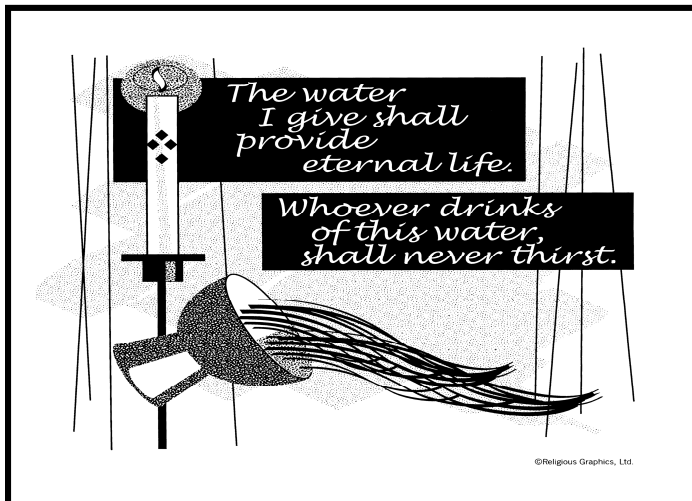


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

February 27/28, 2016

Third Sunday of 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.

FROM FR. KEN:

At the parish, we tend to get quite a bit of mail. Sometimes it is interesting to see what comes in. There are important things, like a letter from the bishops office with a stamp across it that says "confidential", bills, donations, the Afton Star Enterprise, or a letter from a bank addressed to "Spirit Halloween" asking us if we need a small business loan at 30% interest, or the pounds of catalogues that come in. Yet, it is still kind of exciting when the mail comes in to see what is in it. Is it going to be something that we immediately throw into the recycle bin, or is it going to be something that is of great importance. Sometimes we can just look at an envelope and know what it is, but other times we are surprised, I once received a letter from a gentleman and an old picture postcard of Holy Spirit Church, he said that he had found it in an antique shop (he also asked for \$5 to cover the cost and postage.) How many times in our lives do we do the same with people? We know who they are and we are sure what they want or want to say to us, and we are correct most of the time, but the other times, we are surprised by them. I had an experience of a man who was shabbily dressed and had a beard come up to me and talk. I was sure that he wanted some money, but when he started talking, all he wanted was for someone to listen to him. In the end, he reached into his pocket and handed me three \$1 bills and said, here is something for the church, Father. When you ignore the mail, you could miss a check or a bill that needs to be paid, when you ignore someone, you could miss an opportunity to help.

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

THIS WEEK'S LENTEN ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Ecumenical Lenten Service: February 28th, 5:00 p.m. at Jerusalem UM. Mary O'Riley will be the speaker.
- ◆ Monday: Holy Spirit Parish will have adoration from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Father Ken will be available for confession during this time also. Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross and a soup supper. A free-will offering is made to the Rice Bowl. Come for all or part of the activities.
- ◆ Friday: Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., at St. Edward's Church.
- ◆ All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Everyone 14 years or older must refrain from eating meat (or food containing meat).
- ◆ Holy Door: Holy Spirit Church is open from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

WE CAN HELP

What if the worst thing you think could happen does and you are widowed, separated, or divorced? How do you cope? How do you deal with the grief, loss and pain? Beginning Experience can help - you do not have to suffer alone. We know how you feel, we have gone through the same things you are going through. Join us for three open houses from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on March 11th, March 18th, and April 1st at St. Augustin Church, 42nd and Grand Ave., in Des Moines. Let us show you how we got through our grief. Beginning Experience can help. Questions, contact Marian Tonhouse, 515-964-7815.

ST. MALACHY INFORMATION NIGHTS

- ◆ Tuesday, March 1st, 7:00, at St. Malachy School for Kindergarten
- ◆ Tuesday, March 8th, 7:00 p.m., at St. Malachy School for Preschool

These information sessions are for families seeking to provide their children with a Catholic school education focusing on Faith, Academics and Leadership. For more information call 641-782-7125 or visit us at www.crestonstmalachy.org or find us on Facebook.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

The Diocesan Appeal will begin in March. Be watching your mail for information regarding the appeal.

While still sinners 
CHRIST died for us

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Mass Schedule

Monday February 29	Adoration 5:00-6:00 p.m. Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Patty Schlapia
Tuesday March 1	Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Mass, 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Lewis Ripperger Mass, 1:00 p.m., Assisted Living Jim and Twylla Klingensmith
Wednesday March 2	Mass, 9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School C. J. Miller
Thursday March 3	Mass, 9:15 a.m., Crest Haven Margaret Brosnahan
Friday March 4	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Florence Allen
Saturday March 5	4:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Jim Collins
Sunday March 6	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Leo and Donna Baker 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

CRESTON P.E.O. OMELET BUFFET

Tuesday, March 1st: 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., at the First United Church in Creston. Adults: \$8; Ages 5-10 \$4; under 5 free. Featuring omelets to your taste (egg substitute available), pastries, fruit cup and drink. For carryout orders call 782-7765. Proceeds going towards academic scholarships for Creston High School seniors.

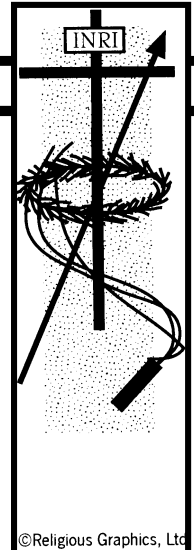
OPEN TABLE AND FOOD MINISTRY

You are invited to join in a FREE meal (Open Table) every Tuesday from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and to receive free food from the food pantry every Sunday from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the UCC Congregational Church, 501 W. Montgomery, Creston. We invite you to spread the word on this ministry to help families who could use a helping hand. (Holy Spirit Parish has several organizations that help prepare and serve these meals (Open Table). Our parish's monthly food drive also contributes to the food pantry.) Questions or for more information contact Kathy Goodrich, 641-202-4513.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	February 29	Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper following the 6:00 p.m. Mass
Tuesday	March 1	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. CRHP Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Hall KDG. Information Night, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Wednesday	March 2	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Rel. Ed. Classes, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall Rediscover Jesus Book Study, 7:00 p.m., Parish Office
Thursday	March 3	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	March 4	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	March 5	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Saturday/Sunday	March 5/6	St. Malachy Foundation Dinner/Auction, 5:00 p.m. Doors Open, SuperTel Food Pantry Drive



GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
February 21st tithes received	\$6,827.00

REDISCOVER JESUS BOOK STUDY

You can participate in 3 ways: 1) Weekly group gathering. Wednesday evenings during Lent, 7:00 p.m. at the parish office. 2) Online Facebook Chats. Search for Holy Spirit Parish Book Study Group (look for the closed group and ask to join). You will be informed of the chapters the group is reading and the points to ponder questions along with prayer and Bible readings will be posted. The online presence will give opportunity for chatting via Facebook at your convenience and comfort of your own home (please note posts will be monitored). 3) Your own home study. Use your copy of the Rediscover Jesus book; devote time weekly to read from the book and follow along with the questions at the end of each chapter. You can mix and match how you want to participate—it is up to you. For more information or questions, contact Kelsey Bailey at 515-460-0496.

WE NEED YOU!!

RABRAI will be rolling into Creston on July 25th. Our parish/school will serve a homemade turkey and noodle dinner that evening. Plans are underway but **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!** This is a monumental undertaking and we will need workers, workers, workers!!! Many of you will be asked from other organizations for help, so we ask you to mark your calendar now and considering helping US!! Be watching the bulletin for updates and workdays!

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

Next weekend is the monthly food drive. We invite you to bring non-perishable items and personal care items. We are also adding a donation box for monetary donations (make checks payable to the UCC Food Pantry). Our collection is split between the UCC Food Bank and MATURA. MATURA is changing it's regulations and will now service clients once every 90 days. The UCC Pantry is available every Sunday from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. With monetary funds the UCC Pantry can purchase bulk containers of food for a minimal amount from the Iowa Food Bank. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated for both of the Food Banks.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

GOT AN HOUR TO SPARE?

The ReRun Shop is always looking for a few more volunteers. Any amount of time you can give is helpful. There are lots of little jobs that need attention (like straightening books or racks.). Regular hours are:

Tuesday: Noon-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Noon-5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Sorting is done on Mondays (starting at 9:00 a.m.) on donations received over the weekend. Just stop over anytime if you can help!

ReRun Phone: 641-202-4488



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: *Lent calls us to conversion.*

Question for Children: God wants your faith to result in good living. What steps can you take during Lent to make sure that happens?

Question for Youth: What needs changing in your life right now? How will you invite God into that change?

Question for Adults: What steps are you taking this Lent to make sure that your faith bears fruit in good works.

GOOD FRIDAY LUNCHEON

Plans are getting underway for the luncheon following the Ecumenical Service Holy Spirit will be hosting on Good Friday. Please help if you can. A sign up sheet is in the back of church. (It will also be available at Monday night soup suppers).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 5/6	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Chris Mansour Bob Jansen	Karen Fries Paul Baker
Eucharistic Ministers	Theresa Pudenz Phyllis Allen Steve Heffern	Missy Sickels R. & J. Huewe E. & M. Gammell
Ushers	J. Taylor Fam. R. & J. Brown	J. & R. Baker Sue Bissell Mary S. McDonald D. & K. Kinsella
Servers	Noah Drey Carly Green Grace Root	Keegan Bailey Kolby Bailey Marie Mullin
Greeters	R. & J. Brown	J. & R. Baker
Rosary	Bob Jansen	Mary S. McDonald
Musicians	Janet Schulte Katie Brennan	Lynn Baker Mike Peters
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

Wednesday	March 2	Religious Education Classes, 6:15 p.m. Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School
Friday	March 4	Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	March 5	Monthly Confession: 8:30-9:30 a.m.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 6	10:45 am
Lector	Dan Rosener
Euch. Min.	Deb Weaver-Ripperger, Kathy Simmerman, Darren Moore
Usher/Greet	Jeff Welch Family
Servers	Bailey Hopkins, Olivia Moore
Money Counters	Jerry Travis, Jennifer Valencia



The Parish Council will be serving their annual breakfast after Mass on Sunday, March 13th. Mark your calendar and come enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship with your parish family! On the menu: breakfast casseroles, biscuits and gravy, rolls, donuts, and scrambled eggs.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$909.41
February 21st tithes	\$856.00



SECOND FISH FRY

The St. Edward's Knights of Columbus will hold a Fish Fry (free-will offering) on March 11th at the Afton Community Center; Meal time 6:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 4, 7:00 p.m.