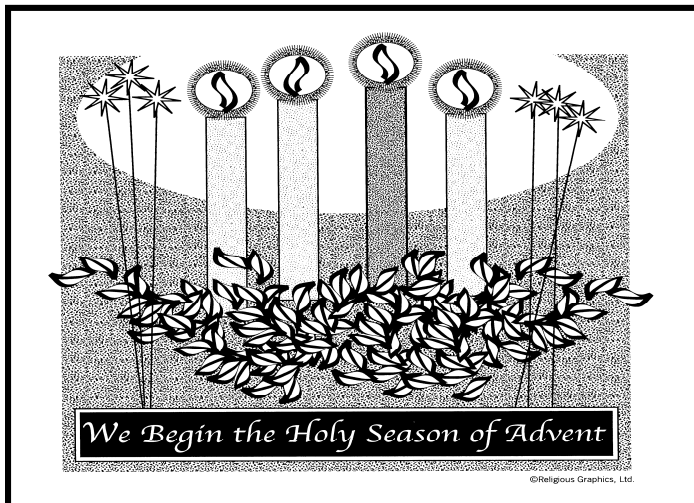


# HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

Nov. 28/29, 2015

First Sunday of Advent



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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

Happy not Christmas yet. I know that all of the stores have been pounding Christmas into us since Halloween, but remember it is the Advent season that we are in right now and it is a time to prepare for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I know that I have written about this every year that I have been here, but I still hear that we should have the Christmas trees up now because that is what everyone else is doing. But then, most people are tired of Christmas before the season even starts. In the Gospel for this weekend, Jesus reminds us to be ready and vigilant and to not be drowsy from the anxieties of daily life. He is reminding us that preparation is something that we always need to do, but not only in our regular life, but also in our spiritual life, how do we spiritually prepare for Christmas? First and foremost, we pray, asking God where we need to be in this season in which we prepare for the joy of the coming of Christ. I know that Advent is a really busy time of the year, we have family and friends coming, we have gifts to buy, we have food to make, baking, and everything else going on. But, I highly recommend that we take an hour or two for ourselves to spend some time with God in reflection about what this season of preparation is all about, the preparation of receiving a baby again in this world, the infant Jesus. Please do not get tired of Christmas before the Christmas season begins, so that we can truly celebrate that coming of Christ in the way that we are called to. I do really want to wish you a blessed Advent season, one with those loved ones we have around us.

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

## FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Choose an activity to do as a family:

- ◆ Make an Advent wreath. Recall the circle reminds us of God's eternal faithfulness. The 4 candles represent the 4 Sundays of Advent and Jesus who is the light of the world.
- ◆ As a family make homemade Christmas cards or Christmas tree ornaments.
- ◆ Have a family meeting where all members brainstorm ideas as to how they can prepare for the coming of Christ. Write the ideas on slips of paper and put them in a hat. Each person is to pick one and carry that idea out for the week. At the end of the week share how they carried it out.

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus, keep Christ in Christmas Catholic Christmas cards are available at Maple Street Memories, 222 N. Maple St. All proceeds are used to fund the good work of the Knights.

## RERUN SHOP NEWS

- ◆ Needed: Men's good jeans and denim pants
- ◆ Volunteers for Wednesday's anytime between 10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Volunteer Christmas gathering on December 10th, 11:30 a.m., at The Windrow.
- ◆ On sale: New religious items suitable for Christmas, Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and wedding gifts.
- ◆ Hours of operation: Tuesday and Wednesday, noon-5:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon.

## KNIGHTLY NEWS

December 2nd: Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

## RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

A women's Christ Renews His Parish weekend will be held January 16th/17th at St. Malachy School. A sign-up sheet is in the back of church.

## SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Glenna Sullivan, mother of Ann (John) Coulter. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.



<b>Monday November 30</b>	<b>Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b> Don and Nellie Weisshaar
<b>Tuesday December 1</b>	<b>Adoration, 7:30-8:30 8:30 a.m., St. Edward</b> Wilbur Ricks <b>1:00 p.m., Assisted Living</b> Jim and Twylla Klingensmith
<b>Wednesday December 2</b>	<b>9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School</b> Joe and Grace Amato
<b>Thursday December 3</b>	<b>10:30 a.m., Crest Haven</b> Mary Ward
<b>Friday December 4</b>	<b>7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b> Lewis Ripperger
<b>Saturday December 5</b>	<b>5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit</b> Jessica Moeller
<b>Sunday December 6</b>	<b>9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit</b> Mike Kosman <b>10:45 a.m., St. Edward</b> For the People

## LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

Location: United Church of Christ Congregational Church, 501 W. Montgomery, Creston.

The Food Pantry is open Sundays from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. People are welcome to come every Sunday for food which consists of frozen products, dairy, produce, bakery, and non-perishable items. The first time you come and then annually thereafter, you sign up with your name, address, names and birth dates of dependents in the household. You verify by signature that your income is within the guidelines established by the Food Bank of Iowa and national regulations (most people qualify). [The Food Pantry isn't required to confirm or verify the accuracy of your reporting, however, if you provide false information and the State discovers it, you could be charged with fraud and might lose any benefits you receive from the government] The Food Pantry is here to help people. Please do not hesitate to use this service if it can be of benefit to you and your family. For more information contact Kathy Goodrich, 641-202-4513.

# News from Holy Spirit Parish

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday	Dec. 1	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 2	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Rel. Ed. Classes, 6:45 p.m. St. Malachy School Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Parish Office
Thursday	Dec. 3	Lighted Christmas Parade, 7:00 p.m. (we have a float)
Friday	Dec. 4	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Dec. 5	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sat/Sun.	Dec. 5/6	Monthly Food Pantry Drive
Sunday	Dec. 6	CRHP Ladies Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Parish Office

## GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
November 22nd tithes received	\$7,907.00

## ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Our parish will help 24 children have a better Christmas this year. We have a tree in the back of church with tags listing gifts needed for these children. Please take a tag, purchase the gift, and return the gift *unwrapped with the tag* and place under the tree by December 13th. As always, thank you for your generosity to help neighbors in need.

## LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

Our parish will have a float in the December 3rd parade. If you would like to walk beside our float and hand out Christmas Mass time cards and candy, please call Virginia Aguilar, 782-8026.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

If you did not receive an insert on our Christmas Dinner in last weekend's bulletin, there are more available in the back of church. Please return your form by December 15th. All donations and help are greatly appreciated.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN

The next CCW meeting will be December 14th. This is a Christmas potluck meeting with entertainment by St. Malachy music students. They will also be eating with us. We will eat around noon. Please bring a dish to share. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church. All women are invited. Please, come and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, food and music!

## PARISH COUNCIL RECAP

The Parish Council met November 17th. The Catholic Daughters will help with the float in the lighted Christmas parade on December 3rd. School and parish families are invited to walk along and hand out candy and Mass time cards. The Christmas dinner flyer will be inserted in the bulletin this weekend. Barb Hudson and Anita Studer are co-chairing. This year we will not be soliciting salads from parishioners. Three members attended the Church Summit meeting in Des Moines on November 7th. They broke into break-out groups and each reported back on what their group discussed. They felt it was a good meeting. The Family Life Committee will be putting together some projects/information on Advent and have as hand-outs for a family activity. The Social Concerns Committee will be sponsoring the Adopt-A-Family for Christmas. Tags will be available to purchased items that children want. We will be buying for 24 people this year. Unwrapped gifts are to be returned to church by December 13th. The UCC's food pantry is serving many area residents. This is open to all people in need of assistance. Holy Spirit has been chosen by Bishop Pates as one of the diocesan churches for a "Holy Door" for the beginning of the Year of Mercy. First Reconciliation will be November 22nd. Five high school students will be attending NYC in Indianapolis. Theresa Pudenz will be their chaperone. Several women have signed up for the CRHP retreat in January. St. Malachy School will be holding a prayer service for peace on November 20th. They will also be holding Muffins for Mom. A Scrip training will be held for parents who wish to purchase cards through their phones.

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The poster must reflect the theme of *Keep Christ in Christmas*. Poster must be 11 x 17 inches in size. Each poster should be the original work of a single person. If pastel, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white. Age division: 5 to 7; 8 to 10; 11 to 14. The first place winner in each division will receive a \$25 Walmart gift card. Entries must be received by December 15th. Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest entry form. The name and age of the person entering should be included on the back of the poster. All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. Posters will not be returned. Contact Rick Brown, 515-468-8431, or rick@christisalive.net if you wish to enter.

## FOOD PANTRY DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND

Place your items on the table in the entryway.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>Dec. 5/6</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Chris Mansour Marsha Mohr	Karen Fries Mary S. McDonald
<b>E. Minister</b>	Dennis Nelson Lois Nelson L. Iyagbaye II	Al Pokorny Dean Schulte E. & M. Gammell Paul Baker
<b>Ushers</b>	R. & J. Brown L. & MJ Dorgan T. & K. Freml	L. & P. Blakesley B. & L. Miller Fam.
<b>Servers</b>	Aliyah Drey Noah Drey Grace Root	Halle Evans Macy Adamson Mallory Tallmon
<b>Greeters</b>	R. & J. Brown	L. & P. Blakesley
<b>Rosary</b>	Ted Willets	Mary S. McDonald
<b>Musicians</b>	C. Fredrickson Katie Brennan	Lynn Baker Mike Peters
<b>Money Counters</b>	Todd Dunphy, Tom Dunphy, Luke Baker	

***New Schedule:*** We will begin working on the new schedule, please notify the office of additions, deletions, or corrections.

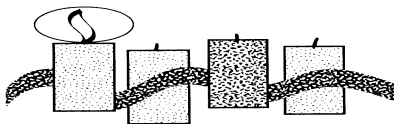
# News from St. Edward Parish

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday December 2 Rel. Ed. Classes, 6:15 p.m. + Confession  
Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall

## GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$909.41
November 22nd tithes received	\$560.00



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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**December 6 10:45 a.m.**  
**Lector** Wayne Wuebker  
**Euch. Min.** Darren Moore, Dan Rosener,  
Ellie Fry  
**Usher/Greet** Doug Pettit Family  
**Servers** Steven Fry, Hunter Swanson  
**Money Counters** Darren Moore, Sharon Swanson

## CONFESSION

- ◆ Saturday, December 5th, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- ◆ The Religious Education students will have the opportunity to go to confession December 2nd during their Religious Education Class time. Parents and parishioners are invited also
- ◆ (around 6:45 p.m.)



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## WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS

We will not gather for Devotions during the month of December. We will resume Wednesday, January 6th, 2016.