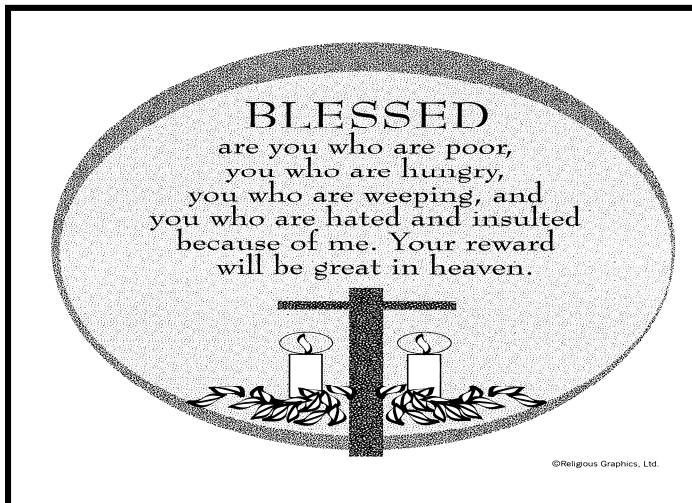


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

February 11/12, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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.

FROM FR. KEN

Looking out of the window of my office I see the playground for the preschoolers. Sometimes it is funny just to sit and watch them run around and play. They will chase each other, climb on the equipment, lay down in the grass, throw a ball, play with the trees, or something else. Sometimes they even have what I call a crash, they fall down or they run into each other, but the thing that is great about kids, is that they are pretty durable, when they fall down, they get right back up. Usually they will just get right back up, brush off their clothes, and be on their way, but other times they need some help they go and get a Band-aid or an ice pack. When they get hurt on something, they often times are more careful around it... for a little while. We can sometimes learn from our children, that when we fall down we should get right back up. This goes for our spiritual life as well. We kind of go on our way running around until we trip over something or we are not paying attention and just fall down, the key is that we need to get back up again, but then we need to remind ourselves that somethings that we run into cause us to fall and we need to try and avoid them, just like kids do. Sometimes when we fall in that spiritual live we need that ice pack or Band-aid and that is the sacrament of confession that thing that helps us to get rid of the injury. Also, just like kids we cannot let the failures that we have keep us on the sidelines, we need to get back up, put on the Band-aid and get back to doing what we need to be doing.

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

GALA AND AUCTION

The 24th Annual St. Malachy Foundation Gala and Auction is set for Saturday, March 4th, at the SuperTel Inn in Creston. Buffet dinner catered by The Windrow, live and silent auctions, TV Raffle, and live music. Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.; Live auction begins at 7:00 p.m. Ticket: \$35.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the parish or school office. A few auction items: 2 season ISU basketball tickets, 4 ISU football season tickets, 8 general admission tickets to an Iowa Cubs game, dinner for 8 prepared by Fr. Halbur, 2 billboards, 52 gold car washes at BP, 2 Des Moines Sympathy tickets (gold section), an Amazon Echo, queen size quilt (Monterrey Medallion pattern by Holy Spirit Parish women). **Please note:** *Saturday night Mass on March 4th will be at 4:00 p.m.*

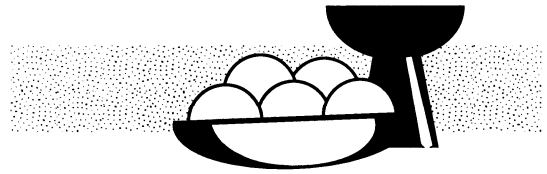
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Monthly meeting: February 14th at Holy Spirit. Mass: 6:00 p.m. with dinner meeting following. Program: Cookies for shut-ins, Project: Lenten Soup Suppers. Committee: Janet Brown (chairman), Pat Wagner, Barb Thomsen, Barb Thompson, Linda Linch.

THE WEEK BY WEEK DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Week 1: Today I was conceived in my mother's womb. If you could see into my chromosomes, you could tell if I am a boy or a girl. I am very, very tiny because my body has only one cell. As tiny as I am my single-celled body contains DNA in my 46 human chromosomes and 20,000 to 25,000 protein-coding genes. The data in my DNA contains a lot of information. The amount of information contained in the cell that tells the cell what to do with this data is astronomical. While my body has just one cell, scientists call me a "zygote." About two or three days after conception, my one celled-body will divide into two cells. Next, one of my two cells will divide again, so I will have three cells. Then, one of these three cells will divide, so I will have four cells. After that, all of my cells will split in two, so the number of my cells will increase from four, to eighth, to sixteen, and so on. At the 16 cell stage, scientists will call me a "morula". As a "morula", I am taking my first trip, traveling through one of my mother's fallopian tubes, heading for the uterus, or womb, where there will be food and shelter. The womb will be my home for the next nine months where I can safely grow and develop. About four to five days after conception, scientists will call me a "blastocyst."

MASS SCHEDULE



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Monday February 13	Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Albert and Eleanor Walsh
Tuesday February 14	9:00 a.m., Afton Care Center Intentions of Sheila Brown 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Arden and Marie McKee
Wednesday February 15	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Hubert Bradley, Sr.
Thursday February 16	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Bernie McNamara
Friday February 17	7:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Jessica Moeller
Saturday February 18	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Mert Link
Sunday February 19	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Bill and Matie Cihak 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

COUNSELING SERVICES

The Catholic Charities counseling program now has an intern available to see therapy clients who do not have insurance. Anyone who is not covered under health insurance is eligible to see the therapy intern for a fee based on family income and number of people in the household. Contact, Cheryl Maes, 515-237-5045 for more information or to set up an appointment.

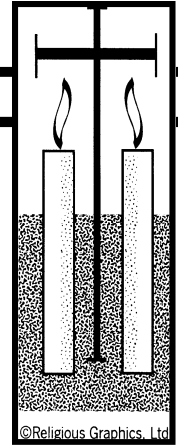
COMING UP: MEN'S STAG

The Knights of Columbus will hold a men's stag Wednesday, February 22nd, at Holy Spirit Hall. This is for all men (not just KC members). More information to come.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	February 13	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m. Council of Catholic Women's Meeting, 11:30 a.m., ReRun Shop
Tuesday	February 14	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Catholic Daughters Mass, 6:00 p.m./Dinner Meeting Following, Hall
Wednesday	February 15	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. No Rel. Ed. or Confirmation Classes
Friday	February 17	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 18	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	February 19	Coffee and Rolls after Mass, Hall First Eucharist Parent Meeting after Mass, Upstairs



GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.36
February 5th tithes received	\$9,323.00

ST. MALACHY PRESCHOOL

Start planning your child's future now! St. Malachy Preschool is seeking little scientists, doctors, authors and dreamers. St. Malachy School is hosting an information night February 21st. Please contact Sarah Lane (slane@crestonstmalachy or 641-782-7125) if you would like to receive information about attending or enrolling. Spots are filling up fast! Tuition assistance is available.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The CCW will meet Monday, February 13th, 11:30 a.m. at the ReRun Shop. Lunch (homemade soup) will be provided. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

COFFEE AND ROLLS

The Family Life Committee will be serving a light breakfast after Mass next Sunday. Join us in the parish hall for a donut and visit with your church family friends.



PRAYER TREE

If you would like to be part of the parish prayer tree or wish to place a name on the prayer tree, please email or call: Mary Wichhart, 782-2289, or dmwichhart@iowatelecom.net or Pat Pokorny, 782-4291, or ppokorny@windstream.net.

RERUN: THINK SPRING

- ◆ We have some very nice prom formals and Easter dresses.
- ◆ Always in need of gently used children's clothing and household items.
- ◆ Thank you for your continued support!!

Hours:

Monday:	Sorting at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Open Hours Noon—5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Open Hours Noon—5:00 p.m.
Friday	Open Hours 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Open Hours 9:00-Noon
ReRun phone number: 641-202-4488	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

A reminder to parents and students there will be no Religious Education classes or Confirmation class on Wednesday, February 15th.

PARENT MEETING

Parents with children making their First Eucharist: There is a parent meeting next Sunday, February 19th, following Mass. The meeting will be held upstairs. (Coffee and rolls will be served downstairs.....let the kids enjoy a light breakfast while you attend the meeting.)

SCRIP PROGRAM

What makes this program so great? You're buying gift cards to places you already shop, while making money for St. Malachy School. Groceries, gas, clothes, books, gifts—the list is endless. If you haven't tried, consider doing so!! For more information contact Tom or Charlene Dunphy or the school office.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Feb. 18/19	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Joanne Gibson	Virginia Aguilar
	Mark O'Riley	Kelsey Bailey
Eucharistic Ministers	Linda Hartsock	Francis Doyle
	Pat Miller	Karon Finn
	Mark O'Riley	G. & J. Bucklin
		Theresa Pudenz
Ushers	J. & T. Latus	M. Sickels Family
	T. & K. Freml	Barb Hudson
	Paul Johnson	John & Retta Baker
	Butch Miller	Mary S. McDonald
Servers	Daniel Buls	Jacob Zachary
	Andy Weis	Olivia Burwell
		Halle Evans
Greeters	J. & T. Latus	John & Retta Baker
Rosary	Ted Willets	Al Pokorny
Musicians	Janet Schulte	Janet Schulte
	Danna Buls	Jolene Griffith
	Devon Buls	
Money Counters	Scott Coen, Ryan Mohr, Paul Varner	

All ministers: If you are unable to be there, please find a substitute.

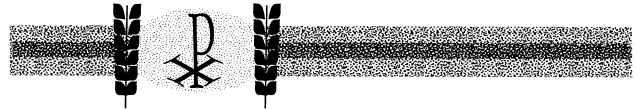
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme: God's Commandments are a way of life.

Question for Children: Which rules cause you the most difficulty? Why?

Question for Youth: In your own words, describe what the spirit of God's law is.

Question for Adults: Have you considered that laws are made with love? Do you accept God's love through his laws?



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LOOKING AHEAD

More information will be coming, but mark your calendar for the upcoming events:

- ◆ Trivia Night, Saturday, February 25th
- ◆ Ash Wednesday, March 1st
- ◆ Fish Fry, Friday, March 24th
- ◆ Confirmation, April 29th, 5:15 p.m. Mass
- ◆ First Eucharist, May 6th, 5:15 p.m. Mass

News from St. Edward

Tuesday	February 14	CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m./Dinner Meeting Following, Holy Spirit
Wednesday	February 15	Rel. Education Classes, 6:15 p.m. Adoration + Confession, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Sunday	February 19	Parish Council Meeting Following Mass

ADORATION AND CONFESSION

The third Wednesday of each month we will be adding adoration and confession to our schedule. Adoration will be held from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and Father will be available for confession during this time. We will begin on February 15th.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

No class Wednesday, February 15th.

ANNUAL PARISH BREAKFAST

The Parish Council will be preparing and serving the annual Parish Breakfast, Sunday, February 26th, after Mass. Mark your calendar! Great food and an opportunity to socialize with your parish family.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$964.00
February 5th tithes received	\$937.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 19	10:45 a.m.
Lector	Retta Ripperger
Eucharistic Minister	Jan Pettit
	Sharon Findley
	Dan Rosener
Ushers	Jeff and Marge Welch Family
Servers	Gabrielle Valencia
	Layla Lopez
Money Counters	Eric Ripperger
	Jerry Travis