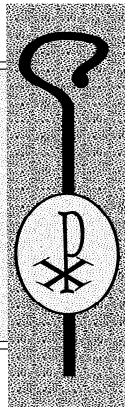


# HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

April 16/17, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter



*The Lord is my Shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

*In green pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.*

*Even though I walk  
through the valley of death,  
no evil will I fear;  
for you are at my side  
with your rod and staff  
that give me courage.*

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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

This past week, the Holy Father released the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* or the Joy of Love. I again find it both sad and humorous how the secular media and even some Catholic media reads and interprets the documents from the Popes, especially Pope Francis. First and foremost, the Pope is NOT changing ANY dogmas or doctrines of the Church, because he cannot! Second, I would highly recommend that everyone read the document, you can download it for free from the Vatican website, I myself have started it, but am only part-way through it, I am hoping to finish it in the next week or so. The document is broken out into chapters and the introduction explains it. The first chapter sets the tone with scripture, and then there are two chapters on love, a chapter on raising children, two chapters for pastoral ministers, and some others. If you hear the media stating that “the Pope is changing X” you should always be skeptical until you read what he actually said in the context of the original document. Our current Holy Father is much more apt to talk to the media on the fly and thus will often get misquoted because our nature is to immediately pick up only on things we want to hear. The Pope again, did not say anything different than the Church has taught, he is simply saying it in a different way. He is reminding us of the importance of the family, while realizing that we are in many different situations. Families don’t always get along, they don’t always like each other, but no matter what happens they still love each other. We are all called to love as one true family of God because in the end, if we are all children of God the Father, and adopted brothers and sisters of God the Son, we are all really one family.

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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

## ADA UPDATE

*Our goal at Holy Spirit and St. Edward is 100% participation.* Extra pledge forms are available at church if you have lost yours. As of April 8th Holy Spirit is at 84% of their goal and St. Edward is at 57%. If we do not reach our goal the difference will have to be paid from parish funds. Remember, no gift is too small and if everyone participates we will easily make our goals! Thank you to those who have made a donation.

## LC CLINIC

Fundraiser for Lc Clinic, Saturday, April 23rd, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Silent Auction 10 a.m.—2:00 p.m.; Lunch served 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free will offering. Christian music by David Paul Britton. All funds raised go toward general funds. If you would like to donate baked goods for this fundraiser, please contact Maggie at 278-1117.

## LIFE SAVERS

The Catholic Daughters will be sponsoring their annual Life Savers Campaign next weekend. Money collected will be used to help victims of domestic violence.

## RERUN VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer meeting: Monday, May 2nd, 11:00 a.m. at the ReRun. Pizza will be available.

## GOT AN HOUR TO SPARE?

The ReRun Shop is always looking for a few more volunteers. Any amount of time you can give is helpful. There are lots of little jobs that need attention (like straightening books/racks). Regular hours:

Tuesday: Noon-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Noon-5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

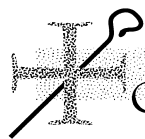
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Sorting is done on Mondays (starting at 9:00 a.m.) on donations received over the weekend. Just stop over anytime if you can help!

ReRun Phone: 641-202-4488

## SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Grace Surma, mother of Amy Surma. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.



I am the  
**GOOD SHEPHERD**

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday<br/>April 18</b>    | <b>Adoration 5:00-6:00 p.m.<br/>Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit</b><br>Margaret Wimmer-Long                            |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>April 19</b>   | <b>Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m.<br/>Mass, 8:30 a.m., St. Edward</b><br>JoAnn Allman                                    |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>April 20</b> | <b>Mass, 9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School</b><br>Ralph Riedl                                                           |
| <b>Thursday<br/>April 21</b>  | <b>Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b><br>Deanne Hoffman                                                        |
| <b>Friday<br/>April 22</b>    | <b>Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b><br>Bernie McNamara                                                       |
| <b>Saturday<br/>April 23</b>  | <b>Mass, 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit</b><br>Mert Link                                                                    |
| <b>Sunday<br/>April 24</b>    | <b>Mass, 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit</b><br>Leo and Donna Baker<br><b>Mass, 10:45 a.m., St. Edward</b><br>For the People |

## FOOD MINISTRY

You are invited to join in a FREE meal (Open Table) every Tuesday from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and to receive free food from the food pantry every Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the UCC Congregational Church, 501 W. Montgomery, Creston. Questions/more information call Kathy Goodrich, 641-202-4513. (Please note Holy Spirit helps with Open Table and contributes items to the food pantry).

## HOLY DOOR

Following ancient practice, Pope Francis has invited in this Jubilee Year the faithful to participate in pilgrimage to a Holy Door. Holy Spirit Parish has been chosen as a Holy Door site. In the back of church are flyers that will assist you in making a pilgrimage. The church is open from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

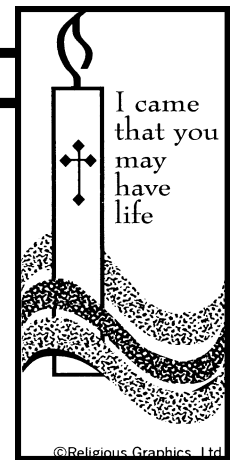
## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Items for the weekly bulletin are due to the office by noon on Wednesdays.

# News from Holy Spirit Parish

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|                 |             |                                                                                                                |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday          | April 17    | First Eucharist Parent Session, 1:00 p.m., St. Malachy School                                                  |
| Monday          | April 18    | CRHP Ladies Meeting, following 6 p.m. Mass, Hall<br>Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School  |
| Tuesday         | April 19    | ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.<br>Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School                            |
| Wednesday       | April 20    | ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.<br>Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m., Hall<br>RE Classes, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School |
| Thursday        | April 21    | Meals From The Heartland, 11:45 a.m., SWCC<br>Bible Study Group, 7:00 p.m., Hall                               |
| Friday          | April 22    | ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.                                                                                |
| Saturday        | April 23    | ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon                                                                                     |
| Saturday/Sunday | April 23/24 | CD of A Life Savers Sale                                                                                       |



## GIFTS TO GOD:

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Weekly tithes needed       | \$ 8,154.00   |
| April 10th tithes received | \$ 6,677.00   |
| July-March tithes needed   | \$324,103.50  |
| July-March tithes received | \$269,285.35  |
| July-March shortage        | \$(54,118.15) |

## LAST CALL

We still have some openings to help package meals for Meals from the Heartland on Thursday, April 21st, from 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at SWCC. We hope to have two teams (20 individuals) packaging meals. We have raised \$650 of the \$850 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). A sign-up sheet is in the back of church. Contact Social Concerns Committee volunteers Chris Mansour, 782-4382, or June Huewe, 515-491-7814, with questions.

## BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We are continuing our book study group! The group is meeting on Thursday evenings, 7 p.m., in the church basement. Our focus for this study is the gospels, starting with Matthew. All are welcome to attend, please know you do not have to make all of the meetings, you are welcome anytime you can make it to a gathering. We can keep you posted on how the study is progressing through our study group Facebook page, if you would like to be added to the study group on Facebook or if you have any questions, please call or text Kelsey Bailey at 515-460-0496.

## THANK YOU

- ◆ Our parish is blessed to have so many caring and helpful parishioners. We have served several funeral dinners the past few months and the cooperation of band chairs for making calls, ladies and gentlemen who help at the dinners, and food furnished is so appreciated. Thank you all for your help. There are several bowls/pans on the table near the refrigerator and in a tub in the nursery that could be picked up. If you are unable to provide food and wish to be taken off the list, please call Marsha Mohr, 641-278-0705.
- ◆ Six candle sticks were recently refinished thanks to the CCW and CD of A who contributed to this restoration fund. They look beautiful. Memorial donations from the family of Jim Collins and Lois Bradley were used to purchase six candle followers to be used with the candle sticks.
- ◆ Bob and Chris Walter would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their help in cleaning their farm grounds this past week from the tornado debris of last year. You will never know how much this means to us! This will allow us to start working in our fields again. God bless you!

## START PLANNING FOR.....

- ◆ RABRAI July 25th.
- ◆ We will be serving a chicken/noodle dinner.
- ◆ We will need the help of *all parishioners*.
- ◆ Check the sign-up sheets in the back of church to see how you can help.
- ◆ Co-chairs for the dinner are Margy Gammell, 782-2748, and Jerry Katzer, 782-8218. Contact them if you would like to be involved on the general committees.

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Theme:** *Jesus knows us and calls us.*

**Question for Children:** Jesus promises to guard us like a shepherd does the sheep. How do you experience his loving care in your life?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." How does Jesus speak to you?

**Question for Adults:** What is your experience of being a follower of Christ, of being cared for and guarded with him as shepherd?

**FOLLOW**  
the Lord

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## 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.

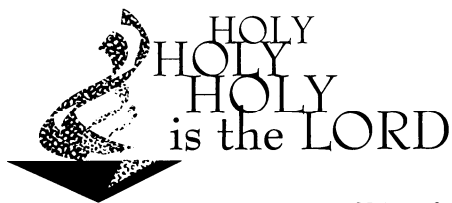
## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

| April 23/24                  | 5:15 p.m.                                                    | 9:00 a.m.                                                     |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Lectors</b>               | Steve Heffern<br>Phyllis Allen                               | Paul Baker<br>Joanne Bucklin                                  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | L. Iyagbaye II<br>Jean Miller<br>Alice Reed                  | L. & C. Rayhons<br>Dean Schulte<br>Al Pokorny<br>Steve McCann |
| <b>Ushers</b>                | J. & T. Latus<br>Terri Koets<br>Paul Johnson<br>Butch Miller | J. & R. Baker<br>R. & M. Baker Family                         |
| <b>Servers</b>               | Andy Weis<br>Keely Coen<br>Carly Green                       | Austin Rice<br>Erik Allen<br>Megan Pellman                    |
| <b>Greeters</b>              | J. & T. Latus                                                | J. & R. Baker                                                 |
| <b>Rosary</b>                | Bob Jansen                                                   | Al Pokorny                                                    |
| <b>Musicians</b>             | Janet Schulte<br>Jolene Griffith                             | Bill Mullin<br>Julie Weisshaar Mullin                         |
| <b>Money Counters</b>        | Scott Coen, Paul Varner, Ryan Mohr                           |                                                               |

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

## News from St. Edward Parish

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|-----------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | April 17 | Parish Council Meeting following Mass                                                                          |
| Wednesday | April 20 | RE Classes, 6:15 p.m. at the park<br>Devotions, 6:30 p.m.<br>Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School |
| Sunday    | April 23 | CD of A Life Saver Collection                                                                                  |



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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

|                       |                                              |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>April 24</b>       | <b>10:45 am</b>                              |
| <b>Lector</b>         | Wayne Wuebker                                |
| <b>Euch. Min.</b>     | Kathy Simmerman<br>Darren Moore<br>Ellie Fry |
| <b>Usher/Greet</b>    | Fritz Weis Family                            |
| <b>Servers</b>        | Molly McNeill<br>Hunter Swanson              |
| <b>Money Counters</b> | Darren Moore<br>Randy Wuebker                |

## GIFTS TO GOD

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Weekly tithes needed       | \$ 909.41    |
| April 10th tithes received | \$1,215.00   |
| July-March tithes needed   | \$36,149.26  |
| July-March tithes received | \$33,692.45  |
| July-March shortage        | \$(2,456.81) |

## MARYKNOLL MISSIONS

April 24th will be the last Sunday of the month and our plate collection will go to our monthly \$100 donation to the Maryknoll Missions. A quote from Fr. Joseph Veneroso, M.M.: "*Lord, help us to enter Your kingdom as friends and neighbors to the poor. Let us learn from them how to trust only in Your goodness and love. Let them free us from the chains that enslave us to things and make us true stewards of Your many gifts to us.*"