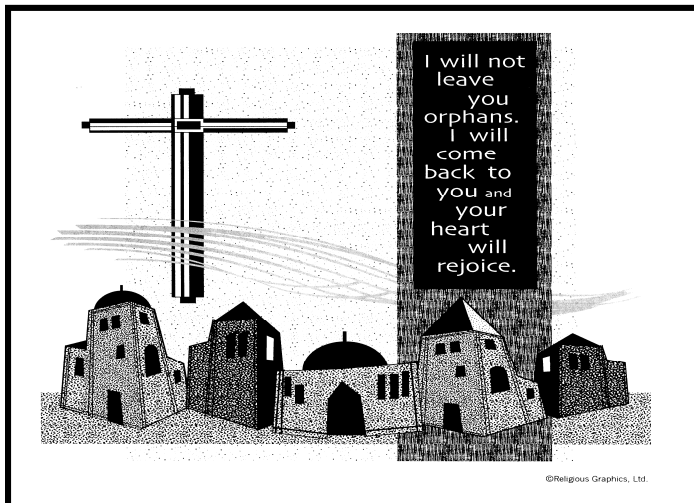


# HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

May 7/8, 2016

Seventh Sunday of Easter



## FROM FR. KEN

With first Communions coming up, (Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> for Holy Spirit and Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> for St Edward) it is good to look at our own selves as we receive the Blessed Sacrament. For a while now, these children 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. How do we think of it when we are receiving it? Are we reminded how special of a thing it is to be able to receive Christ and let His body and His blood feed us, both bodily and spiritually? This is an important day in the children's lives as well as their families. We get caught up in the children dressing so nice, the boys with ties, the girls in their pretty white dresses. It is a special day. It is a very special and holy event. It should be an incredible experience. But, as important as the first reception of the Eucharist is, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, the 10<sup>th</sup>, the 323<sup>rd</sup>, etc is not less special or important for any of us. We sometimes forget how special it is to receive the Blessed Sacrament on a regular basis, as the old saying goes, what we do daily, sometimes we do dully. I invite each and every one of you to remember your own First Communion (I received mine from Fr. Pat Bacon). Remember how special that day was and what it meant to you. Is receiving Jesus today, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity less special today since it is not the first time? Take time again and again to remember how special it is and to receive Him each and every time we come to Mass. The first time is special, but so are all the rest!

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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

## CONFIRMATION NEXT WEEKEND

Next Saturday at Holy Spirit's 5:15 p.m. Mass Bishop Pates will be here to confirm 12 young students. They have spent the past two years preparing for this sacrament. A reception will be held following Mass. Please join them in celebrating this most holy occasion.

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 10th. Mass at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church with dinner meeting following. May committee: Carol McKee (chair), Iris Smith, Susie McCall, Sharon Skarda, and Dora Coen. Program: Silver Sneakers. Project: Graduation and Confirmation receptions.

## AN INVITATION.....

- ◆ To the ordination of Deacon Dan Gehler to the priesthood and Carlos Gomez Pineda to the transitional diaconate Friday, June 3rd, 7:00 p.m., at St. Ambrose Cathedral, 607 High Street, Des Moines, Iowa.
- ◆ St. John's Church in Greenfield will be hosting a retirement party for Fr. Ken Gross on Friday, July 8th, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at St. John's Church, 303 NE Elm, Greenfield, IA. Burger, brats and beer will be served. You are invited to attend.

## KNIGHTLY NEWS

- ◆ The Knights of Columbus thank you for your support to our Knights for Life Campaign last weekend. We raised over \$400 for the culture of life.
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Second and Third Degree Exemplification in Corning on June 12th. Candidates should arrive by 11:30 in the parish hall located at 607 6th Street.
- ◆ The Holy Family Prayer Program began August 4th at the Supreme Convention in Philadelphia. This program features an image of the Holy Family. Each Knights of Columbus jurisdiction received Holy Family images which will be the centerpiece of prayer services conducted in churches and council meeting places throughout the Order for the duration of the program. This image will be in Creston and Afton over the next two weekends. Knights are especially encouraged to participate in the Monday Adoration and Masses starting at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit while the image is in the council.



Through the sacrament  
of the Eucharist

He is with us always

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<b>Monday May 9</b>	<b>Adoration 5:00-6:00 p.m.</b> <b>Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit</b> J. Eugene "Gene" Miller
<b>Tuesday May 10</b>	<b>Mass, 9:00 a.m., Afton Care Center</b> Pete and Ava Jean Weis <b>Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit</b> Intention of Irene Ripperger
<b>Wednesday May 11</b>	<b>Mass, 9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School</b> Raymond and Mary Hafner
<b>Thursday May 12</b>	<b>Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b> Mike Schlapia
<b>Friday May 13</b>	<b>Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b> KC: Shelby T. Rush
<b>Saturday May 14</b>	<b>Mass, 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit</b> Edmund Baker
<b>Sunday May 15</b>	<b>Mass, 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit</b> Lucille Riedl <b>Mass, 10:45 a.m., St. Edward</b> For the People

## CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Cassie (Mahan) and Austin Berry who were married April 30th at Holy Spirit Parish.

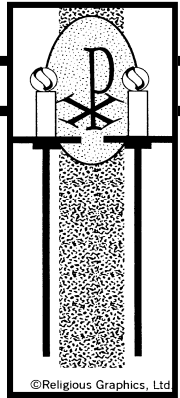
## THANK YOU

A shout out to the men who worked on unplugging the gutters at the rectory and parish office. Our parishes are blessed to have so many individuals who continually give of their time and talent to keep our parishes going. Thank you all for the many things you do!

## IMPORTANT: TOTUS TUUS NEWS

We have received word from Fr. Dooley the Totus Tuus program will have to be canceled this summer due to the lack of team members. We will run our own program if we have enough volunteers to help and teach. If you would be willing to help (no high school program), contact Barb Hudson, 641-348-2343 or 202-2064, **this week**. This would run the week of June 13th-17th.

# News from Holy Spirit Parish



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday	May 7	First Communion, 5:15 p.m. Mass + Reception Following in Hall
Sunday	May 8	Mothers Day Breakfast following Mass, Hall
Monday	May 9	CCW Meeting, 11:30 a.m., ReRun Shop
Tuesday	May 10	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m./Dinner Meeting Following in Hall
Wednesday	May 11	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Thursday	May 12	Visioning Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., St. Malachy School Bible Study Group, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	May 13	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	May 14	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon Confirmation Practice, 9:00 a.m., Church/Confirmation at 5:15 p.m. Mass, reception following
Sunday	May 15	CRHP Ladies Group, 4:30 p.m., Hall

## GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
May 1st tithes received	\$7,534.00

## MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast casseroles after Mass this Sunday, May 8th. Please join in this time of fellowship as we honor our Moms! May committee: Steve Heffern (chair), Bob Jansen (co-chair), Tim Rice, Robert Moore, John Kawa, Jon Carroll, Dan Eichrt, Walt Glynn, Thane Glynn, Robert Miller, and Jim Schendt.

## FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to the following young students who received their First Holy Communion this Saturday: Kadley Bailey, Ella Besch, Gabriel Blazek, Angela Chen, Chris Chen, Eric Chen, Kenna Ford, Jaxson Jondle, Raegan Kinsella, Julian Lara, Marshall Long, Jameson McDonald, Gavin Meisenheimer, Brayley Pokorny, Caden Simmons, Grant Skellenger, Owen Weis, and Jay Zheng. May they always remember this special day!

## WE DID IT!!

A huge thanks to the 104 parishioners who contributed to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. We have reached our \$28,623.00 goal. Any money we receive over this amount will be returned to the parish. Your support of this diocesan project is greatly appreciated! (If you haven't made a donation and would like to, forms are available in the back of church.)

## 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 a Catholic group of ten riders (from Poulsbo, WA) who are looking for inside space and use of a bathroom. Contact the parish office if interested in hosting.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE: LAST CALL

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/ministers 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. Contact the parish office by Tuesday with changes/additions.

## ATTENTION ALL WOMEN

The May Council of Catholic Women's meeting will be held Monday, May 9th, 11:30 a.m. at the Rectory ReRun shop. Lunch will be served. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Theme:** Jesus gives us special gifts.

**Question for Children:** Jesus tells us He is always with us. Name a time this past week when you knew that God was with you in a special way.

**Question for Youth:** Jesus prayed for his disciples, that others might believe in him through their words. How are you speaking your belief in Jesus through your words and actions? Do others know who Jesus is by knowing you?

**Question for Adults:** Jesus invited us to be one with God. Name a moment when you were with God this past week.

## SOMETHING TO CONSIDER.....

We have two three year terms open on the Parish Pastoral Council (new year begins July 1st). Parish Council meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in serving, please contact the parish office.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 14/15	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
<b>Lectors</b>	Pat Schlapia Marsha Mohr	Joanne Gibson Steve McCann
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Theresa Pudenz T. & L. Root Missy Sickels Bishop Pates	G. & J. Bucklin Al Pokorny Mark O'Riley Terri Koets
<b>Ushers</b>	T. & C. Sevier Paul Johnson Butch Miller Monte Neitzel	F. & A. Saturno Family Mary S. McDonald
<b>Servers</b>	Molly Sickels Devon Buls Andy Weis	Marie Mullin Abby Tallmon Mallory Tallmon
<b>Greeters</b>	T. & C. Sevier	R. & A. Mohr
<b>Rosary</b>	No Rosary	Al Pokorny
<b>Musicians</b>	Mike Burke Heather Sitek	Linda Taylor Larry Rayhons
<b>Money Counters</b>	Todd Dunphy, Tom Dunphy, Luke Baker	

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

## News from St. Edward Parish

Tuesday	May 10	CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m./Dinner Meeting Following, Holy Spirit Hall
Wednesday	May 11	Devotions, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday	May 14	Confirmation Practice, 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Church
Sunday	May 15	Confirmation at 5:15 p.m. Mass, Holy Spirit Parish Council Meeting following Mass

## PLEASE CONSIDER.....

St. Edward has had 21 families contribute to the Annual Diocesan Appeal and are currently at 64% of reaching our \$10,249.00 goal. Parish funds will have to be used to pay this goal (assessment) if not fulfilled. Please consider making a donation if you haven't. No gift is too small. Many thanks to those who have contributed.



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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
May 1st tithes received	\$986.00

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 15	10:45 am
<b>Lector</b>	Dan Rosener
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	Deb Weaver-Ripperger Kathy Simmerman Darren Moore
<b>Usher/Greet</b>	Ellie Fry Family
<b>Servers</b>	Olivia Moore Draven Moore
<b>Money Counters</b>	Phil Bradley Dan Rosener



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