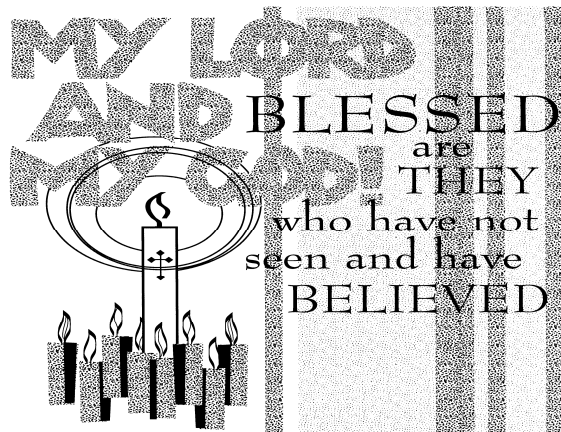


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

April 2/3, 2016

Divine Mercy Sunday



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FROM FR. KEN

Happy Easter!

The Lord is Risen Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Octave of Easter is a special time. In the readings for daily Mass this week we hear from the Acts of the Apostles in the continuation of Christ's mission to send the Apostles out into the world to preach and to baptize. In the Gospels for the week, we hear the accounts, experiences, and reactions of Jesus and the Resurrection. He visits the disciples and shows them that He is truly risen from the dead and is calling them to follow the path that He has given them, to preach the Gospel, to go out and teach all the nations, and to baptize. I would encourage everyone to read through the readings for this past week, they encourage us in our Christian life and call us to more than sitting in a room together hiding from the world we are called to hear His message of mercy and to spread it throughout the world. This weekend is called Divine Mercy Sunday. Liturgically the Easter Octave has *always* been centered on the theme of God's Divine Mercy, forgiveness, and mission. Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore, calls us to focus on the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery — the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ — made present for us in the Eucharist. In this way, it also sums up the whole Easter Octave. Divine Mercy focuses on prayer, the Eucharist, and reconciliation. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:00 with Adoration and Confessions until just before 3:00. We will begin the chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 on Sunday so we can reflect and pray together over Jesus' sacrifice for us. This will be a wonderful time that we can combine with the a trip through the Holy Door most especially during this Year of Mercy.

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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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes in our diocese. Once a year, Bishop Pates asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of our diocese's programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own. ***Our goal at Holy Spirit and St. Edward is 100% participation.***

We are off to a great start. Thank you to those who have made a donation. Extra pledge forms are available at church if you have lost yours. Remember, no gift is too small. Holy Spirit is at 56% of their goal and St. Edward is at 23%.

MEN'S STAG APRIL 6TH

The Knights of Columbus delayed Winter Stag is set for Wednesday, April 6th, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall. We will have a very short business meeting followed by an extended social. Bring something yummy to eat!! All men (not just Knights) are invited!

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

- ◆ Homestead of Creston offers home delivered hot evening meals 7 days a week. Price per meal with delivery service is \$7.46. Private pay or Medicaid Elderly Waiver is accepted. Call 641-782-3131 for more information.
- ◆ Homestead of Creston hosts an Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. This is free and open to the public.
- ◆ 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. Baked goods are needed for the live auction and the lunch. If you can bake (pies, breads, cakes, cookies, etc.) to help with this fundraiser, please call the parish office, 782-5278, this week or contact Maggie at 278-1117.
- ◆ The 2016 Fox Festival will be held April 8th at the SWCC Performing Arts Centre. It will be an evening filled with jazz excellence featuring student jazz ensembles from Southwestern's music program and the world renowned REAL GROUP, all the way from Sweden. There will be two performances, 7:00 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. General admission tickets are \$25.00 you can call the SWCC administration building to purchase tickets, 782-1448.

FATHER and GOD of Mercy
✠ You redeem us in the BLOOD of CHRIST

Monday April 4	Adoration 5:00-6:00 p.m. Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Intention of Irene Ripperger
Tuesday April 5	Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Mass, 8:30 a.m., St. Edward KC: Edward P. Roeder 1:00 p.m., Homestead Assisted Living Living/Deceased of the CCW
Wednesday April 6	Mass, 9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Joseph Baker
Thursday April 7	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Joe Aguilar
Friday April 8	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Vincent Falk
Saturday April 9	Mass, 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Bud and Irene Miller
Sunday April 10	Mass, 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit For the People Mass, 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Lewis Ripperger

ATTENTION WOMEN

The CCW and CD of A will hold a joint potluck supper on Tuesday, April 12th. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. with the potluck following. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Program: Antique Road Show and Appraisals. CD of A Committee: Irene Ripperger, Arlene Carlson, and officers.

CCW CONVENTION

Saturday, April 30th, at Queen of Apostles Parish Hall in Council Bluffs. Breakfast, 8:30 a.m./meeting 9 a.m./ending at 3:00 p.m. Keynote speaker is Kelly Wahlquist, a Catholic author and speaker whose gift of weaving personal stories and scripture together is entertaining. Cost is \$18 per person if paid by April 15th/\$20 after that date or at the door. RSVP to Marilyn Alferts, 26345 Sycamore Rd., Neola, IA; make your check to Des Moines DCCW.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday	April 2	Taco Supper, 5:00-7:30 p.m., St. Malachy School
Saturday/Sunday	April 2/3	Monthly Food Pantry Drive
Sunday	April 3	Divine Mercy: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Confession 2:00-3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 5	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	April 6	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. RE Classes, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School Men's Stag, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	April 8	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	April 9	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	April 10	8th Grade Retreat

PEACE

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GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
March 27th tithes received	\$5,106.00
Easter Envelopes	\$4,212.00

TACO SUPPER APRIL 2ND

After Saturday's Mass, head to St. Malachy School and enjoy a taco supper!! The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this meal with proceeds going to St. Malachy School teachers. Free will donation.

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

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. Holy Spirit's Social Concerns Committee is spearheading this project and it is their hope to fund two teams (20 people). During this time the team will average 2,000 meals per hour. We need to raise \$850 (\$600 has been raised) 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. *We still have many openings, so please consider helping.* Past participants say it is a lot of fun. The date: April 21st: 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at SWCC. Questions, please contact Chris Mansour, 782-4382, or June Huewe, 515-491-7814.

THANK YOU.....

To everyone who donated to the Food Pantry this weekend with personal care items, non-perishable food items, or monetary donations.

RABRAI JULY 25TH

Our parish will be serving a chicken/noodle dinner when RABRAI is in Creston. We will need the help of *all parishioners* to prepare and serve the meal. Sign-up sheets will be in the back of church for you to pick a time you will be willing to 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. Saturday, June 18th and 25th, have been reserved for noodle making days.



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.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of:

- ◆ Freida Brown, grandmother of Kim (Scott) Coen.
- ◆ Carolyn Pokorny, sister-in-law of Al and Pat Pokorny

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

OUR APOLOGIES TO.....

Bob Walter for the name error in the bulletin last weekend. We are sorry for this confusion. We welcome you Bob into our family of faith!!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: *Receive the Holy Spirit*

Question for Children: Jesus appeared to the disciples even though they were afraid and locked in the closed room. How can you show Jesus to another person this week by how you act?

Question for Youth: Thomas didn't believe because he hadn't seen Jesus with his own eyes. How hard is it for you to believe in God without being able to see God? How do you see God in the words and actions of others?

Question for Adults: Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Give one example of how you will show your belief in Jesus this week—how you are being sent forth.

EASTER

The sound of Alleluias fills the 50 days of Easter Sunday to Pentecost as we give thanks for the gift of our salvation. The Easter Triduum recalls the passion and resurrection of Christ in the sacred journey from Holy Thursday to Easter Vigil. "Dying he destroyed our death. Rising he restored our life."

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 9/10	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Dennis Nelson Joanne Gibson	Virginia Aguilar Bill Mullin
Eucharistic Ministers	Steve Heffern Phyllis Allen J. Simmons	Al Pokorny Mark O'Riley G. & J. Bucklin Mary S. McDonald
Ushers	Terri Koets Monte Neitzel Dick & Betty Baker Tom & Karin Freml	Saturno Family Francis Doyle
Servers	Noah Drey Danika Schultes Ashton Carter	Jacob Zachary Anthony Eblen Aiden Evans
Greeters	Betty Baker Butch Miller	Sue Bissell Ben Brightwell
Rosary Musicians	Bob Jansen Linda Taylor Katie Brennan	Paul Baker Lynn Baker Larry Rayhons
Money Counters	Elaine Haines, Karin Freml, June Huewe	

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

News from St. Edward Parish

Sunday	April 3	Parish Breakfast after Mass Divine Mercy Sunday: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Confession, 2:00 p.m./Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:00 p.m., Holy Spirit
Wednesday	April 6	RE Classes, 6:15 p.m. Devotions, 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Stag, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall

IT'S TODAY.....

The Parish Council will be serving their annual breakfast after Mass. On the menu: breakfast casseroles, biscuits and gravy, rolls, donuts, and scrambled eggs. Come join in!



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 10	10:45 am
Lector	Dan Rosener
Euch. Min.	Georgia Pettit, Mara Weis, Jan Pettit
Usher/Greet	Terry Smith Family
Servers	Olivia Moore, Bridget Hopkins
Money Counters	Darren Moore, Randy Wuebker

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 909.41
March 27th tithes	\$1,213.00
Easter envelopes	\$ 281.00

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.

DEVOTIONS RESUME

Wednesday devotions are back on.....come join us, 6:30 p.m. at the church.