

# HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

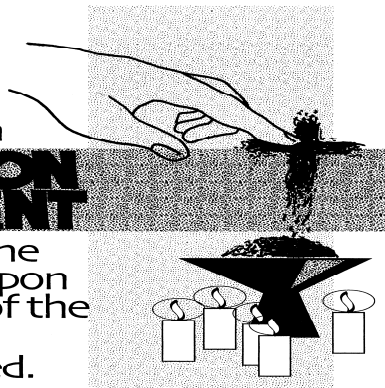
February 25/26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Enter the  
time for  
spiritual  
purification

**SEASON  
OF LENT**

For everyone  
who calls upon  
the name of the  
**LORD**  
will be saved.



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## FROM FR. KEN

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday! It is a very popular Mass, in fact it is on average the third or fourth highest attended Mass and I am sure that this year will be no different. The kick-off to Lent is actually a wonderful day, it is a day of fasting, a day of prayer, and is often a time to reflect on our lives. When we decide what to give up, we need to remember as I say every year, it is a penitential act for ourselves and not for those around us. Lent is that solemn preparation time in which we get ready for the holiest days of the year, the celebration of the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. It is also a season in which we often take some time and look at our lives. Hopefully we will do that and then consider doing something for Lent that will help us to change. I would highly encourage everyone to try and give up something different than the standard chocolate, soda, or snacks. Try something hard but will help us to really grow. Try giving up some time and give it to God, it can be as simple as taking half of our lunch time and going off and praying, turning off the TV for half an hour, or make it a point to stop off at the Church for ten minutes every day after work to pray, or we could give up gossiping or complaining. There are so many things that we can do instead of just giving up chocolate. Try something unique and different this year, maybe even make it a family effort to either give up something together or to do something for others as a family. Remember the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving and let these be your guide for this blessed season.

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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

## 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 more samples of items to be auctioned: Meat from Walter farms, Sumner Studios guitar and lesson package, Ramada Water Park Package, Burnt Reynolds BBQ meat package, A & G Party Room with 15 pizzas and 1 keg of beer, and much, much more! **Please note:** *Saturday night Mass on March 4th will be at 4:00 p.m.*

## LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY

- ◆ Check the Mass schedule to the right for Mass times on Ash Wednesday.
- ◆ Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting. Everyone between the ages of 18 and 59 are to eat only one full meal and two others meals consisting of substantially less food. There should be no food taken between meals. Anyone whose health is threatened by fasting is exempted. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence from meat. Everyone 14 years or older must refrain from eating meat.
- ◆ Mondays of Lent Holy Spirit will have Adoration from 5:00-6:00 p.m. (Fr. Ken will also be available for confession during this time). Mass at 6:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross and a soup supper to follow. The Catholic Daughters will be in charge of lining up the soup with a sign-up sheet available if you would like to help. A free-will offering is taken with money going to Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl collection.
- ◆ Rice Bowls are available in the back of church. By using your Rice Bowl we pray together; Fast in solidarity with those who hunger; Learn about the challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world and give sacrificial contributions to support those in need.
- ◆ We have purchased the Little Black Book again this year and they are available in the back of church. This prayer book will walk you through your journey of Lent. There are some copies available in Spanish.
- ◆ Fr. Halbur will be the guest speaker at the Union County Lenten Ecumenical Service on Sunday, March 5th, 5:00 p.m., at Salem Lutheran Church (602 W. Townline).

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday**  
**February 27** Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit  
Gene Miller

**Tuesday**  
**February 28** Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m.  
8:30 a.m., St. Edward  
Lorraine Brown

**Wednesday**  
**March 1**



Ash Wednesday  
9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School  
David Kinsella  
12:00, Noon, Holy Spirit  
Lorraine Victor  
5:15 p.m., St. Edward  
Duane Brown  
7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit  
For the People

**Thursday**  
**March 2** 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel  
Dick Fries

**Friday**  
**March 3** 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel  
Cheryl Keenan

**Saturday**  
**March 4** 4:00 p.m., Holy Spirit  
Florence Allen

**Sunday**  
**March 5** 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit  
Eleanor Walsh  
10:45 a.m., St. Edward  
For the People

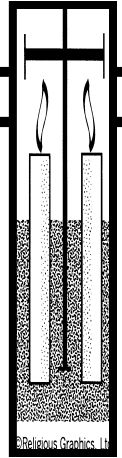
## LENTEN RETREAT: MARCH 11TH

You're invited to a Lenten retreat at St. Patrick (Corning) Saturday, March 11th, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sandy Hoenig will facilitate the retreat. You can check her website for more information at [www.joyofforgiveness.com](http://www.joyofforgiveness.com). There is a suggested donation of \$10 a person. Please bring a notebook and pen for journaling. (Questions: Call 641-322-3363).

## THE WEEK BY WEEK DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Week 3: At 17 days, I have my own blood cells, which may be a different blood type than my mom's. At 18 days, I have a new muscle that occasionally pulses (this will be my heart). At 19 days, my eyes are starting to develop. At 20 days, the basic parts of my entire nervous system have been laid down. By the end of this week my heart will be beating.

# News from Holy Spirit Parish



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	February 27	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	February 28	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Decorate for Lent, 5:00 p.m. Crest Area for Life, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Wednesday	March 1	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Rel. Ed. and High School students to attend Ash Wednesday Mass, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	March 2	Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	March 3	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	March 4	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon St. Malachy Foundation Gala and Auction, 5:00 p.m., SuperTel
Saturday/Sunday	March 4/5	Monthly Food Pantry Collection
Sunday	March 5	Confirmation Retreat, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Church/Hall

## GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.36
February 19th tithes received	\$6,932.00

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Due to Ash Wednesday, the March meeting has been rescheduled to **Thursday, March 2nd**, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall.

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will be attending a retreat next weekend from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the church/hall. Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for this special day.

## CREST AREA FOR LIFE

Monthly meeting: Tuesday, February 28th, 7:00 p.m., at Holy Spirit Hall. This is open to the public.

## FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Next weekend is the monthly food drive for MATURA and Creston Area Food Pantry. Non-perishable items and personal care items are collected and distributed to these two agencies. Monetary donations are accepted for the Food Pantry. There are envelopes available at the back of church if you wish to make a donation. Please make check payable to Creston Area Food Pantry. Place your donations in the collection basket or the box in the back of church. The Food Pantry is able to purchase food in bulk at a minimal cost with these donations. Thanks to all who help with these ministries.

## PARISH COUNCIL RECAP

February 21st meeting: **Organization report** from CD of A: They donated a family basket for Christmas; made cookie plates for shut-ins for Valentines Day; are having bake sales at Bunn to raise money to send members to convention. **Unfinished Business:** No updates on the Old ReRun building or new information on the status of the addition to the school. We are in need of a chair (or co-chairs) for the Food Fair scheduled for September. **New Business:** none. **Committee Reports:** *Building, Safety and Grounds:* The light to the church parking lot needs to be adjusted to correspond with dusk/evening hours; Mark Ide has been contacted to work on the railing to the altar. *Family Life:* Coffee and rolls served on February 19th. No coffee and rolls in March. Newcomer Michael Brennan has been visited. *Social Concerns:* The committee will serve Open Table on March 28th. The Food Pantry continues to grow. *Liturgy:* Committee will meet on February 28th to decorate for Lent and meet March 9th to finalize plans for Holy Week and Easter. Ash Wednesday Mass times are set for 9:15 at school, noon at the Church, and 7:00 p.m. at the church with Religious Education students handling the majority of the ministries. Kelsey Bailey is organizing a Fish Fry March 24th at St. Malachy School. *Finance:* Last meeting was in January and we are at 73% of our Diocesan Capital Campaign which end in 2018. ADA goal for 2016 was met with \$1,200 over goal. Father has contacted another company for a bid to tear down the Old ReRun Shop. Fabric for pew cushions has not arrived. Discussed internal financial controls to meet diocesan regulations. Calvary Cemetery and the parish have been named in Roberta Ambrose will. A meeting with these two councils will be held to decide how to handle the estate. *Faith Formation:* We have 9 students making their First Communion and 13 students in the Confirmation program. March 12th will be the 8th grade retreat. No word on Totus Tuus. Kindergarten information night well attend. Tonight is Preschool info night. St. Malachy Gala and auction is March 4th.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>March 4/5</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Chris Mansour Alice Reed	Karen Fries Dottie Dunphy
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	T. & L. Root Alice Reed	Missy Sickels Virginia Aguilar Kelsey Bailey Bob & Lisa Miller
<b>Ushers</b>	J. & T. Latus T. & C. Sevier L. & M.J. Dorgan	L. & P. Blakesley Jacquie Eblen Family
<b>Servers</b>	Sydney Strunk Carly Green	Austin Rice Mallory Tallmon Abby Tallmon
<b>Greeters</b>	J. & T. Latus	L. & P. Blakesley
<b>Rosary</b>	Ted Willets	Mary S. McDonald
<b>Musicians</b>	No Music	Lynn Baker Danna Buls Devon Buls
<b>Money Counters</b>	Todd Dunphy, Tom Dunphy, Luke Baker	

*All ministers: If you are unable to be there, please find a substitute.*

## ASH WEDNESDAY: 7:00 P.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: Steve Heffern, Phyllis Allen, Steve McCann, Mark O'Riley, Betty Baker  
Musicians: Connie Fredrickson, Rose Wignall  
All other ministries covered by RE students

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*Theme: God is always present in our life.*

**Question for Children:** What do you worry about? What can you do to stop worrying and rely on God.

**Question for Youth:** Do you serve two masters? If so, what can you do to stop and serve only God?

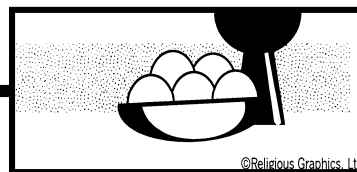
**Question for Adults:** Who really is the master of your life?

## SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Dale Wagner, husband of Pat, and the father of Kevin (Ann) Wagner, Chris (Steve) Wintermute, Kolby (Joan) Wagner, Kim (Kevin) Minnis, and daughter-in-law, Jolene Royster.

## News from St. Edward

Sunday	February 26	Parish Breakfast after Mass
Wednesday	March 1	Rel. Education Classes, 6:15 p.m.



## ANNUAL PARISH BREAKFAST

The Parish Council will be preparing and serving the annual Parish Breakfast this Sunday. Great food and an opportunity to socialize with your parish family. Please join us!!

## DCCW CONVENTION

April 1st in West Des Moines. A sign up sheet is in the back of church if interested along with more information.

## LOST TREASURES

When the new cabinet was installed we found 3 boxes of various items that are free to anyone interested. After this Sunday, we will dispose of anything not taken. So take a few minutes and check out the "treasure box".

## GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 964.00
February 19th tithes received	\$1,105.31

WE DO NOT LIVE  BY BREAD ALONE

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<b>March 5</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Wayne Wuebker
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Ellie Fry, Karen Jones, Georgia Pettit
<b>Ushers</b>	Ellie Fry Family
<b>Servers</b>	Olivia Moore, Hayden Waigand
<b>Money Counters</b>	Carol Waigand, Phil Bradley