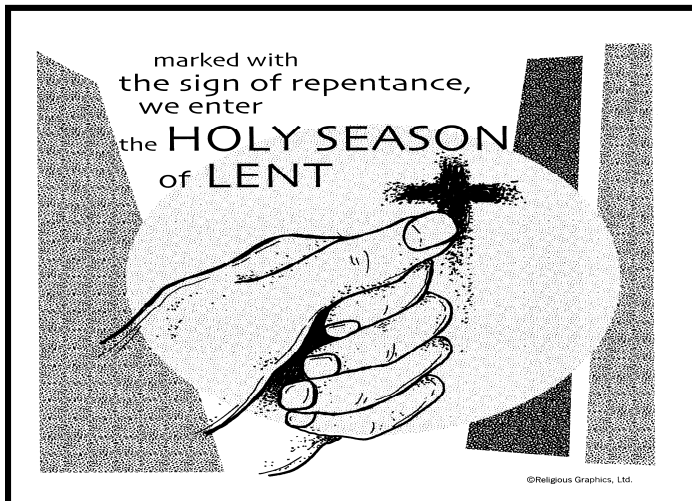


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

March 4/5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent



FROM FR. KEN

During the Lenten season, we concentrate on working on some of those things that we should be working on, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is also one of those seasons in which we tend to have a number of extra reconciliation times. Since Lent is a preparation season, it is a good time to look at what we have been doing in our lives that we should not (sins of commission), as well as looking at those things that we have not done that we should have (sins of omission). When I prepare the kids for the sacrament, I always like to tell them that one of the greatest phrases is "I'm sorry." The power of those words are incredible. We have had those experienced in which someone has done something wrong to us and has come back and sincerely apologized; it makes us feel better because they care enough to say that they are sorry. Even though we feel better about the situation, it does not mean that it never happened, there are still consequences for our actions, but just honestly apologizing can make a large difference. The same goes for God, when we take that time to say we are sorry for the things we have done and we hear those words of absolution, we can know that God has forgiven us and it heals that broken relationship between ourselves, God, and the other people around us. Whenever you go to me for this wonderful sacrament, I will always try to remind you that God loves you and that is the whole point of this sacrament. I know that it sounds strange after going through those things we have done wrong, but in the end, it is the truth reconciliation is about God's love.

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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

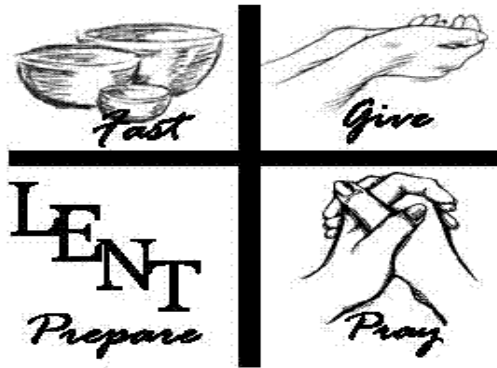
First Saturday of the month 8:30-9:30 a.m.

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

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Holy Spirit Church, 107 W. Howard Street, Creston

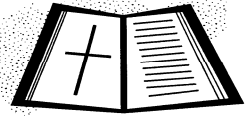


Forty days before the Triduum, the Lenten season disposes Catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery through prayer and penitential practices.

- ◆ Fr. Halbur will be the guest speaker at the Union County Lenten Ecumenical Service this Sunday, March 5th, 5:00 p.m., at Salem Lutheran Church (602 W. Townline).
- ◆ Mondays of Lent Holy Spirit will have Adoration from 5:00-6:00 p.m. (Fr. Ken will also be available for confession during this time). Mass at 6:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross and a soup supper to follow. The Catholic Daughters will be in charge of lining up the soup the first week with a sign-up sheet available if you would like to help with future weeks. A free-will offering is taken with money going to Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl collection.
- ◆ Wednesday's of Lent Stations of the Cross will be prayed at St. Edward Church at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Friday's are a day of abstinence from meat. Everyone 14 years or older must refrain from eating meat.
- ◆ Rice Bowls are available in the back of church. 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.
- ◆ Little Black Book are available in the back of church. This prayer book will walk you through your journey of Lent. There are some copies available in Spanish.
- ◆ You're invited to a Lenten retreat at St. Patrick (Corning) Saturday, March 11th, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$10 a person. Please bring a notebook and pen for journaling. (Questions: Call 641-322-3363).
- ◆ March 24th a Fish Fry will be held at St. Malachy School. Mark your calendar!!

MASS SCHEDULE

REPENT
and believe
in the Gospel!



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Monday March 6	Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Albina Pesik
Tuesday March 7	Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Leonard and Gail Feld 1:00 p.m., Assisted Living Anton and Mary Halbur
Wednesday March 8	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School James Kosman
Thursday March 9	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Chris Burlingame
Friday March 10	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Jessica Moeller
Saturday March 11	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Bud and Irene Miller
Sunday March 12	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit For the People 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Don Weis

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

This is the kick-off weekend for the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please prayerfully consider giving. We encourage all families to make a donation, no matter the size, to help reach our goal. Your generosity allows for many good things to happen within our parish and diocese. Some examples: priests medical and healthcare, priest retirement, seminarian formation, Catholic education, youth and adult programming, pastoral ministry, Catholic Charities service, and administrative support.

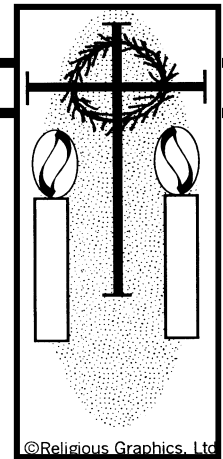
SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers Ardella Schlichte, aunt of Fr. Halbur. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday/Sunday	March 4/5	Monthly Food Pantry Collection
Saturday	March 4	St. Malachy Foundation Gala and Auction, 5:00 p.m., SuperTel
Sunday	March 5	Confirmation Retreat, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Church/Hall
Monday	March 6	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	March 7	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	March 8	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Rel. Ed. Classes, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School
Thursday	March 9	Liturgy Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	March 10	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	March 11	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	March 12	8th Grade Retreat, 9:00 a.m., St. Malachy School



GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.36
February 26th tithes received	\$6,691.00

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will be attending a retreat this Sunday from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the church/hall. Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation.

EIGHTH GRADE RETREAT

Sunday, March 12th, the eighth grade students will hold a retreat at St. Malachy School. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude with Mass at 3:00 p.m.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Liturgy Committee will meet March 9th at 6:00 p.m. to prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

RERUN NEWS

- ◆ Needed: Birth to 5 year clothing for boys and girls in good condition, household items such as pots and pans, toasters, coffee pots, etc.
- ◆ Thanks to all for your continued support!!
- ◆ New volunteers are always welcome.
- ◆ Store hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, noon to 5:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to noon.
- ◆ Like us on Facebook and get the news on the latest sales.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER.....

We are looking for a chairman or co-chairs for the Annual Food Fair. After many years of co-chairing Lisa Miller and Tonya Green are stepping down. We thank them for their great organization and leadership year after year - thru rain, heat, and wind they carried on!! The Food Fair is scheduled for Sunday, September 10th. Planning begins mid summer to get the booth chairs lined up. Over the years a notebook has been compiled with the "how tos" for the day. If you are interested in heading up the Food Fair, please call the parish office or talk to a Parish Council member.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Thanks to everyone who donated items to the Food Pantry this weekend. A reminder if you give a monetary donation to the Food Pantry, please make your check to Creston Area Food Pantry. They now have their own tax status so funds may be given directly to them.



DCCW CONVENTION: APRIL 1ST

Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Convention will be held April 1st at Sacred Heart Parish, 1627 Grand Ave., West Des Moines. The event includes Pope Francis' New Beatitudes, keynote speaker Sr. Lucy Slinger FSPA, shopping, drawing for a quilt, continental breakfast and lunch. Pre-registration is \$25 by March 15th; \$30 at the door; students \$10. For more information, contact Phyllis Allen at 515-493-9149.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 11/12	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Linda Hartsock	Al Pokorny
	Pat Schlapia	Pat Pokorny
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Miller	Francis Doyle
	Terri Koets	Karon Finn
	Theresa Pudenz	Dean Schulte
		G. & J. Bucklin
Ushers	Paul Johnson	Bob & Lisa Miller Fam.
	T. & K. Freml	Joni Taylor
	Butch Miller	
	J. & C. Mansour	
Servers	Keely Coen	Reese Glynn
	Andy Weis	Anthony Eblen
		Vincent Eblen
Greeters	Butch Miller	Mary S. McDonald
	Ann Johnson	Ben Brightwell
Rosary Musicians	Bob Jansen	Paul Baker
	C. Fredrickson	Linda Taylor
	Dan Gibbons	Jolene Griffith
Money Counters	Elaine Haines, Karin Freml, June Huewe	

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

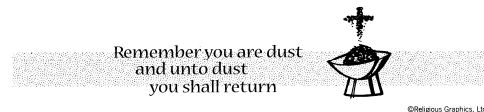
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme: Temptation: What would Jesus do?

Question for Children: What do you plan to do during Lent this year as a way of showing you want to grow closer to Jesus?

Question for Youth: Jesus was tempted by the devil. How are you tempted? What helps you resist these temptations?

Question for Adults: When you yourself pause to be alone with God, what distracts and prevents you from dwelling in that? Busyness? The demands of life? TV? The internet?

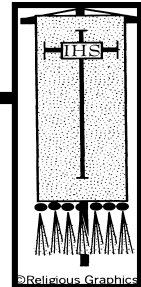


THE WEEK BY WEEK DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Week 4 (about one month): I have 40 pairs of muscles that have developed along the trunk of my body. My arms and legs are forming. I am about one-quarter inch long.

News from St. Edward

Sunday	March 5	Confirmation Retreat, 9:00-3:00 p.m., Holy Spirit
Wednesday	March 8	Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m.
		Rel. Education Classes, 6:15 p.m.
Thursday	March 9	CLAD Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	March 12	Sacramental Meditation, 11:45-1:00 p.m.



SACRAMENTAL MEDITATIONS

The following dates have been scheduled:

- ◆ March 12, 11:45-1:00 p.m.
- ◆ March 26, 11:45-1:00 p.m.
- ◆ April 2, 11:45-1:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held Wednesday evenings of Lent at 6:00 p.m. (Third Wednesday of the month will be Adoration/Confession). Please join in this time of prayer.

DCCW CONVENTION

April 1st in West Des Moines. A sign up sheet is in the back of church if interested along with more information.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$964.00
February 26th tithes received	\$960.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 12	10:45 a.m.
Lector	Randy Pettit
Eucharistic Minister	Mara Weis, Jan Pettit, Sharon Findley
Ushers	Monty and Diane Ide Family
Servers	Steven and Trevor Fry
Money Counters	Carol Waigand, Phil Bradley

Time for a new schedule. Contact Sheila Brown if any changes are needed!! New ministers welcome.