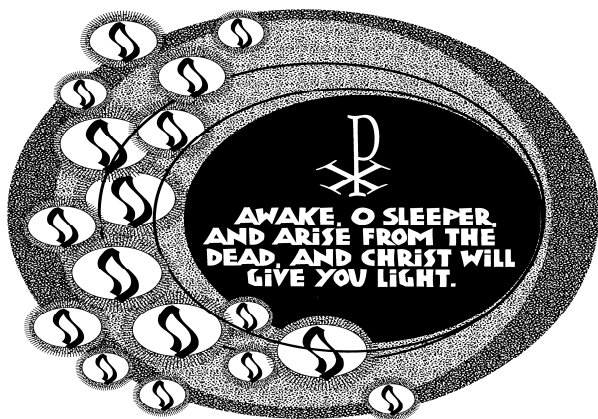


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

March 5/6, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Lent



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FROM FR. KEN

Can you believe that Lent is half-way over? As we used to say in seminary, the days are long, but the weeks are short. This week we break out the rose or pink vestments again as a celebration that we really do rejoice in the Lenten season, even through our fasting. This Sunday is called Laetare Sunday from the entrance antiphon which states Laetare Jerusalem or rejoice O Jerusalem. Our celebration of Laetare Sunday is to give us hope through our fasting. So, how is the fasting going? Is it getting easier or harder? Either way, it will soon come to an end when we can celebrate the resurrection. The purpose of fasting is to increase our self control so we can be better at moving away from sin. Sometimes the desire to do what we are fasting from gets pretty strong and we fall into the temptation, but the key is to get back up and to start over again. One of the phrases I use quite often, when I catch myself doing something wrong is "sorry about that Lord, let's move on." The immediate asking for forgiveness and not wallowing in the guilt is something we need to do, the guilt we have for doing something wrong is not to make us feel bad, but to help us to remember to not do it again. If we put our hand on the stove it burns and hurts, the pain is to tell us that we are harming ourselves and we need to move our hand away from the stove. Guilt tells us to move away from those things we are doing that are harming ourselves or others. Lent is the time in which we can work on those things so that we can move toward the resurrection of Jesus Christ, so Rejoice that the Lord is coming again.

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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

THIS WEEK'S LENTEN ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Ecumenical Lenten Service: March 6th, 5:00 p.m. at First Christian Disciples of Christ Church. Delores Dench 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.
- ◆ Wednesday: Rediscovering Jesus Book Study, 7:00 p.m., parish office.
- ◆ Friday: Fish Fry at Afton Community Center starting at 6:00 p.m. This is sponsored by St. Edward's Nights of Columbus. Free-will offering.
- ◆ 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

March 8th: Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit plus dinner meeting following. Committee: Carolyn Downing (chr), Cindy Bakerink, Martha Pine, Retta Ripperger, and Pat Cain. Program: Garden Projects!

PRESCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

Tuesday, March 8th, 7:00 p.m., at St. Malachy School. This information session is 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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

The Diocesan Appeal kicks off this weekend. For those new to our diocese this appeal is the major fundraising effort conducted annually throughout our diocese with all parishes participating. The appeal funds for ministries, programs, and services in education, charity, spiritual formation, pastoral ministry, parish assistance and much more. Every parish has a goal and funds raised over that goal go back to the parish. We ask that each family pray for the success of the appeal and consider a gift to the appeal. No gift is too small. You should be receiving a letter from the diocese in the next few days with a pledge card. Please return your pledge form to the parish office, drop in the collection basket, or mail to Des Moines.



Mass Schedule

Monday March 7	Adoration 5:00-6:00 p.m. Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Joe Aguilar
Tuesday March 8	Mass, 9:00 a.m., Afton Care Center For those Buried at Hopeville Cemetery Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Mary Baird
Wednesday March 9	Mass, 9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Helen Hayes
Thursday March 10	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Vincent Falk
Friday March 11	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Living/Deceased Members of the CCW
Saturday March 12	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Rita Reasoner
Sunday March 13	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Don and Nellie Weisshaar 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

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.

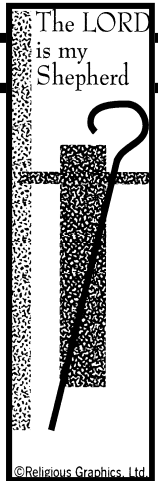
CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP

Registration is open. 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, fellowship, adventure and joy. Visit www.STMcenter.com to register or for more information.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday	March 5	St. Malachy Foundation Dinner/Auction, 5:00 p.m. Doors Open, SuperTel
Saturday/Sunday	March 5/6	Food Pantry Drive
Monday	March 7	Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper following the 6:00 p.m. Mass
Tuesday	March 8	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m. + Business & Dinner Meeting Following, Hall Preschool Information Night, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Wednesday	March 9	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 Rediscover Jesus Book Study, 7:00 p.m., Parish Office
Thursday	March 10	Liturgy Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Hall RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	March 11	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	March 12	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon



GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
February 28th tithes received	\$4,708.00

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!

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).

MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

Our parish plans on participating in this project again this year. Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 21st. More details will be forthcoming. We hope to have 2 teams of 10 members. We need to raise \$850 (\$425/team). Be watching for more information!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

PRAYER TREE

Our parish has a prayer tree whose members pray for families/friends who are in need of our prayers. If you would like to be a member of the prayer tree or know someone in need of prayer, call Mary Wichhart, 782-2289, or Pat Pokorny, 782-4291. Email: Mary at dmwichhart@iowatelecom.net or Pat at ppokorny@windstream.net.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Meeting: Thursday, March 10th, 6:00 p.m.
The committee will be finalizing plans for Holy Week and Easter. Anyone interested in helping with the Liturgy Committee or would like to know more about it, is welcome to attend.

FAITH + SOUND

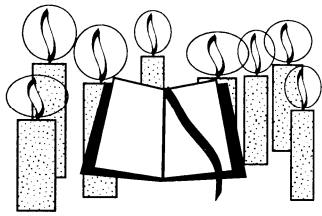
Sunday, March 6th, at 10:30 a.m. a Praise Band from Harlan, Iowa made up of high school and college age musicians will be performing at the First Presbyterian Church in Creston. Free will offering.

CRHP MEETING: MARCH 15TH

5:30 p.m., at Holy Spirit Hall

RERUN SHOP

Check out our store and find some great buys on Easter clothing, baskets, and accessories! There is always something new and exciting to see. Store hours: Tuesday and Wednesday, 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 –Noon. ReRun phone: 641-202-4488



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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: *God wants us to come back. Now is the time to reconcile.*

Question for Children: Who is the one person you most need to say, "I'm sorry" to in your family?

Question for Youth: Is it difficult for you to say "I'm sorry" when you hurt another or get off track in your own life? Why or why not?

Question for Adults: How have you or your family welcomed a family member who has been distant and/or absent from you?

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 12/13	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Phyllis Allen	Joanne Gibson Steve Heffern Terri Koets
Eucharistic Ministers	Jennifer Simmons	G. & J. Bucklin
	Alice Reed	T. & L. Root
	Jean Miller	Missy Sickels
Ushers	R. & J. Brown	J. & R. Baker
	L & MJ Dorgan	Virginia Aguilar
	D. & B. Baker	Jamie Hayes Sue Bissell Mary S. McDonald
Servers	Haley Simmons	Grace Root
	Noah Drey	Keegan Bailey
	Olivia Hagen	Kolbey Bailey
Greeters	R. & J. Brown	J. & R. Baker
Rosary	Ted Willets	Al Pokorny
Musicians	C. Fredrickson	Julie Weisshaar
	Rose Wignall	Bill Mullin
	Kateri Foster	
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

Tuesday	March 8	CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m., + Dinner/Meeting, Holy Spirit Hall
Wednesday	March 9	Religious Education Classes, 6:15 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30
Friday	March 11	Fish Fry, 6:00 p.m., Community Center

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 13	10:45 am
Lector	Mark Weis
Euch. Min.	Ellie Fry, Karen Jones, Georgia Pettit
Usher/Greet	Ellie Fry Family
Servers	Gus McNeill, Draven Moore
Money Counters	Jerry Travis, Jennifer Valencia

IT'S TIME.....

Please contact Sheila Brown if there are any changes, additions or deletions that need to be made to the ministry schedule. New ministers welcome.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$909.41
February 28th tithes:	Report not received yet

ANNUAL BREAKFAST

The Parish Council will be serving their annual breakfast after Mass on Sunday, *April 3rd*. (note date change) 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.

NO STATIONS MARCH 11TH

NEEDED:

Plastic sacks for the kitchen.