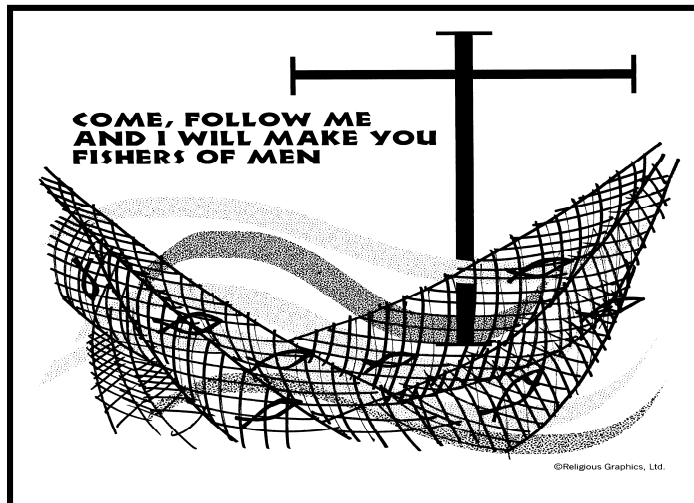


# HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

January 21/22, 2017

Third 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

Questions, questions, who has questions? We all question some things, sometimes it is part of our natural human response to question things. Asking questions about the faith is something else that is good to do, but we do need to seek out the answer. When we ask questions and seek out the reasons behind the issue we have, we may not always agree with the reason, but then we can understand why. Some very famous Catholic writers began with simply asking a question and this question led them to write. One of the most prolific writers in our Church was St Thomas Aquinas. He wrote the couple of thousand page work, the Summa Theologica based on one simple question, "who is God?" When he was finished with it he stated that it was all straw and should be burned because he could not explain God. Even though St. Thomas realized that he could not explain or prove the existence of God, it does not mean that the work that he did was in vain. It is only in seeking that we can find and the beginning question led St. Thomas on the journey of trying to discover God, and in the end even though he could not fully answer the question it still led him to a closer relationship with God. He questioned the faith and in looking for answers deepened it and so can we.

So, do you have a question about the faith or teaching of the Church that you do not understand? Do you have a topic that you would like to see in a bulletin article? If so, feel free to drop me a note. If you want it to be anonymous, just write it on a piece of paper and put it in the collection basket with my name on it and I will get it.

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

## THIS SATURDAY.....

The Creston community is invited to an Open House 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!!

## NEXT WEEKEND.....

Catholic Schools Week will run January 29th-February 3rd. In conjunction with Catholic Schools Week all parishes in the diocese are asked to take a second collection for Project HOPE. Proceeds provide needy families in the Diocese of Des Moines tuition assistance so that their children can attend a Catholic school. Your generosity is appreciated.

## LIFE SERVICES

- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Be a part of the annual March for Life in Washington DC. Iowans for LIFE is securing several buses to take pro-life Iowans to the march which will be January 27th. Go to [IowansForLife.org](http://IowansForLife.org) for details.

## KC's DUES

Knights of Columbus dues are 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.

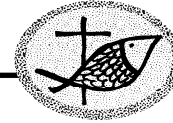
## COUNSELING SERVICES

The Catholic Charities counseling program now has an intern available to see therapy clients who do not have insurance. Anyone who is not covered under health insurance is eligible to see the therapy intern for a fee based on family income and number of people in the household. Contact Cheryl Maes at 515-237-5045 for more information or to set up an appointment.

## MARCH 4TH IS THE DATE

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.

## MASS SCHEDULE



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<b>Monday</b> <b>January 23</b>	<b>Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m.</b> <b>6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit</b> Anton and Mary Halbur
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>January 24</b>	<b>Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m.</b> <b>8:30 a.m., St. Edward</b> Leonard and Gail Feld
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>January 25</b>	<b>9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School</b> Gene Dunphy
<b>Thursday</b> <b>January 26</b>	<b>7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b> Joseph Baker
<b>Friday</b> <b>January 27</b>	<b>7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b> Leo Baker
<b>Saturday</b> <b>January 28</b>	<b>5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit</b> Mert Link
<b>Sunday</b> <b>January 29</b>	<b>9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit</b> For the People <b>10:45 a.m., St. Edward</b> Pete and Ava Jean Weis

## SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of David Kinsella, brother of Dennis (Kay) Kinsella. May he, and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.

## HELPING HANDS

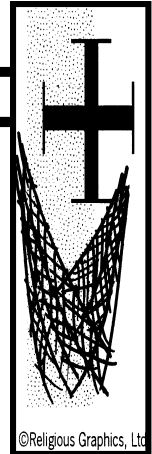
The ReRun Shop is always looking for a few more volunteers. Any amount of time you can give is helpful. There are lots of little jobs that need attention. Hours are:

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	

# News from Holy Spirit Parish

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	January 22	Prayer for Life Service, 2:00 p.m., Calvary Cemetery
Monday	January 23	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m. Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Tuesday	January 24	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	January 25	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. High School Youth, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Rel. Education Class, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	January 27	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	January 28	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	January 29	Kick off of Catholic Schools Week: Brunch following Mass, Hall



## GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.36
January 15th tithes received	\$6,581.00

## SUNDAY BREAKFAST

- ♦ St. Malachy PTO will be serving brunch after Mass next Sunday for the kick-off of Catholic Schools Week.
- ♦ The Knights of Columbus will serve a sausage and pancake breakfast after Mass on Sunday, February 5th. Profits from KC breakfasts are given to St. Malachy School and Holy Spirit Religious Education department. The breakfast committee: Ted Willets (chair), Bob Jansen, Al Pokorny, Mike Moffitt, Larry Bailey, Mike King, Pat Schlapia, John Paul Pokorny, Randy Huewe, Roger Baker, Dan Wichhart, Clint Brown, Larry Wagner, Tim Root, Bryan Mostek, Richard Brown, Jeff Kinsella, Dennis Nelson and Dean Schulte.

## K OF C FREE THROW CONTEST

Monday, January 23rd, for St. Malachy 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.

## 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.

## PARISH COUNCIL RECAP

The Council met Tuesday, January 17th. **Organization report was from the CCW:** 40 women have paid their dues; fabric for the recovering of the church pews has been ordered but has not come in; the CCW paid for the cleaning of the hall carpet; December's meeting was a potluck with music provided by St. Malachy 5th grade. **Old Business:** We will get two more bids for the demolishing of the old ReRun Shop. Soliciting will soon begin on the capital campaign for the addition to St. Malachy School. We will be applying for several grants to help fund this project. The goal is to begin ground work this summer. The float in the Christmas parade came together well with 15 to 20 kids participating. **New Business:** 2017 Food Fair was discussed. **Committee Reports:** Building/Safety/Grounds: The need for an altar railing was stressed. Work is being done in the sacristy with cleaning of the wood, patching holes, painting, etc. The west storage room needs to be reorganized. The need for a small flat bed trailer for the parish was discussed. Family Life: Coffee and rolls served last Sunday; will serve again February 19th. Newcomer packet to Michael Brennan was distributed. Social Concerns: Giving tree was well received. Food pantry is growing. Christmas Dinner was successful with approximately 150 meals served, delivered or taken out. Monetary donations received for the Christmas dinner that were not spent go into the parish's needy fund account. Liturgy: Great help in decorating the church for Christmas. Finance: ReRun Shop is doing very well and a huge asset to the school's budget. The parish and Calvary Cemetery were named in Roberta Ambrose's estate. We are in year three of the diocesan capital campaign. Faith Formation: Advent Activity night well attended; 8th grade retreat is March 12th; Confirmation retreat date will soon be set. February 19th is First Eucharist Parent Meeting. The school now has 1 to 1 ratio of computers and students. Jan Lesan is the new PE teacher. FACTS tuition program will be used in all diocesan schools next year. CRHP women's retreat has been postponed.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>Jan. 28/29</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Terri Koets Bob Miller	Catholic Schools Week: St. Malachy students and families will handle the ministries
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Linda Hartsock Pat Miller Alice Reed	
<b>Ushers</b>	D. & B. Baker T. & L. Root J. & T. Latus	
<b>Servers</b>	Sydney Strunk N. Kuhlman	Anthony Eblen Vincent Eblen Madalyn Kinsella
<b>Greeters</b>	Betty Baker Ben Brightwell	
<b>Rosary Musicians</b>	Bob Jansen Mike Burke Heather Burke	Kelsey Bailey Linda Taylor Jolene Griffith
<b>Money Counters</b>	Elaine Haines, Karin Freml, June Huewe	

*If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute.*

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*Theme: Jesus calls us to follow him; our lives will never be the same.*

**Question for Children:** How do you hear Jesus calling you to do what he wants you to?

**Question for Youth:** As you grow into young adulthood, Jesus calls you to follow him in particular ways, both big and small. What are some of the small ways in which Jesus calls you to follow him?

**Question for Adults:** How does Jesus call you to assist in his ministry: the building up of the Reign of God? How do you know what God wants of you in this regard?

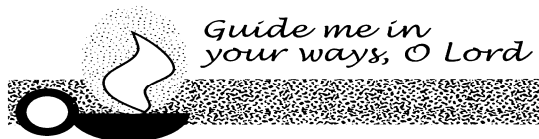


## NEW SCHEDULE: LAST CALL

A new ministry schedule will be put together this week. 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

Wednesday	January 25	Rel. Education Classes, 6:15 p.m. Devotions, 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School
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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**January 29, 10:45 a.m.**

<b>Lector</b>	Dan Rosener
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Sharon Findley Deb Weaver-Ripperger Kathy Simmerman
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan & Carol Waigand Family
<b>Servers</b>	Jillian Valencia Hayden Waigand
<b>Money Counters</b>	Dan Rosener Sharon Swanson

## GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$964.00
January 15th tithes received	\$487.00

## 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.

## MARYKNOLL COLLECTION

Next Sunday, January 29th, will be the monthly collection for Maryknoll Missions. We send Maryknoll Missions \$100.00 every month and our last Sunday of the month plate collection goes towards this donation. As always, thank you for your generosity.