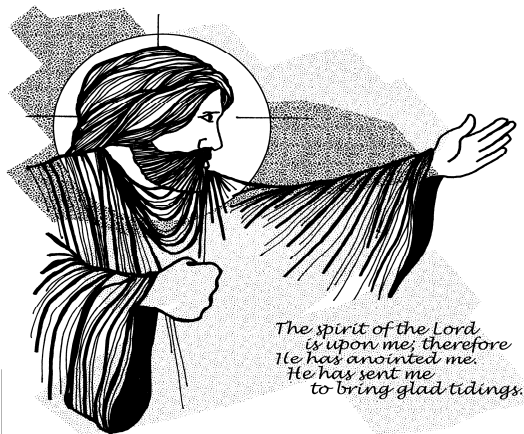


# HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

January 23/24, 2016

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



*The spirit of the Lord  
is upon me; therefore  
He has anointed me.  
He has sent me  
to bring glad tidings.*

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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:

Are you holding to your New Year's Resolution? About 60% of Americans will make a resolution for the New Year, and after two weeks, over half of the people will have already broken it. Some of the top resolutions are to lose weight, cut down debt, quit smoking, staying fit, spend more time with family, get organized, and live life to the fullest. While all of these things are good goals, something that can help us in all of these, is to increase our relationship with God. One of the keys of success to achieving any goal is to have something specific and obtainable, to say I am going to lose weight or pray more does not give us something specific, but is kind of fuzzy and thus hard to follow. Sometimes we have to just set some time aside or plan on doing something. I set aside time in the morning, afternoon, and evening for prayer, now sometimes something else interferes with those times and the prayer time gets changed, but I try and hold to those times. Each and every one of us can do something similar, while we are all busy people it does not take a lot of time to say a few prayers of thanksgiving, blessings for someone, for strength, wisdom, or whatever we need or are grateful for. We can just put a number or word in our calendar just to remind us to pray and spend a few minutes with God. It can be for 5 min to say a decade of the rosary, getting up 10 minutes earlier, turning the radio off in the car and praying while we drive, while we sit in our car eating lunch, or for half an hour at the church, whatever time we have Even Jesus went alone to pray, let's use that example of his prayer to guide us in our prayer life.

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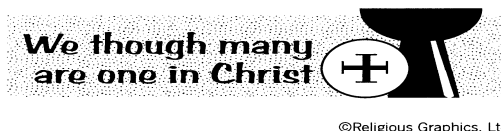
St. Malachy School, 403 W. Clark Street, Creston  
Holy Spirit Church, 107 W. Howard Street, Creston

## KNIGHTS: PLEASE NOTE

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: 10:00 a.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.

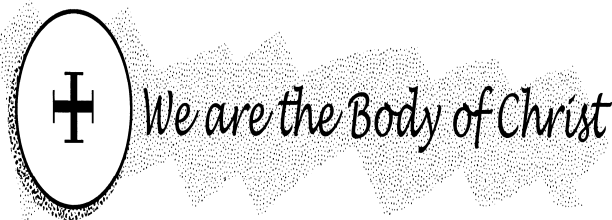


## AROUND THE DIOCESE

- ◆ The first Iowa Catholic Women's Conference will be February 13th at St. Francis Parish in West Des Moines, sponsored by Iowa Catholic Radio. Doors open at 7:00 a.m.; rosary at 7:30 a.m.; Mass at 8:00 a.m. and the program begins at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$25.00 per person plus an optional \$10 for a sack lunch. Register online at [iowacatholicradio.com/events](http://iowacatholicradio.com/events) or at the door.
- ◆ 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](http://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.

## SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Deanne Hoffman, wife of Brad Hoffman and mother to Adam and Ryan Hoffman. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.



<b>Monday January 25</b>	<b>Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit</b> Dorothy Baker
<b>Tuesday January 26</b>	<b>Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m., St. Edward 8:30 a.m., St. Edward</b> Duane Brown
<b>Wednesday January 27</b>	<b>9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School</b> Naomi Dunphy
<b>Thursday January 28</b>	<b>7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b> Living/Deceased Members of the CCW
<b>Friday January 29</b>	<b>7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b> Don & Nellie Weisshaar
<b>Saturday January 30</b>	<b>5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit</b> Mert Link
<b>Sunday January 31</b>	<b>9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit</b> For the People <b>10:45 a.m., St. Edward</b> Lewis Ripperger

## EDUCATION 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 February 5th or hand delivered by February 9th, 5:00 pm, to Retta Ripperger, 114 N Elm, Creston. There will be prizes awarded locally as well as nationally.

## PROJECT HOPE

There will be a second collection for Project HOPE next weekend. Proceeds provide needy families in the Diocese of Des Moines tuition assistance so that their children can attend a Catholic school. An envelope is attached to the bulletin if you choose to give to this collection.

# News from Holy Spirit Parish

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	January 25	Finance Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Parish Office
Tuesday	January 26	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	January 27	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 Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Thursday	January 28	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	January 29	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	January 30	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	January 31	Brunch after Mass for Kick-Off of Catholic Schools Week, Hall

If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; If one member is honored, all the members share its joy.

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## GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
January 17th tithes	\$4,364.00

## 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](http://dmdiocese.org) and click on Schools.
- ◆ To kick-off Catholic Schools Week the students and their families will be fulfilling the ministries next weekend at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Following Mass, the PTO will be serving a brunch in the parish hall. Everyone is invited

## TRIVIA FUNDRAISER JANUARY 30

St. Malachy PTO has planned its first Trivia Night fundraiser starting with social hour at 6:00 p.m. and trivia starting at 7:00 p.m. at Crestmoor Golf Club. Reserve a table as a team or signup as an individual and you will be placed with a team. Teams of up to eight people are signed up at \$25 per person. To register a team complete the registration form at [www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084aa8aa23a4fd0-trivia](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084aa8aa23a4fd0-trivia) or contact Beth Kulow at 641-344-6269. Cash bar and light snacks will be available.

## COMING UP.....

Knights of Columbus Breakfast: February 7th after Mass. On the menu: Ham, Scrambled Eggs and Biscuits. If you find it difficult to go thru a buffet line, please know there are Knights available to fill your plate and bring it to you at your table. This is a free will donation breakfast with the proceeds going to St. Malachy School teachers. It is the goal of the Knights to supply each teacher \$100 toward items needed in their classroom. If you are not able to attend the breakfast, buckets will be available in the back of church if you wish to leave a donation. The kitchen committee: Butch Miller (chr.), Bob Jansen, Al Pokorny, Mike Moffitt, Larry Bailey, Mike King, Pat Schlapia, John Paul Pokorny, Randy Huewe, Roger Baker, Bob McKee, Dan Wichhart, Clint Brown, Larry Wagner, Tim Root, Rick Brown, Jeff Kinsella, Dennis Nelson, Steve Wilson, Bryan Mostek, and Dean Schulte.

## AUCTION AND DINNER

Mark your calendar for the Annual St. Malachy Auction and Dinner Gala on Saturday, March 5th, at the SuperTel Conference Center. Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. on the 5th (no 5:15 p.m. Mass).

## PRAVERS FOR KATE DOSTART

Please keep Kate Dostart in your prayers. Kate is the daughter of Jim and Mary Kay Dostart and former parishioner of Holy Spirit. Kate (age 34) is in need of a kidney transplant and is currently receiving dialysis at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. The family is searching for a kidney donor. If you would be interested in learning about donating a kidney, please call Iowa Methodist at 515-241-4044.

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Theme:** *Jesus is the one sent by God to save us.*

**Question for Children:** Jesus is present to each of us in a different way. Tell about a time that you knew Jesus was with you.

**Question for Youth:** Name a moment or situation in your life where Jesus was present. What are some situations or places where you wish that Jesus was more visible?

**Question for Adults:** Jesus came to bring glad tidings to the poor and set free the enslaved. How has this mission of Christ in the world affected you personally?

## PRAYER TREE

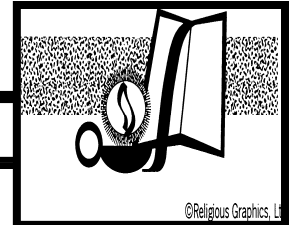
Our parish has a prayer tree whose members pray for families/friends who are in need of our prayers. If you would like to be a member of the prayer tree or know someone in need of prayer, call Mary Wichhart, 782-2289, or Pat Pokorny, 782-4291. Email: Mary at [dmwichhart@iowatelecom.net](mailto:dmwichhart@iowatelecom.net)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

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>January 30/31</b>	<b>5:15 pm</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Alice Reed Bob Miller	St. Malachy students and families will fulfill the ministries
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Steve Heffern Phyllis Allen Alice Reed	
<b>Ushers</b>	Paul Johnson Butch Miller Rick & Janet Brown Joni Taylor Family	
<b>Servers</b>	Devon Buls Daniel Buls Noah Drey	
<b>Greeters</b>	Rick & Janet Brown	
<b>Rosary</b>	Ted Willets	
<b>Musicians</b>	Molly Ternus Heather Sitek	Linda Taylor Mike Peters
<b>Money Counters</b>	Scott Coen, Paul Varner, Ryan Mohr	

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

# News from St. Edward Parish



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday January 27 Religious Education, 6:15 p.m.  
Devotions, 6:30 p.m.  
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School  
Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall

## MARYKNOLL MISSIONS

Next Sunday will be our monthly plate collection to the Maryknoll Missions. St. Edward's sends \$100 a month to the Maryknoll Missions and our plate collection goes towards this donation.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations at the church. The help was greatly appreciated!

## BULLETIN ONLINE

Just a reminder that you can find the bulletin online: [www.stedwardafton.parishesonline.com](http://www.stedwardafton.parishesonline.com).

## GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$909.41
January 17th tithes	\$665.00

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>January 31</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Dan Rosener
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	Georgia Pettit Mara Weis Jan Pettit
<b>Usher/Greet</b>	Doug Pettit Family
<b>Servers</b>	Bailey Hopkins Olivia Moore
<b>Money Counters</b>	Randy Wuebker Darren Moore

