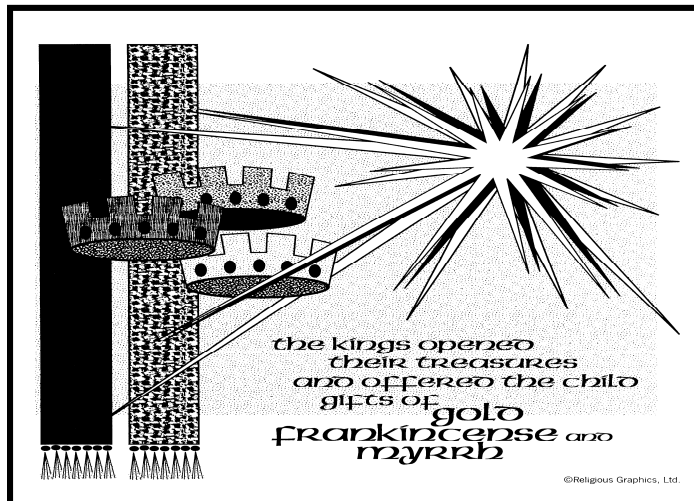


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

January 7/8, 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord



FROM FR. KEN

This time of year is usually difficult. We have finished the Christmas season, so there is not something big to look forward to or to prepare for, we are recovering from either us traveling or others traveling to us, we are finished with most of the parties, and worst of all, the credit card bills from all of the Christmas shopping that we have done, are coming due. On top of that, the weather is cold and the daylight is short. The animals still need to be fed and we need to make sure that they have water that they can drink. This is the time of year in which people tend to get kind of grumpy, but we should not allow ourselves to do that. Sometimes we need to make sure that we spend some time in the present. This means that we do not always need to be preparing for things. We spent the month of December preparing ourselves and our homes for Christmas, but that is now over, and we should be able to relax, but I know that it is not the case for a number of us. We still have things going on, we need to prepare for planting, livestock sales, etc. Sometimes, we fail to just do, we get caught up in remembering the things from the past, or are too caught up in what will, or even something that may or may not happen. Take some time here after the Christmas season to just spend some time in the now. Spend time praying, some time with the spouse and children, spend some time reading, on hobbies, exercising, or whatever. We do fall into this habit of trying to always be busy, but in the end, sometimes we just need to put everything else down and away, and just be, be with God.

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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

CRHP RETREAT

The next Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Retreat for women will be held January 28th/29th at St. Malachy School. Sign-up sheets are in both churches.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Monthly Mass and Dinner/Meeting: Tuesday, January 10th, 6:00 p.m., at Holy Spirit. Committee: Betty Baker (Chr.), Artie Mullin, Barb Bennett, Susan Kosman, Shirley Murphy. Program: Creston Area Food Pantry by Mark and Mary O'Riley. Business: Plan cookies for shut-ins.

MARCH FOR LIFE SIGNUP

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.

IN 2017 LET'S TRY TO DO THIS!

The top 10 things to promote vocations

1. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.
2. Teach young people how to pray.
3. Invite active young adults and teens to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.
4. Make it attractive—Show the priesthood for what it truly is: A call to be a spiritual father to the whole family of faith.
5. Preach it, brother! Vocations must be talked about regularly if a "vocation culture" is to take root in parishes and homes.
6. Practice the faith: We all need to be reminded that the whole point of our lives is to grow in a deep intimate and loving relationship with God.
7. Enter into the Silence. Silence is key to sanity and wholeness. We can only "hear" the voice of God if we are quiet.
8. Be a good disciple. By discovering your call to discipleship, you also discover your particular call within the Church.
9. Ask God. Ask God what He wants for your life and know He only wants what is good for you.
10. Just do it! If you feel that God is inviting you to "try it out", apply to the seminary or religious order.

Please pray to the Lord of the Harvest for many more to say "Yes!" to His Call. For the harvest is plentiful but the Laborers are few.

MASS SCHEDULE



Accept our gifts also, O Lord

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Monday January 9	Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Betty Strauss
Tuesday January 10	9:00 a.m., Afton Care Center Duane Brown 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Dorothy Peak
Wednesday January 11	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Ed Pesik
Thursday January 12	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Bernardine Bradley
Friday January 13	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Chris Burlingame
Saturday January 14	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit C. J. Miller
Sunday January 15	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit For the People 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Don Weis

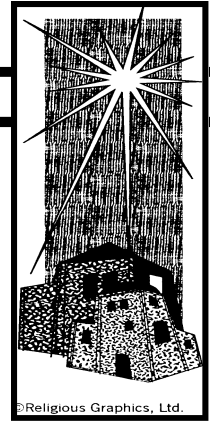
SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Don Weis, husband of Anna, and father of Stephen (Della) Weis, Alan (Kelly) Weis, Brian Weis, Michael (Valerie) Weis, Carl (Brooke) Weis, Louis (Cindy) Weis, Thomas (Dawn) Weis, Matthew (Julie) Weis, Callista (Joseph (deceased) Slorah, Jocelyn Weis, Jennifer Weis (Tim White), Margaret (Frank) Kenealy, and Laura Weis, and the late Donna Weis. May he, and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace

CHILDREN'S TITHE ENVELOPES

Several boxes of children's tithe envelopes have been placed in the back of church. If your child would like a box of envelopes, please pick one up.

News from Holy Spirit Parish



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	January 8	Take Down Christmas Decorations after Mass
Monday	January 9	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	January 10	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Catholic Daughters Mass, 6:00 p.m./Dinner Meeting following, Hall
Wednesday	January 11	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Rel. Education Class, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School
Friday	January 13	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	January 14	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	January 15	Coffee and Rolls after Mass, Hall

GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 6,837.36
December 25th tithes received	\$21,891.00
January 1st tithes received	\$ 7,402.00

TAKE DOWN TIME.....

Extra hands will be needed Sunday, January 8th, as we take down Christmas decorations after Mass.

COFFEE AND ROLLS

The Family Life Committee will be serving donuts/rolls after Mass next Sunday, January 15th. Milk and juice are also served. Join us in the parish hall for a light breakfast next Sunday!!



MUSICIANS NEEDED

We are in need of more musicians! If you could help cantor or play the piano or organ, please contact Connie Fredrickson, 782-7190, or the parish office, 782-5278. Helping just once a month would be a great assistance!!

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.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Youth group has resumed. Mark your calendar and attend the January 11th session, 6:30 p.m., at St. Malachy School. Bring a friend!!

THANK YOU

We would like to thank those who donated money, food and baked items for the Christmas dinner. Also to those who shared their time on Christmas Day helping to prepare, serve and deliver the meals. We always have such a GREAT response from the congregation when we ask for help. The Moffitt and Mansour families started this service 20 some years ago and through all of your generosity we are able to continue this tradition. We are truly grateful. Until next year.....Anita Studer and Barb Hudson

FREE BOOK

There are still some Resisting Happiness books by Matthew Kelly in the back of church. These are free of charge — a Christmas present from the parish. If you haven't picked up a copy, feel free to do so.

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.

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

Stop over when you can help.
ReRun phone number: 641-202-4488

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Jan.14/15	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Chris Mansour Alice Reed	Mark O'Riley Karen Fries
Eucharistic Ministers	Terri Koets Theresa Pudenz Linda Hartsock	Missy Sickels Virginia Aguilar Kelsey Bailey B. & L. Miller
Ushers	T. & C. Sevier T. & K. Freml J. & C. Mansour	Sue Bissell Jacquie Eblen Family
Servers	Daniel Buls Andy Weis	Molly Sickels Rey Saturno Halle Evans
Greeters	T. & C. Sevier	Sue Bissell Mary S. McDonald
Rosary Musicians	Bob Jansen Mike Burke Heather Burke	Paul Baker Linda Taylor Mike Peters
Money Counters	Scott Coen, Paul Varner, Ryan Mohr	

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme: *The mystery of the incarnation—Jesus is a gift to all humanity.*

Question for Children: In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

Question of Youth: Life can sometimes be rough: losing your home, moving, feeling fear or danger. How do you experience God being and staying with you in such times?

Question of Adults: How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?



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

Tuesday	January 10	CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m./Dinner & Meeting following, Holy Spirit
Wednesday	January 11	Rel. Education Classes, 6:15 p.m. Devotions, 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School
Sunday	January 15	Parish Council Meeting following Mass

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who braved the cold on December 18th to decorate the church for Christmas and to all the people who helped with the Community Candle Light Service....those who sang in the choir, brought cookies and helped with the reception.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 15, 10:45 a.m.

Lector	Randy Pettit
Eucharistic Minister	Darren Moore, Ellie Fry, Karen Jones
Ushers	Terry and Lisa Smith Family
Servers	Olivia Moore, Layla Lopez
Money Counters	Dan Rosener, Sharon Swanson

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 964.00
December 25th tithes received	\$1,030.00
January 1st tithes received	\$ 680.00



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.