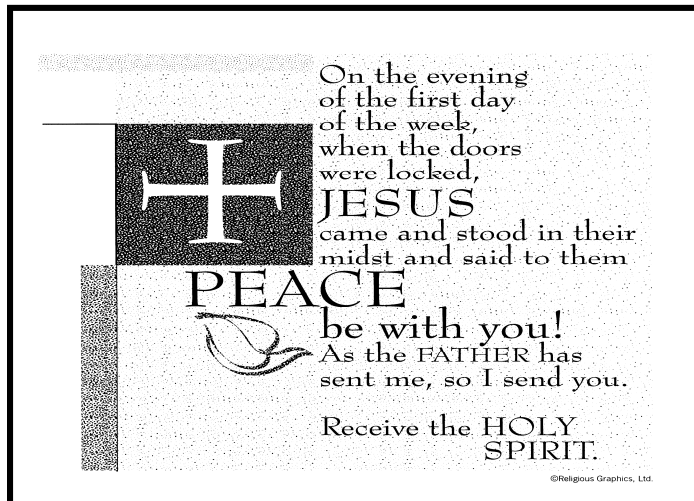


# HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

April 22/23, 2017

Divine Mercy Sunday



## FROM FR. KEN

This weekend we finish what is called the Octave of Easter, the first week of the Easter Season. It concludes with the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. This is a newer feast day that was instituted by St. John Paul II that focuses on the incredible mercy that God offers us. This is based on the writing of St. Faustina Kowalska and her vision of Jesus who came to her. This is what she wrote in her diary: *"In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, 'paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.'"* This image that came to St. Faustina is one that she painted and is now known all over the world with the red and the white representing the blood and the water that came from His side. This Sunday at Holy Spirit Church we are celebrating the Divine Mercy with Adoration and Confessions starting at 2:00 PM and lasting until just before 3:00 in which we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a wonderful time to just sit and reflect in front of the Blessed Sacrament. His mercy is far greater than anything that we can image and Jesus wants us to leave our sins with Him. I would invite everyone to spend some time this Sunday with our Lord reflecting on His Divine Mercy.

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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

Diocesan report as of April 13th:

Holy Spirit at 81% of goal from 87 families

St. Edward at 70% of goal from 20 families

Please place your pledge card in the collection basket or mail to the parish office. More cards are available in the back of church if you need one.

## SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Mildred Sullivan, mother of Robert (Linda) Spare, Crescentia (Terry) Vinson, Michelle (Paul) Johns and daughter-in-law Donna Spare. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.

## THE WEEK BY WEEK DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Week 11: I can move my arms and legs, all by myself! My fingernails and toenails are starting to grow. Each of my tiny organs are working—heart, stomach, liver, kidney, brain—all systems intact! I can even make facial expressions.

## OPEN HOUSE

The Crisis Intervention and Advocacy Center located at 302 E. Taylor Street, Suite B, in Creston will hold an open house April 26th from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Come meet the staff and have a free meal. The center serves victims/survivors of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, homelessness, homicide and violent crimes.

## BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

Ever wonder what sisters do all day? Come and see May 5th-7th, at Clyde, MO. This is for single women ages 18-40. Explore the life of a semi-cloistered, contemplative monastic life, learn to devote time and prayer to God. Meet other women who share your questions. Contact Sr. Maria Victoria, 660-944-2221.

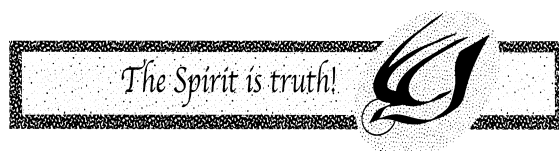
## FATIMA STUDY GROUP

Next meeting: May 6th at St. Edward's. Confession 8:00-9:00 a.m.; Rosary at 8:30; Mass, 9:00 a.m. We will discuss chapters 9-11. This group is open to all interested persons.

## OUT OF THE OFFICE

Kay will be out of the office Monday, April 24th, and Tuesday, April 25th.

## MASS SCHEDULE



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<b>Monday</b> <b>April 24</b>	<b>Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m.</b> <b>6:00 p.m., Mass</b> Don and Nellie Weisshaar
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>April 25</b>	<b>Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m.</b> <b>8:30 a.m., St. Edward</b> Don Weis
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>April 26</b>	<b>9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School</b> Bud and Irene Miller <b>7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit</b> Marie Engelbach
<b>Thursday</b> <b>April 27</b>	<b>7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b> Deanne Hoffman
<b>Friday</b> <b>April 28</b>	<b>7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b> Pat Schebler
<b>Saturday</b> <b>April 29</b>	<b>5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit (Confirmation)</b> Jessica Moeller
<b>Sunday</b> <b>April 30</b>	<b>9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit</b> Oscar and Theresa Lovell <b>10:45 a.m., St. Edward</b> For the People

## EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

Come and see the numerous Eucharistic Miracles of the World that are approved by the Catholic Church at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Center, 105 W. 5th Street, in Atlantic. Read about the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Great for children to see too. Dates:  
Thursday, April 27th, 4:00-8:00 p.m.  
Friday, April 28th, 4:00-8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 29th, 12:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 30th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
A free will offering will be taken for delivery expenses for the display and the Real Presence Association.

## LIFESAVER DRIVE

The Catholic Daughters will be holding their Annual Lifesaver Drive this weekend, April 22/23rd. Your support is greatly appreciated.

# News from Holy Spirit Parish

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday/Sunday	April 22/23	CD of A Life Saver Sale
Sunday	April 23	Divine Mercy Sunday: 2:00-3:00 p.m. Confession & Adoration; Chaplet, 3:00 p.m.
Monday	April 24	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m. CRHP Team Meeting following 6:00 p.m. Mass, Hall Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Tuesday	April 25	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Crest Area for Life Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Wednesday	April 26	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Last Religious Education Class for the Year: Mass for High School/Grade School, 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	April 28	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	April 29	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon Confirmation Practice, 9:00 a.m., Church Confirmation at 5:15 p.m. Mass + Reception following in Hall

## GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.36
April 16th tithes received	\$5,323.00
Easter Envelopes	\$4,198.00

## AMBROSE ESTATE AUCTION/SALE

May 13th is the sale of the late Roberta Ambrose's household furniture and house. The will stipulated one half of her estate to the parish and one half to Calvary Cemetery. The home is located at 405 1/2 N. Maple Street. If interested in the home, please call Bergren Real Estate (Fry and West Auction), 712-778-2242, for a showing. There are several nice pieces of dining room, living room and bedroom furniture that will be in the sale. Small household items and linens will be sold at the ReRun Shop.

## MAY 1ST TUITION RAFFLE

Buy a \$50 raffle ticket to win free tuition for the 2017-2018 school year at St. Malachy's. Ticket forms are available at the back of the church or at St. Malachy School. Only 100 tickets will be sold.

## PRAYER TREE

If you would like to be part of the parish prayer tree or wish to place a name on the prayer tree, please email or call: Mary Wichhart, 782-2289, or dmwihart@iowatelecom.net or Pat Pokorny, 782-4291, or ppokorny@windstream.net.

## CREST AREA FOR LIFE MEETING

Tuesday, April 25th, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall. Meetings are open to the public.

## APRIL 18 PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

**Organization Report from the CCW:** Held a joint potluck with CD of A on April 14th. They served the meal following the Ecumenical Good Friday Service. They will begin covering the pew cushions very soon. **Old Business:** Landscaping plans have been worked out where the old ReRun sits. Capital Campaign for School addition: The revised plans have just been received. They will be given to an independent estimator to see if the cost is below 1.2 million dollars. If over we cannot afford to proceed. Food Fair: Lisa Miller will continue helping. We have had some others interested so jobs can be divided and not so much work on the chairpersons. The Council voted not to have a bake sale booth. This allows people to bake for a food booth. Date is September 10 and time will be shortened. Serving from 4:00-6:30 p.m. We have to make sure each booth has enough food to serve that length of time. Cost will remain the same \$8 for 5 punches. Ambrose Estate Sale: The date is May 13th. **New Business:** Karen Walter, Karen Struble and Mark O'Riley's term will end June 30th. We will place a note in the bulletin seeking volunteers to serve. **Committee Reports:** Building and Grounds: We can find no one willing to install a railing in the tile so it was decided to add a railing to the east side wall. Family Life: No coffee and rolls in May. The newcomer packet for Clark and Meg McGrath was handed out. Social Concerns: Our parish will collect colored pencils for the backpack ministry. We will help one week with the summer lunch program. Liturgy: Busy switching out decorations for Holy Week. Finance: No meeting since last month. Faith Formation: RE program winding down. Confirmation April 29th. First Communion May 6th. School: Are in need of a librarian, TAG and resource teacher. Tuition will increase 3%. Health insurance premium increased 2.1%. A raffle drawing is being held to win free tuition for a year. Drawing May 1st.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>April 29/30</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Steve Heffern Phyllis Allen	Kelsey Bailey Terri Koets
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Bishop Pates Missy Sickels Linda Root B. Steinkamp Amy Surma	B. & L. Miller Francis Doyle Al Pokorny Karen Fries
<b>Ushers</b>	T. & C. Sevier Jacque Eblen Family J. & C. Mansour Joni Taylor L & MJ Dorgan	
<b>Servers</b>	Daniel Buls Molly Sickels Andy Weis	Keegan Bailey Kolby Bailey Olivia Burwell
<b>Greeters</b>	T. & C. Sevier G. & J. Bucklin	
<b>Rosary</b>	No Rosary Mary S. McDonald	
<b>Musicians</b>	Mike Burke Lynn Baker Heather Burke Mike Peters	
<b>Money Counters</b>	Todd Dunphy, Tom Dunphy, Luke Baker	

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

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*Theme: Jesus gives us the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**Question for Children:** Even though you can't see him with your eyes, how do you "see" Jesus in others.

**Question for Youth:** Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit and gave us the power to forgive sins. How do you offer forgiveness to your friends and family? How do you seek forgiveness for yourself?

**Question for Adults:** When and how do you experience the "new birth" which we are given in Christ? When someone has forgiven you? When you have forgiven others? When you celebrate reconciliation? At other times?

## TEACHER NEEDED

St. Malachy School is seeking a combined TAG, librarian and support teacher. This position will be teaching talented/gifted students, helping students check out library books and working with resource students. Candidate must have appropriate license or willingness to obtain. This is a .5 position. Please send letter of interest and resume to Jennifer Simmons (jsimmons@crestonstmalachy.org).

## News from St. Edward



Sunday	April 23	Sacrament Meditation after Mass until 1:00 p.m. CD of A Life Saver Sale Divine Mercy: Adoration/Confession, 2:00 p.m.; Chaplet, 3:00 p.m., Holy Spirit
Wednesday	April 26	Religious Education Classes, 6:15 p.m. Confirmation Students attend Mass at Holy Spirit Parish, 7:00 p.m.



Please call Patty Bradley, 347-8812, if you know someone that needs to be added to our prayer tree. You may also call Patty if you wish to be notified of those added to the prayer tree.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>April 30</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Wayne Wuebker
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Jan Pettit Sharon Findley Dan Rosener
<b>Ushers</b>	Mark Weis Family
<b>Servers</b>	Steven and Trevor Fry
<b>Money Counters</b>	Sharon Swanson Emily McNeill

## GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$964.00
April 16th tithes received	\$645.00
Easter Envelope	\$615.00

## PRAYERS FOR EASTER

Jesus, you have risen, so there is hope for me.  
You are no longer in the power of sin of evil!  
Love has triumphed, mercy has been victorious!  
God's mercy always triumphs because God's love  
Is stronger than evil and death itself.  
God's love can transform our lives.  
God's love can do this! — Pope Francis

"Tis the spring of souls today; Christ has burst his  
Prison; And from three days' sleep in death as a sun  
has risen" — John of Damascus