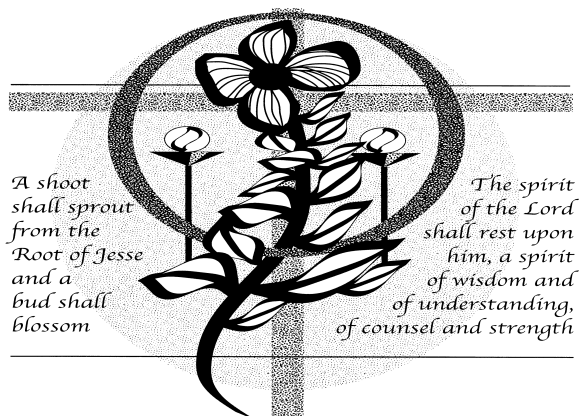


# HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

December 3/4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent



## FROM FR. KEN

The sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession is one that I discuss quite a bit, because I think it is one of the most underutilized sacraments. During the seasons of Advent and Lent, we tend to be more focused on getting ourselves ready, which means also getting our hearts ready and one of the best ways is to cleanse it with this great sacrament. I sometimes hear that someone is embarrassed to say what they have done, but what if we were more embarrassed to sin, than we were to admit it. The sacrament can and is one of the most powerful helpers for us. In the rite of major exorcisms for the Church one of the things that it HIGHLY recommends is to celebrate the sacrament before attempting to perform an exorcism, because the devil cannot use any confessed sins against the priest, simply because what God has forgiven has BEEN forgiven. Another thing I have heard is that I can't think of any sins I have done. Really... then you are not truly looking at your life. Pick up a good examination of conscience and pray over it for a while, I will guarantee that each of us can find things that we have sinned at. The most common overlooked one is gossip or detraction and there is a difference, gossip is something that may or not be true and detraction is something that is true but should not be spread. Most of the time when we do not feel that we get anything out of whatever we are doing, it is because we are really not putting much into it. During this Advent season, I am adding some extra confession times to go along with the regular ones. Take some time in prayer to see what Jesus is calling you to leave behind in the sacrament and then continue to work to work on

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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

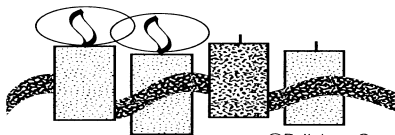
St. Malachy School, 403 W. Clark Street, Creston  
Holy Spirit Church, 107 W. Howard Street, Creston

## CARLOS GOMEZ ORDINATION

Deacon Carlos Gomez will be ordained a priest by Bishop Richard Pates on Sunday, December 18th, 4:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines. A reception will immediately follow at Christ the King Parish in Des Moines. All are invited to attend.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLYDAY SCHEDULE

December 7th, 7:00 p.m., St. Edward  
December 8th, 9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School  
December 8th, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit



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## 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 Saturday, December 17th, 8:00-10:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly meeting: Wednesday, December 7th, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall. Please join us!

## RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

Aging religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies — often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Envelopes are attached to the bulletin if you wish to participate.



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## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Monday</b> <b>December 5</b>	<b>Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m.</b> <b>Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit</b> Deanne Hoffman
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>December 6</b>	<b>Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m.</b> <b>Mass, 8:30 a.m., St. Edward</b> Duane Brown <b>1:00 p.m., Assisted Living</b> Dorothy Roeder
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>December 7</b>	<b>7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b> Joe Aguilar
<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>December 7</b>	<b>7:00 p.m., St. Edward</b> Leonard and Gail Feld
<b>Thursday</b> <b>December 8</b>	<b>9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School</b> Florence Allen <b>7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit</b> For the People
<b>Friday</b> <b>December 9</b>	<b>7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b> Bob Worrell
<b>Saturday</b> <b>December 10</b>	<b>Mass, 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit</b> Carroll Boden, Sr.
<b>Sunday</b> <b>December 11</b>	<b>Mass, 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit</b> Cecil Moffitt <b>Mass, 10:45 a.m., St. Edward</b> For the People

## JOYFUL NOISE CONCERT

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

## 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.

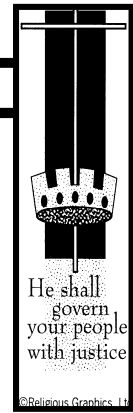
## CHRISTMAS SIGN-UP SHEET

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

# News from Holy Spirit Parish

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday/Sunday	December 3/4	Food Pantry Drive
Monday	December 5	ReRun Sorting, 9:00-Noon
Tuesday	December 6	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 7	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall Rel. Education Classes, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School
Thursday	December 8	Liturgy Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	December 9	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	December 10	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	December 11	CRHP Reunion Potluck, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Hall



## GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.36
November 27th tithes received	\$6,248.00

## 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.

## CCW CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

The CCW Christmas party potluck will be held Monday, December 12th, noon at Holy Spirit Hall. School children from St. Malachy will join us to sing and share a potluck lunch. Please bring a lunch item to share.

## 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 next *Sunday, December 11th. Do not wrap the gift and please place the tag with the item.*

## 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.

## LITURGY COMMITTEE

We will meet Thursday, December 8th, 6:00 p.m., in the parish hall to finalize Christmas decorating plans.

## ST. MALACHY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

- ◆ The Bishop celebrated Mass with us on November 9th. It was a great visit. He stopped in grades 3-8 to chat with the students and had lunch with the K-2 students.
- ◆ This year we will be collecting items for the Creston Area Food Pantry. Each grade will be responsible for providing an item for the pantry.
- ◆ We had an excellent turn out for Parent Teacher Conferences and Book Fair. Teachers made every effort to meet with every family during the week of conferences. We sold over \$2,000 in books at the book fair. Mrs. Roghair (school librarian) earns credits to purchase more books for our library and classrooms with these earnings.
- ◆ PTO hosted the Vendor Fair on November 19th. We had approximately 185 people attend the event. This brought in a little over \$1,000 for our PTO.
- ◆ St. Malachy hosted STEM night on November 10th. It was a tremendous success. Deb Frazee from the SW STEM hub was impressed with the attendance and exhibitors. We had approximately 180 people come to the event. The STEM Committee (Sarah Dinham, Abbie McKasson, Spencer Scar and Jennifer Simmons) were pleased with the turnout.
- ◆ Christmas Program will be December 7th, 6:30 p.m., at the Creston High School auditorium.
- ◆ Day of Code (Middle school) will be December 8th.
- ◆ Geography Bee Finals will be December 14th.



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>Dec. 10/11</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Joanne Gibson Dennis Nelson	Kelsey Bailey Karen Fries
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Steve Heffern Phyllis Allen Theresa Pudenz	Steve McCann Betty Baker Mark O'Riley Paul Baker Al Pokorny
<b>Ushers</b>	Monte Neitzel Terri Koets T. & C. Sevier T. & K. Freml	D. & K. Kinsella L. & K. Bailey Family
<b>Servers</b>	Carly Green Sydney Strunk	Aiden Evans Gavin Evans Tristin Evans
<b>Greeters</b>	T. & C. Sevier	D. & K. Kinsella
<b>Rosary</b>	Bob Jansen	Paul Baker
<b>Musicians</b>	Mike Burke Heather Burke	Lynn Baker Mike Peters
<b>Money Counters</b>	Scott Coen, Paul Varner, Ryan Mohr	

## HOLYDAY: DECEMBER 8, 7:00 P.M.

Please volunteer for all ministries.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*Theme: God's kingdom is at hand — it is here.*

**Question for Children:** Beyond toys and other things, what do you hope will happen in your family this Christmas?

**Questions for Youth:** What are the greatest challenges you face as a young person today in terms of allowing Christ to be your teacher and following him?

**Question for Adults:** Name the one thing in your life which you must "move out of the way" in order to make more room for Christ—a grudge, a possession, a memory, hurt, or feeling.

## SCRIP CARDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Now is the perfect time to order Scrip cards! Local cards are available after Mass in the church basement. If you wish to order national cards, go to [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) and check out the hundreds of retailers that participate. Pick up a Scrip order form, fill it out and return it to St. Malachy School by 9 a.m. Monday and the order will be here Thursday afternoon. You can place your order in the collection basket and it will be taken to the school.

# News from St. Edward Parish

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

## AFTON FOOD PANTRY

We will be collecting items for the Afton Food Pantry for the next few 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.

## LAS POSADAS

Please join us in traditional Latin American Christmas celebration call "Las Posadas". We will reenact the story of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Our evening will include procession, prayer, potluck, piñatas and fellowship at the Afton Community Center on Wednesday, December 21st from 5 to 7 p.m. Please find a signup sheet in the back of church to sign up and help!

## COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Yearly dues are \$5.00. Please give to Patty Bradley or place in the collection basket.

## GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$964.00
November 27th tithes received	\$660.00

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>December 11</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Wayne Wuebker
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	Jan Pettit, Sharon Findley, Dan Rosener
<b>Usher/Greet</b>	Jim & Shayla Findley Family
<b>Servers</b>	Olivia Moore, Trevor Fry
<b>Money</b>	Phil Bradley, Jerry Travis
<b>Counters</b>	

prepare  
the way  
of the Lord!



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**Holyday, December 7th, Vigil Mass, 7:00 p.m.**  
Please volunteer for all ministries