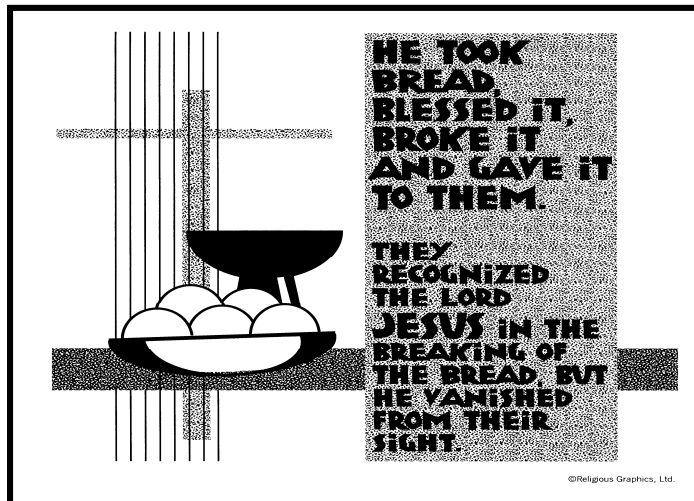


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

April 9/10, 2016

Third Sunday of Easter



FROM FR. KEN

During the Easter Season we hear the readings and accounts about the events around the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ as well as the mission and sending of the Apostles and disciples. While the Apostles were during the time of Jesus, the disciples continue to this day, we are the current disciples of Jesus, and we are still being called and sent by Him. Our current mission is the same as the early disciples, to spread the Gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ to all of the people we meet, none more important than those within our own families. I have sometimes heard people tell me something that goes like this “I don’t bring my kids to Mass, because they need to sleep in on Sunday” or “because I get more out of it when they are not distracting me” or “I don’t want to hear the whining from them as they get ready” or tons of other reasons. Children are the present and the future of our Church, they are the present because they are here and learning about their faith, and they are the future because when they get older, they will be the ones bringing their families. Children are really astute observers and often times our attitudes toward the Mass will rub off on them. If we are joyfully attending Mass, they will see it, if we are begrudgingly attending Mass they will also see it. One of the worst things I have ever heard, (and it was not here) was “If I have to go to church, so do you.” The early disciples followed Jesus with a great joy, some even to martyrdom and we should use their examples. Even though our children may complain, our good examples of living out the faith will lead them to a greater life in Christ.

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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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes in our diocese. Once a year, Bishop Pates asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of our diocese's programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own. ***Our goal at Holy Spirit and St. Edward is 100% participation.***

Extra pledge forms are available at church if you have lost yours. Holy Spirit is at 78% of their goal and St. Edward is at 50%. If we do not reach our goal the difference will have to be paid from parish funds. Remember, no gift is too small and if everyone participates we will easily make our goals! Thank you to those who have made a donation.

ATTENTION WOMEN

The CCW and CD of A will hold a joint potluck supper on Tuesday, April 12th, at Holy Spirit Church. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. with the potluck following. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Program: Antique Road Show and Appraisals. CD of A Committee: Irene Ripperger, Arlene Carlson, and officers.

CCW CONVENTION

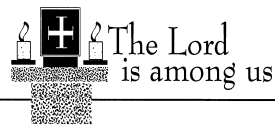
Saturday, April 30th, at Queen of Apostles Parish Hall in Council Bluffs. Breakfast, 8:30 a.m./meeting 9 a.m./ending at 3:00 p.m. Keynote speaker is Kelly Wahlquist, a Catholic author and speaker whose gift of weaving personal stories and scripture together is entertaining. Cost is \$18 per person if paid by April 15th/\$20 after that date or at the door. RSVP to Marilyn Alfors, 26345 Sycamore Rd., Neola, IA; make your check to Des Moines DCCW.

8TH GRADE RETREAT

Students from Holy Spirit and St. Edward are participating in an 8th grade retreat this Sunday at St. Malachy School. This is a time for them to reflect and prepare for high school and start confirmation preparation. They will celebrate Mass at 4 p.m. in the chapel.

LC CLINIC

Fundraiser for Lc Clinic, Saturday, April 23rd, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Silent Auction 10 a.m.—2:00 p.m.; Lunch served 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free will offering. Christian music by David Paul Britton. All funds raised go toward general funds. If you would like to donate baked goods for this fundraiser, please contact Maggie at 278-1117.



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Monday April 11	Adoration 5:00-6:00 p.m. Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit J. Eugene "Gene" Miller
Tuesday April 12	Mass, 9:00 a.m., Afton Care Center Leonard and Gail Feld 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Dorothy Peak
Wednesday April 13	Mass, 9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Rosalie Pesik
Thursday April 14	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Eldon and Cindy Ray
Friday April 15	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Hubert Bradley, Sr.
Saturday April 16	Mass, 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Jessica Moeller
Sunday April 17	Mass, 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Vicki Jansen Mass, 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

SEMINARY VISITS

Fr. Joe Pins is planning to take young men considering the seminary on a tour of Conception Seminary in Missouri this month. If you've been thinking about a vocation to the priesthood, contact him at 515-237-5050 and see what a day in the life of a seminarian is like.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of:

- ◆ Dick Fries, husband of Karen and father of Michelle Krummel, Shannon Fries, Michael (Catherine) Fries and Christopher (Tara) Fries.
 - ◆ Msgr. Jerry Stessman who served Holy Spirit and St. Edward Parishes from July 1986 –July 1990.
- May they, and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.

News from Holy Spirit Parish



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	April 10	8th Grade Retreat, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Monday	April 11	CRHP Ladies Meeting, following 6 p.m. Mass, Hall
Tuesday	April 12	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m., + Joint Potluck with the CCW following, Hall
Wednesday	April 13	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., Hall RE Classes, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School
Thursday	April 14	Liturgy Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Hall Book Study Group, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	April 15	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	April 16	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	April 17	First Eucharist Parent Session, 1:00 p.m., St. Malachy School

GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
April 3rd tithes received	\$6,278.05

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

We still have some openings to help package meals for Meals from the Heartland on Thursday, April 21st, from 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at SWCC. We hope to have two teams (20 individuals) packaging meals. We have raised \$650 of the \$850 to pay for the meals. 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). A sign-up sheet is in the back of church. Contact Social Concerns Committee volunteers Chris Mansour, 782-4382, or June Huewe, 515-491-7814, with questions.

START PLANNING FOR.....

- ◆ RABRAI will be rolling thru Creston on July 25th. Our parish will be serving a chicken/noodle dinner. We will need the help of *all parishioners* to prepare and serve the meal. Check the sign-up sheets in the back of church to see how you can help. Co-chairs for the dinner are Margy Gammell, 782-2748, and Jerry Katzer, 782-8218. Contact them if you would like to be involved on the general committees.
- ◆ Saturday, June 18th and 25th, have been reserved for noodle making days.
- ◆ Would you like to host a family? We have some Catholic riders who are looking for host homes. Contact us if interested.

GRATEFUL.....

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who attended our Taco Dinner last Saturday. It was a success and we are gratefully for your support. Also, thanks to the Knights who worked and furnished many wonderful desserts.

THANK YOU

The family of Gene Miller would like to thank everyone for their support, prayers, food, flowers, and memorials they have received in memory of Gene. Thanks to the parish ladies for serving the funeral dinner. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

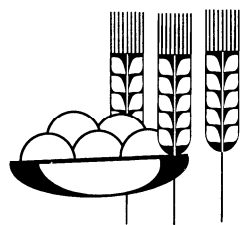
The Liturgy Committee will meet Thursday, April 14th, 6:00 p.m., in the parish hall.

BOOK STUDY GROUP

We are continuing our book study group! The group is meeting on Thursday evenings, 7 p.m., in the church basement. Our focus for this study is the gospels, starting with Matthew. All are welcome to attend, please know you do not have to make all of the meetings, you are welcomed anytime you can make it to a gathering. We can keep you posted on how the study is progressing through our study group Facebook page, if you would like to be added to the study group on Facebook or if you have any questions, please call or text Kelsey Bailey at 515-460-0496.

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Jason and Casie Klejch on the baptism of their son, Camden Douglas Klejch, on April 3rd.



They knew him
in the breaking
of the bread

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: *Jesus feeds us so that we can feed and serve others.*

Question for Children: Jesus asks Peter three times if Peter loves Jesus. What one thing can you do this week to show Jesus your love?

Question for Youth: Jesus asked Peter three times to “feed my sheep.” Who are you being called to help in your life right now?

Question for Adults: Christ continues to feed us as his disciples, even after his death and resurrection. How does the Eucharist feed your faith?

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 16/17	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Carole Rayhons Larry Rayhons	Lucy Iyagbaye II Bob Miller
Eucharistic Ministers	D. & L. Nelson Linda Hartsock	Karen Fries Francis Doyle Karon Finn E. & M. Gammell
Ushers	T. & C. Sevier L. MJ. Dorgan R. & J. Brown	B. Hudson Family M. Sickels Family
Servers	N. Kuhlman Devon Buls Daniel Buls	Rendon Mohr Aubrie Mohr Lourdes Saturno
Greeters	T. & C. Sevier	Sue Bissell Virginia Aguilar
Rosary Musicians	Ted Willets C. Fredrickson Elizabeth Sadler	Mary S. McDonald Mike Burke Heather Sitek
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

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Tuesday	April 12	CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m. + Joint Potluck with CCW following, Holy Spirit Hall
Wednesday	April 13	RE Classes, 6:15 p.m. Devotions, 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School
Sunday	April 17	Parish Council Meeting following Mass

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 17	10:45 am
Lector	Mark Weis
Euch. Min.	Sharon Findley, Dan Rosener, Deb Weaver-Ripperger
Usher/Greet	Sharon Swanson Family
Servers	Gus McNeill, Joshua Lopez
Money Counters	Darren Moore, Randy Wuebker



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PRAYER TREE

Please call Carolyn Hubatka, 347-8791, if you know someone that needs to be added to our prayer tree. You may also call Carolyn if you wish to be notified of those added to the prayer tree.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 909.41
April 3rd tithes received	\$1,216.00

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on this Sunday’s readings:

- ◆ As a family, cook and enjoy a favorite meal together. Plan a menu that includes a favorite food for each family member. Before the meal talk about the food of life that Jesus has to offer.
- ◆ Jesus offers himself to us, feeds us, and strengthens us so that we may strengthen others. Have different members of the family help each other do their jobs this week as a way of being supportive and encouraging in the family.