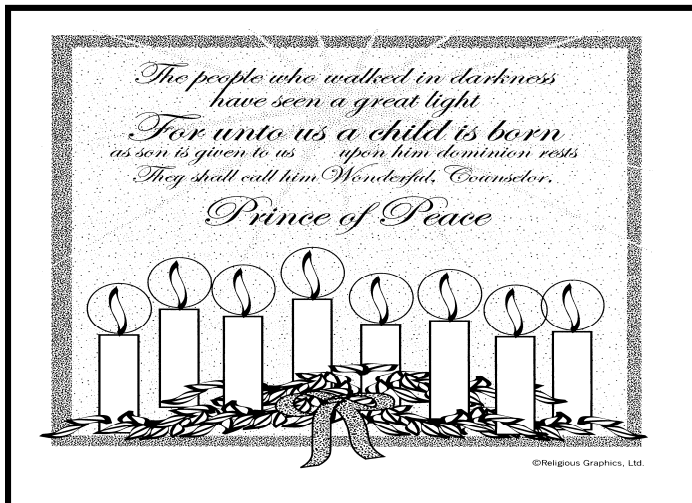


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

Dec. 24/25, 2016 & Dec. 31/ Jan. 1, 2017

The Nativity of the Lord/Solemnity of Mary



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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

Merry Christmas! Jesus has come again!

We again celebrate the coming of our savior.

During this Christmas season we have so much to be thankful for, our faith, family, and friends.

This is the time of year in which we get so many greeting cards and gifts, as well as giving them. I have been given so many wonderful gifts

throughout my life and being here is a gift in itself. Thank you on behalf of myself, Kay, Barb,

Jennifer Valencia, Jennifer Simmons, and the entire faculty and staff of St. Malachy School for

your gifts this Christmas, as well as throughout the year. I often tell people that this is not my

parish, but God's parish supported by the wonderful people that build it, support it, and make it

grow. We as a staff cannot do everything our-

selves. The Re-Run shop is run by some wonderful volunteers who graciously give of their time

to help both the community and the school. The men's and women's groups also do a great job of

supporting the parish in so many ways. We also have a number of other committees and groups

that quietly do what is needed for the parish and the wider community, just one of the many exam-

ples is the Christmas dinner; in which meals are served without cost and would not be possible

without the generosity of so many people. The

entire work of a Catholic parish and school is to bring people closer to God and the ultimate desti-

nation, heaven. That is the entire reason Jesus

came here in the first place 2000 years ago. Dur-

ing this Christmas season, let us remind ourselves

of that beautiful Christmas story in which the

God of the universe, the creator of all things came down to earth, born of a little baby because

of the love He has for us.

I pray that you will all have a joyous Christmas season!

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

2016 TITHING DONATION

Please make sure your tithing donation for 2016 is to the parish office by December 31st. Donations received after that date will be posted to the 2017 year.

OFFICE HOURS

Due to Christmas, the office and school office will have varying office hours. Please call ahead before stopping to make sure someone is in the office.

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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.

DIOCESAN RENTAL USAGE

The diocese is requiring all groups and/or persons using parish facilities to sign a facility usage/indemnity agreement and provide proof of liability insurance. The agreement requires the renter of the facility to provide to the parish a certificate of insurance documenting general liability coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. This certificate of insurance must name Holy Spirit Parish, St. Edward Parish or St. Malachy School and the Diocese of Des Moines as an additional insured. It is not adequate to obtain a certificate of insurance, which names the parish/school as a "certificate holder." If your insurance does not cover \$1,000,000 in liability insurance you may take out a special policy with Catholic Mutual for \$50.00 to cover this. Contact the parish or school office if you need this additional insurance.

MASS SCHEDULE

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| Monday December 26 | No Adoration or Mass |
| Tuesday December 27 | Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Steven Pettit |
| Wednesday December 28 | 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Harry Schlapia |
| Thursday December 29 | 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Vicki Jansen |
| Friday December 30 | 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Jessica Moeller |
| Saturday December 31 | 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Raymond Engelbach |
| Sunday January 1 | 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit For the People 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Duane Brown |

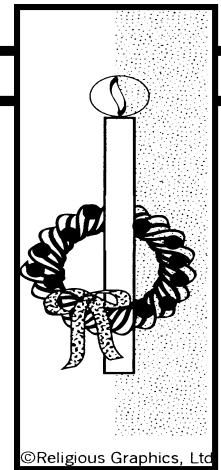


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| Monday January 2 | Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Helen Hayes |
| Tuesday January 3 | Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Lewis Ripperger 1:00 p.m., Assisted Living Mary Ward |
| Wednesday January 4 | 9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Mary Baird |
| Thursday January 5 | 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Carol Moberg |
| Friday January 6 | 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Dick Fries |
| Saturday January 7 | 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Jim Collins |
| Sunday January 8 | 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit For the People 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Pete and Ava Jean Weis |

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Tuesday | December 27 | ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | December 28 | ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall |
| Friday | December 30 | ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. |
| Saturday/Sunday | Dec. 31/Jan. 1 | Food Pantry Drive |
| Tuesday | January 3 | ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Crest Area for Life Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall |
| Wednesday | January 4 | ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Confirmation Sponsor Meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School R.E. Classes, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall |
| Friday | January 6 | ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | January 7 | ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon |
| Sunday | January 8 | Take Down Christmas Decorations after Mass |



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GIFTS TO GOD:

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| Weekly tithes needed | \$6,837.36 |
| December 18th tithes received | \$5,625.00 |

RERUN NEWS

- ◆ The ReRun will be closed on Saturday, December 31st.
- ◆ No sorting on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd.
- ◆ In need of gently used boys and girls jeans sizes 7-18.
- ◆ Don't forget we have a section of new religious articles in the ReRun. We have rosaries, necklaces, crosses, etc.
- ◆ Volunteers are always needed. Just a few hours at a time is a great help. There are many simple tasks that help make everything go smoothly.
- ◆ We wish to thank all of our parishioners for their continued support for this mission. If you haven't shopped with us, give us a try and encourage your friends and neighbors to come check us out.

SCRIP ORDERING

- ◆ Scrip cards will not be available after Christmas Masses or December 31st/January 1st.
- ◆ During Christmas break there will be no order placed from the school for Scrip cards.
- ◆ Many, many thanks to all the families that use the Scrip program!

TAKE DOWN TIME.....

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

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

December 31st/January 1st will be our monthly food drive with items going to MATURA and the Creston Area Food Pantry. Non-perishable food items and personal care items are collected and distributed to these two agencies. If you preferred to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to the Creston Area Food Pantry and place in the collection box in the back of church or place in the collection basket.

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 dmwichhart@iowatelecom.net or Pat Pokorny, 782-4291 or ppokorny@windstream.net.

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!!

CREST AREA FOR LIFE MEETING

The January meeting will be held Tuesday, January 3rd, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Officers Meeting: December 28th, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Regular Meeting: January 4th, 7:00 p.m., Hall

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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| Dec. 31/Jan.1 | 5:15 p.m. | 9:00 a.m. | January 7 | January 8 |
| Lectors | Pat Schlapia Marsha Mohr | Bob Miller Virginia Aguilar | 5:15 p.m. Terri Koets Linda Hartsock Steve Heffern Phyllis Allen Jennifer Simmons | 9:00 a.m. Bill Mullin Dottie Dunphy Francis Doyle Steve McCann Paul Baker Randy & June Huewe Dennis & Kay Kinsella Mary S. McDonald Virginia Aguilar Jamie Hayes Elaine Haines Ayden White Reese Glynn Macy Adamson Kay Kinsella Virginia Aguilar Mary S. McDonald Linda Taylor Mike Peters |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Tim & Linda Root Mark O'Riley | E. & M. Gammell Mary S. McDonald Al Pokorny Karon Finn | Joni Taylor Tim & Linda Root Joe & Teresa Latus Butch Miller | |
| Ushers | Joe & Teresa Latus Monte Neitzel Dick & Betty Baker Butch Miller | R. & M. Baker Family Sue Bissell Paul Baker | Haley Simmons Carly Green | |
| Servers | Nevaeh Kuhlman Andy Weis | Kolby Bailey Keegan Bailey Austin Rice | Tim & Linda Root | |
| Greeters | Betty Baker Ben Brightwell | Gary & Joanne Bucklin | | |
| Rosary Musicians | Bob Jansen Connie Fredrickson Rose Wignall | Kelsey Bailey Lynn Baker Please Volunteer | Ted Willets Mike Burke Heather Burke | |
| Money Counters | Elaine Haines, Karin Freml, June Huewe | | Todd Dunphy, Tom Dunphy, Luke Baker | |

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

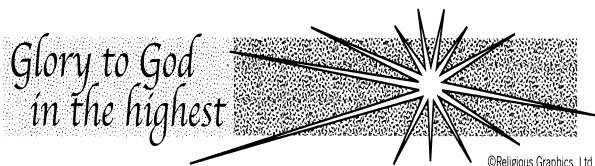
News from St. Edward

Wednesday January 4 Devotions, 6:30 p.m.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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| January 1, 10:45 a.m. | |
| Lector | Dan Rosener |
| Eucharistic Minister | Mara Weis, Jan Pettit, Sharon Findley |
| Ushers | D. & E. McNeill Family |
| Servers | Gabrielle Valencia, Ansley Waigand |



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| January 8, 10:45 a.m. | |
| Lector | Wayne Wuebker |
| Eucharistic Minister | Dan Rosener, Deb Weaver Ripperger, Kathy Simmerman |
| Ushers | Doug & Georgia Pettit Family |
| Servers | Gus McNeill, Joshua Lopez |

GIFTS TO GOD

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| Weekly tithes needed | \$ 964.00 |
| December 18th tithes received | \$1,125.00 |

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Nancy and Mike Ford who were the 2016 recipients of "the candle" from the Ecumenical Candle Lighting Service held December 18th at St. Edward's Church.

WINTER BREAK

No religious education class on Wednesday, December 28th or Wednesday, January 4th.

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.