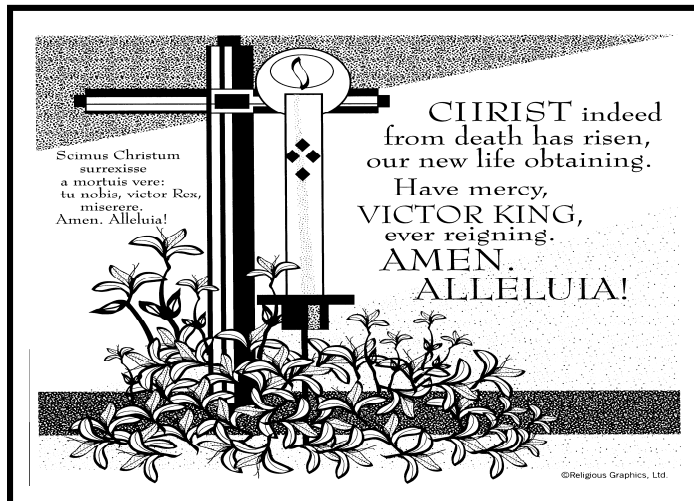


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

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Easter



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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

Happy Easter!

We have spent the last six weeks preparing ourselves for the coming of the Lord again in the resurrection. What a beautiful and wondrous season. Easter is the time in which we celebrate that the tomb, death, could not hold Jesus our Lord and Savior. He was dead and in the tomb for three days and then he rose from the dead. He has shown us the way, because He is the way, the truth, and the life. One of the things I have witnessed is the ability of Americans to take a holiday and turn it into something different than what it was intended. St Patrick's Day is one of the prime examples, in Ireland, up until a couple of years ago, the bars were not open on St Patrick's Day, the people would go to Mass and spend some time with their families. We have turned it into how much green beer you can drink. We are doing that with Easter, by trying to take out the entire reason for the day. We do chocolate bunnies and Easter eggs, baskets full of candy and treats, but in the end, this season is far greater than even those things. It is that season of the resurrection! Jesus Christ has risen today and yes, it is good to celebrate that. In the first few centuries, when it was illegal to be a Christian (the punishment was death) Christians would greet each other with a simple phrase "The Lord is risen" and the reply would be "He has risen indeed." While we are spending this wonderful time with our families, we should take some time to give thanks to God for this incredible gift that He has given us, the gift of the resurrection for us. So, let us rejoice that the Lord has risen and follow Him to His kingdom.

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 8TH

Confession and Adoration at Holy Spirit from 2:00-3:00 p.m.; Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m.



St. Malachy School is about to join the 16 other schools in the Diocese of Des Moines on a large-scale, long-term planning project that will help ensure that quality Catholic Education will be available, accessible and affordable to students for generations to come. Alan Meitler, a nationally known Catholic schools consultant, is leading us on a 12 to 18 month long process to create a diocesan schools strategic plan. What's that? It is a project that will guide the diocese, parishes and schools in sustaining the mission of Catholic school education and growing that mission where there are opportunities. A task force has been formed that includes teachers, administrators, parents and pastors led by Dr. Jerry Deegan, retired president of Dowling Catholic High School. All the details are in the March edition of *The Catholic Mirror*. You can go to dmdiocese.org



and click on schools. Bishop Pates thanks all those who have laid the groundwork of establishing a wonderful school system in our diocese.

Check out: <https://youtu.be/wCHwRoyg1d8>

ATTENTION LADIES: POTLUCK

April 10th: CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m./potluck following in Holy Spirit Hall. Committee: Arlene Carlson (chr), Irene Ripperger, Kris Kerrigan, Jacque Eblen. Program: Ancient Oils of the Bible by Phyllis Allen. Project: Life Savers. This is a potluck with the CCW. All ladies are encouraged to attend. Kay Stock-Arndorfer, the second vice state regent will be in attendance.

RICE BOWLS

If you forgot to return your Rice Bowl, you may drop it off at the parish office or put in the collection basket next weekend.

 **Alleluia**
The Lord is risen!

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday April 2	5:00 p.m. Adoration 6:00 p.m., Mass, Holy Spirit Dale Wagner
Tuesday April 3	7:30 a.m., Adoration 8:30 a.m. Mass, St. Edward Lorraine Victor 1:00 p.m., Assisted Living Living/Deceased CCW Members
Wednesday April 4	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Joey Clear
Thursday April 5	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Eddie, Dorothy, & Jimmy Peak
Friday April 6	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Chris Burlingame
Saturday April 7	9:30 a.m., St. Edward Albert and Eleanor Walsh 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Marshel & Agnes S Fredrickson
Sunday April 8	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit For the People 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Lana Weis Gossman

DIOCESAN APPEAL REPORT



St. Edward: 36% of goal

Holy Spirit: 65% of goal

We hope all of our families

will prayerfully consider a gift to the ADA. You may dropped your envelope in the collection basket or mail to the parish office. Pledge cards are in the back of church if you need one.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER: APRIL 5TH

St. Patrick's Parish Center, Corning, serving from 5-7 p.m. \$8 for age 13 and over; \$4 for children 5 to 12; 4 and under free. Dessert (pie): \$2 extra. Also includes salad bar, garlic bread and beverages.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	April 2	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	April 3	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	April 4	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. KC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall Rel. Ed. Classes for Grades 1-8, 6:15 p.m., St. Malachy School
Friday	April 6	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	April 7	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	April 8	Confirmation Retreat Adoration/Confession 2:00-3:00 p.m./Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:00 p.m.



GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.50
March 25th tithes received	\$6,745.00

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- ◆ Monthly meeting Wednesday, April 4th, 7:00 p.m., in the parish hall
- ◆ Monday, April 9th, 4th Degree Ceremony following the 6:00 p.m. Mass

RERUN HELP

The ReRun is needing another volunteer to work at the check out counter on Tuesdays from noon to 5:00 p.m. Please stop over if interested.

CHURCH LOCKING

- ◆ A huge thanks to Ron Walter who has faithfully unlocked and locked the church for years! What a tremendous help this has been. We wish Karen and Ron the very best as they move to Winterset.
- ◆ Bob and Lisa Miller have volunteered to unlock the church in the morning. Thank you Bob and Lisa!!
- ◆ We are in need of someone to lock the church in the evening. Anytime after 7:00 p.m. would be workable. Please contact Father or call the parish office if you can assist.
- ◆ If anyone is willing to be a back-up person for morning or evening, please let us know.

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.

CRESTON AREA FOR PANTRY

- ◆ The Creston Area Food Pantry in partnership with the Food Bank of Iowa is located at 417 Wyoming Avenue in the lower level. The pantry provides food to families who can use extra help every Sunday from 12 noon—2:00 p.m. For emergency needs or for more information contact: Kathy Goodrich, pantry coordinator, 641-202-4513 (day) or 641-202-6726 night.
- ◆ The first Sunday of every month the parish holds a food/personal care drive. Items are split between the Food Pantry and MATURA. A table is in the back of church for you to place your donations on. Monetary donations are also accepted for the Food Pantry. Envelopes are available in the back of church.

MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

Wednesday, April 18th at SWCC Gym

Once again the Creston community is helping fight hunger in Central Iowa and around the world. Volunteers are needed to package meals in teams of 7-10 members for an hour or two. During this time the team will average 2,000 meals per hour. Teams are encouraged to seek donations to pay for the meals they will be packaging. The cost to package 2,000 meals is approximately \$425.00. To make a tax deductible contribution, please make checks to Southwestern Community College and in the memo write "Meals for the Heartland" or attach a note to the check. Donations may be sent or dropped off at the parish office or placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Meals for the Heartland". Holy Spirit would like to send two teams to prepare meals. Our assigned time is noon. Meals are assembled in the SWCC gym. A sign-up sheet is in the back of church if you wish to help or contact Chris Mansour, 782-4382, with questions.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 7/8	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Alice Reed Marsha Mohr	Bill Mullin Paul Baker
Eucharistic Ministers	Dennis Nelson Lois Nelson Betty Baker	R & J Huewe Steve McCann B & L Miller
Ushers	J & C Mansour L & MJ Dorgan Family T & K Freml	Larry & Kelsey Bailey Elaine Haines
Servers	Sydney Strunk Sasha Wurster	Jersey Foote Ayden White Reese Glynn
Greeters	J & T Latus	G & J Bucklin
Rosary	Marsha Mohr	Mary S McDonald
Musicians	C Fredrickson Rose Wignall	Linda Taylor Larry Rayhons
Money Counters	Elaine Haines, Karen Freml, June Huewe	

*Please be at church 10 minutes before Mass begins.
If you cannot be there, please find a substitute.
Thank you!*

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Jesus has risen

Question for Children: What sacrifices do you make for those whom you love?

Question for Youth: Even the disciples had a hard time understanding Jesus' Resurrection—it is that surprising. What does Resurrection mean to you? What does Easter mean to you?

Question for Adults: In what ways has God called you to die in Christ? How is this expressed in your own life?



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CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Next Sunday, April 8th, students who will be confirmed this May will gather for an all day retreat to prepare themselves for this upcoming sacrament.

News from St. Edward

Wednesday	April 4	RE Classes, 6:15 p.m. Devotions, 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall
Sunday	April 8	Reception for Helen Bryson following Mass

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 8	10:45 a.m.
Lector	Retta Ripperger
Eucharistic Minister	Darren Moore Jan Pettit Dan Rosener
Ushers	Terry & Lisa Smith
Servers	Gus McNeill Hunter Swanson
Money Counter	Phil Bradley Carol Waigand



We have been washed clean
in the Blood
of the Lamb

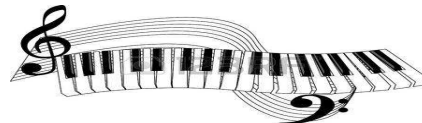
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FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

April 7th: Confession 8:30 a.m.
Mass, 9:30 a.m.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 844.86
March 25th tithes received	\$1,075.00



A reception will be held after Mass next Sunday, April 8th, to honor Helen Bryson for her many years of playing the piano at St. Edward's. We hope you can join us!

PRAYER TREE

Please call Patty Bradley, 347-8812, if you know someone that needs to be added to our prayer tree. You may also call Patty if you wish to be notified of those added to the prayer tree.