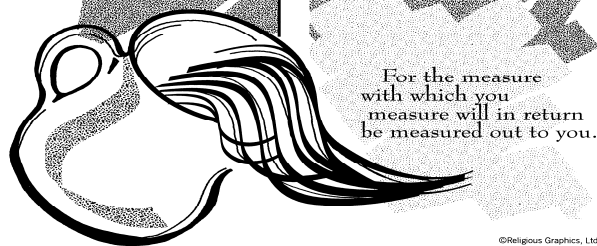


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

February 18/19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

BE MERCIFUL
just as your FATHER in
heaven is merciful



For the measure
with which you
measure will in return
be measured out to you.

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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

There is sometimes a confusion with the Sacrament of the Sick, some people still call it the "Last Rites." The Last Rites which is called Viaticum (which is anciently translated to "provisions for a journey") in the Church. The Sacrament of the Sick or Anointing of the Sick is something that can be received by anyone who is ill, having a surgery, or someone who is advanced in age and it can be received multiple times as needed. One does not need to be at the point of death to receive the Anointing, nor does a baptized child before what is called the age of reason. Anointing of the Sick is for the healing of the body as well as the soul and it holds the same power as the Sacrament of Confession, it removes sin, most especially for those who are not able to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession. This is why it was often seen as needing to wait until someone was close to death to receive it. Now Viaticum or Last Rites is a service in which someone receives the "provisions for the journey" to heaven. It includes the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, and reception of the Holy Eucharist. To receive the fullness of Viaticum, the person receiving it does need to be conscious and able to receive Holy Communion. This begs the question, if someone who has received Last Rites gets better, can they receive it again, and the answer is yes, they can, I have personally celebrated Viaticum at least three times with the same person. If you would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, don't hesitate to call me at the office, or stop me after Mass. The Anointing only takes a few minutes to do and is a great blessing and comfort for those who receive it as well as their families.

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

AT A CONFERENCE

Bishop Pates has asked Fr. Ken to attend a conference in San Antonio this coming week. There will be no weekly Masses except on Wednesday. Fr. Pins will be coming to celebrant the school Mass. In case of an emergency, please call the parish office, 782-5278.

MEN'S STAG

The Knights of Columbus will hold the spring men's stag. Wednesday, February 22nd, 6:00 p.m., at Holy Spirit Hall. Please bring a side dish. This is for all men (not just KC members).



GALA AND AUCTION

The 24th Annual St. Malachy Foundation Gala and Auction is set for Saturday, March 4th, at the SuperTel Inn in Creston. Buffet dinner catered by The Windrow, live and silent auctions, TV Raffle, and live music. Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.; Live auction begins at 7:00 p.m. Ticket: \$35.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the parish or school office. A few auction items: 2 season ISU basketball tickets, 4 ISU football season tickets, 8 general admission tickets to an Iowa Cubs game, dinner for 8 prepared by Fr. Halbur, 2 billboards, 52 gold car washes at BP, 2 Des Moines Sympathy tickets (gold section), an Amazon Echo, 2 quilts one queen size quilt (Monterrey Medallion pattern by Holy Spirit Parish women). **Please note:** *Saturday night Mass on March 4th will be at 4:00 p.m.*

THE WEEK BY WEEK DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Week 2: My body now has hundreds of cells inside a protective covering called the "zona pellucid" which begins to attach, or implant in my mother's womb. After I attach myself to the inside of my mother's womb, I won't be a "blastocyst" any more. I will be called an "embryo". My body is making a protective hormone so that my body and my mother's body can live together, even though our bodies have different chromosomes and genes.

MASS SCHEDULE

Receive the LORD JESUS



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Monday February 20	No Adoration or Mass
Tuesday February 21	No Adoration or Mass
Wednesday February 22	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Vincent Falk
Thursday February 23	No Mass
Friday February 24	No Mass
Saturday February 25	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Patty Schlapia
Sunday February 26	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit For the People 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Greg Haley

BULLETIN

Just a reminder that you can find the bulletin online:
www.holyspiritcreston.parishesonline.com
www.stewardahton.parishesonline.com
Bulletin items are needed by noon on Wednesdays.

LENTEN RETREAT

You're invited for a one day Lenten retreat at St. Patrick (Corning) on Saturday, March 11th, from 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Sandy Hoenig will facilitate the retreat. Sandy, a parishioner of St. Joseph Winterset, has been leading workshops, retreats, and presentations on the joy of forgiveness for more than fifteen years. You can check her website for more information and upcoming retreats at www.joyofforgiveness.com. A suggested donation of \$10 a person will help cover for food and refreshments and the retreat director fees. Please bring a notebook and pen for journaling during the retreat. (Questions: Call 641-322-3363).

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	February 19	Coffee and Rolls after Mass, Hall First Eucharist Parent Meeting after Mass, Upstairs
Monday	February 20	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m. Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Tuesday	February 21	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Wednesday	February 22	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Men's Stag, 6:00 p.m., Hall High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Rel. Ed. Classes, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School
Friday	February 24	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 25	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

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GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.36
February 12th tithes received	\$6,341.00

COFFEE AND ROLLS

The Family Life Committee will be serving a light breakfast after Mass this Sunday. Join us in the parish hall for a roll or donut and visit with your church family friends.

PARENT MEETING

Parents with children making their First Eucharist: There is a parent meeting this Sunday, February 19th, following Mass. The meeting will be held upstairs. (Coffee and rolls will be served downstairs.....let the kids enjoy a light breakfast while you attend the meeting.)

THE BISHOP IS COMING

We are excited to announce that Bishop Pates will be visiting St. Malachy School Thursday, February 23rd. He plans to do a Facebook live broadcast with students from our school. We are honored he chose St. Malachy School for his first live broadcast!

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.

RERUN HOURS

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

ReRun phone number: 641-202-4488

The following items are in low supply:

- ◆ Birth to 5 year old clothing for boys and girls in good condition
- ◆ Household items such as pots, pans, toasters, coffee pots, etc.

Thanks for all the continues support. Volunteers are always welcome!!

SCRIP PROGRAM

If you haven't given Scrip a try, stop at the school office or visit with Tom Dunphy after Mass to learn all about Scrip. It's a win-win for everyone! Many thanks to the families who have been purchasing Scrip cards.

CAN YOU HELP?

We have a need for more musicians for the weekend liturgies. If you can play the piano, organ, guitar or cantor, please consider helping us out. Just once a month would be a big help. Due to various factors our list is dwindling.

FOOD MINISTRY

Open Table serves a free meal every Tuesday from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the UCC Congregational Church, 501 W. Montgomery St. Meals are served by various churches and civic organizations. Please use this service if it can benefit you and your family.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Feb. 25/26	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Steve Heffern Phyllis Allen	Bill Mullin Steve McCann
Eucharistic Ministers	J. Simmons B. & L. Miller	Dean Schulte Al Pokorny Mary S. McDonald Paul Baker Karen Fries
Ushers	Monte Neitzel D. & B. Baker T. & L. Root Terri Koets	D. & K. Kinsella Sue Bissell Virginia Aguilar Jamie Hayes Elaine Haines
Servers	N. Kuhlman H. Simmons	Aiden Evans Gavin Evans Tristin Evans
Greeters	Betty Baker Ann Johnson	D. & K. Kinsella
Rosary Musicians	Bob Jansen C. Fredrickson Rose Wignall	Kelsey Bailey Linda Taylor Mike Peters
Money Counters	S. Hudek, B. McKee, M. McElroy	

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme: God's love invites us to wholeness.

Question for Children: What can you do at home or at school to show that you follow Jesus' Commandments?

Question for Youth: Do you think Jesus was serious when he said to love your enemies? Why or why not?

Question for Adults: Have you ever told someone to do something for his/her own well being? Do you accept God's laws in the same spirit of love and concern?

LOVE and you fulfill the whole law

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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

Sunday	February 19	Parish Council Meeting Following Mass
Wednesday	February 22	Men's Stag, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall Rel. Education Classes, 6:15 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School



ANNUAL PARISH BREAKFAST

The Parish Council will be preparing and serving the annual Parish Breakfast next Sunday, February 26th, after Mass. Great food and an opportunity to socialize with your parish family. Please join us!!

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.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$964.00
February 12th tithes received	\$470.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 26	10:45 a.m.
Lector	Dan Rosener
Eucharistic Minister	Deb Weaver-Ripperger Kathy Simmerman Darren Moore
Ushers	Jim & Shayla Findley Family
Servers	Gus McNeill Joshua Lopez
Money	Eric Ripperger Jerry Travis