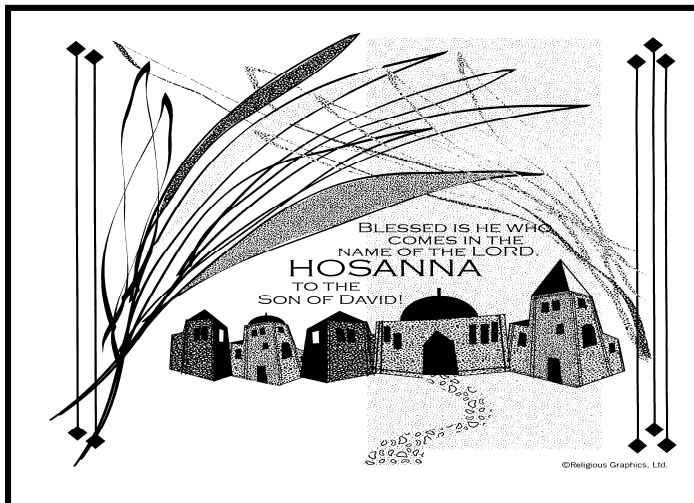


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

March 19/20, 2016

Palm Sunday



FROM FR. KEN

Did you know that there are 41 windows in the rectory? I knew that you were curious about this. How do I know this, because a couple of times a year I take a bottle of widow cleaner and paper towels and clean them all. Sometimes after I do this I walk into the kitchen and am startled because I notice something outside so much more clearly or the lights outside are brighter, the dirt on the window that was blocking the view is gone. Also, if I have not done a good job cleaning them, there are a bunch of streaks or spots on them still and they really stand out, especially if the sun is shining on them. The same thing goes with our spiritual lives. We sometimes do not notice how dirty things are getting until we look at them and the after we have cleaned them. Sometimes I hear in confession, "well father, I don't think I did anything wrong" or "I can't think of anything that I have done." If either of these are the case, spend some time praying with a good examination of conscience, you can find many of them with a simple web search, and I would guarantee that you will come up with something. The intention of the Sacrament of Confession is not to make us feel bad, but for us to let go of those wrongs that we have done to God and to others, for us to clean the windows of our soul, so that we can see more clearly again. So we can refocus and see the light of Christ shining brightly in our lives. When we have done an incomplete confession and we leave the streaks and spots there, when we focus on Christ, those get in the way. When we have had a good confession, it can be refreshing and satisfying.

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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

HOLY WEEK

- ◆ Ecumenical Lenten Service: March 20th, 5:00 p.m. at Creston UCC Church. Fr. Ken will be the speaker.
- ◆ Monday: Holy Spirit Parish will have adoration from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Father Ken will be available for confession during this time also. Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross and a soup supper. A free-will offering is made to the Rice Bowl.
- ◆ Wednesday: Rediscovering Jesus Book study, 7:00 p.m., parish office.
- ◆ Extra confession time: Wednesday, 5:00-8:00 p.m., at Holy Spirit Church
- ◆ Holy Thursday: Mass at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church. Adoration will follow until 9:00 p.m.
- ◆ Good Friday Ecumenical Service, 12:00 noon, at Holy Spirit Church. Rev. Tony Thurston will be preaching. A light luncheon will follow.
- ◆ Good Friday Liturgy, 7 p.m., Holy Spirit Church.
- ◆ Good Friday is a day of fasting for those between the ages of 18 and 59. There should be no food taken between meals. Anyone whose health is threatened by fasting is exempted. Good Friday is a day of abstinence from meat. Everyone 14 years or older must refrain from eating meat.
- ◆ Holy Saturday Mass at Holy Spirit at 8:00 p.m. (no 5:15 p.m. Mass on the 26th). We will welcome into our family of faith: Kim Coen, Amanda Montayne, Pedro Henandez and Andrea Rojas, Chad Simmons, Jack and Clarissa Walter and children Jack, Hunter and Hailey
- ◆ Holy Door: Holy Spirit Church is open from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Rice Bowls: A collection basket is in the back of church. You may drop your Rice Bowls in this container at any of the Masses this week.

SPRING BREAK/EASTER NEWS

- ◆ No Wednesday Mass at St. Malachy School —changed to noon at the church.
- ◆ No Wednesday night RE classes at Holy Spirit or St. Edward
- ◆ The ReRun Shop will be closed Good Friday and Holy Saturday.
- ◆ The parish office will be closed Good Friday.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Our Annual Drive is underway. Pledge cards are in the back of church if you have misplaced your card. No gift is too small. With everyone's help we can reach our goal!

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*Enter into the passion
and glory of the Lord*

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Mass Schedule

Monday March 21	Adoration 5:00-6:00 p.m. Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit KC: Edward Pesik
Tuesday March 22	Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Mass, 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Duane Brown
Wednesday March 23	Mass, 12:00 Noon, Holy Spirit Eddie, Dorothy & Jimmy Peak
Holy Thursday March 24	Mass, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Jessica Moeller
Good Friday March 25	Liturgy, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit
Holy Saturday March 26	8:00 p.m., Holy Spirit For the People
Easter Sunday March 27	7:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Mert Link 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Florence Allen 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Pete and Ava Jean Weis

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of:

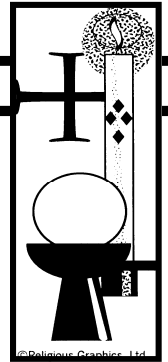
- ◆ J. Eugene "Gene" Miller, husband of Jean Miller and father of Pat (Susan) Miller, Edward (Gwen) Miller, Dan (Denise) Miller, Matt (Susan) Miller, Kathy Hribal, Rosemary (Kevin) Henry, Bridget (Marc) Clayton, Diane (Lantz) Rugg; the late Brendan Miller and Jerry Miller; step-children Jen (Ben) Nelson, Michael Mikkelsen, Jeffrey (Becky) Mikkelsen, Reginald (Rita) Mikkelsen, and Genese Mikkelsen.
- ◆ Robert "Bob" Mostek, husband of the late Jan Mostek and father of Jeff (Kit) Mostek, Jim (Lori) Mostek, Bryan Mostek, and Michelle (Rick Carter) Mostek.

May they and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	March 21	Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper following the 6:00 p.m. Mass Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Tuesday	March 22	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Crest Area for Life Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Wednesday	March 23	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee to Decorate Church, 5:30 p.m. Rediscover Jesus Book Study, 7:00 p.m., Parish Office
Friday	March 25	Ecumenical Good Friday Service, Noon, + Luncheon
Saturday	March 26	Liturgy Committee to Decorate Church, 10:00 a.m.



GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
March 13th tithes received	\$5,758.00

GOOD FRIDAY LUNCHEON

Plans are getting underway for the luncheon following the Ecumenical Service Holy Spirit will be hosting on Good Friday. Please help if you can. A sign up sheet is in the back of church. (It will also be available at Monday night soup suppers).



RABRAI

Our parish will be serving a chicken/noodle dinner when RABRAI is in Creston on July 25th. We will need the help of the

entire parish to prepare and serve the meal. Please mark your calendar to help us. Next week's bulletin will have more information and some preparation work dates.

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Jeremiah and Erin Jondle on the baptism of their daughter Estella June Jondle on March 12th at Holy Spirit.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Envelopes are available in the back of church if you wish to make a donation to the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your donation will help Jesus in disguise through providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief to learn how you are making a difference.

MOBILE HUNGER FIGHT

Meals from the Heartland is an opportunity to help package meals to combat hunger in Central Iowa and around the world. Volunteers package meals in teams of 8-10 members. During this time the team will average 2,000 meals per hour. Our parish plans to fund two teams (20 people). We need to raise \$850 (\$425/team) to pay for the meals. If you can help fund this project, please make your check to Southwestern Community College and in the memo line list Meals of the Heartland (checks may be sent to the parish office so we know how much we have collected). A sign-up sheet is in the back of church. The date: April 21st: 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Questions, please contact Chris Mansour, 782-4382, or June Huewe, 515-491-7814. *Those who have helped in the past say it is a lot of fun!*

PRAYER TREE

Our parish has a prayer tree whose members pray for families/friends who are in need of our prayers. If you would like to be a member of the prayer tree or know someone in need of prayer, call Mary Wichhart, 782-2289, or Pat Pokorny, 782-4291. Email: Mary at dmwichhart@iowatelecom.net or Pat at ppokorny@windstream.net.

FREE MEDITATION BOOKS.....

The following books are available at the back of church.....free of charge. Pick up a copy.

- ◆ The April-June edition of Living Faith
- ◆ The Catholic Yearbook
- ◆ The Catholic Devotional

CREST AREA FOR LIFE MEETING

Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Holy Thursday	Good Friday
	7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Lectors	Dottie Dunphy Karen Fries	P. Schlapia + V. M.S. McDonald + N.
Eucharistic Ministers	B. & L. Miller Teresa Pudenz E. & M. Gammell	Betty Baker
Ushers	M. Sickels Fam. B. Hudson Fam.	Joni Taylor Family T. & L. Root Family
Servers	Maura Kinsella Kara Kinsella Madalyn Kinsella	Jackson Kinsella Reece Glynn Andrew Hribal
Greeters	Joe & Teresa Latus	Tim & Linda Root
Musicians	Bill Mullin Julie Weisshaar	C. Fredrickson Rose Wignall Kateri Foster

March 26: Holy Saturday, 8:00 p.m.

Lectors: RCIA Team

Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Hartsock, Margy Gammell, R. & J. Huewe, Missy Sickels

Ushers/Greeters: Jamie Hayes/Virginia Aguilar Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE....continued

Servers: Molly Sickels, Keely Coen, Haley Simmons

Musicians: Mike Burke, Heather Sitek, Mike Peters

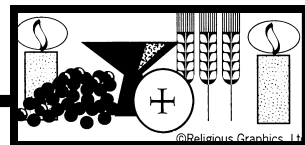
Easter Sunday

March 27	7:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Mark O'Riley L. Iyagbaye II	Al Pokorny Pat Pokorny
Eucharistic Ministers	Steve McCann Terri Koets Betty Baker	Al Pokorny Mary S. McDonald B. & L. Miller
Ushers	Volunteers	L. & P. Blakesley R. & M. Baker Family
Servers	Volunteers	Alexis Baker Ashlyn Baker Megan Pellman
Greeters	Volunteers	L. & P. Blakesley
Rosary	Volunteer	Mary S. McDonald
Musicians	Linda Taylor Aubrey Taylor	Lynn Baker Jolene Griffith
Money Counters	S. Coen, P. Varner, R. Mohr	

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

News from St. Edward Parish

Sunday March 20 Parish Council Meeting after Mass



Breakfast

The Parish Council will be serving their annual breakfast after Mass on Sunday, **April 3rd**. (note date change) Mark your calendar and come enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship with your parish family! On the menu: breakfast casseroles, biscuits and gravy, rolls, donuts, and scrambled eggs.

SALAD SUPPER

The First United Methodist Church invite St. Edward women to a salad supper/guest night on April 7th, 6:30 p.m. Program: Women at the Well prison ministries. RSVP by April 4th to 641-782-2427.

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	\$909.41
March 13th tithes	\$581.00

MARYKNOLL MISSIONS

Next Sunday will be our monthly plate collection to the Maryknoll Missions. St. Edward's sends \$100 a month to the Maryknoll Missions and our plate collection goes towards this donation.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 27	10:45 am
Lector	Randy Pettit
Euch. Min.	Dan Rosener, Deb Weaver-Ripperger, Kathy Simmerman
Usher/Greet	Dan McNeill Family
Servers	Trevor and Steven Fry
Money Counters	Jerry Travis, Jennifer Valencia