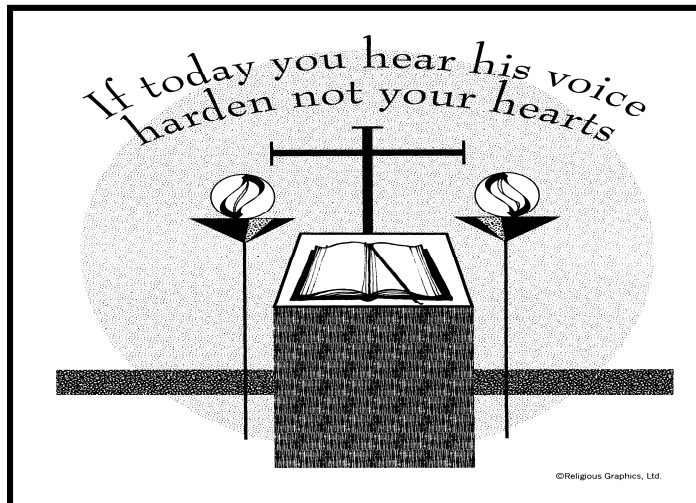


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

January 28/29, 2017

Fourth 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

One of the phrases I kind of dislike is "It's better to ask for forgiveness than ask for permission." The reason that I don't like it is, because it is great for the person doing it, but not so much for the one who will be affected. The difficulty is that it begins inherently with the premise that what I am doing is most likely wrong and will affect someone negatively, but I really want to do it anyway, so I am. Wouldn't it be better to just not do something, or discuss what you are planning with someone instead of just doing it? It is interesting because while we say this sometimes and it is ok but if someone comes to us after having already done this we often times get upset. The other thing is that when what we have done goes wrong, we don't often actually go to the person to ask for forgiveness. Also, even if we do take the time to ask for forgiveness, it does not take away the fact that we did something that would harm someone else in some way, and that is often something that we cannot forget. We cannot change the past, but we can change how we do thing in the future. One of the things that we really need to keep in mind is the respect for the other person. We need to have that care and concern for other people to actually sit and talk with them. Many times I have an email or a text ready to send, and decide that it is much better to call or go and see them because sometimes the intention is lost in the impersonal text and so much more can be said in even a short conversation. So if we are considering doing something questionable, take a few minutes and talk to the person that might be affected.

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 SCHOOLS WEEK

This is national Catholic Schools Week! Here in the Diocese of Des Moines, we 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. As we celebrate Catholic School Week, be sure to attend the events that will be held during the week. Here is what is happening at St. Malachy School:

Sunday

Students and families help with the ministries at Mass. Brunch following provided by the PTO.

Monday

Students bring a sack lunch and eat with Advent Angels while the faculty and staff are provided lunch by the PTO. Blue and Gold Day

Tuesday

Student Appreciation Day. 1:30-3:00 p.m. students Vs. teachers. Sports Day

Wednesday

Community Appreciation Day with Chamber of Commerce Coffee at 9:00 a.m. Advent Angels make Valentines for servicemen and women and local nursing homes. PreK-2nd grade visit local nursing homes. America Day

Thursday

School Appreciation Day; Talent Show. Pajama Day

Friday

Grandparents/Special Guest Day Mass, 1:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit with reception following. Dress Up Day

POSTPONED

The Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Retreat for women which was to be held this weekend has been postponed.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Life can change in the blink of an eye and you may find yourself widowed, separated, or divorced. Beginning Experience can help, you do not have to suffer alone. Contact Dana Reed, 515-975-3745, or Mike Losee, 515-360-8268, to learn more.

MEN: MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Knights of Columbus will hold a men's stag Wednesday, February 22nd. This is for all men (not just KC members). More information to come.

MASS SCHEDULE

Accept our gifts also, O Lord



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Monday January 30	Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Our Country, Our Leaders, Our Families
Tuesday January 31	Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Margaret Brosnahan
Wednesday February 1	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Jessica Moeller
Thursday February 2	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Dick Fries
Friday February 3	1:30 p.m., Holy Spirit Don and Nellie Weisshaar
Saturday February 4	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Mike Schlapia
Sunday February 5	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit For the People 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Patricia Auffert

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of:

- ◆ Helen Dunlap, aunt of Dan (Mary) Wichhart
- ◆ Oscar Lovell, husband of Theresa, and father of Leslie (Ned) Tyler, Mick (Rhonda) Lovell and Jon (Pam) Lovell
- ◆ Delores Schieffer, wife of Vince, and mother of Tom (Debbie) Schieffer, Steve (Diane) Schieffer, Scott (Colleen) Schieffer, Terry (Julie) Schieffer, Mark (Alice) Schieffer, Jane (Kevin) Mahan, and Jodi Mobley

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly meeting: February 1st, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

News from Holy Spirit Parish



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	January 29	Brunch after Mass, Hall
Monday	January 30	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	January 31	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	February 1	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Rel. Education Class, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	February 3	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 4	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Saturday/Sunday	February 4/5	Monthly Food Pantry Drive
Sunday	February 5	Pancakes and Sausage Breakfast after Mass, Hall

GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.36
January 22nd tithes received	\$6,122.00

PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

The Knights will be serving breakfast after Mass Sunday, February 5th. Everyone is invited to this free-will offering breakfast. Money raised goes to St. Malachy School teachers and the parish religious education department. February committee: Ted Willets (chair), Bob Jansen, Al Pokorny, Mike Moffitt, Bryan Mostek, Dan Wichhart, Clint Brown, Larry Wagner, Tim Root, Mike King, Pat Schlapia, John Paul Pokorny, Randy Huewe, Roger Baker, Rick Brown, Jeff Kinsella, Dennis Nelson, Dean Schulte.

DINNER AND AUCTION

The Annual St. Malachy Foundation Dinner and Auction is set for Saturday, March 4th, at the SuperTel in Creston. Dinner tickets will soon be available. Please note: Saturday night Mass on March 4th will be at 4:00 p.m.

MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

February 4/5 is the monthly Food Pantry Drive. Non-perishable and personal care items are collected and distributed between MATURA and the Creston Food Pantry. There is a donation box in the back of church for you to place your items in. Items are needed year round.....not just at the holidays. There are also envelopes available if you wish to make a cash donation to the Creston Food Pantry which purchases food from the Iowa Food Pantry at very discounted prices.

DRUM ROLL PLEASE.....

Winners of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship held January 18th thru January 23rd:

Age	Girls	Boys
9	Taryn Fredrickson	Marshall Long
10	Jersey Foote	Dillon Starlin
11	Keely Coen	McCoy Haines
12	Haley Simmons	Patrick Varner
13	Rylie Driskell	Briley Hayes
14	Samantha Dunphy	Keagan Smith

These winners will compete in District Competition Sunday, February 5th, 2:30 p.m. in the Clarke High School Gym. A huge thanks to Bob Jansen, Jerry Katzer, Francis Doyle, Scott Valencia, Jan Lesan, Barb Hudson, and June Huewe for their help with the contest.

ST. MALACHY SCHOOL

Start planning your child's future now! St. Malachy Preschool & Kindergarten is seeking little scientists, doctors, authors and dreamers.



St. Malachy School is hosting information nights soon! Kindergarten: February 7th, 2017 and Preschool: February 21st, 2017. Please contact Sarah Lane if you would like to receive information about attending or enrolling. Spots are filling up fast! Tuition assistance is available. slane@crestonstmalachy or 641-782-7125.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Feb. 4/5	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Chris Mansour	Al Pokorny
	Pat Schlapia	Pat Pokorny
Eucharistic Ministers	Jennifer Simmons	Paul Baker
	Steve Heffern	Karen Fries
	Phyllis Allen	Theresa Pudenz
		G. & J. Bucklin
Ushers	Bob & Lisa	Sue Bissell
	Miller Family	Jacque Eblen Family
	Terri Koets	
Servers	Daniel Buls	Jacob Zachary
	Haley Simmons	Olivia Burwell
		Marie Mullin
Greeters	J. & T. Latus	Sue Bissell
		Virginia Aguilar
Rosary Musicians	Ted Willets	Mary S. McDonald
	C. Fredrickson	Lynn Baker
	Rose Wignall	Danna & Devon Buls
Money Counters	Todd Dunphy, Tom Dunphy, Luke Baker	

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme: *The Beatitudes—a way of life—a map of happiness.*

Question for Children: Choose one of the Beatitudes and share how you will make it part of your life.

Question for Youth: Jesus gives us a plan for our happiness in the beatitudes. Do the things that make you happiest also lead you towards God? Do they follow God's plan?

Question for Adults: How do you describe what it means to be "blest" in your own life?

CRESTON AREA FOOD PANTRY

The pantry is located at 417 Wyoming Ave. in the lower level.

Food distribution is every Sunday from 12 noon — 2:00 p.m. The

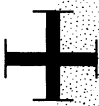
Food Pantry is partner with the Food Bank of Iowa which is dedicated to alleviating hunger in Iowa.



News from St. Edward

Wednesday February 1 Rel. Education Classes, 6:15 p.m.
Devotions, 6:30 p.m.



 *We are the people
the Lord shepherds,
the flock he guides*

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 5, 10:45 a.m.

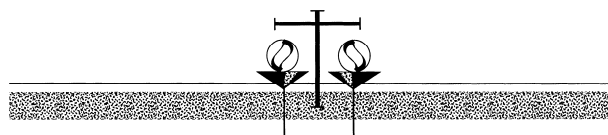
Lector	Wayne Wuebker
Eucharistic Minister	Dan Rosener
	Darren Moore
	Ellie Fry
Ushers	Fritz & Lois Weis Family
Servers	Draven Moore
	Hunter Swanson
Money Counters	Eric Ripperger
	Sharon Swanson

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$964.00
January 22nd tithes received	\$919.00

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.



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SATURDAY CONFESSION

February 4th: 8:30-9:30 a.m.