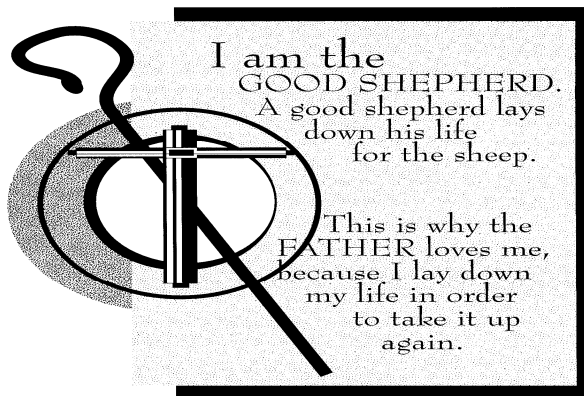


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

May 6/7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter



FROM FR. KEN

This weekend is a big one for the second graders of our parishes. They are receiving Holy Communion for the first time! For a while, they have been preparing themselves to receive Jesus into their bodies in a very special way, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. This is what we receive each and every time that we receive Holy Communion. As we witness these young people receiving Jesus Christ for the first time, we should always be reminded of the incredibly special thing that should happen as we receive Jesus ourselves. We may have received Holy Communion thousands of times in our lifetimes, but we should always be reminded of how special it is to do this each and every time. Some of the great stories about the saints revolve around the reception of the Eucharist in their lives and how they allow Jesus to change them. We hear the phrase “you are what you eat” so if we eat the Body and Blood of Christ, we will be transformed into an “Alter Christus” or another Christ. We get caught up in the children dressing so nice, the boys with ties, the girls in their pretty white dresses, yes, it is a special day for them, it is a very special and holy event. But, as special as the first time they receive it is not less special as the 4,000th time or even the last time. Some of the incredibly powerful things I have witnessed is someone receiving Holy Communion when they know it will most likely be the last time they will receive it on this earth. What would happen if we receive Jesus each time as if it was our first and last time we will receive Him, how special that would be, to be reminded each and every time the wonderful gift Christ gave us in the Holy Eucharist.

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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

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

It is a weekend of celebrations! We have several young students who are receiving the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time and we are honoring high school graduates at St. Edward Parish.

- ♦ Holy Spirit students receiving their First Eucharist: Jonathan Acuna, Blake Hayes, Morgan Hoyle, David Mohr, Joplyn Montanye, Reese Strunk, Josie Tallmon, Davin Wallace.
- ♦ St. Edward students receiving their First Eucharist: Olivia Findley, Jensen Waigand, Emma Vandel.
- ♦ St. Edward high school graduates: Breanna Ripperger and Mara Weis.

Both parishes will hold receptions after Mass honoring these students. Please join them in this time of celebration.

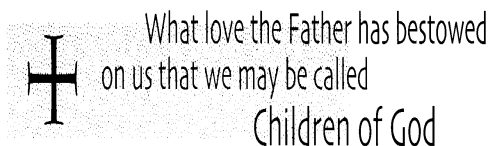
ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Diocesan report as of April 28th:

Holy Spirit is short \$4,480.00 of its goal

St. Edward is short \$2,228.00 of its goal

If we do not meet our assigned goal, the remaining balance will be taken from our parish funds. All gifts - big or small — are appreciated! Pledge cards are available in the back of church or at the parish office.



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ST. MALACHY SCHOOL OPENINGS

- ♦ Part-time TAG/resource teacher. Teaching license required — 2 days a week.
- ♦ Part time library - teaching license not required—a day a week.

Please send a letter of interest and resume to Jennifer Simons, jsimmons@crestonstmalachy.org or stop by the school to pick up an application. <http://crestonstmalachy.org>.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

May 9th: Mass at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit followed by dinner and business meeting. Committee: Carol McKee (Chr.), Iris Smith, Teresa Pudenz, Sharon Skarda, Dora Coen. Program: “All the Marbles”. Oil men, old maids and Creston civic pride in the summer of 1930 by David Hargrove, Library Director. Business: Plan Priest Appreciation. Project: Graduation Reception.

MASS SCHEDULE



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Monday May 8	Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m., Mass Florence Allen
Tuesday May 9	9:00 a.m., Afton Care Center Anton and Mary Halbur 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Lorraine Victor
Wednesday May 10	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Gerard Hafner
Thursday May 11	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Roberta Ambrose
Friday May 12	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Mike Schlapia
Saturday May 13	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Chris Burlingame
Sunday May 14	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit For the People 10:45 a.m., St. Edward James Brosnahan

THE WEEK BY WEEK DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Week 13: I started sucking my thumb!! And my taste buds are working!! I drink more amniotic fluid when it tastes sweet! But I'm still a light weight—I weigh less than one ounce! I may be small, but I am growing fast.

ASP LUNCHEON

Appalachia Service Project is hosting a casserole/salad/dessert lunch this Sunday, May 7th, at the Presbyterian Church following their worship at approximately 11:30 a.m. Freewill offering.

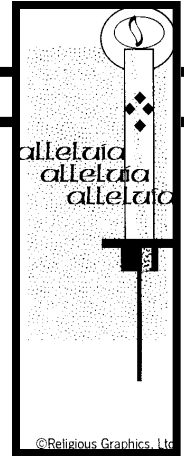
FATIMA STUDY GROUP

May 15th at Holy Spirit. Adoration at 5:00 p.m. and Mass at 6:00 p.m. Assignment for discussion: Chapters 12, 13, 14.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday/Sunday	May 6/7	Food Pantry Drive
Saturday	May 7	First Communion at 5:15 p.m. Mass + Reception to follow in Hall
Monday	May 8	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m. CCW Meeting, 11:30 a.m., ReRun Shop
Tuesday	May 9	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m.; Dinner + Business Meeting to Follow, Hall
Wednesday	May 10	Pew Cushion Recovering, 10:00 a.m., Church ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Thursday	May 11	Liturgy Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Hall St. Malachy Middle School Information Night, 6:00 p.m., School
Friday	May 12	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	May 13	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon Ambrose Estate Sale, 405 1/2 N. Maple, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	May 14	Mothers Day Breakfast following Mass, Hall



GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.36
April 30th tithes received	\$6,773.00

AMBROSE ESTATE AUCTION/SALE

May 13th is the sale of the late Roberta Ambrose's household furniture and house. 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. Sale begins at 10:00 a.m.

CALVARY CEMETERY

- ◆ Eldon Gammell, the sexton for Calvary Cemetery will be retiring from this position the end of May. Eldon has held this position for many years and we are so very thankful and grateful for all the hard work and service he has dedicated to the cemetery. He deserves a round of applause!!! If there is anyone interested in the position, please call the parish office or talk to cemetery board members: Ron Dunphy, Paul Baker, or Dennis Kinsella. It is a paid position.
- ◆ Volunteers are always needed in the month of May to help with mowing and weed eating, especially as we get close to Memorial Day.
- ◆ Thanks to all who helped with the tree trimming at Calvary Cemetery.

PEW PADS

We will be working on covering the pew pads on Wednesday, May 10th, at 10:00 a.m. in the church. If you would like to help, come join us.

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

The Knights will be serving a Mother's Day Breakfast after next Sunday's Mass. Free-will offering. Everyone is invited!!

ATTENTION LADIES

ReRun Volunteers and CCW joint meeting Monday, May 8th, 11:30 a.m. at the ReRun. Lunch will be provided. All ladies of the parish are invited.

INFORMATION NIGHT

St. Malachy Middle School Information Night will be Thursday, May 11th, 6:00 p.m., at St. Malachy Gymnasium. Come and meet St. Malachy Middle School teachers! Learn how to succeed in middle school, discuss philosophy and expectations, and visit with alumni!!

ST. MALACHY CHURCH PEW

A pew from St. Malachy Church is for sale. If you are interested or would like more information, please call 641-782-9690.

BACK PACK MINISTRY

Holy Spirit will once again be collecting colored pencils for the annual backpack ministry. Various churches and organizations collect school supplies to fill backpacks for area students. If you would like to donate pencils, please place in the container in the back of church or you may make a monetary donation and we can purchase pencils in bulk. (Make check to Holy Spirit Parish and place in the collection basket in an envelope marked colored pencils).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 13/14	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Pat Schlapia Linda Hartsock	Virginia Aguilar Bill Mullin
Eucharistic Ministers	D. & L. Nelson Alice Reed	E. & M. Gammell Mary S. McDonald Kelsey Bailey Dean Schulte
Ushers	Bob & Lisa Miller Family D. & B. Baker	Missy Sickels Family Barb Hudson J. & R. Baker
Servers	Keely Coen Carly Green	Halle Evans Jackson Kinsella Reese Glynn
Greeters	Betty Baker Butch Miller	J. & R. Baker
Rosary Musicians	Bob Jansen C. Fredrickson Rose Wignall	Al Pokorny Lynn Baker Jolene Griffith
Money Counters	Scott Coen, Ryan Mohr, Paul Varner	

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme: We enter life to the full through Christ.

Question for Children: How is Jesus your example when others don't like you?

Question for Youth: Sheep know their shepherd and follow his voice. How hard is it for you to recognize the voice of God in your own life? Who has helped you hear God's voice?

Question for Adults: In what specific ways is Christ an example which you follow when dealing with others, especially with the ones against whom you hold a grudge or those who dislike you.

PARISH COUNCIL

Would you be interested in serving a three year term on the Parish Council? The first term for Karen Walter, Karen Struble and Mark O'Riley will end June 30th. Please call the parish office if you are interested.

News from St. Edward

Sunday	May 7	First Communion Reception for First Communion and High School Graduates after Mass
Tuesday	May 9	CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m.; Dinner/Meeting following, Holy Spirit
Wednesday	May 10	Devotions, 6:30 p.m.

PRAYER TREE

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.



The stone rejected
has become
the cornerstone

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DEVOTIONS HAVE RESUMED

Wednesday evening devotions have resumed. Please join us at 6:30 p.m.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$964.00
April 30th tithes received	\$870.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 14	10:45 a.m.
Lector	Retta Ripperger
Eucharistic Minister	Ellie Fry Karen Jones Georgia Pettit
Ushers	Jim and Shayla Findley Family
Servers	Hunter Swanson Gus McNeill
Money Counters	Dan Rosener Sharon Swanson