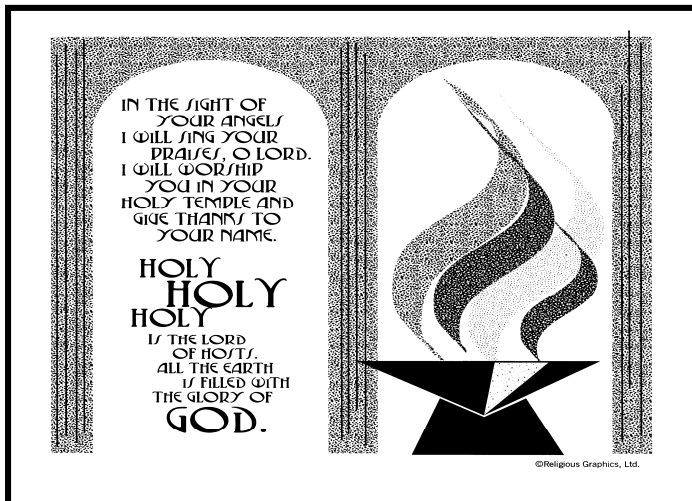


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

February 6/7, 2016

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



FROM FR. KEN:

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and we begin a new season in the Church. During the Sundays in Lent this year we will be doing a couple of things different and I wanted to make everyone aware of them so we can all be ready. First of all, for the penitential rite, we will be reciting the confiteor (I confess) and chanting the Kyrie, you will recognize both of them as we go. During both Lent and the Easter season, we will be chanting the Lord's prayer as well. You will have to forgive me in advance, my chant skills are not very good, but I still try. St Augustine once said, he who sings prays twice. I have also heard a great quote that states, "God gave you the voice give it back to Him in prayer and song." As we begin this Lenten season, we often ask ourselves what we can do extra to make this season special, so why not concentrate on singing the hymns or responding to the Mass parts with our full voice and confidence. I will look out and see many people with their arms crossed and mouths shut during the entrance or recessional hymns, or even during the Gloria. All of the Mass parts are to give glory to God, even if we do not sing well. I encourage all of us to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Eucharist (thanksgiving) and to have that full and active participation. Take some time during this Lenten season to get into the habit of going over the readings before Mass as a family or to maybe get to Mass early to spend some time in prayer. Archbishop Fulton Sheen once stated to priests that if we are often distracted in Mass, we need to be aware of how we are preparing ourselves. Have a good Lent.

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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

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY

- ◆ Check the Mass schedule to the right for Mass times on Ash Wednesday
- ◆ Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting. Every one between the ages of 18 and 59 are to eat only one full meal and two other meals consisting of substantially less food. There should be no food taken between meals. Anyone whose health is threatened by fasting is exempted. Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Everyone 14 years or older must refrain from eating meat (or food containing meat).
- ◆ Mondays of Lent Holy Spirit Parish will be having Adoration from 5:00-6:00 p.m.; Mass at 6:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross following Mass and concluding with a soup supper in the hall. During Adoration Fr. Ken will be available to hear confessions. Everyone is encouraged to come to all or part of the evening's activities. A free-will offering is made to the Rice Bowl. The Catholic Daughters will be in charge of lining up the soup. Sign-up sheets will be available at the soup suppers or in the back of church if you would like to help provide soup.
- ◆ The St. Edward's Knights of Columbus will be hosting two fish fries. February 12th at St. Edward's with Stations of the Cross following and March 11th at the Afton Community Center (no stations that evening). Free-will offering.
- ◆ Friday, February 26th, a Fish Fry will be held at St. Malachy School. More information will be coming.
- ◆ The Little Black Book is available in the back of church. This prayer book will walk you through your journey of Lent.
- ◆ Sunday night Ecumenical Services will be held again. Be watching the bulletin for the weekly location. Services are at 5:00 p.m. Holy Spirit will host the Good Friday Service, March 25th, at noon with a light luncheon to follow.
- ◆ Rice Bowls are available. By using your Rice Bowl we pray together; Fast in solidarity with those who hunger; Learn about the challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world; and give sacrificial contributions to support those in need. 75% of your contributions are sent to Catholic Relief Services and 25% remains in the U.S. to fund local poverty and hunger programs.
- ◆ Holy Door: Holy Spirit Church is open from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Monday adoration and reconciliation, 5:00 p.m.; Mass, 6:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday
February 8 **Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit**
6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit
Don and Nellie Weisshaar

Tuesday
February 9 **9:00 a.m., Afton Care Center**
Lorraine Brown
6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit
Helen Sheets

ENTER INTO
THE HOLY SEASON
OF LENT



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Ash Wednesday
Wednesday
February 10 **9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School**
Dorothy Peak
12:00 Noon, Holy Spirit
For the People
5:15 p.m., St. Edward
Leonard and Gail Feld
7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit
Raymond Engelbach

Thursday
February 11 **7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel**
Joe Aguilar

Friday
February 12 **7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel**
Living/Deceased Members of the CCW

Saturday
February 13 **5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit**
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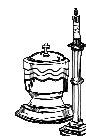
Sunday
February 14 **9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit**
Intention of Al and Pat Pokorny
10:45 a.m., St. Edward
For the People

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Catholic Daughters will meet Tuesday, February 9th, 6:00 p.m., at Holy Spirit Church to celebrate Mass. Dinner and business meeting to follow in the parish hall. The program: Cookies for Shut-Ins. Project: Lenten Soup Suppers. The February committee: Pat Wagner (chairman), Barb Thomsen, Barb Thompson, Linda Linch, and Janet Brown.

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

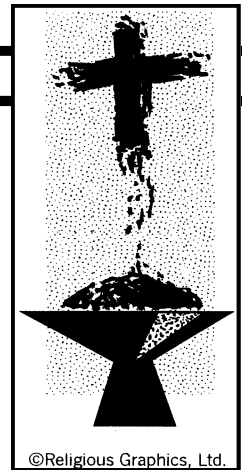
Jim and Lindsay Ide on the baptism of their daughter, Claire Marie Ide, who was baptized January 30th at Holy Spirit.



News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday/Sunday	February 6/7	Monthly Food Pantry Drive
Sunday	February 7	KC Breakfast after Mass, Hall
Monday	February 8	ReRun Volunteer Meeting, 11:30 a.m., ReRun Shop CCW Luncheon/Meeting, Noon, ReRun Shop
Tuesday	February 9	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee to Decorate for Lent, 4:30 p.m. CD of A Mass/Dinner/Business Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Hall
Wednesday	February 10	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Rel. Ed. Students Attend Ash Wednesday Mass, 7:00 p.m., Church
Thursday	February 11	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	February 12	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 13	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon



GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
January 31st tithes	\$7,706.00

SCRAMBLED EGGS AND HAM

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.

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. We hope to see you there!

RERUN VOLUNTEER MEETING

February 8th, 11:30 a.m. at the ReRun Shop.

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, breakouts 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). Raffle and dinner tickets are now on sale.



AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

Results from the Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Championship held January 13th-18th:

Age	Girls	Boys
9	Jersey Foote	Parker Varner
10	Keely Coen	Daniel Buls
11	Keegan Bailey	Kyle Strider
12	Halle Evans	Colby Burg
13	Kara Kinsella	Keegan Smith
14	Sydney Hartsock	Beau Thompson

These winners are invited to compete in the District Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship at Osceola High School this Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: *We are continually invited to follow Jesus.*

Question for Children: What is a way that you can follow Jesus?

Question for Youth: Following Jesus can mean leaving some things behind. What do you need to let go of to follow Jesus more fully in your life?

Question for Adults: When recently did God call you to do something that was difficult?

THANK YOU

The family of Deanne Hoffman would like to thank Holy Spirit Parish for the kindness shown to them during the time of Deanne's death. A special thank you to Fr. Ken, the musicians for the great music, and the ladies for the wonderful funeral dinner.

MINISTERS: FEB. 10, 7:00 P.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: Francis Doyle, Steve McCann, Dean Schulte, Paul Baker, Mary S. McDonald; **Musicians:** Janet Schulte, Katie Brennan. **Other Ministers:** Rel. Education Students

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 13/14	5:15 pm	9:00 am
Lectors	Steve Heffern Phyllis Allen	Al Pokorny Pat Pokorny
Eucharistic Ministers	Terri Koets Mark O'Riley Linda Hartsock	G. & J. Bucklin R. & J. Huewe Betty Baker
Ushers	R. & J. Brown T. & K. Freml Paul Johnson Monte Neitzel	B. & L. Miller Family T. & L. Root Family
Servers	Andy Weis Olivia Hagen Danika Schulte	Maura Kinsella Rendon Mohr Lourdes Saturno
Greeters	Ann Johnson Butch Miller	R. & A. Mohr
Rosary Musicians	Ted Willets Linda Taylor Rose Wignall Kateri Foster	Mary S. McDonald Mike Burke Heather Sitek
Money Counters	Elaine Haines, Karin Freml, June Huewe	

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

News from St. Edward Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday	February 9	CD of A Mass/Dinner/Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit
Wednesday	February 10	No Religious Education or Devotions due to Ash Wednesday Mass
Friday	February 12	Fish Fry, 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

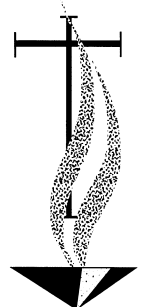
Items for the weekly bulletin are due to the office by noon on Wednesdays.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$909.41
January 31st tithes	\$875.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 14	10:45 am
Lector	Wayne Wuebker
Euch. Min.	Kathy Simmerman Darren Moore Ellie Fry
Usher/Greet Servers	Sharon Swanson Family Molly McNeill Joshua Lopez
Money Counters	Randy Wuebker Dan Rosener



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