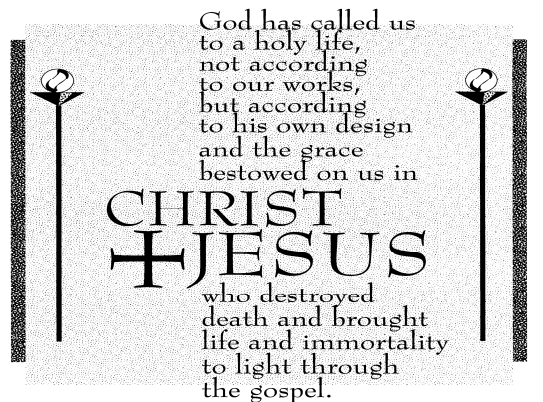


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

February 20/21, 2016

Second Sunday of Lent



FROM FR. KEN:

“Watch out for the slick spots.” This is a phrase that you hear many times during this time of the year. We have the freezing rain, sleet, and snow, then we have the melting during the day and the re-freezing at night. This makes the sidewalks and streets kind of slippery and we have those many opportunities to fall and harm ourselves. This is also the time of year when the auto body shops are busy from all of the little fender benders that we have. These slick spots and fender benders do not only happen on the streets and sidewalks, they happen throughout our own lives. Most car collisions are avoidable if all of us are paying attention, we would be able to see the car coming, if we would be going slower, if we were not playing with our phone, or with the radio, we really could stop most collisions. But in life we are not always perfect we are not paying attention to others around us and we cause damage to those around us or we get into a hurry and overlook the people in our lives who really need us at that time. I am guilty of this myself, I sometimes get so caught up in noise of the world, the current project I am working on, or my homily, that I can slip and fail to take care of someone in need. When we crash and harm another, the best thing we can do is to figure out what is needed to do to repair the problem. We often run into many different temptations in our lives, but, like driving, if we are careful we can do our best to avoid the crashes, and when we have failed in this, get up, shake off the dirt, fix the damage, forgive the hurt, and thank God.

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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

THIS WEEK'S LENTEN ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Catholic Charities Severe Weather/Natural Disaster Collection will be this weekend. If you wish to donate cans will be available in the church entrance
- ◆ Ecumenical Lenten Service: February 21st, 5:00 p.m. at St. John's Church. Rev. Brian Jack (Salem Lutheran Church) will be the speaker.
- ◆ Monday: Holy Spirit Parish will hold a communion service at 6:00 p.m. plus Stations of the Cross. A soup supper will follow Stations in the hall. (Sign-up sheets will be available at the soup suppers or in the back of church if you would like to provide soup. A free-will offering is made to the Rice Bowl.)
- ◆ Friday: Stations of the Cross, February 26th, 7:00 p.m., at St. Edward's Church.
- ◆ Holy Spirit Parish and St. Malachy School will hold a Fish Fry Friday, February 26th at St. Malachy School. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. On the menu: hand battered fried cod, coleslaw, hash brown casserole, a roll and dessert. Cost for adults is \$8 and children 12 and under \$5. Come and support our church and school through food, faith, and fellowship.
- ◆ All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Everyone 14 years or older must refrain from eating meat (or food containing meat).
- ◆ Holy Door: Holy Spirit Church is open from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Rice Bowls are available at the church entrances. Remember, what you give up for Lent changes lives.
- ◆ The Diocese of Des Moines is raising funds for a high school seminary in Nigeria. This is a continuing project thanks to the generosity of many people. If you would like to help with this project, envelopes are available in the church entrance.



FATHER KEN AT A CONFERENCE

Bishop Pates has asked Father Ken to attend a conference in Baltimore this week. Therefore, there will be no daily Masses. A communion service will be held at Holy Spirit Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. with Stations and Soup Supper following.

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Mass Schedule

Monday February 22	No Adoration No Mass/Communion Service 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit
Tuesday February 23	No Adoration No Mass
Wednesday February 24	No Mass
Thursday February 25	No Mass
Friday February 26	No Mass
Saturday February 27	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Mert Link
Sunday February 28	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Leo and Donna Baker 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of:

- ◆ Rita Brzozowski, wife of Wesley Brzozowski
 - ◆ Carl Siddens, husband of the late Eileen Siddens
 - ◆ Roger Moore, husband of Anna Moore
- May they, and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Officers Meeting: Wednesday, February 24th, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall.

AUCTION AND DINNER

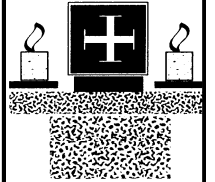
The Annual St. Malachy Auction and Dinner Gala will be held Saturday, March 5th, at the Supertell Inn and Conference Center. Dinner ticket: \$30.00. Prime Rib Buffet Dinner catered by Janet Hayes of The Windrow Restaurant; Dessert by Upper Crust. Cash Raffle (\$10 a ticket): First prize \$1,000.00; Second prize: \$500.00; Third prize: \$250.00; Fourth prize: \$250.00. Live music by Dustin Baird. Raffle and dinner tickets are now on sale. *Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. on the 5th (no 5:15 p.m. Mass).*

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	February 21	Coffee and Rolls after Mass, Hall First Eucharist Parent Meeting after Mass, Upstairs
Monday	February 22	Communion Service, 6:00 p.m., with Stations of the Cross/Soup Supper
Tuesday	February 23	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Crest Area for Life Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	February 24	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Rel. Ed. Classes, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Thursday	February 25	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall Rediscover Jesus Book Study, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School Library
Friday	February 26	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Fish Fry, 5:30-7:30 p.m., St. Malachy School
Saturday	February 27	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

The Lord
is with us



in
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and word

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GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
February 14th tithes received	\$4,026.00

COFFEE AND ROLLS

The Family Life Committee will be serving coffee and rolls after Mass this Sunday. Free-will offering. Come enjoy this time of fellowship!

REDISCOVER JESUS BOOK STUDY

Looking for an opportunity to read your book, Rediscover Jesus? Come and join our book study! All are welcome to attend. You can participate in 3 ways: 1) Weekly group gathering. Thursday, evenings during Lent, 7:00 p.m. at St. Malachy School Library. 2) Online Facebook Chats. Search for Holy Spirit Parish Book Study Group (look for the closed group and ask to join). You will be informed of the chapters the group is reading and the points to ponder questions along with prayer and Bible readings will be posted. The online presence will give opportunity for chatting via Facebook at your convenience and comfort of your own home (please note posts will be monitored). 3) Your own home study. Use your copy of the Rediscover Jesus book that was given at Christmas time; devote time weekly to read from the book and follow along with the questions at the end of each chapter. You can mix and match how you want to participate—it is up to you. For more information or questions, contact Kelsey Bailey at 515-460-0496. (Books were handed out in December and there are a few more in the back of church if you did not receive one.)

PARISH COUNCIL RECAP

Holy Spirit Parish Council met February 16th. This month's organizational report was given by Jerry Katzer of the Knights of Columbus. They are working in the kitchen replacing/cleaning/repairing cabinet doors. Sponsoring a Men's Retreat on the 27th. Helping with the Fish Fry on the 26th. Have out doors projects lined up when spring arrives. Unfinished Business: Signs for next year's float in the Christmas parade will be furnished by the CD of A. New Business: Begin discussion on RAGBRAI events. Parish served homemade noodles/turkey with real mashed potatoes last time. Was a huge hit and will go with that again. Are looking for coordinators. Entire parish cooperation is needed. Catholics Come Home Diocesan project has started running ads on TV. Committees: Buildings/Grounds: Several projects to work on when spring arrives. Family Life: Coffee/Rolls served this weekend but not in March. Social Concerns: Committee does projects during the year, but cannot get people to come to meetings. We will add to our monthly food drive a can to collect money for the UCC's Food Bank. Food can be purchased at a minimal price. MATURA's regulations have changed and people can only receive assistance every 90 days instead of 30. They can receive help every week at UCC. Faith Formation: School/Parish doing a fish fry, February 26th. RCIA: At Easter we will receive 5 into the church, two Catholics need confirmation and 3 children will be received. Lenten Family Activity Night went well. Students helped with ministries at Ash Wednesday Mass. First Eucharist Parents meetings will begin. Several CRHP ladies continuing on.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: *Lent calls us to transform our lives.*

Question for Children: Jesus invites you to be close to him, to see him with clear eyes. What is Jesus like as a friend?

Question for Youth: What do you most want God to help you with?

Question for Adults: Sometimes we can see Christ with clear eyes, as the disciples did on that mountain. Share about such a time in your own life.

IT'S TIME.....

For a new ministry schedule. Please call the parish office if there are any additions, deletions, or changes that need to be made. New ministers are always welcome!!

CREST AREA FOR LIFE

Meeting: Tuesday, February 23rd, 7:30 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Feb. 27/28	5:15 pm	9:00 am
Lectors	Pat Schlapia Linda Hartsock	To be announced Joanne Bucklin
Eucharistic Ministers	Jean Miller B. & L. Miller	Al Pokorny Karon Finn Tim & Linda Root Betty Baker
Ushers	J. & C. Mansour L & MJ Dorgan Butch Miller Terri Koets	M. Sickels Family B. Hudson Family
Servers	N. Kuhlman Ashton Carter Kelly Coen	Jasmine Hernandez Mallory Tallmon Abby Tallmon
Greeters	Butch Miller Ben Brightwell	Virginia Aguilar Betty Baker
Rosary Musicians	Ted Willets Mike Burke Heather Sitek	Paul Baker Julie and Bill Mullin
Money Counters	Scott Coen, Paul Varner, Ryan Mohr	

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

News from St. Edward Parish

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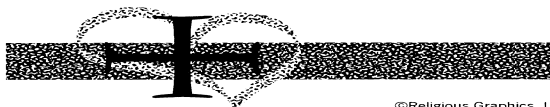
Sunday	February 21	Parish Council after Mass
Wednesday	February 24	Religious Education Classes, 6:15 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School
Friday	February 26	Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.

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Hear
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 28	10:45 am
Lector	Retta Ripperger
Euch. Min.	Jan Pettit, Sharon Findley, Dan Rosener
Usher/Greet	Mark Weis Family
Servers	Gabrielle Valencia, Ansley Waigand
Money Counters	Randy Wuebker, Dan Rosener



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MARYKNOLL MISSIONS

Next Sunday, February 28th, our plate collection will go toward our monthly \$100.00 donation to the Maryknoll Missions.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 909.41
February 14th tithes	\$1,116.00

COMING UP.....

The St. Edward's Knights of Columbus will hold a Fish Fry (free-will offering) on March 11th at the Afton Community Center; Meal time 6:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, February 26th, 7:00 p.m.

