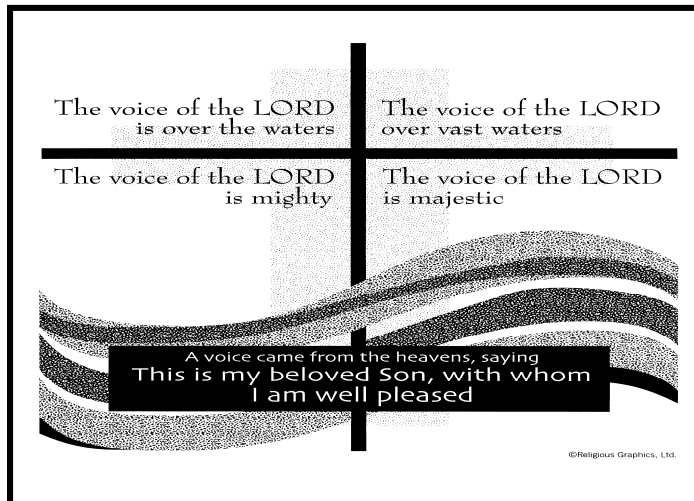


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

January 14/15, 2017

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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.

FROM FR. KEN

I was reading an article a while back that discussed what would be different for children that are born in 2017. A couple of things stood out, those who live in larger cities will most likely not ever learn how to drive because of the self driving car. Another thing, and this one is a bit scarier for me, and that is they will have lives that are going to be lived out more and more publically. By this I mean, many moments of their lives will be recorded and posted online that ever before. Every first step, dance recital, first pitch, first basket will be recorded and posted. They will also not use a regular camera or purchase a CD; really, I have not purchased a physical CD in years! This can be good, in that we can see some of those more important times of our and our children's lives, but it is also something that can be bad and things people say and do can affect them far beyond they ever imagined. Whenever we hire a teacher for the school, we do a "facebook stalk" of the candidate. This means that we go though some of their social media to see if there would be anything that could be questionable. Most people don't realize that once something is posted to the web, it is always out there somewhere. Just ask some of the movie stars who have had their private accounts hacked. The struggle is that we need to remember that we do not always need to be online to be on the line with God. Step away from the computer or phone and spend some time just being with God. Because while we will most likely not become famous for being a person of good prayer, we will never have to worry about what is online when we are on the line with God.

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

SIGNUP TODAY!

The Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Retreat for women will be held January 28th/29th at St. Malachy School. This weekend is the last weekend to sign-up. If you have any questions, please call Joanne Gibson, 782-8763.

O'RILEY CENTER OPEN HOUSE

The Creston community is invited to an Open House on Saturday, January 21st from 5:00-7:00 p.m., at The O'Riley Center/Creston Food Pantry located at 417 Wyoming Ave., Creston. A free-will soup supper will be held with profits going to the Food Pantry. On the menu: soup, relishes, pie and ice cream!!

LIFE

- ◆ The annual Mass for Life will be this Sunday, January 15th, 5:00 p.m., at Ss. John and Paul Church in Altoona. Join the bishops of Iowa in praying for the protection of life. The homilist will be Davenport Bishop Martin Amos.
- ◆ It's time to start thinking about joining the pilgrimage in January to Washington, D.C. and be a part of the annual March for Life. Iowans for LIFE is securing several buses to take pro-life Iowans to the march which will be January 27th. Go to IowansForLife.org for details.
- ◆ Crest Area for Life Annual Service for Life will be Sunday, January 22nd, 2:00 p.m. at the memorial stone in Calvary Cemetery. Everyone is invited to join in this time of prayer.

DAY IN THE LIFE

Do you have a nagging feeling that God may be calling you to the priesthood? Have you ever wondered what the seminary is like? The diocesan vocations office is hitting the road in the coming weeks, taking young men who are considering the seminary on trips to a couple of Midwest seminaries to see what they are like. See the campus, visit with seminarians and learn more about discernment. Contact Fr. Joe Pins for more information at 515-237-5050 or jpins@dmdiocese.org.

BULLETIN

- ◆ Just a reminder that you can find the bulletin online: www.holyspiritcreston.parishesonline.com.
www.stedwardafton.parishesonline.com
- ◆ Bulletin items are needed by noon on Wednesdays

MASS SCHEDULE

The SPIRIT of GOD
came upon him



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Monday January 16	Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit J. Eugene "Gene" Miller
Tuesday January 17	Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Bruce Weaver
Wednesday January 18	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Carroll Boden, Sr.
Thursday January 19	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Jessica Moeller
Friday January 20	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Vickie Jansen
Saturday January 21	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Dorothy E. Baker
Sunday January 22	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Don and Nellie Weisshaar 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of:

- ◆ Agnes Ecklund, sister of Anna Weis
- ◆ Joshua Connelly, infant son of Cristal Castaneda and Joshua Connelly
- ◆ Cheryl Keenan, mother of Lynn (Paul) Baker, LeAnn Keenan (Dave Storer), and Cheri Keenan
- ◆ Ron Levine, father-in-law of Ann Levine
- ◆ Clifford Purdum, uncle of Dennis (Connie) Purdum

CATHOLIC TUITION ORGANIZATION

Thanks to the generous donors in our diocese, the Catholic Tuition Organization raised \$3.2 million in 2016! Those funds will be given as tuition assistance to qualified families who want to send their children to one of our Catholic schools!! For more information, go online to www.CTOIowa.org.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	January 15	Coffee and Rolls after Mass, Hall
Monday	January 16	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m. Finance Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Parish Office
Tuesday	January 17	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Wednesday	January 18	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Rel. Education Class, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School (+Free Throw Contest)
Friday	January 20	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	January 21	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon



GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.36
January 8th tithes received	\$5,088.00

COFFEE AND ROLLS

The Family Life Committee will be serving donuts/rolls after Mass this Sunday. Milk and juice are also served. Join us in the parish hall for a light breakfast.



K OF C FREE THROW CONTEST

- ♦ Wednesday, January 18th, 6:45 p.m. for RE students at St. Malachy School
- ♦ Monday, January 23rd, for St. Malachy's students during PE class

Parents, please sign the blue shaded area of your child's entry form and return as soon as possible. Thank you! Questions: Call Bob McKee, 782-2352.

KC's DUES TIME

Knights of Columbus dues now payable. Please welcome new Financial Secretary Austin Berry with your prompt payment. Mail to Knights of Columbus #1228, PO Box 31, Creston, IA 50801). Thank you to all who have paid already.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Annual St. Malachy Foundation Dinner and Auction is set for Saturday, March 4th, at the SuperTel in Creston. Dinner and raffle tickets will soon be available.

CHECK OUT YOUR LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Des Moines offer a Christ-centered, safe, nurturing environment "Where Christ is the Principle." Students learn about our Catholic faith, live out their faith by serving others in need, and receive top academic training. Iowa Assessments and ACT scores are consistently higher than the state and national averages. Catholic Schools Week is January 29th—February 4th. Be watching for the line-up of activities!

HELPING HANDS

The ReRun Shop is always looking for a few more volunteers. Any amount of time you can give is helpful. There are lots of little jobs that need attention. Hours are:

Monday:	Sorting at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Open Hours Noon—5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Open Hours Noon—5:00 p.m.
Friday	Open Hours 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Open Hours 9:00-Noon
ReRun phone number: 641-202-4488	

FOOD MINISTRY

Open Table serves a free meal every Tuesday from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the UCC Congregational Church, 501 W. Montgomery St. Meals are served by various churches and civic organizations. Please use this service if it can benefit you and your family.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Jan. 21/22	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Steve Heffern Phyllis Allen	Joanne Gibson Kelsey Bailey
Eucharistic Ministers	Alice Reed T. & L. Root	Francis Doyle Karon Finn Steve McCann Al Pokorny Dean Schulte
Ushers	Paul Johnson Terri Koets L. & MJ Dorgan Joni Taylor	Missy Sickels Molly Sickels Barb Hudson L. & P. Blakesley Elaine Haines
Servers	Keeley Coen Carly Green	Anjel Saturno Lourdes Saturno Jackson Kinsella
Greeters	Ann Johnson Butch Miller	L. & P. Blakesley
Rosary Musicians	Ted Willets C. Fredrickson Danna Buls Devon Buls	Al Pokorny Lynn Baker Mike Peters
Money Counters	S. Hudek, B. McKee, M. McElroy	

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme: *God's plan in Christ begins to unfold in human history.*

Question for Children: If someone were to ask you "who is Jesus?" how would you answer?

Question of Youth: How are you able to see through all the busyness, the distractions, and the din of today's world to really see Christ as he makes present today? Where do you see him or experience his presence?

Question of Adults: In the gospel today, John tells us who Jesus is for him. If someone were to ask you, how would you answer this question: Who Jesus is for you?

NEW SCHEDULE

A new ministry schedule will be put together at the end of the month. Please contact the parish office if there are any changes that need to be made. New ministers are always welcome. Must be 4th grade or older to be a server.

News from St. Edward

Sunday	January 15	Parish Council Meeting following Mass
Wednesday	January 18	Rel. Education Classes, 6:15 p.m. Devotions, 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 22, 10:45 a.m.

Lector	Retta Ripperger
Eucharistic Minister	Georgia Pettit Mara Weis Jan Pettit
Ushers	Sharon Swanson Family
Servers	Steven Fry Trevor Fry
Money Counters	Dan Rosener Sharon Swanson

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$964.00
January 8th tithes received	\$500.00

THANKS

- ◆ Thanks to everyone who was able to help "undecorated" the church last Sunday.
- ◆ Thanks to all the ladies who provided food and/or worked at the two recent funeral dinners.
- ◆ The family of Don Weis would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and acts of kindness received during Don's illness and at the time of his death.
- ◆ The East Union ASPIRE "More" Christmas project thanks St. Edward's parish for their involvement with this service.