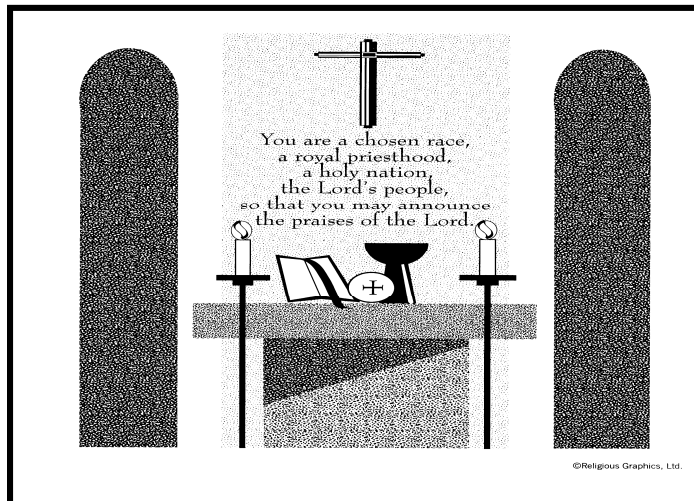


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

April 23/24, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter



FROM FR. KEN

What is your mission in life?

During these weeks in the Easter season, the first readings are all about mission, the sending and mission of the Apostles, mostly on the travels and preaching of St Paul and St Barnabas. They have been sent by Jesus to go out and travel the countryside proclaiming the Gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ. They had this particular mission to do this and some, but not all, of their travels and experiences are recorded in the Bible. While they had a mission, each and every one of us have a mission from God, we simply need to find it. As we are creeping up on the graduation season, we often hear the question to the students about what they are going to do after graduation, or what do you want to be when you finish? The best question for students as well as for adults, is what is our mission in life? Each of us has a mission that God is calling us to, for some it is tied to our job, but for others, it has nothing to do with how we "make a living." Mission is something far greater than just a job, it is all about where God is calling each and every one of us to be. Paul and Barnabas were called to spread the Gospel in a particular way, we are called to spread it in a different way. Where do you see God calling you to spread His message? If you don't know, ask! Spend some time in prayer each and every day to ask God where you are being called today and in the future. It does not have to be going out and preaching on the street corners, it can be done in the simple ways, by being open to talk about faith, by learning more about it, or simply by treating all people like 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 APPEAL DONATIONS

Our goal at Holy Spirit and St. Edward is 100% participation and to date less than 20% of our families have made a donation/pledge. We are nearing our goals, but with everyone's help we would not have to dip into parish funds to pay the remainder of this annual assessment. Remember, no gift is too small! Extra pledge forms are available at church if you have lost yours.

LIFE SAVERS DRIVE

The Catholic Daughters will be sponsoring their annual Life Savers Campaign this weekend. Money collected will be used to help victims of domestic violence.

TOOTSIE POP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus has a Tootsie Roll drive in the fall to help Special Olympics and that is a huge success. Starting this year, every spring we will have a Tootsie Pop drive to raise money and awareness for culture of life issues. Most of the money raised will stay here at the Lc Clinic. A small portion will go to the state's Culture of Life Committee to fund pro-life projects around the state. We have enough Tootsie Pops to give one to everyone leaving the Creston/Afton Masses on April 30th/May 1st. Even if you don't donate, please accept a free Tootsie Pop so we don't end up trying to eat them all ourselves! Kids will need their parent's permission to get a pop. If you want to donate — thank you! The money will be spent well. See the Knights for Life in their new blue aprons for your pop.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- ♦ Officers meeting, Wednesday, April 27th, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall
- ♦ Monthly meeting, Wednesday, May 4th, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall

JUST FAITH

I have called you by name, you are mine (Isaiah 43:1)

What is God calling you to? Looking for a greater sense of purpose? JustFaith is a rich spiritual journey based on Catholic social teaching and focused on connecting compassion with the needs of the world. For more information contact Susie Tierney at the Center for Social Ministry, centerforsocialministry@gmail.com or 515-782-3054.

JESUS

the risen Lord, Son of God, our savior, light of the world

CHRIST

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Monday April 25	Adoration 5:00-6:00 p.m. Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Don and Nellie Weisshaar
Tuesday April 26	Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Mass, 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Margaret Brosnahan
Wednesday April 27	Mass, 9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Mary Ward Mass, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit For the RE Students
Thursday April 28	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Jessica Moeller
Friday April 29	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Ed Pesik
Saturday April 30	Mass, 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Mert Link
Sunday May 1	Mass, 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Gerard Hafner Mass, 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

CREST AREA FOR LIFE

Monthly meeting: Tuesday, April 26th, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall. Meetings are open to the public.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

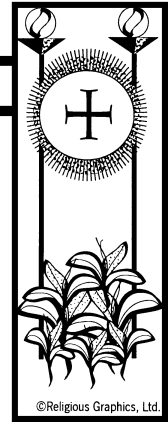
CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP

For over 50 years young people have been coming to CYC to encounter a week of prayer and fellowship, adventure and joy. For more information or to register online go to STMCenter.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Ashley McNett and Kyle Weaver who were married April 9th at Holy Spirit Parish.

News from Holy Spirit Parish



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday/Sunday	April 23/24	CD of A Life Savers Sale
Tuesday	April 26	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Crest Area for Life Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Wednesday	April 27	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall RE Mass, 7:00 p.m. Church, with refreshments to follow in the Hall
Thursday	April 28	Middle School Information Night, 6:00 p.m., St. Malachy School Bible Study Group, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	April 29	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	April 30	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Saturday/Sunday		Tootsie Pop Drive and Food Pantry Drive
Sunday	May 1	Confirmation Retreat

GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
April 17th tithes received	\$5,513.00

END OF YEAR MASS

The Religious Education students and Youth Group will be ending their year with a Mass at Holy Spirit Parish on Wednesday, April 27th, at 7:00 p.m. All students and their families are to attend. This is open to all parishioners. Dessert will be served in the parish hall following Mass.

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO NIGHT

St. Malachy School will be holding an information night Thursday, April 28th, for students entering middle school (5th grade through 8th) next year. This is open to parents/students wanting to know more about our middle school expectations and alumni will be there to share their experience. It will be held from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the middle school wing. Pizza will be provided.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Our current schedule runs through May 22nd so a new schedule will soon be prepared. The ministry schedule includes: lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, servers, greeters, and rosary leaders. If you are currently serving and wish to be removed from the schedule, please contact the parish office. We are needing more servers for Saturday night, so if you are down for Sunday and could help on Saturday also, please let us know. We are always in need of ministers in all areas. Father will provide training if you would like to start serving in any of these areas.

START PLANNING FOR.....

- ◆ RABRAI July 25th.
- ◆ We will be serving a chicken/noodle dinner.
- ◆ We will need the help of *all parishioners*.
- ◆ 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.

MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY

April 30th/May 1st will be our monthly food drive. Non-perishable food items/personal care items are split between MATURA and the UCC Food Pantry. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the UCC Food Pantry, a container is in the back of church (make checks to the UCC Food Bank). The UCC Church works in conjunction with the Iowa Food Bank and is able to purchase large quantities of food for minimal dollars.

RERUN VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer meeting: Monday, May 2nd, 11:00 a.m. at the ReRun. Pizza will be available.

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall. You are welcome to come whenever you can.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: *Jesus commands us to love one another.*

Question for Children: How do you make obvious that you love your family and friends?

Question for Youth: The world is full of examples of people who don't love others. What are the results of hate that you see in the world? How would the world be different if we followed Jesus' commandment?

Question for Adults: Jesus' commandment to love another is a challenge. What will you do this week to deepen the love you have for those around you?

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 dmwichhart@iowatelecom.net or Pat Pokorny, 782-4291 or ppokorny@windstream.net.

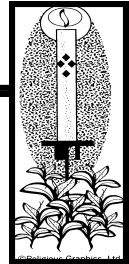
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 30/May 1	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Linda Hartsock Bob Jansen	Terri Koets Dottie Dunphy
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Miller Betty Baker Mark O'Riley	Mary S. McDonald R. & J. Huewe Francis Doyle Karon Finn
Ushers	B. & L. Miller Family Dick Baker R. & J. Brown	L. & P. Blakesley Elaine Haines Joni Taylor Family Paul Baker
Servers	Olivia Hagen Danika Schulte Grace Root	Andrew Hribal Reese Glynn Aiden Evans
Greeters	R. & J. Brown	G. & J. Bucklin
Rosary	Ted Willets	Paul Baker
Musicians	Linda Taylor Larry Rayhons	Lynn Baker Mike Peters
Money Counters	Syd Hudek, Mary McElroy	Bob McKee,

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

News from St. Edward Parish

Sunday	April 24	CD of A Life Saver Collection
Wednesday	April 27	Devotions, 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Mass, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Church KC Officers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall
Sunday	May 1	Tootsie Pop Drive



HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

December 8, 2015—November 20, 2016

Corporal Works of Mercy

- To Feed the Hungry
- To Give Drink to the Thirsty
- To Clothe the Naked
- To Shelter the Homeless
- To Care for the Sick
- To Visit the Imprisoned
- To Bury the Dead

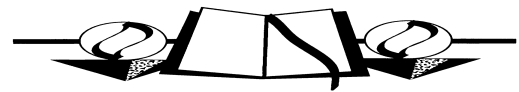
Spiritual Works of Mercy

- To Convert Sinners
- To Instruct the Ignorant
- To Advise the Doubtful
- To Comfort the Sorrowful
- To Bear Wrongs Patiently
- To Forgive Injuries
- To Pray for the Living and Dead

"A Time to Heal, to Help, to Forgive."

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$909.41
April 17th tithes received	\$517.00



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 1	10:45 am
Lector	Randy Pettit
Euch. Min.	Karen Jones Georgia Pettit Mara Weis
Usher/Greet	Mark Weis Family
Servers	Steven Fry Jillian Valencia
Money Counters	Phil Bradley Dan Rosener