

HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

February 13/14, 2016

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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:

We have arrived at the first weekend of Lent. Again we have the three pillars of lent, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Prayer helps us to turn away from sin and turn towards God. I would recommend spending extra time in prayer, if you usually pray for a couple of minutes, set the timer on your phone for 15 min so you are not looking at the clock all the time, and spend those 15 minutes in spiritual reading, Sacred Scripture, praying the rosary, or just talking to God. Prayer is something everyone needs to do. Fasting helps us to work against our own appetites toward sin, it is about doing something out of love, it is not just about giving up chocolate, coffee, or soda. This giving up of something should bring us to a closer relationship with Christ, so every time you reach for the thing that you are giving up, say a little prayer for strength and also give thanks for the ability to do it. Almsgiving is the fight against worldly desires, there are many different opportunities for this. This something that we are constantly bombarded with. I personally receive at least 2-3 requests for money each week and as a Church we are ones who ask a lot! The thing I want to remind everyone again, is that yes, we do have a significant budget for the church and school, and we do have a good number of extra envelopes and second collection items, but they are not "required" they are simply opportunities to give to something you feel strongly about. There are so many good causes to give to, both in the Church and out, and we cannot support everything, but we can support those things we feel strongly about. Pray about those things you are doing for the Lenten season and remember that we are preparing for the coming of Christ again in the resurrection.

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St. Edward Church, 104 W. Union Street, Afton

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

LENT

- ◆ All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Everyone 14 years or older must refrain from eating meat (or food containing meat).
- ◆ Mondays of Lent Holy Spirit Parish will be having Adoration from 5:00-6:00 p.m.; Mass at 6:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross following Mass and concluding with a soup supper in the hall. During Adoration Fr. Ken will be available to hear confessions. The Catholic Daughters will be in charge of lining up the soup. 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.
- ◆ Stations of the Cross, Friday, February 19th, 7:00 p.m., at St. Edward's Church.
- ◆ Sunday night 5:00 p.m. Ecumenical Services will be held. February 14th service will be at the Platte Center Church. Holy Spirit will host the Good Friday Service, March 25th, at noon with a light luncheon to follow.
- ◆ Holy Door: Holy Spirit Church is open from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Monday adoration and reconciliation, 5:00 p.m.; Mass, 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Join our parish community and 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowls. Rice Bowls are available in 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. Generous support over the last three years has resulted in a complete renovation of the academic building, classrooms, student hostel and restroom facilities. Further renovations are needed. If you would like to help with this project, envelopes are available in the church entrance.
- ◆ Catholic Charities Severe Weather/Natural Disaster Collection will be next weekend. If you wish to donate cans will be available in the church entrance.

LAST CALL FOR KC RETREAT

Knights Retreat February 20th from 8:30 a.m. through the evening Mass at Holy Spirit. Morning speaker is radio/speaking personality Jon Leonetti. Afternoon will include reflections and information from Fr. Ken. There is no cost to attend (\$50 donation to cover costs would be appreciated). Lunch/snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to Steve at 515-493-6110.



**PURIFY YOURSELVES
IN PREPARATION FOR THE GLORY OF EASTER**

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Mass Schedule

Monday February 15	Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Victoria Jansen
Tuesday February 16	Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Intentions of Sheila Brown
Wednesday February 17	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Fr. Richard Macke
Thursday February 18	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Hubert Bradley, Sr.
Friday February 19	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Jim Collins
Saturday February 20	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Bill and Mattie Cihak
Sunday February 21	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit For the People 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Greg Haley

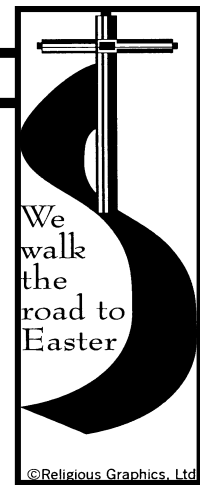


- ◆ Holy Spirit Parish and St. Malachy School will hold its first Fish Fry on Friday, February 26th at St. Malachy School. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. On the menu: hand battered fried cod, coleslaw, hash brown casserole, a roll and dessert. Cost for adults is \$8 and children 12 and under \$5. Come and support our church and school through food, faith, and fellowship. A thank you to all who have played a role in making this event a reality: St. Malachy Recruitment Committee, Knights of Columbus, and Holy Spirit Parish. We look forward to seeing you on February 26th!
- ◆ The St. Edward's Knights of Columbus will hold a fish fry March 11th at the Afton Community Center (no stations that evening). Free-will offering.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	February 15	Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Tuesday	February 16	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. CRHP Team 6 Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Hall Parish Council, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Wednesday	February 17	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
Thursday	February 18	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall Rediscover Jesus Book Study, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School Library
Friday	February 19	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 20	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon KC Retreat, 8:30 a.m.- Evening Mass, Hall
Sunday	February 21	Coffee and Rolls after Mass, Hall



GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
February 7th tithes received	\$5,991.00
July-January tithes needed	\$252,080.50
July-January tithes received	\$216,564.35
Shortage	(\$35,516.15)



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).*

COFFEE AND ROLLS

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

CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP

Registration is open. For over 50 years young people from all over the Diocese have been coming to the St. Thomas More Center (Panora, IA) to encounter a week of prayer, fellowship, adventure and joy. Visit www.STMcenter.com to register or for more information.

FIRST EUCHARIST MEETING

A parent meeting will be held next Sunday, February 21st after Mass for parents who have a child making their First Eucharist this May.

REDISCOVER JESUS BOOK STUDY

Looking for an opportunity to read you book, Rediscover Jesus? Come and join our book study! This study is a great way to meet people in the parish as well as develop a closer relationship with Jesus. All are welcome to attend so bring a friend, child, spouse and jump into Rediscover Jesus this Lenten season. You can participate in 3 ways: 1) Weekly group gathering. We will start Thursday, February 18th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Malachy School Library and will continue to meet through Lent. 2) Online Facebook Chats. Search for Holy Spirit Parish Book Study Group (look for the closed group and ask to join). Starting February 18th 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.)

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: *Lent is time to open our hearts more fully to Jesus.*

Question for Children: When you feel tempted to do wrong, how do you remain strong in your faith?

Question for Youth: What is one thing you will do during Lent to become more open to God in your life?

Question for Adults: As you come to understand the temptation of Jesus in the desert, which one of the devil's offerings is hardest for you to resist?

LENTEN PRAYER by Fr. Joseph Veneroso, M.M.

Jesus, You fasted 40 days in the wilderness to prepare for Your mission and ministry of healing, hope and holiness. Help me follow You by freeing myself of everything that does not bring me closer to You or to my neighbor. Throughout this holy season of Lent let me not be distracted by worldly possessions but rather may Your Spirit possess me more and more. Make me ever mindful of those whose fasting lasts a lifetime or who have lost all they had. May these 40 Days help me to share what I have and give what I can that the world may see You as the Christ and give You glory. Amen

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 20/21 5:15 pm 9:00 am

Lectors Marsha Mohr Bill Mullin
Joanne Gibson Mary S. McDonald

Eucharistic Ministers L. Iyagbayee Paul Baker
Pat Miller Karin Fries
Alice Reed Missy Sickels
Mark O'Riley
Theresa Pudenz

Ushers Terri Koets A. Saturno Family
J. & T. Latus Francis Doyle
T. & C. Sevier
Elaine Haines

Servers Devon Buls Erik Allen
Daniel Buls Molly Sickels
Haley Simmons Andrew Hribal

Greeters T. & C. Sevier G. & J. Bucklin

Rosary Bob Jansen Al Pokorny

Musicians C. Fredrickson Lynn Baker
Danna Buls Jolene Griffith

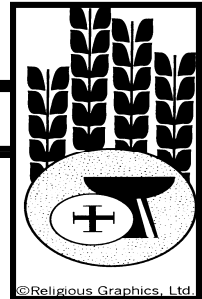
Money Counters Todd Dunphy, Tom Dunphy,
Luke Baker

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

News from St. Edward Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday	February 17	Religious Education Classes, 6:15 p.m. Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School
Friday	February 19	Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 20	KC Retreat, 8:30 a.m.-Evening Mass, Holy Spirit
Sunday	February 21	Parish Council after Mass



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 21 10:45 am

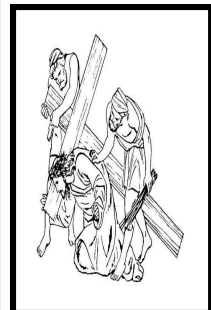
Lector Randy Pettit

Euch. Min. Karen Jones, Georgia Pettit, Mara Weis

Usher/Greet Fritz Weis Family

Servers Steven Fry, Jillian Valencia

Money Counters Randy Wuebker, Dan Rosener



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, February 19th, 7:00 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

No Wednesday evening devotions during Lent.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 909.41
February 7th tithes	\$ 1,129.00
July-January tithes needed	\$28,116.10
July-January tithes received	\$25,642.45
Shortage	(\$2,473.65)



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.