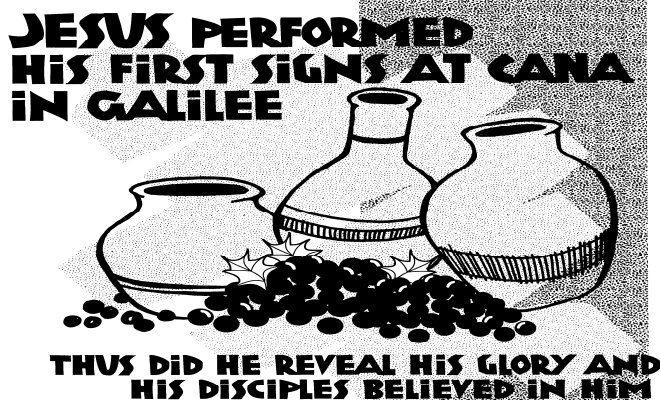


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

January 16/17, 2016

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



FROM FR. KEN:

Starting in a couple of weeks, you might notice a different set of commercials, after the caucuses, the political ads will stop or slow down, but they are going to be replaced with something different. Catholic advertising. If you remember a couple of months ago, we did a special collection for a diocese wide program called Catholics Come Home. This program is one that targets the Catholics that have not been practicing their faith and invites them to come back. A large part of this program is media, there will be television, radio, and print ads inviting people to either come, or come back to the Catholic Church. In other diocese where this program has run, the parishes have seen a 10-20% increase of average Mass attendance which is wonderful. People have left the Church for various reasons, but most have simply just drifted away, and when invited back, they start coming back. Now, this program is not just going to be “hey, father, you take care of this” it is going to need the support of all of us. I feel that we are two wonderful church communities in both Holy Spirit and St Edwards, so being welcoming is not one that I am worried about, however, please refrain from the “hey, long time no see” , or “see, the roof did not cave in” when you see someone that you have not seen in a while. We want people to know that they are welcome back, but some are going to have some concerns or going to need some help. When someone asks a question, try and answer it the best you can, but if you do not know the answer tell them and that you will help them find it. One of the things I hope this process does is that we all who are “regular attendees” will take this opportunity to learn more about our own faith.

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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

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.

JANUARY DIAPER DRIVE

The LifeCare Clinic in Creston is collecting diapers for their Earn While You Learn Program. Mom's and dad's are able to "purchase" diapers and other baby necessities in the Baby Boutique. Life Care is collecting Huggies, Pampers, and Luvs in sizes 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Creston's clinic is open Monday: 10:00a.m.-2:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday: 1:00-7:00 p.m. Diapers may be dropped off during those hours. LifeCare is located at 1109 S. Sumner.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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 will be January 31st-February 6th. For a listing of all the open houses or more information about the schools, visit dmdiocese.org and click on Schools.

CONTEST

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be holding an education contest for those in grades 4-12 and CDA members. Entry categories are essay, poetry, art, computer art, music and photography. Contestants may enter more than one category. Entries should be postmarked by Feb. 5 or hand delivered by Feb. 9, 5 pm, to Retta Ripperger, 114 N Elm, Creston. There will be prizes awarded locally as well as nationally.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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.

Do whatever he tells you



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Monday January 18	Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Victoria Jansen
Tuesday January 19	Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m., St. Edward 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Joe Weinkoetz
Wednesday January 20	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Kirk Cooper
Thursday January 21	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Living/Deceased Members of the CCW
Friday January 22	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Jessica Moeller
Saturday January 23	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Don and Nellie Weisshaar
Sunday January 24	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Glenna Sullivan 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

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.

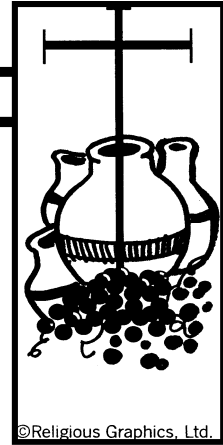
THANK YOU.....

To all the individuals who helped pay for the books "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly this past Christmas. There are still a few books in the back of the church if you did not receive one. They are free, please pick one up.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat./Sunday	January 16/17	CRHP Ladies Retreat, St. Malachy School
Monday	January 18	Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Tuesday	January 19	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Wednesday	January 20	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Religious Education Classes, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School
Thursday	January 21	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	January 22	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	January 23	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon



GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 8,154.00
January 10th tithes	\$11,937.00

THANK YOU

A huge thanks to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations last weekend!

PRAYER TREE

Our parish has a prayer tree whose members pray for families/friends who are in need of our prayers. If you would like to be a member of the prayer tree or know someone in need of prayer, call Mary Wichhart, 782-2289, or Pat Pokorny, 782-4291. Email: Mary at dmwichhart@iowatelecom.net or Pat at ppokorny@windstream.net.

GOT AN HOUR TO SPARE?

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 (like straightening books or racks.). Regular hours are:

Tuesday: Noon-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Noon-5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Sorting is done on Mondays (starting at 9:00 a.m.) on donations received over the weekend. Just stop over anytime if you can help!

ReRun Phone: 641-202-4488

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

SCRIP

Local Scrip cards are available after the weekend Masses or you can place your order at St. Malachy School before 9:00 a.m. on Monday and pick up your cards Thursday afternoon. There are hundreds of national cards that can be purchased. Check out the website: www.glscrip.com.

FOOD CONTAINERS

Food containers that have not been picked up are placed in the furnace room in the church basement. After 6 months they will be given to the ReRun Shop.

BULLETIN ONLINE

Just a reminder that you can find the bulletin online: www.holyspiritcreston.parishesonline.com.

BULLETIN DUE DATE

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

ST. MALACHY STUDENTS

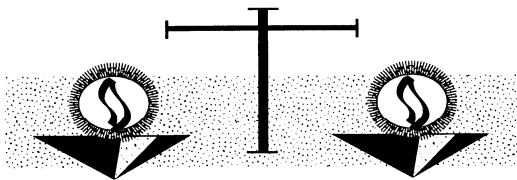
A reminder that the Annual Free-Throw Contest will be Monday at St. Malachy School. Please remember to bring your forms to school!

WE PRAY TO THE LORD.....

Lord Jesus, help us to be always conscious of the needs of others and our responsibility to be generous stewards of all the gifts we have received and to share them with the Church and the poor.

COMING UP.....

Knights of Columbus Breakfast: February 7th after Mass. On the menu: Ham and Eggs.



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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: *Grace is God's free gift to us.*

Question for Children: What is one special gift that God has given to you to share with your friends or classmates?

Question for Youth: Jesus got his start in ministry through the urging of his mother. Who urges you to pray, go to church, and do good works?

Question for Adults: God fills each of us with grace (miracles) and gifts, what is one grace (miracle) or gift that you have shared with your family.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 23/24	5:15 pm	9:00 am
Lectors	Phyllis Allen	Paul Baker
	Steve Heffern	Joanne Bucklin
Eucharistic Ministers	Linda Hartsock	Francis Doyle
	Jean Miller	Karon Finn
	L. Iyagbaye II	Steve McCann
		E. & M. Gammell
Ushers	T. & C. Sevier	R. & M. Baker Family
	T. & K. Freml	L. & P. Blakesley
	L. & MJ. Dorgan	
Servers	Nevaeh Kuhlman	Gavin Evans
	Haley Simmons	Aiden Evans
	Ashton Carter	Jacob Zachary
Greeters	T. & C. Sevier	L. & P. Blakesley
Rosary	Bob Jansen	Al Pokorny
Musicians	C. Fredrickson	Bill & Julia
	Danna Buls	Weisshaar Mullin
Money Counters	Todd Dunphy, Tom Dunphy, Luke Baker	

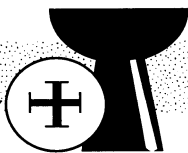
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News from St. Edward Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	January 17	Parish Council Meeting, following Mass
Wednesday	January 20	Religious Education, 6:15 p.m.
		Devotions, 6:30 p.m.
		Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School

**THE LORD IS WITH US
BODY, BLOOD
SOUL AND DIVINITY**



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 24	10:45 am
Lector	Retta Ripperger
Euch. Min.	Darren Moore
	Ellie Fry
	Karen Jones
Usher/Greet	Monty and Diane Ide
Servers	Steven and Trevor Fry
Money Counters	Randy Wuebker, Darren Moore

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$909.41
January 10th tithes	\$740.00

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.

WE PRAY TO THE LORD.....

For all those who care for the needy, may their offerings be true expressions of gratitude to God for his many blessings.