

HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

November 26/27, 2016

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

Blessed Advent! This weekend we begin the Advent season. The First Sunday of Advent is officially the new year for the Church. We switch to a new set of readings again from year C to year A which includes going to the Gospel of Mathew. This week though, we begin again with Jesus reminding us to be ready. In the second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, it begins "Brothers and sisters; you know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than we first believed" I sometimes hear people tell me that we are in the end times and the end of the world is near! Yes, we are in the "end times" and we have been for 2,000 years. When Jesus told His Apostles to be ready because He was coming again, that was the beginning of the end of time, the end of the world, but He does remind us that we will not know the time in which it will come. Will the end of the world come, YES, will it happen tomorrow, I don't know, only God does. What I do know is that we need to be ready when it comes. The Advent season, similar to the Lenten season, is a season of preparation for the second coming of our savior, as much as it is a preparation for the remembrance of the first time He came. Take some time in this new Church year and time of preparation to see where we are being called to be ready for the coming of Christ again. As St Paul continues to "Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light" the light that Christ is for 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

CHRISTMAS SIGN-UP SHEET

If you would like to help with the ministries for Christmas, a sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

THANK YOU!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who came to their Thanksgiving Dinner. Also, thanks to Knights who worked the dinner and for their pie donations. Your help made for a successful day.

HELP FAMILIES CHOOSE CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Donors to the Catholic Tuition Organization can help families needing financial assistance to send their children to Catholic schools while also getting generous tax benefits. Get more information by contacting Jeanne at 515-237-5010 or go to ctodsmdiocese.org.

BAPTISMAL CELEBRATIONS

We welcome into our family of faith:

- ◆ Emma Vandel, daughter of Sarah Avila who was baptized November 13th at St. Edward's
- ◆ Hunter Rayne Kalvig, daughter of Megan and Garret Kalvig who was baptized November 12th at Holy Spirit
- ◆ Blaine Ronald Pettit, son of Taylor and Alex Pettit who was baptized November 20th at St. Edward's

WOMEN'S RETREAT

The next Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Retreat for women will be held January 28th/29th at St. Malachy School. Mark your calendar now!! Registration will begin soon.

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.

COOKIE CARNIVAL

St. Patrick's Parish in Lenox will be holding their annual Cookie Carnival on Saturday, December 3rd, starting at 10:00 a.m. A full box for \$10.00. Boxes are provided. You fill the box and close the lid!!

JOYFUL NOISE CONCERT

December 4th, 1:30 p.m., at Creston High School Auditorium. Free will offering with proceeds going to a community need.



Come, LORD JESUS

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MASS SCHEDULE

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| Monday November 28 | Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Lucille Riedl |
| Tuesday November 29 | Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Mass, 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Pete and Ava Jean Weis |
| Wednesday November 30 | 9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Mary Oberkamper |
| Thursday December 1 | 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Margaret Brosnahan |
| Friday December 2 | 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Dick Fries |
| Saturday December 3 | Mass, 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Mike and James Kosman |
| Sunday December 4 | Mass, 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Cecil Moffitt Mass, 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People |

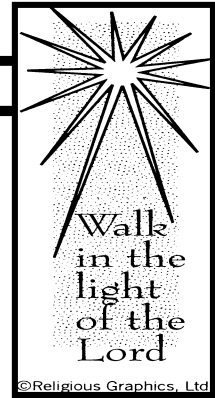
ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- ◆ **Christmas Mass schedule:**
December 24th, 4:00 p.m., Holy Spirit
December 24th, 7:00 p.m., St. Edward
December 24th, 10:00 p.m., Holy Spirit
December 25th, 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit
- ◆ **January 1st, Holyday schedule**
Since the Holyday falls on the weekend, we will follow the weekend schedule:
December 31st, 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit
January 1, 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit
January 1, 10:45 a.m., St. Edward
- ◆ **Reconciliation extra times**
During Advent Father will be hearing confessions during Adoration on Monday (5:15-5:45 p.m.) at Holy Spirit. He will also be available December 3rd, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at St. Edward and December 17th, 8:00-10:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Monday | November 28 | ReRun Sorting, 9:00-Noon Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School |
| Tuesday | November 29 | ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | November 30 | ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall Advent Activity Night, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School |
| Friday | December 2 | ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | December 3 | ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon |
| Saturday/Sunday | December 3/4 | Food Pantry Drive |



GIFTS TO GOD:

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| Weekly tithes needed | \$6,837.36 |
| November 20th tithes received | \$7,620.00 |

OUR GIVING TREE IS UP

Please take a tag or two from the tree and help make Christmas a special day for families in our area. Items need to be returned under the tree by **Sunday, December 11th**. *Do not wrap the gift and please place the tag with the item.*

SCRIP CARDS

Now is the perfect time to order Scrip cards for holiday giving, grocery shopping or for travel expenses. Local cards are available after Mass in the church basement. If you wish to order national cards, go to shopwithscrip.com and check out the hundreds of retailers that participate in this program. Pick up a Scrip order form in the back of church or from the parish or school. Fill out the form and return it to St. Malachy School by 9:00 a.m. on Monday and the order will be here Thursday afternoon. You can also place your order in the collection basket and it will be taken to the school for you.

FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

December 3rd/4th will be our monthly food drive with items going to Matura and the Creston Food Pantry. There is always a need for food and personal care items. During the holidays families are stretched trying to provide Christmas for their families, paying bills, and feeding their families. Envelopes and donation basket are in the back of church if you wish to make a monetary gift to the Creston Food Pantry.

CCW DUES

Council of Catholic Women's dues of \$10 are currently being collected. You can pay by dropping an envelope marked "CCW Dues" in the collection basket or mail to Barb Bennett, 1476 Eagle Ave., Creston. All Catholic women are members of the CCW.

**ADVENT ACTIVITY
NIGHT
WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 30TH
6:45-8:00 p.m. at
St. Malachy School**

*Prepare yourself for this
Holy Season.*

*Fun for all ages from preschoolers to
grandparents. Children must be accompanied
by an adult.*

Questions: Call Barb Hudson, 641-348-2343

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER FLYER

If you have lost your flyer or were not here last weekend, more flyers are in the back of church. Forms need to be returned to the parish office by Sunday, December 18th.

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED???

We are in need of someone to launder the altar linens. Many thanks to Kay Raymond who has been doing this ministry for several years. Please call the parish office if interested. Kay is willing to train the new volunteer.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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| Dec. 3/4 | 5:15 p.m. | 9:00 a.m. |
| Lectors | Chris Mansour | Al Pokorny |
| | Marsha Mohr | Pat Pokorny |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Jennifer Simmons | Karon Finn |
| | Alice Reed | G. & J. Bucklin |
| | Terri Koets | Missy Sickels |
| | | Virginia Aguilar |
| Ushers | Paul Johnson | B. & M. Baker Family |
| | Butch Miller | T. & L. Root Family |
| | B. & L. Miller | Family |
| Servers | Daniel Buls | Anthony Eblen |
| | Haley Simmons | Vincent Eblen |
| | | Andrew Hribal |
| Greeters | J. & T. Latus | T. & L. Root |
| Rosary | Ted Willets | Mary S. McDonald |
| Musicians | C. Fredrickson | Linda Taylor |
| | Danna Buls | Jolene Griffith |
| | Devon Buls | |
| Money Counters | Elaine Haines, Karin Freml, June Huewe | |

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme: Waiting, hoping, and preparing.

Question for Children: What can you do to be ready for God to come into your heart and your life?

Questions for Youth: The Gospel tells us we don't know when the Son of Man will return. If he were to arrive today, would you be ready for him? What is one thing you can do during Advent to prepare for his coming?

Question for Adults: As you prepare to re-welcome Christ into your heart while you prepare for Christmas, what does Isaiah call you to do? What does Isaiah call us as a people to do?

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 Parish

Sunday December 1 Religious Education Class, 6:15 p.m.

PREPARE YOURSELF
FOR THE LORD'S
COMING

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AFTON FOOD PANTRY

We will be collecting items for the Afton Food Pantry for the next 3 weeks. Items needed are: cereal, muffin mixes, pancake mix, pancake syrup, and canned fruit. A basket will be provided for you to place your donations in.



CCW DUES

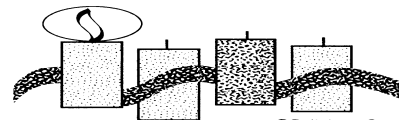
All Catholic women are members of the Council of Catholic Women. Yearly dues are \$5.00. Dues may be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "CCW Dues" or given to Patty Bradley.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONS

No devotions November 30th or the month of December. Devotions will resume the first Wednesday in January.

GIFTS TO GOD

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| Weekly tithes needed | \$964.00 |
| November 20th tithes received | \$730.00 |



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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| December 4 | 10:45 am |
| Lector | Wayne Wuebker |
| Euch. Min. | Jan Pettit |
| | Sharon Findley |
| | Dan Rosener |
| Usher/Greet | Jim & Shayla Findley Family |
| Servers | Olivia Moore |
| | Trevor Fry |
| Money | Jerry Travis |
| Counters | Phil Bradley |