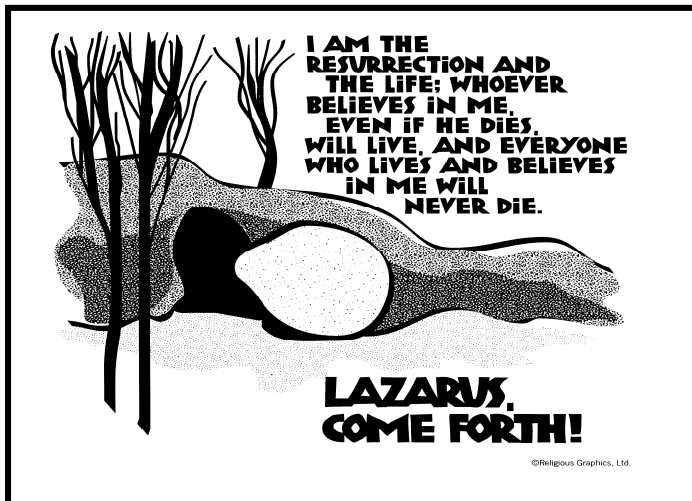


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

March 12/13, 2016

Fifth 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 end of this week the children hear one of the favorite phrases “It is spring break!” As a child, I remember looking forward to the breaks and holiday seasons, to the time off, as an adult, I miss those days. I was a typical child and did not like going to school, except for the time that I got to spend with my friends. There are many times in which I wish that I could go back to that time, where I did not have to deal with the responsibilities as an adult. Being someone who was a “delayed vocation” to the priesthood, I had the opportunity to go back to full time school as an adult with the experiences of the responsibilities of home ownership, it is something that those who went to seminary straight out of high school did not have, but each of us has our own path and if it is where God wants us to be, we should follow it. In seminary I heard the phrases “I can’t wait to get out of school and to work” or “I can’t wait to be a pastor.” Yes it is good to plan for the future, and yes it is good to be reminded of the memories we have from the past, but nothing we can do can change what happened in the past or go back to it, we can only use those experiences to help us plan for the future, for where God is calling us to be. When we only concentrate on the past and the future we miss out on what is going on right now. Jesus, so many times, was just present to the people around him. While we do need to prepare for the things that realistically may happen, we need to remember to be in the here and now so that we do not miss the blessings that are going on. around us today.

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 13th, 5:00 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church, 602 W. Townline. The Rev. Karen Norton 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.
- ♦ Chrism Mass, 7:00 p.m., Cathedral in Des Moines.
- ♦ Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., St. Edward 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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

The Diocesan Appeal has begun. 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. Please return your pledge form to the parish office, drop in the collection basket, or mail to Des Moines. With everyone's help we can reach our goal! Thank you for your support.

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

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Pauline Moberg, mother of Jon (Carol) Moberg. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.

THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLS IN YOU



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Mass Schedule

Monday March 14	Adoration 5:00-6:00 p.m. Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Joe Aguilar
Tuesday March 15	Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Deceased Members of the Everett and Lorraine Brown Families
Wednesday March 16	Mass, 9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Naomi Dunphy
Thursday March 17	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Albina Pesik
Friday March 18	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Frances Pesik
Saturday March 19	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Jessica Moeller
Sunday March 20	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit KC: John (Red) McManus 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

COMING IN JULY

Attention women: Come to **THE WELL**—an experience of faith, friendship, and sharing the joys (and challenges) of everyday life. This all day event on Saturday, July 16th in downtown Des Moines, is 1/3 retreat, 1/3 conference, 1/3 ladies night out! Spend quality time with other women, grow in your understanding as women in the Church, and be treated to great food, music, and conversation. Tickets for this event are \$50. Registration and details found at www.thewelldesmoines.com

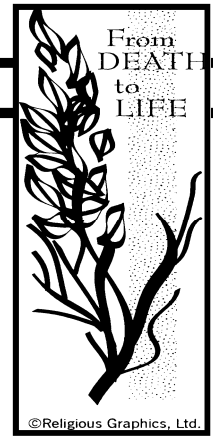
FOOD MINISTRY

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. to 1:00 p.m. at the UCC Congregational Church, 501 W. Montgomery, Creston. Questions/more information call Kathy Goodrich, 641-202-4513. (Please note Holy Spirit helps with Open Table and contributes items to the food pantry).

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	March 14	Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper following the 6:00 p.m. Mass
Tuesday	March 15	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. CRHP Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Hall Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Wednesday	March 16	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 Rediscover Jesus Book Study, 7:00 p.m., Parish Office
Thursday	March 17	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	March 18	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	March 19	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon



GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
March 6th tithes received	\$7,908.00

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

The ReRun Workers who were awarded the Spirit of St. Malachy Award last weekend at the St. Malachy Foundation Gala. *You truly give of yourselves to make St. Malachy School a better place!!*

WE NEED YOU!!

RABRAI will be rolling into Creston on July 25th. Our parish/school will serve a chicken/noodle dinner that evening. Plans are underway but **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!** This is a monumental undertaking and we will need workers, workers, workers!!! We ask you to mark your calendar now and considering helping **US!!**

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).

PLEASE RETURN

If anyone has a pyx (container used to take communion to shut-ins) that they are not using at the present time, please return to the sacristy. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Knights of Columbus are planning a Pancake Feed on Saturday, April 2nd. We watching for more information!

DINNER/AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

The St. Malachy Foundation Auction Committee wishes to thank everyone for their gracious and generous support this year. The success will allow many good things to happen for our children, our school staff and for others in the community. The live and silent auction gross total was \$66,000. Raffle winners: Lowell Pettit, \$1,000; Linda Hartsock, \$500; Fidelina Saturno, \$250; and Susan Kosman \$250.

MOBILE HUNGER FIGHT

Meals from the Heartland is an opportunity for organizations to help package meals to combat hunger in Central Iowa and around the world. Volunteers package meals in teams of 8-10 members. During this time the team will average 2,000 meals per hour. Our parish plans to fund two teams (20 people). We need to raise \$850 (\$425/team) to pay for the meals we will be packaging. If you can help fund this project, please make your check to Southwestern Community College and in the memo line list Meals of the Heartland (checks may be sent to the parish office so we know how much we have collected). A sign-up sheet is in the back of church. The date: April 21st: 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Questions, please contact Chris Mansour, 782-4382, or June Huewe, 515-491-7814. *Those who have helped in the past say it is a lot of fun!*

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.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: *Jesus' love and forgiveness offer true freedom.*

Question for Children: How does the Sacrament of Reconciliation help us experience God's forgiveness?

Question for Youth: Who among your family and friends do you need to forgive so that you can heal a broken relationship and experience newness?

Question for Adults: Against whom do you hold prejudices? Who do you believe is a greater sinner than yourself?

FREE MEDITATION BOOKS.....

The following books are available at the back of church.....free of charge. Pick up a copy

- ◆ The April-June edition of Living Faith
- ◆ The Catholic Yearbook
- ◆ The Catholic Devotional

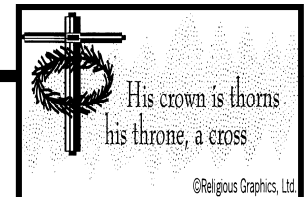
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 19/20	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	B. Miller + V. M. Mohr + N.	Bill Mullin + V. V. Aguilar + N.
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Iyagbaye II Pat Miller Mark O'Riley	Dean Schulte Karon Finn Steve McCann Karen Fries Francis Doyle
Ushers	T. & K. Freml Butch Miller Monte Neitzel T. & C. Sevier	Saturno Family Paul Baker
Servers	Daniel Buls Devon Buls Ashton Carter	Marie Mullin Halle Evans Macy Adamson
Greeters	T. & C. Sevier	R. & A. Mohr
Rosary	Bob Jansen	Paul Baker
Musicians	Janet Schulte Danna Buls	Lynn Baker Elizabeth Sadler
Money Counters	Todd Dunphy, Tom Dunphy, Luke Baker	

Please find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your assignment.

News from St. Edward Parish

Wednesday	March 16	Religious Education Classes, 6:15 p.m. Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School
Friday	March 18	Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	March 20	Parish Council Meeting after Mass



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 20	10:45 am
Lector	Wayne Wuebker + V Volunteer for N.
Euch. Min.	Mara Weis, Jan Pettit, Sharon Findley
Usher/Greet	Monty & Diane Ide
Servers	Molly McNeill, Layla Lopez
Money Counters	Jerry Travis, Jennifer Valencia

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

SALAD SUPPER

The First United Methodist Church invite St. Edward women to a salad supper/guest night on April 7th, 6:30 p.m. Program: Women at the Well prison ministries. RSVP by April 4th to 641-782-2427.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 909.41
February 28th tithes	\$1,136.00
March 6th tithes	\$ 771.00



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.

NEEDED: Plastic sacks for the kitchen.