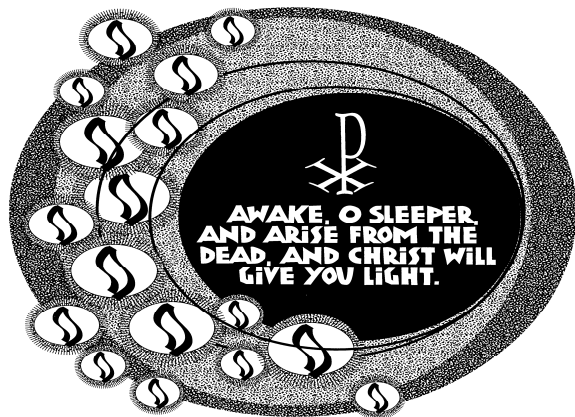


# HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

March 25/26, 2017

Fourth 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

The Second part of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Word, which is pretty self-explanatory. We are seated to hear the Word of God proclaimed to us. Postures are important, we stand at the ready in prayer and we are seated to listen. As we are seated and hearing God's word, we should take that time to hear and see how it will affect our lives, they should not be a surprise to us. We should sometime during the week read through the readings so we can be familiar with them. The first reading, on Sundays, is from the Old Testament, it is a reminder of God's message being foretold before Christ, because He is the fulfillment of the Old Testament. After this we recite a psalm response together. The Psalms are important, because Christ Himself often recited the Psalms, sometimes just a line from one, but this would have reminded the people of the time of the entire Psalm. The Second reading is always from the Epistles, or letters of the New Testament. These writings are the life of the early Church from the time of Apostles of Jesus Christ. We then stand for the words and accounts of Jesus Christ in the Gospel, which means good news! We stand because of the importance of the words that Jesus Christ Himself said. After the homily, we are seated again to listen to the priest or deacon preach. The point of the homily is to either give an explanation of the readings, catechize, or teach. The practice comes from the Jewish Synagogue Service, which is different from the worship done at the Temple in Jerusalem. The synagogue service would be reading from the Torah and then preaching, and then prayers. After the Homily the Liturgy of the Word concludes with the reciting of the beliefs we hold in the Creed, and then it finishes with prayers for those needs we have.

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

## LENTEN ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- ♦ **Sunday:** Lenten Ecumenical Service, March 26th, 5:00 p.m. at Cromwell Congregational Church. Rev. Brian Jack will be the guest speaker.
- ♦ **Monday:** 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. There is a soup 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.
- ♦ **Friday:** During Lent Fridays are a day of abstinence from meat. Everyone 14 years or older must refrain from eating meat.

**St Edward  
March 31**

**Lenten**



FREE WILL  
DONATIONS

**FISH FRY**

6p.m. Stations Of The Cross  
Dinner Served Immediately Following

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

We thank all those who have made a pledge or gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. 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. As of March 17th Holy Spirit was at 51% and St. Edward 24% of their goals.

## SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of:

- ♦ Thomas Rotert, father of Christy Rotert, Jessica Rotert, Blade Rotert, and step-daughter, Samantha Scheel and step-son Zackery Scheel
  - ♦ Stella Christain, niece of Hub and Betty Bradley
  - ♦ Marie Engelbach, grandmother of Barb (Mike) Hudson
  - ♦ Theresa Lovell, mother of Leslie (Ned) Tyler, Mick (Rhonda) Lovell, and Jon (Pam) Lovell
- May they and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.

## MASS SCHEDULE



**BY YOUR DEATH AND  
RESURRECTION  
YOU ARE THE SAVIOR  
OF THE WORLD**

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<b>Monday March 27</b>	<b>Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit</b> Stella Christain
<b>Tuesday March 28</b>	<b>Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m., St.. Edward</b> Pete and Ava Jean Weis
<b>Wednesday March 29</b>	<b>9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School</b> C. J. Miller
<b>Thursday March 30</b>	<b>7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b> Delores Schieffer
<b>Friday March 31</b>	<b>7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b> Bernie McNamara
<b>Saturday April 1</b>	<b>9:30 a.m., St. Edward</b> Margaret Brosnahan <b>5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit</b> For the People
<b>Sunday April 2</b>	<b>9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit</b> Dick Fries <b>10:45 a.m., St. Edward</b> For those Buried at Hopeville Cemetery

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA GROUP

April 1st: Father Ken will be celebrating 1st Saturday Mass at St. Edward's. Confessions beginning at 8:30 a.m., Rosary beginning at 9:00 a.m., Mass at 9:30 followed by group discussion. All are welcome to attend.

## THE WEEK BY WEEK DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN CHILD

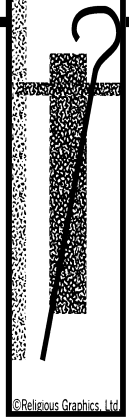
Week 7: I look like a miniature doll, with my complete fingers, toes, and ears. If you could touch my lips, I would quickly bend away. My first teeth buds are starting to form.

## CREST AREA FOR LIFE MEETING

Tuesday, March 28, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall.

# News from Holy Spirit Parish

The LORD  
is my  
Shepherd



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	March 27	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross + Soup Supper following 6:00 p.m. Mass Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Tuesday	March 28	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Crest Area for Life Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Wednesday	March 29	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. High School Youth Group + Reconciliation, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Religious Education Classes, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	March 31	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	April 1	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Saturday/Sunday	April 1/2	Food Pantry Drive Jewelry Sale after Mass
Sunday	April 2	First Eucharist Student/Parent Session, 1:00 p.m., St. Malachy School

## GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.36
March 19 tithes received	\$6,293.00

## MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

Mobile Hunger Fight, April 19th, at SWCC. Our parish is hoping to provide a team or two to package meals. We are scheduled to work from 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. During this time the team will average 2,000 meals per hour. A sign-up sheet is in the back of church if you can help. Donations are being collected to pay for the meals (\$425.00 per team). Make checks to Southwestern Community College and in the memo line write Meals for the Heartland. Checks may be sent to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket.

## FOOD FAIR CHAIRMAN NEEDED

We are looking for a chairman or co-chairs for the Annual Food Fair. Planning begins mid summer to get the booth chairs lined up. Over the years a notebook has been compiled with the detailed instructions 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.

## VICE PRESIDENT NEEDED

The Council of Catholic Women is looking for a vice president. The next meeting is April 11th, 7:00 p.m., in the hall. This is a combined meeting with the Catholic Daughters. Anyone interested in the position, call Phyllis Allen, 515-493-9149.

## PARISH COUNCIL RECAP

The Council met Tuesday, March 21st. **Organization Report:** The Knights had 3 men attend a retreat at Conception, Mo. They are helping with the Fish Fry on March 24th. Scott Valencia attended the Pro Life Rally in Washington D.C. They are helping with the dry walling/painting of the rectory basement. Their checking account was scammed but bank is covering their loss. **Unfinished Business:** Old ReRun Building: Have obtained a second bid for tearing down. Capital Campaign for School: On hold until architect finishes revised plan. We will have an independent estimator look at the plans when received. Food Fair: No volunteer(s) have come forward to chair. **New Business:** In 2018 we will be celebrating 150 years of Catholic faith in Creston. Need to start thinking about how to celebrate this time in history. **Committee Reports:** *Building and Grounds:* Waiting to hear from Mark Ide on ideas for railing to altar. Church parking lot is dark due to a broken bulb, not the timer. *Family Life:* No coffee and rolls in March or April. *Social Concerns:* The committee served 56 people at Open Table in February. Food Pantry continues to grow. Meals from the Heartland will be April 19th. We hope to get a team or two from our parish. *Liturgy:* Preparing for Holy Week and Easter. Recovering of the new pew cushions will be done after Easter. *Finance:* Joint meeting of Finance and Cemetery Board on March 20th to discuss the Ambrose Estate. It was voted to have a household and house auction in the next 60 to 90 days. Food items still in the house will be given to the Food Pantry. Small household items will be given to the ReRun Shop. *Faith Formation:* Confirmation and 8th grade retreats were held. First Eucharist meeting is April 2nd. No Totus Tuus this year. If enough volunteers will hold our own Bible School. NCYC will be Nov. 16-19. It is time for school contracts and budget planning for next year. We will have one person confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>April 1/2</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Phyllis Allen	Kelsey Bailey
	Steve Heffern	Virginia Aguilar
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	D. & L. Nelson	Steve McCann
	Mark O'Riley	Paul Baker
		T. & L. Root
		Betty Baker
<b>Ushers</b>	B. & L. Miller	Adolfo & Fidelina
	Family	Saturno Family
	J. & T. Latus	
	Butch Miller	
<b>Servers</b>	Carly Green	Madalyn Kinsella
	Andy Weis	Olivia Burwell
		Austin Rice
<b>Greeters</b>	J. & T. Latus	Sue Bissell
		Ben Brightwell
<b>Rosary Musicians</b>	Ted Willets	Mary S. McDonald
	No Music	Linda Taylor
		Jolene Griffith
<b>Money Counters</b>	Todd Dunphy, Tom Dunphy, Luke Baker	

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

## EASTER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

A sign-up sheet has been placed in the church vestibule for people to sign-up for the Easter Masses.

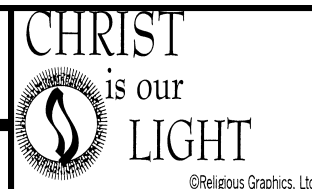
## JEWELRY SALES

As a fundraiser to send students to the National Catholic Youth Conference this fall we will hold a jewelry sale on the weekends of April 1/2 and 8/9. We have several students interested in attending. Cost to attend NCYC is \$550.00 a student.

## TAKE ACTION

Come to the Iowa State Capitol Building to stand up for mothers and for babies in the womb being killed by abortion both past and present. March 30th, from 10 a.m. to noon, is the day. Our goal is to have 3,200 participants in the Capitol Rotunda represent the lives lost to abortion in Iowa in 2016. It is important we let our legislators know that each of those lives is a voice lost. Please bring a pair of baby shoes to represent a lost life to create a meaningful visual.

## News from St. Edward



Sunday	March 26	Sacramental Meditation, following Mass until 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	March 29	Religious Education Classes, 6:15 p.m.
		High School Youth Group + Reconciliation, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School
Friday	March 31	Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m. + Fish Fry Following
Saturday	April 1	Confession, 8:30-9:30 a.m.; Mass, 9:30 a.m. + Our Lady of Fatima Study
Sunday	April 2	Sacramental Meditation, following Mass until 1:00 p.m.

## SACRAMENTAL MEDITATIONS

The following dates have been scheduled: March 26 and April 2nd, from 11:45 (immediately after Mass) to 1:00 p.m. and April 23rd session will be from 9:30 a.m. until Mass time.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This week moved to Friday, 6:00 p.m., before the soup supper.

## COMING UP APRIL 7TH

Community Fish Fry at Afton Community Center. Free will donation with the proceeds going to the Smith Family who recently lost their house and possessions in a fire.

## GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$964.00
March 19th tithes received	\$570.00

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>April 1</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Wayne Wuebker
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Georgia Pettit
	Mara Weis
	Jan Pettit
<b>Ushers</b>	Terry & Lisa Smith Family
<b>Servers</b>	Ansley Waigand
	Gabrielle Valencia
<b>Money Counters</b>	Sharon Swanson
	Emily McNeill