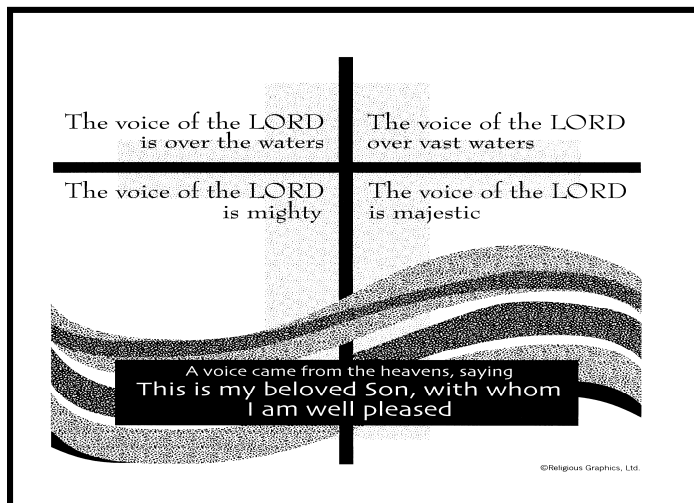


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

January 9/10, 2016

The Baptism of the Lord



FROM FR. KEN:

This weekend we say goodbye to Christmas with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As we hear the account of Jesus' baptism we should be reminded of our own baptism, even though most of us do not remember it. Jesus himself was baptized, even though he did not need it, our baptism if for the mitigation of our sins, including original sin, his baptism was to purify the redeeming waters for our own baptism. When we were baptized, our parents made some promises for us and we confirmed them in our confirmation. Those promises are to live out the practice of the faith. I have always marveled at the fact that we use the term "practicing Catholics" this is because we are not perfect ones, we are still practicing, it is only when we are one with the Lord in the kingdom of heaven that we will become perfect ones. Until that day comes, we still need to do those things to help us live out the faith that has been given to us by God. Here are the promises that we make to God in our baptism: to reject Satan, his works, and his empty promises, that we believe in God, who is Father and creator, who is Jesus Christ who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and buried, rose from the dead and is now seated at the right hand of the Father, who is also the Holy Spirit, to also believe in the holy catholic church, communion of saints, forgiveness of sins, resurrection of the body and life everlasting. These are the promises that we make to God and we should keep looking at our own lives so that we can live them out. Remember in all the practicing of being a Catholic, we are continually working (with God's help) toward being that perfect Catholic in the kingdom of heaven.

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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

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Catholic Daughters will meet Tuesday, January 12th. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. with dinner meeting following. Program: Trivia, Games. We will also make plans to visit the shut-ins. January Committee: Betty Baker (Chr.), Artie Mullin, Kathy Tapken, Barb Bennett, Susan Kosman.

LAST CHANCE

This is the last weekend to sign-up for the ladies CRHP retreat scheduled for January 16th/17th. Contact Virginia Aguilar at 641-340-2745 if interested.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RETREAT

Knights of Columbus Retreat February 20th from 8:30 a.m. through the evening Mass at Holy Spirit. Morning speaker is radio and speaking personality Jon Leonetti. Afternoon will include reflections, break-outs and some really great information from Fr. Ken. There is no cost to attend, but a \$50 donation to cover the council's costs would be appreciated. Lunch and snacks will be provided. To help us plan, please RSVP to Steve at 515-493-6110.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

In today's gospel it says, "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 12-14 in Ankeny. For information visit: www.iowa-wwme.org or call 563-927-4352.

FAITH FOR THE JOURNEY

Iowa Catholic Men's Conference invites you to the 4th annual men's conference March 5th at St. Francis of Assisi in West Des Moines. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased on-line. See our website at www.IowaCatholicMensConference.com for information and to purchase tickets. Hear Al Kresta of Ave Maria Radio, Kresta in the Afternoon, Jim Blackburn of Catholic Answers, John Crudele and Dr. Dan McGuire.

MARCH FOR LIFE

The Midwest March of Life in Des Moines is January 16th. Join us for Mass at 9:30 a.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral with Iowa's four bishops. The march begins at 11:00 a.m. on the west steps of the Capitol. A 12:30 p.m. luncheon follows with keynote speaker Melissa Ohden, founder of Abortion Survivors Network. Go to IowaRTL.org for details.

The SPIRIT of GOD
came upon him



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Monday January 11	Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Ken McElroy
Tuesday January 12	9:00 a.m., Afton Care Center Bruce Weaver 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Bernadine Bradley
Wednesday January 13	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Sr. DeChantal, OSB
Thursday January 14	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Sr. DeChantal, OSB
Friday January 15	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Sr. DeChantal, OSB
Saturday January 16	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit For the People
Sunday January 17	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Carroll Boden, Sr. 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Leonard and Gail Feld

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of:

- ♦ Victoria Jansen, wife of Robert (Bob) Jansen and father of Donna, David, and Ralph Jansen
- ♦ Raymond Engelbach, husband of Carol Engelbach, and father of Barb (Mike) Hudson and Bobby (Tammy) Engelbach
- ♦ Rita Reasoner, wife of Ken Reasoner and mother of Mike (Margaret) Reasoner, Dan (Andrea) Reasoner, Beth (Mark) Geis, Fr. Mark Reasoner, Meg (Joe) Corbin, and Mary Reasoner.

May they, and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.

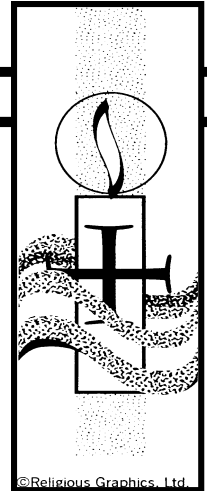
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

St. Malachy Foundation Dinner and Auction Saturday, March 5th, at Supertel Conference Center.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	January 10	Take Down Christmas Decorations after Mass
Tuesday	January 12	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m./Dinner & Business Meeting Following in Hall
Wednesday	January 13	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Religious Education Classes, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School
Thursday	January 14	Liturgy Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Upstairs in Church RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Parish Office Diocesan Workshop for Catholics Come Home Program, 6:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	January 15	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	January 16	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sat./Sunday	January 16/17	CRHP Ladies Retreat, St. Malachy School



GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed for two weeks	\$16,308.00
Dec. 27th-Jan. 3rd tithes (2 weeks)	\$24,909.00

TAKE DOWN TIME

The Christmas decorations will be taken down after Mass this Sunday, January 10th. Helping hands and strong backs are appreciated!

LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Liturgy Committee will meet Thursday, January 14th, 6:00 p.m., in the church (upstairs). If you would like to know more about the Liturgy Committee and what it does, please come join us!

CATHOLICS COME HOME

Holy Spirit Parish will be host to a regional meeting for the Catholics Come Home program on Thursday, January 14th. This workshop is where members of parish communities along with leadership will help craft a hospitality plan that builds on the strengths of our community. The workshop will be facilitated by Father Lazarus and Adam Storey from the diocese. A light supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the workshop beginning at 6:30 p.m. The evening will conclude by 8:00 p.m. If this is something you would be interested in attending, please contact the parish office or Fr. Ken.

RCIA

The RCIA class will be moved to the parish office on Thursday, January 14th, due to the diocesan meeting in our parish hall.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, flowers, plants, food, and generous memorial donations in honor of our husband and father, Kirk Levine. We are overwhelmed and very grateful. The support from the Holy Spirit community has been very much appreciated. With heartfelt thanks, Ann Levine, Matt Levine family, Jeff Levine family, Scott Levine family.

ATTENTION LADIES.....

No Council of Catholic Women (CCW) meeting in January.

FOOD PANTRY

The United Church of Christ Congregational located at 501 W. Montgomery, has a food pantry open every Sunday from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This is open to those in the Creston area who could benefit from this service. The food consists of frozen products, dairy, produce, bakery, and non-perishable items. On your first visit you will sign-up with your name, address, names and birth dates of dependents in the household. You will also verify by signature that your income is within the guidelines established by the Food Bank of Iowa. If you would like more information or have questions regarding the Food Bank, please call Kathy Goodrich, 641-202-4513.

(Holy Spirit Parish's monthly food/personal care drive is split between the Food Bank and MATURA)



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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Question for Children: What are some things you can do to please God?

Question for Youth: "With you I am well pleased." What you are doing right now that is pleasing to God? How does it feel to live that way?

Question for Adults: Name a time when you felt your actions were pleasing to God.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 16/17	5:15 pm	9:00 am
Lectors	Chris Mansour Marsha Mohr	Bill Mullin Virginia Aguilar
Eucharistic Ministers	Linda Hartsock Jean Miller Terri Koets	Steve McCann Al Pokorny Karen Fries Mark O'Riley Betty Baker
Ushers	B. & L. Miller Family T. & L. Root Family	J. & R. Baker Sue Bissell Mary S. McDonald Paul Baker Elaine Haines
Servers	Andy Weis Olivia Hagen Grace Root	Mallory Tallmon Abby Tallmon Halle Evans
Greeters	T. & L. Root	Sue Bissell Ben Brightwell
Rosary	Ted Willets	Mary S. McDonald
Musicians	Linda Taylor Rose Wignall Kateri Foster	Janet Schulte Elizabeth Sadler
Money Counters	E. Haines, K. Freml, J. Huewe	

News from St. Edward Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	January 10	Take Down Christmas Decorations + Soup
Tuesday	January 12	CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m./Dinner & Business Meeting to Follow, Holy Spirit
Wednesday	January 13	Religious Education, 6:15 p.m. Devotions, 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School
Sunday	January 17	Parish Council Meeting, following Mass



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	January 17
	10:45 am
Lector	Randy Pettit
Euch. Min.	Dan Rosener, Deb Weaver-Ripperger, Kathy Simmerman
Usher/Greet	Monty and Diane Ide
Servers	Steven and Trevor Fry
Money	Randy Wuebker, Darren Moore

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed for 2 weeks	\$1,818.82
December 27th-Jan. 3rd tithes (2 weeks)	\$2,044.00

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas. It looked beautiful. Thanks to the Hagen family for providing the cross evergreen wreath.. We will be "undecorating" after Mass this Sunday. Soup will be served for lunch!